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Ocean Pines Board candidates prepare for the first – and only – scheduled election forum, overseen by the association elections committee and moderated by committee Chairman Steve Habeger, right.

Five take part in candidate forum

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Five of the seven remaining candidates for the Ocean Pines Board participated last Wednesday in the only scheduled public forum.

Held at in the upstairs ballroom of the yacht club and hosted by the elections committee, it included Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Greg Turner, Paula Gray and Ted Moroney. Questions were provided to candidates in advance.

Esther Diller could not attend and did not provide video clips as originally planned, and Arie Klapholz called in sick at the last minute.

Of those who did show, a common theme emerged that, yes, things have been bad during the last few years, but

help is coming. Four of the seven seats on the board are up for grabs on the board this year.

On experience

Asked what experience prepared him for serving on the board, Tuttle talked about learning common sense while growing up on a farm. He has a background in civil engineering in Chicago and later gained ministry experience on secular college campuses. He also was a building and facilities manager.

As chairman of the association elections committee, Tuttle was able to pass significant overhauls of election guidelines in each of the last two years, to open up the ballot counting process and require the immediate announce-

ment of vote totals.

"And finally, I'd say 50 years of marriage prepares you for a lot," he said.

Daly said he's been involved in the community since moving to Ocean Pines in 2013. He's currently chairman of the comprehensive planning committee and also serves on the golf advisory committee.

He also touted "a 40 year-plus career in senior-management and board-level assignments."

"I started as a mechanical engineer ... [and] ended up as vice president," Daly said, adding he boasts a "pretty decent education" that includes master's degrees in mechanical engineering, and finance and marketing.

He has previous experience on a

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Stronger leadership at forefront

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homeowner's association board and on boards for the University of Arizona and the University of California, Berkeley, among others. Daly is also president of recruiting firm Jordan Frank & Associates, a company he founded.

Turner said he brings leadership and management skills to the table. He runs Turner Electrical and Construction in Ocean Pines.

He gestured to Tuttle and Daly. "I'm the guy that takes the two engineers over here, and takes their dreams and ideas and sheets of paper" and makes them into buildings, Turner said. "Without engineers ... we wouldn't have paper. Without me, their paper is just a lot of nice drawings. I make their plans work and that's what I plan to do here.

"I think that we have a beautiful community and I think that there's just nobody taking care of everything — everybody just looks the other way," he continued, adding the biggest problem in Ocean Pines is a lack of supervision.

"If you elect me ... I plan to make people do their jobs," he said.

Gray said she benefited from being growing up poor.

"As I went through life, I was able to see how things really work," she said. "That seems to be missing in some of the things here. It bothered me a lot and that's why I decided to run for the board."

Gray was a railroad yardmaster in Baltimore for three decades and worked her way to the top.

"My 32 years as a yardmaster and 10 years with the department of defense taught me that you can learn things from the janitor just as well as you can learn things from the head of the company," she said.

Gray also said she knows how to

work on a budget.

"The budget here seems to be a rather unidentified word," she said. "One of the things that my experience has taught me is ... you cannot live on your American Express card and expect never to have to pay the bill."

Moroney, the only current board member, was the CEO of a midsize contracting firm. That experience included "every aspect of the business at one time or another," including hiring, training and human resources functions. He has also overseen contract

things has been to develop a relationship with the new finance officer and the new GM. I think I've done both of those and I think they will help me, going forward, to be able to make the changes that we've already started."

Key issues

Asked about the biggest issues of the next several years, Turner said he would work to lower costs by improving the bidding process.

"The biggest thing is just spending



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Candidates Steve Tuttle, left, and Frank Daly weigh in on their experience during an Ocean Pines candidate forum last Wednesday. Tuttle is the former chairman of the elections committee and Daly currently chairs the comprehensive planning committee.

negotiations and financial and banking duties, he said. Moroney founded and led a regional trade association and served as a trustee and board president for a nonprofit school in southern Virginia.

Before joining the board, he was a prolific volunteer in Ocean Pines with about a decade of experience on many task forces and committees.

"I know a lot of people within the community and also within the staff and management here, so I've developed some relationships," he said. "As a director, one of the most important

money," he said, adding Ocean Pines often spends money on things the county provides for Worcester's incorporated towns.

Gray said two of her top-three priorities were improving communication. As an example, she said the community was at one point told no contract for food and beverage management had yet been awarded, "and yet we were all over here by the pool watching them modify the restaurant."

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Hopefuls promise to restore trust and civility

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Ortt Companies] are wonderful. I'm glad they're here. But it's really difficult for the third [priority], board credibility," she said. "We have to start to be able to trust the board. That got lost last year, whether people want to admit it or not."

Moroney called for capital improvement and preventative maintenance plans that would inform many other areas. He said a reserve study should be finished by the end of the month.

"It is fluid, living document ... [that] will give us something to plan with," he said. "We can no longer defer maintenance, and having that CIP allows for planning and maintaining which, ultimately, will extend the life of our assets."

Tuttle said his main concern is the breakdown of trust and civility by the board.

"I believe the board can change the narrative and rebuild the damaged OP brand," he said. "I think that will be accomplished by transparency and that has improved some over the last year, but in my opinion there are way too many closed meetings. Board meetings should be public meetings as much as possible."

"I think the loss of civility and the inability for the board to function well is a major issue that needs to be dealt

with and resolved. And I think that we have a chance to do that in the upcoming election," Tuttle added.

Daly said the association needs strong leadership from the board and general manger.



Candidate Greg Turner talks about running an electrical and contracting company and getting things done during an Ocean Pines forum last Wednesday. Also pictured is candidate Paula Gray.

"In many ways, you've been failed over the past two years," he said. "Working together, the GM and the board need to engage the homeowners, understand their priorities, and develop a strategic plan that lays out a vision for maintaining and improving Ocean Pines, correcting the known problems and identifying the costs for doing so."

He also said the board needs to

commit to working together better "and to solve problems in a businesslike manner."

"We have to learn to criticize without punching and how to accept valid criticism without crying," he said.

Improving amenities

On amenities, Moroney said he looks for all operations to at least break even. April numbers were in the black, he said, and when the June numbers for food and beverage facilities are released, he said members will be wondering why the association didn't bring in outside management sooner.

If that part of the operation breaks even, he said that would add \$800,000 to the bottom line as compared to fiscal 2018.

Tuttle agreed amenities should break even and said all operations needed to be evaluated as to whether they should be kept. There "may be some hard decisions," Tuttle said.

Daly said the "build it and they will come" mentality of the past must stop. He said the new general manager and board last winter helped change that philosophy. He also called for more aggressive marketing.

Turner said there aren't enough people in Ocean Pines to use the restaurants, and that golf is on the decline.

Gray called for learning why some amenities underperformed and warned against those who had already suggested taking over yacht club management in two years when the Ortt contract expires.

Greatest strengths

Gray said her greatest strength was her grandmother's common sense.

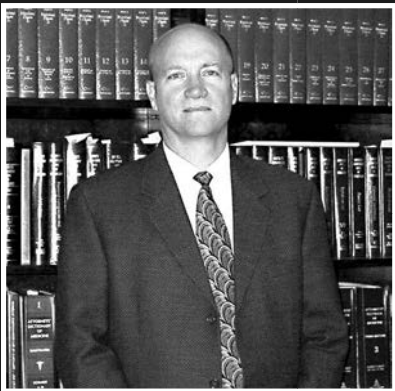
"If it looks like a duck and it talks like a duck and it walks like a duck, it's a duck," she said. "[Common sense] really is necessary when you're dealing with 8,500 community properties. It's really necessary in any state in life."

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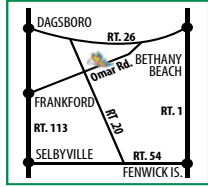
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Lone incumbent running on recent progress

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Moroney said he benefited from not being beholden to any one amenity or constituency.

“The decisions I make are in the best interest of the association,” he said. “I have an ability to seek and secure support and, just as important, to support my colleagues [when] they’re moving forward.”

Tuttle also said he would use common sense, which he said was ironically not all that common. He said his engineering background and non-profit experience would benefit the association.

“The board is made up of seven people who bring various experiences and expertise, but we don’t know everything,” he said. “You need to be willing to work with other people and borrow in that expertise when the opportunity is there.”

Daly said his greatest skill is using his education and experience to work with people and accomplish difficult tasks.

“I don’t care how you cut it, for the last two years we’ve been short-changed,” he said. “It’s not about blame, it’s about performance [and] it simply has not been there. We need to elect four people that are going to go on the board this year and get performance back to where it should be.

“It is not rocket science, it’s blocking and tackling issues,” Daly continued, citing specifics like “knowing the grass in Maryland starts growing in March, not in May” and “knowing if ditches are filled, they don’t drain right.”

Turner said his construction and management experience would benefit the homeowners.

“Everything we do is either construction-oriented or people-oriented,” he said. “The ability to make things work and make things move [is] one of the strengths that I do have.”

He said his Irish-German background made him “a tightwad.”

“I don’t like our money being spent and thrown around,” he said. “I don’t want a plaque on a building for me. I want a building that’s going to stay

there long after I’m gone.”

Final thoughts

In closing, Moroney said as a board member he has been part of many positive changes that have occurred.

Since September, he said the board restored stability with a new general

developed with input from the budget and finance committee, steps were made for the first time to bring employee benefits and wages more in line with the rest of the marketplace, and a human resources professional was hired.

He said an experienced management company “with an incentivized

“I’m not going to promise assessment reductions or anything I can’t deliver. What I am going to promise is that I’m going to try to make decisions based on what is best for Ocean Pines. That’s what the duty of a board member is,” he said. “I believe in the last nine months, whether you agree with every decision or not, my service on the board has contributed to the righting of the ship.”

Gray joked she was “incessantly nervous” during the forum, but said she would bring a fresh view to the board and not be beholden to anyone.

“I would appreciate you realizing that when I talk about being a rail-roader it’s not 10 little boxcars by the side of the road — these were million-dollar operations, day and night, for 32 years,” she said.

During the last few years, she said, she attended many board and committee meetings, and has “spent hours talking to people in the Pines.”

“I’ve left my husband stranded a few times while I was busy talking, trying to find out what is important to you all, and that’s what I would bring to the board,” she said, listing her ability to work well with others “and an ability to keep us steady and steadfast” as particular strengths.

“No promises — you can’t get everything in life, but the ability to lis-

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Paula Gray and Ted Moroney give their pitch to voters during a board of directors candidate forum in Ocean Pines last Wednesday. Gray, a former railroad yardmaster in Baltimore, talked about the need for common sense while Moroney, the only incumbent candidate, is running on progress made during the last nine months.

manager and director of finance, “returning to a system where the board makes policy and the GM implements policy, affectively ending some of the unilateral decision making ... and restoring some checks and balances.”

He said a more realistic budget was

contract that protects the Ocean Pines Association” was hired to oversee the yacht and beach clubs, and a forensic audit was approved to “clear up accusations of impropriety and identify any fraud, theft and management practices that need correcting.”

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Five of the seven candidates for the Ocean Pines Board participate in a forum last Wednesday at the yacht club. Pictured, from left, are Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Greg Turner, Paula Gray and Ted Moroney.

‘Elect four of us that will give you a better board’

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ten and to make sure that you are heard would be one of my main stays,” she said.

Turner admitted he was “a little rough around the collar” and not as educated as some, but said he brings a love for the community and a knowledge of how things work.

“What our community needs right now [is] ... somebody to come in here and maybe not flush the toilet after

every time you go to the bathroom,” he said. “It’s somebody that’s going to do something different and is going to rock the boat. To be honest with you, I plan on doing that.

“I’m not a conformist. I don’t want things to be the way that they were and I think that’s the biggest problem with this board and any board, is there’s always somebody there [saying] ‘that’s not the way we did it last time.’ I don’t want to hear that,”

Turner added.

“I’m here to do a job, work with whoever I have to work with, spend our money wisely, try and get things back to normal ... and live in a community that I like and be around people that I like,” he said.

Daly said he wanted to leave the audience with one thought: “If you agree that Ocean Pines is a good place to live, but it could be better managed, then elect four of us that will give you a better board,” he said.

“Better management really starts with a better board, a board that will listen to you and a board that will communicate with you, a board that works together and works with the general manager to improve our business processes, to make sure you are getting real value for your assessment dollars,” Daly continued.

He also called for a board dedicated to realistic budgets and that protects against corruption and fraud.

Tuttle invoked rock band Chicago in calling for change.

“Their 1969 debut album included the song that asked the probing question, ‘Does anybody really know what time it is?’” Tuttle said. “My friend, it is time for some new leadership, some fresh ideas, and restoration of trust and confidence in your board.

“Asking the right questions is of utmost importance in serving as a director on the board, and I pledge to spend the time necessary to serve the association to the best of my abilities,” he added.

Tuttle said teamwork is essential for the board to succeed.

“The board is no place for egos or personal agenda,” he said. “If elected I will be one vote out of seven, but I will always champion the cause of transparent action by the board.”

Finally, he said he would work to expose the truth about fraud and mismanagement “and hold those accountable responsible.”

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Election unlikely to be delayed by Hill lawsuit, clerk says

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5 2018) In an amended complaint filed with the Worcester County Circuit Court June 27, Brett Hill again disputed the ruling by Ocean Pines Association officials that he is ineligible to run in this year's election.

Hill requested a temporary restraining order to halt election proceedings, but that was apparently denied.

According to the complaint, Hill's application was reviewed on May 15 and ruled ineligible because his assessments had not been paid in time.

He argued the assessments were invoiced on May 1 and not due until May 31.

Hill asked for a preliminary injunction claiming the "Plaintiff [Hill] will suffer immediate, substantial and irreparable injury, loss and damage before a full hearing can be held if the Defendant does not pause the election advertising and ballot creation."

Hill alleged breach of fiduciary duty and demanded judgment against Director Colette Horn, the "Defendant Board Member," of \$20,425 and \$50,000 in punitive damages.

He also requested a restraining order. "Allowing Defendant Board to proceed with printing and distributing of ballots when they lack a duly qualified candidate without a determination by this Court of the issues raised ... would result in immediate, substantial, and irreparable harm," the complaint stated.

He asked the court to require the board to stop printing and mailing ballots and "to cease any candidate forums or other promotional events until a list of qualified candidates can be determined by this Court."

Hill, in an emailed statement last Thursday, said he spoke with Ocean Pines' attorney once, the week before, "and he had expressed an interested to resolve this quickly and follow up promptly."

"I have reached out twice since that conversation, with no response," Hill said. "At this point, I have asked the court to hold the election until a full hearing can be held, since it appears we are not moving towards any common ground quickly."

A representative from the Worcester County Clerk of Court's office said the election was not likely to be interrupted and the restraining order was denied.

According to the representative, summons were issued on June 27 and "were still outstanding." She said Ocean Pines was "responsible for filing an answer once they are served."

Summons "were only just issued on [June 27], which was last week. They have to be mailed to the plaintiff, the plaintiff still has to serve that, and then they have 30 days to answer once they're served," she said. "You're not going to have an answer before the election. If the ballots go out next week [as scheduled], the court is not going to rule before then."



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Berlin Council incumbents file for reelection

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Two of three Berlin Town Council incumbents have filed while one, At Large Councilman Thom Gulyas, “expects to file very shortly” to seek a second term, he said.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said District 1 Councilman Dean Burrell and District 4 Councilman Troy Purnell have already filed.

No other candidates have filed as of press time.

The filing deadline is Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. and the write-in candidate filing deadline is Sept. 25. Write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot.

The voter registration deadline is Aug. 31. Register to vote online at www.vote.org.

Absentee voting applications will

be accepted starting on Sept. 4. They must be received by mail no later than Sept. 25, or in person by Sept. 28.

The Berlin Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, with polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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Voting district information can be found on the back of voter registration cards.

For more information or to obtain election forms, contact Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.



Thom Gulyas



Dean Burrell



Troy Purnell

Bathtub Races getting international spotlight

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Berlin’s annual Bathtub Races went international this year as the subject of a two-minute TV spot on Voice of America.

The network, begun in 1942 to combat Nazi propaganda, is a U.S. government-funded international broadcast service sent out in more than 40 different languages and with an estimated weekly global audience of more than 236 million, according to the official website.

Public Relations Officer Anna Morris said Voice of America’s Russian service filmed the races.

“They are working on a series titled ‘Small Town America’ and Berlin was the first segment,” she said. “The story will be posted to social media and included into their Current Time TV channel.”

Evgeny Baranov, one of two men who produced the segment, said he enjoyed his time in the town.

“It was a great pleasure for us to visit Berlin, that turns out to be definitely the right choice when it comes to comprehending what is

‘small town feeling,’” Baranov said in an emailed statement. “Berlin is a charming place, but this charm is built not only by the old architecture, lovely stores and the events such as the bathtub races. This charm is primarily built by the locals and their undeniable ability to make people from other places feel their irresistible involvement into Berlin’s life.

“We had a chance to talk with many excited people who speak about Berlin in a way like they spend the whole life there – but in the end, it turns out that they come from other places and just got amazed with the town’s vibe. This hospitable and vibrant ‘small town feeling’ is easy to find at Berlin, and our visit to the town was positively a thing to remember,” he added.

The two-minute spot pans around Main Street neighborhoods and the downtown, showing off the shops, galleries and restaurants, as well as the crowds gathered for the races. It also highlights the quirky excitement of the event.

Resident Mike Wiley, dressed in a

bathrobe and shower cap as one of several “Bathmen” who led the annual parade of racers, was interviewed by Voice of America and dubbed into Russian.

He said he nearly wet himself with laughter watching it for the first time.

“The funniest thing is I have a nephew and his wife who are both Russian interpreters,” Wiley said. “I sent it to him and he said, ‘You speak better Russian than I do!’

“I really enjoyed it. I just about pissed my pants when I first saw it,” he added.

Jeff Smith, who competed in the races for Salt Water Media, was interviewed as well.

“How do I feel about being on Russian television? My first thought was that my secret identity had been revealed,” Smith said. “Then, I wondered if they’d translated what I’d said properly, or if I was quoted as saying something about how awful America is and how the fascist imperialist capitalists were forcing me to run this ridiculous race for a meal.

“On a serious note, it is an honor to represent Berlin on the world

stage, and to know that our little town and its quirky little races have gotten the attention on the international stage. Soon enough, the competition will have to be opened to competitors from around the world. Berlin will host the World Cup of bathtub races,” he added.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, in a word, said he thought the video was great.

“I think it captured the spirit of fun that is the heart of our Bathtub Races, while also showing our town’s sometimes quirky charm and natural friendliness,” Williams said. “All in all, I thought it was a very appropriate introduction to ‘America’s Coolest Small Town’ to folks in Russia.”

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells also enjoyed the TV spot and said she planned to showcase it on town social media.

“The Berlin Bathtub Races are an international hit now! How fun it was to watch from their viewpoint,” she said. “It was such a pleasure to meet them.”

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Evgeny Baranov, left, and Sergi Dogotar from the Voice of America network film a story on the Berlin Bathtub Races, last month. The program, in Russian, debuted online last week.

Voice of America clip highlights small town

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At a Town Council meeting last week, Berlin Police Cpl. Merle Bragg said he spoke with the production team during the filming and there was mention of sending representatives from Voice of America back next year to compete in the races.

Wells, asked about the possibility of an international competition of Berlin Bathtub Races, replied, “why not?”

To view the segment, titled in Russian “Гонки на ваннах,” visit www.golos-ameriki.ru/a/berlin-md-bathtub-race/4457245.html.

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Two Berlin residents were injured during a small plane crash on the Assateague Greens golf course on Friday. The plane apparently crashed just after takeoff at the Ocean City Municipal Airport. No other passengers were onboard.

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Plane crashed on golf course shortly after taking off

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) A Beechcraft Debonair airplane piloted by Berlin resident Guerrino Mascelli apparently caught fire shortly after takeoff and crashed on the 8th hole of the As-sateague Greens golf course on Friday, sending both pilot and passenger, Mary Mascelli, to the hospital but not injuring anyone else.

State police responded to a call shortly after 9 a.m. to the golf course, on the 9000 block of Stephen Decatur Highway, to find the plane burning and the occupants outside the craft.

Police reported the couple, both 60, left the plane under their own power.

The Mascellis were both transferred to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury by emergency responders. Guerrino was airlifted, while Mary was taken by ambulance, according to police.

Officials at PRMC confirmed that by Monday the Mascellis had left the hospital, but could not verify if they had been sent home or to another facility.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Play resumed shortly thereafter at the course, with golfers treating the downed aircraft as an obstacle.

Removal of Pines BOD president?

Parks' conduct during June meeting subject of special session scheduled Friday

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) The Ocean Pines Directors on Friday will consider removing Association President Doug Parks. Director Slobodan Trendic emailed board members last Friday to request a special meeting for that purpose. He said the reason for removal was related to Parks' conduct and defamatory remarks made in his capacity as president.

The meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. in the conference room of the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

Officially, the agenda lists only adjournment to closed session "for Contractual Issues as permitted by the MD Homeowner's Association Act, Section 11B-111 ... Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel."

The reason for removal partially stems from comments made in the *Gazette* last week, as Parks was commenting on Trendic's actions during a June 23 regular board meeting.

Parks moved to go into closed session to discuss the recent resignation

of Director Pat Supik, which sources said was at least in part because she was harassed by Trendic.

Trendic balked at the suggestion of the special meeting and, according to Parks, later stood over him in a threatening manner.

"He takes a position over top of my chair and says, 'You haven't seen me mad! Remember I told you when I get mad I take action? Well, you're going to see me in action!'" He basically threatened me," Parks said in an interview last week. "I held my hand up and I said, 'Slobodan, don't threaten me. Go away.'"

Trendic, in a June 28 email to board members and local media, disputed that account.

"For the record this is what I told him: 'Doug, do you remember what you told me months ago? You said 'Slobodan, you haven't seen me mad yet.' And I responded to you by telling you that you haven't seen me in action yet.' These were my exact words," Trendic said.

"Doug's comments and his behavior at the Saturday's board meeting illustrates a certain management style that I have NO intention of tolerating. You might be interested to know that last year Doug recommended the Board consider censuring me from discussing

board business with the local media. Did he have a duct-tape in mind? LoL.

"By the director-majority maneuvering, Doug became the board-elected president and the spokesperson for our Association. Doug's recent behavior now makes one wonder if the Board's decision was right and it begs this question: Should Doug Parks continue to be the spokesperson for the Association?"

"I plan to request a special meeting and I intend to submit this very question before the Board. My hope is that at least one more director will side with my concern and join me by requesting a special board meeting. Or that Doug will do what is in the best interest of the OPA community."

Parks, on June 29, offered a reply:

"All, For the record, Slobodan's recollection of what he said to me is conveniently incorrect," Parks said.

"Slobodan, You walked over to where I was sitting, stood over top of me in an attempt to intimidate me and proclaimed that I had 'not seen you mad yet and that I would see you in action.' Without looking at you I said 'Slobodan, don't threaten me, go away' and I proceeded to close my folder, gather up my computer and walk away. Those were the exact words that were spoken."

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WHP Boat Launch: Pines puts out call for help

Concerns of crowded lots and long wait times led to board effort to collect data

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) For those concerned about parking at the White Horse Park Boat Launch, the Ocean Pines Board has issued a call for volunteers to help collect data to determine the

extent of the problem.

Director Colette Horn, during a June 23 public meeting, discussed a marine advisory committee effort to oversee data collection "regarding the number of vehicles accessing the white horse boat launch during the current boating season."

She said the board would use the information to evaluate use of the amenity.

According to Horn, association

members complained about insufficient parking and excessive wait times to use the launches during spring and summer.

The six-person marine advisory committee was asked to help collect information, but the task of counting cars each weekend through Labor Day was deemed too large for them to handle alone.

"This is the challenge that we're going to have – getting data that is

useful and accurately reflects usage and congestion problems," Horn said.

Association President Doug Parks said it was a "reasonable pushback from the marine advisory committee."

"You don't want three or four people spending their entire weekend writing down license plates, or doing whatever is required for data collection," he said. "It's almost a call to arms for the rest of the community."

"If we can band together and ... and collect this data so that we can make an informed decision on the use of the boat ramp going forward, I think we do that. But, right now, we're kind of in a little bit of a quandary," Parks added.

He suggested a website post and possibly starting a campaign to "get folks to help us out with that collection."

"I'm open to any and all ideas," he said.

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said the issue was brought up because "there was a belief that outsiders were taking up all the spots" at the boat launch.

"While we appreciate that the marine advisory committee cannot do it themselves, I do think that an appropriate thing to do at this point would be to ... put out that call to the community, in particular to those members who feel that it's being abused, to volunteer to help out with the data collection so we can decide, once and for all, if their belief is well founded," Jacobs said. "And then we can make some decisions as a board"

She disputed the notion the directors were "doing this because we want to charge people"

"To the contrary, we're doing this because, if anybody gets charged, it's somebody who doesn't belong here," she said. "The intention is that the amenities we all pay for are available for us to use, without outside people taking up all of the spaces."

She asked volunteers to email or call board members and express their interest.

For a list of board member emails and phone numbers, visit www.oceanpines.org/administration/board-of-directors.

"If we have the appropriate response by the July [board] meeting ... we will know whether or not we have sufficient volunteers to go forward with this," Jacobs said.

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Ocean Pines still negotiating with Mediacom on new deal

Comcast apparently ruled out; company wanted bulk agreement at \$65/month

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) For Ocean Pines residents wondering what's going on with Mediacom, administration officials last week said negotiations on a new franchise agreement are currently going back and forth between attorneys.

Association President Doug Parks, during a public board meeting on June 23, said discussions were also held with other companies, including Verizon and Comcast about bringing high-speed internet to the Pines, but were deemed unrealistic.

Comcast, for instance, would have required each resident to sign up for bulk services at \$65 per month, Parks said.

"The annual assessment increase would be \$780," Parks said. "Based on that, I felt confident that would not pass muster with the association."

General Manager John Bailey added about other companies, "It's not simple enough that Comcast can run a line from your ditch to your home. They don't have the network in the ground."

"Easements are no longer available [only] to Mediacom – they're available to everybody. But it requires a significant capital investment by Comcast or whoever else," Bailey said. "It wouldn't matter who it was – they would have to put in their own infrastructure or buy it from Mediacom. So, it's a big capital investment for anybody else to provide. It's not just a simple run the line from the nearest pole ... to your property."

On contract renewal negotiations with Mediacom, Parks said association attorneys recently forwarded recommendations to attorneys for Mediacom and both sides were working out the details.

"That process is ongoing," he said. "Mediacom has said that as long as we are having an open discussion with them regarding a contract, they will honor it month to month. So, we're not really in any danger of losing a contract."

Bailey held up a 55-page draft agreement he said arrived one-day earlier.

"It's a wonderful 55 pages of technical [language] ... and legalese that requires several reads for each paragraph to understand it," he said.

Parks added that attorneys had advised,

"There's a nondisclosure here until they get to a certain point."

"Be advised the process is ongoing. It's not ready yet. And I think the most important point as stated by Mediacom is it's not effecting the current agreement, because it will continue month to month as long as we're operating in good faith with them," Parks said.

Director Ted Moroney said the dense 55-page draft is somewhat unique.

"This Mediacom contract is different than what we've done in the past, because ... it sets the stage if a Verizon or a Comcast or somebody else comes in," he said. "This document really has to encompass a lot more than previous Mediacom contracts did, which is why it's taking a little bit longer and it's 55 pages or so, versus half a dozen pages."

On the bulk agreement offered by Comcast, Moroney said it would "lock the entire association in for five years with a 5 percent increase per year ... and it only gives you one setup in your house."

If the association went that route, Moroney said, it would be on the hook even if someone decided not to pay their dues.

"You are paying for them to have it and there's no incentive for the provider to cut it off, because they're still getting money from the association," he said.

Director Slobodan Trendic asked who is negotiating on behalf of Ocean Pines besides the attorneys and what is causing the delay. He said Parks and Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs first brought up talks of a new franchise agreement last fall.

"The existing franchise agreement between Mediacom and OPA expired on June 3, 2018," Trendic said. "The board has yet to receive any draft of the new franchise agreement for review."

Bailey said he, Jacobs and former Director Tom Terry were handling the negotiations. Jacobs added a contract review work group also provided some input.

She added the draft was not yet available to the board for review at the advice of Ocean Pines' attorney, but later clarified, "I'm not at all suggesting the entire board is not going to have access to this."

"Absolutely they will," she said. "I'm just saying this initial draft, which we just got, is not ready yet to be shared with the entire board because the attorney is looking for some feedback relative to the questions that were raised by this [work] group."

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Clubs Committee mostly upbeat on Ortt Co. oversight

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee last Thursday related several recent experiences, good and bad, at the association yacht and beach clubs.

It was the first time the committee had met since Matt Ortt Companies took over management of those facilities.

“It’s all been good that I’ve heard,” Suzanne Auwarter said of the yacht club.

Gail Lynch agreed.

“I’ve been there numerous times for dinner and lunch and never had a problem,” she said.

Herb Roe said it took his party more than two hours to be seated outside on Memorial Day, although he added parties were seated much quicker indoors.

“We could’ve eaten inside,” he said.

Lou Furman said there isn’t much on the menu for children — or at least his 11-year-old grandson wasn’t given a children’s menu the last time they came in.

“My only criticisms from my experiences are the flies on the inside,” Larry Bohanon said. “We ate outside this last time and there were less flies outside than there were inside.”

Gary Miller said he went to the tiki bar on a Sunday just after brunch debuted at the club. Around 1 p.m. he tried to order a sandwich for lunch.

“[The waitress] ... came back out and said the kitchen isn’t able to do lunch items yet, they’ll start at 2 o’clock, but next week we’re going to have grab and go sandwiches out here that you can get for lunch,” he said. “I’m still not sure why the kitchen can’t do brunch and have somebody there to do the lunch items.”

Miller said another thing that upset him was the poor service at the tiki bar. Apparently, he was the first one in line at the bar, but there was



Clubs Committee Chairman Les Purcell last Thursday discusses the yacht and beach clubs’ performance under new management of the Matt Ortt Companies.

no one to take his order. He said a waitress was walking around the pool area and taking orders and entering them into the computer to be filled by a bartender, but the bartender was not working directly with customers. Finally, he was told he had to track down the roaming waitress to place a drink order.

“I think that’s something they’re going to need to work on,” he said. “I don’t think they really understood how crowded it was going to be on weekends at the pool when it’s a nice day.”

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said she’s eaten at the yacht club several times since it reopened in May.

“It’s all been very positive,” she said. “I did have somebody relate to me that they go to the pool and they’re upset about the service and the price of the food. They’d like hot-dogs and less-expensive sandwiches to be available to them, since you’re not allow to take food in.”

Committee Chairman Les Purcell said he overheard someone complaining loudly after they had been seated outside because “they couldn’t

come out through the door closest to their table.”

“They had to walk all the way around to get back in — and she was really hot!” Purcell said with a laugh.

“My experiences with comments have been very positive,” he continued. “A high percentage. But there are those that come along [that are negative].”

On the beach club, Gerald Horn said he and his wife, Colette, had a poor experience. He apparently got a dry hamburger that was stuck to the bun, while she got cold fish tacos. He also had a confusing interaction with a bartender over which grapefruit beer he had ordered.

“I said, ‘I think you gave me the wrong beer.’ The bartender told me that she did not give me the wrong beer — I was mixed up,” he said.

His wife, he said, went inside and told Lynda Huettner, a supervisor, what had happened.

“I understand Lynda just has a sterling reputation, but Colette complained to Lynda and Lynda barked at Colette pretty bad,” Horn said. “We were pretty troubled. We didn’t like it.”

He said they ran into General

Manager John Bailey on the way out, who said he’d just had a very good experience dining with his wife.

“I would hope that they would get good treatment, but I would hope everybody could get good treatment,” he said.

Horn proposed committee members internally use comment cards in order to provide better feedback.

“Us, this group, when we eat out. [Let’s] do some data collection right here at this table,” he said. “I don’t think we can have too much data.”

“I think if we did a month of these cards, if we each took two or three or four, don’t share it with anybody else ... stick it in your pocket, bring it back to our meeting, we look at it, we’d have some objective data to share instead of a list of comments,” Horn added.

Overall, Furman said the changes made by the Ortt Companies were well in the positive column.

“We’ve seen such a big change from last year, so everything looks pretty good to us. We’re just going to have to see what it is at the end of the season,” he said. “I’m hoping they’re getting better and better.”

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Tickets available for annual ‘Western Night’ fundraiser

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Tickets sold out for the 21st annual Country Western Night at the Ocean Downs Casino on July 12, but a few dozen more have been made available.

Organizer Anna Foultz said 125 passes had already sold, but 25 more were approved by the casino. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

“I’m so happy! People are really coming this year and I’ve been selling a lot of tickets,” Foultz said.

The event, which will start at 5 p.m., was created by 92-year-old Foultz and hosted each year by Ocean Pines nonprofit Star Charities for the benefit of wounded soldiers.

This year, money will be directed to those serving in the United States Marines.

Foultz said the event was started in part to honor her late husband, Carl.

“It’s in my heart. My husband was a veteran and served for four years in the CBI [China Burma India Theater during World War II], and he was lucky to come home,” she said. “But he told me some of the things they have to go through, so he started...” nonprofit work for soldiers that continues today.

That includes the annual Holiday Gifts for Soldiers Overseas drive.

“Every October we do that, which was his idea, and we’re still doing it,” Foultz said. “And my heart goes out to these soldiers – no matter what. I know that



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Star Charities Founder Anna Foultz, center, organized the 21st annual Country Western Night fundraiser for wounded soldiers at the Ocean Downs Casino, July 12. Also pictured, from left, are Star Charities Secretary Susan Walter, Ocean Downs Food and Beverage Manager Vince Fudge, General Manager Bobbi Sample, and Marketing Director Crystal Layton.

they’ve suffered.”

Foultz said the Country Western Night event takes up three levels of the restaurant section of the casino, on 10218 Racetrack Road near Ocean Pines.

Tickets, \$26, include an all-you-can-eat buffet, door prizes, and live Johnny Cash music performed by Bob Jones.

For tickets, contact Foultz at 410-641-7667.

OPA, USDA remove Canada geese

(July 5, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association contracted with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for the removal of resident Canada geese as a part of the USDA’s wildlife damage management project.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service Wildlife Services has the authority to work with local organizations to conduct such a program to address mammal and bird species, such as Canada Geese, and their negative impact that they have on local water quality and thus human health and safety.

Ocean Pines General Manager John

Bailey stated that because we all strive to be good stewards of the environment, it is regretful that such action is necessary from time to time in order to maintain the balance between two environmental watch-cares – the geese vs. the water quality.

Unfortunately, the presence of resident Canada geese contributes to unacceptable accumulation levels of feces in the waters and recreation areas of the community.

He went on to state that prior to their arrival today, the APHIS WS made the determination that the actions today would be in compliance with all federal statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act.

This project developed from the Association’s Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee, which is made up of members of the community.

The wildlife management project was approved as part of the budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Per the APHIS WS, the resident Canada geese that were captured and removed from the community were humanely euthanized and donated to the Maryland Food Bank.

Community alert signals to sound Saturday, July 7

(July 5, 2018) Saturday, July 7, Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens.

A steady alert tone will sound at 10 a.m. for approximately one minute. The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month.

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Buyers and Sellers

Klapholz vows to protect homeowner dollars

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) Arie Klapholz is running for the Ocean Pines Board based on his record of fiscal conservatism. The 71-year-old grew up on a farm in southern New Jersey and lived and worked in Philadelphia for about four decades.

He worked for the City of Philadelphia as a project manager for more than 30 years and in newspaper production with the Philadelphia Inquirer, between part-time and full-time, for 40 years.

Klapholz has owned property in Ocean Pines since around 1995. “When we retired, we were going to move to a section of Berks County Pennsylvania right outside of Reading, and we turned around one day and realized it had become ‘Philadelphia West,’” he said. “We decided we were going to look somewhere else, and friends of ours had been coming down to Ocean City and then we came down and, before you know it ... we bought a lot.”

Remembering his time working for a large city, Klapholz said he was “Always of the philosophy that other people’s money is not yours to spend willy nilly.”

“I’ve always been a rather strong fiscal conservative and when I looked

at what’s been going on in the Pines, which has been 20 years, the more they do things differently, it seems to always be the same result,” he said. “I figured, let me try to run for the board of directors and see if maybe I can influence a slight change. If I can, that would be great and, if I can’t, I’ll still try to do something to influence decisions.”

He first filed for the board last year, but dropped out of the race because his wife, Caryn, was ill.

“My wife had some severe health issues and I was basically her primary caretaker,” he said. “She ended up being in the hospital just short of eight months and she passed away in December.

“I couldn’t give it [the election] the time it needed,” Klapholz continued. “This year, I don’t have those same restrictions on my time.”

For voters, Klapholz said his biggest message is, “That I care about other people’s money.”

“My father always used to say, ‘You don’t go into business with a friend or

a relative, because money is always getting lost. If you go into business

with your worst enemy, every last penny will be accounted for,” he said. “That message has kind of stuck with me for all these years.”

He said his record on issues is evidenced by 10 years of op-ed columns in the “Voices” section of the Salisbury Daily Times.

“I’m just offering a different choice this year,” Klapholz said. “I’m independent from everybody else and my main concern is their pocketbook.”



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Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board last Saturday discussed the following items during a meeting at the community center:

Agenda additions

The directors added several new items not on the published agenda.

Colette Horn asked to add a motion “related to the 401K plan” and discussion about the White Horse Park boat launch. Both items were approved by a 5-0 vote with Director Tom Herrick absent because of a prior commitment.

Slobodan Trendic asked to include discussions on the recent resignation of Pat Supik from the board and as treasurer, both of which were approved.

Trendic also asked to remove Horn’s motion to approve Resolution B-08, the proposed new ethics policy. As it did not receive a second, the item remained.

Forensic audit update

Association President Doug Parks said the first status report from auditing firm Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates has been posted online.

“It’s very generic and basically lists the things they have done to date,” he

said. “They’re not in a position to make any recommendations yet, but they have conducted their work and are continuing to conduct their work.”

According to the association website, those wishing to contact the firm with substantive information related to the audit may send written statements and/or documents to 36 South Charles Street, 18th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, ATTN: Jim Kern, or call 410- 685-5512.

Treasurer’s Report

Finance Director Steve Phillips, filling in for the departed Supik, said net operating profits in May, the first month of fiscal 2019, were up about \$1 million over the previous fiscal year.

“The difference is \$250,000 approximately in additional assessment revenue and the remainder is \$750,000 additional contribution that we made to the reserves last year, in terms of bulkheads and the general capital replacement reserve,” he said.

He said beach club parking revenue is up, in part because a “parking only” option was added that decoupled permits from pool passes. As a result, he said aquatics revenues were “going the other way.”

Phillips said golf for the month was slightly down, while racquet sports were “all up slightly.”

Additionally, he said food and beverage startup costs increased maintenance by about \$100,000.

“We had a lot of one-time startup costs, specifically in the expense line items of training and uniforms, [and] we had additional management labor associated with starting up the new business,” he said.

On the plus side, food and beverage revenues were up \$27,000 over the previous year, despite only being open for 11 days during the month.

“From a performance perspective, that’s pretty impressive,” Phillips

said. “The numbers that I’ve seen thus far in June ... continue to be rather impressive.”

Revenues during Father’s Day weekend, for example, were about double what they were last year.

“Going forward, we won’t see the same cost ratios and we will see the revenues continue to uptick,” Phillips said.

HR review

The board voted 5-0 in favor of an internal human resources review of employee handbook compliance and employee benefits, due by Sept. 14.

Trendic said association bylaws required “periodic review of existing employee benefits, personnel policies, and other employment conditions” to ensure the association is in compliance with local and federal regulations.

Bailey review of those items was already ongoing.

GM report

General Manager John Bailey said a reserve study meeting originally scheduled last month was pushed back to Friday, July 13 at 9 a.m. in the community center.

“I encourage anybody and everybody to be there. If you can’t be there, it will be carried live and available on the website as well,” Bailey said. “The intent is to address our replacement capital needs for the association in a planned, programmed, strategic approach that will limit fluctuations in the annual assessment, going forward.”

Bailey said a drainage workgroup met again and were working toward a report for the board, due in July.

Among other recommendations, he said the group would request a staff of eight for preventative maintenance, and to look “for county, state and federal guidance and financial assistance.”

“There will be specific recommendations, with specific amounts of money that will be presented, and I will work to incorporate some of that in next year’s budget,” Bailey said.

Bailey added a note of caution that, because of summertime programming at the community center, drivers should be aware of children in the area, specifically between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

Audit committee

Trendic asked the board to request that the budget and finance committee “provide an opinion on establishing a standing audit committee.”

He said the committee would oversee “external and internal audit functions,” financial reporting process, internal controls and “ensure appropriate channels of communication exist for whistleblowers on fraud activities or other illegal acts.”

Parks and Director Ted Moroney both said they were fine with referring the request to the committee.

“I’m good to go with referring it to them, and then we can talk about what they come back with,” Moroney said.

401k matching

The board voted 4-0 to approve Horn’s motion requiring the association to match 100 percent of employee contributions to 401ks, up to three percent of pay. Trendic abstained from the vote.

Phillips estimated less than 100 employees qualify for the program. Also per the motion, he was appointed a limited trustee.

Appointment

The board unanimously approved a second term on the architectural review committee for Lawrence Malone.

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(July 5, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council last Monday discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall:

Construction update

Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said mill and overlay work would soon be done on William Street, Cedar Avenue and Maple Avenue. The roadwork is part of stormwater mitigation in that area.

She added mill and overlay work on Gay Street also would occur soon. Water lines were recently expanded there to accommodate fire suppression systems in a new development. Kreiter said repaving Gay Street was the last step in that project.

Planning update

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said a Berlin Bikeways grant had been submitted to the Maryland Department of Transportation. The town is seeking \$289,000 in construction funds for phase one of the project, connecting Berlin Falls park to downtown. Engelhart said the total cost for that phase was estimated at about \$361,000.

He also said the new Berlin Library on Harrison Avenue is nearly finished. A July 10 soft opening is scheduled and

would likely include a ceremony with the Worcester County Commissioners, Engelhart said.

"A grand opening, I guess where they do a ribbon cutting, [is scheduled for] Aug. 7," he said. "They're doing some punch-list items now and there's a few things they need to clean up for us, but for all intents and purposes they passed all their final inspections."

"They're pretty close to being open," Engelhart continued. "If you go by there now they're still putting in some of the furnishings ... but the actual building is complete."

Market successful

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said opening of the new Berlin Farmer's Market on Artisan's Green was "incredibly successful," and the second week was even better.

"I'm getting phone calls from people who want to be vendors at the market almost every day," she said. "It is a specific producers-only market, that means you can't buy an ear of corn in North Carolina and bring it up and resell it here."

One vendor, Toby Gilbert of Gilbert's Provisions, sold out in 90 minutes during the first week and in an hour during the second week, Wells said.

The market is open Sundays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Wells added that the market, as well

as the Third Thursday lunchtime concert series on Artisan's Green, were made possible because of a public-private partnership with the property owner, Garrett Neeb.

"The setting for the new farmer's market ... has worked out well," Mayor Gee Williams said. "I think that's a good partnership."

Sustainability pilot

Town Administrator Laura Allen said she would give a presentation on behalf of the town at the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities in Charleston, South Carolina.

Allen said the town was selected to participate in a conference there because of Berlin's participation in the Government Finance Officers Association Financial Sustainability Pilot.

She said the sustainability team in Berlin included herself, Wells, Finance Director Natalie Saleh, Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence and Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen.

"The presentation is really going to be about why the town was interested in participating in the pilot, what we've done so far, and then suggestions for the communities in terms of ways they can approach the same kind of work," Allen said.

Mayor Gee Williams said the initiative would address the need and desire for more services that "enhance the quality

of life" and invest in infrastructure.

"I think it's great because, historically ... everybody has been on their own," he said. "This is a sincere and real effort to share information on what works and what doesn't."

Int'l Bathtub Races?

During the recent Berlin Bathtub Races, last Saturday, Williams said several Russian men from the Voice of America international broadcasting company were in town filming and conducting interviews.

"They're going to several towns in the United States," he said. "I don't know what that means, except I think I'm delighted."

Berlin Police Cpl. Merle Bragg added, "As they were leaving, they even told me that they'd expressed an interest in having a couple of individuals come here next year to participate [in the races]."

"That would be great!" Williams said, as several members of town staff contemplated an international racing series.

Laugh it off

Councilman Dean Burrell, just before ending the meeting, said it was nice to have a little levity in Town Hall.

"Isn't it nice to be able to conduct town business and still not forget to laugh?" Burrell said. "It's a good thing — move to adjourn!"

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Opinion

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Thick skin needed to govern Ocean Pines

Just stop it. That’s what the Ocean Pines Board of Directors should do about this latest kerfuffle between Director Slobodan Trendic and Association President Doug Parks, following the resignation of Director Pat Supik.

If you can’t take some name-calling, occasional slights, denigrating comments and challenges to one’s real or imagined authority, you’re too sensitive to be involved in politics.

And make no mistake about the board of directors being a political body. Just because it’s a homeowners’ association and not a municipal or county government doesn’t mean different rules of the game somehow apply. Whenever a group of individuals convenes to define and administer the public’s business, differences of opinion will arise.

Some of the differences are more evident than others, because it isn’t easy working with people who don’t necessarily subscribe to the way you think things ought to be done. This is especially so when big fish/small pond egos of small town governments are involved.

But that’s the nature of the beast and sometimes you just have to take it, do your job and move on to the next order of business, instead of turning routine personal skirmishes into battle campaigns that overshadow more important matters.

That’s one of things Ocean Pines voters should be thinking about as this year’s election approaches (our endorsements will appear next week). Not only does this board, like any government, need reasonable, intelligent and civil people, it also requires people who can handle the give-and-take and the disagreements without it ruining their day or causing them to pursue the ruination of someone else.

Ability, obviously, is number one on the chart of what people need in a governmental representative, but that alone won’t carry the day if it isn’t accompanied by a thick skin and a sense when to fight and when to walk away.



Letters

Berlin Little League: Leaving a legacy

Editor,

Last summer, on July 23, at approximately 7 p.m., the most storied chapter in Berlin Little League History came to a close.

Leaving the field that evening, I couldn’t help but think about the young men wearing “BERLIN” on their chest for the last time and all they have accomplished. More than that, what they have left behind.

Beginning in 2009 as 8-year-old little boys, they started their march toward brotherhood together as they were on an All-Star team together for the first time. They quickly gave us a glimpse of what was to come as they tore through the only two pitching machine tournaments available at the time, winning both of them without a single blemish on their record. This was the first time Berlin had ever won one of these pitching machine tournaments, but it would certainly not be the last.

Then, in 2011, this group of 10-year-olds took us on a magical ride to Berlin’s first State Championship in league history. I can still remember the

look on Wendi Eitl’s face when she was handed the itinerary for the summer at the parents meeting before our first All-Star practice of the year.

The itinerary ended in the Eastern Regional Championship Game on Aug. 9. Well, maybe we were a little ambitious. We only made it to Aug. 8, the semifinal.

Thus began a run of six State Championships in seven years for this particular group, including a trip to the Intermediate World Series in Livermore California.

I could go on all day listing the accomplishments of this group, but that doesn’t even begin to give you any insight as to how great it was to be a part of their journey through Berlin Little League. What I can do is tell you a little about each of the players, and just give you a taste of who they are and what they have meant to this league.

Colin Eitl, State Champion 2011. “Chicken Little” is the kind of guy every team needs. Willing to play whatever role asked of him, and doing it with a smile. This guy was only with us for our first run through states in 2011 as he chose to pursue other sports, but his place in BLL history remains as long as that gnome is in

Rhode Island

Colby Figgs. State and Regional Champion 2014. Winning a State Championship and Regional Title with this group in 2014, Colby flashed the leather at several positions over the course of that summer. A great kid from a wonderful family, he was a joy to coach.

Kevon Wharton, State and Regional Champion 2014. Unfortunately for us, he moved away after only one season in Berlin Little League. In that season though, he helped lead our team to our league’s only World Series appearance. His combination of speed and power was scary at times. Maybe the nicest kid I have ever coached.

Shea Griffin, State Champion 2016. Always ready to put in the work, Shea has a tremendous work ethic and is easily one of the brightest guys I have ever coached. Shea was always willing to do whatever was needed to help his team be successful.

Zach Pilarski, State Champion 2016. Winning a title with this group in 2016, Zach was our primary catcher for that group. Tough as nails, and willing to do whatever it took

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the World Series, breaking all of our hearts forever.

Matt Kinsey, four-time State Champion (2011-2014), Regional Champion 2014. Matt is one of the fiercest competitors I have ever been around. A true student of the game, Matt saved his best performances for the biggest stages.

His ability to slow the game down and perform under pressure was second to none. He is still the only guy I have ever have come to me before a big game and say, "coach, I want the ball". How can you not wanna ride with that guy? I know I do.

Kevin Beck, four-time State Champion (2011-2014), Regional Champion 2014. Kevin is still my scarecrow. Every time I see this kid he still has that same smile, and even though he tries to put bass in his voice now when he talks to me, I still see that little guy from when he was 10.

My only regret with him is that I never saw him hit his only homerun. As he told me before though, I probably would have made him bunt.

Jack Rosenberg, five-time State Champion (2011-2014, and 2017), Regional Champion 2014. Jack is one of the cornerstones of this group. He is another guy whose roll has changed over the years. Sometimes playing first, outfield, pitching, hitting in different parts of the lineup, starting, coming in off the bench.

No matter what, he was always ready and accepted his role even if he didn't like it. Guys like Jack are what championship teams are made of.

Ryan Duncan. A five-time State Champion (2011-2014, and 2017), Regional Champion 2014. Ryan is the best left-handed shortstop in the history of baseball. He is one of the guys that I take the most pride in as his skills progress. Only started playing baseball at 10 years old, he is developing into an unbelievable baseball player and I am so fortunate to have been able to witness his development first hand.

Over the years there have been numerous changes to the roster of this team due to guys moving away, finding other interests, excelling at other sports, etc. ... No matter the case, every single player that has been a part of any one, or all six of this group's State Championship teams, has been a part of building and establishing a winning tradition, and a championship pedigree for Berlin Little League.

Nevertheless, there have been a few constants throughout the years. Three of these young men were there from start to finish.

Billy Wheatley Jr., six-time State Champion (2011-2014, 2016 and 2017), Regional Champion 2014. One of three players in Berlin Little League history with six State Championships, he played in five State tournaments and four Regional tournaments (was on roster but DNP in 2016 due to injury).

Mister flexibility, willing to slide into any role at any time to do what is best for the team. In this year's State and Regional tournaments alone, he played six different defensive positions, all the while hitting in the three and four positions in the batting lineup.

There is only one word to describe exactly what Billy means to this team and to me personally: Clutch. Whether it's having and winning a 14-hour at-bat in the State tournament while down by

a run in the bottom of the 6th, or dropping bombs at Regionals, this guy was always ready to perform on the biggest stage.

It's not just performing when the pressure is at its height that makes this guy so special, but also being able to read situations and fellow teammates or coaches to always know what to do or say to keep things headed in the right direction. He is always ready to ride with me wherever I go, and I love him for it.

Tristan McDonough, six-time State Champion (2011-2014, 2016 and 2017), Regional Champion 2014. People that know me know that I am very hesitant to heap praise on my son and very quick to point out his flaws rather than his many great attributes. But, for now, just allow me to tell you exactly how I feel about him on a baseball field.

Simply put, he is the best Little League player I have ever seen. His level of commitment to this game and to the process of getting better every day is something that I know I have never seen before and is infectious to those around him.

More than that, his commitment to his teammates and his understanding that to be great, you must have a positive impact on the people around you is what sets him apart from those who may be as talented as him. This quality is quite refreshing and increasingly rare.

Hayden Snelsire, six-time State Champion (2011-2014, 2016 and 2017), Regional Champion 2014. He is the only player in Berlin Little League history to have played in and win six State tournaments, and play in five Regional tournaments.

A silent assassin on a baseball field, he rarely shows much emotion. Don't get it twisted though, there is no fiercer competitor that I have ever been around. Always underestimated and overlooked by those who don't know any better.

Maybe, no not maybe, definitely the highest baseball acumen of any player I have ever seen. Always there to steady the ship in the roughest waters, he is the definition of consistency, something that may not show up on 20/80 combine grading system.

For those of us that have been fortunate enough to see him perform on a daily basis over the years know that there is no way to measure his contribution to this team. Without Peas, there is no Carrots.

Now that I have given you just a little glimpse as to who these guys are, I would like to tell you exactly what I think their contribution to Berlin Little League and to this community in general is.

They have raised the standard for what is seen as success within Berlin Little League. When I began coaching in this league about 15 years ago, winning a District banner was something that very few had done before, and winning a State banner was something that had eluded Berlin since its inception, almost 50 years.

These young men changed all that and the way that people perceived Berlin baseball, and the way that the young ones coming behind them would view themselves.

They changed the entire culture of Berlin baseball forever, and they did it together. Never worried about individual accomplishments or who hit where, who pitched, who sat. These young men cared about winning, and win they did.

Over the years they amassed an overall record of 67-13 in six years of All-Star competition, including a staggering record of 55-1 within the state of Maryland. They embraced the grind of working hard together to accomplish one goal, beat Japan.

"Beat Japan" was our goal. It's meaning was that if we did that, we would have won the World Series. Ultimately that goal would remain unfulfilled, but that's not the point.

The point is they set their goal at the absolute highest point that they could imagine, and then went after it with passion and consistency.

The passion to attack their practice in a manner that always mimicked the most intense game that they could ever play, and the consistency to be able to do it every day. Never allowing negativity or distractions to take their focus from the task at hand.

These young men's ability to do that was unbelievable to see. When you looked around the field on opening day this past April and saw the 28 banners flying around that field, know that the young men listed above are responsible for 14 of them.

Ultimately, what these young men leave to Berlin Little League and to their community as their legacy is bigger than any banner or championship they could ever win. It is how to love one another and how to pull together as a single unit towards a common goal.

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because of their individual skills and ability. It was because of the way that they truly cared for one another and would do anything to see the other one succeed because they understood that to be successful it would take all of them.

In a world of selfishness, they were selfless. These young men have been together through good times and bad. They have comforted one another in times of personal tragedy, and rejoiced with one another in times of joy.

They showed that loving your brother is the most important part of all of it. The love that they showed and continue to show for each other is special, and that is what made them great.

*Cameron McDonough
Berlin*

Director Trendic should resign from OPA Board

Editor,

Thank you for your article on 6/28 "Directors spar over closed meeting."

In my 25 years as property owner and 34 years as a resident of Ocean Pines, I cannot recall another instance of one Director threatening another and "standing over him in an intimidating manner."

If this occurred, as reported by the *Bayside Gazette*, Director Trendic should resign immediately.

*Respectfully,
Jim Nichols*

F&M working to increase economic prosperity

Editor,

We've all heard the campaign promises and talk from Washington about boosting the economic prospects of communities like ours. No one needs to sell us on our potential, but does this new administration and Congress actually understand what places like the Town of Berlin really need to prosper?

To help carry this message to Washington, I recently joined the First & Main (www.firstandmain.org) coalition, a new bipartisan group of more than 100 other local elected leaders representing small towns, cities or counties across 33 states. We call it First & Main for a simple reason: no matter the size of the town, if business and life is good on Main Street, there's a good chance that the rest of the community is following suit. In the same way, when America's smaller towns and cities like Berlin are prospering, so is the rest of the country.

Last week I joined First & Main's other 107 elected leaders from communities much like ours across the country in sending a letter to members of Congress and the White House that had a simple message: We are counting on them to be a reliable partner and support our homegrown efforts to rebuild our downtowns, restore our economies, revitalize neighborhoods,

attract new, job-creating investments, and improve opportunity for everyone.

We're not looking for a handout, but our own firsthand experience here in Maryland shows us how federal programs and resources can make these things happen. There is a range of proven federal programs that can encourage the private sector to invest and are so important to our quality of life and the continued economic vitality of communities throughout Maryland.

But what if these federal resources were threatened?

After threats of severe cuts, the FY18 federal budget approved by Congress and signed by the President in April maintained and even strengthened many vital federal programs that help all of us drive prosperity in our communities, including critical Community Development Block Grants, cleanup assistance to revitalize degraded properties from the Environmental Protection Agency and Economic Development Grants from the Economic Development Agency. We are grateful for this commitment to local revitalization and growth.

Yet we also remain deeply concerned by plans to put this robust federal support for local communities back on the chopping block for next year and beyond.

We are keenly aware of concerns over the ballooning national deficit and the need to begin serious work towards

a balanced federal budget. But our nation's budget should not be balanced on the backs of local communities like ours. That kind of deficit reduction strategy is penny wise, but pound foolish.

Dollar for dollar, federal investments in local communities in Maryland, generate a far greater return on investment in terms of local revitalization and job creation than any other line item in the federal budget.

Make no mistake – we're not asking for handouts. But, we are looking for a reliable federal partner to continue the progress we've begun in eliminating substandard properties, stabilizing neighborhoods, and cleaning up contaminated industrial sites to prepare them for new development. Local communities like ours continue to meet our challenges head-on, with creative and effective approaches to revitalization.

I am glad to be part of a growing coalition of local elected officials that's urging all our federal leaders to focus on proven solutions that will stimulate the kind of economic growth that will create vibrant, healthy communities; bring prosperity to all of our residents, families, and workers; and produce a rising tide that lifts all boats in Maryland – and other rural areas, small towns and mid-sized cities across the country.

*Mayor Gee Williams
Town of Berlin*

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July 8: Bob Hughes, 6 p.m.
July 9: Just Jay, 6 p.m.
July 10: Charlie Z
July 11: Reform School, 6 p.m.;
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July 12: Chris Button, 7 p.m.

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July 11: Jack Worthington
July 12: DJ Jeremy, 6-10 p.m.

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www.castleinthesand.com
July 6: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.;
Funk Shue, 5-9 p.m.
July 7: Rick & Regina, noon to 4
p.m.; Zion Reggae Band, 5-9 p.m.
July 8: Wes Davis, noon to 3 p.m.;
Old School, 4-8 p.m.
July 9: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3
p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth &
Pete, 4-8 p.m.
July 10: Taylor Knox, noon to 3
p.m.; The Swell Fellas, 5-9 p.m.
July 11: Bettenroo, noon to 4 p.m.;
Chris Button, Joe Mama &
Matt Tichon, 5-9 p.m.
July 12: Chino Reggae, noon to 4
p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.

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main stage
July 7: Live Music on the outside
stage, 6-10 p.m.; VJ/DJ Jammin Jeff
July 8: Live Band Karaoke w/Kaotik
and DJ Jerry B
July 12: Throwback Summer Con-
cert, ticketed event, LIT, 9 p.m.

DRY 85

48th Street
Ocean City
443-664-8989
www.dry85.com
July 6: DJ Adam Dutch, Rirty Rock
vs. Hop, 9:30 p.m. to 1:3 a.m.
July 12: Skribe, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30
a.m.

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night

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12841 S. Harbor Road
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July 6: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
July 7: Side Project/Chris Button,
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July 8: Opposite Directions, 2-6
p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
July 9: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy
T, 7 p.m.
July 10: Dust N Bones
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w/DJ Bigler
July 12: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

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410-213-1841
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July 6: DJ Wax, 4-8 p.m.
July 7: Classic Vibe, 3-7 p.m.

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July 12: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

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July 7: Johnny Bling, 5 p.m.
July 8: Bo Dickerson Band, 4 p.m.
July 11: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.

OC Brewing

56th Street, bayside
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July 6: Josh Pryor, 8-11 p.m.
July 7: 3 on the Tree, 8-11 p.m.

OCEAN 13

13th Street on the boardwalk
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www.Ocean13ocmd.com
July 6: Bob Stout, piano lounge, 6 p.m.;
Dawn Patrol, tiki bar, 8 p.m.
July 7: Brian Russo, piano lounge,
6 p.m.
July 8: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy,
tiki bar, 9 p.m.
July 10: Beats By Jeremy, 9 p.m.
July 12: Michael Smith, piano
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July 9-10: Power Play, 5-10 p.m.
July 11: Power Play, 4-9 p.m.
July 12-15: Power Play, 5-10 p.m.

OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumford’s Landing Road
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410-641-7501
www.oceanpines.org
July 6: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.
June 7: Overtime, 6-10 p.m.

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706 Philadelphia Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-4891
www.picklesoc.com
July 6: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.
July 7: Sean Loomis Band, 10 p.m.
to 2 a.m.
July 9: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
July 10: Beats By Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
July 12: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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paw, 9 p.m.
July 9: South Paw, 9 p.m.
July 10-11: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
July 12: Eclipse, 9 p.m.

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.secrets.com
July 6: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ
Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Jah Works, 9
p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 7: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m. to 6
p.m.; Cherry Crush, 1-5 p.m.; Jah
Works, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to
1 a.m.; Evolution X, 9 p.m. to 1:30
a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:30
a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50
a.m.
July 8: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.;
S.T.O.R.M., 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff,
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Evolution X, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m.
to 1:50 a.m.
July 9: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.;
S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ
Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; The
Benderz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 10: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; [&] Riddim Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1
a.m.; Stick Figure 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 11: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; DJ
Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; [&] Riddim
Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Rock-
ets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 12: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; In-
nasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ
Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Go Go Gadget,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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www.skyebaroc.com
July 6: Elwood Bishop Duo, 4-8 p.m.
July 7: Marky Shaw, 4-8 p.m.
July 8: Shawn MacFarlane, 4-8 p.m.
July 11: Sean Spiffy Styles, 4-8 p.m.
July 12: Rick & Lennon LaRicci, 4
p.m.

WHISKER’S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
July 60: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Grand opening for new Cancer Center scheduled July 11

(July 5, 2018) Atlantic General Hospital officials have announced that a grand opening celebration will be held for the new John H. ‘Jack’ Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center on Wednesday, July 11.

The center, which is the new home for radiation oncologist Manoj Jain, MD, and medical oncology specialists Rabindra Paul, MD, and Roopa Gupta, MD, and their clinical teams, opened on schedule on June 27.

Patients and the community are invited to attend the grand opening, from 4-6 p.m. to meet the cancer care team and tour the facility. A formal ribbon cutting will be held at 4:30 p.m.; refreshments will also be available.

The John H. ‘Jack’ Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center is located at 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The new 18,000-square-foot Regional Cancer Care Center, which is built on the Atlantic General Hospital campus at the corner of Route 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard (Route 346) in Berlin, provides one centrally-located, convenient facility for the care and treatment of individuals with cancer and blood disorders.

In addition to previously available medical oncology and chemotherapy infusion services and integrative therapies, the new center includes radiation oncology; PET/CT imaging; laboratory services; community education and support facilities; and telemedicine technology that allow patients and their physicians to consult with other cancer care experts at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, preventing unnecessary travel for consultation and follow up care for patients who may require more intensive cancer care services.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital’s state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

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CADET RECOGNIZED

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently awarded the Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal to William Stamnas at Stephen Decatur High School. National Defense Chair Barbara May presented the medal, which is awarded to a student for participation in a non-ROTC, military-affiliated cadet program funded by the school or privately. Pictured, from left, are General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Gail Weldin, Stamnas and May.



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CAR CANDIDATE FORUM

The Coastal Association of Realtors recently held three public candidate forums for upcoming county elections. The Worcester County Commissioners Forum was held on May 31 at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Public Library. Nine candidates for office participated in the event, which was moderated by Stewart Dobson of Ocean City Today. Pictured, from left, are Coastal Vice President Joe Wilson and Worcester County candidates Bud Church, Joshua Nordstrom, Ted Elder, Chip Bertino, Zackery Tyndall, Joe Mitrecic, Virgil Shockley, Judy Butler and Jim Bunting.



GOOD CITIZENS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized DAR Good Citizens at four Worcester County high schools. Recipients John Seward, Pocumoke High School, Zachary Donoway, Snow Hill High School, Lilian Rakow, Stephen Decatur High School, and Anchita Batra, Worcester Preparatory School, were each awarded a certificate, lapel pin and gift card. Donoway is pictured receiving the DAR Good Citizen Award from General Levin Winder Chapter Past Regent Patricia Ayers.

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ROTC BRONZE MEDAL

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a DAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Laurin Rabon of Snow Hill High School. Recipients of this award must be either a junior or senior student in a secondary school JROTC program or a Junior College graduating senior, and the medals are worn according to JROTC protocol. Rabon accepts the DAR Bronze ROTC medal award from Past Regent Patricia Ayers, General Levin Winder Chapter.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Annual Worcester Preparatory School Academic Convocation ceremony was held on May 23, where awards were given for academic achievement in all subject areas, in addition to perfect attendance, and service to the school. The featured guest speaker was WPS Class of 2005 alumnus, Garvey Heiderman. The evening's most prestigious honors were presented to, from left, Dominic Anthony, Headmaster's Academic Award, grades 9-11; Henry Taboh, Best All-Round Student, grades 9-11; Lily Baeurle, Best All-Round Student, grades 6-8; Abbey Miller, Headmaster's Academic Award, grades 6-8. Best All-Round student awards are selected by a written vote of faculty and staff.



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HEALTHY EATING

Julia Perrotta and Katelyn Busacca from Atlantic General Hospital spoke to Berlin Intermediate fourth graders about MyPlate and healthy eating. They are pictured with fourth graders Ally Coleman, Skylar Kim, Lilianna Perella and Tim Johnson.

Puzzles

DRIVING AROUND

BY SAM TRABUCCO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Played for a fool

5 Total mess

11 Big piece of cake

15 Buzzed

19 "It's all good"

21 Guido ____, painter of the "Crucifixion of St. Peter"

22 "Do I ____!"

23 Trying to show no signs of life

24 Show out?

26 Metaphorical time in hell

27 Future exec, maybe

28 Began a PC session

29 Seminary study: Abbr.

30 One who "went a-courtin'," in a children's song

32 Hurried along

33 Asian berry marketed as a "superfood"

36 "Darth Vader is Luke's father," e.g.

38 Kind of yoga

39 Lily Potter's maiden name in the Harry Potter books

41 Fair

42 Attention getters

44 Longtime CBS police procedural

48 Voodoo, e.g.

50 Quite a bash, in slang

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52 Partner of shock

53 Wrecks, as chances

55 Relating to gaps

59 Norm: Abbr.

62 Burrow

63 Bit of office greenery

65 Dead-end sign

67 Kind of state

68 Was forced to turn down an invitation

69 Big character?

71 Take as a bride

72 News commentator Navarro

73 Ball of yarn and others

74 Confession inducers

77 "Jeez, you should keep that private"

78 Get down

79 Go as far down as

84 ____ diagram

86 Green surroundings?

88 Seize

90 Work

91 "You betcha!"

93 Had a leading role?

96 S or M

97 Sam of Watergate hearings

98 Ipecac, e.g.

99 Openly gay

101 Fix, as a mess of wires

103 Singer Garfunkel

104 Big part of an orchestra

108 Bottle for a beachgoer

109 It's left on a highway ... or a path used by five answers in this puzzle?

111 ____ about (approximately)

112 A little

113 "Yeah, that makes sense"

114 Nota ____

115 Had too much, for short

116 Go on a drinking spree, in slang

117 Nuggets in "Poor Richard's Almanack"

DOWN

1 Not using sensitive language, say

2 Dis-banded?

3 List ender: Abbr.

4 Not wait till evening to crack a bottle

5 Semester's end

6 Rapper ____ Azalea

7 General's assistant: Abbr.

8 Tool for undoing stitches

9 What many runners do before a marathon

10 Senectitude

11 "r u 4 real?"

12 Jared of "Dallas Buyers Club"

13 Nerd's epithet for the president?

14 Lions and tigers

15 Tidbit with rice in Creole cuisine

16 Sidestep

17 It's under helium in the periodic table

18 Dog's warning

20 Endure

25 Per

30 ____ News

31 Annoy, in a way

33 Goal for many a H.S. dropout

34 Donations to certain clinics

35 Pantry item

37 David ____, C.I.A. director under Obama

38 "Watch it!"

40 Took a breather

43 Possess, as thou might

45 Old Testament land

46 "Pick me! Pick me!"

47 Certain Spanish murals

49 Elapse, as years

51 Braided floor covering

54 Where coal miners work

55 Doesn't bother

56 Telly pitch

57 1040 reviewer, for short

58 Humerus connection

59 "How uncool!"

60 "Yer darn ____!"

61 It may bring a tear to one's eye

64 "____ Is Us" (65-Down drama)

65 See 64-Down

66 Bout result, in brief

67 Like a game with equal winners and losers

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70 'Vette option

71 Happenin' place

75 Election that's too close to call

76 Peachy

78 "Phooey!"

80 Like many clowns and beachside houses

81 Kennedy Library architect

82 Nickname for a devil

83 Flowery poem

85 Help grow

86 "You agree?"

87 Enjoy consistent, favorable luck, in poker lingo

89 Story line

92 Sort of rooftop unit, familiarly

94 Another name for a porpoise or dolphin

95 Certain domain suffix

97 Subject of a 2001-02 scandal

98 Caught congers

100 Strong desire

101 ____ Reader

102 Shade of green

104 "Absolutely!" to Alejandro

105 Capital of Okinawa

106 Chew (on)

107 Match makers?

108 Get all blubbery

110 Show with Kate McKinnon, for short

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HARD - 44

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

Answers to last week's puzzles

5	7	1	2	9	6	3	8	4
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Cuisine

My dog ate my homework and my glasses

I don't know why anyone, including myself, spends so much on sunglasses. You can fill my head with all the hooley about techno-gobbledygook, but once you perfect one technology (polarized lenses, for example), it's a cheap process to mass produce.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

But, just like those head-phones with the letter on them that cost \$14 to manufacture that so many people pay over \$200 for, sunglasses pull us suckers in like a fish to a worm.

When I was in the Marines in California in the late 80s, Oakley Razor-blades had just come out, and of course we thought they were insanely cool. So, a week's "salary" went to score a pair of them from any of the local surf shops in Oceanside and Carlsbad.

As time went on, though, I got away from spending too much cash on glasses.

Last year, though, I decided to splurge and dump some cash on a pair of Smiths, to date the most comfortable and functional pair of glasses for the water. I wore them religiously, or at least until I sat on them on a road trip. Yes, I sat on them; I heard and felt the crunch. I was devastated.

I contacted Smith, told them what happened and did not expect them to honor the warranty. But, they did. I was happy as I ran to the mailbox like Ralphie in "Christmas Story" waiting for his decoder ring. I put them on, and it was like reuniting with an old friend. I usually don't get connected to accessories, but when you find a pair of shades that fits you perfectly, you stick with them.

I wore them for a total of four days, and then realized that I could not find them. I searched high and low, not able to locate said optics.

When I went to bed that night, I kicked something under the sheets. I reached down and pulled out my mangled pair of brand new shades, courtesy of my golden doodle, Dr. Winston. Apparently, he had designs on the new glasses when they arrived. Like George Plunkett, "he seen his opportunity, and he took it."

And so I sit here typing away, having just sent another warranty re-



quest to Smith. I can hardly imagine that they would even remotely consider replacing them again, but – credit where credit is due – the company has been amazing so far. I love good customer service.

I need my sunglasses soon, as summer is in full swing. As I grill and fry everything outside this time of year, it's nice to know that my retinas are covered. And here is a great summertime dish, with grilled romaine and peaches accompanying a seafood cake; a nice twist of our local crabby friend.

This is a perfect starter and can even be its own meal. Crispy, fatty and balanced with a citrusy vinaigrette, it just screams summer. Sunglass season. Sigh ... and mine are dead once again. Thanks, Winston.

Duck Fat Seafood Cake, Grilled Romaine & Peach, Lemon Vinaigrette

serves 4
4 four-ounce Seafood cakes (recipe follows)
2 hearts of romaine, grilled (recipe follows)
2 peaches, grilled (recipe follows)
1 cup Lemon vinaigrette (recipe follows)
Herb oil, as needed

Seafood Cake
makes 4 cakes
4 ounces salmon
3 Large shrimp, peeled

3 Large scallops
1/2 cup Mayo
1 tsp. Seafood seasoning
splash Worcestershire sauce
2 Tbsp. Fresh chopped parsley
1 Tbsp. Fresh lemon juice
1 large egg
Pulverized Ritz crackers as needed to bind
Panko bread crumbs for coating
Duck fat for frying
1. Chop seafood into small pieces and set aside
2. Combine everything from the mayo to the egg and whisk
3. Add seafood and cracker until you can form cakes
4. Make said cakes, and roll them in the panko crumbs
5. Heat the duck fat to 350F and fry the cakes until cooked through and golden brown and crispy on the outside

Grilled Romaine & Peach
2 hearts of romaine
2 peaches
Oil, as needed
S&P, to taste
1. Split the peaches in half and remove the pits
2. Brush with oil, salt and pepper and place on a hot grill
3. When you have grill marks, move to a cool spot and allow to cook for about 10-15 minutes
4. Split romaine hearts in half lengthwise, ensuring to keep the end intact
5. Brush with olive oil and season and set aside for now

6. When the peaches are about ready, grill the romaine for about 30 seconds cut-side down. This will be the very last thing that you do

Lemon Vinaigrette
makes about 2 cups
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
Juice and zest of 2 lemons
Juice of 1 orange
1 Tbsp. Poppy seeds
2 Tbsp. Sugar
1 cup Grapeseed oil
Salt and pepper, as needed
1. Place the mustard, juices, seeds and sugar in a bowl or blender
2. While mixing/whisking, slowly drizzle in the oil
3. Adjust seasonings and keep chilled until service time

Herb oil
makes about 1 cup
3/4 cup Good EV Olive Oil
a handful of Fresh herbs (basil and Italian parsley, for example)
Salt & Pepper, as needed
1. Put the oil and herbs in a small sauce pan and bring to a low-to-medium heat
2. Remove and allow to steep for a few minutes and then puree with a stick blender or a good Vitamix
3. Season and cool, setting aside until ready to use

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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., July 5

STARPOWER BELIEVE NATIONAL TALENT DANCE COMPETITION
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM. With professional staging and sound, knowledgeable judges and a performance like no other, this is a dance competition you must experience to believe. Held July 1-5. Grace Wakefield, garys-tarpower@aol.com, 301-870-9550, <http://believetalent.com>

CONCERT IN THE PARK
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Free family-friendly performance featuring “Belle Tones.” Refreshments will be sold, or patrons may bring their own. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://OceanPines.org>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Enjoy a free concert by Eclipse (Journey Tribute Band) while watching the sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay. Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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Fri., July 6

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR JULY EXHIBITS
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Featuring Kirk McBride, Lynne Lockhart and Pete Cosby. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - DOWNTOWN
Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 PM. Featuring “The Lion King.” (weather permitting). Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:00 AM. Membership and info: Anna Foults, 410-641-7667.

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Sat., July 7

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. More than 35 vendors, breakfast sandwiches and coffee and for lunch, pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ meatloaf, hot dogs, cole slaw and baked beans. Bake table and more. For table rental, 410-641-2186.

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP
Burley Inn Tavern, 16 Pitts St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The group meets once a month to share their creative writing. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month’s theme (optional) is birth. Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

BLUEGRASS, BREW & BBQ CONCERT
Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Road, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Gates open at 4 p.m. Furnace Town presents No Spare Time. Brew available from Evolution Craft Brewery Company and Tall Tales Brewery; BBQ served by NoBBQ or Backyard Louie’s BBQ; and dessert available from The Ugly Pie. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 16 years and members of Furnace Town. Tickets: www.eventbrite.com or at the door. Furnace Town Folk School has added a master class workshop from 1-2 p.m. for those interested in learning how to play bluegrass. info@furnacetown.org, 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

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FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

Sun., July 8

SUNDAES IN THE PARK
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Create your own sundae for a nominal fee and enjoy free music by Kick It Out (Heart tribute show). Also, free activities and entertainment for children. Additional ice cream novelty and beverage options available. Bring picnic basket and beach chairs. Fireworks display at 9 p.m. Held inside in the event of inclement weather. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUFFET BREAKFAST
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM. All-you-can-eat includes two styles of eggs, sausage, bacon, fried potatoes, creamed chipped beef, toast, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. 410-524-7994

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays through Sept. 30 - Bethany United Methodist Church, front lawn,

8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8:30 AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. bethany21811@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

Mon., July 9

POST 4TH BEACH CLEAN UP
Meet at 19th Street, oceanside, Ocean City to help carry out the first sweep of the Assateague Coastal Trust’s adopted streets, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The group will be sweeping 19th and 20th streets before heading North to sweep 94th-97th streets. Billy Weiland, billy@actforbays.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

MEDICAL MONDAY
Worcester Youth and Family Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Learn about Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy (OMT) and how it can help. Dr. Deborah Conran will discuss moving muscles, connective tissues and joints to treat injuries and manage or relieve a variety of symptoms. It can help with back or joint pain, asthma, headaches, digestive issues and more. Registration is encouraged but not required. Michelle, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday>

MOVIE IN THE PARK
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 PM. Free family-friendly movie featuring “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989).” Bring chairs, food and drinks. Ice cream, candy and drinks will be for sale. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://OceanPines.org>

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - DOWNTOWN
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DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Jean, 410-208-4149

Tues., July 10

TFA NORTH POINT SWEEP
The Trash Free Assateague Team will be heading to the North Point of Assateague (The Wedge) to sweep the area, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. There will be a brief informative program at the start of the event. ACT will shuttle eight TFA Team volunteers across Sinepuxnet Bay for this clean up. Those with their own vessel are welcome to join the group. RSVP: Billy Weiland, billy@actforbays.org.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP
Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarva-parkinsonsalliance.org>

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM
Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Designed for ages 7 and older and focuses on teaching lifeguard skills, basic CPR, first aid and more. Those who have already trained as junior lifeguards can return as junior crew chiefs. Those who have already served as junior lifeguard and junior crew chiefs, are encouraged to join the junior lifeguard officer program. On Tuesday and Thursday, class will be held from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool. On Wednesday, participants will assist with Family Fun Night at the Oasis Pool from 5:30-8 p.m. The fee is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, whistle, first aid kit, drinks, snacks and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday. Strong swimming skills are required. Open to the public. Register at the Sports Core Pool or by calling 410-641-5255.

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KOFC SEAFOOD NIGHT
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Full menu to select from plus steamed crabs and steamed shrimp. They can be pre-ordered on Monday and Tuesday mornings by calling 410-524-7994 between 9 a.m. and noon.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Held from July 10-12, the course includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues and common marine maintenance. Completion is awarded with the Maryland Safety Boating Certificate, which is required for those born after July 1, 1972. The fee is \$15. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUX1205@gmail.com.

NAMI LOWER SHORE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Free, monthly program offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of individuals with mental illness. Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY
Caroline Street Stage, Ocean City beach at Caroline Street, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Featuring DJ Knappy (Premiere DJ). Enjoy the music and dance in the sand. Bring a beach chair or blanket. 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326

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ASK A MASTER GARDENER
Tuesdays through Sept. 25 - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Got bugs or other plant problems? Bring

your bagged samples by and let the master gardeners find solutions to your questions. 410-208-4014

FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS
Tuesdays through Aug. 14 - Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. All skill levels welcome. Activities include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relay games and more. All activities are free. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Denise Ortega, 410-250-0125.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

Wed., July 11

HYPERTENSION CLINICS
Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - UPTOWN
Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Featuring "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." (weather permitting). Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. Dance lessons offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing follows until 9 p.m. Members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC
Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at

8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING
Wednesdays - Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. cliff0917@aol.com, 302-540-2127

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