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Community effort brings back 'Briddletown'

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Call it Briddletown (rhymes with "riddle") or the more formal-sounding Brid-dell'-Town (rhymes with "well"). Either way, the re-designation of a portion of Flower Street in Berlin on Tuesday afternoon was clearly meaningful to a large segment of the population.

According to new interpretive signs unveiled on Tuesday near Stephen Decatur Middle School, "During the post-Civil War years, a number of former free blacks and ex-slaves purchased house lots and small acreages along a 'new county road' heading northeast from Berlin to ...

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It was the first time many black families in the community became landowners and many lived together for the first time in a community-

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Sandra Briddell Dublin, left, and sister Sharon Briddell-Fowles during a ceremony on Tuesday honor Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger for her work in establishing a new Briddletown historic marker.

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Left, Gregory Purnell, Raheim Briddell and sisters Sandra Briddell Dublin Sharon Briddell-Fowles unveil a new Briddletown historic marker on Tuesday. Right, family members celebrate the re-designation of a portion of Flower Street near Stephen Decatur Middle School as "Briddletown."

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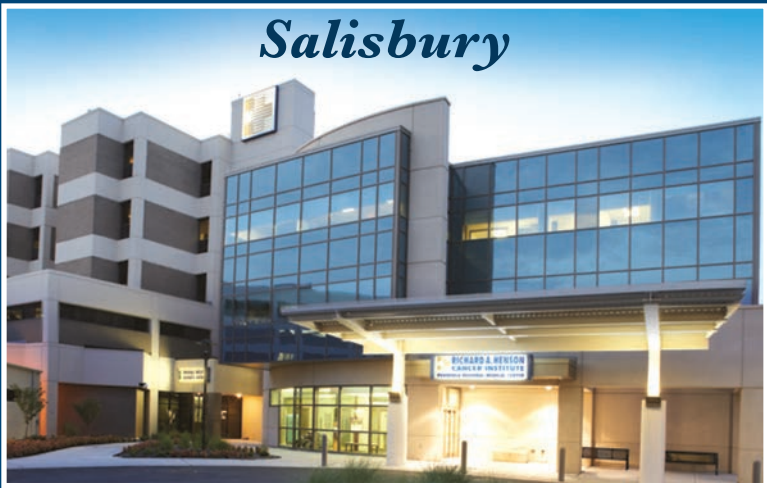
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Dozens of Briddells pose for a family photo shortly after a dedication ceremony for a new sign on Tuesday, proclaiming a portion of Berlin near Stephen Decatur Middle School as “Briddletown.”

County officials help family bring Briddletown back

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For the record, she says “Briddell,” with the accent on the second syllable, which rhymes with “well.”

Briddell-Fowlis recalled getting a proposal together with her sister, taking the idea to Worcester County’s Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shannahan in Snow Hill, and then later corresponding with Challenger and others.

“It took me three-and-a-half years to get this done – and it means everything,” she said. “If you see the tears – you see how we’re just falling apart – for some it was like Briddletown was slipping away from us, so we had to come up with something to make sure we kept that solid footing right here in Briddletown.”

According to Briddell-Fowlis, the pronunciation is somewhat nebulous. “You see the sign says, ‘Briddle,’ so we’re thinking that our forefathers and our ancestors actually spelled it the way that it sounded,” she said. “For instance, if you asked me what my name is, I would probably say ‘Sharon Briddell’ (rhymes with ‘riddle’), but then my grandfather says ‘Kendall Briddell’ (rhymes with ‘well’) and so my mom says ‘Kendall Briddell.’”

To further complicate matters, she pointed to the sign, which includes the spellings “Briddell,” “Briddle” and “Bredell.”

“But the meaning is everything,” she said. “We don’t call it ‘Briddell-Town,’ we call it ‘Briddletown.’ That’s just the slang of the community.”

“You see all the tears and this means everything [to the family],” Briddell-Fowlis continued. “Thank you to Worcester County. We really appreciate everything they’ve done to make this happen.”

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Tucker briefs new OPA Board on how bylaws impact policy

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Ocean Pines Association attorney Jeremy Tucker on Friday briefed the new board of directors of several items of public interest, from the complicated issue of drainage, to how the Fair Housing and the community's nonprofit status played into the Oasis pool controversy last year.

The directors, during the annual orientation meeting for new and returning elected officials, began the morning with an hour-long closed session led by Tucker.

When they reopened, Tucker provided a two-hour overview of Ocean Pines legalese.

He said the association is unusual in that it had separate declarations of covenants for each section, which was problematic "because as the community progressed over time, the developer added different language into different covenants."

Drainage, for instance, is complicated because "the older [plats] don't have the same references to drainage as the newer ones," Tucker said.

"It's obvious that drainage serves the public generally – if it blocks up, it could cause problems in the roadways – but the question is, is whether the documents require [Ocean Pines] to maintain that," Tucker said.

He added, "One provision says the lot owners shall maintain the easement area, the other one says, 'the association shall maintain those drainage easements that are reserved by the declarant.'"

"We looked to see what drainage easements are reserved by the declarant and, in my opinion, that kicks us to the plats," Tucker said. "We'll see where we end up with that ... we're left with interpreting documents that we're presented, unfortunately not the ones that we would have drafted."

He said the hierarchy of Ocean Pines legal documents is: the declaration of covenants; plats; articles of incorporation; bylaws; rules and regulations; and resolutions.

"You will see, in the drainage issue, how we are working to try to [reconcile the various documents]," Tucker said. "The way it was sort of set up is that there isn't absolute consistency across all the documents ... the legal fun for me is trying to reconcile the inconsistencies."

Along with its own set of legal documents, Ocean Pines is also subject to federal, state and county laws, including the Fair Housing Act.

"The main law that we see in a federal context is the federal Fair Housing Act. This requires us to grant an accommodation to anybody who has a disability who needs an accommodation, and it prevents us from discriminating against familial status, disability, race [and] nation of origin," Tucker said.

Last year, that came into play with the Oasis pool, he said.

"The issue was raised of whether we could create an adult swimming pool," Tucker said. "You can't say, 'adults, you can come in, but children, you can't.'"

Also complicating matters was Ocean Pines' tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit.

"That means your facilities have to be open to the public – you have to basically allow the public to use it on similar conditions that [homeowners] do," Tucker said. "Not only are you dealing with Fair Housing issues, but when you are open to the public, you now are subject to Maryland anti-discrimination laws, which basically says you can't discriminate based on age."

He added the nonprofit status had some financial benefits, but also some drawbacks and was ultimately optional.

"You could always say, 'we don't want to do this anymore,'" he said.

"It rears its head in a lot of things that you would not expect it to," Tucker continued. "It's an extraordinarily important aspect of your government that we all, including me, have to remain conscious of."

Citing another example, Tucker said the association was sued several years ago for "failing to allow the general public to use the parking spaces" at the beach club.

"And you lost badly – I mean you lost *badly*," Tucker said. "The court slammed you, and you were hit with a pretty sizeable hundreds of thousands of dollars of responsibility on a case that was clear that you were going to lose, in my opinion."

Tucker said a disgruntled Ocean Pines resident brought up the case.

"We always have to be conscious not just to do the right thing, but that people are watching and people are smart and people understand these things," he said. "There are huge financial implications for doing it wrong, so ... we need to make sure that we do it right."

During a discussion on the new ethics policy, Tucker explained why certain sections were crafted deliberately, despite seeming redundant.

Director Slobodan Trendic, as an example, pointed to a bylaws provision that says, "Individual members of the board of directors shall not give orders to any employees of the association." He said that was repeated in the ethics policy in a section on "Interaction with Association Employees."

According to Tucker, removing a director for cause must be because of "a violation of the rules, not a violation of the bylaws."

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Legal issues with drainage, ethics and Oasis pool

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“That’s why it’s there,” Tucker said. “This sort of slingshots that in.”

On the subject of pending litigation, Tucker offered, “board members may not be personally liable for damages, so suing individual board members is not correct.”

“We’ll be dealing with this with current litigation,” he said. “As you know ... anybody can sue anybody for anything. It’s not really cliché – it’s actually true. People sue people all the time for all kinds of ridiculous things that they don’t have any real case for.”

“Whenever I get the question, ‘Can we be sued for this?’ The answer is, ‘Yes.’ You can be sued for anything – the question is will they win?” Tucker continued. “This is exactly why we have [errors and omissions] insurance ... to make sure that when people sue us, you are protected.”

On a frequently asked question about references to “discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel” often cited as a reason for closed meetings, Tucker said it was his opinion “personnel” could apply to elected association officers and appointed committee members, but not to directors.

Association President Doug Parks said the board during the last session “took it on the chin” for meeting too often in closed session and struggled with the perception of being non-transparent, versus “the balance of putting too much information out there” and compromising vital information.

He called for the new board to be more specific in its stated reasons for closed sessions.

“Maybe a little bit more information will ease perception,” Director Esther Diller said.

“No it won’t, but it’s a good idea,” Director Ted Moroney said with a laugh.

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Pines' forensic auditors working with WCBI

Finance Director discusses months-long process, and cost, during orientation mtg

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Work on a forensic audit of Ocean Pines Association financials recently included discussions with the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations and has cost about \$87,000 so far, according to Finance Director Steve Phillips.

Phillips, providing an overview of the Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates forensic audit during a board orientation meeting Friday, said the investigation began in late April and auditors started working in Ocean Pines in May.

He said auditors were in Ocean Pines “for two-to-three solid weeks” in May and have since “done some work in the office and then some work here in the field.”

Phillips said two years of data from food and beverage operations were examined, “including comparisons of income and expense to budget.” He said a detailed review was conducted of sales receipts and deposits from summer 2017, and auditors also inspected point-of-sales systems.

In part, auditors were looking into about \$26,000 in deposits that allegedly went missing last summer, which “really started this whole forensic audit,” Phillips said.

“They did a detailed analysis of the payroll for both the yacht club and beach club during a period selected of

the summer 2017, looking at hours paid to hours reported in our [point of sales] systems, verifying wages for payroll registers to our general ledger postings,” he said. “They analyzed overtimes, examined selected employees’ personnel files, and did financial analysis comparing payroll for years 2017 versus 2016.”

Phillips said four Ocean Pines employees were interviewed at the time and about 15 current and former workers have been interviewed to date. He said billing for the service in April and May totaled about \$46,000.

Auditors in June reviewed bank deposits from July and August 2017, looked at communication logs within the Ocean Pines Police Department, and “developed a timeline of missing deposits,” Phillips said. He said seven more employees were interviewed at the time, as was Chris Hall of Salisbury accounting firm TGM Group.

“They also started looking at some vendor activities – they did a detailed review and analysis of that,” Phillips said, adding the association paid the forensic auditors about \$21,000 in June.

In July, he said, auditors met with a detective from the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations.

“They reached out to him. He actually was handed off the case [in] September of last year, after TGM did their limited procedures,” Phillips said. “They looked at a memorandum prepared by an OPA employee, who viewed a portion of the videos from the cameras in the administration building after discovering the missing deposits.”

Phillips added, “Jim Kern, from Gross and Mendelsohn, viewed portions of the video himself from the cameras in the OPA building.” Additionally, Phillips said three more employees were interviewed and auditors looked at AMEX corporate credit card statements “for three

months selected in 2017.”

July fees were about \$29,000, bringing the total to about \$87,000 for the year, Phillips said. The association budgeted about \$220,000 for the audit.

More recently, according to Phillips, “the work has really shifted to the [Worcester County Bureau of Investigations], working with that detective to actually try to gain some information from ... Bank of Ocean City and work with them to understand what type of records they have and what we can get access to, as well as interviewing their chief security officer, as well as their CEO and president.”

He said the other priority in August was the scrutiny of information technology systems within the association.

“They’re running penetration tests on our network,” Phillips said. “And they’re also in the process of [conducting] a survey to our end users, as well as our IT department and other staff.”

Phillips said a “phase one” report from Gross, Mendelsohn to the Ocean Pines Board was likely in September. Board members present during the orientation indicated the initial report would be given during a closed session.

Whether additional phases of the forensic audit will follow is not yet known.

“They’re going to tell us whether we really need to look at anything or not,” General Manager John Bailey said. “Then, it’s a directive from the board to say, ‘Yeah, we want you to pick that up and now look at this.’”

Director Frank Daly added, “At the end of the day, you [get] one of two things – you get a clean bill of health, or you get indictments.”

For a list of official updates from Ocean Pines on the forensic audit, visit www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/audits.



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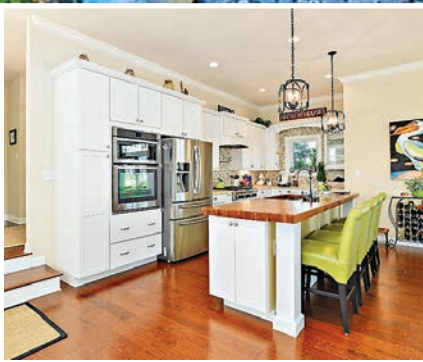
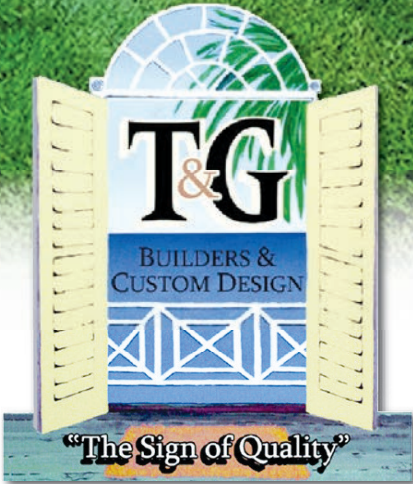
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Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey and other association department heads last Friday address the board of directors during a daylong orientation meeting in the community center.

Police chief says quarters cramped

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey on Friday took the occasion of a meet-and-greet with the new board of directors to ask them to fulfill an old promise – the expansion of police headquarters, a project that was green lit more than a year ago.

Plans to enlarge police facilities, which share space in the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway, were discussed by a previous board in conjunction with country club renovations.

Massey said he'd been with Ocean Pines for 15 years and also served in Ocean City for 28 years, including a dozen as the resort's chief of police.

He said Ocean Pines, unlike Ocean City, was not rampant with public disorder crime.

"We deal with family issues," he said. "We deal with domestic violence. We deal with child abuse. We deal with drugs. We deal with everything. The

good news is that our violent crime rate is low."

Working closely with Maryland State Police and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department, he said, enabled Ocean Pines Police to "work with less per thousand."

"In other words, the national average is two officers per thousand population. We do about 1.44," Massey said.

He said the department handles about 12,000 calls each year, the majority of which were "family issues."

"When pop-pop falls out of bed, they call the police. When little Billy doesn't want to go to school, they call the police," Massey said. "We do community policing and that's the nature of our job. We provide a higher level of service than many police departments do – and that's great. That's an advantage to living here. We're one of the safest communities in the United States."

He said the department currently includes 16 officers and one part-time employee.

"We're working out of a facility that was designed for six, so I know this is my chance to pitch it – and I'm going to take it!" Massey said with a laugh. "Please, as a recommendation on the administrative building, we are critically stuffed into this building."

"I know it's something you're going to consider. I would only ask you to please, please consider it," he added.

Also present during the meet-and-greet portion of an orientation meeting in the community center on Friday were Ocean Pines' Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer, Finance Director Steve Phillips, Golf Director John Malinowski, Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield, IT Manager Patrick Cashman, and Public Works and Compliance, Permit and Inspections Director Eddie Wells.

Colby Phillips – no relation to Steve Phillips – also oversees operations for association recreation and parks, racquet sports, the marinas, and beach club parking.

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Pines budget started off year in red

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) In bringing new and returning board members up to speed on the Ocean Pines Association's financials, Treasurer John Viola on Friday gave a briefing of the first three months of fiscal 2019, which missed budget projections by \$69,000.

Some areas beat estimates, including the yacht club (profitable by \$75,000), golf (\$23,000), the marina (\$16,000) and racquet sports (\$15,000).

Others areas posted losses: general maintenance (off \$54,000), information technology contract-services (off \$45,000), legal fees (off \$35,000) and the beach club (off \$35,000).

Viola said the glaring negative in aquatics, below budget so far by \$115,000, was "kind of expected" and would work itself out. Partially to blame, he said, was the decoupling this year of pool passes from beach club parking passes. Beach club parking was \$46,000 higher than budgeted estimates.

"Aquatics was unfavorable. I read a lot about it. We did have some weather situations," he said. "It was a shift because of some changes ... but over time you will see the revenue."

"Aquatics is not down as much as you think," Viola continued. "It will balance out."

He said reserves as of July totaled \$10.3 million, including an unusually high \$6 million in replacement reserves. Viola said that was because budgeted country club renovations, estimated at \$1.3 million, had not yet been expensed.

Borrowing a quote from General Manager John Bailey, Viola said August was a key month to breaking even for the year.

He said the board would at some

point need to address the \$1.6 million operating deficit accumulated during the last two fiscal years, adding other important decisions coming up were the estimated \$500,000 to purchase new financial software and the pending finalization of a long in-progress reserve study.

To view Ocean Pines monthly financial reports, visit www.ocean-pines.org/forms-docs-cat/monthly-financials.



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Ocean Pines Treasurer John Viola last Friday provides an overview of association financials during a daylong board of director orientation meeting in the community center.

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Orientation over, directors focus on work session, Sat.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) All seven members of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors last Friday took part in a nearly 10-hour orientation meeting that included legal and financial presentations, a meet-and-greet with department heads, tours of three facilities, and an extended brainstorming session on goals and priorities.

The directors met at 7 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center and – not counting lunch – did not break until about 4:30 p.m.

Board members heard from attorney Jeremy Tucker, Treasurer John Viola and Finance Director Steve Phillips, and then had meetings with additional department leaders from aquatics, marketing, public works and police.

Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield led a tour of the sanctuary crab pier, the swim and racquet club park currently being used as a bulkhead repair staging ground, and a waterfront home in the Wood Duck neighborhood in the process a bulkhead replacement.

Afternoon agenda topics included “OPA Mission and Vision Focus,” “Director-to-Director Communication,” “Financial Stewardship,” Engagement with Strategic Planning Needs” and “Effective Board/Management Relations.”

Association President Doug Parks, in a phone interview Monday, said the afternoon session in particular included some “very, very good conversation.”

“We learned a lot about one another and there was a lot of constructive suggestions going back and forth,” he said.

Parks said the overall effort would likely benefit upcoming meetings, starting with a board work session scheduled Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the community center.

“We kind of said, hey, ‘let’s continue gathering all that information so that, when the work session comes around, at least we have our preliminary communication styles and we’ve got a level of effort in understanding what [General Manager John Bailey] is looking for, from his perspective, this year,’” Parks said.

Parks said a key priority that emerged

during the orientation was finishing the second-floor renovation of the golf and country club to create more meeting space. As evidence of the need, he said the directors had already discovered several scheduled board meetings had to be moved because the community center and yacht club were already booked.

“Here’s a tangible example of the demand for meeting room space,” Parks said. “That second floor of the country club will help provide, at the very least, two and even three more meeting rooms that can handle fairly reasonably sized attendance.”

“I think everybody has got an understanding of where it needs to be, we’ve just got to dot a couple of T’s and cross a couple more T’s for the new guys,” he added.

Another reoccurring theme, he said, was shifting the board focus away from day-to-day operations.

“Frank [Daly] echoed my position, that we need to re-establish the fact that we’re the oversight,” Parks said. “I think that’s the general consensus of everybody ... let’s start to put some of the operational things at arm’s length and bring the policy issues that need some attention closer to the board so we can focus on that.”

“We’re not in operations,” he continued. “The idea of, not really worrying about how things are done – spend more time thinking about the big-picture items and the policy – things that could help the association and help the general manager and, I think, it’s a two-way conversation.”

Assessing the new board, Parks said, “there’s a lot of business and engineering folks” and “I think that’s going to be a pretty good combination.”

Parks said the group would still need to develop as a team and did not yet have all the answers, adding, “I think we’ve got the basis of a good group ... People are bringing a lot to the table and, with that, comes a higher level of expectation from the membership.”

“Generally, it was a really good discussion,” Parks said. “Now, we have a fairly decent idea of where each of us stands on things, and we can just work on that and develop as we go forward.”

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New and returning Ocean Pines Directors on Friday tour the swim and racquet club park area with Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield and General Manager John Bailey.

Facility tours were especially helpful, board members say

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) The August election in Ocean Pines seated three new board members, and gave appointed Director Ted Moroney his first elected term on the seven-member panel.

Last Sunday, all seven directors took part in a daylong orientation meeting that began with an extended briefing on bylaws and legal responsibilities.

The Gazette asked the three new board members, former elections committee chairman and now Association Vice President Steve Tuttle, former comprehensive planning committee chairman Frank Daly and businesswoman Esther Diller, to weigh in on their impressions.

Each emailed a reply.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle:

The Board Orientation was very helpful in the several ways. Here are some of my takeaways:

- Presentation by Jeremy Tucker on governing documents - We are a 501(c)(4) meaning we have to be open to the public.
- Treasurer John Viola's review of the financial condition.
- Brief introduction of the department leaders — being able to put a face with a name on the org chart.

• Tours — Gave us a much better sense of some of the options on several projects nearing the decision point.

• Conversation on how we can involve the membership and best progress in meetings, the benefit of value added communication, i.e. every Director does not have to comment on everything when they are basically repeating what has already been stated.

Director Frank Daly:

I found the orientation to be fairly basic. Most of the material covered was information that I had previously heard at committee or board meetings. Was still worthwhile but not new, groundbreaking material.

I found the facilities tour to be exceptionally useful. It provided an opportunity to see a number of pressing issues first hand and to discuss possible solutions in "real time" with the GM and staff.

Director Esther Diller:

I found the meeting to be very informational and gave me some clarity on certain issues. The most eye-opening was the tour. Visiting the areas of concern by our association members has given me a better idea of the issues and how we can come up with some solid solutions and decisions. I look forward to continuing the tours of the rest of our facilities with [General Manager John Bailey].



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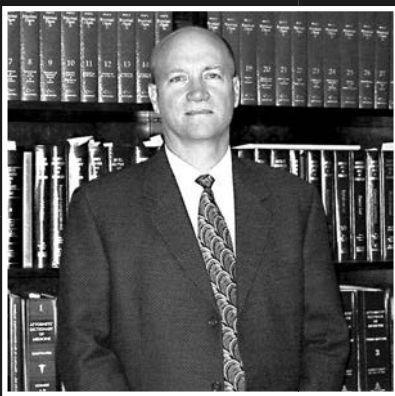
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MAKING A SPLASH
Ocean Pines Board members take a brief minute to goof off during a daylong orientation meeting Friday that included a tour of the sanctuary crab pier. Pictured, from left, are directors Slobodan Trendic, Steve Tuttle, Doug Parks, Ted Moroney and Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield.



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The Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center in Berlin plans to remain roughly in the same location, but will move to a different building behind its longtime headquarters, based on an agreement with new property owners the Hope4Recovery center.

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Hope4Recovery could open in Nov.; Grace Center to stay

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) A new nonprofit recovery home on 10226 Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin could be open by the end of the year, according to Hope4Recovery Executive Director Patrice Ottey.

In a phone interview Tuesday morning, Ottey said she recently met with the fire marshal and was told the house needs new smoke alarms and sprinklers. She expects to close on purchasing the property by Sept. 30.

Ottey said installation of new fire suppression systems would take about two weeks and the next step would be setting up State of Maryland accreditation.

What's more, she said the current occupant, the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center, would move into a back building on the same property to continue its services there.

"They're going to be outfitting that and, hopefully, they won't have a break in services for their clients," Ottey said. "We'll have a little bit of a window to get them to the back building and get them open while we're doing construction."

Discussions with representatives from the center occurred over the summer, with the goal of finding a way to keep Shirley Grace running, Ottey said.

"We realized that we use a lot of the same services, and we hope to build onto that building in the back in the future and have counseling services there," she said. "That's kind of a short-term, but long-term goal over the next couple of years, to apply for grants and have that service as well, because a lot of our clients have sim-

ilar issues – not all of them, but some of them – so, they require [addictions] counseling as well.

"We're really excited and they're amazing people," she added.

In a perfect world, Ottey said, the Hope4Recovery Center would be open by Nov. 15.

Ottey founded a similar operation, the Douglas K. Hamilton House for Recovery, in the Newton neighborhood of Salisbury last year.

She described Hope4Recovery in Berlin as "a safe, structured, sober living environment for those in active recovery," adding the facility would be a "level two" accredited dwelling operating under the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration. Level one houses are self-run and level two include a live-in house manager.

Ideally, Ottey said she would like to phase in use of the new home, although that may be difficult because two recovery houses in Salisbury recently closed.

"Some of those long-term guys are still in need and want to live in a recovery home, so they are literally calling or texting me daily," she said. "As long as it's a different array of people and not all coming from the same in-patient facility ... if we can have a broad pool of applicants, it makes for a more stable home."

Hope4Recovery on Monday launched an online fundraising campaign to help furnish the new center and pay for the fire suppression systems. For more information or to donate, visit www.facebook.com/Hope4Recovery-Inc.

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Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen and Ethics Commission Chairman Milt Warren on Monday review financial disclosures filed by Town of Berlin elected officials.

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Berlin elected officials' disclosures approved

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Members of the Berlin Ethics Commission on Monday said they were mostly pleased with financial disclosures submitted by Berlin elected officials for the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2017.

According to copies of the disclosures obtained by the *Gazette* on Tuesday, Mayor Gee Williams disclosed ownership of a residential property on 10101 Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin, owned jointly with his wife, Betsy M. Williams. According to the filing, the home was purchased in October of 1974 for \$23,500.

District 1 Councilman Troy Purnell disclosed he is jointly the owner, with Lauralee Purnell, of a residential home on 411 Broad Street in Berlin, bought in 1995. He did not disclose the purchase amount.

Purnell also listed real property interest in an unimproved area on Broad Street, also purchased in 1995, and owned jointly with Windy Way Farm Inc.

Additionally, in an attached "schedule of partnership investments and controlled corporations," dated Dec. 31, 2014, Purnell listed a 31 percent share of Berlin Properties North, LLC; 31 percent share of The Grainery, LLC; 95 percent share of OCMOTELS, L.L.C.; 52 percent share of Resort Rentals, L.L.C.; 95 percent share of Tee Pee, LLC; 95 percent share of Tee Pee Rentals, LLC; 50 percent share of PGP, LLC; and 95 percent share of Windy Way Welsh Ponies, LLC.

Purnell's schedule also included interests in a number of "SUB-S" corporations, including a 26.67 percent share of Assateague Pointe, Inc.; 100 percent share of Purnell Investment Corp; 52 percent share of Resort Homes, Inc.; 100 percent share of Resort Real Estate, Inc.; 50 percent share of Windy Way Farms, Inc.; and a 10 percent interest in one other company.

District 2 Councilman Zack Tyndall disclosed a residential property on 201 Buckingham Road in Berlin, purchased in September of 2010 for \$175,000.

Tyndall listed his employer as Beach Real Estate Inc. in Berlin and his wife, Chelsea N. Tyndall, as employed by Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, an "organization that receives funding from the town."

He also disclosed less than 1 percent stock interest in Khom Properties LLC (one share), The Mosaic Co. (seven shares), Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares (10 shares) and Distribution Now (25 shares).

District 3 Councilman Elroy Brittingham checked "no" on all counts, meaning during the disclosure period he did not hold interests in real property in or outside the Town of Berlin, and neither he nor any of his immediate family members benefited from business dealings with the town.

District 4 Councilman Dean Burrell disclosed a residential home on 113 Showell Street in Berlin, owned jointly with Valerie Whaley Burrell. According to the disclosure, it was inherited in 1985 from Albert and Emma Purnell at a cost of \$50,000.

At-Large Councilman Thom Gulyas

disclosed a residential home on 110 Thomas Court in Berlin owned jointly with his wife, Belinda Gulyas. It was purchased in January of 2006 for \$575,000.

Additionally, Gulyas claimed 100 percent stock interest in and listed as his employer Atlantic Coast Enterprises, Inc. on 10026 Old Ocean City Boulevard Suite 3, Berlin, Maryland, 21811.

He also disclosed that his wife works for the Worcester County Board of Education.

Two members of the ethics commission, Bill Burke and Chairman Milt Warren, said it appeared several elected officials had rushed through the process and left a few boxes unchecked.

Warren added, "there's no problem on anything, there's just unanswered

questions."

Town Administrator Laura Allen, attempting to clarify, said, "It sounds like what you're saying is that some of them seem a little incomplete."

"Exactly," Warren said. "They just need to ... go through and cross the 'T's' and dot the 'I's.'"

The commission members voted unanimously to approve the disclosures, with those recommended changes.

Allen on Monday night said no other candidates had filed for the Town Council race other than the three incumbents up for reelection: Purnell, Burrell and Gulyas. The deadline to file is Sept. 4 and the write-in filing deadline is Sept. 25.

The ethics commission is scheduled to meet again on Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

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Online petition for Pines' S&W Club

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) A new group calling itself Concerned Citizens of Ocean Pines has started an online petition to remove construction materials from the community association's swim and racquet club park.

The area was used as a staging ground for bulkhead repairs for about a decade up until 2016, when materials were reportedly moved. Then, in May, construction vehicles, dumpsters, and raw materials for bulkhead repairs returned and have been left unsupervised at the highly trafficked park area.

According to an online statement, "The Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club Park was originally intended for use as a park and recreation area. It is currently being used as a storage area and staging ground for bulkhead repairs and presents a dangerous and unsightly situation.

"As a property owner of Ocean Pines, I request that the Swim and Racquet Club be returned to its originally intended use as a park and recreational area. I want the staging and bulkhead repair, maintenance and storage area permanently removed from the area located adjacent to the Swim and Racquet Club."

Robin Tomaselli, one of the co-founders of the group, said homeowners who have been vocal about the issue during public meetings over the last several months plan to keep pressuring Ocean Pines leadership until a decision is made.

Several members of the OPA Board of Directors during a public meeting on Aug. 19 vowed to look for alternative staging areas, but Tomaselli said there are still concerns because a recently drafted request for proposals for a new bulkhead contract apparently includes an option to

continue using the swim and racquet area as a staging ground. The board is expected to address the matter during a Sept. 1 work session and possibly take a vote during the next regular board meeting, scheduled Sept. 8.

"Some of the people in our group believe that they're going stand by their word, and they're going to agree that it doesn't belong there and it's never going to be there again," she said. "I'm not quite as optimistic and neither are some of the others, so we're just trying to be ultra-proactive.

"We're just the faces that show up at the meetings, but we're representing an entire neighborhood of people," Tomaselli continued. "We want to go into that meeting on [Sept. 1] with a petition that shows how many people agree with us, just so it holds a little more weight than them looking at our familiar faces and hoping the problem goes away."

Tomaselli said safety is her main concern.

"It's a humongous safety issue," she said. "It's safety first, environmental impact issues are second, and third are preservation of our property values. To me, each one of those by themselves is enough reason. With all three of them combined, it's the easiest decision [the board] has to make.

"I'm not saying that we have figured out where all that stuff goes, but it's not really Ocean Pines' job to figure that out and it's certainly not the residents' job to figure that out," Tomaselli continued. "The people that need to figure that out are the people who are sending in the marine construction proposals for work. It's a lot of money and, if they want that money ... I'm sure they'll come up with some creative idea of where to put it."

General Manager John Bailey has

said moving the staging area would almost certainly increase bulkhead repair costs.

During a July board meeting, he said a contract for repairs on West Mallard Drive was \$167,000 and a 15 percent increase would be necessary to move the staging ground.

At the time, he recommended the board direct him to do so, but a vote failed 3-2 because several directors said they needed more information.

Tomaselli said there are two solutions to the money issue: either "find money in the budget" to cover the cost increase, or disperse the amount among the roughly 1,500 to 2,000 waterfront lot owners.

"That would be the fair way to address it, if they're not going to include more money in the budget," she said of the latter option.


She added although only a small number of homeowners were affected in terms of their property values, "we have no idea what the environmental impact is and how long that would last."

"From a safety standpoint, there's no amount of money that should trump the safety of the people who live here, and who visit and utilize that park," Tomaselli said.

To view the petition, visit www.change.org/p/concerned-citizens-of-ocean-pines-maryland.

A Facebook page for the group is viewable at www.facebook.com/Concerned-Citizens-of-Ocean-Pines-562103647556207 or by searching "Concerned Citizens of Ocean Pines."

"I hope what we can soon report is that Ocean Pines and the board and the general manager hold public safety, environmental impact and our property values at a very high regard, and that they do the right thing," Tomaselli said.





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Ocean Pines residents recently formed a concerned citizen group with the goal of moving construction materials away from the swim and racquet club park area.



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Berlin Electric recognized by AMP

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) In the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, three members of the Berlin Electric Utility traveled to Orlando, Florida last September to join a multistate effort to restore power there.

On Monday, the Berlin Town Council announced the utility had received an American Municipal Power Mutual Aid Commendation for its efforts.

Berlin is a member of American Municipal Power, which coordinated the hurricane relief effort. Mayor Gee Williams on Monday described the organization as “a nationwide association of electric utilities owned by municipalities.”

Williams said Berlin Electric, despite being a relatively small utility, were “able to show critical assistance where it was needed.”

Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said his department was contacted around Sept. 11 last year and asked to help restore power outages caused by Hurricane Irma, one of the most powerful storms ever seen in the Atlantic Ocean.

Originally headed to Clewiston, Florida, Lawrence said the three-man crew, including himself, Chief Lineman Alan Parkinson and First-Class

Lineman Claude Littleton, were somewhere in Georgia when they were rerouted instead to Orlando.

“I told all the guys, ‘we’re going to Disney World!’” Lawrence said with a laugh.

Arriving at about 10 p.m., the group immediately went through a safety orientation hosted by Orlando Power.

Among other things, the crew was warned of water moccasins swimming through flooded areas, Lawrence said.

“That actually came after one of the linemen that was working down there, and they told us to watch out for those and then also alligators,” he said. “They told us, ‘if you’re near a body of water to keep an eye out for alligators.’ Well, guess what? The water next morning we ended up being right next to a pond.”

Lawrence recalled looking over at Parkinson and several times asking, “Do those look like two little beady eyes sticking up?”

Along with the perils of local wildlife, crews also had to be wary of extreme temperatures and were limited to shifts of two or three hours before being asked to take a break. Lawrence said the heat index on the first day was 113 degrees.

Still, they worked through most of

a three-day period, Sept. 15-17, and when they left to return home on Sunday, “they still had six or eight people still without power,” Lawrence said.

“We had utility companies from 16 different states that were there,” he said. “We met people from Alabama and all through the south area that were working.”

Lawrence recognized Littleton and Parkinson on Monday, as well as others who stayed behind to “keep the lights on” in Berlin: Meter Technician Barry Daniels, Chief Lineman Jim Higgason and Superintendent Augie Wienhold.

Williams praised the department, which he said included “the most risky jobs within any of our departments.”

“And you’ve done a fantastic job,” he said. “We’re just very grateful for the reliability because, as people may understand or may not, the Town of Berlin is in the top 7 percent in terms of reliability of power in the nation.”

“As with any other mutual aid commendation, we are so thankful we haven’t had to be on the receiving end, but if that day every comes, we know we have a lot of good partners there who would come to our aid as well,” he added.

Assateague Island lowers speeds for safety of wildlife

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 30, 2018) Speed limits were reduced last week on the Assateague Island National Seashore, after park officials brought concerns about traffic flow endangering wildlife to the Maryland State Highway Administration.

Liz Davis, public information officer at Assateague, said new speed-limit zones have been established on the Highway 611 approach to the island and on internal park roads.

“First and foremost, it’s about safety for park visitors and park wildlife,” she said.

Bob Rager, state highway community liaison, said signage on the Verazano Bridge was updated last week.

“We dropped it to 30 mph, right before you get to the bridge,” he said.

Speeds after crossing the causeway, eastbound to the Bayberry Drive intersection, have also been dropped to 25 mph, Rager said.

“The idea came from the National Park Service, which wanted to know what we could do to slow down traffic,” he said. “It’s a subtle and fairly simple common-sense change.”

Many first-time visitors are caught off guard by the proximity of water after ascending and descending the tall Verazano Bridge, Davis said.

“You cross the bridge and the road ends suddenly,” she said. “You come right down and it’s all right there and everybody else is having the same experience.”

To that end, Rager said the intent behind lowering the causeway speed from 40 mph to 30 mph was to prepare drivers for the approaching 25 mph zones.

“We’re hoping to get people to slow down before they reach the bridge,” he said.

The National Park Service is updating signage this week for east and westbound travel lanes on Bayberry Drive, Davis said.

Thirteen horses during the last quarter century have died from motor vehicle collisions on the 611 causeway, which at times is congested with slow-moving vehicles and hikers, Davis said.

“It can be dangerous when you get a mix of visitors and wildlife,” she said.

Although equines typically draw the attention of drivers, Davis noted the barrier island also hosts five species of aquatic freshwater turtles, three species of sea turtles, half a dozen snake species, and even Northern fence lizards, all of which are less likely to grab the eye if sauntering across roadways.

Rager said the amended speeds would not solve all traffic related issues on Assateague, but might improve safe-driving practices by some motorists.

“We want people to be going slow enough [that] if there’s a pony on the shoulder or crossing the road, they’re in a position to stop quickly,” he said.

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Heiser previews agenda for Berlin Town Council

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Worcester County State's Attorney Elect Kris Heiser on Monday took the occasion of a Berlin Town Council meeting to introduce herself to town officials and the audience.

Heiser is an Ocean City resident who had been working for the Wicomico County State's Attorney office. She is also familiar with this county's state's attorney office, having served from 2008 to 2011 under former Worcester County State's Attorney Joel Todd.

She takes office Jan. 7, 2019.

Among her priorities is participation in the newly formed Regional Veterans Treatment Court based in Dorchester County and overseen by District Court Associate Judge Melvin J. Jews. The program serves Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

According to a release from the Maryland Courts, "The regional veterans treatment court will provide treatment, accountability, and mentoring to former military service members, while helping connect veterans who are involved with the justice system with the benefits they have earned."

Heiser said the program would offer "many benefits to our veterans who are in need," including assistance in finding federal, state and local resources.

"Of all the people that the court system interacts with and provides services for, I think obviously they should be our first priority, having given so much for our country and our county," she said, adding that a Worcester prosecutor would be placed in the program.

"Hopefully, that will be a big benefit for our veterans throughout Worcester County, but I know, specifically, in Berlin we have very many here as well," she said. "We're getting in on the ground floor, which should mean that we have a great opportunity to tell [program officials] what exactly our Worcester County veterans need ... and they'll tailor the program as it goes along."

Additionally, Heiser said her office would focus on public-private partnerships.

"I've been meeting in the interim, from now until January, gathering a lot of information from our nonprofits and our charity organizations throughout Worcester County," she said, highlighting Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin.

Heiser said she hopes to leverage "grant money that nonprofits are already bringing in to address the needs of young people in juvenile court, as well as young adults in the adult criminal court system."

As a prosecutor, Heiser said she often has a captive audience of at-risk youth who are in need of services, but are difficult for nonprofits to identify.

She said many nonprofits she spoke with were "very open to the idea of working more closely with the states

attorney's office" to assist juveniles and first-time adult offenders and their families, by offering mental health services and addictions treatment.

The goal of the public-private partnership is to develop "a much more comprehensive program," Heiser said.

"That will be a great help in our fight against the opioid crisis as well," she added.

Finally, Heiser announced plans to appoint a special prosecutor for the Town of Berlin to help "ensure consistency with how we handle problems that are more specific to your town, versus other communities that require very different services from my office."

"The partnerships [and] communication is very important to me, so I would appreciate any thoughts or ideas and concerns you have, relative to what Berlin needs versus the rest of the

county, and how the states attorney's office and be more proactive and prepared," Heiser said. "I want the prosecutor to be someone you know, someone you have their phone number, someone who will answer the phone when you call."

Mayor Gee Williams complimented Heiser's vision and enthusiasm. He was especially pleased to hear her focus on public-private partnerships, which the town has favored for years.

"I'm also very encouraged by the fact that you're customizing and localizing services on the basis of the needs of each community. We're very lucky that we've got four different communities in terms of municipalities – plus Ocean Pines – and they all are distinctly different in many ways," Williams said. "It all starts with people, both folks that are on the right path

and those that have lost their way, and I think this approach is something we're very enthusiastic about."

Williams also invoked Todd as being particularly effective in his prosecution of drug dealers within Berlin. He said at the time the state's attorney's office coordinated with Berlin, state and county police to create a "multipronged effort" to help curb so-called "open air" drug markets.

Heiser said she planned to pursue a similar strategy.

"I was just starting in the office here in Worcester as a new prosecutor when Joel was [in office] and I do remember the results being great," she said. "If we can continue along with that, my thoughts are dealers should be incarcerated, addicts should be in treatment. I've never seen it work any other way."

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Slew of events coming up at OPA Yacht Club

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Aug. 30, 2018) Event planners at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club hope to keep things interesting during the coming shoulder season, with some special events already scheduled and others in the works.

On Oct. 20, the club will host an Ovation Dinner Theatre presentation of “Joey & Gina’s Italian Comedy Wedding.”

Ocean Pines Clubs committee member Gary Miller said last Thursday he attended a similar event where guests essentially became a part of the performance.

“It’s not going to be theater-type seating or anything like that. It’s going to be a dinner theater where you’re going to be a part of the reception,” he said. “The one that’s similar to this that we went to probably six or seven years ago was a lot of fun ... they expect the audience to kind of participate and get involved.”

Miller said he’d also spoken with Ralph DeAngelus, who helps oversee yacht club operations, about hosting fundraising events there.

“I do a lot of fundraising for Atlantic General Hospital through their Penguin Swim,” Miller said. “One of the things I tried to do two years ago here was a guest bartending event

that would include the new board of directors as some of the guest bartenders. And there were a couple directors at the time that thought this would be a great idea, but it never came to fruition for whatever reason.”

According to Miller, DeAngelus said he was onboard with a charity beer and wine tasting, with board members potentially getting involved.

“I haven’t contacted all the directors yet, but Ralph was very generous in saying, ‘Yeah, let’s do it sometime in October,’” Miller said. “I have a feeling that a lot of these type of things – whether it’s the dinner theater or special events like the wine and beer tasting – are going to be something that would be put out for later in the year.”

He added proceeds would benefit Atlantic General Hospital, and the event could include 50/50 raffles and other fundraising tie-ins.

“It sounds like it would be a fun thing, if we could get the new

board to be involved and give them an opportunity to meet a lot of their constituents that maybe they don’t get the opportunity to meet,” Miller said.

Miller also helped organize an upcoming Ocean City Ravens Roost Bar Hop Cruise, scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and include a boat ride and five raffle tickets for prizes to be drawn at each stop. Stops include The Reel Inn, Sunset Grill and Mad Fish in

Ocean City.

Guests meet at M.R. Ducks in West Ocean City and board The Explorer at 5:45 p.m. The boat features a cash bar and each stop includes happy hour specials.

For tickets or more information, contact Miller at garywm@mchsi.com or Joy Stokes at jstokes@atlanticgeneral.org. Proceeds benefit the 2019 Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim.



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Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee last Thursday discuss upcoming events at the community yacht club.

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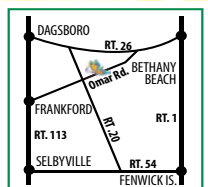
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Community survey of members mailed and available online

(Aug. 30, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association is inviting all property owners to take part in a membership survey to identify community priorities and evaluate the quality of municipal services.

“Issues that impact the entire community require solutions that are not created in a vacuum,” John Bailey, general manager of the Ocean Pines Association, said. “One of the objectives of the survey is to explore ideas that can be used to develop strategies that will ensure value in our homes and strengthen our community for the long term.”

Survey respondents will be asked to evaluate satisfaction levels for public safety, such as the police and fire departments, street signs and lighting, speed limits, emergency response time and the conditions of the roads.

In addition, questions about the responsiveness of the board of directors, the physical appearance of the community and its amenities, and the level of importance for development projects throughout Ocean Pines are included.

“The results of the survey will help in guiding the Association as it explores options to ensure that Ocean Pines remains one of the premier communities on the Eastern Shore,” Bailey said.

Delmarva Printing and Design, a Salisbury-based printing and mailing company, mailed surveys to each Ocean Pines property owner.

Property owners can drop off their completed survey in person at or mail it to 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

A drop box, labeled “2018 Membership Survey,” will be available for after-hour deliveries at the police department, also on 239 Ocean Parkway. The survey must be in an envelope when placed in the drop box.

The Association assures property owners that the name and address provided on each completed survey will only be used to verify Ocean Pines property owner status and to prevent duplicate survey submissions.

The survey may also be completed online and is available at www.snap-surveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153391503360. In addition, copies of the survey are available at the front desk of the administrative building.

If respondents have completed both an online survey and a paper survey, the paper survey will serve as the default survey when compiling responses.

“On behalf of the board of directors, the strategic planning committee, the staff, and indeed all your fellow members, we thank you for assisting in this most valuable process,” Bailey said.

The deadline for responses is Friday, Sept. 7.




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GERMANTOWN DONATION

Barbara Purnell, president of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center in Berlin, accepts a donation presented by Carol Parker Rose, chair of the Berlin Historical Commission, on behalf of the Casual Day Fund Committee of the Bank of Delmarva. A total of \$250 was collected by employees who dressed casual for a cause. The Germantown School is one of only two surviving Rosenwald Schools in Worcester County and the only one adapted as a private museum and community center accessible to the public. Call 410-641-0638 for information and event details.

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Comptroller agents bust up cigarette stash

Vehicle nabbed driving on Route 13 in Pocomoke had packs worth over \$18,000

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 30, 2018) State Comptroller field agents conducting a surveillance operation last week intercepted a vehicle with New Jersey tags traveling out of Virginia on Route 13 in Pocomoke and containing more than 2,800 packs of contraband cigarettes valued at more than \$18,000.

Nasser Manssour, 55, of Brooklyn, New York was arrested and charged with a felony count of transporting contraband cigarettes and a misdemeanor count of possession of contraband cigarettes, after being stopped in a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV on Route 13 and Sheep House Road last Thursday.

Comptroller Peter Franchot issued a press release on Monday that praised the diligent efforts of Field Enforcement Division agents to identify individuals illegally smuggling tobacco products across state lines.

“My FED agents’ vigilance protects Maryland businesses and taxpayers from those who try to cheat the system with their illegal activities,” he said in the release.

In total, agents recovered 2,820 packs of contraband cigarettes worth an estimated \$18,189, which represents a state tax loss of \$5,640.

According to the release, agents observed Manssour conceal the contraband in the rear of the SUV while outside a discount cigarette retail store on the Lower Shore of Virginia.

Joseph Shapiro, Comptroller’s Office director of communications, said field agents regularly partner with the Maryland State Police and other local

law enforcement agencies on comparable operations statewide.

“Often during traffic stops for something unrelated like speeding, troopers will notice large amount of cigarettes,” he said. “Our agents will go out and verify the taxes have been paid.”

In addition to lost tax revenues, Shapiro said untaxed tobacco products lack regulatory oversight and could potentially be distributed to minors.

“There is no way to assure the actual product is in there and in some cases they have been tampered with,” he said. “The bottom line with untaxed cigarettes is it’s unfair to the local business folks who are doing the right thing.”

Shapiro noted cigarette smugglers oftentimes use fake tax stamps to avoid detection.

“We come across cases where they

try to make them look more official,” he said. “The tax stamps are changed [regularly] and are not like the one used three years ago.”

Shapiro said because of a high volume of repeat offenders, in 2013 the state toughened related penalties, which previously included a \$50 per carton fine and a potential two-year jail sentence.

The current penalties include a mandatory \$150 per carton fine for first offenders with the potential for two-years of incarceration. Fines increase to \$300 per carton for subsequent violations.

“The punishment was not stiff enough to outweigh the profit potential,” he said.

Manssour, who was released on his own recognizance, has a preliminary hearing scheduled in Worcester County District Court in Snow Hill on Sept. 14.

Suspect sought in West OC robbery

Police using surveillance footage to track narcotics theft at Rite Aid pharmacy

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 30, 2018) Worcester County detectives investigating a pharmacy robbery at the Rite Aid in West Ocean City on Friday evening are seeking help identifying a suspect captured

on surveillance footage.

Worcester County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to the drug store in the 12000 block of Ocean Gateway for a reported robbery in the pharmacy at about 7:50 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Detectives allege the man captured on video entered the store, approached the pharmacy counter and presented a note demanding narcotics.

The Sheriff’s Office reported in addition to instructing the pharmacist to supply prescription medications, the suspects’ note stated failure to comply would result in violence to both the store and family members of the pharmacist.

After the suspect’s violence-laden drug demand was filled, he left the store and was allegedly seen exiting the parking lot in a Black Jeep Wrangler-style vehicle.

Any person that recognizes identify the suspect, or has information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Det. Cpl. Mark Titanski of the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation at 410-632-1111 ext. 2290 or email mtitanski@co.worcester.md.us

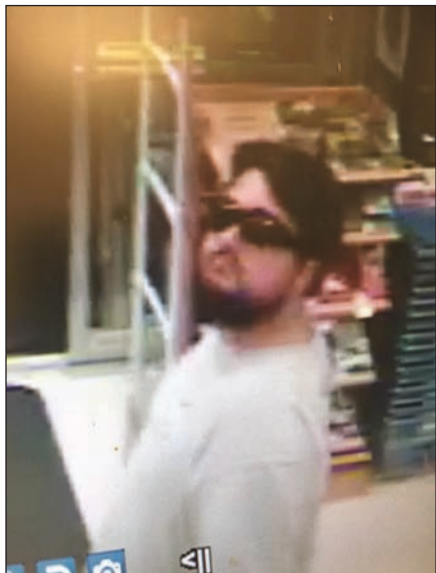


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The man pictured is wanted in connection with a pharmacy robbery at the Rite Aid in West Ocean City on Friday.



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BANK DONATIONS

Shore United Bank recently presented Diakonia and the Art League of Ocean City with a check for \$1,000 as part of their sponsorship for the Empty Bowl Project. Pictured, from left, are Sandy Sribnick, Diakonia board member; Allyson Church, Diakonia board president; Claudia Nagle, Diakonia executive director; Terri Johnson, Shore United Bank; Rina Thaler, Art League executive director; and Marian Bickerstaff, Art League president. The Empty Bowl Project benefits the two local nonprofits, helping to fill the food pantry at Diakonia and to support the community outreach programs of the Art League. Bowl-making sessions are scheduled at the Ocean City Center for the Arts through the fall and winter with the soup dinner in 2019.



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RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Worcester County Humane Society Thrift Store on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City, Aug. 21.

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Rightful place in history granted to Briddletown

What’s in a name? Some pronounce it Briddle, while others favor Brid-dell’, but no matter how a name might be said, its significance lies in what it is and what it represents.

For Briddletown, which was officially recognized this week by Worcester County, this neighborhood that encompasses part of Berlin and beyond is as much a community of the mind and spirit as it is a place.

As was said many times one way or the other during the recognition ceremony Tuesday afternoon, Briddletown represents hope and the promise of better lives in the early pre-Civil War era and in the years that followed.

None of us today can truly appreciate how Benjamin Pitts, an African-American and free man, must have felt when he became a landowner here in 1866. This represented a profound change in the societal system — an African-American man buying property just a year or so removed from a time when many of his contemporaries were treated as property.

This declaration of independence by Pitts and other former freed persons and ex-slaves who followed not long after, echoed throughout the coming decades, as the Briddell, Williams, Fitchett, Johnson, Purnell and Quillen families established themselves in what was then a growing community.

The creation of Briddletown, however informally it was viewed by government, was a huge first step by these people and others who aspired to make things right for themselves, their families and their descendants.

Hopefully, this official recognition will help preserve the facts and the spirit of Briddletown’s existence.



BRIDDELTOWN HAS RISEN!

“This sign was developed to preserve, protect and promote the rich history of African American people ... on the shore. Today we celebrate the history of Briddletown”

Worcester County Commissioners President Diana Purnell on redesignation a portion of Flower Street on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

Letters

Goose euthanasia was OPA watershed

Editor,

It is a watershed occurrence when 290 geese are “euthanized” without the association’s residents being aware, as happened June 2018 in Ocean Pines, a homeowners association community near Ocean City.

Sometimes, we hear people claiming that Canada geese are responsible for human disease and water pollution. Fifteen years of information on water quality in Maryland and other states does not support this claim and instead points the finger at human and chicken sewage, the use of lawn fertilizers, as well as agricultural runoff.

Additionally, medical literature as well as information from the CDC and NIH including 200-plus recent medical publications does not identify or implicate Canada geese as a source of bacterial illness.

Of course, if you pick up a goose or its poop, you might pick up parasites, but rarely and most of these little buggers do not cause sickness in humans. And, of course, geese poop is grass, plain and simple. What’s the problem with

grass in the water or land?

So, the real “elephant in the room” is why the Pines, in particular their Environmental Committee, a group of five men (which is supervised by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors), made this decision.

So far, there have been no cursory or substantive explanations. Please do not tell us that the explanation for why is found in the literature of agencies that “euthanize” geese.

The same agency in fact removed 190 more geese than the Ocean Pines contract, a seemingly predatory financial move. Really? Are we going to base decisions on their information? Decisions based on this information would not only be naïve but grossly irresponsible.

More than likely, the decision to euthanize was based on residents’ complaints of inconvenience (poop in their yard, oh my ...) and/or information passed from one to another that ends in “a hodge-podge” of misinformation on the tail end.

Maybe the decision was made just because they could make it? Maybe it reflects the lack of empathy that has occurred on Ocean Pines roads when large groups of geese are

deliberately run over.

Whatever the process, it is saddening that reason. Due diligence and respect for wildlife did not enter into the equation, and resulted in the “killing fields” in Ocean Pines.

Perhaps the OPA could rationalize the decision to kill, stating the Ocean Pines ponds “cannot sustain” this volume of geese; but, again ... why?

It is reported that the OPA has a goose poop cleanup machine and can use collies to briefly herd geese away from community spots in Ocean Pines. That is a reasonable plan to enact with the geese population; but, until the Ocean Pines Board of Directors state they will no longer support wildlife euthanasia, protests and attempts to reduce ignorance, indifference, and fear-mongering will prevail.

We pray that Ocean Pines and its leadership will respect wildlife, which is part and parcel of the Shore, “the land of pleasant living” (without wildlife kills). To do otherwise, will be the death knell for all living things that we love as residents of a coastal community.

Mary Deborah Wilson
Ocean Pines

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Wor. County Superintendent receives award

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 30, 2018) Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Louis H. Taylor was presented with the School Safety Superintendent of the Year Award from the Maryland Center for School Safety during its annual summer conference on Aug. 13 in Annapolis.

“I was very surprised,” Taylor said. “I was very humbled and very honored to be recognized for that. I firmly believe that it’s a collaboration between my executive level team, our school-based leaders and our teachers that made this possible.

“I also believe it’s a collaboration between our Board of Education and County Commissioners who fund our school system that they allow us to do things to make sure that we are safe,” he continued.

The award, presented by Maryland Center for School Safety Executive Director Ed Clarke, recognized Taylor’s outstanding leadership and his commitment to creating and enhancing a safe and secure learning environment for students, staff and parents in Worcester County Public Schools.

“I feel very strongly as a superintendent that all 6,700 of our kids have every right to go home to their

families every night and every single one of our employees have a right to go home to their families every night,” Taylor said. “With that philosophy in the back of my mind every day, it is paramount that we take a look at all the precautions we can possibly look at and make sure [safety precautions] are [put] in place within our abilities to [do so].”

Key safety features the superintendent installed into Worcester County schools include a deputy in each school and regularly updating and evaluating safety plans.

Check-in and check-out systems and shields donated by Hardwire of Pocomoke have been incorporated into the buildings, and every school is locked and secured.

“I firmly believe teachers can’t teach at a high level [and] kids can’t learn at a high level if we are not making every effort to make sure those environments for learning are safe and secure,” Taylor said. “Keep in mind there’s no way to totally prepare for everything that could happen. We do have an obligation to look at what we can control and manage that at a high level to make sure we are safe and secure when our kids and families are in our buildings each and every day.”

In recent years, school safety has become one of the top issues in the nation, and was one of the most talked about and funded legislative topics in the 2018 Maryland Legislative session.

“It’s not only in schools, it’s across the state. I believe as a school leader we’ve got to make sure we’re doing all we can,” Taylor said.

A key component to school safety, according to Taylor, involves putting more focus on mental health, which has been another topic of debate in Maryland legislation.

“I want to make sure that we’re taking a look at the agencies like the Worcester County Health Department and others who can provides services for school safety [to] identify problems before they exist,” he said. “They’re a huge component of this team to address mental health issues

within our community and school community to alleviate some of the problems that could exist down the road.

“It all boils down to relationship building,” Taylor continued. “Safety starts with relationship building. We’ve all got to be on the same page. We all have to be in a collaborative and supportive mode when we’re working together.”

Worcester County schools are set to open on Sept. 4.



PHOTO COURTESY CARRIE STERRS
Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools Louis Taylor displays the School Safety Superintendent of the Year Award, which he received on Monday, Aug. 13.

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Sat. & Sun. 10-4pm	Muirfield Lane, River Run	3-4BR/2-3.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900-\$479,900	Ed Wehnert/Coldwell Banker
Monday 9-1	606 141st St., Caine Woods	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$244,000	Karla Oass/Long & Foster OC
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Worcester students heading back to school

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Aug. 30, 2018) More than 6,700 students are expected to return to Worcester County's 14 public schools on Tuesday, Sept. 4, when the 2018-19 school year is scheduled to begin.

"We're excited to welcome all 6,700 back on Tuesday," Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools, said. "It's a partnership with this entire community, our board of education, our staff at the school, and our elected officials who support our school system and provide the means that we can do things to ensure our kids can do their best."

Taylor said enrollment was slightly higher than last year, when 6,663 students were enrolled.

The 180-day school calendar runs until Thursday, June 13, with three cancellation days factored in for inclement weather. The last day of school will be adjusted if the county school system does not use the days or exceeds that number.

While students spend 180 days in class, the teachers must work 188 days. Some of those are professional days, which gives time off for students, but requires teachers to report for a full day. This year, four professional days are scheduled at the end of each marking period.

"It's always an exciting time, be-

cause teachers and students and community members get to do what they do best, which is to learn and work together and grow," Pocomoke Middle School Principal Matthew Record said. "The beginning of the school year is always a special feeling. We're really excited to have those things on Sept. 4 this year."

Several new developments occurred during the past year, including the latest phase of the digital conversion process. The four-year development was designed to supplement instruction and allow students to become more adept at using technology as a tool to enhance their learning. Currently, 1,591 iPads, 3,076 Chromebooks and 2,142 laptops have been made accessible throughout the 14 schools.

Construction of the new Showell Elementary School is also expected to begin in October, with the \$47 million school expected to be finished in time for the 2019-20 school year.

"You walk into the first day of school and you never know what it's going to be," Caitlin Evans, a teacher at Worcester Technical High School, said during a back to school pep rally on Tuesday. "You get new kids every single year. You're always excited. The rooms are ready, we're ready and I loved the speaker today. She gave us a lot of encouragement and tools to use."

2018-19 School Holiday Calendar:

Oct. 19 – Maryland State Education Association Convention
Nov. 5 – Professional day
Nov. 21-23 – Thanksgiving break
Dec. 24-Jan. 1 – Winter break
Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 24-25 – High school exams,

half-day for all students
Jan. 28 – Professional day
Feb. 18 – President's Day
March 29 – Professional day
April 1 – Professional day
April 19-22 – Spring break
May 27 – Memorial Day
June 12-13 – High school exams, half-days for all students



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools Lou Taylor dances with students from Cedar Chapel Special School during the second annual Back to School Pep Rally at the convention center on 40th Street on Tuesday, Aug. 28.



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Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' in Berlin, OC and Pocomoke

(Aug. 30, 2018) Brown Box Theatre Project will transform local parks, main streets, schools and public spaces into the Forest of Arden with its eighth annual Free Outdoor Shakespeare tour of "As You Like It," from Aug. 30 through Sept. 23.

When a motley cast of characters finds themselves banished from the court, misdirection, desire and serendipity unite to form a tangled web of identity and love that could only be possible in this pastoral haven, where gender roles, politics and expectations are turned upside-down.

Performed under the stars in idyllic outdoor venues, "As You Like It" will transport audiences into the heart of one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies in a can't-miss multi-state tour.

Brown Box's annual tradition will continue the company's mission of delivering professional, impactful theatre directly to communities in an ongoing effort to transform the way theatre is created and consumed.

"As we expand our reach on Delmarva, Brown Box continues our efforts to be a regular and reliable source of professional performing arts to communities whose access to theatre is limited by geography or cost," said Artistic Director Kyler Taustin.

In keeping with the Brown Box touring model, "As You Like It" will reinforce the company's community connections and partnerships throughout the Peninsula, marking a significant victory for accessible theatre and creative spaces.

Following its tour of Massachusetts, the production will travel throughout Delmarva, transforming green spaces from Wilmington to Exmore, Ocean City

to Chesapeake City and transporting local audiences into one of Shakespeare's finest comedies.

"As You Like It" explores the ideas of liberation and self-empowerment in a politically uncertain time. With her father, the Duke, overthrown, Rosalind is captive to a tyrant relative, restricted and bound by imposed judgment and expectation, and discontent with her circumstances.

In this tale of female empowerment, Rosalind takes the necessary action to see her own banishment as liberation, and navigates nature, family and love even in the most challenging of times. All "As You Like It" performances are free, outdoors, and open to all audiences.

Brown Box Theatre Project's mission is to bring high-quality theatre to communities that otherwise lack access to the performing arts. The constant goal in all its programming is to bring down barriers that separate potential audiences from live theatre and to introduce the performing arts to the widest audience possible.

Performances in Worcester County:

Saturday, Sept. 1 - Corner of Main Street and Pitts Street, Berlin

Wednesday, Sept. 5 - Cypress Park, Pocomoke City

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Sunset Park, S, Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City

Thursday, Sept. 20 - Northside Park, 125th Street, Ocean City

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. No reservations required. For more information, including weather updates and other area performance dates, visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.

AGH to host Behavioral Health Resource Fair, Friday, Aug. 31

(Aug. 30, 2018) Atlantic General Hospital is co-sponsoring HOPE for Worcester, a Behavioral Health Resource Fair on Friday, Aug 31.

Co-sponsors for the health fair include the Worcester County Health Department, Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction, Worcester County Sheriff's Office, and the HOPE House Mobile Unit on behalf of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

This free event, which runs from noon to 4 p.m., is being held at the Ocean Pines Community Center and is open to all.

The health resource fair will offer education on substance use trends, signs and symptoms and behavioral health services. The HOPE Mobile Unit will be stationed outside of the health fair and will offer a walk-through simulation on discovering how drugs can be easily hidden in a teenager's bedroom. Attendees must be 18 or older to enter the HOPE Mobile Unit.

Crafts for children and face painting will be available at the Kids Corner.

For more information, contact Donna

Nordstrom, Atlantic General Hospital director of Community Health, at 410-629-6820 or dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org.

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Business Briefs

Lankford returns

Raymond M. Thompson, president and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, has announced Allison N. Lankford has returned as an operations supervisor.

Lankford will be responsible for overseeing daily branch operations, assisting with monthly branch audits, supporting management and company policies on the front line, and monitoring employee performance. She will be based at the West Ocean City branch.

Lankford comes to Taylor Bank with just under 10 years of banking experience, six at Taylor Bank. Her background includes branch management and customer service. She completed her first year at the West Virginia Banking School.

Lankford is very active and involved in the local community. She has served as the vice president of the Town of Bath Development Authority, and participates in groups such as the Rotary Club, Boys and Girls Club, Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group, and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

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Nominations

Maryland Capital Enterprises is accepting nominations for the seventh annual Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The awards presentation will be held at Maryland Capital Enterprises' annual celebration, Thursday, Nov. 15, at Salisbury University in the Assembly Hall of the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons Building from 6-9 p.m.

Nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

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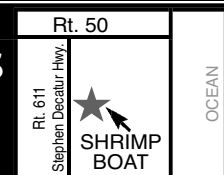


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ArtX Festival



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Guinness World Record holder Cascading Carlos demonstrates his juggling skills

FIRST-YEAR FESTIVAL

The inaugural ArtX - Artistic Xpression festival at Northside Park in Ocean City drew large crowds last weekend. The festival featured dozens of art exhibitors, as well as live music, food and beer vendors, and many activities for children.

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Robert Davis, 9, and sister Zooney Davis, 7, play gladiators



Artist Robbie Johnson of Amused Studios, with 5-year-old daughter Imogen, shows off his original ceramic art

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TEA PARTY

Members of the Republican Women of Worcester County attend the Bay Club Tea at the Reynolds Tavern in Annapolis on Aug. 20. Pictured, standing, is Maryland's Fist Lady Yumi Hogan, left, and Beth Rodier, president of the RWWC, and seated are RWWC members, Liz Mumford and Sandy Zitzer.



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BACKPACK DONATIONS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City donated 48 backpacks and supplies for each bag to Worcester G.O.L.D for the upcoming school year. G.O.L.D. will distribute these to children in need of assistance. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis members stuffing the bags before delivery to G.O.L.D. Stella Hartington, Sue Wineke, Tom Southwell, Susanne Foley, Barbara Southwell, Barb Peletier and Pat Winkelmayer.



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POWER SQUADRON

Past commanders of the Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, held its 15th annual induction ceremony into the Dead Duck Society. On Aug. 23, at the Starr Restaurant at River Run, John Hess, commander for 2017, was this year's inductee. Past commanders, pictured in front, from left, are Wallace J. Stevenson and Antonino G. Curro; second row, Morton N. Brown, Judith K. Prange, Frederick F. Stiehl, Anthony D. Smith, Raymond Calandra and Sterling S. Wyand; and in back, Charles W. Hinz, Peter M. Fox, John Hess, John W. Tellman and Stuart C. Glassman.



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BLACK BELT

Infinity Martial Arts owner/lead instructor Mike Otwell, center, obtained the rank of black belt in Jiu Jitsu on Aug. 11.



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HELPING VETERANS

The Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 has joined with the American Legion Post #166 in helping homeless veterans and their families move into their own homes. The Elks are using grants from the Elks National Foundation to provide items to start their own housekeeping as well as gift cards for food along with dictionaries for all. The American Legion is providing furniture and other items. Pictured, from left, are Carrrol Wagner, Peggy Bradford, Toni Wagner, Susan Caldwell, Sarge Garlitz, and Claudia Nagle.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Salon Sixteen, located at 16 Broad Street in Berlin, celebrated its one-year anniversary on Aug. 22. Pictured, in front, from left, are Paula Myers, Stephanie Lisi, Rhonda Pilarski (owner) and Terri Hedges, and in back, Alex Vara, Kristen Peacock, Sherry Orf and Sammi Flatley. The staff thanks its clients that have supported them. Salon Sixteen is a full-service hair salon that also offers facial waxing, spa pedicures, natural and gel manicures. Hours of operation are: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Maryland Lt. Gov. visits Ocean Pines for announcement

(Aug. 30, 2018) Maryland Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford and top staff of the Worcester County Commission on Aging took to Ocean Pines on Thursday, Aug. 16 to announce the launch of a new program, "Community for Life," designed to help seniors age in place and remain active and healthy.

Ocean Pines, named one of the top places to retire in the country by Forbes Magazine in 2017, is expected to be instrumental in Maryland's roll-out of this program that helps seniors live independently in the comfort of their own homes.

The Worcester County Commission on Aging through Community for Life aims to enhance the availability of key services that may help seniors cope with aging without further burdening their caregivers or exhausting their financial resources.

The statewide program with a focus on Ocean Pines offers a variety of services to its members: transportation to medical and vet appointments, the grocery store, the local senior center and social events; home repairs; vendor service referral; assistance with electronics; reminder calls for medical appointments; telephone



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Maryland Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford and top staff members of the Worcester County Commission on Aging took to Ocean Pines on Thursday, Aug. 16 to announce the launch of a new program, entitled "Community for Life." Pictured, from left, are Rutherford; John Bailey, general manager of the Ocean Pines Association; and Doug Parks, president of the Ocean Pines Association.

check-ins; "friendly" check-ins; and much more.

Ocean Pines residents who are interested in the program would have to enroll as a paid member. Executive Director Robert Hart and Commu-

nity Navigator Shea Wise will provide more information about Community for Life and its membership opportunities during a free informational meeting scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. in the East Room of the

Ocean Pines Community Center. For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

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Sept. 3: Walt Farovic, 7 p.m.
Sept. 4: Jack Worthington, 6 p.m.
Sept. 5: Reform School, 6 p.m.;
Open Mic, 9 p.m.
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Sept. 1: Pearl, 4-8 p.m.

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Sept. 1: Aaron Howell Duo, noon to
4 p.m.; Zion Reggae, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 2: Rick & Regina, noon to 4
p.m.; The Lauren Glick Band, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 3: Sean Loomis Duo, noon to
4 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth
& Pete, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 4: Copper Sky, noon to 3 p.m.;
Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 5: Chris Button & Joe Mama,
4-8 p.m.
Sept. 6: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama,
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stage, 9 p.m.; VJ/DJ Jammin Jeff
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2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 2: Opposite Directions, 2-6
p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 3: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ
Billy T, 7 p.m.
Sept. 4: Dust N Bones
Sept. 5: Karaoke w/Jeremy or Trivia
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Sept. 1: The Bonedaddy's, 5 p.m.
Sept. 2: Over Time, 4 p.m.
Sept. 3: Tranzfusion, 4 p.m.
Sept. 5: DJ Batman, 5 p.m.
Sept. 6: Monkee Paw, 6 p.m.

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8 p.m.
Sept. 2: Markey Shaw, tiki bar, 8 p.m.
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Sept. 6: Michael Smith, piano
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Sept. 6: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 2: CK DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; The Lava
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Sept. 4-5: VJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Sept. 6: CK VJ/DJ

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p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ
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p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Gypsy Wisdom,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 1: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m. to 6
p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 1:50 a.m.;
The 5:55, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works, 5-9
p.m.; JJ Rupp Band, 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 Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50
a.m.
Sept. 2: DJ Bobby-O, 9 a.m. to
5 p.m.; DJ Tuff, noon to 1 a.m.; JJ
Rupp Band, 1-5 p.m.; Jah Works,
5-9 p.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 9 p.m. to
1 a.m.; Labor Day Fireworks,
9:30-10 p.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to
1:50 a.m.; My Hero Zero, 10 p.m. to
1:50 a.m.
Sept. 3: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to
5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.;
The Freddie Long Band, 9 p.m. to
1 a.m.
Sept. 4: The Freddie Long Band,
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 5: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 6: Element K, 9 p.m. to 1
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Commercial property for sale in Pocomoke

Municipal partnership with Gillis Gilkerson/SVN-Miller to list more than 100 acres

(Aug. 30, 2018) Merry Mears, associate advisor with the Gillis Gilkerson Group within SVN-Miller Commercial Real Estate, has established a municipal partnership with the City of Pocomoke to list over 100 acres of commercial real estate for sale.

The acreage consists of lots in the industrial park and along Route 13 with highway frontage.

With this partnership, Pocomoke City is eager to strike land deals to attract, engage and expand industrial and retail business.

Located in Worcester County, the city offers blue ribbon schools and is a HUBZone, which gives businesses a leg-up on federal contracting opportunities. The available lots are also located within an Enterprise Zone, which is a Maryland tax credit program that provides offsets for job creation and real estate construction.

City Administrator Bobby Cowger expressed excitement about the partnership.

“We want the national audience to know that we are ready, willing and

able to attract investment to our community in a way that we have never done before,” he said. “We are ready for deal-making and our message is simple – bring your offer to the

table.”

“I am looking forward to working with the City of Pocomoke to facilitate growth and job creation through the sale of this acreage,” Mears said.

For more information on the available acreage Pocomoke City has to offer contact Mears at merry.mears@svn.com or call 410-543-2440.



Aerial photography of Pocomoke City shows some of the more than 100 acres available for sale through a municipal partnership between the town and Gillis Gilkerson Group within SVN-Miller Commercial Real Estate.

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One of the joys of taking over a kitchen or opening a new restaurant is the amount of wooing that food brokers perform in order to gain your business.



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3
I love this part of the process, and brokers know that it's simply the cost of doing business. Customer service to a chef is no less important than the service that we provide our guests. But, the samples. Keep them coming.

Dry-aged steaks, fresh seafood, beautiful produce and artery-blocking desserts to top off the aforementioned arterial dreams-come-true.

While I have opened restaurants for other people, this is the first time that I have partnered in a restaurant and it is a fascinating process at the age of 50. The bureaucracy is a nightmare, the money flushes right down the toilet, and your time is no longer yours, but belongs to the county clerks, health inspectors, lawyers, brokers and the liquor board.

And I wouldn't have it any other way. We are opening a beautiful little place in Pittsville and the renovations are just about complete, all inspections are final and now we are just waiting for the punch list to be complete and for food to start rolling in so we can work towards our soft openings.

Never one to turn down free stuff (I was the youngest of eight children, so we learned a certain degree of thrift) I was excited when a chef in New Jersey waved his hand over the table of goods and told me to take whatever I wanted. I obliged.

Among the bounty was a fresh side of salmon, so of course that went into the cooler. And last night for the family, I made some amazing salmon club sandwiches. While there weren't three layers of bread as you would find in a traditional club, all of the critical components were there; bacon, lettuce, mayonnaise, that beautiful salmon replacing the turkey and some chilled roasted tomatoes that I had thrown together earlier in the week.

Hand-picked for us to sample, of course the salmon was bound to be perfect and it did not disappoint.

There were only five of us around the kitchen counter eating; my



mother-in-law, youngest daughter, my girlfriend and her daughter, and me. Sometimes it's just nice to stand around and eat, informally chatting while we sup. There's just an air about an open kitchen that makes it comfortable to hang out.

Regaling ourselves with tales of the summer's trips, fishing adventures, restaurant woes and progress, it was a lovely evening and one of those nights where the cook and cleaner (me on both counts) could casually clean everything up while everyone just sat and talked.

And after the first bite, those of us who had salmon (two cowards ate chicken), our faces did that sway with eyes closed that happen only when you eat something that is perfect. And no I'm not saying that it's anything special that I did; read the recipe. It's simple. But when the food is good in the beginning, and you don't screw it up, you are bound to see that face more than once. At least this is a good part of opening this blasted place.

Salmon Club

serves 4
4 5-ounce portions fresh salmon
1/2 c. Wondra flour
1 tsp. Ground black pepper
1 tsp. Granulated garlic

- 1 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1/4 cup Brown butter or clarified butter
- 12 pieces thick-cut bacon
- 2 cups Garlic-roasted tomatoes (recipe follows)
- 4 of the best rolls that you can find
- 2 cups Baby arugula/greens mix
- 3 Tbsp. Roasted garlic Italian dressing
- 1. Pat the salmon dry and set aside
- 2. Combine the flour, pepper, granulated garlic and salt on a plate and shake it gently to level it out
- 3. Lightly coat (dredge) the salmon with the flour mixture
- 4. Heat the butter in a fry or sauté pan until it is just under smoking-hot
- 5. Carefully add the salmon with the bloodline up and cook for about two minutes or until you have a nice crust on the presentation side of the fish
- 6. Turn over gently and remove the pan from heat. The residual cooking will finish the fish, and depending on the thickness of your pan (think cast iron) it can cook it all the way through, or pull it off at medium, which is where I like it
- 7. When the salmon is done, remove to a paper towel and allow to rest while you build the sandwiches
- 8. Toss the greens with the dressing and place on the bottom bun

- 9. Top with the salmon, bacon and roasted tomatoes and have at it
- 10. For condiments, I like to stay simple with this one and use Duke's mayonnaise and Dijon mustard

Garlic-Roasted Tomatoes

makes about 1 quart
2 cups Tomato wedges from roma tomatoes
1 Tbsp. Kosher salt
1/2 cup garlic cloves
2 cups EV Olive oil

- 1. Toss the tomatoes in the salt in a saucepan
- 2. Add remaining ingredients and place on a low-to-medium heat
- 3. Do not let this boil or fry. Low and slow is the way to go
- 4. These can take an hour or two, so don't rush it. The flavor development that takes place is off the charts and it is well worth the wait. Plus, they keep for a long time in the fridge
- 5. When cooked and thoroughly delicious, remove and refrigerate immediately

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

Puzzles

TO THE POINT
BY OLIVIA MITRA FRAMKE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Lightheaded

6 Underwater workplaces

13 One of four on the annual tennis calendar

18 Navel formation?

19 Not renewed

21 1836 siege setting

22 First name on the high bench

23 Follower of deuce

24 Wordsmith Peter Mark ____

25 Lot of back and forth?

27 Alternative to grass

29 Place for a prize ceremony

30 Nellie who wrote "Ten Days in a Mad-House"

31 Point of no return?

34 Certain corp. takeover

35 It's meant to be

36 NBC hit since '75

37 Ingredient in a Dark 'n' Stormy

38 Muslim holy men

40 Designer inits.

42 "Awesome!"

43 Lead-in to line

44 Rod who was the 1977 A.L. M.V.P.

45 "Bridesmaids" co-star

47 Food with an unfortunate-sounding last two syllables

50 Really fancy

51 Dreams up

55 Sophocles tragedy

56 Get further mileage from

57 Vegetable or pasta, e.g.

58 Drip, drip, drip

59 Annual sporting event that is this puzzle's theme

62 Outside: Prefix

63 Really green

64 Stingy sort?

65 Many a presidential hopeful: Abbr.

66 Treasure-map markers

68 Ostracize

69 Lead-in to boy or girl

70 Standard info on stationery nowadays

72 U. of Md. player

73 Spot

74 Conjunction in the Postal Service creed

76 The Eagles, on scoreboards

78 Pérignon, for one

79 "Nature is the ____ of God": Dante

81 Something to live for

83 Chaney of silents

84 One at home, informally

85 Ape

88 "Zip it!"

89 Things found in clogs

90 Bourbon Street's locale, informally

92 Frenzy

94 Stadium name near Citi Field

96 Spectators' area

98 "Harlequin's Carnival" painter

99 James ____, Belgian painter in the movement Les XX

100 Flowchart symbol

101 Saskatchewan native

102 It represents you

104 Old-timey

106 First and last black key on a standard piano

108 Gas type: Abbr.

109 Location of 59-Across

114 Fly-by-night?

115 Canapé topper

116 Computer command

117 Time to vote: Abbr.

118 Italian car, informally

119 Lead-in to "Man," "Woman" or "Fool" in Top 40 hits

120 Further

121 Part of U.S.T.A.: Abbr.

122 City grid: Abbr.

123 Enthusiasm

124 Lion or tiger

3 Low soccer score

4 Wittily insults

5 Number on a trophy

6 "Alas ..."

7 One of a well-known septet

8 Inits. in 2010 news

9 Broadway's Cariou

10 Computer key

11 Utterly uninspiring

12 Oscar-nominated George of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

13 Designer Jacobs

14 Emotionally detached

15 Jungle predator

16 Code you don't want to break

17 Returned to earth?

19 "I can't talk now"

20 Louisville standout

26 Candidate for rehab

28 Square dance maneuver

31 Oscar-winning film of 1984

32 Revel

33 College in Boston

37 Whole host

38 "Why should ____?"

39 Win every game

41 Security agreement

43 One way to answer a server?

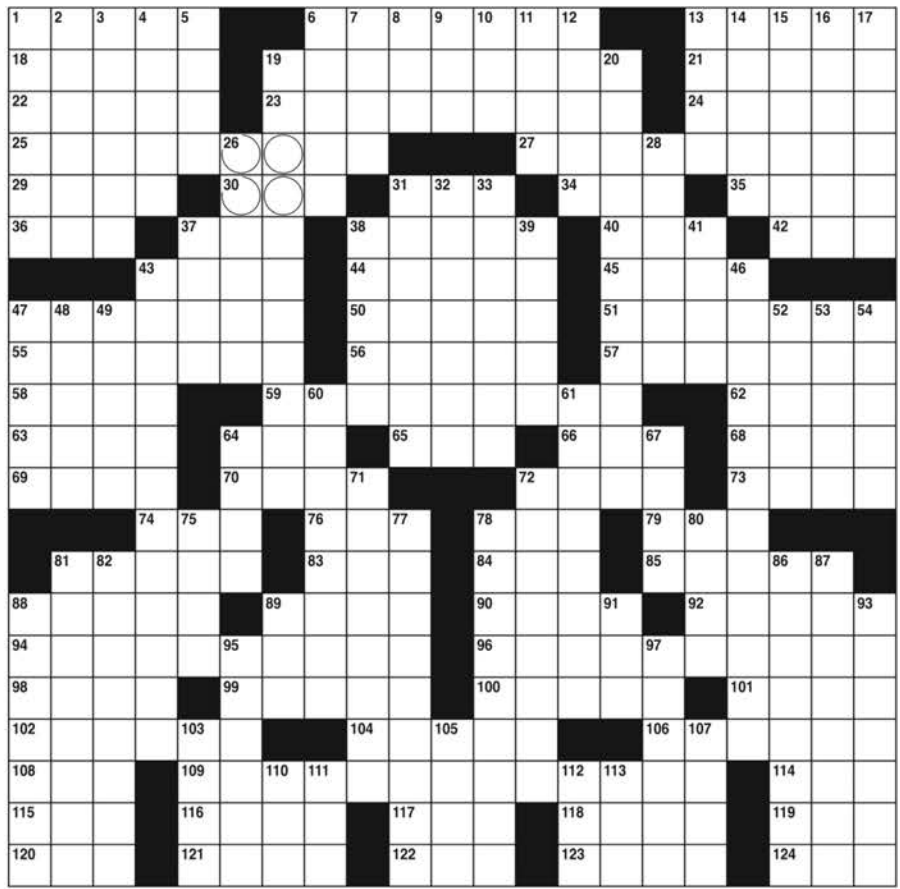
46 Winning words

47 Guy

48 Dweller along the Bering Sea

49 The "L" of L.C.D.

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- 52 Genius Bar employees

53 Relish

54 Rugged, as a landscape

60 Impotent

61 Paradigm

64 Submerge

67 Cybertrash

71 Force (into)
- 72 When the diet starts, perhaps

75 Locale for Charlie Chan

77 Dating-profile section

78 Denims

80 Purchases at tire shops

81 Do well with

82 Fit to be tied
- 86 How the Quran is written

87 Film-related anagram of AMERICAN

88 City in Iraq's Sunni Triangle

89 Clear the air?

91 "I'll take that as ____"

93 Proficient in

95 Much TV fare during the wee hours
- 97 Towers over

103 Blue hue

105 Metal fastener

107 Three-person card game

110 Vox V.I.P.s

111 Forever and a day

112 Red Sox Hall-of-Famer, to fans

113 "Bravo!"

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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

8	1	7	3	9	2	5	4	6
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Calendar

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

Thurs. Aug. 30

GRAND OPENING OF HABITAT RESTORE
Worcester County Habitat ReStore, 9026 Worcester Highway, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM. A multi-chamber ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Doors open to the public immediately following. Habitat ReStores are home improvement stores and resale centers that sell donated new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances at a fraction of the retail price. Donations are welcome. Call 410-208-4440 or email donations@habitatworcester.org or schedule a drop off or pick up of items. <http://www.habitatworcester.org/re-store/>

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Enjoy a free concert by The Swell Fellas (R&B, funk soul) 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

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.

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

Fri., Aug. 31

HOPE FOR WORCESTER - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Free and open to the community. Offering education on substance use trends, signs and symptoms and behavioral health services. The HOPE Mobile Unit will be stationed outside and will offer a



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GUEST SPEAKER
Al "Hondo" Handy of the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Aug. 22 meeting. Handy, left, is pictured with Kiwanis President Ralph Chinn, who presented him with a \$300 donation to the Ocean City recreation department.

walk-through simulation on discovering how drugs can be easily hidden in a teenager's bedroom. Kid's crafts and face painting at the Kids Corner. Donna Nordstrom, dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-629-6820

HARRY POTTER WEEKEND
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter with wizard themed crafts and games. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. More than 35 vendors, breakfast, lunch and baked items offered. Table rental: Bethany Church,

410-641-2186.
CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE AND TAKE 'MAKE A JOURNAL'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The group meets once a month to share their creative writing. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month's theme (optional) is fantasy. Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

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

BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 11:00 AM. Offering a half

BBQ chicken and a roll for \$8 and a half BBQ chicken dinner with baked beans and potato salad for \$10. There will also be a bake sale. Eat-in or carry-out. Sponsored by the church's Homecoming Committee. Eloise Henry-Gordy, 443-235-3214

Sun., Sept. 2

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 Triple Trail Turn (modern country). 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

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays through Sept. 2 - 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., Sept. 3

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Tues., Sept. 4

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

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP
Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort of local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital and Health System to increase

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health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

STORY TIME ‘BACK TO SCHOOL’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ZUMBA FOR SENIORS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Zumba dance class designed especially for seniors and for those working their way up to traditional Zumba. Register: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME ‘CODING’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group every Tuesday for Family Time. Tonight, learn to code using Scratch, Sphere BB8 robots and Cubetto. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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

Wed., Sept. 5

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

PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION WORKSHOP
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM. This program will provide landowners, in the Coastal Bays watershed, with an overview of available cost-share programs, conservation easement programs and forest management options. Learn about opportunities for hedgerow and forested buffer planting, pollinator habitat installation, invasive species removal, forest



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NEW OFFICER
District 5 Lt. Governor-Elect Robin Marks, left, is pictured with incumbent Lt. Governor Carolyn Dryzga of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, the current home club of the Kiwanis District 5 Lt. Governor. Marks, who's husband, Charles, is a Past Lt. Governor, will assume office as of Oct. 1, and serve for the year through Sept. 30, 2019.

management, agricultural leases and conservation easement programs. The event is free and open to landowners throughout the Lower Shore. Register: www.lowershorelandtrust.org, info@lowershorelandtrust.org, 443-234-5587

BLOODSWORTH: AN INNOCENT MAN DOCUMENTARY
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM., An Innocent Man is a documentary memoir recounting Kirk Noble Bloodworth's remarkable journey through the criminal justice system. Kirk became the first death row inmate exonerated by DNA evidence in the United States. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

VETERANS BOOK CLUB
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Veterans Book Groups aim to bring veterans of all eras together to talk about military experiences and returning to civilian life while providing an informal, supportive environment for discussion. For veterans and currently serving service members. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The group is open to the public and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

FREE HEALTHCARE LECTURE
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The Live Well Academy is a free, year-

long lecture series on a wide range of healthcare topics. This month's topic will be the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines. The lecture is open to the public. Advance registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

BOOKS TO BIG SCREEN
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Monthly book and film event. Read the book ahead of time (optional) and join the group for a book trivia contest followed by a showing of the movie. Followed by a discussion about the film adaptation. Snacks provided. This month will feature Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. For teens and young adults. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC
Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. This introductory class is for first time pickleball players. Equipment is provided. The clinic is free but non club members are required to pay the \$5 drop-in fee for use of the facility. John Hanberry, Jhanberry@compcast.net, 703-598-6119

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC
Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

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

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

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 wheel chair accessible and is located just off the Boardwalk on the north side of Third Street behind the church. 410-289-3453, <https://stpauls-bythesea.org>

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE
The group will be traveling to Ronks, Pa., to see the performance of "Jesus." The bus will depart on Nov. 1 at 9:30 a.m. from the Walmart parking lot on Route 50 and return approximately 9:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$95 for Worcester County Arts Council members and \$100 for non-members. Fee includes deluxe motor coach transportation, ticket admission to the musical and snacks and beverages on the bus. Register by Oct. 5 at www.worcestercountycastleartsandscenecouncil.org. Info: 410-641-0809 or curator@worcestercountyartsandscenecouncil.org.

EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAYS
Ripley's Believe It or Not! Ocean City is offering free admission for all K-12 Maryland educators to all attractions between Sept. 4-Oct. 14. Teachers, administrators, counselors and support staff are eligible for free admission and 50 percent off up to four guests. Bring a current pay stub and photo ID. www.ripleys.com.

EXERCISE ON THE BEACH
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