



## Yoga objections get mindfulness pgm pulled

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) Local religious groups who complained that yoga elements in a mindfulness program at Buckingham Elementary School were anti-Christian apparently contributed to the program's removal this year.

Students went back to the Berlin school this month, but "Mindfulness Moments" reportedly did not return with them.

The program, which included pre-taped video segments, was described as an extension of the daily morning announcements that invited students to take part in a "mini 6-10-minute mindfulness moment session to help them positively start off their day."

According to a description, "Each mindful moment clip is themed to keep kids engaged and includes breathing exercises, calming techniques, and mindful movements to promote social and emotional growth by providing tools to cope with obstacles or challenges children may face throughout their day."

The series was funded by a grant from the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund and featured local children's yoga instructor Berkleigh Diaz and licensed clinical therapist Jayme Mahoney.

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First-through-third graders from Buckingham Elementary School wrote dozens of thank-you notes to local children's yoga instructor Berkleigh Diaz and licensed clinical therapist Jayme Mahoney for developing the "Mindfulness Moments" program begun last year. When the new school year started in September, the program had been replaced with another.

## John Bailey, one year in as Ocean Pines GM

By Josh Davis  
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(Sept. 20, 2018) Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey earlier this month celebrated the one-year anniversary of his hire. His first official day was Sept. 11, 2017.

At the time, Bailey was the third Ocean Pines general manager in two years, following Brett Hill, interim general manager from Aug. 26, 2016 until Sept. 11, 2017, and Bob Thompson, who served from August 2010 until Aug. 26, 2016.

Moving to Ocean Pines after managing several associations in Virginia, Bailey said, "This was a position that was on my list that I would like to

pursue. When it came open, my brother-in-law actually told me, 'Hey, JB, it's open!'"

Bailey first applied for the position in October 2016 – something he said not many people know.

"I was not looking. I applied for one job. I updated my resume for this job and this job only, and I'm very blessed and fortunate to have come out at the top of the heap at the end of that whole process," he said. "It was a big deal for me and my family, and hopefully a big deal for Ocean Pines."

"It was very exciting to be here and the community has been very wel-

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Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey this month celebrated the one-year anniversary of his first day on the job, Sept. 11, 2017.

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# Country club meeting canceled; no makeup

**By Josh Davis**  
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(Sept. 20, 2018) A special meeting last Saturday concerning renovations at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club was canceled because the directors agreed the session wasn't needed, according to Association President Doug Parks.

Parks said it was "agreed the time could be used more effectively" by meeting with contractor Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. and General Manager John Bailey to discuss updating the existing request for proposals.

During a Sept. 8 regular board meeting, Bailey recommended eliminating four optional, or "add alternate," items from the request for proposals and adding six others.

He also advised replacing existing shingles and flashings, rather than redesigning or replacing the entire roof.

At the time, Bailey said the due date for bids was revised to Oct. 5 and the board would have an opportunity to review bids during the next regular meeting, scheduled Oct. 20.

According to Bailey, Association Vice President Steve Tuttle and Directors Slobodan Trendic and Frank Daly attended the meeting on Friday, and Director Ted Moroney participated by conference call for about 10-15 minutes.

Also present, at Bailey's invitation, were Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola, budget and finance committee members Frank Brown and Larry Perrone, and Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield.

"Several directors and the GM

met with DBF on Friday, and the recommended changes regarding moving a number of the 'add alternate' items into the base bid and removing some of the items altogether will be incorporated into the RFP," Parks said.

"As far as revised dates, I did discuss with DBF after everyone had left and I am waiting to hear back from them, hopefully in the next day or so, on a summary of issues discussed and for confirmation of the revised dates we discussed on Friday," Bailey added.

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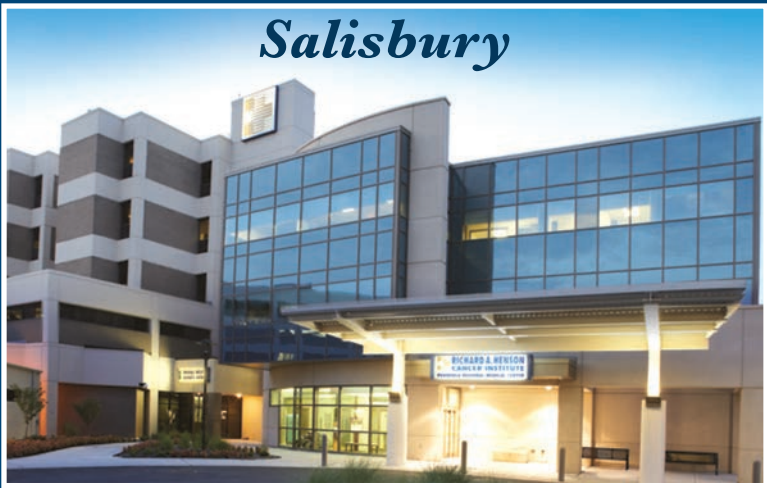
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# Bailey: success, results can change culture

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the community has been very welcoming,” Bailey continued. “We live here on the north side. I’m 1.3 miles to work, 0.7 miles to the golf course and 1.7 miles to the yacht club. So, it’s a pretty good deal. Having moved from Fairfax, Virginia, the commute is great.”

On a good day, it takes him about four minutes to get to work. On a bad day, during rush hour or if he’s stuck behind a school bus, it takes all of six minutes.

Though the commute is short, the list of problems Bailey inherited was not, and many described his first six

months on the job as damage control.

“If you think about what the association had been through, there was a certain amount – and still is – of things to get through,” he said. “That part was a little more frustrating than I anticipated.”

Among his first obstacles was tackling a fiscal-year budget a year after the association posted a more than \$1 million deficit.

“Jumping straight into the budget was interesting,” Bailey said. “A budget is always the best way to learn about a community from a management perspective. And then there’s the process of operational review –

how we do what we do. And that’s a process and that takes time.

“But, being here a year now, I’ve seen the compete calendar and I have better insight on most, if not all, of our operational processes,” Bailey continued. “But, there’s plenty to work on.”

He pointed to a favorite catch phrase of Director Frank Daly, that a “damnable culture of indifference” led to deferred maintenance throughout the association. He’s a big fan of the line.

“Unfortunately, some folks have taken that the wrong way, that nobody cares around here – and that’s

not the case,” he said. “The residents care, the staff cares, the board members all care. A lot of times, when stuff needs doing and there’s a monetary requirement with it, we have collectively decided just not to do those things.

“That leads to lack of maintenance and that leads to not doing capital projects, and that leads to a lack of interest or focus,” he continued. “Why pursue this if it’s just going to be shut down all the time? Everybody can get into that mode.”

Changing that, Bailey said, means changing the culture.

“All of those problem areas in the past led to the distrust, the lack of interest, the lack of support for what the association is trying to accomplish. When you have all that, not only do you have to fix stuff, but you have to fix the culture – and the culture takes longer.”

Many items previously put aside are now being addressed, Bailey said, which should help in improving the budget process and producing a long-term strategic plan. But, there are still plenty of obstacles.

“Our past has been so colorful and interesting, that it’s hard to get people to focus over here [in the present],” he said. “We set some baselines with these big pillars of association management that we had to get right – the budget, the reserve study, trying to deal with drainage, bulkheads, roads, addressing the deficit – and the other signal, if you would, was getting the yacht club [profitable].

“Success and results ultimately change the culture. When you have people smiling at the yacht club versus, ‘oh my God, I’m never coming here again’ ... that begins to change that culture,” Bailey continued. “It’s little baby steps, but if we can continue to build on the financial success and build on operational successes, then you change the expectations.”

Bailey said his biggest success was getting a contract signed with the Matt Ortt Companies to manage the yacht and beach clubs – despite hav-



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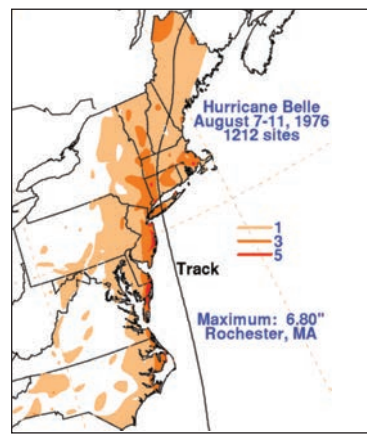
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# Even during worst days, ‘I live at the beach’

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ing a short timeframe in which to do so.

“I knew that would have huge impact on the community – and we can be happy, in the end, because it was a strong and healthy impact on the community,” he said. “It’s exceeding my expectations.”

He said his biggest failure was “not being able to help the board bring about a steady flow and plan to what we are doing.”

More to the point, Bailey said, “In my opinion, we have a lot of arcane procedures that unfortunately institutionalize work and politics.”

As an example, he said there is an association resolution that specifically spells out the order of meeting agendas.

“If the board wants to add something to the general agenda, like a second member comment period ... language would first have to go to the resolutions committee and then be voted on by the board,” he said. “It’s an agenda, for crying out loud. It’s not an act of Congress.

“We definitely do things different here in Ocean Pines. Every HOA is different ... [but] I’ve never seen things this arcane,” Bailey continued. “I think we need to review all of our policy resolutions and streamline them for efficiency and effectiveness.”

Bailey also hopes to help reintroduce homeowner education that he said has gone by the wayside.

“I believe we stopped educating our membership about a decade ago,” he said. “We have lots of folks move into the community every year and we don’t educate along the way about principal things of the association.

“A better understanding ... will lead to a change in our culture – which changes the people’s expectations,” he added.

Unlike Hill and Thompson, Bailey came to the job with HOA management experience. Both his predecessors were board members when they got the job.

“In my opinion as a professional, you never have a board member become a GM and you never have a GM become a board member,” Bailey said. “You just don’t do it, because it leads to a political mess. It’s not a rule. It’s not illegal. It’s just stuff you don’t do.

“That’s not Bob’s or Brett’s or Jim’s or Mary’s or anybody else’s fault – they served their purpose for a period of time they were in that position. I won’t dare to say I would have made a different decision, because I don’t know all the spokes that came into that decision wheel,” he

continued. “I do appreciate the opportunity and I’m not perfect by any stretch, but I do bring certain experience and education to the table.”

Through everything, Bailey said he still has the same optimism and enthusiasm that brought him to Ocean Pines in the first place.

“I get this all the time: ‘I don’t know how you do what you do,’” he said. “It does take a certain, not just the education and experience side of it, but it also takes a certain type of personality, and I think I’ve been blessed with that type of personality. I’ll take the heat and I’ll take the

praise.

“There are times when I get thanked for stuff that I had nothing to do with and I’ll take it, because I’m getting blamed for things I had nothing to do with too!” Bailey added with a laugh.



What does he like the most about Ocean Pines?

“My wife and I live at the beach. On a bad day, the worst-case scenario is a quick run to the inlet to see the ocean. It’s my spot of peace, in knowing that the world is a big place and that God is always the one really in control,” Bailey said.




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John Bailey, the general manager of the Ocean Pines Association since last September, said he's still just as enthusiastic and optimistic about the job as he was on his first day. During the next several years, he hopes to reintroduce homeowner education that's gone by the wayside, and attempt the change the culture in Ocean Pines that's been shaped by the association's "colorful" history. Bailey offered, "Success and results ultimately change the culture."




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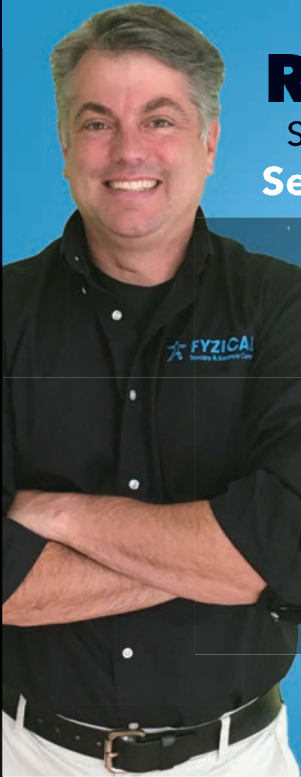




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# Jeep Golf runs off course, as county posts stop work order

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) Deer Run Offroad Jeep Golf on Logtown Road in Berlin remains closed following complaints from neighbors and apparent violations of a county agreement.

A stop work order from Worcester County Environmental Programs hung on the front entrance as of late last week. The former Deer Run golf course re-branded and reopened earlier this year after several years of inactivity.

On social media, representatives from the course posted on Sept. 5 they were “Still working hard out here can’t wait to see everyone again soon!” and, on Aug. 31, “Good will prevail over evil, the truth will come out and be told!”

The Gazette reached out for additional comment.

“Not yet, but we are getting screwed even with a CO [certificate of occupancy] to open since June 2nd,” a representative said.

Mark Cropper, an attorney representing Charles Nichols, a neighboring property owner, said environmental violations and a breach of a board of zoning appeals agreement had shut down the course.

Cropper cited a 2017 presentation

from Justin Hearne delivered during a Nov. 9, 2017 Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Hearne was requesting a special exception “for the use of land for an outdoor vehicle obstacle course in the A-2 Agricultural District,” according to the meeting agenda.

A 25-page PowerPoint presentation shown during the meeting, titled “Deer Run Off-Road Park” by Justin Hearne, said the concept was “No different that the Golf Course, but for Jeeps and Families to enjoy the great area Deer Run can provide.”

According to the presentation, “The facility will have members who wish to take their Jeeps on an off-road course, through tall grass, over the sand berms, and off the normal cart paths.”

An obstacle course was to include “rocks, utility poles, road barriers, old tires, modest hills, and crushed concrete.” The presentation added, “This area will have the feeling of a true obstacle course.”

“We will be repurposing the existing property to be a viable business with no new significant changes. It will create revenue and positive press for the County,” the presentation said.

According to meeting minutes, Hearne, Pete Cosby, Brad Hoffman and See AGREEMENT Page 7



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# Agreement violated, ignored, according to attorney Cropper

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property owner Ed Colbert provided testimony on behalf of the course, while Cropper, Nichols, Chris McCabe, Dave Wilson, Frank Sica and Michelle Hammond opposed the request.

A motion to approve the request resulted in a 3-3 draw, and thus no approval.

However, a modified agreement was struck following a May 10, 2018 board of zoning appeals hearing. A “conditions of approval” document attached to the agreement required that Jeeps “only be used on the golf course in lieu of golf carts and not for any other type of amusement or activity” and the course “shall never be used as a vehicle-oriented outdoor commercial recreation activity such as Jeep Week, Jeep Jamboree or otherwise.”

“There shall be no vehicle obstacle course of any kind ... Jeeps must remain on the existing jeep paths,” the agreement said, adding in order to expand cart paths, “the applicant must first inform Charles Nichols and give the neighbors not less than 30 days to comment before submitting any such request to the Board of Zoning Appeals.”

Cropper, in an Aug. 31 letter to County Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener, said those conditions had been violated.

He cited an Aug. 16 inspection department of environmental programs report that concluded, “it appears that excavation of an additional pond, amongst other observed disturbed areas, has occurred. This pond is being utilized as an obstacle where Jeeps drive through the pond.”

As a result, a stop work order was issued on Aug. 20.

Cropper also referenced an Aug. 23 inspection by the department of development, review and permitting that “noted certain violations of the conditions of the special exception.”

He said a third inspection, Aug. 24, found “excavation of earth moving activities were also observed and photographed during the inspection. These activities were conducted in order to modify the condition of the existing golf course to create obstacles and obstructions for Jeeps/vehicles to navigate through.”

“It is clear from the reports from DEP ... that Logtown has completely ignored and knowingly violated Item 3 of the Stipulations and Conditions,” Cropper said, adding the “creation and existence of obstacle courses throughout the site ... are in blatant violation of the special exception conditions.”

Cropper said the letter was a formal complaint on behalf of his client and, “My client has instructed me to pursue the enforcement of the special exception conditions however deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, administratively or through the courts. I sincerely hope that litigation can be avoided.”



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# Town, SU partnership gets bee-plus

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) The Town of Berlin continued its partnership with Salisbury University last week by holding a meeting in Town Hall with about a dozen students from Dr. Sarah Surak’s political science and environmental studies class.

Surak is the university’s co-director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement and, for the last three years, has brought students to work with the town on various environmental initiatives.

Most recently, that’s included the pollinator-friendly Bee City USA designation endorsed by the Town Council in May.

“These students are going to be looking at Bee City implementation in three areas: the City of Salisbury, Town of Berlin and Salisbury University,” Town Administrator Laura Allen said. “For Berlin, it’s identifying locations for pollinator gardens, probably two in Berlin Falls park.”

Allen said students would provide recommendations on specific plant types and a layout of where pollinators could be placed in the park.

“Also, we need them to prepare and construct some bee boxes,” she said, adding students would work with Berlin nonprofit Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services on that aspect of the project.

Allen expects much of the work to be done by December.

In a parallel collaboration, students from a graphic design class at Salisbury University would produce print materials and signs for the pollinator gardens, she said.

Meeting in Town Hall with the students last Wednesday, Allen and Public Works/Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter provided an overview of Berlin environmental and sustainability practices, including recent stormwater initiatives and the town spray irrigation site.

Additionally, Jack Orris, vice chairman of the Berlin Falls Park Committee, spoke to the students about planned activities there.

“I think it went really well. We always have a good working relationship with the students and the staff at Salisbury.

They ask great questions and I think we are poised to make great progress in becoming the standard for the Bee City USA,” Orris said.

“I’m excited to work with them and I think the committee is going to get a lot more information that will help us make decisions,” he added.

Allen agreed the ongoing relationship with Surak and Salisbury University students is beneficial.

“I think it’s been really good,” she said. “The town has really benefitted and I think the students are enjoying it. I see it as an opportunity to give the students a sense that they can actually come out of the university and get a job in local government or in a community in the area, and they don’t necessarily have to travel or move across the bay.

“If they are interested in environmental issues, there are some communities in this area who would be supportive of their efforts,” Allen continued. “It’s an opportunity to demonstrate to students that local government can serve as a career, if that’s something they’re interested in doing.”

The Berlin Falls Park Committee is scheduled to meet again today, Thursday, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall on 10 William Street.

Orris said upcoming committee meetings would include the development of project timelines and discussion on naming concerns for the park, on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

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# More than 1,600 respond to OPA communitywide survey

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) All 8,000-plus Ocean Pines property owners were invited to participate in a membership survey released last month that is expected to help "identify community priorities and evaluate the quality of municipal services," according to an Aug. 23 press release.

The association strategic planning committee developed survey questions over several months, and the board of directors and General Manager John Bailey reviewed and helped finalize the questions.

Bailey, on Sept. 8, said 1,642 people responded, 794 of them online and 848 who mailed paper copies. The survey deadline was Sept. 7.

"Issues that impact the entire community require solutions that are not created in a vacuum," Bailey said in the release. "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 were 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, the release said.

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 were 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.

Surveys were mailed to each property owner and also available online. Names and addresses on completed surveys were used to verify owner status and prevent duplicate submis-

sions, the release said.

"The contracting company that began doing this for us will begin tabulating the results over the next week, with the results eventually being published and made available to everyone," Bailey said on Sept. 8.

"The fun part, of course, will be deciding what it all means. To at least begin that task, we will be enlisting the help of the communications committee, but I'm sure everyone will want to weigh in on what matters to them," he added.

The Ocean Pines Communications Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet Today, Thursday, at 8 a.m. in the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

## Rembach named September crafter of month by club

(Sept. 20, 2018) The Ocean Pines Pine'er Craft Club announces the crafter of the month for September is Jeannette Rembach.

She moved to Ocean Pines in 2002 from New York. Her work experiences throughout her career includes a manager in buying, floral design and merchandising. She was also a theater manager.

Rembach said she can't remember not being involved with crafts.

The lessons learned are simple, don't be afraid to try, she said. There are no rules or mistakes, what you create you own, she added.

Currently, she enjoys recycling vintage jewelry, making forks and spoons into mirrors, Christmas figurines and wind chimes items, among other one-of-a-kind pieces, which can be found in the Pine'er Crab Club's Artisan and Gift Shop, in White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Mindfulness Moments

Students in first-through-third grade at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin wrote 33 thank-you letters to “Mindfulness Moments” program organizers Berkleigh Diaz and Jayme Mahoney.

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# Pressure was too much for school

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SonRise Church Pastor Daryl McCready stated his case against the morning ritual – and specifically its yogic components – during his March 26 service in Berlin and in a Facebook post after witnessing the program at the invitation of school officials.

McCready announced during his March 25 sermon that he and pastors from Ocean City Baptist Church, the Worship Center, and the River Church of the Nazarene had been invited to view the program.

On the following day, March 26, McCready posted on Facebook about what he saw at Buckingham.

“The lie that people can be as God or are gods themselves and only need to discover their inner higher self or that they possess the power to heal others by ‘their positive energy’ or that they can bring about their preferred future by the power of their own positive thinking is an old lie from the Father of Lies. God’s people should have nothing to do with such things,” McCready said at the time.

He added, “I understand not all yoga practices are spiritually focused, but the foundation of yoga and many practices are of unbiblical nature and to be avoided by believers. The warning for us is that we ought not be supportive of anything that leads people

away from God and the truth. Stretching is not the problem – yoga is.

“Even though some exercise called yoga may not be evil, there is a whole lot of evil practices occurring in this town under the name of yoga,” McCready said. “Yoga seeks to draw and recruit people and in some cases in-

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Jeffrey Smith,  
Parent of a Buckingham  
Elementary School student

doctrinate them to false truths and practices.”

The pressure was apparently too much for the school.

“The Mindfulness Moments program was reevaluated after its pilot year in our school,” Buckingham Principal Karen Marx said in a statement last week. “Interpreting the variety of feedback we received, Buckingham has decided to re-implement the research-based program called ‘Second Step’ moving forward.

‘Second Step’ still provides our students with the critical components of social-emotional wellness that students and families loved about the previous mindfulness program. However, ‘Second Step’ provides a robust, Department of Education-endorsed curriculum as well as supporting materials for the home.

“We are incredibly grateful for the partners that helped us bring to life the ‘Mindfulness Moments’ pilot program last year, as it gave our school the opportunity to more fully address a critical need for our students. We look forward to continuing our work with social-emotional wellness with ‘Second Step.’”

Some parents, including PTA President Jeffrey Smith, said they were sad to see the program go.

“I am concerned that, on the surface, it appears as though Worcester County Schools caved to a religious organization,” Smith said. “To me, this sets a precedent in which any church can come to the county and complain about some program or another and expect change.

“No outside person or organization should be allowed to dictate curriculum or educational policy either at the county level, or at any individual school,” he continued. “Doing so does

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# Klump, others ‘saddened’ program was cut

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a disservice to the students, teachers, and administrators at Buckingham Elementary and to Worcester County’s exceptional school district as a whole.”

Smith added he was speaking as a parent and not, specifically, on behalf of the PTA.

“I am saddened for the loss of a program that seemed to have such a positive effect on my own child. I saw it in her demeanor every day, in the more positive way she went to school every morning, and in the positive outlook she had at the end of every school day,” he said.

Kim Klump, founder of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, in March said her nonprofit hoped to fund a program similar to “Mindfulness Moments” for the Worcester County Board of Education to implement next school year for all elementary schools.

At the time, Klump said, “All of Buckingham (administrators, staff, teachers, and guidance counselors) were onboard with this program. I, myself, teach once a month along with my outreach coordinator, Shawntel Hall. So, I personally fully support the program.”

Now, it appears the larger program, along with “Mindfulness Moments,” has come to an end.

“We at the Jesse Klump Memorial

Fund Inc. supported this program financially and helped by teaching some classes,” Klump said in a statement last week. “We received feedback from teachers, parents and students that convinced us that the program was making a difference in how these kids handled negative emotions and how it reduced friction in the classroom. Learning these valuable coping skills at a young age, we

hope, will reduce the occurrence of mental illness in the future, which should reduce suicide rates as well.”

A representative from the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund this week sent copies of 33 handwritten letters from Buckingham first-through-third graders, thanking Diaz and Mahoney for teaching the program.

Among them, were: “Thank you for doing Mindful Moments. The Mindful


Moments helped me learn yoga poses. Can you do it next year?” -Ronan; “If I could change anything, all I would do is put my mom in that too. I wonder how you made Mindful Moments? I have been very calm this year.” -Chase

Diaz and Mahoney declined to comment on this story, and officials from SonRise Church also declined to comment further.



“Mindfulness Moments” organizers become emotional as they read through the dozens of letters sent to them by children at Buckingham Elementary School. The program was introduced last year as a brief morning activity to help children cope with anger and other strong emotions.

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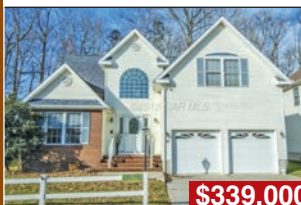
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# New signs likely for boat launch

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) While parking has at times been difficult to come by at the White Horse Park boat launch in Ocean Pines, an advisory committee on Tuesday decided not to pursue new enforcement or security measures there.

Members of the Marine Activities Committee voted to recommend installing new signs. Several other options were discussed, but the committee decided not to pursue additional action.

The issue had been debated for months and the board of directors in July issued a call for help, asking homeowners to assist in collecting launch usage data.

According to committee members on Tuesday, there are 21 spaces for cars and trailers at the boat launch.

"In addition, there is room around the edges and, on a number of occasions, the slots were totally filled up and cars or trailers could park on the edge without interfering with the ability to get in and out. But, obviously, it's limited space there," committee member Fred Stiehl said.

Stiehl said committee members, with some assistance from the Ocean City Power Squadron and Ocean Pines Boat Club, counted cars on Fridays, Saturdays and during holidays throughout the summer. He added data was not collected.



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Members of the Ocean Pines Marine Activities Committee on Tuesday voted to recommend replacing an old sign at the White Horse Park boat launch.

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# Committee decides against recommending further action

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lected on whether boat-launch users were Ocean Pines residents or were coming from other areas.

“Frankly, we didn’t want to get into a situation where we were talking to the boat trailer operator and maybe get into an argument as to ‘why were you here?’” he said. “We felt that was better dealt with by someone else.

“Really what this shows is what the usage is – it does not show whether the usage is by unauthorized people or not,” Stiehl added.

On about five dates, the appointed volunteer either forgot about his or her duties or “the dog ate his homework,” Stiehl said. Based on committee research, parking was over capacity on about a dozen days.

“Clearly, there were days here that exceeded the capacity of certainly the slots – it came close to exceeding the capacity of the entire lot,” he said. “We need to think about it and decide whether this suggests to us that there’s a problem that needs to be addressed, or it’s a problem on some, few days in the summer.

Committee Chairman Timothy Mullin said a sign at the boat launch is difficult to read, and improving that should be part of a solution.

The current sign reads:  
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“I spoke to a couple people that weren’t residents there ... I said, ‘did you see the sign?’ And they said, ‘what sign?’” he said. “That sign is not very visible. It’s two colors of brown ... the first thing we ought to do is put up a sign that will get your attention.”

Mullin went on to say installing a gate with key-card entry would likely be both cost prohibitive and a major hassle, while others said requiring parking stickers would be difficult to enforce and might even require some legislation at the county level.

Complicating matters, Director Slo-bodan Trendic, the committee liaison, said Resolution M-02 on amenity policies defines the boat launch as a “fee-based amenity.”

“It hasn’t really been applied,” Trendic said. “I think, perhaps, you as a committee ... maybe [should] provide the board with your recommendation, is this something that needs to be enforced or taken out?”

“As a committee, we kind of look at you as the subject matter experts in this area,” he continued. “I think whatever you decide as a committee, the board will take under consideration.”

With the busy season now effectively over, Stiehl indicated there is time for further discussion, but encouraged a committee recommendation to the board.

“Do we think [parking] it’s a problem? If it’s a problem, what are the choices for recommendations? Larger lot? Gate? Sticker? Going to the county to get enforcement authority? The board needs to hear from us,” he said, adding, “I’m inclined to think that this doesn’t require any further action – except for the sign, for now.”

Committee member Roger West offered a solution: “I recommend we put the signs up and don’t waste any more of our time on it.”

The vote was five in favor and three members abstained.

The committee is schedule to meet again on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.



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# Wayfinding your way around Berlin

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) New “wayfinding” signs are going up around downtown Berlin and several more are on the way, according to Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells.

As of Tuesday morning, one two-sided sign had been placed at the corner of Main and Pitts streets, and signs had also been installed on the corner of Jefferson Street and Main, and William Street and Main, both near the Atlantic Hotel.

Wells said the new signs, paid for by a Main Street Improvement grant through Department of Housing and Community Development, would replace the old signs and direct visitors around the downtown area.

“The old ones were slightly difficult to read, from a driver’s perspective. With the concerns of parking, I thought it would be helpful to have new wayfinding signs to help people find where our parking is located,” Wells said.

“I also wanted to make sure that people stroll down our side streets and knew where the restrooms and the welcome center were and, especially, where parking was,” she added.

Shannon-Baum Signs of Sykesville, a preferred vendor of the

Maryland Municipal League, made the signs based on a design by Wells. Town of Berlin public works are in the process of installing the signs.

“They’re putting them up a little at a time this week,” Wells said. “I think there’s 25 maybe. These are replacing the older ones, plus I sought out several new locations I thought would make sense for new wayfinding signs.”

That will eventually include a sign directing people to park near Stephen Decatur Park during events, as well as a larger sign on Broad Street, Wells said.

“I think that they look wonderful. I’m very pleased with the outcome,” she said. “We’re also trying to incorporate that ‘Welcome to Berlin’ graphic in a lot of our advertising as well to remain consistent.”



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New, more colorful wayfinding signs are going up in downtown Berlin. The signs were funded by a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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# Berlin picks ‘Early’ replacement for Timmons

Former chamber assistant moves to town’s office of economic development

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) Allison Early will replace the departing Sharon Timmons as a Town of Berlin administrative assistant in the office of economic and community development, department director Ivy Wells said on Tuesday. Early had been working as an assistant to Berlin Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Larnet St. Amant. “I’m very excited to be joining the Town of Berlin staff,” Early said. “I’ve lived in Berlin my whole life and I’m happy to be in a position where I can give back to my community. Ivy is a wonderful person and I look forward to working closely with her! We will make a great team.”

Wells said Early was scheduled to start on Oct. 1.



Allison Early

“Larnet hired her just about a month ago for the chamber assistant position, but then encouraged her to apply for this one,” Wells said. “It was a tough decision, because there were four really great candidates that we interviewed.” St. Amant said Early had been a wonderful addition to the chamber. “She stepped in when I needed help. She and I had a relationship and have worked together for years,” St. Amant said. “I was happy to have her and I think she’s going to be a wonderful addition to the town. She’s rooted here.

She’s from here. She’s going to start her married life here. So, we’re just thrilled that she can still be in our Berlin family. “She’s not going anywhere, she’s just going right next door, so she’ll still be able to help,” she added. St. Amant said the chamber would be hiring a new part-time assistant. For inquiries, contact the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-4775 or [chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org](mailto:chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org), or drop off a resume at the chamber office inside the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street.

# WYFCS looks for new youth pgm coordinator

Piccarreta, with nonprofit for one year, will move on to job closer to her home

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services’ Youth Program Coordinator Austin Piccarreta announced during a Berlin Parks Commission meeting last week she is leaving her position. Piccarreta, a New Jersey native, was hired last year and quickly became known for her energy and enthusiasm. She has accepted a position at a new behavioral health facility in Georgetown, Delaware, closer to home.

Included in her many tasks at the Berlin nonprofit, Piccarreta provided monthly updates on youth group activities to the Berlin Parks Commission. The town provides an annual grant to Worcester Youth, which last year totaled \$40,000. Last Tuesday, she reported on outings with children and teens in the Berlin Youth Club and SAGES and SABERS programs, including swimming lessons at the Ocean Pines Sports Core pool with lifeguards from Ocean City, and a trip to the Jolly Roger water park with volunteers from the Berlin Police Department.



A. Piccarreta

Participants also participated in team-building exercises – on kayaks – at Ayers Creek, and took trips to Scales and Tails in Pocomoke and Shell We Bounce in Lewes. Summer activities included everything from STEM classes to beach yoga, Piccarreta said. “I’d like to thank you guys for welcoming me. This is a small town and you have welcomed me with open arms, and I know I’m probably the loudest, craziest thing you probably ever saw,” she said with a laugh. “But you welcomed me and you all were very helpful with suggestions, and I appreciate it. “I am going to miss what I do and I am going to miss the kids, especially, because I love those little boogers,”

Piccarreta continued. “My hope is that they just continue to be the great kids that they are.” Her last day is Friday. “You brought a lot of energy to this,” Berlin Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said. “The gifts that you offered these children, with opportunities to learn and grow, that’s the goal [and] it’s wonderful what you did,” Commission member Patricia Dufendach said. Worcester Youth posted a job listing for the position earlier this month. For more information, search “Youth Programs Coordinator - Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services” on Facebook. For more information on Worcester Youth, visit [www.gowoyo.org](http://www.gowoyo.org).

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Members of the Berlin Parks Commission last Tuesday review a 2019 schedule of events.

# Tree giveaway planned to help boost ‘Clean-Up Day’

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) In firming up its 2019 events schedule, the Berlin Parks Commission last week discussed ways to improve dwindling attendance during the annual Clean-Up Day celebration.

“This coming year will be kind of a test, because we did not get great turnout last year,” Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said. “Who knows what that formula is.”

Commission member Patricia Dufendach suggested bringing back the tree giveaways held during past Clean-Up Day events, to tie in with Arbor Day, scheduled April 26, 2019. Clean-Up Day was scheduled for April 13 next year.

“We can certainly try and do that again,” Bohlen said. “The problem is that you hate to get a quantity without knowing [the demand]. But, if we don’t give them away, we could always give them away at Spring Celebration.”

“That definitely was well received when we did it years ago,” she continued. “Maybe we can incorporate a tree giveaway with Clean-Up Day and go from there. That’s a good idea.”

Other scheduled Town of Berlin events in 2019 that include parks commission participation are Take Pride in Berlin Week, April 13-20, Spring Celebration, April 20, Spring Just Walk, May 4, National Night Out, Aug. 6, and Fall Just Walk, set for Nov. 2.

Movies in the park were scheduled on June 29, July 13 and July 27.

Also during the meeting, Bohlen said tennis court renovations at Stephen Decatur Park had not yet finished, because of poor weather conditions.

“There’s an initial application of surfacing that has to cure for 48 hours,” Bohlen said. “Until [the contractor] knows that they’re going to have two dry days, they can’t do that.”

The next parks commission meeting is scheduled Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

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# Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a Sept. 8 regular meeting:

## Agenda swap

Director Frank Daly asked to change a discussion item, on "Improving Management and Board Accountability," to an agenda topic.

Daly said a number of association facilities had deteriorated or become unusable because of deferred maintenance. He said it was both a culture and a board issue, adding, "We need to get to the root of changing it."

A vote to modify the agenda was 6-1, with Director Slobodan Trendic opposed.

Additionally, Association President Doug Parks withdrew a motion to appoint General Manager John Bailey as assistant secretary.

The amended agenda was approved 7-0.

## Board accountability

Although Daly initially won approval to change his discussion topic into a formal motion, he later reneged.

In an opening statement, Daly said his motion would have directed Bailey "to provide the Board of Directors with an organization chart that identifies specific staff members responsible for the operation, maintenance, financial performance (if applicable) and personnel (if applicable) for each and every major amenity and non-mobile asset within the Association."

"Responsible staff members will be responsible for submitting operations, maintenance and capital budgets for their assigned areas to the General Manager as part of the strategic planning process, and be responsible for the operations and maintenance of their assignment 24/7 365, following the general principles outlined in the attached document," he said.

Daly named off a number of association facilities that "experienced maintenance and/or operational issues that have resulted in financial, service or credibility losses to the association," including the yacht, beach and country clubs, two bridges, one

playground and the crab pier.

He asked Bailey to "attack and eliminate" what has amounted to "a damnable culture of indifference."

Parks, however, said a board directive rather than a motion could accomplish the same thing.

"I think that we need to push that thinking ... without shackling the ability to be flexible in order to meet that demand," he said.

Daly agreed and offered to withdraw the motion. A board vote to do so was unanimous.

## Beach club renovations

The directors voted to issue bid requests to renovate the second floor of the beach club in Ocean City.

Trendic said improving conditions and the appearance of the club's second floor would allow managing firm the Matt Ortt Companies "to market this premium OPA asset that has been underutilized for years."

According to the motion, a scope of work would be developed with input from the Ortt Companies.

Parks said he was all for renovating the club, calling it "the jewel of the Ocean Pines Association," although he said the narrow timeframe was of some concern.

As such, he suggested a friendly amendment to push out the bid request due date from Sept. 28 until Oct. 31, with results and a recommendation due by the Dec. 1 regular board meeting.

The friendly amendment and original motion both passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's report

Treasurer John Viola said July numbers showed the best bottom line ever for the yacht club, drawing applause from those in attendance. He said overall numbers for the month of July were favorable.

Year to date, Viola said, the association was still off budget by about \$69,000. He added, "I'm anticipating big stuff" for August that might help close the gap.

Viola said the association had about \$13.7 million in cash as of July 31, including \$10.3 million spread over three reserve accounts. However, with the majority of the fiscal year still to come, he said, "money

will be spent."

Finance Director Steve Phillips estimated about \$1.3 million in replacement reserves spending would occur during the remainder of fiscal 2019.

## GM report

In his monthly report to the board, Bailey said the board would likely see a finalized reserve study in time for the Oct. 20 regular board meeting. He said minimum threshold levels were removed and the escalation rates for annual contributions were altered as a result.

Additionally, Bailey said the road repair program was being redeveloped.

Bailey said Ocean Pines insurance policies were in the process of being reviewed for perhaps the first time in a decade. He said requests for proposals would go out next month and were due Oct. 31. Vendor presentations were likely in November and the board would make a selection during the Nov. 10 regular board meeting, Bailey said.

Closing out the report, Bailey said the association's legal council was reviewing the latest draft of new agreement with Mediacom.

"A draft document should be ready for the board review and discussion later this month," Bailey said.

## Capital purchases

The directors voted unanimously to approve two aquatics-related bid requests: a \$104,675 bid by Pace-Adams & Havtech of Mooresville, North Carolina for a sports core pool dehumidification unit, and a \$54,990 bid by Structures Unlimited of Bow, New Hampshire to re-coat sports core roof panels.

Pace-Adams had the low bid out of two bidders. A third did not respond.

The Structures bid was a sole source, which Bailey said was recommended because the company built the enclosure in 2007 and have been servicing it ever since. He said treatment every 8-12 years is designed to greatly extend the life of the roof.

## Appointments

The directors considered and approved one committee appointment, Larry Davis, as president of the golf advisory committee.

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**Indoor/outdoor flea market  
schedules return, Saturday**

(Sept. 20, 2018) Ocean Pines will once again become a haven for bargain hunters as the community's semi-annual Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market returns on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Admission is free for shoppers, who will find vendors selling used clothing, children's items, household items and collectibles, among other items.

Those interested in participating in the flea market as vendors may reserve indoor or outdoor spaces. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an 8-foot table and a chair.

Outdoor spaces, located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean

Pines Administration Building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Free event parking is available at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

Shoppers may also stop by the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market for fresh produce, baked goods, artisan-crafted products and other items. The market is held Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. year-round and Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. April-September in White Horse Park, located next to the community center.

For more information about this event or to inquire about participating as a vendor, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

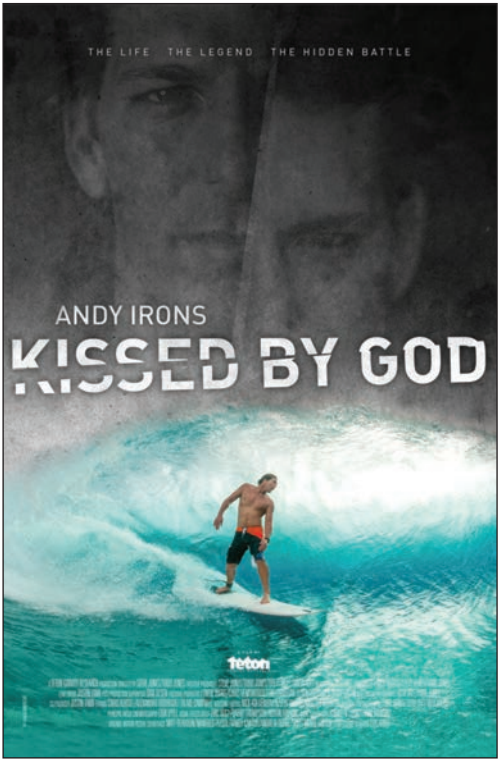
**'Kissed by God' biopic comes  
to OC performing arts center**

(Sept. 20, 2018) "Andy Irons: Kissed by God," a biography film about world champion surfer, Andy Irons, who ultimately died from mental health issues and drug addiction, will be shown at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center on 40th Street, Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

This movie illustrates the impact of mental health and drug addiction. The primary goal for showing "Kissed By God" is to raise awareness and open up communication about mental health issues and the opiate problems.

The Ocean City Performing Arts Center is located in the Ocean City convention center. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be purchased through the convention center at 410-289-2800.

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## Deferred maintenance has an easy solution

Figuring out who’s to blame for the failure to keep up with the maintenance of some of Ocean Pines amenities is easy: the responsible parties are — everyone.

Rather than a culture of indifference, as Director Frank Daly asserted last week, it was the culture of disagreement on boards of directors that resulted in more routine matters, such as repairs and maintenance being ignored in favor of high profile issues.

Matters as mundane as checking for leaks, mold and structural problems — and fixing the aforementioned on a routine basis — got shunted aside as previous board members fought strenuously over competing visions for the community.

Dominating these agendas were grand themes and programs, as well as arguments over how to cure operational losses in one bold move, while the lesser concerns of routine maintenance and housekeeping got scant attention.

Unfortunately, there has been a tendency to look for the big quick fix to address whatever ails the association’s operations — the yacht club and beach club fiascos come to mind — but the little things, not so much.

One thing, though, is certain: whatever didn’t happen in terms of maintenance and the well-being of the community’s properties, it’s not the staff’s fault. It could only do as it was told, and mostly that was wait while directors sorted out their own priorities.

The good news is that the current board has the ability to address the maintenance problem the way it should have been done all along — by making a punch list and slogging it out line by line regardless of what other issues might arise.



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### Who will OPA round up next?

Editor,

With this summer’s resident goose roundup still casting a pall over our Ocean Pines community, my neighbors and I are wondering which of God’s creatures will be next on the hit list.

Will it be the buzzards? My next-door neighbor has a flock of buzzards roosting in his trees every night, and they poop. There are piles of poop under those trees. This has been going on for years.

It’s quite remarkable that, despite the long-term exposure to buzzard poop, my neighbor still manages to get his yard work done and is one of the healthiest people I’ve ever met.

Perhaps raccoons will be a future target. I doubt if a mass murder of raccoons would cause nearly as much anger in the community as with the geese, as raccoons are a known carrier of rabies. Since they are carnivores, their poop is probably quite nasty.

Do you suppose the Ocean Pines Gestapo is secretly amassing a huge col-

lection of raccoon traps, even as I write this? Maybe that’s where some of the missing money went!

We shudder to think that our fearless leaders may even be working on a hidden agenda to round up and euthanize some of us resident humans, too. Like the resident geese, most of us came here from somewhere else, because Ocean Pines has all of the amenities that any goose or human could possibly want. However, there are now too many humans here.

We are creating such problems as traffic congestion, overcrowding in restaurants, long lines in the supermarket, and we poop. Some of us poop a lot, and human poop is one of the most toxic substances that any living thing could be exposed to. Ocean Pines’ sewer system must be stressed to the max by now.

Since it’s better to be safe than sorry, many of us humans are busily prepping in the event we should hear those dreaded knocks on our doors during the wee hours of the morning. We’ve learned a lesson from the geese, and will not be caught off-guard.

Although we are going to be totally prepared, none of us believe such a thing will actually happen as long as the money keeps rolling in from our assessment fees. It’s all about the money. If those poor geese had been giving them money to throw away, I can just about guarantee that each and every one of those beautiful birds would still be here, too.

Anyone who thinks the goose issue will simply go away is not living in the real world.

Jonathan E. Lambert  
Ocean Pines

### Poor lessons for our children

Editor,

I have been reading all the letters to the editor in the local papers about the euthanized geese in Ocean Pines. It is disheartening to realize that that such a tragedy — killing most of our Canada geese — could unfold in our beautiful Ocean Pines.

One of the interviews I read in the paper was conducted with the Maryland

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Department of Natural Resources (part of the USDA Wildlife Services) and that was literally talking to the fox in charge of the hen house, as they profit financially from these controversial round-ups of geese during their annual molting season.

Ocean Pines didn't "participate" in this killing – they "instigated" it by contacting the USDA. Since we have lakes and ponds in Ocean Pines, we must expect that waterfowl will come and visit.

It's a fact that every June and July, the feds use the annual molt (when every Canada goose in the nation is grounded) – to begin gassing them. It's a disturbing practice, rounding up unsuspecting geese at parks and ponds, separating parents from their young, or from lifelong mates. There's no reason to euthanize them at all. They'll be gone in a month anyway, as soon as new flight feathers grow in.

Public officials, and especially our Ocean Pines Board members and general manager, are woefully uninformed about geese populations. How can we trust an Association who uses our dues to kill animals and notify us after the deed is done?

Why weren't the residents informed to allow intelligent conversa-

tions to take place and find a better way to deal with this perceived issue? No one except the Ocean Pines Board members and general manager knew that the \$15,000 budgeted for "wildlife management" meant killing the geese.

The contract Ocean Pines had with the USDA was just under \$3,000 and called for killing up to 100 geese. So how is it that hundreds more were killed?

As noted in previous comments by other residents, we have no transparency with our homeowner's association. The final bill from the government was received this week and it was \$3,400 and I think the general manager should reimburse our HOA dues.

That's a lot of money to pay for eliminating goose poop! Especially since goose droppings are harmless – they're made up of recycled grass.

I've lived in Ocean Pines for two years and was proud to be a resident until the news hit about the geese being slaughtered after the fact. These geese were more like pets, so it couldn't have been too much of a challenge for paid killers to round them up.

And it makes me angry that I unknowingly helped fund this through my association dues. I asked the

members of the Ocean Pines Environmental and Natural Resources Committee (who recommended the geese be killed) and they confirmed that not one resident or tourist has slipped or fallen and there are no documented cases of illness in Ocean Pines due to goose poop.

It's too late for the geese that have already been slaughtered. Since more geese will come, we are at a crossroads in Ocean Pines.

Do we want to be known nationwide as a caring community or a killing community? What are we teaching the next generation when the decision is so easily made to permanently kill what was a only a temporary inconvenience for a few residents?

Sharon Santacroce  
Ocean Pines

## Thanks you for all the community support

Editor,

A letter of thanks and explanation ...

There are many that I would like to thank. First, Vicki Magin of Ocean Pines who, one year ago, launched the petition to save the Rapoport Property and the Dumsers' business location at the Boardwalk and S. Di-

vision Streets in Ocean City. Diane Whittington, also of Ocean Pines, has been an integral part of this effort.

Their energy and ongoing dedication to this cause is remarkable. It was six months after launching the petition that I got to meet them for the first time to express my gratitude for their extraordinary effort.

Finally, to the thousands upon thousands who have signed the petition, voiced their opinions and written words of encouragement, my appreciation is without measure.

Nathan's Associates and the Town of Ocean City have been involved in a lawsuit for almost two and a half years ... a suit initiated because of a letter from the attorney for the town in May 2016 that ordered us to vacate the premises by Sept. 19, 2016 with no compensation whatsoever. At that time, this property had been in our family for 104 years.

The case went to trial in April 2017. The trial was delayed by two weeks, but we were not given the reason for the delay. We assumed that it had been delayed because of the illness of the judge. At 8:30 a.m. on the morning of trial we were notified of a change of judge – to one who had retired a number of years prior.

The judge who would now hear our case had been the attorney repre-

**These comments are only a fraction voiced by Ocean City taxpayers and visitors. Won't you also make a difference?**

**Chrystie Crawford Smick** As an OC property owner and tax payer, I am disgusted by this!

**David Grieg** It is wrong to remove a successful business and those jobs for a BS squabble! You should be embarrassed and ashamed for even considering it. If you remove this, I think my annual beach trip will be the outer banks. Same drive....

**Christi Catalano Strickler** This is so disgusting and OCMD officials behind this should be ashamed!

**Christine Pennington** My Mother's family the Esham's, Birch's have been here since the beginning and we have watched practically every original building be torn down and replaced with more modern buildings. It is sad and tragic. In today's environment it seems the norm to pretend we have no history worth remembering. I hope this one building can stay - it holds so many happy memories for so many generations. Hot summer days waiting in line, reading all the day's flavors, and don't forget the little jimmies! - priceless.

**Renée Kahn** Historical place. No reason to tear down, not hurting anyone, not an eye sore, no other reason but greed.

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**Jennifer Allen** The building has been owned/maintained for 104 years by the Rapoport's and should remain in their care.

**Melanie Dixon** Turns my stomach! Use common sense. It boils down to what is right and wrong! This town should reimburse this family every penny they have been forced to spend fighting this insanity.

**Margy Zuwallack** Ocean City should be ashamed to be so focused on removing a building that is a part of their history and is part of the reason people come to Ocean City. What would the Boardwalk be without this building? The Town of Ocean City is just wrong on this issue!

**Deborah Halpern** The outcome of this dispute will affect where my family spends its vacation. Closing Dumser's and Nathan's will have a much larger effect on the decision than the wind farm.

**Lou Middleton** We need to fight city hall

**James Patterson** I currently own property in Ocean City and we love all the Dumser's stores. Quit playing politics and keep Ocean City for the people and the visitors. Thank you!

**Penny McDonald** This is one of the few Ocean City Treasures left!!!

**Kim Bowden** 105 years!!!! Come on OC! Don't you see how wrong this is! Signed and shared!

**Allison Ryan** As a former Marylander and a lover of this historic place, please don't tear it down. That's what makes people who grew up going to OC, MD every summer and still do, not want to come anymore. Places like Nathan's made the boardwalk special!

**Mark O'Day** The building and the business are landmarks and reasons why people flock to your city. Don't destroy people's life long memories or one reason they visit for the almighty dollar. Trust me, it will be temporary and you will lose more tourists in the long run.

**Pierre Jones** I'm signing because as an OC resident I would like to keep this long standing building and family intact and in place for many years to come.

**Patricia Holloway** Dumsers and Nathan's need to be saved. After 105 years of possession Nathan's should be the rightful owner of this property and it is a travesty to rip it from its home base. Shame on those that would tear down something so special to so many.

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# Letters

sending the Town of Ocean City in the 1970s. This came as a complete surprise and left me wondering how a judge who had represented Ocean City for many years could now be the one who would decide this case.

Many have made statements directed to Ocean City to the effect of — please don't tear it down. Shame on those who would tear it down ... and those people are right on point. It is the direct result of Ocean City's attempt to take our property that has put our building at risk.

It was the decision of the judge who said, in his opinion, that the building be torn down, because he held that the city held no interest in the building. We made a motion asking that his decision be stayed until we had a chance to file our appeal. He turned it down.

We then made a second motion, which was also turned down.

After these two turn-downs, we were able to file our appeal with the Court of Special Appeals in Annapolis, and the Court of Special Appeals granted our motion to put a stay on the judge's order until the appeal is decided. Oral argument is scheduled in November. If we do not win on appeal, per the judge's order, our building will be destroyed.

This is not the first time that the city had attempted a like action. It tried this same maneuver 27 years ago. That suit filed against us was based upon a claim that was patently untrue. Ocean City lost the case, but that did not stop it from trying this again in 2016.

As of now, we have 106 years of continuous ownership and have just completed the 107th summer season. The longevity of our family's possession and control of this property, and our relationship with this town and Worcester County, mean too much to me to allow myself to be bullied in this fashion.

Right is right and wrong is wrong. Thank you again for your continued support as we continue this fight.

Mona Strauss  
Ocean City

## Why is John Bailey so obsessed with geese?

Editor,

I previously wrote and asked John Bailey (OP GM) if he thinks he made a mistake in approving the slaughter of 290 Canada Geese and would he do it again?

After reading your article on Monday ("Pup pilot program next step in Pines goose mitigation") I guess I have my answer. No, he does not think he made a mistake and yes, he will continue trying to remove these animals.

What the heck wrong with this guy?

It has been pointed out to him that the geese are not responsible for polluting the water — so why doesn't he and his cohorts focus upon and spend OUR community dollars on the real issue, the real source of the pollution.

But no — he wants to continue to spend community dollars to keep these animals away — WHY? I guess that's easier than researching and addressing the real problem.

I'd like to know why he is obsessed with these geese? Why continue to pursue them when they aren't the problem? It doesn't make sense!

Seems to me he has other more pressing problems than making sure a few impatient people don't have to wait while the geese cross the road. I assume these are the same people that speed around OP and run over dogs every few months.

It seems like he should address the real pollution problem, worry about all the money the community wastes every year, figure out the problems of rebuilding a crabbing pier, renovating the country club, procuring a HOA software package, tracking down the lost budget dollars.

Come on Bailey — focus on important things and leave the geese alone!

We all pay healthy sums into the community association. Manage the money, the processes, the projects — the geese should not be an issue.

Doug Tribull  
Ocean Pines

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Alison Leigh Menke of Silver Spring works at the canvas during the 2016 Paint Berlin competition. Menke won second place during the 2017 Paint Berlin contest, as well as first place in the "Artists Paint OC" event held last month.

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# Paint Berlin back for ninth annual 'plein air' event

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) People in and around the Berlin area are likely to see dozens of plein air painters working in various outdoor locales this weekend, as the ninth annual Paint Berlin event returns.

While registration is full, work produced during the four-day event will be on display during a free public art reception at the Worcester County Arts Council building on 6 Jefferson Street on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

An awards presentation is scheduled for noon, and people attending the reception will have a chance to meet many of the artists and purchase work, much of it literally fresh from the easel.

Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis, during an August interview, said the event had become popular among regional plein air painters, with many returning year after year.

Painting "en plein air," which roughly translates to "in the open air," refers to a 19th-century style of painting outdoors popularized by French impressionists.

Paint Berlin participants in recent years have produced work in a variety of styles, from the traditional impressionist approach, to realism, and even contemporary abstract painting.

Artists in the competition are permitted to paint anywhere within a five-mile radius of the arts council building. The area was in recent years expanded to also include Assateague Island, Ayers Creek and St. Martin's Church. For the first time this year, painters are allowed to work in Ocean Pines as well.

"I think the artists really appreciated [the expanded area], since many of them like to be on the water," Mullis said. "This is such a wonderful time of the year, when you actually enjoy being outside in September."

Awards for the competition are \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place, \$250 for third place and \$100 for honorable mention, artist's choice, board of director's choice and the Maryland Legislator's Award.

Bradley Hudson, University of Maryland Eastern Shore professor and coordinator of sequential arts, will judge the competition.

Additionally, a quick-draw contest will be held for the first time on Friday, Sept. 21 from 9-11 a.m.

"There is a specific area for the artist to paint, so they will be given an area to focus on and it only will take two hours to complete the painting," Mullis said. "They can use any medium they choose."

Local artist Doris Glovier will judge the quick draw and the winner will take home \$100.

Mullis thanked sponsors the Town of Berlin and the Joan W. Jenkins Foundation.

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# Fiddler's Convention offers entire weekend of live music

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 20, 2018) The 26th annual Berlin Fiddler's Convention is scheduled to bring three days of free, family-friendly events and live entertainment to the downtown areathis Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Slated to open the show on Friday night, starting at 7 p.m., are the Lonesome Ridge Rangers, winners of the 2017 Fiddler's Convention band competition. They will be followed by Washington, D.C. bluegrass quintet Only Lonesome and Nashville singer/songwriter Rebecca Frazier.

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant said the stage on Friday would be set up near Fin's Alehouse and Raw Bar on North Main Street. Fin's is the Friday night entertainment sponsor and the chamber each year hosts the three-day event.

"We're really excited for Friday night in downtown Berlin," St. Amant said. "We have the winners from last year, then we have Rebecca Frazier who is wonderful and is going to represent the women – you know how we love to celebrate our women in Berlin – and then Only Lonesome

will round out the night."

In case of rain, the bands will move indoors to the Globe on Broad Street.

On Saturday, staging moves to South Main Street in front of the Atlantic Hotel. An encore performance by Only Lonesome and Rebecca Frazier is expected to start at 11 a.m.

The competition portion of the event will start at noon with youth and adult categories including best band, banjo, fiddle and mandolin. For the second year, the competition will also include the Maryland State Flatpicking Guitar Championship. Winners in each category will receive cash prizes.

"There will be lots of great vendors on Saturday and we've got food from Street Kitchen, the Lions Club and the Masons," St. Amant said. "We've got a moon bounce and put-put golf, crafts from Worcester Youth and Family, and face painting and hula hoops and lots of stuff for kids."

St. Amant said two "kid zones" would be part of the Saturday lineup, including one on Commerce Street and another on North Main Street, near Worcester Youth.

Burley Oak Brewing Company will operate a beer truck and the shop Sis-



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Winners and participants of the 2017 Berlin Fiddlers Convention gather on stage following an awards ceremony that concluded the event.

ters will offer wine slushies, "Because it's going to be hot and gorgeous," St. Amant said.

The rain location on Saturday is the Berlin Intermediate School auditorium. Free parking and a shuttle service to downtown will be available from the school, on Franklin Avenue.

The Fiddler's Convention winds up on Sunday at noon, with the annual gospel bluegrass jam hosted by locals Steve Frene and Kenny Good on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn on North Main Street.

"Bring your chair and be ready to have a great time," St. Amant said.

She said the event was the largest of the year for the chamber and es-

entially rounds out the year.

"We start with Spring Celebration and we finish up with this event," St. Amant said. "We're excited and we think the weather is going to be great. We're due!"

While no other major, townwide Berlin Chamber of Commerce happenings are scheduled in 2018, St. Amant said the nonprofit is planning several seminars and "business after hours" events. The annual installation dinner for new officers is scheduled in January.

For more information or to register in advance for the competition, visit [www.berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention](http://www.berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention).



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# Sunfest set to start Thursday in Ocean City

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 20, 2018) The 44th annual Sunfest celebration begins today, Thursday, and continues until Sunday, Sept. 23, in Ocean City.

The festival, which marks the end of the summer season, will take place in the inlet parking lot under large tents featuring more than 300 arts, crafts and food vendors as well as musical performances.

More than 235,000 guests attended Sunfest in 2017. The year before that, the event brought in a record-breaking 251,000 visitors.

“Sunfest started as the Save Six for September event,” Ocean City Special Events Director Frank Miller said. “As that event grew and became more popular and had more vendors and adding music, they ended up moving down to the inlet parking lot. There’s a long history for this event but in all of its years, it’s always been food, crafts and entertainment. That hasn’t changed in the 44 years this town has been producing this event.”

The event will kick off with an opening ceremony at 10:15 a.m. today. The Stephen Decatur High School band, choir and cheerleaders will join local and state officials for the opening ceremony along with the Ocean City Police Department Color Guard.

Following the ceremony, Rick K & The Allnighters will launch the live entertainment in the indoor Comcast Entertainment Pavilion at 10:45 a.m. The Recreation Dancers will take the stage at 12:30 p.m. followed by The Pixies Three at 2:30 p.m., local favorite Teenage Rust at 4:30 p.m., and ending the night with a ticketed concert by Forever Tina, a Tina Turner tribute artist, at 8 p.m.

On the outside stage, a performance from Randy Lee Ashcraft & The Saltwater Cowboys will take place at 11:30 a.m. Following will be Bob Lougheed & The Memphis Mafia at 1:30 p.m., Rick K & The Allnighters at 3:30 p.m. and finishing the free performances will be Vinyl Rhino at 5:30 p.m.

Three ticketed performances will start at 8 p.m. each night, Thursday through Saturday, with Tina Turner tribute artist Forever Tina on Thursday. Tickets cost \$10-\$15.

“She’s a very, very good [Tina Turner] lookalike and she puts on a fabulous show,” Miller said. “So, if you love Tina Turner, the Forever Tina tribute is an awesome show to see on Thursday night. This gives you that wonderful genre of music, presented just like Tina Turner would present it.”

On Friday, country music fans will gather at the inlet to catch The Cadillac Three, an up-and-coming country band, perform. Tickets cost \$25-\$45. Saturday, national act Daughtry is scheduled to take the Sunfest stage.

Daughtry’s show is sold out.

Tickets for the headlining acts are on sale at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center box office on 40th Street. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Purchase tickets by calling Ticketmaster at 800-551-7328 or visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival grounds until they are sold out.

In addition to music, food and purchasing unique items from the 300-plus vendors, demonstrations will be set up throughout the venue. The Eastern Shore International Mountain Bike Association will have a fat-tire bike demo, where guests can

pick up gourmet snacks and so forth,” he continued. “We have a demonstration artist tent to see artists working on their craft on site. We also sell beer, wine and now craft beer.”

Sunfest hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 20-22, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. The event will take place rain or shine.

Because parking is limited, visitors should consider taking the resort bus to the festival grounds. The West Ocean City Park and Ride on Route 50, just west of the bridge, provides free parking and a \$3 ride-all-day shuttle service to and from South Division Street, a block from Sunfest.

free, 1-800-626-2326.

In conjunction with the event, the 40th annual Sunfest Kite Festival will take place Sept. 20-23, on the beach between Third and Sixth streets, bringing four days of kite-flying to the resort.

There will be various themed kite displays such as “Mythical Creatures” which last year featured over a dozen giant flying dragons, a Pegasus, a hippocampus, winged pigs, a mermaid and a 100-foot-long Chinese dragon sunbathing on the beach. Kite fliers can participate in People’s Choice for best kite, themed mass ascensions, and record attempts. Ocean City holds the record for most Trilobites in the sky..



Ocean City’s annual fall festival, Sunfest, last year drew 235,637 people to the inlet parking lot over four days. It was the second-largest attendance in the festival’s 43-year history. This year’s event is scheduled Sept. 20-23.

take a fat-tired bike out to the sand and ride on the beach.

“Sunfest always has demand for vendors and we typically have a lot of the same vendors, but they’re coming up with new products and new versions of what they sell,” Miller said. “I love to see what’s new and interesting. Some vendors will be sold out within two days of the four-day event.”

For children, there will be hayrides on the beach, inflatables and sand art for a small fee.

“Not only is this a wonderful Ocean City tradition, it’s a family friendly experience,” Miller said. “Mom and dad can come and do their shopping, buy their food, enjoy music with the family but also for the kids we have kid’s activities.

“We also have a gourmet tent to

The Special Event express shuttle service will pick visitors up from the convention center on 40th Street, where they can park for free, and ride directly to Sunfest for \$3 all day.

The Boardwalk tram will also be in service during Sunfest with fares running \$3 each way. For more information on bus fares, call Ocean City Transportation at 410-723-1606.

While at Sunfest, visit the Official Event Merchandise Tent located just inside the main entrance at the inlet parking lot. Official 2018 Sunfest T-shirts are available in youth and adult sizes through 4XL.

Visit [www.ococean.com/sunfest](http://www.ococean.com/sunfest) for the full schedule of Sunfest entertainment or call 800-626-2326. For more information about Sunfest, call the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department at 410-250-0125, or toll-

Candy drops, where candy is dropped from a large kite, will take place both Saturday and Sunday.

Spectator participation (adults and children) is encouraged in games and activities scheduled throughout the festival such as: The Running of the Bols races, giant bubble arts, candy drops, Boardwalk dancing, free sport kite lessons and voting in the People’s Choice award.

This year Kitefest will host a “Kids Kite Fly.” At 1 p.m. Saturday free kites will be handed out to the first 60 children who show up. Only children between the ages of 5-12 are eligible for the free kite. Professionals will help the children assemble and launch the kite right on the beach at Fifth Street.

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# Business Briefs

## Joins bank

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank has announced that Shannon Lewis has joined the bank as assistant vice president, relationship officer.

Lewis will be responsible for business development and client relationship management in the Onley, Virginia market.

After her rotational training concludes she will initially be located at the bank's Pocomoke branch.

Lewis comes to Taylor Bank with over 24 years of banking experience in the Eastern Shore of Virginia Market. During her banking career, Lewis has served as teller supervisor with PNC Bank and most recently, assis-

tant vice president, senior branch manager with Union Bank (formerly Xenith Bank).

She has experience with loan production, business development, deposit growth, and staff development.

Lewis is very active in the community and acts as a committee member for the Eastern Shore March of Dimes, and is the District Committee Finance chairperson for the Delmarva Council of Boy Scouts.

She also headed the Financial Literacy program, putting together presentations and lessons for all aged students. Her dedication to community banking and her community makes her a great fit for Taylor Bank.

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livery channels.

The company has 11 banking locations within the eastern coastal area of the Delmarva Peninsula including Worcester County, Maryland, Sussex County, Delaware and Accomack County, Virginia. There is also a loan production office located in Onley, Virginia.

## New agent

Shamrock Realty Group welcomes Kelly MacPherson, their newest agent, to the team.



K. MacPherson

MacPherson, a Worcester County resident since the age of 4, currently holds her Maryland license. She just recently moved to Delaware and will be pursuing her Delaware license as well.

MacPherson graduated from Salisbury University Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. During her studies she taught internationally in Beijing, China and completed a graduate course in Europe studying children's literature.

MacPherson taught in Worcester County at Most Blessed Sacrament for 10 years and continues to teach English online to international students. Her dedication to helping oth-

ers will shine forth in her career of real estate.

She looks forward to serving the community and may be reached by calling 410-641-5000 or [kelly@shamrockrealty.com](mailto:kelly@shamrockrealty.com).

## New director

The Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce announces LuAnn Johnson as its new executive director.



LuAnn Johnson

Her strong background in customer service and visitor information reflects her past work experience with Treasure Valley YMCA, Boise, Idaho, US Forest Service and the Sun Valley Idaho Chamber of Commerce.

A resident of Snow Hill, Johnson also works part-time for the Worcester County Board of Education at Cedar Chapel School.

Some of her favorite childhood memories include picnics at Milburn Landing, the Delmarva Chicken Festival, homecoming and auctions in Byrd Park.

Her local roots give her an appreciation and love of the area. She looks forward to using her collective skills to promote awareness of the area's natural beauty, being an advocate for local business owners and finding



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### Field organizer

The Maryland Democratic Party has appointed Laurie Brittingham of Berlin, as the Lower Shore field organizer.

Brittingham will engage local stakeholders and manage volunteer teams. To reach her, email lrbrittingham@yahoo.com.

### Certified

Merrill Lynch announced that Zachary Newton of its Ocean City office has earned the Certified Financial Planner certification awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP Board), and is allowed to use the CFP certification mark as an educational credential.

The CFP designation is awarded to individuals who meet rigorous education, examination, experience, ethics and other requirements set by the CFP Board.



Zachary Newton

Newton, a resident of Berlin, received a bachelor's degree from Salisbury University and joined Merrill Lynch in 2016. Newton is located in the Ocean City Merrill Lynch office at 11724 Ocean Gateway, Suite 5 and can be reached at 410-213-9086 or by visiting <https://fa.ml.com/maryland/ocean-city/anna.newton>.

### Newly appointed

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has announced Pam Heying as the newly appointed Gifts and Grants administrator.



Pam Heying

Heying's background includes over 25 years of experience in accounting/bookkeeping and 15 years of business management.

The newly created position will assist the Community Foundation in strengthening its continued dedication to stewarding assets entrusted by the community. Heying's vast experience in finance and accounting combined with her demonstrated

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Sept. 22: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Sept. 27: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines  
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Sept. 22: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



# Business Briefs

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commitment to community service create a natural fit for the role.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the lower Eastern Shore. It is a 501c3 nonprofit with a history of fostering charitable endeavors, and has provided more than \$77 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984.

The Foundation collaborates with individuals, families and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthens local nonprofits through grants and resources. It is devoted to improving the regional community and believes in the power of philanthropy.

For information, contact Victoria Kent, marketing officer, at 410-742-9911 or vkent@CFES.org.

## Promotions

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, has announced the following promotions:



Atif Gaddis

Atif Gaddis has been promoted to BSA officer. Atif has been employed with Taylor Bank since August of 2008.

He has served in several roles for the bank including teller, customer service associate and most recently BSA and compliance assistant.

In his new role, Atif will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring day-to-day BSA/AML compliance. He will also continue to assist with internal compliance programs. Atif's office is located at the bank's Main Office in downtown Berlin.

Debbie Rickards has been promoted to operations supervisor of the 91st Street branch in Ocean City. Rickards has been employed with Taylor Bank since February of 2018. She was hired as a full-time customer service associate.

Since then she has worked at the Main Office and Ocean Landing locations. She came to Taylor Bank with over 28 years of community bank experience.



Debbie Rickards

She was the former teller supervisor of PNC Bank located in downtown Berlin. Her past experience coupled with her Taylor Bank knowledge will aid in her success in this new role with the bank.

Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, the bank subsidiary of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc., founded in 1890, offers a wide range of loan, deposit and ancillary banking services through both physical and digital delivery channels.

The Company has 11 banking locations within the eastern coastal area of the Delmarva Peninsula including Worcester County, Maryland, Sussex County, Delaware and Accomack County, Virginia. There is also a loan production office located in Onley, Virginia.

## Joins team

Deeley Insurance Group welcomes Trevor Frederick to the agency's Commercial Lines Client Advisor team.



Trevor Frederick

He will be responsible for generating new business and developing strong relationships with clients and prospective clients through the sale of commercial insurance products. His primary focus will be in the hospitality industry and resort area businesses.

Frederick joins the team with over 10 years of customer service and management experience. His secret to success in the workplace is to be honest, have integrity, passion and commitment.

In his free time he enjoys traveling globally, often for surf adventures, and playing indoor and outdoor volleyball.

With offices located in Willards, Maryland and Lewes, Delaware, Deeley Insurance Group is a privately held independent insurance agency specializing in employee benefits, business and personal insurances. Clients represent all industries including community association, hospitality, trucking and construction firms. To learn more, visit [deeleyinsurance.com](http://deeleyinsurance.com).



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# Snapshots



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## ANNUAL PICNIC

Local Worcester County Democratic clubs celebrated Labor Day with their annual picnic held at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines. Members and guests of each of the clubs, including the Democratic Central Committee, participated with several candidates running for offices. Those included Virgil Shockley and Judy Butler running for County Commissioner positions; and Nicole Caudell for Register of Wills.



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## OFF TO SCHOOL

Worcester Prep Head of Lower School Laura Holmes gives a big welcome hug to siblings, Pre-Kindergartener Jace, left, and second grader Kaylin Zervakos during the first week of school.



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## HURRICANE RELIEF

After the devastation of hurricane Maria, the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International along with the Builder's Club from Stephen Decatur Middle School adopted a school in Puerto Rico to help defray cost of a new copy machine. Several fundraisers were held during the 2017-2018 school year to raise money. This summer Mary Makinen from the Alpha Delta Chapter, center, presented a check to Rosa Delia Fernandez, right, and Evelyn Lugo Morales. The two organizations plan to continue the project again this school year.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club welcomes speaker Diane Stulz, coordinator of Digital Learning for Worcester County School District. She is pictured on screen in center as she demonstrates the Telepresence Robot. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant (Courtyard Marriott Hotel) 15th Street and N. Baltimore Ave., in Ocean City. Guests welcome.



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## SENIOR CARE

Many senior citizens are faced with the possible need to leave their homes to receive the care they need. Home Instead Senior Care of Berlin helps to keep seniors in their residences by providing assistance in their homes. Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Kathie Quinn, a registered nurse for 45 years, who hires and trains the care providers, left, is pictured with Kiwanis President Ralph Chinn and Home Care Consultant Leslie Zimmerman.



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## CLUB DONATION

Ocean Pines Golf Club donated to Worcester County Humane Society through its Bernie Stiles Memorial Golf Tournament. Don McMullen, left, and Bob Long, Ocean Pines Golf Club members, presented the check to Worcester County Humane Society Board Member Mary Martinez. The no-kill animal shelter is located off Route 611, in Berlin.



# Puzzles

“UH, WHAT?”

BY JOEL FAGLIANO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Like a bull in a china shop

7 Blue

11 Band whose songs are featured in a hit 2001 musical and 2018 movie

15 Tube tops

19 Where Hemingway wrote “The Old Man and the Sea”

20 Instrument whose name sounds like a rebuke of Obama’s dog

21 Case load?

22 River that formed an extension of the Mason-Dixon line

23 One who’s just moved from Portland?

26 Bit of baseball gear

27 “Jeez, I heard you already!”

28 Number

29 Game played with a dog

30 Peak

31 Tennis great who wrote the 2009 tell-all “Open”

32 Major science journal

33 Satchel for a guy

35 Convert a morgue worker into a spy?

37 Google \_\_\_\_

38 Pre-euro currency

39 Smooch

Online subscriptions: Today’s puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

40 Leave gobsmacked

41 Common plural verb

42 Staple of many a “Real Housewives” episode

44 One of the Leewards

48 LeBron basketball sneaker, e.g.?

51 Foe in “Wonder Woman”

55 ---

56 Ready for the recycling bin

57 Field trip chaperone

59 Surrender

60 Celebrity chef Oliver

61 Hunger for

62 Will of “Arrested Development”

64 Determined to do

65 Flower said to cover the plains of Hades

68 Brand of 33-Down

69 Intense blowback against a signature Trump policy proposal?

72 Large mobile devices, to use a modern portmanteau

74 Hair net

75 Amazon threat

76 Muppet eagle

79 Highest draft category

80 Garbage barge

81 Tour de France setting

82 Bad person to get paired with for a class assignment?

87 Bender

89 “Present!”

90 Like more

91 Gulf mogul

92 Rulers during the Time of Troubles

93 Jewish mysticism

94 Harmonized

98 Triple-A requests

99 Nickname for a superserious congressman?

101 Trainer of Rey in “The Last Jedi”

102 Eager

103 Fixtures in every Vegas casino

104 Ontario city across the river from Buffalo, for short

105 Craftsy online store

106 Cay

107 For takeout

108 Exemplar of cruelty

DOWN

1 Follower of “ah-ah-ah”

2 Fun adventure

3 Colored layer

4 Hungarians, by another name

5 Noses around

6 Northerner

7 One of the Gilmore Girls

8 Old sports org. with the Kentucky Colonels

9 U.S. food giant

10 Suck-up

11 Red with embarrassment

12 Fad toy of the 1990s

13 Tendency

14 What’s better when it’s fine?

15 Awaken

16 Yellowfin

17 Workers who are always retiring?

18 “Take that!”

24 Strain

25 Tweet, e.g.

29 Language of Omar Khayyam’s “Rubáiyát”

31 Glows

32 Caution on an airplane wing

33 Dip for mozzarella sticks

34 Affecting radically

35 x

36 Biceps exercise

37 Attack on a big scale

38 Uncool

42 Gig for an aspiring electronic musician

43 Root word?

44 Citation

45 What “...” may represent

46 What “#” means in chess notation

47 Slim

49 Surrendered

50 “Take a hike!”

52 Like an uncorrupted file

53 Academy Awards prop

54 Popular Belgian brews, informally

58 Hurt

60 Ballet jump

63 Music genre at a rave

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

64 Provider of green juice?

65 Bother

66 Put away

67 Vietnamese broth-and-noodles soup

70 “Yeah, right”

71 Academy Awards prop

73 Garden toilers

76 Saliva

77 Words from a T.S.A. agent before a pat-down

78 Punk rock hairstyles

80 Guarantee

81 U.S.P.S. package status

83 Purchase at a sports stadium

84 Sophisticated

85 How whiskey is often served

86 Financially solvent

87 Blue man group?

88 Something made to be destroyed

91 Where soccer was invented: Abbr.

93 Hitchcock triple feature?

94 Should that be the case

95 “Hey \_\_\_\_” (start of a phone voice command)

96 R&B great Redding

97 A bit of disputin’ from Putin?

99 Chairlift item

100 Clickable tag on BuzzFeed beside “LOL” and “WTF”

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HARD - 33

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8 3 4 7

5 4 1

7 8

6 1 7 9

4 8 1 7

2 8

5 2 3 6 2

Answers to last week’s puzzles

4 6 9 8 1 5 7 3 2

3 8 5 2 7 9 1 6 4

1 7 2 4 6 3 5 8 9

6 3 1 7 5 2 4 9 8

8 9 4 6 3 1 2 7 5

2 5 7 9 8 4 3 1 6

7 1 6 5 2 8 9 4 3

9 2 3 1 4 6 8 5 7

5 4 8 3 9 7 6 2 1

BUM TATA LILAC ASSAY

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SNOW UNDER TOTAL RECALL

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ADULT RIO OPTS EGO

POISE BATTING G S AVOW

PETERPAN ODORS WHIRS

IGOR BRITA IF ONLY

ASSAMTEA ORB SIR

BLUNT VETTE SANDTRAP

LOVEHATER RELATIONSHIPS

YESWECAN MILAN TESSA

REC MPG CONDO FEE

BOLERO ETHOS ESTA

PAVER STETS ROL RIRA

AREA AMPERSANDS FSTOP

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# Cuisine

## Play with your food: making ‘ants on a log’

*This column originally ran in a Sept. 22, 2016 edition of the Bayside Gazette.*

I was trying to doze off, having had a very long day. Things usually happen in threes, as they say, and the third event was merely a warm-up for the fourth and fifth mighty dealings that weighed heavily on my shoulders. But, hey, it’s all part of this adulting thing, something that I try to avoid like the plague.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I had only been sitting in my recliner (my God, I’m starting to sound like my father) for a few minutes when the food gods smiled on me to usher me off to sleep. Having neglected to eat a decent lunch or dinner, I had just partaken in a late-night nosh of thick schmears of mayonnaise and spicy mustard on salami rollups. They hit the spot, and it was time to get some rest for the onslaught that was sure to be in my life the next day.

But just as I was about to meet the Sandman, a thought occurred to me and I started to nod my head in that “Yeah, that would be a great combo” type of way. You see, similar to the great Anton Ego from “Ratatouille,” I too relate the foods I eat to my many memories of the past; family, friends, exciting and never-to-be-repeated trips, the dangerous days of youth and so on.

And I have no idea where the idea came from, but I knew that the next day I would make my own ants on a log combination that would satisfy, and it did. Wait, did you say that you don’t know what ants on a log are?

It is only one of the greatest snacks known to mankind, or more to the point, child-kind. Celery, sloppily chopped by mom was then slathered in peanut butter and sprinkled with raisins. They were easy, mostly nutritious, and I still find myself eating a few when I’m bored. Why not? It’s a perfect combination.

But, I knew that making ants on a log would be a trite and boring exercise to say the least, so I rummaged through my brain and pantry to see what I could come up with.

Sure enough, the next morning I remembered that I was in possession of a great many habanero peppers, and I wanted to use them in a way other than their intended purpose; to burn greatly on more than one occasion.

I’ve always been a big fan of chili jellies and jams, so I figured that would be an easy fit. Now I was down to only a couple other items: the celery and the peanut butter. Owning a Vitamix blender that has held steadfast for these last six years, I threw in some roasted, salted peanuts and made some ridiculously simple yet remarkable peanut butter.

Now on to the celery. Most people agree with me that it’s not terribly satisfying to chew on, between the omnipresent bitterness and the fibers. The simple task of peeling takes care of both of those problems, and you are left with a triumvirate or ingredients that will please ... with a little kick at the end.



Tonight as I go to sleep, I will rest knowing that I played with my food today, and I suggest that you do the same. After all:

*“The idea is to die young as late as possible.”*

-Ashly Montagu

### Fire Ants on a Log

*enough for a fairly large group of people!*

- 8 stalks of celery
- 2 cups Sweet & Salty peanut butter (recipe follows)
- 1/2 cup Habanero Jam (recipe follows)
  1. Peel your celery! There is a world of difference in the end product, as the fibrous exterior is removed as is a great deal of the bitterness
  2. Drizzle the celery logs with your peanut butter and dress with some of the pepper jam
  3. I know this is ridiculously simple, but sometimes it’s just a great thing to play with your food

### Sweet & Salty Peanut Butter

- makes about 2 cups*
- 2 cups Roasted, salted peanuts
  - Oil, as needed
  - 3-4 Tbsp. Granulated sugar
    1. I can only attest to this working in a Vitamix, but so many residential blenders are powerful that I recommend looking up your model to see if it works

2. Place the peanuts and sugar in the blender, and starting on slow, work your way up in speed, tamping the peanuts down as you go
3. Add only enough oil (You probably don’t need any) to make the peanut butter the consistency that you want
4. Adjust for taste and you’re set!

### Habanero Jam

- Makes about 1 quart*
- 15 Habanero peppers, minced and seeded
  - 1 Red bell pepper, minced and seeded
  - 2 medium Carrots, peeled and finely shredded
  - 6 cups Granulated sugar
  - 3/4 cup Cider vinegar
  - 3/4 cup Good quality champagne vinegar
  - Pectin, as needed (follow instructions)
    1. Heat the sugar and water until the sugar is completely dissolved
    2. Add the vegetables and cook for about five or six minutes at a low boil
    3. Add the pectin (again, look to the particular manufacturer for instructions and quantities) and boil for a full minute, skimming any foam off the top
    4. Without canning, this will keep for around two weeks in the refrigerator. If you can, it will last well throughout the cold season

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# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Sept. 20

**SUNFEST KITE FESTIVAL**  
Ocean City beach, Third Street to Sixth Street. Four days filled with spectacular kite-flying, Sept. 20-23. See master kite flyers from around the world showcase their aerial displays of art. Kite-making workshops and kite battles. Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855, <http://www.kiteloft.com>

**14TH ANNUAL SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR**  
The self-guided driving tour will feature 10 beautiful homes in the Ocean City area. Experience a variety of homes, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Art League of Ocean City. Cost is \$30 per person. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

**PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM - 11:59 PM, Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. September project to be announced.

**STORY TIME 'SHAPES'**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**HOMESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. See what the library and other local organizations have to offer homeschoolers K-12. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS REPORT CARD RELEASE**  
Fager's Island, 201 60th St., 2:30 PM. The goal of the Report Card is to provide a transparent, timely and geographically detailed assessment of the 2017 Coastal Bay's health. The program will include Gold Star award presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and their efforts to protect the coastal bays. The public is encouraged to attend. Report cards will be available after the event at [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org). To obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups, contact Sandi Smith, [sandis@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:sandis@mdcoastalbays.org), 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

**WORLD-WIDE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 5:00 PM. The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with Collette Vacations Travel, will offer trips to Costa Rica, Italy and Iceland in 2019. A special presentation for those interested in the trips to Coastal Rica and Italy will be held. The nine-day trip to Costa Rica will embark on March 25, 2019. The trip to Italy will take place May 8-17, 2019. A trip featuring Iceland's magical Northern Lights will be held Nov. 1-7, 2019. Debbie Donahue, [ddonahue@oceanpines.org](mailto:ddonahue@oceanpines.org), 410-641-7052, <http://www.OceanPines.org>

**ANIMATION AFTER HOURS**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway,

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Seth Nedrow will host this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adult audiences. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**BROWN BOX THEATRE PRESENTS 'AS YOU LIKE IT'**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Featuring the 8th Annual Free Outdoor Shakespeare Tour. As You Like It will transport audiences into the heart of noe of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. <http://brownboxtheatre.org>

**BEACH SINGLES**  
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., Sept. 21

**2ND ANNUAL DEAF BLIND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
The conference will be held Sept. 27-28. On Thursday, there will be a pre-conference presentation on Emergency Preparedness for the Deaf-Blind, 3-6 p.m. On Friday, Preparedness: Life Span Planning for Individuals who are Deaf-Blind workshops will be held, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is provided on Friday. Vendors also available. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dila-hkncs-2nd-annual-deaf-blind-conference-tickets-49491663899>, deadline is Sept. 21. Deaf Independent Living Assoc., Inc., 410-742-5052 v/tty or 443-365-2645 VP

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**FIBER FRIENDS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join this informal get-together. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christine-Healy, [moonlightknitting@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightknitting@gmail.com), 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**CRAB CAKE DINNER**  
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Single crab cake sandwich, green beans, baked potato and drink for \$12. Carryouts and bake table available.

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils. Ad-

mission is \$5 for adults and free to those 16 and younger. Ellen White, [ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com](mailto:ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com), 757-641-2124, <http://www.treasuresoftheearth.com>

**NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROGRAM**  
American Legion Synepuxent Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, 1:00 PM. This National Day will recognize the POW/MIA's of all wars. All area veterans are urged to attend and the public is invited as well. Use the 24th Street entrance. Sarge Garlitz, [firstsgt166@msn.com](mailto:firstsgt166@msn.com), 443-735-1942

**BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1:00 PM. Featuring "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FUNDAMENTALS OF FORENSIC SCIENCE**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. David Stiegel from Wor-Wic Community College's Criminal Justice Department will provide an overview of the field of forensic science. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM., First meeting of a new Home-school Book Club session. Title(s) will be selected in advance via Facebook poll, and discussion questions will be shared after the meeting. For children at a middle-grades reading level. Karen Earp, 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PILLOWCASE MINISTRY MEETING**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The group will meet on the Children's Porch to assemble kitchen kits. The kits will be for the Christian Appalachia Project in Kentucky. Postage donations are also needed.

**FISH DINNER**  
Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Fish dinner, mac & cheese, green beans, cornbread, desserts and beverage for \$10.

**DEMOCRATIC GRAND OPENING**  
Worcester County Democratic Central Committee Headquarters, 11033 Cathell Road, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring the grand opening of the Worcester County Democratic Central Committee Headquarters. Meet and greet local candidates, sign up to volunteer and enjoy refreshments. 410-831-8926

## Sat., Sept. 22

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to those 16

and younger. Ellen White, [ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com](mailto:ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com), 757-641-2124, <http://www.treasuresoftheearth.com>

**FREE NATIONAL PARKS DAY**  
Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane. In celebration of National Public Lands Day, Assateague Island National Seashore will offer free admission. <http://www.nps.gov>

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**  
Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**FALL INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Admission is free for shoppers, who will find vendors selling used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles and more. Indoor vending space costs \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an 8 ft. table and a chair. Outdoor spaces costs \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs. Vendor space inquiries: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

**2018 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP**  
Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This year's event will be stationed at the south end of the North Ocean Beach parking lot, near the pavilion.

**CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE AND TAKE 'CONSTITUTION'**  
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>

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**  
Showell Elementary School, 11318 Showell School Road, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Hazardous waste and computers/laptops may be dropped off, but no other electronics will be accepted. Hazardous waste includes pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other fuels, oil-based paints, thinners and everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home. Collection is open at no charge to Worcester County residents only. Mike McClung, 410-632-3177

**CAREGIVER'S GROUP MEETING**  
Bethany United Methodist Church 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 10:00 AM. A support group for caregivers. Join the group for coffee and conversation, Sept. 22 through Oct. 27. Sandy, 410-641-0647

**LULAROE AND VENDOR SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Come shop from 15 LuLaRoe inventories, crafters, and other vendors like Thirty-One, Pure Romance, Paparazzi and more. Free admission  
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sion. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

**PIZZA CHALLENGE**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 11:00 AM. For teens. Taste test pizza to identify which restaurant supplied it and vote for the best slice of pie. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PARK PLACE JEWELERS TREASURE HUNT AT THE BEACH**  
Ocean City beach at Third Street, Ocean City beach at Third Street, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Dig in the sand for buried treasure at the beach in front of Park Place Jewelers. Prizes include jewelry, diamonds, gemstones and gift certificates to area restaurants and retailers. Must register in-person at either Parks Place Jewelers location. Must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Free entry with a \$15 donation to Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Foundation. 410-289-6500, <http://www.parkplacejewelers.com>

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

## Sun., Sept. 23

**GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals, fossils. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to those 16 and younger. Ellen White, [ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com](mailto:ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com), 757-641-2124, <http://www.treasuresoftheearth.com>

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**OC CRUZERS CAR DISPLAY**  
Somerset Street Plaza, Somerset Street near Boardwalk, 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM. OC Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. Live music or DJ provided. 410-289-7739, <http://www.ocdc.org>

## Mon., Sept. 24

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Mother Loose on the Loose is an award-winning early literacy program for children from birth to age 3 with their parents or caregivers.

**HOMESCHOOL BOOKCLUB**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Homeschoolers ages 8-12 are invited to a monthly book club. Call or come in to reserve your copy of the book. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM. Group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**COLORING WITH KAREN**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Artist Karen DiMaio will teach the technique of colored pencil drawing. Materials will be provided. One lucky participant will be able to choose a signed limited edition print of DiMaio’s artwork. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**BELLY DANCE**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:00 PM. This six-week class takes place from Sept. 24 through Oct. 29. Learn American Belly Dance with Rose McGregor (Roma). Wear comfortable clothing. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PAINTING WITH DAWN TARR**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Renowned Artist Dawn Tarr will instruct the class on painting a beautiful mermaid. All material provided. Register: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FULL MOON YOGA**  
Assateague North Beach parking lot, 6633 Bayberry Drive, 7:00 PM. Free but park entrance fees are in effect and all donations go directly to benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. All levels welcome. Bring a towel; insect repellent is recommended. Meet at the shade pavilion.

**DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Jean, 410-208-4149

## Tues., Sept. 25

**ZUMBA FOR SENIORS**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Zumba dance class designed espe-

cially for seniors and for those working their way up to traditional Zumba. Register: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FYZICAL RIBBON CUTTING**  
FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers - Ocean Pines, 11204 Racetrack Road, Suite 101, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. FYZICAL is a state of the art physical therapy clinic in Ocean Pines, specializing in orthopedic injuries and balance, dizziness and neurological rehabilitation. Formerly known as Apex Physical Therapy. There will be demonstrations of the state-of-the-art equipment as well as signups for the Fight the Fall Free Balance Assessment and free laser therapy demo in October. Refreshments will be served. Ed Weeks, 410-208-1525

**FAMILY TIME ‘BIRDS’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join in for crafts and activities all about birds. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**“ANDY IRONS: KISSED BY GOD”**  
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City conventtion center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. A biography film about world champion surfer, Andy Irons, who ultimately died from mental health issues and drug addiction. Tickets cost \$20 each and can be purchased by calling 410-289-2800.

**ASK A MASTER GARDENER**  
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**  
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](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., Sept. 26

**STORY TIME ‘SINGING’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**SCULPTING DEMONSTRATION AND INSTRUCTION**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Renowned sculptor, Rick Casali will demonstrate the creation of a bust. Participants will then be given the opportunity to sculpt their own art. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**‘MESSY’ ACTIVITIES**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Sensory friendly activities with water, ice, sand and slime in the library garden. Dress for a mess. All ages welcome. Rain date is Oct. 3. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St.,

5:30 PM. Featuring We Need to Talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver. Copies of the book are available at the library in advance. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS**  
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. The group gathers on the fourth Wednesday of each month. A supportive and safe place for members to share stories confidentially and spend time with others who understand. No sign-ins and no special advanced requirements to attend. Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB DONATION**  
Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 7:00 PM. The club will be making a \$2,000 donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 850 to help sponsor the training of a service dog for a disabled Veteran. Present will be the Trainer from Reidel K-9, Nelson Reider and the Lab being trained; officers of the Vietnam Veterans; officers and members of the Delmarva Hand Dance Club; and officers of the Elks Lodge. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**  
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](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC**  
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**  
Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. [cliff0917@aol.com](mailto:cliff0917@aol.com), 302-540-2127

**OP FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**  
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, 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**  
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://stpaulsbythesea.org>



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