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anniversary  
Ocean  
Pines



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# Happy 50th Anniversary Ocean Pines!



I am so proud and happy to be a homeowner in this community. My family moved to Ocean City in 1973. Ocean Pines was in the early stages of growth. I remember hearing stories about how Ocean Pines was going to take tourists away from Ocean City. I also heard stories about how Ocean Pines was being built for just retirees and then as a 2nd home community. I remember seeing boats shuttling prospective buyers from Ocean City to Ocean Pines. I also remember the moratorium that was placed on building additional homes due to the idea that Ocean Pines was a marsh and how the houses would be sinking into the bay. (I was 13 at the time). My parents purchased a home in Ocean Pines in 1979. They loved the idea of biking thru-out the community, frequenting the pools, fishing and boating... Ocean Pines had become a flourishing year round community.

Fast forward to 2000 when I purchased my home in Ocean Pines... my children attended the local schools, played basketball at White Horse Park, biked thru-out the Pines, we even, mistakenly, caught the "big orange monster fish" in the lake...screaming with laughter and fright... we let it go because we did not know what to do with it. So many great memories here in our wonderful community.

So in 1981 I became a REALTOR and then a Broker in 1985. I educated myself on the local issues, trends and market demographics. I got involved with local tourism and issues that impacted my community, visitors, investors, and neighbors. I became more involved to assist my community of homeowners so to protect their rights as property owners. I am an advocate for our community. I am proud and so very happy to be a part of Ocean Pines and I am proud to call Ocean Pines my home!

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This 50th Anniversary special edition was a labor of love for our staff. Our writers not only enjoyed researching the creation of Ocean Pines, but also learned how it came to be the thriving community it is today.

Beginning as a vision in 1968 followed by its early pioneer days of campground living, Ocean Pines has grown, not just size and stature, but has become the largest residential community in Worcester County with a diverse population of active retirees and young families, who now call Ocean Pines home.

As we looked back at the community's evolution over the last half-century, we found the backbone of Ocean Pines has been the people who live there and their ability to bring newcomers into their fold.

Early on social clubs were formed, playgrounds and sports programs were developed and neighborhood block parties and get-togethers were held.

Today, this community camaraderie continues, with more than 60 active social and service clubs and dozens of recreational sports for families.

This is a momentous year for Ocean Pines and certainly worthy of extended celebration. We hope you enjoy thumbing through this special edition.

Happy Anniversary Ocean Pines!  
 The Bayside Gazette Staff

# OPA at 50: A Timeline

## 1968

- On May 16, the weekly newspaper *Eastern Shore Times* reported the rumor that a multi-million dollar land development project just north of Berlin in the “Hog Skull,” area was being considered by U.S. Land Company, a subsidiary of Boise Cascade. Initially, 28 parcels comprising more than 2,500 acres of land were purchased from 25 property owners for a total purchase price of about \$4 million.

- Later two parcels in Ocean City were purchased for about \$400,000. One was to be the location of the Beach Club and the other parcel was bayfront property on the other side of Ocean Highway

- The Roundhouse on Clipper Lane was one of the first homes built and served as a sales office.

- Sales began July 12, with an average lot price of \$6,500.

- John Howard Burbage, who served as mayor of

Berlin for 25 years, and who owned the Style Guide clothing stores and bought one of the first lots.

## 1969

- By February lot sales had exceeded \$4 million and by November sales had topped \$17 million.

The first home built was sold to John & Mickey King and the first year-round residents were Jerry and Gloria Richards.

Rt. 90 opened providing another access to Ocean City

- The Yacht Club and marina was planned, to be built along the shores of the Isle of Wight Bay.

## 1970

- The north gate was completed

- The state agreed to cover the costs of the Route 90 overpass.



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# 1971

- In May the first community newsletter, Ocean Pines News was published.
- Seven community committees were formed: communications, public services, roads, waterways, security, finance and parks.
- The Beach Club, Swim and Racquet Club and Equestrian Center opened.
- John King organized property owners to form the Ocean Pines Pioneers.
- Boise Cascade formed the Ocean Pines Association for the community.
- A Dinner Theater at the Beach Club started
- By summer more than 4,200 lots had been sold to people from 24 different states. Fifty homes had been completed with six year-round residences.

# 1972

- The Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club opened on June 5 and a Pro-Am tournament was hosted in late October.
- The turnover process started on December 9, between Boise Cascade and the OPA - included in the initial turnover was maintenance oversight for approximately 36 miles of completed roadways, more than seven miles of canals and 57-acres comprising half a dozen parks.

# 1973

- In August, a OPA Task Force met with Boise Cascade representatives in Bethesda to complete the final turnover agreement.
- Evan Anderson was selected as the first president of the OPA Board in October.
- In late spring the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company, later upgraded to department, was formed.
- Groundbreaking for the Ocean Pines Community Center in White Horse Park took place in September.
- Groundbreaking for the Yacht Club took place in October.

# 1974

- The Community Hall was built.

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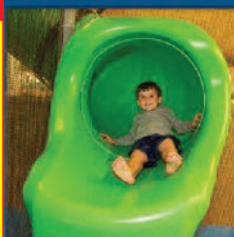
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# 1975

The Yacht Club and Marina were completed.  
The Sports Core Pool and tennis courts opened.

- The new Boise Cascade campground, at the end of Beauchamp Road, opened on Memorial Day Weekend.

# 1976

• The Department of Housing and Community Development recognized Ocean Pines as a year-round community, making it eligible for FHA loans.

• The Women's Club, under the leadership of Floretta Fyhr, began selling the first Ocean Pines Directory.

- In September, Showell Elementary School opened.

# 1977

• In July the OPA Board voted to rescind control of the fire department, which was then formed into its own Maryland nonprofit corporation.

# 1978

• In January the OPA officially took over clubs and other entities from Boise Cascade.

• By late summer a 2,800 square-foot expansion of the Community Hall was finished.

# 1979

• Triad CATV was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide cable TV transmission.

# 1980

• The Concerned Citizens of Ocean Pines was formed.

# 1981

- The new southside firehouse was dedicated

# 1984

• Gerald Klein, primary owner of Merritt Commercial Savings and Loan, took over control of Maryland Marine Utilities and the remaining 800 acres of undeveloped property in Ocean Pines.

# 1985

• A moratorium was declared on construction in Ocean Pines as the community neared water/wastewater capacity.

• The Golf and Country Club was renovated at a cost of approximately \$600,000.

• The OPA's new administration building in White Horse Park was completed for more than \$300,000.

- The fire department began ambulance service.

# 1986

• Chase Bank made a master plan for 800 acres it had acquired as part of their Merritt Commercial takeover.

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- At the end of 1986, there were 6,809 lots and 2,622 dwelling units built.

## 1987

- The Worcester County Sanitary Commission took over control of the Ocean Pines water and sewage systems by paying Chase Bank about \$6 million.

## 1988

- As part of the 20th anniversary festivities, a time capsule was buried in the southeast corner of the OPA's administration building in White Horse Park. The artifact was scheduled to be unearthed and opened during the 50th Anniversary.

## 1989

The Ocean Pines Memorial Pavilion was built in White Horse Park.

## 1990

- A new Ocean Pines tennis facility, Centre Court at Manklin Creek opened.
  - Ocean Pines now accounted for about ten percent of Worcester County's approximately \$1.9 billion assessable real property tax base, which yielded \$30.5 million in tax revenue.
- Frank Ruffo, former Worcester County superintendent of schools, was the first Ocean Pines resident to run for County Commissioner.

## 1991

- A feasibility study recommended adding another course due to the membership escalating over 500 – that year there were 536 golf members.
- The project to rehabilitate the North Gate Bridge was completed at a cost of \$212,500.
- The OPA Board supported rezoning 62-acres to permit the construction of an outlet mall near along the South Gate pond, which was later defeated by referendum.
- Former OPA Board member John Milgate was appointed by the governor to the Liquor Control Board, the first resident of Ocean Pines appointed to a state position.
- The construction of the south side elevated water tower was completed for a cost of about \$900,000.

## 1992

- Construction began for Atlantic General Hospital, which included a public pledge of \$5 million in support. Cathell Road was extended into Ocean Pines
- At the end of 1992, there were 7,058 platted lots and 4,053 dwelling units built.

## 1993

- The community celebrated its 25th Anniversary
- In February ground was broken for a wastewater treatment plant, planned for completion by late 1994.
- In May the OPA Board completed a deal to purchase approximately 62 acres for the Sports Core complex for \$2.25 million.
- In April Worcester County Commissioners established Election District Six for Ocean Pines.
- Atlantic General Hospital was completed and by summer fire department ambulances began taking patients to the new facility.

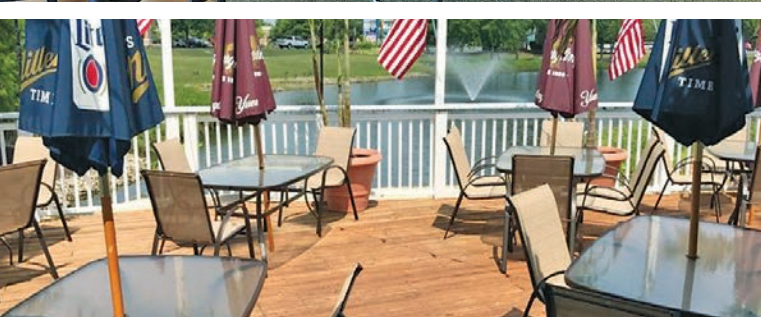
## 1994

- Ocean Pines 6,000 year-round residents represented the fifth largest population center on the Eastern Shore.
- In 1994, Jim Barrett and Bob Hulburb formed CRASH, County Residents Action for Safer Highways in response to traffic accidents on Routes 90 and 113, spearheading the effort to dualize Rt. 113, which is seeing completion this year.
- Due to a yearly increase of nearly 200 students, the county sought a \$7.4 million bond for a new school, eventually named Stephen Decatur Middle School.
- Balfour Holdings Inc. purchased seven parcels totaling about 620 acres for a price between \$6-8 million, next to the Rt. 90 entrance ramp.

## 1995

- Balfour representatives presented the OPA with a master plan for a library, post office, church, recreational complex, school and shopping areas.
- The OPA Board asked the County Commissioners to underwrite about \$6 million of funds for amenities, including a new recreation facility.
- As part of the master plan, it was estimated an activities center, coupled with required infrastructure, would cost about \$5 million for a roughly 40,000 square-foot building – which was defeated in a referendum, with more than 4,400 ballots returned and 71 percent rejecting the project.

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• In October 1995, the turnover agreement of the land between Balfour and the OPA was signed.

The Yacht and Beach Clubs were leased out to partners Bob Hammond and Fausto DiCarlo, who opened LaDolce Vita Italian restaurant in the upstairs of the Yacht Club along with Moonstruck, a nightclub on the second floor of the Beach Club.

# 1996

• Groundbreaking took place for the 104-acre parcel of Whitetail Sanctuary

• A consultant, Redman and Johnston, was hired to prepare an Ocean Pines Comprehensive Plan.

• An agreement between the county and the OPA was reached to locate a new library on five acres in the Sports Core area.

• At the end of 1996, there were 7,381 platted lots and 5,269 dwelling units built.

• A third feasibility study was conducted on whether Ocean Pines should become a municipality. No recommendation was made, and the board of directors decided not to pursue the matter. This was the result that followed the two earlier studies.

• Assessments for regular lots were increased to \$465 and waterfront lots to \$865.

# 1997

• A referendum to build the library garnered 85 percent support, with estimated costs of \$3.4 million with an early 1999 opening targeted, and board signed a 99-year lease with the county for five-acres within the Sports Core to locate the new library.

• The wastewater treatment plant had reached 80 percent of existing capacity, requiring the county to start designing a new plant.

• The community of Mumford's Landing was proposed by Balfour, with a plan to include a retail complex of 18,500 sq. ft. called the Shops at Mumford's Landing. 1,000 residents signed a petition to the County Commissioners and eventually the request for commercial development within the community was not granted.

• The Postal Service begins to look at a second post office for Berlin, with consideration for it to be in Ocean Pines. The Post Office was eventually built, and residents were able to use Ocean Pines rather than Berlin as their mailing address.

# 1998

• In February, Jim Adcock began publishing the *Ocean Pines Gazette*, which became the *Bayside Gazette* in 2004

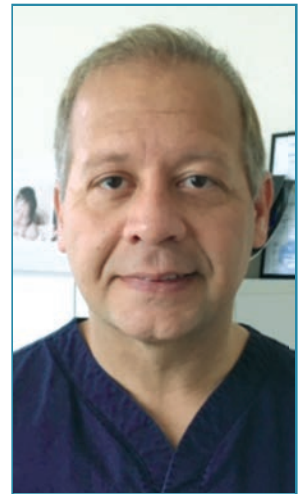


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when Elaine Brady purchased the paper from Jim.

# 2003

• Led by resident Barbara Kissel and aided by volunteers a playground at Manklin Meadows was built.

# 2005

• The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines was dedicated. Initial funding for the memorial was donated by the 35th Ocean Pines Anniversary Committee.

# 2009

• The Ocean Pines Skate Park opened with a community fundraising effort and matching grant from Ocean Pines Association.

# 2012

- The Farmer’s Market – later becoming The Farmer’s and Artisans Market
- A new Dog Park.

# 2013

- The new Yacht Club construction project broke ground
- The golf course greens were renovated

# 2014

- The new Yacht Club opened

# 2017

- New pickleball and platform tennis courts opened at Manklin Meadows.

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The Bayside Gazette emailed about a dozen influential and interesting association members we felt were vital to the community. Each was asked to either answer a series of questions, or write a narrative about their experience for this special issue. These are the responses we received, edited only for grammatical errors.

## Jennifer Cropper-Rines



**Background: What’s your full name and age and where are you from?**

Jennifer Cropper-Rines. Native to this area. Grew up just south of Berlin in Newark, Maryland.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

Selling real estate, being a local and chairing committees.

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines**

**and what brought you here?**

My parents. My mom was also in real estate. They owned property in Ocean Pines and built a home for my grandmother. I still own that home and one other that my husband and I live in.

I was a swimmer on the Ocean Pines swim team from when I was 5-6 years old until I was around 16. I met some of the best people that I still keep in touch

with today.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you’ve had in the community that you believe help define what makes it unique?**

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the exception of the Sport's Core. Loved that high dive as a kid.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

A lot of things are very much the same. We are just more built out and populated. There are more programs, activities and clubs. Shopping, doctors, education and restaurants are in far greater abundance.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

The more we change, the more we stay the same.

I think people are drawn to Ocean Pines for all the reasons that people were drawn to Ocean Pines at the beginning. We offer a charming lifestyle at the

seashore. Close to the activities of O.C., yet not all the crowds. I hope that we can maintain that charm and appeal.

As I am chairing the 50th anniversary committee, I am having the unique opportunity to go through many old photos and some memorabilia. I have thoroughly enjoyed reaching out to some of the folks that were here at the beginning and hearing their stories. We are very lucky to live in this community.

**Anything else you want to add?**

I sincerely hope that the residents take time to attend some of the 50th anniversary events. There is something for everyone. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and celebrate our community.

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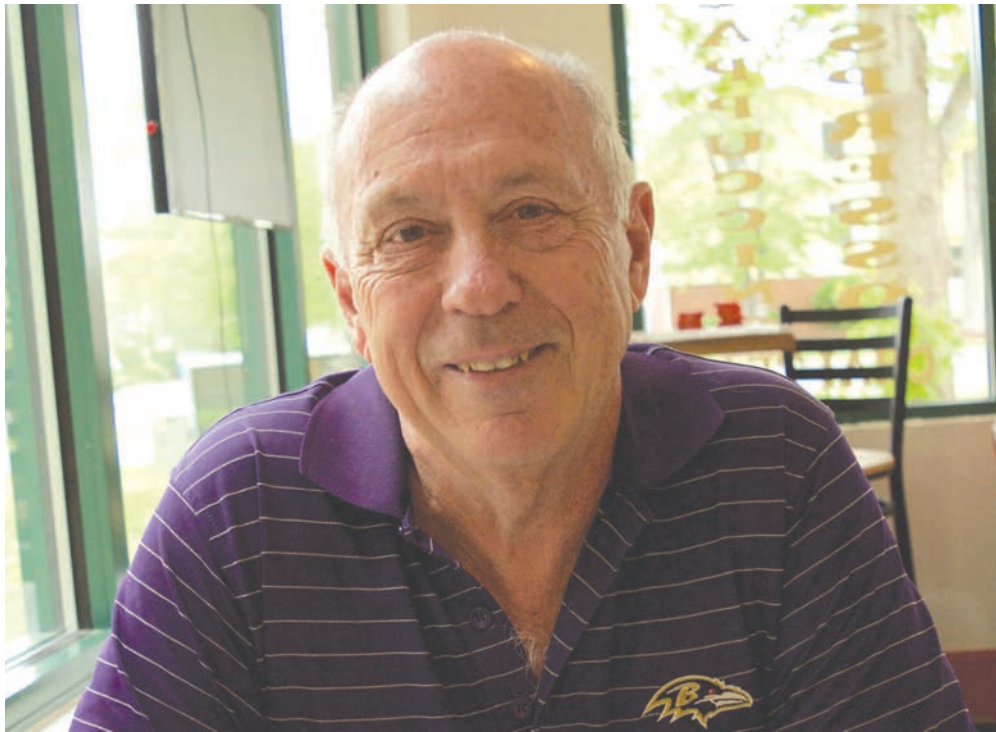
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# Tim McMullen



**Background: What's your full name and age and where are you from?**

Tim McMullen, age 70. Lived in Anne Arundel County.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

Recreation and parks committee, 50th anniversary committee, started the summer youth program with my late wife, Mary, in 1973, director of the Mary Mac Foundation.

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

Purchased a lot on Cannon Drive in 1972 with my parents, Donald and



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Miriam McMullen, and an older brother and his wife, Don and Karen.

Built a home in 1974, first home on Cannon Drive. Don is president of the Men's Golf Association and chairs several charity golf tournaments held at the Pines.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you've had in the community that you believe help define what makes it unique?**

When the Pines started to grow in the 1970s, this was an active debate on is it going to be a retirement community or one where families with young children would live and vacation.

The summer youth program would have 80 children from [ages] 6-14 attend the summer camp. A wide variety of recreational activities were offered, including athletics, arts and crafts, and weekly field trips.

The current excellent recreation programs supervised by Colby Phillips has its foundation in this program. One night a week, family movies were provided for in the community center.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

The size of the community amazes me [and] Route 589 becomes a real traffic nightmare in the summer.

The heart and soul of the community continues to thrive. The recreation opportunities make our community one of the best in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The veteran's memorial is such a great addition to the Pines.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

I am very positive about this upcoming summer. Our community general manager is a solid listener, [and] the yacht club and beach club will be managed by a company with excellent experience and previous knowledge of the Pines.

I am a tennis member and will chair the 50th anniversary racquet tourney on Aug. 18.

We have outstanding facilities. The recreation committee, headed by Matt Groves, led the movement to construct the new children's playground at Manklin Meadows.

**Anything else you want to add?**

Both of my sisters share a home in the Pines, Susan and Richard Wojciechowski, and Sharon and Bernd Ansoerge from Berlin, Germany.

All of our children grew up in the Pines and White Horse Park will be the site of our 70th family reunion in late June. Ocean Pines has blessed our family in so many ways.

I also play tennis every morning at 6 a.m. with the early birds, a group of great retired guys led by Paul Rusko, my supervisor when I was an athletic director in Anne Arundel County. We meet at McDonald's after tennis to discuss politics.

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## Joe Reynolds

Joe and Jeanette Reynolds visited Ocean Pines in 1988, hoping to find a waterfront location to build a second home. Near sunset on a mild February day, they noticed a hand-made for-sale sign on a property overlooking Manklin Creek. They sat on the bulkhead, watching nature's colorful display of beauty develop and then recede into the more somber shades of twilight. No question. This was it.

At some point their plans for a summer home evolved. "We moved into Ocean Pines fulltime near the end of December 1989," Jeanette recalls. "It was one of the coldest periods along the coast in 75 years. In February of 1990 there was a foot or more of ice on Manklin Creek and when relatives visited, we all went ice skating."

Joe and Jeanette were drawn to Ocean Pines by the many amenities, the proximity of Ocean City, and, for Joe, the fishing and hunting opportunities on the Eastern Shore. Joe was a field editor for Field & Stream magazine at the time. He was also managing a series of online outdoors related discussion forums on CompuServe and then later for Microsoft. One of his early projects, an on-disk digital magazine, received a Computerworld Smithsonian Award in 1995. A copy is in a time capsule at the Smithsonian.

Jeanette was still managing some rental real es-

tate across the bridge, as well as managing family finances and investments. She became involved with local stock club, and card group.

They both loved tennis, and soon joined OPA's tennis amenity as well as the Ocean Pines Tennis Club. Joe was elected president of OPTC for the 1993-1994 season. He freely admits Jeanette did all the work. Joe recalls asking OPTC member Joan Sullivan to take over as president the following year. She responded, "I would love to, but I don't have a spouse to do all the work." Her husband, Jack, just smiled. It was on the tennis courts where Joe and Jeanette developed some early and lasting friendships in Ocean Pines. Jerry and Olga Schmidt; Paul and Bobby Corbett; Dale and Mitsy Ash; and many others.

Joe attended an OPA board meeting and met Andy Bosco. It may be difficult to believe, but OPA politics were even more of a hot topic 30 years ago than today. The outsider then clamoring for reform was Judy Boggs. She went on to become president of OPA and was then elected as a Worcester County Commissioner. There were less than half as many homes, but the monthly board meetings on a Saturday morning always drew crowds of 100 or more. So many people made public comments, the directors installed a numbers board



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so association members could take a number to reserve a spot for public comment.

One hot political topic of the time was the water and sewage system operated then by the Worcester County Sanitary Commission. Joe and Andy ended up suing the Commission for illegal collection and spending of certain funds. The commission eventually settled out of court, resulting in the return of nearly \$1 million to Ocean Pines rate payers. Andy always said many in Ocean Pines thought he and Joe received the \$1 million personally.

Joe dropped out of OPA politics after that, while Andy ran for the Board of Directors and was elected to a three-year term.

In April 2004 Joe read a news article containing an interview with OPA Director Mark Venit. Venit was proposing OPA develop an online forum where association members could discuss issues related to Ocean Pines. Venit explained that it would take six months and perhaps \$10,000 to activate. The board never approved Venit's proposal. Joe had developed software to manage his outdoors related forums on the internet and a week after reading the newspaper article, Joe had purchased the domain name OceanPinesForum.com and opened it to the public.

Joe posted the very first message on April 27, 2004. It read, "How would you

rate the ability of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors to manage dollars collected from property owners? Is the Board doing enough to hold the line on our cost of operations? What do you feel could be done to reduce our cost of operations?"

The very first response was from past OPA President Dick Brady, father of Elaine Brady, now Assistant Publisher of the *Bayside Gazette*. Dick Brady wrote, "Thank you Joe for setting up this site. It could and should be very helpful in getting our members opinions. Where have you been? Haven't heard from you since you and Andy protected our financial interests with your successful suit over the then water/wastewater com-

mission. This is twice we owe you a thanks. Best regards, Dick Brady." Today the forum message board contains over 250,000 posts.

Back in 2004, online video was in its infancy. YouTube didn't start until 2005 and online video then was generally a size of a postage stamp. Joe purchased a video camera and with the help of his brother Mark, produced a video of the entire 2004 OPA Annual Meeting.

That first OPA video is still available on OceanPinesFroum.com. Dave Ferguson was General Manager; Joe Moore was OPA attorney; Board president was Dan Stachurski. Stachurski was re-elected. Also elected that year were Heather Cook, Glenn

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Duffy, and George Coleburn.

Joe then began regular video recording of board meetings and placing them online. Not long afterwards, a local paper carried a story suggesting the board was attempting to stop Joe from doing the video of board meetings. The board president was directly quoted as flat out denying the accusation made in the paper. Shortly thereafter, another board member gave Joe a copy of legal advice from the OPA attorney to the board president. It was a response to the board president's request as to whether the board could stop Joe from doing the video. The advice was to not interfere in Joe's efforts. Years later OPA took over producing

board meeting video, and continues to do so.

At one point Joe expanded his online video efforts to meetings of the Worcester County Commissioners for several years.

One of the more colorful events associated with shooting video was when Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs refused to allow video coverage at one of her Town Hall meetings. A Jim Adcock cartoon, appearing in the Oct. 27, 2004 issue of the Gazette, shows Boggs throwing Joe and his video equipment to the floor at the entrance to the library meeting room.

In 2006 OceanPinesForum.com was selected as Business of the Year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of

Commerce. An associated commendation from the Worcester County Commissioners read, in part: "Whereas, OceanPinesForum.com has video-taped Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meetings and a variety of advisory committee meetings and made them available to forum members at no cost. And Mr. Reynolds has worked tirelessly with the Veteran's Memorial Committee, documenting the groundbreaking, construction, dedication and various other functions of the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial. Now, therefore, we the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland do hereby commend OceanPinesForum.com and its owner Joe Reynolds, for

contributing greatly to the quality of life in Worcester County."

Late in 2004, Joe teamed up with association member Jack Barnes to begin production of a series of half-hour video interviews with interesting people in and around Ocean Pines. Together, they produced about 50 "Focus on the Pines" interviews, ending sometime in 2013 or 2014. Barnes handled the interviews while Joe manned the camera.

Some of the folks interviewed included: Dave Blazer, Coastal Bays Program; David Massey, OPA Police Chief; Tom Cetola, County Commissioner; Sharyn O'Hare, Veteran's Memorial; Dan Stachurski, OPA president; Paul Desmond, bomber nose

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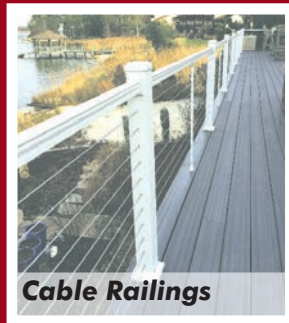
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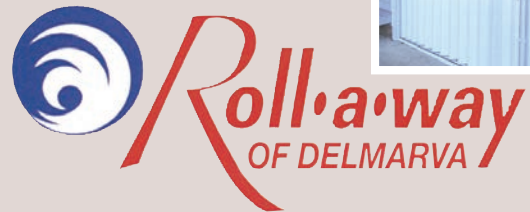
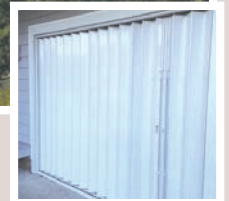
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During his near 30 years of living in Ocean Pines, Joe says his efforts working with 16 other individuals to assure OPA received a dedicated 10 percent of casino impact funds from the State of Maryland, now about \$300,000 a year, is his most satisfying accomplishment.

Joe cannot imagine liv-

ing anywhere but Ocean Pines. "This is a terrific place to live. All the political stuff is unimportant for the most part. Consider it

entertainment and sleep better. What is important is the lifestyle, and, most importantly, the people of Ocean Pines. Yes. Espe-

cially the people." On this, Jeanette Reynolds, the non-political side of the family, agrees.



Joe and Jeanette Reynolds



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## Community Parade

June 2 at 10 a.m.

Parade along Ocean Parkway. This event is an excellent way to see organizations, clubs, businesses or families who have registered to celebrate Ocean Pines.

## Community Day

June 2 at 1 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Park  
11144 Cathell Road

Paint Ball, Balloon Darts, Ping Ball Toss, Corn Hole, Spike Ball, Can Jam, Soft Ball Toss, Nerf Gun, Spin Art, Little Bounce House, Balloon Rockets, Duck Pond, Dunking Booth, Big Bounce, Photo Booth, Face Painting, Plinko Board and much more!

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## History Panel

July 12 at 3 p.m.

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# Mike and Cathy Sabine



Mike and Cathy Sabine

**Background: What's your full name and age and where are you from?**

Michael Sabine, 65, Paramus, New Jersey; Catherine Sabine, 65, Garden City, New York.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

We are best known for some of the things we have done in the past. We were very active in Ocean Pines when our two children

were growing up.

- Chairman for the Ocean Pines Leisure and Recreation Committee that started girl's softball.

- Ocean Pines Swim Team: Mike, president for five years and Cathy, treasurer for five years.

- 20th anniversary parade sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

- 25th anniversary committee chair people; Funds raised from this yearlong

event went into a building fund for a new recreation center

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

We first came to Ocean Pines in 1978. Cathy had a brother, Tom Murphy, who was already a full-time resident.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

The original inception of

Ocean Pines in the 1970s was a retirement community. Boy has it prospered over the years.

When we moved here, there were only 700 homes and dues were \$130. We only had a 7/11 and a bar on Route 589.

Now we have 8,800 homes, basic dues over \$900, and numerous eating establishments, banks, pharmacies, bars, gas stations, a church, a grocery store, and medical centers.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

We hope that the future of Ocean Pines (Yacht Club, Country, Club, Beach Club and all the other amenities) will flourish. The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Ocean Pines, in particular, is a very unique spot in the U.S.

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# Bob Thompson



**Background:**  
What's your full name and age and where are you from?

Robert B. Thompson (Bob), 52 and grew up here in West OC.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

Serving as General Manager.

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

1989 – Growing up here on the shore, my wife and I thought Ocean Pines was a great place to

raise our family.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you've had in the community that you believe help define what makes it unique?**

Serving on many committees, the board of di-

rectors, and lastly as general manager, I have had the unique opportunity to work with a great number of our community members, so it is easy for me to say the most unique part of Ocean Pines is our residents.

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Our community truly

does support each other in so many ways that often goes unnoticed.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

I have seen lots of changes, mostly in those that own property here. Starting as a summer campground, transitioning from a second-home community to what is now the largest year-round community in the county, with growth comes change to meet the needs of our residents.

Some examples include but are certainly not limited to: the programming changes at the rec department from summer camps to indoor pickleball, our tree-

lighting ceremony during the holidays, creating an indoor pool facility so our residents can enjoy year-round aquatics activities, the development and construction of the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial where we regularly honor our service members, changes to safety our police department became state certified, and the addition or expansion of our parks, piers and facilities.

There has been much change of the years as needed to meet the wants, needs and desires of our residents.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

Ocean Pines is truly a special place to live, whether just starting out, raising a family, or reaching retirement. We have so much to offer for everyone.

Living here on the shore has so many advantages that Mother Nature has already provided. Combine that with living in one of the safest communities in the state, access to a variety of amenities and programs, and the outstanding staff that works hard every day to make our community a better place to live.

We have access to quality healthcare, a great school system, and a quality of life that most only dream of. We have so much to be thankful for.

With so much to offer

and so many wonderful people that live, work and visit here, it is my hope we take time to remember those things instead of focusing on what we don't have or don't want or don't like about something or someone.

**Anything else you want to add?**

We are so much better than what is too often portrayed in some of the media outlets. Not unlike the national news, the headlines are far too often contentious and ugly here in our community.

The media bias towards negativity is abundant and, more often than not, only represents the vocal minority. We may not be perfect, but we are far better than what often gets published in some of the opinion papers and social media outlets representing Ocean Pines.

We are so much more than one headline, one opinion, or one biased slant on an issue, which can keep a dark cloud hovering over what is truly a great community.

Instead of fighting each other, or trying to point out what is wrong with something, we should focus our energy on more important issues like a sidewalk and crosswalk on Manklin Creek Road, replacing our antiquated police and fire stations, or expanding our recreational facilities to meet the need of our growing community!

# Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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# Jack Barnes



Jack and Andrea Barnes

ocusing on the many talented and interesting people in Ocean Pines.

I am also known as “Andrea’s Husband,” as she was well known for her role in promoting the Mid-Atlantic Symphony and instrumental in making it the success it is today.

As Andrea often says, Ocean Pines is a diverse community with everything from big wheels to wheel chairs. That is a big change from the early days in 1968, when it was promoted as a vacation spot for middle-income tourists.

My parents purchased two lots in that year for \$5,000-plus each. At that time the Yacht Club was just a sign in the ground and Route 90 was just promotional hype we thought was part of a hyper sales pitch by Boise Cascade to my parents.

Vacationing here just about every summer since 1972 when my parents built the home in which Andrea and I now reside, we actually were observers of seeing a new town emerge ... from a dirt road vision to a thriving, amenity-enriched community!

Ocean Pines has come a long way since those early days, experiencing both adversity and prosperity. There are millions of people across the bridge who want to experience the ocean and the lifestyle we have here in the Pines, and I see nothing but growth in our future. Hopefully it will be managed well, as Ocean Pines is a great place to live.

My wife Andrea and I moved to Ocean Pines full time in 2001 as retirees, after 30 years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We both were originally from the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania area.

My family originated from the Eastern Shore and I visited relatives in Salisbury and Onancock, Virginia in my younger years. We would often stay in Ocean City.

My early roots go back to Smith Island and a small town below the Black Water Refuge near Cambridge. My relatives were watermen.

I met a lot of great folks in the Pines when I spent several years hosting “Focus on the Pines,” an internet show associated with the Ocean Pines Forum started by Joe Reynolds, fo-

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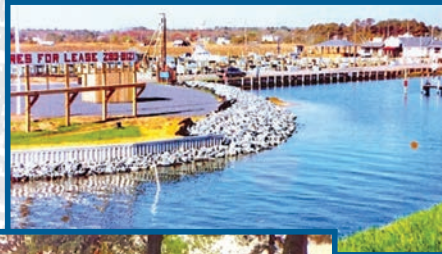
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# Sharyn O'Hare



**Background :  
What's your full name  
and age and where are  
you from?**

Sharyn O'Hare. Born and raised in the Chicagoland area.

[Age] 71 in May. YIKES, how did THAT happen?

Moved here in Sept., 1975 from Syracuse, Indiana.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

I HOPE they know me for several things. First of all, I have been a realtor in the Pines since 1979 and am still working with Berkshire Hathaway Pen-Fed Realty. I have created a team, The O'Hare Team, with five team members that are working together to give the buyers and sellers the best service possible. I hope that my past buyers and sellers have always felt that same way. My mantra, treat everyone as you would like to be treated, and BETTER! The Golden Rule!

And I have also spent a lot of time doing volunteer work in the community. My second mantra is to make this world a little better than when I arrived, so I try to give back to the community as much as possible.

I was chairperson of the Ocean Pines 35th anniversary, held in May, 2003. It was a three-day event and, with the support of several wonderful volunteers and committee

members, we had an amazing three-day weekend of activities.

On top of it, we raised more money than we needed, so with the profit from the events the 35th committee decided to build a flag pole at the South Gate of Ocean Pines.

As oftentimes happens, the committee's dreams grew and, before we knew it, they actually decided they wanted a veteran's memorial recognizing all those who have served in our armed services.

With the blessing of the Ocean Pines Association, on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2004, ground was broken at the site. In just seven months, the memorial was built at a cost of approximately \$100,000, completely paid for by donations from citizens in this community. Dedication was Memorial Day, May 30, 2005.

I guess you can call me one of the founding "mothers," along with Roseann Bridgman, who passed several years ago. To this day, I serve on the Veteran's Memorial Foundation as a board member emeritus and am still very active.

Currently, I am working on the education program that brings every fifth grader in the county to the memorial on a field trip and teaches them what a veteran is, some history of our country, and respect for the Amer-

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ican Flag. I personally think of this special place as my legacy to the Ocean Pines community.

And, lastly, I have served on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors for three years, from 2012-2014, serving one year as vice president.

Having moved here in 1975, to my knowledge, I am also the mother of the first child actually born while living here. My son, Dan, was born on Jan. 3, 1976. He joined his older brother, Tom, who was two years older, and they grew up like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn living in this wonderful community! They will be the first to tell you about their adventures that included lots of marsh mucking, canoeing, and tree forts!

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

We moved from Syracuse, Indiana, where my husband Matt was a principal of a private boarding high school. He was recruited by Worcester Country Schools to head up the high school in Berlin. We had never been to Maryland and never even heard of Ocean City!

One weekend of visiting and we fell in love with the area. We moved two weeks later, in September of 1975.

The biggest challenge was leaving behind all my family and friends. We knew no one here. We soon discovered that this is not the "east," but more like the south, where people are open and friendly.

It was not long until we settled in with new friends.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you've had in the community that you believe help define what makes it unique?**

Being one of the first families in the area, we started a lot of activities. There were very few homes in the Pines, maybe 100 or so when I moved here, and most were vacation homes. I think there were maybe 100 people living here year-round. I guess we were truly "Pioneers in the Pines."

I remember going up to a woman in White Horse Park who had a toddler. I said to her, "what is your name? I NEED a friend!" To this day we are still great friends and travel together to crazy places around the world.

In 1979, I began to work for she and her husband's real estate and construction company as their first salesperson, and eventually became a manager.

Because we were so remote, in 1976 I started a book club with just five ladies that has had probably 100-plus members through the years. "The Ladies of the Club" still meet every month, and we have watched our babies grow and have babies of their own.

We have attended weddings and, sadly, funerals of some of our members, but we still are there for each other. That is a



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pretty special thing.

Along with a few other mothers, we started events for the kids. We planned Valentine's Day parties, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, at Christmastime Santa came to visit with the children.

I am so glad that the recreation department picked up on these themes and has continued them through the years. There were no camps in those early years, but when the camps were started, my kids were front and center. They LOVED the summer camps in the Pines.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

Probably the biggest

change has been the number of homes built and the number of year-round residents.

In the early years we had no cable TV and no house numbers. When we ordered pizza, we had to give our house and lot numbers, and be sure our lights were on so the drivers could find the one house on the block!

When we moved here, there was no Shore Stop, no banks, no library, no stores at all, just Van's Service Station on Route 589, where we could get milk and break and, of course, gas.

When CATV was finally installed to our home, it was New Year's Eve. We stayed home, just to be able to watch more than one TV chan-

nel that night!

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

My hope for the future is that the new residents that are moving in continue to support the community as we did. I understand that many of the older residents no longer golf or use the pools, but we all benefit from the amenities. It is up to the younger people to step up and bring a vision to the board.

They also need to volunteer, and I know that is hard with a young family. There will be a time that you can give something back, and that is so very important.

I hope that the boards continue to realize that the infrastructure for some of our amenities are 50 years old and that they will need major renovations.

There are new things that we might want to consider, like a health and exercise facility, expanded aquatics department, more bike and walking paths, a lacrosse field, and perhaps an arts and entertainment center. I would like to see the area around the Veteran's Memorial be landscaped more appropriately for a park, and perhaps a bandstand might be in the future.

Who knows what the future will bring? Twenty years ago I never even heard of pickleball, and now this community

has a great racquet center because someone had a vision.

I do have faith in our young people. They will have the dreams and hopefully we will all be able to help them realize their dreams.

**Anything else you want to add?**

I have been blessed to live here for most of my adult life. My children had a wonderful time growing up on the Eastern Shore and especially in the Pines. Where else can you find a community that offers what we do for such a reasonable cost?

We all moved here for some reason. For many, it was the close proximity to the beach. For others, it might have been the golf opportunities or the pools. For me, initially it was because we had a new job and had to live somewhere that was affordable.

However, it was not long before the magic of the Pines captured my heart. I have considered moving to warmer climates and love to visit in the winter months, but this is home. This is where my heart is. This is where my memories have been created. This is where I have met some of the most wonderful people in the world.

Yes, Ocean Pines, it has been 50 years since you started and I have lived here for 43 of them. I could not have chosen a better place to live. Let the good times continue to roll!

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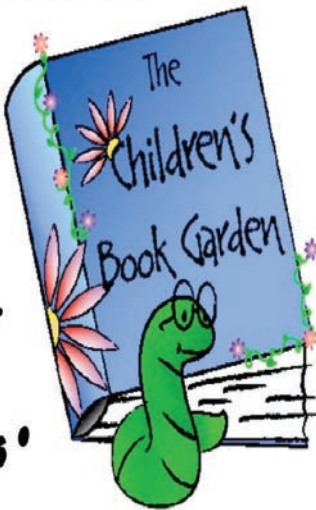
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# Marlene Ott



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It was a great place to raise a family. My two daughters had two sets of friends – one year-round and the summer or vacation friends.

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Today the residents very much care about their neighbors and the community. I’ve always been amazed at the talent and willingness of the residents to volunteer for the board of directors, and the many clubs and organizations.

Wouldn’t live any place else!

### How has the community changed since you’ve been here?

Only a couple of hundred homes, to 8,000-plus now. We did not have a grocery store, library or post office, much less 15 restaurants in the area. It was not a year-round town and O.C. shut down in the winter.

### Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?

Keep up the good work! There will always be caring people to help out, for it to continue to grow and prosper.

### Anything else you want to add?

Here’s to the next 50!

### Background : What’s your full name and age and where are you from?

Marlene Emily Ruppersberger Ott, 74, Fern-dale, Maryland.

### What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?

Real estate, but maybe as the first Easter bunny?

### When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?

Dick Ott came out of the U.S. Navy as an officer and became a Boise Cascade salesman in 1969.


### Could you talk about some of the experiences you’ve had in the community that you believe help define what makes it


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**Background: What’s your full name and age and where are you from?**

George Marvin Steen, 79, Dagsboro, Delaware.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

Developer of Wood Duck Isle I and II, Salt Grass Cove, Harbor Village. Built at least 1,200 homes over the years. Put the top on the Sports Core pool.

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

Came in 1970 [as a] salesman with Boise Cascade, then Kingsbury Homes. In 1972 started own company, Steen Associates, Inc.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you’ve had**

**in the community that you believe help define what makes it unique?**

Just a great place to live. Moved here in 1990. Beautiful, well-planned community.

**How has the community changed since you’ve been here?**

Went from dirt roads to paved roads, from summer residences to full-time workers from OC and retirees full time.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what are your hopes for the community?**

Keep maintaining the community [and] keep values up.

**Anything else you want to add?**

No.



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# Ed Moran



I came to Ocean Pines in December of 1985, when Chase Bank took over Merritt Savings Bank. I had just left Chase as a vice president after nearly 20 years and I was hired as an independent contractor to run the operations that the bank had inherited in the Ocean City area.

Most of my duties in Ocean Pines involved running Maryland Marine Utilities, which was the area's public utility, and obtaining the necessary zoning and density approvals to allow Chase to sell the 600 or so acres that Chase subsequently controlled in the Ocean Pines subdivision.

I negotiated a sale of the utility to Worcester County, as well as completing the final turnover of land parcels to the Ocean Pines Association.

I spent many hours discussing and negotiating such things as the doubling of the sewer treatment capacity; the transfer and placement of the tennis complex; the donation of land to the Choptank Electric Cooperative to relocate their main trunk lines above ground; the ceding of parcels around the South Gate lake and around the Yacht Club marina to the association; and the rezoning and repurposing of the commercial lands in the

Manklin Meadows area for residential development.

These experiences taught me just how unique Ocean Pines really is, in that it is a self-governed homeowners association of widely divergent views on virtually every topic. Nothing gets accomplished here without the painstaking development of consensus, and the yearly elections usually shuffle the deck so that progress is sometimes achieved in inches rather than miles.

Obviously, the community has grown tremendously over the 30 years that I have been associated with it. We have built a house here, which we use about a third of the year, and have plans to become at least half-time residents in the near future.

I closely watch the politics and administration of the association, and I don't believe that they have kept pace with this growth. I think it's time to research the possibility of professional management of the association and the facilities within it.

No matter how diligent and honest various boards might have been, I believe the running of Ocean Pines has gotten beyond the capabilities of a constantly changing cast of volunteers.

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# Tom Terry



**Background: What's your full name and age and where are you from?**

Thomas (Tom) Terry, 66, born in Wheeling, West Virginia. Most recently my wife, Carol, and I resided in Columbia, Maryland from 1989-2006.

**What do people in Ocean Pines best know you for?**

OPA Board member and president.

**When did you first come to Ocean Pines and what brought you here?**

a. Our first experience with the Pines came

in 1996, when friends invited us to stay at their family's home for the weekend. There were many enjoyable trips over the next few years.

b. My wife, Carol, and I invested in a lot in The Point in 2001, but had not yet decided if the Pines was going to be our next step. We were also vacationing in Hilton Head Island each year, which was also a desirable location.

c. In 2005, we decided the Pines was the right place for us for the future and we began construction of our home. Then, in 2006, I took


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early retirement from Verizon and we moved to the Pines.

d. Ultimately, we chose to come to the Pines because the friends who had first introduced us to the community were planning to retire here, plus we had other friends from Verizon, who already lived here as well, who shared this is a great place to live.

e. In addition to friends, we came to the Pines because it is a real community, not just a great vacation location. It was near a resort area without being consumed by the resort feeling.

**Could you talk about some of the experiences you've had in the community that you believe help**

**define what makes it unique?**

a. A person only needs to serve on the board of an HOA to know the strengths and weaknesses of your new home. Carol and I both have had that experience.

b. Ocean Pines is unique in that it is a very large HOA that must try to function like a small town.

c. I have had the experience, and privilege, of working with a very dedicated OPA staff who have worked hard over the years of my involvement to improve the services and financial status of the organization. When I left the board, in August of 2016, over the previous seven

years the staff had moved the organization from being over \$500,000 in debt to being in the black. Staff dedication to a community is something that you do not find everywhere.

d. Coming to Ocean Pines has allowed me to be a part of the evolution of a community as it continued its adjustment from resort vacation/weekend dominance to full time resident participation. That mix of owners gives Ocean Pines a special feel and environment.

e. My experience of seeing the community commit to its future as they approved, by a wide margin, the construction of a new yacht club will always be a positive memory for me. The utilization of that building may not have been successful after a few years, but the members' commitment to the future of the organization was special.

**How has the community changed since you've been here?**

a. The community has seen an overall upgrade, with new buildings and refurbished amenities.

b. Home construction has gone through the cycle over time, with new homes and remodeling of existing residences presenting a positive community looking to a bright future.

**Where do you see the community going in the future/what**

**are your hopes for the community?**

a. Historical perspective is needed in administering a 50-year-old community. People who have led the community over the years have, in the most part, succeeded in their efforts. We have a wonderful place to live thanks to their caring and dedicated work. I believe the future is bright utilizing our self-government through volunteer leaders.

b. However, currently the community must face the daunting negative impact of actions taken by some in leadership of the association in August of 2016. These actions set in motion a series of events that placed the OPA in a serious negative financial position. The OPA is back in debt by more than (\$1.5 million). This extreme downturn cannot simply be pushed aside as if it never happened. I hope this will be a lesson learned by the association leadership to not make extreme changes without due process, which includes an assessment of the impact of the action and the development of a workable plan to effectively move forward.

c. The future of this community is in the members' hands through its selection of leadership, plus the willingness of people to step forward to serve in that leadership. If the leadership elected takes the ap-

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proach that all that preceded them was incorrect and they have all the answers, then the community will falter. My hope is people serving in leadership positions will understand this community is much more complex than for one person to have all the answers.

d. My hope for Ocean Pines is that people will remember why they came here. The wonderful community that attracted them is still here. While we learn about the problems any community has, my hope is people will see past the cracks and imperfections and realize we all are blessed to be able to live here.

**Anything else you want to add?**

a. Years ago, I stood in a community meeting and said the amenities of this community need to be viewed together as an overall asset. I still believe that is true. Isolating an amenity for individual termination because of financial performance misses the point. They are what makes Ocean Pines different from other communities. Without the amenities the Pines would simply be a set of streets in Worcester County.

b. If you are lucky enough to be selected to serve in the leadership of our community, please remember what I have learned. Many of your ideas, which are new to you, have most

likely been tried before by those who came before you. Look to the past and build on the foundation they provided. Do not assume those have led before did not know what they were doing. Not all succeeded in their efforts, but all in all, over 50 years, they have left you a very good community to administer albeit with a bruise or two.

c. For over 10 years now Carol and I have called the Pines, and The Point, our home. We have tried to be active participants in the community. We have imbedded ourselves much more than ever expected into the administration of our new "hometown." From

this involvement we have been blessed with adding new friends and interesting challenges.

d. There are other communities who have started with similar plans as Ocean Pines who have not flourished. It is a strong testament to those who have led our community over the 50 years that we have a resilient community which has grown and evolved into a wonderful place to live and recreate. I thank those who were the visionaries and pioneers those many years ago. They should be celebrated for their commitment to designing and then growing such a great community for us all to enjoy.

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Billy Casper

**By Brian Gilliland**  
Associate Editor

It's November 1971 and you're 26 years old. You started playing golf at age 10, and by age 14 you've given up baseball to play more golf. You spent all summer at Argyle County Club in Silver Spring, Maryland doing whatever needed to be done, but you didn't mind that because you were dropped off at the course at 8 a.m., picked up at 9 p.m., and spent most of the day hanging around with your friends.

You were the captain of

the golf team at your high school, and you got a full ride scholarship to Arizona State University based on your golf game.

After graduation, you decided to become a club professional, different than a touring professional in that you decided to not travel around and compete, and landed a job at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland.

Four short years later you were the first club pro at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, and your name is Bob Hayley — you're 26 years old and it's November 1971.

"I actually started before the course was open, I think we opened in May 1972. We played the front nine holes twice because the back nine wasn't open yet," he said. "After about a month, the general manager came to me and said he wanted me to live on the course. I told him I couldn't afford it," Hayley, now 73, said.

Hayley said the manager asked him if he would consider it if they could make the mortgage match the rent he was paying. He said he would.

"They ended up developing a lot off the ninth tee with a little house for me," he said.

With that all set he could focus on his game.

"The first foursome to

play at the Ocean Pines Golf Club was our touring professional Billy Casper, Deane Beman, Marty West, and me," Hayley said. "At that time the idea was to get some sports celebrities so people would come watch us play."

Casper was one of the most prolific PGA tour winners during the 1950-1970s. He had 51 tour wins in his career — seventh on the all-time list. He won the U.S. Open in 1959 and 1966, and the Masters in 1970. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978.

Deane Beman is a professional golfer, golf administrator, golf writer and golf course architect, and was the second commissioner of the PGA Tour. During his 20-year tenure as commissioner, its assets grew from about \$400,000 in 1974 to about \$260 million in 1994.

According to a 1978 Washington Post article, Marty West was considered the area's top amateur. Turning pro, he qualified for three straight Masters tournaments between 1972-1974.

Five years after that first foursome, Hayley met his future wife, Kathi at a lunch in Ocean Pines. Kathi was from Washington, D.C., and in another five years she would bring him back with her.

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The golf course crew, managers and members in the early days.

Hayley began a career in clothing sales, and was one of the founding partners that established The Bay Club in Berlin.

Now he plays for fun, and to meet friends.

“I don’t fish or play cards or hunt, I play golf,” he said. “I bet if I played in Ocean Pines tomorrow I’d shoot an 80, maybe more. I still have my PGA card.”

Back in 1972, you’re now the second golf pro at Ocean Pines, but not yet. At this point, you’re only 12 or 13 years old, if you remember correctly. You’ve just moved in to Ocean Pines from Alexandria, Virginia and your father took you down to the club one day to meet the golf pro, Bob Hayley. Your name is Hunt Crosby.

“I was a range rat — we would clean up the driving range when no one else was there. We did it either by hand or we’d sit on a cart with a scoop. I got \$1 per hour, but they let me hit balls and play,” Crosby said. “When I was 16 and working in the shop Bob asked me what I wanted to do, and I said I wanted to be a golf pro.”

It’s a dream he’s still liv-

ing, as he’s now the pro at River Run Golf Course in Berlin.

“I was always blessed in that I always knew what I wanted to do and followed through,” he said.

Crosby said he was about 21 when Hayley left Ocean Pines.

“I’m still in awe when they said, ‘why don’t you do it?’” he said. “I watched the place grow. I laugh because when we started we had 12 carts and always had extras. When I left we had 1,100 members and were always crazy busy.”

He still has fond memories of the place.

“The course has been renovated to be more playable — it was always a great golf course from a pure golf challenge perspective,” he said. “It’s very classic, and you’ve got to be a golfer to play from the back tees.”

It’s now May 2018 and Ocean Pines is turning 50, which is as good a time as any to think back, reflect, and remember what the things are that make Ocean Pines into Ocean Pines from some of the people who helped build it.



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# The Betty White of Ocean Pines: Anna Lucarello Foulz



Anna Foulz

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Contributing Writer

(May 18, 2018) Anna Lucarello Foulz is a name many in this community know. The long-time resident, author, and Girl Scout is a beloved figure in Ocean Pines.

In commemoration of Ocean Pines’ 50th anniversary, it was only appropriate to share the story of Anna Foulz, whose 92 years of life have been full of adventure, charitable deeds, and warm affection for those around her.

The beginning of Foulz’s life was as remarkable as the rest of her journey. She was born in a barbershop, her grandfather’s no less, in Camden, New Jersey on Jan. 11, 1926.

The third born child out of six in an Italian Catholic family, Foulz spent most of her young childhood toiling away in factories or other odd jobs during Prohibition. Her mother and father were both musicians and performers and would occasionally include Foulz in singing





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Anna and Carl Foultz

in front of crowds. Foultz would meet her future husband, Carl "Gill" Foultz, at the age of 14. Even this would be an adventure. "When I came into the room, my [future]

husband came over to me and gave me a big hug and kiss you wouldn't believe," Foultz said. "So, I slapped him because I didn't know him, [it was the] first time I saw him. So, I looked up to him, I slapped him, and ran home! Well I couldn't get rid of him after that. He followed me everywhere I went."

The affection would not end up being one-sided.

"He was tall and skinny ... smoking," Foultz said with a laugh. "It turned out he was a gentleman, and he was just the sweetest thing I ever found."

Carl and Anna married Nov. 3, 1945, right after his return from his four-year service in

World War II.

"He comes home and I say, 'we better marry right away' because I can't control myself when he comes home," Foultz said with a chuckle.

The two married, moved around for many years, and started a family.

They raised three children: two girls, Betty Ann and Shirley, and one boy, Carl "Gilly" Jr.

Foultz would not become a Girl Scout until she was a mother, in 1958. Her eldest daughter, Betty Ann, wanted to become a Scout.

"I wanted my daughter to know the values of life," Foultz said. "But they didn't have a leader. So, they said, 'Well she can't join - we don't have any leaders. Will you be a leader?' I said I don't know anything about this. [But] I said alright, I'll take a chance at it."

Foultz taking a chance at it ended up making her the longest active member of the Girl Scouts, with the organization making her a lifetime member.

"I'll never give it up until I die, because I love the kids," Foultz said. "I love being with them! When I'm there they love me [back]."

Foultz's charitable work led to many awards, some from very high-ranking officials.

"I've got two congressional awards, one from [President] Jimmy

Carter and one from ... what's his name ... George [H.W.] Bush," Foultz said.

Foultz, and her husband, were able to make quick friends with the Bushes.

"Strom Thurman, who was the oldest congressmen, had a picnic," She said. "And at this picnic, George Bush was there and so was Barbara. And, I'm talking to her in the kitchen, I look out the window and I see my husband playing horseshoes with George Bush! Can you believe it?"

In addition to meeting five presidents - Carter, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush - she's had the chance to meet other famous celebrities, like Debbie Reynolds and Elizabeth Taylor.

"I can't stop helping people," Foultz said. "I've been doing it all my life. I've gotten to meet a lot of wonderful



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people.”

Foultz moved to Ocean Pines from Myrtle Beach, Florida in the 1970s, after a friend begged her to visit. Her decision to move her came from a misinterpretation.

“I thought my friend lived in Atlantic City,” Foultz said. “My friend said ‘I don’t live in Atlantic City, I live in Ocean City!’ and I said ‘Where is that?’ I didn’t know anything about it. She took me to the country club, and I said ‘Oh I love it here! I’m going to buy something here.’”

“So, the very next day, I went to the realtor, and my husband went fishing,” Foultz continued. “So, I looked everywhere and I said

I’m buying some property. I found this [house] real cheap, go to the family and said ‘I’m paying cash.’ So, I never told my husband.”

According to Foultz, Carl was not pleased at all with her decision – when she told him several months later.

“My husband said, ‘We’re going to go on a cruise!’ and I said ‘No we’re not,’” Foultz said. “When I told him, he said ‘What!’ Well, he was so furious, he was mad for a month or so. But I knew he’d say no.

“Before he died, he said to me, ‘I have to confess to you: I love this place ... [but] why didn’t you buy something on the water?’” Foultz added. “He loved



Two steps Forward

it here, he did.”

Both Carl and Anna fit right into the Ocean Pines community. Carl fished and worked, and Anna ... kept being Anna.

“Of course, I get involved in everything,” Foultz said with a laugh. “I’m the member of so many clubs, it makes me poor to pay the dues!”

Anna and Carl created their own fundraiser in 2007, STAR Charities, a non-profit organization designed to help a multitude of others through events and fundraisers. “STAR” stands for Sharing Time and Resources. The organization donates

food, clothing, and money towards other causes.

Despite all these achievements, Foultz was not done. In 2017 she published a memoir about her life; “Two Steps Forward,” with the help of her youngest daughter, Shirley.

“I wrote this book because I want the Girl Scouts, or anyone who gets depressed or struggles with the little things, to don’t give up,” Foultz said. “Don’t ever give up. I could have a long time ago. I was heartbroken when my mother died, I had to go to work, my dad was so strict ... don’t ever, ever give up.

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Anna Foulz

writing this book,” Foulz continued. “My daughter said to me, ‘You gotta write a book, mom. Don’t you want to raise money for your charities?’ Well that convinced me.”

“Right now, I’m doing it for the wounded soldiers,” Foulz added. “My heart is into that. But if someone needs help, I’m right there to help them.”

There are many lessons Foulz describes in her book, from her early childhood – struggling with a strict father, a sickly mother, and four rowdy siblings – to difficulties she faced during her years as a Girl Scout.

“You have to learn to cope with life,” Foulz

said. “A lot of people give up; they don’t do anything. Get busy. That’s what I do ... I don’t have time to breathe.

“I’d like to be at the beach,” Foulz added. “Uh-uh. I have my column to write, I have to go to book signings, I have to get my notes together ... it’s tension. We have a board meeting on Saturday, I run the bridge club every Wednesday. When I can sleep ... I can’t!”

Anna Foulz is considered a treasure among residents and volunteers. Her work and humble attitude precedes her, and she is always there to offer her assistance, whether you asked for it or not.

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today regarding the number of homes and our current population.

I did find two items that I believe history buffs would appreciate. In 1969, after the Boise Cascade purchase of the land, the first home was sold to John and Mickey King. In 1970 the first year-round residents Jerome and Gloria Richards occupied home in the Pines.

I could take the approach of trying to describe to nonresidents and interested folks how Ocean Pines offers a wide diversity in lifestyle options, home prices and community amenities, but that would sound more like a commercial and less like something associated with our 50-year existence.

A 50-year celebration is just that – a celebration. Our golden anniversary should be a reflection on how we started, how we continued over the years, and how we approach the future. Taking the time for an introspective look at Ocean Pines over the last 50 years may provide a level of satisfaction and even nostalgia.

Fifty years have passed and Ocean Pines is a thriving community, and one that will be around for many years to come. That's worth celebrating.

The Bayside Gazette invited Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks and General Manager John Bailey to each write a guest column about their vision for the future of the community.

In reflecting on writing an article in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Ocean Pines, a number of approaches came to mind.

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There are three main elements to a celebration such as this – a look back with thankfulness, a studied look at what we are now, and a hopeful look to the future. Many are the stories this year that will be shared about bygone days that start “remember when...”

There are many planned special events to take place throughout this year that are geared to celebrating and partying together our 50th year. So, in this brief space, I want to get us to focus our eyes on the future.

What do we, the members of the Ocean Pines Association, want our community to be in the years ahead? Do we want to be viewed as the place that has had its hay day and is in decline? I don't think so. Do we want it said of us that, “it's OK, Ocean Pines is just past its prime and it is what it is?” Again, I think not.

In the months and years ahead, I believe we want to view ourselves, and have other people view us, as a vibrant community that has embraced its role as THE Grande Dame of homeowner's associations on the entire Eastern Shore.

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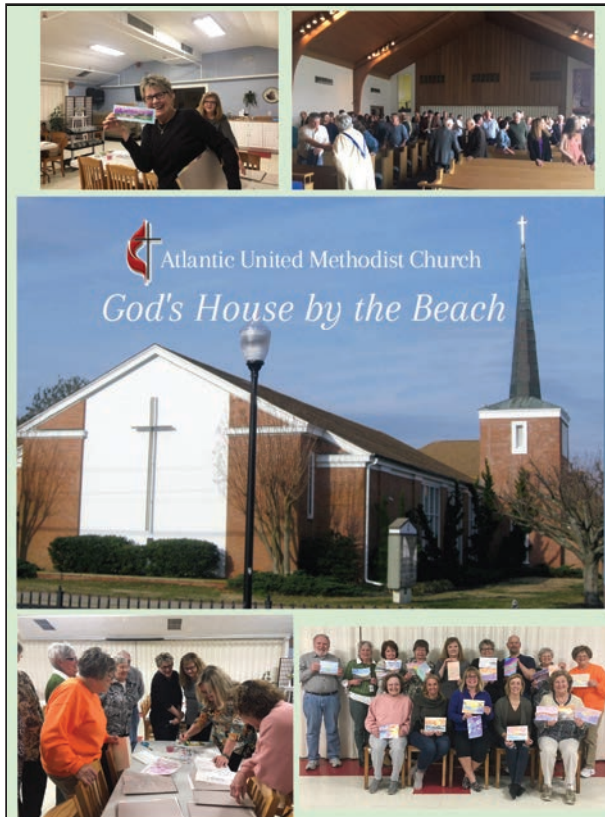


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