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The Ocean Pines sanctuary crab pier remains closed because of reported unsafe conditions. Dozens of residents last Friday attended an Ocean Pines Board meeting to ask the directors to convert the pier into a nature preserve, similar to the Assateague National Seashore.

Residents to OPA: Convert crab pier to nature preserve

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Residents of the Whitetail Sanctuary in Ocean Pines delivered a series of recommendations to the board regarding the crab pier last Friday, although the directors decided to delay any decision.

During an April board meeting, General Manager John Bailey read from a report from Snow Hill firm J. Stacey Hart and Associates stating the crab pier was “in dire need of replacement.”

Last month, the board voted 5-0 to seek bids to replace the pier, with board review and approval due by Aug. 31.

Homeowner Michael Galello, on Friday, said he represented Whitetail residents and asked those in attendance to stand up. Several dozen or more did so.

According to Galello, the consensus among homeowners was “we like the idea of a crabbing pier in the neighborhood – that’s what attracted us to the community in the first place.”

“So, we don’t blame the overall sentiment of saving the pier, but the difference is the pier is in our backyard. And some of the individuals who want to save it don’t live here to experience the problems we have,” he said.

He said the pier was built in 1997, but had never been maintained. It was constructed as a neighborhood amenity and then deeded to the association about five years later.

“Even after the turnover took place in 2001, the amenity has been forgotten by OPA,” he said.

Galello said 25-40 percent of people who used the pier were outsiders and some were “crabbing and partying at night” despite posted hours from dawn to dusk.

The pier is subject to overcrowding and many guests were drinking and littering, while others ignored rules forbidding boat docking, Galello said.

“People were seen urinating, peo-
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Protesters flock to Pines meeting

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Some Ocean Pines residents continued to express outrage last week over the recent removal of several hundred resident Canada geese, while others applauded the decision.

Outside a regular board meeting Friday morning about half a dozen women held up signs reading “SECRET Slaughter,” “SHAME ON YOU” and “A Community THAT KILLS WILDLIFE!? NOT FOR ME!”

Inside, General Manager John Bailey addressed the issue.

“No one – and I repeat no one – wants to euthanize geese, including the police, the United States Department of Agriculture and Wildlife Services agency, the members of the

association’s environment and natural assets committee, the OPA staff and the board of directors, nor this

general manager,” Bailey said. “However, sometimes things of this world
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Protesters angered by the recent culling of about 300 resident Canada geese line up outside an Ocean Pines Board meeting at the community center, last Friday.

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Tattoo committee still trying to reach county

Berlin officials on May 25 forwarded letter of support, but have yet to hear back

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Having not yet heard back from county officials, members of the Berlin Tattoo Ordinance Committee on Tuesday opted to contact them again and report back next month.

The Berlin Town Council in May voted 3-1 to send a letter of support on behalf of the committee to the Worces-

ter County Commissioners. The Tattoo Ordinance Committee is asking for an amendment in the county code to allow the county health department to handle inspections of Berlin tattoo businesses.

Town Administrator Laura Allen on Tuesday said the letter was sent May 25, but town officials have yet to receive a reply. She speculated the current election cycle, which includes all seven county commissioners, could be part of the reason for a delay.

Committee Chairman Matt Amey said, as far as allowing tattooing, "We're not talking about anything other than

the Town of Berlin."

Committee member Patricia Dufendach worried that "red flags go up" in places like Ocean City, which has historically not been in favor of allowing tattooing.

"I really don't want to upset them or get even on their radar," she said. "They're the big kids on the block."

"That's why I think we should try to educate the county on what we intend and make sure that they understand that this is specifically for Berlin," Amey said.

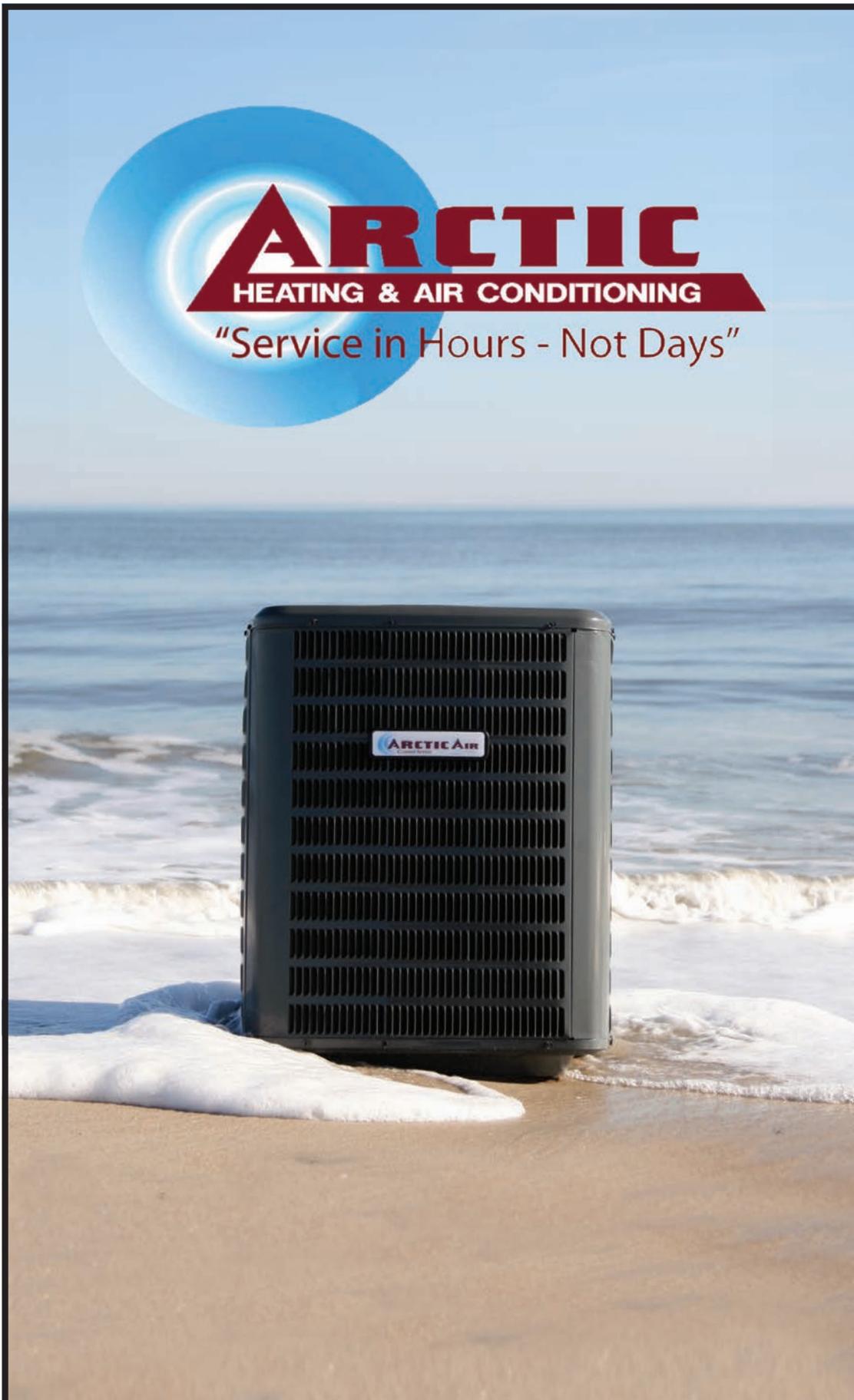
Amey also said he would put to-

gether an inspection checklist to present to the county "to try to make it as simple as possible."

Town Attorney David Gaskill said he would contact County Attorney Maureen Howarth to provide her with a copy of the proposed ordinance and try to arrange a meeting.

"I just think if the county commissioners are even remotely interested in this we'll get a hearing. If they're not, we won't," Gaskill said.

The committee is scheduled to meet against on Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.



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No action yet on Pines crabbing pier

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ple smoking marijuana ... people were using residents' driveways for turn-arounds and they also parked in residents' driveways," he said.

Galello said those using the pier were "walking through residents' backyards all hours of the night." He said residents witnessed sexual behavior and found "dog mess left behind." He said there was risk of drowning, as well as injuries caused by illegally parked cars.

Residents said they witnessed a toddler not wearing a life preserver fall into the water unnoticed by its mother. Galello said he saw a child was "struck to the ground by a car turning ... due to illegally parked cars blocking the driver's view."

"The purpose of today's meeting is not about taking away an enjoyable amenity from our OPA members - it's about sharing 18 years' worth of experience to help the board make an informed decision and not to potentially waste our hard-earned money and rebuild the same mistake," he said.

The bottom line, Galello said, is the pier "just doesn't work in that particular location."

"It never was designed or permitted based on public access usage, therefore no off-street parking was required by Worcester County or the state," he said. "Additionally, the pier is located where it can't be patrolled, because it is in a remote area where an ambulance or a police vehicle cannot get closer than a sixth of a mile from the water's edge in time to help somebody."

"We feel that it was irresponsible of the OPA board back in 2001 [to] even accept the amenity knowing these conditions," Galello added.

He said a neighborhood meeting was held on July 14, when 41 of 49 residents attending favored trans-

forming the amenity into a nature preserve modeled after the Assateague National Seashore.

"I'm requesting for the board to study our proposal seriously [and] consider the direct impact for our neighborhood community liability exposure before coming to a final decision," Galello said.

Additional homeowner comments came from Tom Bissell, who said people using the pier parked in his backyard and left behind trash and beer cans. He said some have gone as far as to ask to use his bathroom.

Jennifer Wagner said the situation was fast approaching a crisis and reiterated the pier was never intended for public use.

"The numbers of people that now arrive at the pier are all hours of the day and night," she said. "So, we now have a very dangerous situation on our hands."

Wagner said there have been several close calls when bicyclists, pedestrians and pets were almost struck by cars, "and it's just a matter of time, really, before something terrible happens to a child or bicyclist or an animal."

"We're requesting a solution to the existing unacceptable conditions ... and are looking to you, our board, to assist in resolving issues," she said.

Several directors praised the community members for their involvement.

Association President Doug Parks said he attended the July 14 meeting.

"To me, it was a great example of taking an issue, basically bringing it to everybody's forefront and attention, [and] getting the people that have the most interest and the most information ... into an open dialog," Parks said. "For all of us who got that information, it was well done."

General Manager John Bailey said he looked into alternate locations for

the pier, including near the swim and racquet club, but had not yet discussed those with county officials or the Department of Natural Resources.

Bailey said a request for proposals to replace the pier was "basically ready to go," but added, "that's not what I'm hearing" from residents. As such, he said more time is needed.

"We certainly don't have an RFP ready to do something different," Bailey said.

Director Ted Moroney suggested the board "do nothing on it right now."

"The idea here is to get an informed decision with all of the information out there," Moroney said. "What I would say is go ahead and get [the request for proposals] prepared ... then we get all the pricing back, all of the problems plus and minus, and make that decision based on the overall best interest for the association."



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Some applauding OPA efforts to control geese

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 simply do not match up with our desires.”

He said geese could be “nice to look at ... [but] they also produce a lot of crap” that pollutes association ponds and flows into nearby creeks, rivers and bays.

Geese generally flock to an area because it provides either a food source or a safe place to nest, Bailey said.

“As a food source, the main solution is simple: do not feed the geese,” he said. “I know it’s cute and fun to do, however it’s not healthy for the geese and it’s not helpful in the prevention of another population growth, which none of us want to see happen.”

Bailey said Ocean Pines had tried a number of solutions to prevent overpopulation. Last Wednesday, he apparently met with Maryland Geese Control, an organization that uses border collies to deter invasive goose populations from settling in an area.

“For \$625 per week, we will be able begin to begin seeing them on-site, once a day, within a matter of weeks,” Bailey said.

He said several other mitigation methods might also have to be used. “Quite frankly, geese are smart critters. They adapt. Sometimes a mitigation method may work for a month or more – sometimes a method will only succeed for about 10 minutes.”

Bailey said he planned to attend an upcoming meeting of concerned citizens, Aug. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library, and encouraged others to do so, as well as to attend environment and natural asset committee meetings.

“Ultimately, any mitigation efforts that involves association funding and/or fiscal replacement of association property must be coordinated with the association. The environment, the ponds, the creeks, the river, the bay and the geese should be protected – all of it – just as we humans are all stewards of it,” Bailey said, drawing applause from those in attendance.

Reaction on goose control efforts during the public comments portion of the meeting was mixed.

Anne O’Connell said, “Destroying almost the entire flock was wrong” and it seemed the association did not want community involvement.

“The fact that it was done in secret was appalling to a lot of people in Ocean Pines,” she said. “People woke up on Friday [June] 29th and wondered where the geese went. This should never have been done in secret.”

O’Connell said mitigation efforts in 2015, including egg oiling and fencing around the ponds, were half-hearted, but said the use of border collies was a positive step.

“I wish I had seen that in May ... before this wholesale slaughter occurred,” she said. “For many of us, we

can no longer trust our GM and our board, because you obviously are willing to do things – major things – without letting your resident constituents know.”

Dick Nieman commended the board “for having the courage ... to control the population” of geese, to which many in the audience applauded.

Nieman said the topic had been controversial since he moved to Ocean Pines in 1984 and also invoked the dangers of “blue-green algae” that is sometimes attributed to goose feces.

“Some of it is actually deadly,” he said. “Do we want to have a legal case of blue-green algae killing a kid? ... From a legal aspect, I think you all made the right move.”

He added Bob Abele, a former

board member and former chair of the Maryland Coastal Bays National Estuary Program and Coastal Bays Fishery Advisory Committee, received death threats for his goose-control efforts.

“If we’ve got deranged people like that because of a goose, something is wrong,” he said.

Doris Lloyd introduced herself as a former environmental scientist and complimented the board for “taking care of the geese.”

“The geese were polluting the lake and killing the fish ... and also preventing children from fishing here because of the pollution,” she said. “I like to say ‘conservation is wise use of the environment’ and that’s what you are doing, and thank you.”

Her comments were also greeted with applause.

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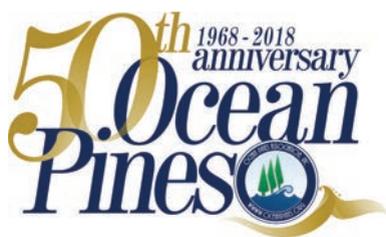
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Wednesday deadline to vote in OPA election

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) For those who have not yet voted, Ocean Pines property owners have until 5 p.m. next Wednesday to cast ballots in the 2018 Board of Directors election.

Ballots were mailed in July and can be returned either by mail or dropped off at the ballot box inside the Ocean Pines Police Station on 239 Ocean Parkway.

"The election process seems to be proceeding smoothly," Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said. "We have received a few requests for duplicate ballots, but nothing out of the ordinary."

Election committee records indicate the number of rejected ballots jumped from 45 in 2015 to 129 in 2017. Last year, the majority of uncounted votes, reportedly 72, were because ballots were received late.

"I would ask all voters to read and follow the voting instruction on the back page of the mailer that accompanied the ballot," Habeger said. "Voting requires two actions to be accomplished: First, mark the ballot so that the machine can read it properly. Second, get the ballot in on time, either by mail or in the drop box."

Habeger reaffirmed that the 5 p.m. voting deadline next Wednesday is absolute.

Voters this year may choose up to four candidates.

Running are former Elections Committee Chairman Steve Tuttle, Comprehensive Planning Committee Chairman Frank Daly, electrical contractor Greg Turner, retired railroad yardmaster Paula Gray, businesswoman Esther Diller, incumbent Director Ted Moroney and retired civil service worker Arie Klapholz.

The top-two vote getters will each earn three-year terms on the board, while the third and fourth-place finishers will inherit the unexpired portion of terms vacated by former directors Brett Hill and Pat Supik, one year each. Hill resigned from office last year and Supik resigned in June.

Votes will be publicly counted and vote totals announced on Aug. 10. Counting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. in the Marlin Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Election results will be validated during the annual meeting on Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center. Property owners are encouraged to attend and should be ready to provide a photo ID, such as a driver's license.

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will monitor a telephone hotline, 410-208-3989, to answer questions and field requests for replacement ballots.

For more information, contact Habeger at elections@oceanpines.org.



2018 ELECTION FOR OPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) members will elect candidates this year to fill four (4) positions on the Board of Directors. Two (2) positions will be three-year terms; two (2) will be a one-year term to complete a vacant position. A ballot and return envelope (imprinted with the property/lot number) will be sent to each property owner. These materials are mailed to the first name on the land record as registered with Worcester County.

You may **vote for no more than four (4)** candidates. Voting for more than four will disqualify the ballot.

PLEASE READ ALL ENCLOSURES AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE VOTING!

MARKING THE BALLOT

- No write-ins are allowed.
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- Mailed ballots **MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018.**

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- Drop off ballots in the ballot box located inside the police station at the OPA Administration Building no later than **5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018.**

Election results will be validated at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Ocean Pines Association, Inc. on **Saturday, August 11, 2018.** Notice of meeting is enclosed.



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Berlin announces 2018 municipal election deadlines

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Town of Berlin will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, Oct. 2 for the District 1, 4 and At-Large council seats.

Important dates for the 2018 election are as follows:

- **Voter Registration** – Deadline is Friday, Aug. 31. Voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections; Berlin does not conduct separate voter registration. To register, or to change voter registration information such as home address, contact the Worcester County Board of Elections at 410-632-1320 or visit www.voter.org.

- **Absentee Voting** – Applications to vote absentee in Berlin's municipal election will be available starting on Tuesday, Sept. 4; applications will not be available before that date and must be returned by the appropriate deadline to be eligible (see below).

- **Candidate's Filing** – Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 for regular filing as a candidate for the Berlin Municipal Election council seat District 1, 4 or At-large. See below for information about filing as a write-in candidate.

- **Absentee Voting application period closed** – 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 25 for applications to be received by mail (postmark NOT accepted) and 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 for applications to be received in person at Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin.

- **Write-In Candidate** – Deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Note: Write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot; names written-in on ballot, but not registered as write-in candidates will not be counted in the election tally.

- **Election Day** – Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling places: Districts 1 and 2: Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 South Main Street; Districts 3 and 4: Berlin Multipurpose Building, 130 Flower Street.

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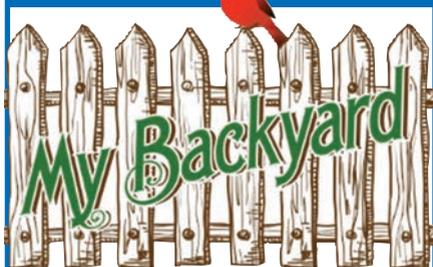
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Financial software decision delayed

By **Josh Davis**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Ocean Pines Board is likely to put off the purchase of new financial software until after the Aug. 11 election, based on an extensive discussion last Friday.

The delay of several months in making a decision has apparently affected the association's bottom line. Treasurer John Viola said in his report Friday the association was over budget by about \$12,000 in June because of information technology contract services required to operate the current systems.

General Manager John Bailey said the directors had been prepared to consider a vote on a new software management system based on recommendations by a technology work group, but agreed to a delay to allow Legum & Norman of Falls Church, Virginia to submit a late proposal. The technology work group had recommended Northstar Club Management Software.

Advanced Technology Group, a subsidiary of Legum & Norman parent group Associa, was scheduled to provide a demonstration in Ocean Pines on July 16, but postponed the meeting, Bailey said.

He added the Advanced Technology bid "Did not include any pricing, it did not provide reference clients ... and they did not provide a sample contract as the other companies did."

"To be fortnight, the L&N/ATG response was not complete and any further action on their proposal could be interpreted as being unfair to the competitive process," Bailey said. "The board could, technically, go ahead and proceed to vote on new management software as per the recommendation of the [technology work group]."

However, Bailey added, "Some of the outstanding questions stemming from the ATG proposal may be able to

be answered during the process of a demo day."

He recommended the board "direct the general manager ... to set up a demo day for ATG as soon as possible and see what they can physically bring to the table."

"Board members and others can be present to see what the gaps are and how ATG plans or doesn't plan to fill them. Then, the new board gets the pleasure and honor to make the decision on software," Bailey said.

A decision needs to be made by October at the very latest, he said.

"It's either Northstar or ATG or nothing new for another entire year," Bailey said. "If a decision gets delayed past October, then we do have great potential to have to deal with all sorts of problems, similar to what we experienced over the last two months, with various programs not working, hiccups in the system, etc."

"We would at least have to do whatever is necessary to keep a bad system and supporting arrangement going and, quite frankly, that's no way to operate," he added.

Director Tom Herrick said Bailey had failed to address "the pink elephant in the room," namely, outsourcing as a solution.

Herrick said the association budget and finance committee recommended, "That OPA fully explore financial management outsourcing options."

"This board has refused to address that request," he said. "You could bring in as many software companies as you want - you can bring in 20 new ones - that only addresses software. Our issues are much deeper than that, and I think that's what this board and what you seem to be avoiding."

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said the board considered outsourcing financial management three times, most recently voting it down 6-1

on March 29.

"Only Mr. Herrick was in favor of that," Jacobs said. "I don't understand why we keep bringing up the same thing - do board motions not mean anything?"

Herrick asked if no more information is needed, why hadn't the board yet voted.

"Because I'm trying to compromise with the rest of the board and the people in the community who are insisting that we do things over and over and over again," Jacobs said. "And so we will once again give ... ATG an opportunity to come in and do a demo."

"Maybe that will satisfy more people, but in my mind this decision has been made a long time ago," she added.

Director Ted Moroney recommended bringing Advanced Technology in for a demonstration and letting "the new board decide what they want to do."

Director Slobodan Trendic and Association President Doug Parks also said they favored allowing the next board of directors to make the decision, although Parks disagreed with the charge that outsourcing was never considered.

He said Ocean Pines systems currently operate on "islands of automation" and required additional outside labor to function.

"Oh, by the way, I hope you all notice that the IT contract services is an expense we carry," Parks said.

He said outsourcing of labor could also be considered, but as a separate issue.

"Outsourcing is a staffing and labor issue. What problem have we identified that would require us evaluating outsourcing as an option?" Parks said. "On the other side, we've already identified an issue ... that requires some remediation, some investment on the long term."

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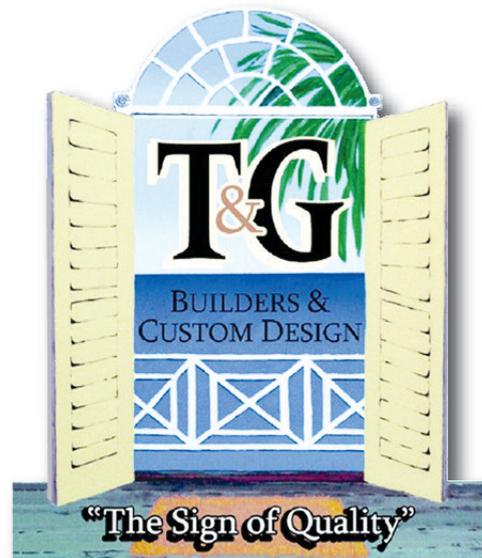
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The Berlin Branch is on 13 Harrison Avenue, just off Main Street in Berlin.

Following the dedication there will be plenty of special events for people of all ages, including a community art project, history of the Berlin Library slideshow, and kid-friendly photo booth.

Staff will host tours of the two-story, 12,000-square-foot library, highlighting the expanded reading areas for children and teens, spacious community meeting room, art gallery and local history room. Interspersed throughout are plenty of cozy seating areas, as well as a section for public computers and lap-top use.

The structure's façade complements the historic architecture of the Town of Berlin.

Outdoor spaces include a covered children's patio on the first floor and an open-air deck off the meeting room on the second level that invites library patrons to take advantage of the natural setting.

Additionally, the new location features an expanded community garden, in keeping with the popular fixture from the former branch library.

The building also boasts many energy-efficient features, including a geothermal loop system, LED lighting, triple-pane windows, and foam insulation to improve performance and reduce energy costs.

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S&R Club remains bulkhead staging ground

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Heavy construction equipment and materials used for bulkhead repairs will remain, for now, left in the area behind the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club.

Residents had complained of unsightly and unsafe conditions in the waterfront area adjacent to a park that's often used by fishermen and dog walkers.

General Manager John Bailey during a public board meeting last Friday said the current contractor, Hi-Tide

Marine Construction, estimated it would cost at least 15 percent more to move the materials to another location.

He said the current contract for repairs on West Mallard Drive was \$167,000 and a 15 percent increase represented about \$25,000.

Bailey said funding is available in the bulkhead reserve, "However, no money was intended to be used for this purpose regarding storage and staging."

"Even so, I'm recommending the board simply state that they would

like to direct the GM to proceed with haste and make this change in land use," he said.

He said a formal resolution on use of the area could be introduced during a September board meeting and a request for proposals for the next phase of bulkhead repairs could include language to limit or forbid staging there.

Nevertheless, no decision was made as the directors agreed not to add the discussion to the agenda.

Director Ted Moroney moved to do so, but was voted down 2-3.

Only he and Director Colette Horn were in favor. Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs abstained.

Two directors, Slobodan Trendic and Association President Doug Parks, said they did not have enough information.

Homeowner Lewis Frey appealed to the directors to take action.

Frey, in a June 20 letter to the board, said materials left near the swim and racquet club in 2016 "was and eyesore and a dangerous situation for the adults and children walking and playing there." Two years later, he said the problem returned.

"This is probably the easiest problem to solve today," Frey said on Friday. "What I'm asking is that the board have a resolution of some type never to bring that equipment there again and do something with that [area] as a park.

"The last general manager told me it would not happen again. In fact, several of the board members here told me that would never come back again. But, it keeps coming back," he added.

Frey read from a section of association code on compliance procedures that states, "It is the intent of the Board that the General Manager and CPI staff focus on those violations

that significantly detract from the appearance of the surrounding neighborhood, present a health or safety risk, and/or detract from our members' property values."

"With that I'd just like to say, give the guy the money," Frey said to loud cheers and applause.

Homeowner Robin Tomaselli said Monday she is frustrated by the inaction.

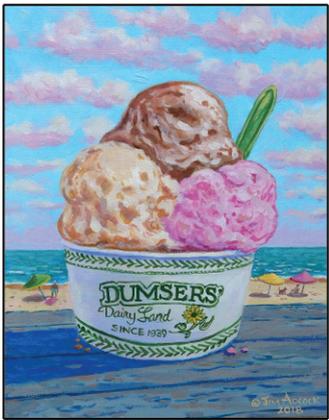
"The ridiculous part is that for so long OPA has sacrificed safety for money," she said. "They've been really lucky that so far nobody has been hurt down there, because that is a park and recreation area that is doubling as a construction zone and has been for a really long time, negligently.

"For the GM to say that there will be a 15 percent increase to move that storage facility and staging area somewhere else - for that to even take a moment of thought is ludicrous," Tomaselli continued. "When somebody gets hurt down there, and it will be a child, probably, 15 percent will be a very tiny fraction of what OPA has to suffer in lawsuits. And it will be deserving of a lawsuit, because it is gross negligence if they don't do something about it."



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Residents have complained of unsafe conditions as construction vehicles and materials continue to be left unattended behind the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club. The area, popular among local fishermen and dog walkers, is also used as a staging ground for bulkhead repairs. General Manager John Bailey last Friday said it would cost about 15 percent more to move the materials offsite, but the board of directors opted to delay any decision.

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Hill, Moroney have different recollection on bulkheads

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Former Ocean Pines Director and interim General Manager Brett Hill took credit on Friday for attempting to move the bulkhead staging area away from the association swim and racquet club, although Director Ted Moroney in an email exchange said that was not the whole story.

Hill, speaking during the public comment portion of a regular board meeting, said, "I was one of the people that vowed the equipment would not come back there, to the swim and racquet club."

He said a previous request for proposals required the staging area be moved to the Wood Duck section of Ocean Pines.

"That equipment should never be there [the swim and racquet club] and I don't know under whose watch that was changed, but the board I was on made that agreement, and that's the bid we put out and that's the bid we voted on," Hill said.

In an email to the board on Friday, Hill attached pre-bid minutes and drawings "identifying staging for the current bulkhead work adjacent to Wood Duck."

"At the time, use of the staging area was identified as 'day use', for basically [bringing] materials in and out," Hill said in the email. "I am not sure who changed this after the bid, but nowhere was S&R even suggested. Given the work area, one would think using that as a staging area would have added extra costs to the project, as now equipment and materials have to traverse under the 90 bridge and are quite a distance away."

However, Moroney, in an email reply to Hill on Monday that was forwarded to local media said, "I truly wish it were as simple as the documents you provided indicated." He instead offered a timeline of "what transpired regarding the bulkhead situation."

According to Moroney, the board

explored the subject last September and October as it was "cleaning up a number of matters dealing with contracts." Hill resigned from the board last September.

Moroney said Ocean Pines had entered into an agreement with Hi-Tide Marine Construction Oct. 5, 2016 and that Hill, rather than Association President Tom Herrick, had signed off on the deal. Moroney said that was "approximately four months before the documents [Hill] referenced existed."

"It does not appear the board approved that contract nor any indication the contract had been subject to legal review," Moroney said. "The contract was for a 5-year term and provided that Ocean Pines would pay for work that it directed Hi-Tide to perform. Further, the contract also provided that Hi-Tide would be the preferred contractor for Ocean Pines, and that Hi-Tide would perform 'all work for OPA during the contract period.'

"There was no definition of 'preferred contractor' or 'all work,' and there was no specific termination provision. The contract did contemplate a possible future cancellation, however the language was so vague that it could be interpreted in multiple ways. So OPA at the time of issuance of the documents you provided was already under contract to Hi-Tide for a term of five years."

According to Moroney, on July 28, 2017 the board awarded a one-year contract to Hi-Tide with "with a potential two-year extension."

"Obviously, one would wonder if we have a five-year contract with Hi-Tide, why would we enter a new contract with the same company? It does not appear the board was aware of the terms and conditions or, from what I am led to believe, even the existence of the 10/5/16 contract and as such considered this motion the agreement going forward," Moroney said. "As you may be aware, no contract based on that motion was ever entered into, nor were negotiations conducted, with Hi-

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Moroney: contract signed in 2016 without board approval

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Tide while you were AGM or after you resigned.”

Around September or October of last year, Moroney said, Ocean Pines approached Hi-Tide and negotiated an agreement to terminate the five-year contract. That was replaced with a project agreement that would be extended on a case-by-case basis until a formal process could be established.

“That new project agreement provided sound terms and conditions which protected OPA and that were

absent, vague or weak from the previous agreement,” Moroney added.

He said the association was preparing to release a new request for bids to include pricing options for continued use of the swim and racquet club, use only from October through April, and for not using the area at all.

“We will also be inquiring about possible other non-intrusive staging areas,” Moroney said. “Hopefully, we can get pricing for multiple options regarding staging and a decision can be made that works for all.”



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Cheryl Jacobs looks back on Pines service

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Ocean Pines Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs attended her final regular board of directors meeting last Friday.

Jacobs, 70, is originally from Hagerstown, Maryland and spent 23 years in the telecommunication industry.

She is a graduate of the University of Baltimore and University of Baltimore School of Law and also spent several decades as a prosecutorial attorney.

Before retiring, she was an adjunct law professor at Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown and was past president of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland.

Jacobs was elected to a three-year term on the Ocean Pines Board in 2015 and in June was one of three candidates to be elected as a judge of the Worcester County Orphan's Court.

"It has been quite a remarkable experience being a director on the board of Ocean Pines," Jacobs said in an email interview Sunday. "For me, it was a great way to transition from full-time employment to retirement. Although, being a board member is like full-time employment, just without a paycheck.

"My time on the board has afforded

me the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and learn so much more about the operations of this great community," she continued. "Being on the 'inside,' so to speak, provides such a different perspective. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about how Ocean Pines really functions and has something to offer in terms of talent and time."

However, Jacobs added, "Being on the board is not for the faint of heart and you cannot be thin-skinned."

"It became apparent that it is impossible to please everyone and you have to be able to withstand the criticisms by certain media outlets, other directors and residents as you try to manage balancing the desires of the vocal minority against the remaining 8,400-plus other owners," she said. "Rumors, misinformation, unfounded allegations and complaints unfortunately were par for the course.

"Despite all of that, I don't regret stepping up for the challenge and am eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve and so appreciative of all of the members of the community who approach me as I'm out and about, as well as sending emails and phone calls, thanking me for being on the board," Jacobs continued. "That's one of the things that makes it worth all the effort, as well as knowing you are help-

ing your community."

Among her accomplishments, Jacobs said she was "Happy to have participated in the effort to introduce competition and more choices for residents in the technology/media arena," an area where she was able to call upon her experience.

"Although the other two major players [believed to be Comcast and Verizon] ultimately did not find it viable to come to Ocean Pines, the re-

newal of the Mediacom contract will assure residents of continued services, as this vendor continues to make upgrades to their system," she said. "Hopefully, opening up our right-of-ways will ultimately lead to other choices in the future. I'm also happy about other projects completed during my time on the board, but leave with some frustrations about other projects still not completed that could have

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks last Friday honors Vice President Cheryl Jacobs for her three years of service on the board of directors. Jacobs opted not to run for reelection and likely attended her last meeting as a director. In June she was elected one of three judges to the Worcester County Orphan's Court.

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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council last Monday discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall:

Community policing

The Berlin Police Department has continued its program of community outreach and activities.

Police participated in a recent trip to Jolly Roger that included more than 50 children from the Berlin Youth Club, SAGES and SABERS programs of Worcester Youth and Family.

Officers also assisted with Worcester Youth's Bus Stop Snack Shack and are preparing to help with several back-to-school drives and with National Night Out on Aug. 7, according to Police Chief Arnold Downing.

Additionally, Downing said "Blessing Bags" to aid area homeless were given by Buckingham Presbyterian Church to Berlin Police, the county sheriff's office and local shelters.

"We see folks that are in need on a daily basis and to ... be able to do that and see somebody's face, the guys are getting big hugs and people are being very appreciative," Downing said.

Mayor Gee Williams said the outreach was evidence of "outstanding community policing."

"That is one of the hallmarks that

mark Berlin Police Department under your leadership," Williams said. "I think it means a lot."

Appointments

The council unanimously approved the appointment of Preston Whaley to the board of supervisors of elections. One council member, Thom Gulyas, did not attend the meeting.

Also approved were the reappointments of Milt Warren to the ethics commission, Leslie Gebhart to the housing board of review, and Bruce Hyder and Mike Wiley to the parks commission.

Williams said he planned to make additional nominations during an August council meeting.

Bark for Life

The Town Council unanimously approved a special event request for the second annual Bark for Life event in Stephen Decatur Park.

Last year, Bark for Life, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, was held in November. Organizer D.J. Thompson said he hoped the earlier date this year, Sept. 29, would help improve attendance and vendor turnout.

He said about 10 vendors attended a year ago and 25-plus had already inquired about contributing this year.

Thompson said the event was similar to Relay for Life, but rather than having people march against cancer, the event features "furry loved ones."

Census data updated

Administrative Services Directors Mary Bohlen said she and Planning Director Dave Engelhart recently finished updating data on residential addresses for the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation.

"There were a number of things that we were able to clarify for ourselves as well as making changes, adjustments and additions to the census data," Bohlen said. "For the first time, I think, we have a really good, comprehensive list of every residential address in town."

Williams said that data should be useful for fire and EMS services.

"It will have many applications, not just for the census, but for election districts [and] all sorts of things," Bohlen said.

Yappy hour

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said she would soon add a "Yappy Hour" to the town farmer's market, catering toward an already large population of dog owners who visit the market on Sundays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Artisans Way.

She said the market has been very

successful since its launch about a month ago and that she's overheard many positive conversations there.

"The overall reception of the farmer's market is that the Town of Berlin cares about its residents," Wells said. "[People] have thought it was remarkable and what an awesome town this was that actually cares and has its own farmer's market."

Town slogan

Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood said an unofficial town slogan was recently painted on the wall behind the council dais.

It reads, "19th century charm, 21st century living."

"Forget the 20th century - it wasn't too good to us," Williams said with a laugh.

He said use of the motto began about a decade ago when "rethinking what kind of community we're trying to be."

Library opening

Opened last month, the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue will have an official opening and dedication ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m., Williams said.

"It's impressive and ... it just exceeds all expectations," he said. "We're very, very fortunate."



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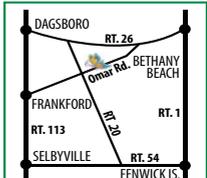


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Done with OPA Board, Jacobs now headed to Orphan's Court

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been."

Eighteen months ago, Jacobs joined a technology work group charged with identifying the needs and problems of each association department's computer systems.

"Those needs were then measured against our existing systems to determine the gaps and ultimately to make a recommendation for moving the association forward from a technology perspective. An extremely talented group of volunteer residents on the TWG, with more combined experience than we would have wanted to pay for, worked very hard to examine the viable options in the marketplace," she said. "What frustrates me the most is that people with little knowledge about all that ... offer uninformed opinions that ultimately have stalled that progress.

"In Ocean Pines, we seem to have a penchant for ignoring decisions that are made and second-guessing everything, resulting in delay after delay. And, in some cases the delay amounts to starting all over again," Jacobs continued. "That's wasteful of people's time and totally unproductive.

"The same can be said of the second floor of the Country Club, which should have been started and completed before the beginning of this year's golf season. When finally completed, it will be a great addition to that amenity, as well as the community at large," she said. "Our new GM, Mr. Bailey, has a number of ideas about how to use the facility to bring members together, much like what was done there in the past. So, as I depart, these are the two main projects that I would have hoped had been finished during my tenure."

One of the "great joys" of this year,

according to Jacobs, was serving on the association's anniversary committee.

"I'm sorry I will miss the cocktail party planned for Aug. 11 after the annual meeting, as I will be out of state at that time. Although I leave as liaison, I remain a member of the committee and look forward to attending the gala this fall and working on the planning of the 50th anniversary closing event, a 'sock hop' throwback in time dance party on Dec. 14 to be held in the gym, just like the 'old days,'" she said.

Looking back, Jacobs said there were times of "peace and harmony" as well as other of "turmoil and stress."

They included "three years of ups and downs through changes in administration, finance, legal and food and beverage, especially during my second year with an acting interim general manager, who was making decisions affecting the well-being of the community without board knowledge or approval," Jacobs said.

"The addition of Ted Moroney as the replacement on the board, who I totally support for retention, factored into the times of smoother sailing in my last year and I leave with no regrets for all the hundreds of hours spent working to make Ocean Pines the best it can be, which is a great place to live," she continued. "Now, I look forward to a few months break before starting my next challenge, where I can be of service to an even greater number of citizens of Worcester County as a Judge of the Orphans Court. I want to take this opportunity to again thank the citizens for their votes and for their confidence in me."

Director Tom Herrick, also elected in 2015, opted not to run for reelection and declined to be interviewed.

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Pines Board approves ethics policy

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Although considered by some to be watered down from its original version, a new ethics policy, also known as Resolution B-08, earned the approval of the Ocean Pines Directors last Friday in a 5-1 vote.

According to the meeting packet, the resolution “provides guidance to the board of directors on expectations for conduct and ethics in order to support the positive functioning of the board. In addition it provides

ing recommendations regarding complaints,” Horn wrote in the motion. “However, based on input from the community and the board, this provision was removed and authority remains solely with the board of directors to address issues of conduct and ethics.”

Director Slobodan Trendic, who voted against the motion, said during the meeting about 80 percent of the policy was already established in existing association documents.

Trendic said he would prefer to delay the matter until after the election.

“I’m all in favor of holding the board and the officers to the highest standard possible,” he said, adding he had proposed instead a one-page document, similar to one used by the Community Association Institute, to be signed by each Ocean Pines Director and employee.

“I will vote against it, not because I’m not in favor of holding directors accountable ethically, but because I believe it’s something that should be delayed until next month with the new board and we really

need to do a better job enforcing the rules that already are in place, instead of creating new [ones],” he said.

As departing board member, Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said she was “a little disturbed that everything has to be put off for the next board.”

“I’m still here. I’m still willing to conduct business and vote, and would like to,” she said. “Unfortunately, the guts of what was the appropriate part of this resolution was removed. I’m not happy at all about that, because I think it was an important element.

“However, I will be voting in favor of it because apparently we can only take baby steps,” she continued. “Perhaps different minds will see fit to put back into it [what was removed] ... even in its current state, as a first step, I think it’s something that we should do.”

Director Ted Moroney agreed the resolution “has been stripped down tremendously.”

What it did add, he said, were remedies “short of removal off the board.”

“This allows, if there are actions taken by board members or officers, to be able to incrementally step and correct issues before they become too big rather than, hey, we’re going to dump this person off the board,” Moroney said.

Horn said the resolution added “a level of transparency in the process.” In the past, she said meetings were held and decisions made during closed sessions.

“This offers the option of making public what remedies were considered and what the votes were by individual directors which, I think, is an important element,” she said.

Director Tom Herrick commended the work group and said he supported the motion.

Association President Doug Parks, also in favor, called the existing by-laws “basically binary – it’s all or nothing,” while the resolution offered an “iterative process that allows us to at least take some action, if nothing else, for awareness.”

“This at least allows some introspective look,” Parks said.

The full text of Resolution B-08 is viewable online, starting on page 34 of the July 27 meeting packet, at www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/7-27-2018-Board-Packet.pdf.



Ted Moroney

guidelines for use in addressing potential requests for consideration of removal of an Officer or Director for cause.”

The board created an ethics work group last year to develop the policy.

Director Colette Horn, who sponsored the formal motion to approve B-08, wrote revisions made since a first reading in May were based on legal advice and input from the by-laws and resolutions committee, and association members.

“The original intent was for an ethics committee to be formed to take responsibility for screening and mak-

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Vote mandates town hall meetings

Community alert signals to sound Saturday, Aug. 4

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) Based on a recommendation from the Ocean Pines Communications Committee, the association board of directors voted 5-0 on Friday to require three town hall meetings per year.

Director Colette Horn, in introducing the motion, said the members consistently appeals for improved communication and more interaction with the board.

us to endorse this recommendation.”
“I’m a big fan of something like this,” association President Doug Parks added. As chairman during board meetings, Parks said he’s a “stickler for the rules. It says ‘public comments.’ It doesn’t say ‘public discussion’ in our resolution for conducting meetings. I know that’s not popular, because we lose an opportunity to share [the back and forth] while we have an audience.”

Parks said recent examples of positive interactions included members of several golf advisory groups contributing to country club renovation plans and residents of Whitetail Sanctuary submitting a recommendation for conversion of the crab pier into a nature preserve.

“It allows us to say, ‘We’re not going to conduct any business’ – it’s not a business meeting, it’s a town hall meeting,” he said. “It affords everybody the opportunity to ask questions and, really, it becomes a vehicle for getting information out there that you wouldn’t normally be able to do when we’re conducting business.”

Director Slobodan Trendic opposed the motion as written, in part

because he only received it a day earlier.

“The motion ... is not clear enough to state that this is a board town hall meeting,” Trendic said. “That’s the first issue.”

The second, he said, was “town hall meetings, to me, are driven by need.”

“When you have a resolution that basically spells out three town meetings – what if we only need one? What if we need five?” Trendic said. “I’m totally in favor of town hall meetings ... I would just rather us recognize the fact that it’s very beneficial to everybody to have a town hall meeting.”

Director Ted Moroney argued “If you don’t hold the board accountable, it’s not going to happen.”

He said the pending subject of a reserve study would be an ideal setting for a town hall meeting, as would approval of a new fiscal year budget.

“I think this is part of being accountable,” Moroney said. “If we don’t set standards ... you know what happens, it slides and it just doesn’t occur at all.”

Horn said the need was evident. “We all talk about transparency. We talk about give and take. Let’s make it a habit,” she said.

Trendic abstained from the vote.

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Colette Horn

“I think there is a call in the community and, I think, from the board itself for this kind of transparency and openness,” she said. “That is one of the main reasons that I would ask

Correction

An article in the July 26 issue of the *Bayside Gazette* incorrectly stated the Ocean Pines Farmer’s Markets were scheduled on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. The markets are scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. We apologize for the error.



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Berlin 11-12 All-Stars take home state title

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 2, 2018) The 11-12 Berlin Little League All-Star team won the state championship last week and is now in the hunt for a regional title.

The squad captured the state championship on Saturday, July 28, in Hagerstown, shutting out Chesapeake City Little League, 6-0.

"It's a huge accomplishment for these guys," Head Coach Cameron McDonough said. "Berlin has only won this division one other time at the state level. They're only the second group of boys from Berlin to be able to go to Bristol, Connecticut, for the Eastern Region.

"Little League promotes this age group more than others, so this one is easily the toughest division in Little League to win because you have more participation at this level," he continued.

The Berlin team claimed its first victory in the state tournament, defeating South Maryland Little League in Hagerstown on Saturday, July 21, 12-1. Then on Tuesday, July 24, the squad edged out Concocheague Little League, 3-2.

Berlin battled Chesapeake City in Hagerstown on Thursday, July 26, and came out on top, 11-1. The win sent the boys to the state finals on

Saturday where they topped Chesapeake City again, this time 6-0.

The team will host a fundraiser party this Friday at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, 9906 Buckingham Lane, off Route 113 in Berlin, at 5 p.m.

"We're going to have a sendoff party for the boys at the baseball field on Friday night at 5 p.m.," McDonough said. "It's a fundraising event to cap off the week. We're going to have a whiffle ball tournament, food and drinks for sale and a little ceremony at the end to wish the boys well."

The whiffle ball tournament costs \$100 for a four-person team. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and items for auction. All the proceeds from the night go directly to the families to offset the costs of travel, hotels and other expenses.

"[The cost is] easily over \$1,000 [per player] once you get all the gas, tolls, lodging and food for the whole week," McDonough said. "We've already reached out to a lot of local businesses. Lot of businesses have been very generous and private donors have already been coming forward. It's been really good how much support there is for these kids in the local community."

The team has also created a Go-

FundMe page at <https://www.go-fundme.com/berlin-11-12-all-stars-to-states>. As of earlier this week, the page has raised over \$1,500.

The team will face Delaware during its first game in the regional tournament in Bristol, Connecticut, on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m.

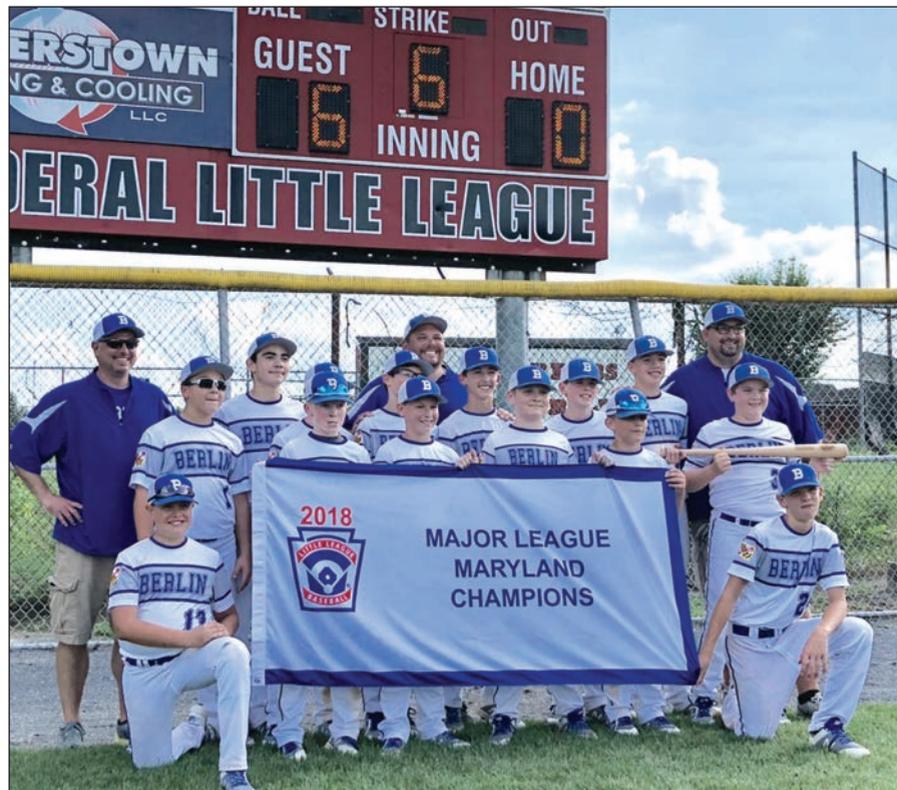


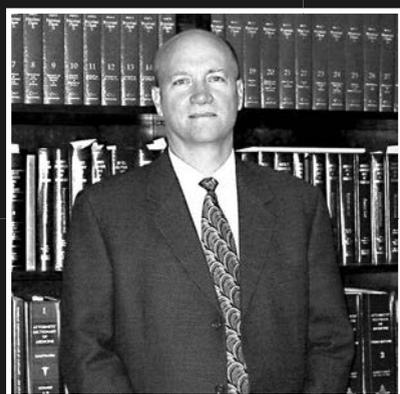
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The Berlin Little League All-Stars 11-12 team defeats Chesapeake City Little League in Hagerstown on Saturday, July 27, to claim the state championship title. The squad will now compete in Bristol, Connecticut, during the regional tournament.

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Sheriff's sale could impact suit against OPA

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) A sheriff's sale of 3 Windward Court in Ocean Pines, scheduled Aug. 20, could play a role in the Brett Hill lawsuit against the Ocean Pines Board of Directors.

Hill, who listed the property as his home address in a petition for writ of mandamus filed June 6 and in an amended petition filed June 27, is alleging that the Ocean Pines Board of Directors violated association bylaws when they rejected his application to run for the board this year.

Owning property in Ocean Pines is a requirement of serving on the board.

The upcoming sheriff's sale is related to two recent court cases: a judgment of \$108,120.90 against Hill in favor of Gary

Sierk ordered on Oct. 31, 2017, and a judgment of \$57,402 against Hill in favor of Kenneth Lawhorn ordered on Jan. 3, 2018.

Both Sierk and Lawhorn are former business associates of Hill and FTS Fiber. Hill resigned as CEO of the company last September.

Lawhorn said last Tuesday that the sheriff's sale would be an attempt to collect money based on lawsuits concerning unpaid loans to Hill.

"They were personal loans given to Brett for the FTS Fiber Inc. company, because he said he was having a hard time making payroll. The loans were given to him to be able to keep the operations of the business going," Lawhorn said.

Supporting exhibits in Hill's original

petition against Ocean Pines included his application for the board of directors, which listed his addresses as 17413 Prettyboy Dam Road in Parktown, Maryland and 102 Port Arthur Court in Ocean Pines.

Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation records indicate Build Pines LLC, a company in which Hill has said he is an equity member, owns 102 Port Arthur Court.

According to records, Build Pines LLC has a mailing address of 30 Harlan Trace in Ocean Pines, which is owned by Robert J. Short and Judith C. Short.

Presently, Lawhorn said he and Sierk were not pursuing the property on 102 Port Arthur Court, "Because it's an LLC and we don't know what the ownership of the LLC is."

"To me, if we could understand who actually owns it, then we certainly would try to see if there's a way to pierce that LLC to be able to file against that," he said.

Lawhorn said a July 10 lawsuit he filed and a March 15 suit filed by Michael Mueller were also related to loans given to Hill and FTS. Both cases are open.

As for whether the sheriff's sale would play a role in the lawsuit against Ocean Pines, Association President Doug Parks said, "Given that the lawsuit is still currently active, per the advice from our attorney we must refrain from any comment on the matter at this time."

Hill did not respond to requests for comment on this story as of press time, Tuesday.

Blessing bags help homeless

By Paige Mallory Passman
Staff Writer

(Aug 2, 2018) Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin is helping those in need by providing them with "Blessing Bags."

The idea of the "Blessing Bags" came after Rev. Matthew Trask had passed away from effects of Type 1 Diabetes, according to Karla Davis, member of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church.

Shortly after Rev. Trask's death, Carol Neal, of Buckingham's Mission Committee, happened to be at the annual New Castle Beach Retreat in Ocean City where the Spark Missional Ministry Grants was announced, Davis said.

"In efforts to encourage and support the missional ministry of each congregation, a one-time grant of \$5,000 was to be given to each and every congregation and worshipping community in the Presbytery," Davis said. "Hearing this, Ms. Neal began reaching out to the members of Buckingham Presbyterian Church Mission Committee and the congregation for suggestions on

how we could be 'bold' in our community and 'ignite' our own congregation to help."

The Mission Committee called the directors of the homeless shelters in Worcester County – Diakonia in West Ocean City and The Samaritans Shelter in Pocomoke City – to see if they were in need of some "Blessing Bag," Davis said.

The bags contain bottled water, hand sanitizer, wash cloth, First Aid kit, toothbrush, toothpaste and soap.

Arnold Downing, chief of the Berlin Police Department, and the Buckingham Presbyterian Church have distributed 50 bags so far. Distribution began on June 26.

"We see people actually living in the woods, so we see people at their worst," Downing said. "In the world that we live in today, we have people who have distrust in the police and they have some issues with officers. Not only does that individual get to change the view of us as a group, but then as individuals as well."

For more information, contact the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1333.



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They can get rough, but town halls are great idea

It can be an uncomfortable business when public officials convene for the sole purpose of hearing from the public, as it's almost guaranteed that someone in the audience will go into attack mode.

Further, that aggressiveness generally is the product of uninformed opinions, the lack of complete information or simply eye-poking for political purposes.

Yet, that's what elected officials sign up for when they assume office and facing the public relatively regularly is the only way for them to counter the aforementioned situations.

More information is always better and that's why the Ocean Pines Board of Directors are doing the right thing by establishing the practice of holding three town meetings in the coming year.

Too often elected officials tend to grumble that the public just doesn't understand why certain things must be done and certain decisions must be made. Yet, they don't do much about it, other than complain that voters especially should pay more attention.

Town hall meetings, however, are the antidote, both to their discomfiture and the public's suspicion that they are purposely being left out of the loop.

Over time, addressing the public's questions and grievances and providing them with answers and explanations makes these periodic encounters easier for everyone.

A more informed public also is a more understanding public, which is what everyone wants as officials wrestle with whatever community issues might arise.

Town meetings also have a way of knocking down speculation, deflating rumor campaigns and eliminating controversies. Three meetings a year will help with that. Come to think of it, four would be even better.



Letters

Apparently, geese did go to Food Bank

Editor,

I have received written confirmation from a spokesperson of the Maryland Food Bank and he has told me that the Food Bank did indeed receive 986 pounds of goose meat. It was received by the Eastern Shore Branch.

He does not know how the animals were euthanized, but said that if they were not euthanized in a certain manner, they would not be fit for human consumption.

According to another writer, the DNR will not disclose this information. And so, I do not know if the writer who claimed that they were gassed is correct, or if she was misinformed also.

So, are we to just accept the OPA's definition of "humanely"? I would like to know exactly what happened to them.

It seems that in our surprise about the sudden disappearance of the geese, many of us, including myself, made some erroneous assumptions based on what we thought were facts. In fact, the delay in the processing of the meat

was the probable reason for the other writer in the opinions section of the paper stating that the Food Bank did not receive the meat. At the time she called they had not.

So, the board members have stated they did not know about this and that it was a surprise to them too. The fact that this was done in secret was deceiving and unbecoming of whatever integrity this association has left. The infighting on the board is still an issue, as is all the money they waste.

Still in question is what was the real "straw that broke the camel's back," getting General Manager Bailey to approve of the removal in such a devious fashion. We can all make assumptions, but will we really learn the truth?

Was it really because of the environment? I read Mr. Bailey's letter to the papers and I just think something else is going on. PETA is now involved and others around the country have chimed in, online and in letters, that the measures taken by the association over the past two years were inadequate and more proof that this association does not know what it is

doing.

I still call for Bailey's resignation. In fact, I still want all new board members and Marty Clark off the advisory committee, Clark said, in one of the paper's reports, the phone calls or texts he received were 49 to 1 in favor of the goose removal.

Really Marty? Did you read the papers? Who did you ask anyway?

We have learned that river rats might now become a problem because when a species is removed from an environment, another may step up and cause a worse problem. And yet if this does happen, it would be nothing new for this board! More lack of foresight.

The deceptive manner in which this was done is a violation of the trust between the residents of Ocean Pines and the association.

Even though the Food Bank DID receive the meat, the how and why it got there is still a question to most of the residents of the Pines, who want the truth and miss the presence of the beautiful waterfowl.

Killing the geese in such a sneaky way, without a prior

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hearing and/or warning to the residents, was just plain wrong. The OPA works for us, just as Congress is supposed to work for the people it represents, not the other way around. So, when they do things like this it needs to be done carefully and with full disclosure.

My family pays hard earned money to the OPA for yearly dues, and then we learn in the papers of the wasteful measures taken by our board that routinely has resulted in cost overruns and budget disasters.

With this devious decision made by General Manager Bailey so early in his term, I do not want to wait around for the next one. He needs to go.

*Charlie Lusco
Ocean Pines*

Our experience watching Pines geese growing up

Editor,

First of all we are not fanatics. We don't hug trees or belong to any group that advocates animal rights over the rights of people.

I have spent countless hours freezing in duck blinds, or half way up a tree in a deer stand, with cold rain water running down the back of my neck. I ran a charter boat out of Ocean City in the 90s and have enjoyed hunting and fishing all of my life.

This story is about what my wife and I observed in countless travels over the pond at the North Gate.

A family of geese, the gander (father), a gray domestic goose. The goose, (mother) a white domestic goose, followed by two Canadian goose goslings, swimming on the pond and growing into beautiful Canadian geese.

We both wondered when they would fly, but they never seemed to. They were content residing with their adopted parents. The gander, very protective, never letting anyone too close to his adopted youngsters. If transgressions did occur, he would hiss and charge the threat.

One day we marvelled as the young Canadians attempted flight, only to fall from the sky very awkwardly, but their adoptive parents always standing by them.

We watched them from very small goslings, to full grown Canadian geese. If we didn't see them on a particular trip, my wife would insist we make the trip again just to check on their welfare.

She always wanted a picture of the foursome, but we never got the chance, as traffic would be too heavy on days we brought the camera. But, when traffic was light, we had forgotten the camera.

Then, in late June of this year we were ecstatic. The "kids" had finally, pardon the pun, "flown the coop." But,

something was wrong. I could sense it.

There were no other geese on the pond, just the domestic pair and a Blue Heron, a lone sentry on vigil standing in a very still pond. Then the news, they were taken in a "nuisance" goose hunt.

How was it done, were large nets used, shot over their heads, then the dragging and the breaking of wings and clubbing?

It was stated the meat would be used to feed the homeless. But that meat this time of year is "green" in taste, not fit to eat, as the geese are feeding on green grass only, so I doubt the geese were used in any type of "food bank." And, if you have ever plucked a goose, it is very time consuming and work intensive to do it right.

Now think about plucking 300 of them. If a professional plucker were used, the price would be astronomical.

We moved to Ocean Pines in 1989, two years after I had retired from my chosen profession. I can't say I haven't worked since.

My wife and I like the area. We marvel at still being able to see a deer walk through our backyard, ticks or no ticks. We even see an occasional raccoon at night on the back deck trying to see what mischief he can get into.

We frequent the South Gate pond, and let the visiting grandchildren fish

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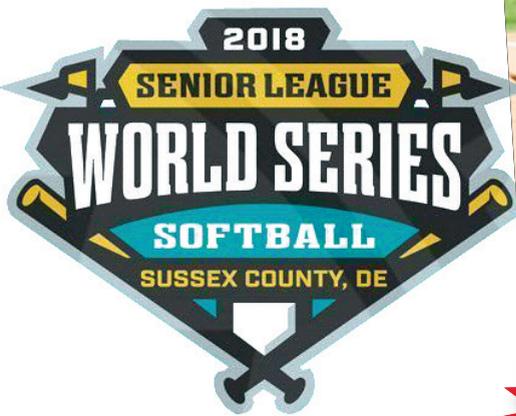
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KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS

During the awards and scholarship ceremony at Stephen Decatur High School, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City awarded 12 scholarships to graduating senior students to further their education. The Club's President-Elect Dick Claggett, left, and President Ralph Chinn, right, presented the scholarships totaling \$14,000. Laila Mirza received the Ray Pugh Memorial Scholarship of \$2,000 and Maya Knepp the Richard Jacobs Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500. Megan Beja and Megan Hurley earned \$1,250 scholarships. Hattie Brous, Emily Hurley, Brianna Watts, Trent Chetelat, Nyaire Purnell, Kyla Taylor, MacKenzi Wagner and Jack Reimer all received \$1,000 scholarships.



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Stephen Decatur High School freshman Yunjin Bang learned that perfect attendance has other rewards than just doing well in the classroom. As part of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program and a school-wide attendance initiative, Decatur and Premier Driving School partnered to reward one student who attended school all day for 180 straight days with a free driving course. Bang is pictured with outgoing Decatur Principal Tom Zimmer and Premier Driving School representative Kelly Sisk.



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POETRY CONTEST

Two Worcester Prep Middle School students won the state level in their grade of The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. Poetry Contest for the Worcester Garden Club, District I Chapter. Pictured, from left, are Garden Club representative Glenda Clarke, sixth grader Lebyy Becker, Garden Club representative Joanne Kirby, and seventh grader Rory Pugh.



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SUMMER READING

Because of the Worcester County Education Foundation, Stephen Decatur High School Advanced Placement English students will have additional reading material this summer. The reading initiative was the brainchild of A.P. English Teacher Kimberly Patrick (front, right), who applied for and received a grant for the "Flip Grid Summer Book Club" and used the money to purchase a plethora of high interest and College Board recommended advanced level reading materials.



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RIDGELY HONORED

Stephen Decatur High School's National English Honor Society presents Stephen Decatur Middle School Language Arts teacher Jamie Ridgely with a gift card for her travels to Birmingham, United Kingdom where she will speak at the International Federation of Teachers of English. Her conference session, "Embracing the Experiences of Middle School Writers in America," a qualitative interview study, will also be presented in November at the NCTE conference in Houston, Texas.



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CASH FOR COLLEGE

Each year, Ocean 98.1 FM awards three area high school seniors with \$1,000 each to be used for college tuition and expenses through the Ocean 98 Cash For College Fund. One student is chosen from Worcester and Wicomico counties in Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware. To apply, high school seniors are asked to write an essay explaining why they deserve the \$1,000. Pictured, from left, are Samantha Wiersberg, James M. Bennett High School; Haley Cook, Snow Hill High School; and Haley Schnupp, Cape Henlopen High School. For more information about the Cash For College Fund, contact jj@ocean98.com.

Paul and Vinny's now open in Pines Letters

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 2, 2018) Paul and Vinny's Pizzeria opened for business on June 16 in the Ocean Pines Plaza on Cathell Road.

From classic thin crust Neapolitan pizzas to cold subs, the restaurant serves 100-percent authentic, home-made Italian recipes made to order and always fresh.

"This is full-blooded Italian, family-run and operated, and our recipes go back 100 years, maybe more," Co-owner Paul DePietro said. "My Nona taught me how to cook."

DePietro is no stranger to owning a restaurant. He ran Paul's Pizza in Salisbury for five years. He closed the restaurant in June to focus his attention on the Ocean Pines eatery. The Salisbury shop will be closed until further notice.

"We always wanted to be [closer] toward the beach," DePietro said. "This opportunity presented itself and we [took] it."

Specialty pizzas include the Big Kahuna (made with pineapple, bacon, ham and onions), buffalo chicken, cheesesteak, chicken parmesan, white (no tomato sauce) and the Crab Delight, which features crab meat, olives, Old Bay, tomato filets and three cheeses.

Other menu items include calzones,

strombolis, hot and cold subs, chicken wings, onion rings, mozzarella sticks and desserts such as cannolis and zepopolis (Italian donuts).

Along with DePietro and his son, Vinny, other members of the family help run the restaurant.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," DePietro said.

Vinny DePietro has been in the restaurant business with his family since he was 5 years old.

"I've been doing this for so long and I enjoy doing this," Vinny said. "So I thought, why not just go ahead and come in with my dad and start our own place together. We've got the best pizza in the world."

Paul DePietro said he does not plan to open another restaurant in the near future.

"Never say never though," he added.

The pizzeria is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Sundays so the family can spend time together.

"It's not a real quick place, but when you order, you're gonna have some good food," DePietro said. "This is true New York pizza, hand tossed and cooked in a brick oven."

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and watch nature. They marvel at the geese and ducks, as well as the pond turtles they see.

We have attempted to teach them the various species of ducks while on the wing. This is something they can't accomplish living in New York City.

We are glad we can be so close to nature and don't mind stopping for a gaggle of geese waddling across Route 589. When the horns commence to blow, we wonder aloud, "Hey folks Walmart will still be there, as will the casino."

I can agree with water quality, something we all should be concerned with. But, in the case of the South Gate pond, October and November are coming upon us, and with it will be the migration of Canadian geese by the thousands. All protected by international treaties.

They feel safe here, as there are no guns pointed skyward. I think the main reason for the "nuisance kill" is the esthetics, with too much goose excrement on the golf course and in the walking areas around the ponds. But, life is a trade off. We don't want streetlights, or sidewalks either.

Footnote: The two domestic geese mentioned in the article have been missing from North Gate Pond since about a week after the "nuisance kill."

Mike and Gina Tihila
Ocean Pines



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Paul and Vinny's Pizza in Ocean Pines Plaza on 11070 Cathell Road, a family run business, gathers all the employees for a photo on Saturday, July 14. Pictured, from left, is Marina, 18, Vinny, Linda, Paul, and Gianna DePietro, 11.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Participants in the 2018 Taylor Bank/Ocean Pines Junior Golf Scholarship Tournament at Ocean Pines Golf Club gather before the June 13 event.



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REPUBLICAN LUNCHEON

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their annual Red, White and Blue luncheon meeting at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on June 28. The guest speaker was Craig Wolf, candidate for Maryland Attorney General and he spoke to a room full of 95 attentive guests. Pictured, from left, are Beth Rodier, president RWWC; Del. Mary Beth Carozza, Wolf; and Diane Waterman, president of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and former chairperson of the Maryland GOP.



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DAISY AWARD

The DAISY Award, created by The DAISY Foundation in Memory of J. Patrick Barnes, honors the extraordinary work nurses do for patients and families each day at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Some DAISY award winners, from left, are Bett Weaver, RN; Anne Watson-Waples, RN; Kelly Fox, RN, and DAISY coordinator; Tracey Wooten, RN; Tanna Bradford, RN; Tracey Donalds, RN; Katie Zidanic, RN.



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Members of the 2018-2022 Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County met at their campaign headquarters in Berlin on July 7 to approve appointments to the committee. Pictured, in front, from left, are Tom Butler (at large), Kathy Emmert (auxiliary), Whitney Palmer (at large), Judy Davis (at large), Laurie Brittingham (auxiliary), Joshua Nordstrom (District 1), Judy Butler (auxiliary), Dr. Dennis Acholonu (vice chair/District 2), Lanny Hickman (treasurer/ District 5), Teri Lojewski (secretary/ District 3), and Candidate Register of Wills Nicole Caudell, and in back, Jerry White (at large), Jim Richardson (auxiliary), guest Barbara Richardson, Vicky Wallace (auxiliary) and Christina Hulslander (District 4). Not pictured: Chuck Hebert (chair/ District 6), Priscilla Zytowicz (District 7) and Howard Sribnick (auxiliary).



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WORCESTER GOLD

Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) is a nonprofit community service organization in Snow Hill and during the June 27 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, President Carol Jacobs discussed where the money the group receives is spent. Jacobs is pictured with the Club's GOLD liaison, Jim Spcknall, left, and President Ralph Chinn, who presented her with a \$400 bi-annual Kiwanis donation.

National Night Out events scheduled Aug. 7 in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Berlin Police Department is inviting community members out for an evening of free family activities, food and live entertainment during the annual National Night celebration, Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 4-7 p.m. at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

Special Officer Claude Holland, who helped organize the event this year, said about 30 national and local agencies were contributing to the event, including Home Depot, Pepsi and Herr's potato chips.

"It seems to grow by a couple participants each year, and we always have something different and something for everybody," Holland said.

He said National Night Out would include giveaways from locals business and nonprofit organizations, health screenings, crafts and games for children, live music, and free hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda. Holland estimated annual attendance to be around 500 to 600 people.

This year, for the first time, attendees can sign up at no charge to win one of four children's bicycles donated by Maryland Coastal Bays.

"Each child or parent that comes up to the Berlin Police tent will get one ticket, and about every 45 minutes we'll make an announcement and somebody will take home a new bicycle," Holland said.

One of the nonprofit groups planning to attend is the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Robin Tomaselli said the group would raffle off local artwork and offer a craft project for children. She said they would also hang a piece of public art made by children during National Night Out last year.

"All of us at Arts and Entertainment agree the National Night Out is one of the best events that Berlin puts on," Tomaselli said. "We wish that more people came out to it, because it really is just a fun evening that is completely community driven."

"There are so many vendors set up with free services that are doing nothing but reaching out into the community to provide information, school supplies to kids, and food and entertainment," she continued. "It's just a chance for people to come together and celebrate the community at its finest."

Holland said Berlin Police had been involved in the event, part of a national campaign, for at least 20 years.

"It builds a much better relationship between the police and the town - it tends to show people that we're not just out there to write tickets and arrest people," Holland said. "We're part of the community ... and it's just a good community event where everybody comes together and has fun, and there's something for everybody to do."

Ocean Pines Police to host first National Night Out, Tues.

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Ocean Pines Police Department, in conjunction with National Association of Town Watch (NATW), will host its first National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7 to promote partnerships between first responders and the community they serve through a block party.

The public event will take place from 5-7 p.m. at White Horse Park, on 235 Ocean Parkway, and will offer free entertainment such as two bounce houses, magic shows by Wild Willy Woo Woo (and his animal friends), juggling by Guinness World Record-certified Cascading Carlos, face painting, bike and car seat safety demonstrations from the Ocean Pines Police Department, a K9 and/or motorcycle unit demonstration from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (weather permitting and barring an emergency), a dunk tank ("Dunk the Police Chief"), music and live broadcast provided by Power 101.7 FM, and a display of marked police and Maryland State Highway Administration vehicles. Kids will be able to try on gear that officers wear and sit inside a police vehicle.

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City will provide free hot dogs to event-goers. Officers from Ocean Pines Police will also provide baked goods and beverages at no charge.

during the event. Officers will distribute free raffle tickets during the bike safety demonstration at the event. Other free giveaways will include bicycle helmets, gunlocks, magnets, coloring books, temporary tattoos, backpacks and more.

Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch, Maryland State Police, Worcester County Health Department, Atlantic General Hospital and other community organizations and businesses will be in attendance.

Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey said the collaborative efforts with neighboring law enforcement partners in Worcester County contribute significantly to crime reduction in Ocean Pines.

"Our Mutual Aid Police Agreement enables us to assist and receive assistance from both the Worcester County Sheriff's Office as well as the Maryland State Police," he said.

National Night Out, a national community-driven initiative, involves more than 38 million people in 16,000 communities from all states, according to NATW, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing communities through an established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation.

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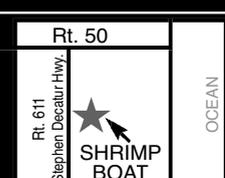


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Aug. 9: Dalton Elliot, 5-9 p.m.

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75th Street and the bay
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410-524-7575
www.bjsonthewater.com
Aug. 3: Thin Ice, 9 pm
Aug. 4: The Girlfriends, 9 p.m.
Aug. 8: Identity Crises, 6 p.m.
Aug. 9: Bettenroo, 8 p.m.

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Ocean City
443-664-2896
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Aug. 3: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 8-11 p.m.
Aug. 4: Chris Button & Joe Mama, 8-11 p.m.
Aug. 5: Taylor N Linda, 6-9 p.m.
Aug. 6: Tony Schuto, 8 p.m.
Aug. 7: Charlie Z, 6 p.m.
Aug. 8: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.
Aug. 9: Chris Button, 7 p.m.

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15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
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www.carouselhotel.com
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Aug. 4: Pearl, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 5: Dave Sherman
Aug. 6: Rick Kennedy, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 7: Jack Worthington
Aug. 8 DJ Jeremy, 6-10 p.m.

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37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
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www.castleinthesand.com
Aug. 3: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; Funk Shué, 5-9 p.m.
Aug. 4: Smooth & Remy, noon to 4 p.m.; Zion Reggae, 5-9 p.m.
Aug. 5: Chris Diller, noon to 3 p.m.; The Lauren Glick Band, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 6: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 7: Lauren Glick Duo, 11 a.m. to

2 p.m.; Bettenroo Duo, 3-7 p.m.
Aug. 8: Taylor Knox, noon to 3 p.m.; Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 9: Aaron Howell Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; The Swell Fellas, 4-8 p.m.

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17th Street and Coastal Highway
Ocean City
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www.cowboycoastoc.com
Aug. 3: Live Music on the outside stage, 6-10 p.m.; DJ, Tops Cut Off DJ Team, 9 p.m.
Aug. 4: Live Music on the outside stage, 6-10 p.m.; VJ/DJ Jammin Jeff
Aug. 8: Colt Ford, ticketed event, doors open at 5 p.m.; Live Band Karaoke w/Kaotik and DJ Jerry B
Aug. 9: Throwback Summer Concert, ticketed event, Soul Asylum, 9 p.m.

DRY 85

12 48th Street
Ocean City
443-664-8989
www.dry85.com
Aug. 3: Bryan Russo Duo, 9 p.m.
Aug. 7: Meet & Greet w/Wild Bill from Deadliest Catch, 4-6 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
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Aug. 4: DJ Chuck D, 8 p.m. to midnight

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www.ocharborside.com
Aug. 3: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 4: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 5: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 6: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Aug. 7: Dust N Bones
Aug. 8: Karaoke w/Jeremy or Trivia w/DJ Bigler
Aug. 9: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

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www.hootersofoc.com
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Aug. 4: Classic Vibe, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 5: This Your Monkey?, 3-7 p.m.

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Aug. 8: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

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Ocean City
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Aug. 4: Johnny Bling, 5 p.m.
Aug. 5: Doug Sagree, 4 p.m.
Aug. 8: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.
Aug. 9: Timmie Metz, 6 p.m.

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Aug. 4: Spencer Joyce

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www.Ocean13ocmd.com
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Aug. 4: Brian Russo, piano lounge, 6 p.m.; Jon Pheasant, tiki bar, 8 p.m.
Aug. 5: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, tiki bar, 9 p.m.
Aug. 7: Beats By Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Aug. 9: Michael Smith, piano lounge, 7 p.m.

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Aug. 4: Blind Wind, 6-10 p.m.

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706 Philadelphia Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-4891
www.picklesoc.com
Aug. 3: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.
Aug. 4: Joey Harkum, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Aug. 6: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Aug. 7: Beats By Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
Aug. 9: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-6953
www.purplemoosesaloon.com
Aug. 3-4: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Doc Marten

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Aug. 5: CK DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Slamm, 10 p.m.
Aug. 6: Slamm, 10 p.m.
Aug. 7-8: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Aug. 9: Eclipse, 10 p.m.

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.secrets.com
Aug. 3: 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.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 4: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Kicking Sunrise, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works, 5-9 p.m.; Evolution X, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 5: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Buddha Council, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 6: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Toots & The Maytals, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Buddha Council, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 7: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 8: 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.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Aug. 9: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Go Go Gadjet, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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Aug. 5: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 8: Sean Spiffy Styles, 4-8 p.m.
Aug. 9: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.

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www.whiskersbar.com
Aug. 3: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Peach Festival celebrates 10 years

By Paige Mallory Passman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will host its annual Peach Festival this Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street.

Activities planned include museum tours, pie-eating contest, raffles, broom and basket making, carving, knitting/spinning, juggling and a pie-baking contest.

Festival goers can also stroll through the streets of Berlin and visit businesses to check out the featured artists and musicians.

“Mostly people come because it’s everything peach – peach pie and peach ice cream,” Joan Quick, president of Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, said.

“This is beneficial for the community because it’s a community event that everyone tends to love. We do a peach pie-eating contest and there is a peach pit contest, where you count how many peach pits there are in a glass jar.”

National award-winning flatpick guitarist David Grier is slated to perform. Grier was born in Washington D.C in 1961. His family moved to

Nashville when he was 3, and that is when he fully immersed himself into the bluegrass music world.

At age 6 he began to play the guitar. Today, he is regarded as one of the premier acoustic guitarists in the world.

“This is our 10th anniversary this year,” Quick said. “Grier will be performing two sets during the day, and we have other performers performing.”

For more information, contact Quick at the Taylor House Museum, 410-641-1019. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 5. Admission is free.

Blessing of the Combines, Sat.

(Aug. 2, 2018) The 20th annual Blessing of the Combines will take place this Saturday in downtown Snow Hill.

This summer event honors the agricultural community while bringing thousands of festival goers into town.

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Joe Bartenfelder, will be the keynote speaker this year.

Festivities begin on Green Street at 10 a.m. with music and activities. The Parade of Combines sets off down Route 12 to Green Street at 11 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies, Willie Dykes, of WBOC’s Outdoor Delmarva, and Steve Hales, festival announcer, will begin the program with the presentation of colors by the award-winning Snow Hill High School Junior Marine Corps ROTC.

The afternoon’s lineup of area musicians featuring the Troy Grove Band will begin on the main stage.

Children can visit a variety of animals at the Petting Barnyard, then hop aboard a wagon for a free hayride. There will also be free pony rides on River Street.

Additional activities include a Children’s Tractor Pull and Scales-N-Tales presentation from the Pocomoke River State Park. There will also be a car show in Sturgis Park.

Check out over 60 crafters and food vendors along Bank, Washington and Green Streets.

Peach pie-baking contest, Aug. 4

(Aug. 2, 2018) The Berlin Heritage Foundation is looking for bakers to enter the peach pie-baking contest during the 10th annual Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday, Aug. 4 on the grounds of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on 208 North Main Street.

The first-prize winner will receive dinner for two at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City and a cookbook.

Second- and third-place prizes include a basket of peach “goodies” and a gift basket from First Shore Federal

S & L Bank.

In 2017, winners were Barbara Hartman (first place), Brenda Heinicke (second place) and Evelyn Tyn dall (third place).

Denise Gotloeb from On What Grounds will return for a third year as judge. Ruth Koontz from Main Street Deli and Laura Sterns from The Atlantic Hotel will join her.

A maximum of 12 entries will be accepted and bakers must sign up in advance.

The registration deadline is Aug. 2.

Pies must be delivered on the day of the festival no later than 11:30 a.m. and include a list of ingredients. Worcester County Health Department rules stipulate that pies with perishable ingredients such as custard, ice cream or whipped cream may not be entered.

For more information or to sign up, contact Susan Taylor at 410-641-1019 or email taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net.

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Cuisine

Punishing pun purveyor admits fake news

I sit here, chewing on a wonderful BLT that I made and I smile to myself; more of a smirk, actually.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Recently, I wrote an article about puns; an article that celebrated puns and an article that ended with the cleverest pun of all. But truth be told, there was no pun.

It was a cruel joke, and I thought it

would get to the readers before I would get an objection. But it wasn't long after I submitted it that I was stopped in the line at Island Creamery by my editor who protested that he spent an inordinate amount of time banging his head against the wall trying to figure it out.

It was at that very moment that I realized that I had won this game. I have reached the pinnacle of my career, and that makes me smile. What else is there to possibly achieve in this life?

But then Josh received an email, and it was the funniest and most satisfying one I've ever had come my way after so many years (my apologies, Darla). It was from one lovely Darla M. who wrote (and I'm paraphrasing), "darn you, Paul Suplee!!! No, I can't put this down now! ... Page 32 will no doubt accompany me on a walk, to the beach ... until I get it."

I reveled in the mastery of my evil prose. I certainly cannot compare myself to reputable writers of any consequence, but I take my little victories and keep them close to my heart. There are so few, after all.

I stop mid-laugh to eat some pickled green beans, and they taste better today than they did yesterday. Maybe it's the extra day in the brine, or maybe it's all in my head. Who knows?

When my girlfriend and I were in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago, we ran across these, and I can promise you that I will never serve a bloody Mary without at least having these available for people. They are delicious.

They are everywhere in NoLa and are the perfect alternative to olives and the standard fair in your favorite "hair-of-the-dog" cocktail. But why stop there? They are great accouterments to meat and cheese trays, or in this case just serving with a sandwich. They are just great little treats to munch on, assuming that you like pickled things.



I take a sip of said bloody Mary and ponder.

I finish my sandwich. I know that I have a food coma on the horizon, so I put this whole thing to bed and sit back in my recliner to soak it all in. And I'm still smirking.

BLT, Avocado, Pickled Green Beans

Makes 4 sandwiches

1 pound thick cut bacon
8 pieces of great multigrain bread
2 Soft avocados, halved and peeled
1 heirloom tomato, sliced into 8 slices
1/2 heart of romaine
Spicy mayo, as needed (recipe follows)
Pickled green beans (recipe follows)

I feel like a mutineer here. I have always – since the day I was born (Yes, I was eating these the day I was born. My parents are from Pittsburgh and it's any wonder that I wasn't eating head cheese at that age) – eaten BLTs on white bread, not toasted

Regardless, with a thick cut bacon on slightly sweet multigrain bread, these sandwiches are to die for

Ok so a recipe for a BLT? Really? Just put it all on the bread, with a slather of mayo and go for it

Serve with pickled anything and some chips, if you feel so inclined

Pickled Green Beans

Makes 1/2 pound

1/2 pound haricots verts (skinny green beans)
2 cups Good quality white vinegar
1/2 cup Sugar
1 Tbsp. Red pepper flakes
1/2 red onion, julienne
1 Tbsp. Mustard seeds
1 Tbsp. Pickling spice
4 Smashed garlic cloves
2 sprigs fresh dill

Pick the green beans and wash thoroughly

Combine everything else except the dill in a saucepan and bring to a low boil, then remove from heat

Combine the beans, pickling solution and dill in a bowl and mix well

At this point, vacuum pack the contents as long as you can throw it in an ice bath immediately. Otherwise, cool completely and place in a Ziploc bag

If you use a Ziploc bag, squeeze all of the air out and place in refrigerator

Let it sit for at least 2 days, experimenting with where these bad boys hit the maximum flavor and texture

This pickling solution also works

on fresh zucchini. If you cut them into spears and let them sit for a week, they are divine. I made a batch of these before my last trip to New Orleans and the results did not disappoint

Spicy Mayo

Makes about 1/2 cup

3 Tbsp. Duke's mayo, or another good brand
1 Tbsp. Goo from chipotle can*
1/2 tsp. Lemon juice
Honey, as needed

Place everything in a bowl and blend well

Adjust to taste and keep cool until ready to use

*When I say "goo" I mean the adobo sauce in which chipotle peppers typically are canned. There is plenty of kick in it, but if you want to add more of the actual chilies, help yourself. This spicy mayo is one of my favorites on top of being incredibly easy to make

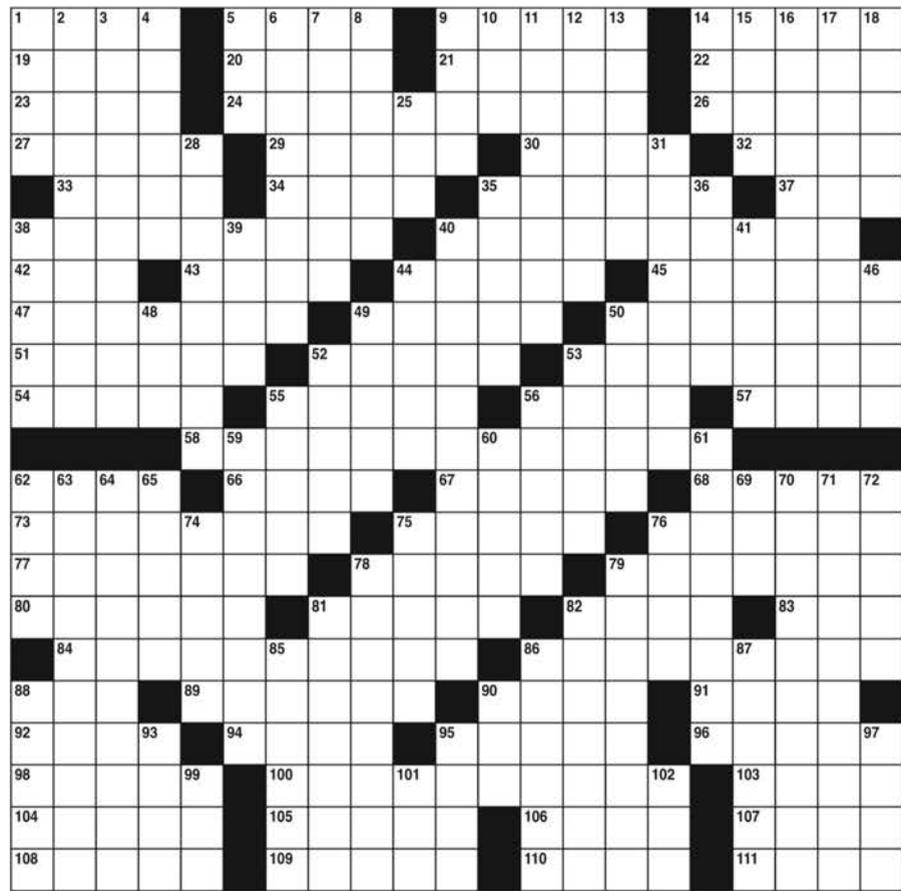
— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

Puzzles

THREE IN ONE

BY WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flaw, metaphorically
 - 5 Antismoking spots, e.g.
 - 9 Cleveland Browns' defense, informally
 - 14 Dress
 - 19 What a line doesn't have
 - 20 Lévesque of Quebec
 - 21 Pelvis-related
 - 22 ___ card (wallet item)
 - 23 ___ Reza shrine (Iranian holy site)
 - 24 Former supporter of seabirds
 - 26 Where the frontiersman Bowie died
 - 27 Burdened (with)
 - 29 Snatcher's exclamation
 - 30 Yawn-inducing
 - 32 Postgame shower?
 - 33 The Big Board, briefly
 - 34 Funny Fey
 - 35 Jewelry worn above the elbow
 - 37 What's brewing?
 - 38 Spray the monarch to keep him cool
 - 40 Prosecutor who's sympathetic to the defendants in a witch trial
 - 42 Play with
 - 43 Winter coat
 - 44 Sound of something rushing by
- 45 Singer Morissette
- 47 Not fixed
- 49 Director Jonathan
- 50 Agenda starter
- 51 Hog's home
- 52 Pontius Pilate's province
- 53 Liqueur akin to sambuca
- 54 Place for a browser
- 55 First character in Genesis
- 56 T. rex, e.g.
- 57 Metro ___
- 58 Bridle strap utilized only on sidewalk surfaces
- 62 When Macbeth delivers the "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow" soliloquy
- 66 Potential dinner
- 67 Hitching spot
- 68 Rating that's on the cusp of NC-17
- 73 Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with "the"
- 75 Stuck-up person
- 76 Aplenty
- 77 Ohio University team
- 78 Informal expression of gratitude
- 79 Namesakes of Muhammad's daughter
- 80 Brilliant debut
- 81 Ruffian
- 82 Miss
- 83 "Who ___?"
- 84 What a dog groomer might charge
- 85 Singer Morissette
- 86 Result of wearing a fedora at the beach
- 88 Pulled off
- 89 Make an effort
- 90 T.S.A. agent's tool
- 91 Item smashed by the original Luddites
- 92 Having a crisp picture, say
- 94 Leave gratified
- 95 Must, informally
- 96 "Death of a Salesman" salesman
- 98 Lead-in to phobia
- 100 Result of accidentally throwing a Frisbee into a campground
- 103 ___ California
- 104 Plucked instruments
- 105 Compound imparting a fruity smell
- 106 Hence
- 107 Oodles
- 108 Shoots out
- 109 Without much confidence
- 110 It falls quietly
- 111 "Swiper, no swiping!" speaker of children's TV
- DOWN**
- 1 Sound from a banshee
 - 2 Italian designer menswear since the 1970s
 - 3 Running start?
 - 4 Like kiddie rides among all amusement park rides
 - 5 School opening?
 - 6 Amorous play, in modern lingo
 - 7 ___ Lavoisier a.k.a. the Father of Modern Chemistry
 - 8 Romantically involved with
 - 9 Light tennis shot
 - 10 Reminiscent of
 - 11 Iowa's state flower
 - 12 Move clumsily
 - 13 Charybdis's counterpart, in Greek myth
 - 14 Pharma watchdog
 - 15 Part
 - 16 "This isn't very pleasant, but ..."
 - 17 Some calls to the police
 - 18 Norwegian money
 - 25 Genetics initials
 - 28 Serving during Prohibition
 - 31 Diplomatic office below an embassy
 - 35 Nose
 - 36 Gathering around a campfire?
 - 38 One target of a childhood vaccine
 - 39 Oven
 - 40 Apple devoured by an elderly relative
 - 41 Called
 - 44 United with
 - 46 Look for
 - 48 Car ad no.
 - 49 Carol Ann ___, U.K. poet laureate starting in 2009
 - 50 Not superficial
 - 52 Crave, with "for"



- 53 Try to hit
- 55 Stable parents
- 56 Thoro cleansing
- 59 "The Great" and "The Terrible"
- 60 Lookalike
- 61 "There's nothing else"
- 62 Blue alerts, in brief
- 63 Arising
- 64 Meal with a set menu
- 65 Certain cleric
- 69 Foe of Frazier
- 70 Egg-shaped item from a garden
- 71 Performer in a campus production, often
- 72 Sticky stuff
- 74 Talks hoarsely
- 75 "On the Beach" novelist Nevil
- 76 Nasty wound
- 78 Crime against good taste
- 79 Dance mentioned in Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- 81 Like people who take lifts
- 82 Camper's light
- 85 Some winds for seafarers
- 86 Nonshiny finishes
- 87 "Sucks to be you"
- 88 Speedometers, typically
- 90 Korean money
- 93 Tied
- 95 Like a lot of zombie movies
- 97 Mom's mom
- 99 Intensifying word add-on
- 101 Disney collectible
- 102 Request to Triple A

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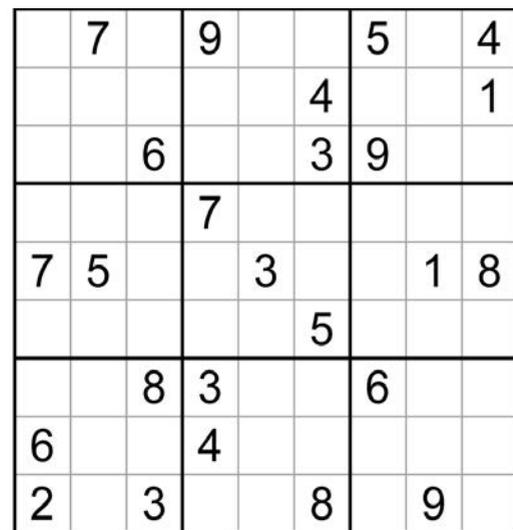
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HARD - 40

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

3	7	6	4	9	1	5	2	8
4	8	9	6	2	5	1	7	3
2	1	5	3	7	8	9	6	4
6	2	7	5	4	9	8	3	1
8	5	4	1	3	6	7	9	2
1	9	3	2	8	7	6	4	5
7	6	2	8	1	4	3	5	9
5	4	1	9	6	3	2	8	7
9	3	8	7	5	2	4	1	6



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., Aug. 2

PEACH FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Featuring flea market, vendor tables, silent auction, face painting, games and prizes for the kids, holiday room and music, book and media room and health fair. There will be burgers and dogs on the grill, homemade bake table and fresh-picked peaches in bushels, bags, ice cream and smoothies. 410-524-7474, <http://www.stpetersoc>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Enjoy a free concert by British Invasion Experience (Beatles 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

OC MUSEUM SUMMER PROGRAMS

Daily through Aug. 25 (except July 4) - Boardwalk Tram Station, just north of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD. Enjoy fun facts and topics. Great free summer program for the entire family. Sandy, 410-289-4991, www.ocmuseum.org

BEACH LIGHTS

Daily through Sept. 3 - N. Division Street and beach, 9:00 PM - 11 PM. Special 3-minute displays at 9 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:20 p.m., 10:40 p.m. and 11 p.m. Featuring high-powered, colored search lights that move and sway to music.

FREE CIRCUS

Daily through Aug. 25 - Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Coastal Highway. Takes place every night at 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. until Aug. 25. Enjoy acrobats, jugglers and other thrilling circus acts. See Circus Smile featuring the Wheel of Death with the Morales family. 410-289-3477, <http://jollyrogeroc.com>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Ar-

lene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

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Fri., Aug. 3

FLEA MARKET

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 410-524-7474, <http://www.stpetersoc>

SOUNDWAVE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Mid Atlantic Youth Sportsplex, 6605 Morris Road, 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Family-friendly venue showcasing more than 20 local and regional bands, Aug. 3-5. There will also be corn hole tournaments, food and beverages, bounce houses, art and jewelry vendors and DJs from 97.1 THE WAVE. Single day and weekend passes available, with discounts on advance tickets. Free admission to kids under 12 with an adult. Brad Hoffman, brad@live-wire-media.com, 443-366-5944

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. 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://artleagueofocceancity.org>

FIRST FRIDAY - SNOW HILL

Throughout the Town, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Enjoy art and food at participating businesses in the town of Snow Hill. Featuring Amused Studios and their hand-crafted pieces of pottery inspired from nature as well as mosaic glass bottles and burnished pots. Also offering self-guided tours of the pollinator garden. Lower Shore Land Trust, 443-234-5587, <http://www.lowershorelandtrust.org>

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - DOWNTOWN

Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 PM. Featuring "Wall-E." (weather permitting). Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

Sat., Aug. 4

BEACH 5 SAND SOCCER TOURNAMENT II

Ocean City Beach, Talbot Street to First Street, all day. Family-focused soccer tournament on the beach. Admission is \$375 per team. Angela, beach5sandsoccer@yahoo.com, 919-625-1708, <http://www.beach5sandsoccer.com>

POTTERS HOUSE CHARGE

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free breakfast for children ages 0-13. Adults pay only \$2.50. Sponsored by Evangelism and Prisca Ministries. Info: Cassandra Brown, 443-235-0889 or the church, 410-641-2058. Donations accepted: Geraldine Rhock, 410-251-6424.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972. A \$15 fee includes all course materials. Bring a packed lunch. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK KICK OFF

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market will kick off National Farmers Market Week with a few extra attractions at their Saturday market. Miss Delmarva 2018, Hannah Dukes, will be on hand to sign autographs. Resident-Chef Maggie Haren will demonstrate two peach-inspired recipes. Sarah Campbell will be performing country and bluegrass music. Also featuring the Pine'er Crafts and Artisans Festival. Denise Sawyer, dsawyer@ocean-pines.org, 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

41ST ANNUAL PINE'EER ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Hosted by the Pine'er Craft Club in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, the craft fair will feature speciality items such as jewelry, stitchery creations, decorative pieces and more. Interested vendors can contact opcraftclub@aol.com. Sharon Puser, 410-208-2944

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 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 corn. 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 John O'Dell and Windy Ridge. 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 blue-

grass. info@furnacetown.org, 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

Sun., Aug. 5

8TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY ON THE BAY FESTIVAL

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Families will get to experience live animals, games, crafts, live music and pizza at this free event. Learn about the the many local educational organizations that Delmarva his to offer. Featuring the Salisbury Zoo, Maryland State Parks, Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Furnace Town, Ward Museum, Rackliffe House, OC Art League and many more. This event is subject to cancellation depending on inclement weather. christine@ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991, <http://ocmuseum.org>

4TH ANNUAL GOLD ON THE GREEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Golf Club's Newport Bay Course, 11401 Country Club Drive, 12:00 PM. The 18-hole golf tournament will be a scramble format, with registration at noon and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch, buffet dinner, awards, golfer gift bag, greens fee and cart are all included in the golfer fee of \$125. Golf cards and raffles will be available, accepting cash and checks only. Proceeds benefit GOLD's emergency assistance programs. <http://www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org>

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 The Janitors (music for happy feet). 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

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., Aug. 6

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., #600, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

9TH ANNUAL CLAMMING FOR A CURE KAYAK RACES

Fish Tales Bar & Grill, 2107 Herring Way. Continued on Page 34

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Final registration begins at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$100 per team of two, which must be co-ed. Competitors must be at least 21 year of ages and wear closed-toes shoes. The first heat will kick off around noon. A 50/50 raffle and a silent auction will also be going on throughout the day. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

45TH ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbor Island Marina, 14th Street and the Bay, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Take place Aug. 6-10. World's largest billfish tournament. Come watch fish weigh-ins. Monday through Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 4-9 p.m. More than 300 boats vie for more than \$2 million in prize money. Registration fees for participants. Jim Motsko, jmot-sko289@aol.com, 410-289-9229, <http://www.whitemarlinopen.com>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. 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

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - DOWNTOWN

Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 PM. Featuring "Wonder." (weather permitting). Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

BEACH FIREWORKS

Mondays through Aug. 28 - Ocean City beach at N. Division St., 10:30 p.m. Fireworks will be visible along the boardwalk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

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

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Tues., Aug. 7

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, all day. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfling, 410-641-9726.

PINE'EER ARTISAN AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Featuring all hand-crafted items such as art, glass, wood, embroidery cross stitch and more. Food and

bake table available. op9tee@gmail.com

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort of local Worship Centers and AGH to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

County Government Building, 1 West Market St., 10:30 AM. The commissioners will take comments (verbal or written) from the public related to a Sectional Rezoning of E-1 Estate zoned properties along MD Route 611 (Stephen Decatur Highway) and South Point Road south of MD Route 376 (Assateague Road) to South Point.

QUARTER AUCTION

Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets cost \$10 and include a paddle. Additional paddles are \$2 each, or three for \$5. Info: church of fice, 410-723-1973 or Monica, 443-235-8942.

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline Street Stage, Ocean City beach at Caroline Street, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Featuring DJ Batman (OC's legendary 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

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the park's infamous pirates. Audience participation is encouraged. 410-289-3477, <http://jollyrogeroc.com>

Wed., Aug. 8

ARTISTS PAINT OC: PLEIN AIR EVENT

OC Center for the Arts and Surrounding Area, 502 94th St., all day. This annual event draws artists from all over to paint the scenic views of Ocean City. Watch artists at work as they set up their easels along the Boardwalk, bays and beaches. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoccity.org>

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Lower Shore Land Trust office, 100 River Street, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. The program, hosted by the Lower Shore Land Trust, highlights Future Harvest, Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, an organization working to build a sustainable woodshed from farm and fishery to table. Learn about the programs offered and how you can help. No charge but donations gladly accepted. RSVP: 443-234-5587 or info@lowershorelandtrust.org.

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH - UPTOWN

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Featuring "Justice League." (weather permitting). Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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@delmarvahand-dancing.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.kwanisofopoc.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

OP FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Wednesdays through Sept. 26 - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats, jewelry, clothing, artwork and more. Open to the public. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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BOARDWALK CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH

Wednesdays through Sept. 26 - St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave. Takes place Wednesdays until Sept. 26 in DeWees Hall. Featuring a full size replica of the 12th Century original Labyrinth is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music anytime between 7-9 p.m. The hall entrance is wheelchair accessible and is located just off the Boardwalk on the north side of Third Street behind the church. 410-289-3453, <https://stpaulsbythesea.org>

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GUEST SPEAKER

Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department Paramedic and President of the Worcester County Professional Firefighters Association Local #4916 Melissa Bragg was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City's meeting on June 27 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. She is pictured with Club President Ralph Chinn.

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