



The Ocean Pines Players on Saturday celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Town of Berlin's incorporation with a lively trip through several generations of popular music.

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Downtown Berlin packed for event, anniversary bash

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) The town of Berlin got a break in the weather Saturday, as the sun came out and people flooded the streets for a well-attended Oktoberfest event and to honor the anniversary of the town's incorporation, 150 years ago.

Thousands watched live music on four separate stages – from traditional country, to traditional German music from the “other” Berlin – and filled the downtown shops and restaurants, including the newly opened Greyhound bookstore on South Main Street.

Fins Alehouse and Raw Bar hosted its annual Oystoberfest, the Atlantic Hotel and Burley Oak Brewing Company each provided beer gardens, and, later in the afternoon, the Burley Inn Tavern hosted additional live music and its annual cornhole tournament to help buy Christmas decorations.

Over on Artisan's Green, the Ocean Pines Players showcased several decades of music, farmers and artisans sent up tables, and at 2 p.m. Mayor Gee Williams offered a brief speech to commemorate the milestone anniversary.

Also attending the ceremony were Town Councilmen Thom Gulyas and Zack Tyndall, and District 3 County Commissioner Bud Church.

Williams welcomed residents and guests to what he said was a joyous occasion.

“As anyone who is familiar with Berlin's history, our community has several different years that can all be properly termed the origins of today's Berlin,” Williams said.

“This week, both of our local newspapers have done an outstanding job in recounting the milestones that preceded us. I encourage you to read a print copy, or an online version, of these articles to get a greater appreciation of Berlin's history.

“So, whether you point to the 300-acre land grant that dates to 1677, known as the Burley tract, the development of the Burley Plantation and

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Turmoil in Snow Hill as mayor exits

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 15, 2018) The abrupt resignation last week of Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman wasn't as simple as the “time to move on” scenario initially outlined in Dorman's announcement.

Statements released by Dorman and the Town Council this week revealed a strong disagreement between the mayor and council about how the town should operate.

Dorman on Monday morning morning released a statement regarding his resignation last Tuesday.

The statement follows:

“In July the town manager and one of the councilwomen (he later amended the statement to say “the council” instead of “one of the councilwomen”) disagreed with me on some of my tactics to draw new business to Snow Hill. Since then, I've become a figurehead only as the mayor, with no authority anymore. I

then decided that I would resign [effective] Oct. 31, 2018. I have aggressively sought to sell my residence and I am fortunate to have a buyer. I will be moving in November.

“I sincerely hope that the new mayor will continue to encourage new businesses and make Snow Hill a destination on the Pocomoke River.”

The council on Monday afternoon emailed a response in the form of a letter to the editor signed by Councilwoman Alison Cook, Councilwoman Jenny Hall, and Councilwoman LaToya Purnell.

It follows:

“We, the Town Council of Snow Hill, wish to make a public statement that will hopefully dispel the negative rumors that are being discussed regarding the Mayor, Town Council and Staff.

“Throughout Mayor Charlie Dorman's administration, the Town Council had faith that he was making decisions that were in the best interest of the town and its citizens and that he was adhering to the regulations and guidelines of the Town Code.

“We allowed and supported Mayor

Dorman in making decisions to encourage business growth and economic development. We believed that what he told us was factual and that he was honest. However, it came to light several months ago that there had been actions by the Mayor that we believed to be in violation of the duties of the Mayor as specified in the Town Charter.

“The Snow Hill Charter specifies the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Town Council. The Town Council passes Ordinances for the good government of the town and has specific powers of governing the town, such as acquiring property, maintaining a police force, zoning, and expending municipal funds and managing the finances of the Town. The Council makes the laws for this municipality. Mayor Dorman has proclaimed that the Council took away his power. This is false. As stated herein, the position of Mayor never had the authority for the decisions he made.

“The Charter continues to state that the Mayor shall see that all Ordinances are faithfully executed and shall be the

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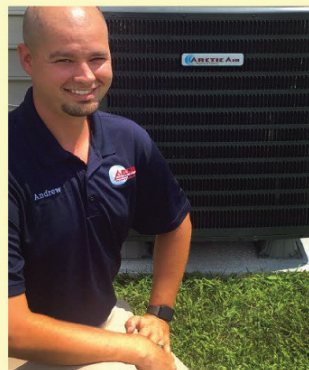
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Decisions made 'that the Council was unaware of'

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chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the town government. Additionally, he/she appoints and removes department heads with the majority approval of the Council; reports recommendations to the Council; supervises the financial administration of the government; and may veto or vote to break a tie.

"Many decisions were made by the Mayor that the Council was unaware of. Some examples:

- An agreement was entered with a local business owner that required them to perform certain renovations to a building in exchange for being granted building ownership. As part of the agreement, certain obligations had to be met prior to opening the business, some of which being safety-related or mandated by federal and state law. Mayor Dorman directed staff to ignore the Code and laws, ignore the memorandum of agreement, and allow this business to open, fully aware it was in violation. Additionally, Mayor Dorman covered some of the repair costs that the agreement stated were to be paid by the business owner.

- A resident requested a reduction in the cost of an EDU for water/sewer connection to a rental property and the Council denied the request. Later, Mayor Dorman directed the Code Enforcement Officer to reduce the amount of the EDU by 50% without the knowledge or approval of the Council.

"In June 2018 Town Manager Kelly Pruitt submitted her notice to retire. During discussions where we requested she reconsider, many issues were brought to the forefront that made us further investigate the activities and decisions made by the Mayor. Town staff members had met with the Mrs. Pruitt regarding a potential hostile work environment, stating they were made to perform duties at the Mayor's direction that they believed to be in direct violation of the Code. Mrs. Pruitt had decided to retire solely because of the issues with the Mayor. Several other employees were seeking to leave employment because of the hostile environment and being put into situations where they felt uncomfortable.

"When the Council addressed these issues with Mayor Dorman, he apologized for overstepping his authority and explained he would work to rebuild our trust. He apologized to the Town Manager and the staff. At the end of the meeting there was a mutual understanding that everyone would move forward in a positive, inclusive manner.

"Since that meeting there has been a lot of community gossip where assumptions and untruths are being disseminated. Mayor Dorman has continually made negative comments about the Council and town staff in an attempt to gain public sympathy. He has championed to make


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-Judy Giffin

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-Joe and Betty Green

How many government officials do you know who actually answer their own phone? Or return emails in a timely fashion? I know of only one: Chip Bertino. **He's accessible and that makes a big difference!**

-Carolyn Dryzga

I have had the opportunity to interface with Commissioner Bertino on multiple occasions during the past four years. **I have been very impressed with his knowledge and skills in resolving complex Worcester County issues.** One such issue that impressed me was the reduction by millions of taxpayers dollars in the cost to build the new Showell Elementary School.

-Bob Gilmore

What has impressed me most about Commissioner Bertino is his **willingness to get out of the office and into the field to investigate issues that are important to his constituents.** This "involved" approach to his leadership role in Worcester County has not only contributed to more efficient government but, as in the case of the new school construction, has **saved the taxpayers millions of dollars.**

-Jack Barnes

Commissioner Bertino **works very hard for our district.** He budgets and spends our tax dollars in a fair and transparent way and is always available to listen to our concerns.

-Vanessa Alban

I am especially pleased with Commissioner Bertino's **conservative, fiscally responsible** approach to county government over the last four years.

-Jeanette Reynolds

*It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve on your behalf. **This November I again ask for your vote.** Together we will continue to ensure a bright future for our community and our county.*



Thank you!

Chip Bertino

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Commissioner Chip Bertino
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Bertino for Commissioner; Susan Bertino, Treasurer

Mathews used to being calming presence for town

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Once and future Snow Hill Mayor Stephen Mathews confirmed on Tuesday he would take over for departing Mayor Charlie Dorman, who will leave the post on Oct. 31.

Mathews will be sworn in on Nov. 1 and will serve until a special election is held next May.

Dorman abruptly announced his resignation during a Town Council meeting last Tuesday. He then released a statement on Monday claiming he had become "a figurehead only as the mayor, with no authority anymore."

Meanwhile, the Town Council on Monday released an editorial letter stating, "There had been actions by the mayor that we believed to be in violation of the duties ... as specified in the Town Charter."

Mathews, 72, a self-described army brat, said he spent the majority of his adult life as a police officer in Washington, D.C.

He is no stranger to taking over after a controversial Snow Hill Mayor has left office, having previously succeeded "the porno mayor, who got arrested for pornography."

Former Mayor Craig Johnson in 1998 was removed from office by a council vote and charged with two counts of malfeasance. A former sheriff's deputy, Johnson allegedly allowed photographers from the internet site "The Wetlands" to use county police equipment, including a police car, in a nude photo shoot.

"It was a mess," Mathews said. "My commitment to the town was to stabilize and to have some consistency. That's why I served for 14 years. And I had a good working relationship with my council."

This time, he said the council approached him.

"I made it real clear that I would be more than happy to fill in – until the election," he said. "I have no intentions of running again."

Mathews said he read Dorman's statement and understood the council was drafting a response.

"I imagine they're pretty pissed," he said.

"You step into something like that, because I'm not Charlie Dorman. I'm not the council," Mathews continued. "It's my job to pick the oars back up and start steering the ship in the right direction. I don't have an agenda in this at all, other than to work with the council."

He added, "I think it is truly sad what has happened."

"I talked with Charlie prior to him becoming mayor. He had this perception that I had all of this power and I tried to explain to him that, if you really want power, it's the council that's got the power," Mathews said. "The mayor just merely carries out what the charter says ... and works with the council on doing what's best for the town."

"Somehow or another that has gotten lost," he continued. "I think Charlie perceived me as going out and doing things, but the stuff I went out and did I always communicated with the council. I always had the council's blessing and the council always knew what I was doing."

Mathews said he sees the town moving forward – without Dorman – and continuing to grow.

"In every small municipality, you always have personalities, but the council, from my conversations with them, they really want to see the Town of Snow Hill grow, and they are really upset of this misperception that they are against growth and against businesses. I don't think anything could be farther from the truth," he said.

Mathews said the next mayor should simply be "someone who can work with people."

"It's not an easy job," he said. "In small towns, you have no boundaries. People reach out to you all the time for numerous different things and

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Incoming mayor vows he will not run for reelection

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you have to understand that.”
He also said it is not an easy thing to attract new business to a small town.

“Small town businesses struggle and they really need the support of the community that lives in that town,” he said. “We have a great river. This is a great town to live in. We have a very low crime rate. It’s safe. But, unfortunately, we are not a Berlin. We are not an Ocean City. We are just far enough away from that, that it’s hard to be a destination.”

Pocomoke, meanwhile, has the advantage of large chain stores and an industrial park, Mathews said.

“The businesspeople in Snow Hill are very, very dedicated to this town, to this community, and they did not start these businesses to get rich,” he said. “They are a part of the community – and an integral part of the community.”

“It truly is a shame what has happened between Charlie and the council,” Mathews added.

Snow Hill Council responds to mayor in editorial letter

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the Council and Town Manager look bad in the public eye. As a result, community members and business owners have stated that they feel a divide between themselves and town government. The perceived ‘divide’ stops today.

“Mayor Dorman announced at the October 9th town meeting that he was resigning with no advance notice to or discussion with the Council. The community stated they were told it was because he believed he had lost his ‘power.’ The truth is that he never lost any power. He made decisions and promises that were the responsibility of the Council.

“The Council has cohesively come together and discovered that our trust and belief in Mayor Dorman’s decision-making was violated and we found it necessary to hold the Mayor accountable. We, as Council, support all local businesses and are united in continuing to bring more to Snow Hill. However, we feel that the Code should be adhered to, to be fair and equal to all.

“We have spoken with former Mayor Stephen Mathews and requested that he take over the position of Mayor until the next election. We feel this decision is in the best interest of residents and business owners in Snow Hill, as Mr. Mathews served as Mayor for 14 years and can easily take over the position. Mr. Mathews has accepted our request and will be sworn in on November 1, 2018.”



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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams delivers a speech last Saturday commemorating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the town.

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Williams’ speech recalls roots of Berlin, eyes future

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opening of the plantation’s Burleigh Inn guest house and tavern in 1683, or the many other historic markers that have endured the test of time, we see an enduring story line of an innovative, resilient, community that in good times and bad has always successfully adapted to changing times.

“Although our community’s beginning is largely owed to the creation of a successful classic southern plantation, the first major test of our endurance and determination to

overcome adversity, came immediately after the end of the Civil War.

“With the plantation system gone, residents of this community determined their future rested with the creation of an incorporated town.

“After the opening of Town Hall in 1867, in less than year the Town of Berlin was formerly chartered in 1868.

“Within a generation, Berlin built upon its agricultural heritage with the opening of Harrison’s Nurseries. In just a few years, Harrison’s Nurseries grew into what was the largest employer in town and for several decades the largest grower of fruit trees in the world.

“This first revitalization of our town’s economy soon led to the opening of the Calvin B. Taylor Bank in Berlin, today the largest locally owned bank in Worcester County.

“Berlin became a hub of commerce and trade through the early years of the 20th Century until the Great Depression of the early 1930s, when once again Berlin’s economy was challenged to its foundations.

“Like thousands and thousands of towns throughout America, Berlin endured the double impact of the Great Depression, which included both the national financial crisis and the mass migration of populations from rural areas to cities across America.

“There were committed efforts to modernize in many ways, including the popular belief after World War II, that to be a modern, vibrant community, it was very important to remove, or cover over, the architecture of earlier times.

“Berlin energetically went about covering over our downtown buildings with either Form Stone – tin – or other coatings considered more contemporary in the 1950s, ’60s and ’70s. Even the Atlantic Hotel, which had fallen on very hard times, was blocked out of sight by a more modern commercial building.

“But it did not take long for community leaders and citizens of all stripes to soon realize that in our well-intended efforts to modernize, we had lost much of our historical and architectural heritage.

“There was an understanding that the more our town tried to be like the rest of the country, the less we became Berlin.

“With typical Berlin determination some Main Street property owners started restoring downtown buildings to their original, authentic architecture. The initial momentum created by the restoration, of what is known today as Renaissance Plaza, was shortly followed by effort to save the Atlantic Hotel.

“Embracing National Historic standards, a group of 10 local investors, all longtime local families, unselfishly and with great foresight, came forward to save the historic Atlantic Hotel from being demolished.

“The belief of these Berlin families, motivated not for profit but for what would be best for Berlin, became the

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I recognize the privileges and lifestyle I've enjoyed have not been the reality for many. While many are lucky enough to watch their children perform in school plays, and participate in school and county sports programs, too many families in our community are forced to watch their children, or their relatives, succumb to opioid and alcohol addiction. We have to not only recognize this, but be forceful in addressing remedies.

I want to see our young people have the opportunities to pursue meaningful and lucrative careers right here at home. They shouldn't have to leave the area to make a decent living. Whether it be training our youth in sustainable careers associated with emerging alternative energy sources, or in medical technology, our goal should be to provide bright and successful careers that match 21st century needs ... right here in our county.

I want to be on the side of advocating for the safety and health needs of our community. We need to protect our bays and rivers from toxic pollutants. Plus, many in our community are seniors, and I want to advocate for them. I want to see our neighbors have a chance to utilize a community wide public transportation system so they can get to their doctor appointments, take care of their shopping needs, and get to all their outings safely. Ocean Pines was not meant for shut-ins.



Recognizing that fiscal responsibility should always be factored in and balanced with our initiatives, county government must be the catalyst for developing resilience plans to protect our citizens. The gifts of this beautiful community, and this wonderful county, should not be for just some. I want to represent all of us.

I will appreciate your support on November 6.
Thank you.

**Judy Butler, Your Advocate, and Candidate
Worcester County Commissioner
District 5, Representing Ocean Pines**

Rt. 589 still closed, but construction time cut

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Originally thought to last up to eight weeks, a State Highway Administration official confirmed last week that roadwork shutting down a portion of Route 589 would be cut in half.

Meanwhile, frustrated residents were apparently inventing detours and installing makeshift signs to guide motorists along local roads.

The closure was along Route 589 at Turville Creek, just south of Gum Point Road, but the affected area is much larger.

According to a statement from SHA District Community Liaison Bob Rager, crews were working to complete a “significant slope repair, which will require a complete closure and detour of Route 589 for up to eight weeks.”

Assistant District Engineer Brett Deane, last Thursday, said the work was addressing slope failures.

“Basically, due to erosion, the slope of the road started to fail right there by the water,” he said. “We’re repairing that so we can save the sanctity of the road.”

However, Deane said construction was well ahead of schedule.

“We’re hoping to actually get it done in three additional weeks,” he said. “That’s kind of our target at this point. Things went quite well, right out of the gate.”

He said delays caused by the roadwork were about as expected and admitted the situation was not ideal for motorists.

“It’s quite a long detour, mileage wise,” he said. “The signed detour utilizes Route 90, Route 113 and Route 50. There are some local routes that people have used. Actually, some citizens put up some signage on some cardboard, saying where the ‘local’ detour was.

“Overall, it’s to be expected, especially during week one,” Deane continued. “The first week of a detour is always the hardest for everyone to get acclimated.”

When the work is done, Deane said motorists “won’t really see a difference.”

“The big benefit is the road’s not going to fall apart,” he said. “This project is about safety and preventative maintenance.”

Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey, last Wednesday, said the closure has been creating confusion.

“I think most folks are not taking the normal or the designated detours of 113 and 90 and 50. A lot of them are using Cathell (Road) and a lot of them are using Adkins [Road], which is producing significant problems over at (Route) 50 and the intersection there at Royal Farms, and at the high school,” Bailey said. “I haven’t spoken with State Highway directly, but that may be something where

they want to look at the timing of that light to get more people through there.”

Bailey advised motorists to “be aware of it and be patient.”

“The traffic is certainly heavier on those roads than normal,” he said.

Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer said road closures are necessary headaches.

“Most of our residents would agree

that road maintenance to the main traffic artery in Ocean Pines is crucial. In the past few days, I have been fielding several calls from Ocean Pines residents. Some are airing out their frustration, while others are offering up alternate routes. All in all, the association is happy to have Route 589 on Maryland State Highway Administration’s radar,” she said.



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State Highway barricades block off part of Route 589 in Ocean Pines. Officials last week said planned slope repairs on the road would likely last four weeks. Original estimates were for an eight-week road closure.

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Berlin honors baseball and softball all-stars

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Along with the milestone of the 150th anniversary of the Town of Berlin's incorporation, officials on Saturday also celebrated another historic event: a pair of state champion Little League teams.

Nornie Bunting, Berlin Little League president, said the occasion of having state champions in both boys' baseball and girls' softball was a rarity – and something to celebrate.

He thanked the townspeople, saying trips to state and regional tournaments would not be possible without their support.

"We represent Berlin. We wear 'Berlin' across our chest and that's what we're about," he said during a ceremony on Artisan's Green.

Bunting said the softball league in Berlin is only about four or five years old.

The girls' team won District 8 locally and then won the State of Maryland tournament, Bunting said, finally playing in Bristol, Connecticut during the Eastern Regional tournament. It was the first state championship for a Berlin softball team.

Sheri Smith, a team mom, said many of the girls played together on tee-ball teams and were there when the Berlin Little League Softball squads started.



The state championship winning Berlin Little League Softball All-Stars are honored during a ceremony on Artisan's Green last Saturday.

When the regular season concluded, both the baseball and softball leagues form all-star teams that compete with other neighboring towns.

"This year we were lucky enough to pull 22 girls back from the regular-season team, and we had 14 girls that made the all-star team," Smith said. "All of these girls played together, I think, in year one and have stuck it out and played together."

"Every one of them are near and dear to my heart. Over the years we've built that bond with family and friends and the players, and the stars aligned perfectly for these girls this year and they got to experience something that they may never get a chance to do again in their lifetime. We're real proud of them," she added.

The boys' 11-12-year-old all-star team also won a state championship and was the runner-up in the Eastern Regional tournament, falling to New York in the final game before the Little League World Series.

Bunting said many Berliners watched those games on ESPN.

"And you had the joy of cheering on our team as I did. And it was a privilege once again to see that [Berlin] name across that chest," he said.

Along with their stellar play, Bunting said the team was also hon-

ored for its sportsmanship.

"This team was so, so special that they received the sportsmanship award," he said. "Their coaching staff, their players, they were just all winners. They're winners in our hearts, they were winners on the field ... these guys were winners everywhere they went."

Coach Ron Knerr said the sportsmanship award was special, because only one Little League team each year is given the honor, which is named after one of the cofounders of the Eastern Regional tournament, Robert Watson.

"These boys represented not only what us as coaches wanted them to do on the field, but also off the field," he said.

Knerr also credited Bunting and others with the league for their support.

"It doesn't happen by chance that in one year the Town of Berlin – tiny little Berlin on the Eastern Shore – has two state champions," he said. "That is just a phenomenal fete. It's probably never going to be repeated. I hope it does – but I can't see it ever happening again."

All of the players received plaques. Knerr also honored Mayor Gee Williams and the town with a one of the sportsmanship awards.

Williams said there was a different kind of "Berlin Wall" inside Town Hall made for just such an occasion.

"It's filled with plaques in recognition of the great performances and championships that the Berlin Little League has achieved in the last several years, and this will be right in the middle of that wall," Williams said. "Sometime when you're in Town Hall, look for the Berlin Wall that matters."

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Audit details to be held until completion

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Baltimore-based firm Gross Mendelsohn & Associates will move into phase two of a forensic audit of the Ocean Pines Association's finances, the association announced last week.

General Manager John Bailey said the first phase cost about \$100,000, leaving around \$125,000 budgeted for additional work.

Phase one focused on food and beverage operations, while phase two will explore finances inside the public works department, according to an association press release.

The release said the Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted to approve the phase-two audit via email, which is permissible "if the Directors unani-

mously agree to allow such a vote to occur."

Votes to address the issue via email and to move forward with the next phase were unanimous, the release said.

Bailey, in an interview last Thursday, said forensic auditors during phase one went through financial and credit card transactions, point of sales systems, deposits, personnel and payroll records, and purchase orders related to food and beverage.

"They conducted a lot of interviews. They also interacted with [the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations]," Bailey said. "We had some records that were subpoenaed."

Interim reports on work done to date are viewable online at oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/audits.

Bailey said some of the details would not be released until the entire forensic audit is complete.

As for allegations of theft occurring, he offered, "They have some substantial things to report on. We just want to wait until the whole thing is done, so we can deal with it all at once."

Bailey added phase two was triggered "more by other factors," rather than because of specific evidence discovered by investigators.

"There were some purported things that took place in the public works department some years ago," he said. "It's really focusing on May 1 of 2016 to April 30, 2018, where they'll be looking at all the financial activities related to the public works department, which is basically the purchase orders and the con-

tractual arrangements that we had with different contractors."

Bailey said he is unsure if future audit phases would be required.

"Right now, I don't know if there's another area that they would have to go into, because the public works activities get into contracts and purchase orders for all sorts of other, different departments where the work was done," he said. "While all these transactions are associated through maintenance and public works contracts, that doesn't mean all those contracts were related to work that was done in the public works building."

"It might have been a contract that was at the country club or the pools, or wherever. That's what they're going to be looking into," Bailey added.

Berlin approves funding for parking study

Sabra & Associates given \$24,480 contract to look into town's mobility issues

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Plans for a parking and mobility study moved forward last week as the Berlin Town Council

agreed to award a \$24,480 contract to Sabra & Associates Inc. of Columbia, Maryland.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the study amounted to "a very comprehensive review of the town's parking situation," as well as an appraisal and recommendations based on pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

That included "potentially making some streets one-way," Allen said.

Details on the work Sabra was contracted to do was included in the Oct. 9 Town Council meeting packet, which includes a 21-page proposal from the company. Allen said the initial work included in the contract was spelled out in the "Task A" summary in the proposal, titled "Recommended Short-Term Mobility and Parking improvements."

Based on that, Sabra will look at existing parking configurations, circulation and parking lot layout modifications, new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, satellite parking, shared parking arrangements for special events, new wayfinding signs for public parking lots and "implementation of peak period paid parking."

Allen said five companies responded to a request for proposals issued several months ago.

Two finalists were selected and interviewed by a committee that included Berlin directors of planning, finance, economic development and human resources.

"The interview process resulted in

their recommendation to hire Sabra & Associates, based on the completeness of their presentation and some of the examples that they gave [that the committee] felt were a really good fit for Berlin," Allen said, adding references for the company were also strong. "One community I spoke with said you get a huge value for your dollar."

If all goes well, Allen said additional work by Sabra could be contracted during the next fiscal year.

Councilman Dean Burrell said he was surprised Police Chief Arnold Downing was not included in the review process.

Allen said Downing did have input in reviewing a request for qualifications.

"It was his recommendation to have them look at converting some streets to be one-way," she said.

The vote to approve the contract was unanimous.

Work on the project "will be substantially completed by June 30, 2019," according to a professional services agreement included in the meeting packet.

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Burrell, Purnell and Gulyas sworn in after reelection

Three incumbents were not challenged during 2018; each will serve four years

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Three Berlin Town Council incumbents were sworn in during a public meeting last Tuesday. District 1 Councilman Troy Purnell, District 4 Councilman Dean Burrell and At-Large Councilman Thom Gulyas officially started new terms in office after each was re-elected by default as they faced no challengers. Council terms are four years.

For the second time in the last three election cycles, the Town Council election was canceled because of the lack of opposition.

A contested election was held two years ago, when Mayor Gee Williams

was reelected and Councilman Zack Tyndall won a first term.

The Town Council election in 2014 was canceled, when Gulyas won his first term and Purnell and Burrell were reelected without opposition.

This year, the Sept. 4 filing deadline and the Sept. 25 write-in deadline both passed without any challenges to the incumbents. The Town Council election, scheduled Oct. 2, was officially canceled by the Board of Supervisors of Elections on Sept. 25.

Williams swore in the returning councilmen before full house at the outset of a Town Council meeting last Tuesday at Town Hall.

"I'd like to congratulate my colleagues on their successful election," Tyndall said.

"I hope you find the next four years rewarding and invigorating," Williams added.



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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams last week swears in three returning incumbent councilmen. Pictured, from left, are Thom Gulyas, Dean Burrell and Troy Purnell.

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Town of Berlin firms 2019 slate of events

Council votes 4-1 in favor of proposed schedule; one member opposed alcohol

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Dates for more than 40 Town of Berlin events scheduled next year were set during a Town Council meeting last Tuesday.

Councilmembers voted 4-1 to set the event schedule, with Councilman Thom Gulyas voting “no” because of his opposition to six events that allow for the public consumption of alcohol.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said three local nonprofits obtained alcohol permits and benefited from those events: the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee and Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area Council.

“I’m currently working with Town Administrator Laura Allen on a policy to allow other nonprofits within the town to be able to benefit from those alcohol permits,” Wells said. “In

speaking with several other executive directors of local nonprofits, there’s an interest that they be considered to be able to use that as their fundraiser.”

She said the Year Year’s Eve and Small Town Throw Down events were included in discussions concerning having rotating beneficiaries.

Mayor Gee Williams, speaking for himself, suggested that might not be the best course of action.

“We’ve got something that works. It’s working well. We don’t want to make it any more complicated than it already is,” he said. “You can’t make everybody happy every day ... sometimes ‘no’ is the right answer.”


Gulyas said he opposed public drinking in general, in part because the existing businesses go through so much trouble to obtain liquor licenses.

Williams countered that bars and restaurants in town, almost always full during events, were the ones that benefited the most.

“I totally understand that,” Gulyas said. “I am voting against it, unfortunately.”

The 2019 Town of Berlin events schedule is as follows:

Jan. 7-13 - Restaurant Week	Aug. 11 - Concert on the Lawn
Feb. 9 - Kid's Valentine Event	Aug. 24 - Free Outdoor Movie
April 13 - Berlin Little League Parade	Aug. 31 - Shakespeare on Pitt Street
April 13-20 - Take Pride in Berlin Week/Clean Up Day	*Sept. 7 - Small Town Throw Down
April 20 - Spring Celebration	Sept. 8 - Concert on the Lawn
May 4 - Spring Just Walk	Sept. 19-22 - Paint Berlin Plein Air
*May 4 - Berlin Jazz & Blues Bash	*Sept. 20-22 - Berlin Fiddler's Convention
*May 10 - Berlin Reggae Play Day	Oct. 5 - Touch a Truck Day
May 18 - Spring Cruisers	Oct. 12 - Fall Cruisers
May 26 - Memorial Day at Monument	*Oct. 19 - Oktoberfest
May 27 - Memorial Day Parade	Oct. 19 - Free Outdoor Movie
June 9 - Concert on the Lawn	Nov. 2 - Fall Just Walk
June 9 - Afternoon on the Lawn	Nov. 22 - Tree Lighting/Open House
June 15 - Free Outdoor Movie	Dec. 3 - Classical Christmas
June 14 - Bathtub Races	Dec. 5 - Christmas Parade
June 29 - Free Outdoor Movie	Dec. 7 - Candlelight Tour (Calvin B. Taylor House Museum)
July 3 - Historic July 3rd Celebration	*Dec. 31 - New Years Eve
July 3 - Fireworks	*Events that allow for public alcohol consumption
July 13 - Free Outdoor Movie	Additionally, 2nd Friday art strolls sponsored by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee were scheduled from 5-8 p.m. each month, and the Berlin Farmer's Market on Artisan's Green was scheduled on Sundays, May through October, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
July 14 - Concert on the Lawn	
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Aug. 3 - Peach Festival	
Aug. 6 - National Night Out	
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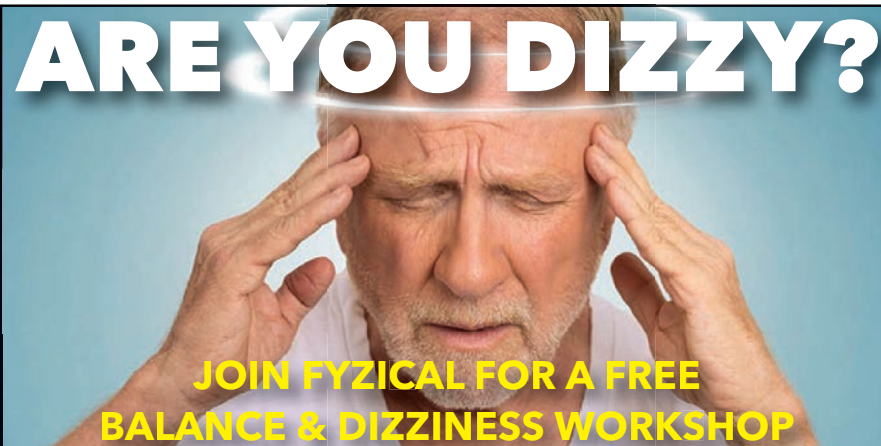


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Berlin Police getting body cams; videos going to cloud

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) The Berlin Town Council last Tuesday endorsed a five-year, \$36,700 contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. for police body cameras and cloud-based storage of the videos they capture.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said the cameras would be used by “all 10 of our road police officers.”

He said the cloud-based storage system would hold onto all videos for 120 days – the same amount of time as police in Wicomico County and Salisbury. He said evidentiary footage is immediately “grabbed and archived,” and kept longer.

“If we’re talking about criminal proceedings, we’d have to confirm with the state’s attorney prior to destroying it,”



Arnold Downing

Downing said, adding an advantage to cloud-based storage was that state’s attorney workers would be able to access it.

He said the body cameras would be manually operated and police officers would also have access to the videos, but would not be able to delete or change the files.

Before implementing the cameras, Downing said the town would have to draft a usage policy, which would have to be run by Town Attorney Dave Gaskill.

He said implementation could start by the end of the year.

The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) The Berlin Town Council last Tuesday discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall:

EDU agreements

The councilmembers unanimously approved an EDU agreement for the Oceans East apartment complex, and an EDU transfer from the Berlin assisted living site to the Windy Way Farm.

Developer Blair Rinnier, representing Oceans East, said the request would allow him to ask for a building permit. He said fees involved would include \$400,000 for the EDUs, a measure of water consumption known as Equivalent Dwelling Unit.

Rinnier said a certificate of occupancy for the 180-unit complex could be issued “any day now.” The vote was 5-0.

Councilman Troy Purnell recused himself from discussion on the second agreement. His son, Austin Purnell, represented the property owners, Tee Pee Development LLC.

Mayor Gee Williams said the motion involved transferring 29 EDUs from the assisted living site to Windy Way and was “basically a transfer on the same development property.”

Attorney Mark Cropper added the site had recently been approved for 30 single-family lots. He said the property already had one EDU allocated.

The vote was 4-0.

Sandpiper contract

The council held a first reading for a new franchise agreement with Sandpiper Energy Inc., to include exclusive rights to distribute and sell natural

gas to the public within the Town of Berlin.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the 10-year agreement would include a \$15,000 annual administrative fee paid by Sandpiper. A public hearing was set for the next Town Council meeting, scheduled Oct. 22.

New park signage

Allen said a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil new environmental signs at Berlin Falls Park was scheduled for Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said the signs had already been installed.

Successful events

Kreiter and Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence both commented on the success of the recent Touch a Truck event, billed as a meet-and-greet for the public works and electric departments and offering interactive activities for the public. Lawrence said children and adults seemed to enjoy the annual event, which continues to grow in popularity.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said with that, and the recent Berlin Cruisers classic car show, there had been “a lot of folks moving in and out of the Town of Berlin, safely.”

Timmons honored

Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood said town officials would hold a retirement ceremony for departing administrative assistance Sharon Timmons. A ceremony was held last Thursday.

Timmons’ last official day is Oct. 19. New administrative assistant Allison Early will replace her in the economic development department.

Traffic concerns near high school

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) Several Berlin officials last week expressed concerns about new traffic patterns on Seahawk Road caused by the Oceans East apartment complex.

Councilman Dean Burrell said navigating the road is confusing – and potentially dangerous.

“It really needs work,” Burrell said. “The way that it is lined up and striped, it is a disaster waiting to happen because the far right lane, it just doesn’t go nowhere. And somebody that’s not familiar with it ... can have a problem.”

Councilman Elroy Brittingham agreed.

“The directional traffic there is so confusing,” he said. “I’m just waiting for an accident to happen.” He said many school buses as well as student drivers travel that road each day. “Stephen Decatur High School has more students driving to school than any school in the county.

“I don’t know how you got it approved ... the way the traffic flows,” Brittingham told developer Blair Rinnier. “It’s really confusing ... that traffic pattern is really messed up. It’s just waiting to have an accident.”

Rinnier, attending the Town Council meeting on Tuesday to re-

quest 24 additional EDUs for the still in-progress development, said the road was built “per the approved plans” and he had since met with school officials and representatives from the town to change some of the striping.

Mayor Gee Williams said installing traffic reflectors could be an inexpensive solution to the problem.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart, in an email Friday, said town officials recently had an onsite meeting to go over an inspection and punch list for

the complex.

“The town’s engineers have communicated the need to mill and overlay for a final topcoat of the paving,” Engelhart said. “Once that is done it would be restriped.

“We previously had met with [the] school board, Worcester County Sheriff’s Department and Berlin Police Department to establish the roadway markings and signage they wanted to see put in place. This step will probably need to be repeated,” he added.



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Traffic safety coming out of the Oceans East apartment complex on Seahawk Road is a concern of two Berlin Councilmen. Both Dean Burrell and Elroy Brittingham last week compared new traffic patterns there to an accident waiting to happen.



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Funding snub delays town bikeway

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Oct. 18, 2018) The proposed Berlin Bikeway through the town will have to wait a year or more apparently, as grant money to start construction was denied by a state agency.

The Town Council in May unanimously approved the concept for a \$950,000, 1.8-mile Berlin Bikeway adjacent to the old railroad tracks, but the idea is now roughly two years old.

Also approved at the time was an application for a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways program for the construction's first phase, which would run from Berlin Falls park on Old Ocean City Boulevard to Broad Street.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart in July said the application had been submitted and the town was seeking \$289,000 in construction funds. He said the total cost for that phase was estimated at about \$361,000.

Maryland and Delaware Railroad, which owns the tracks, granted a right of way for the Berlin Bikeway and the Salisbury firm of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., funded by a Maryland Department of Transportation grant secured last October, drafted the concept plan.

However, a crack in the road appeared earlier this month.

"We got notice last week that we didn't get the grant for construction funds," Engelhart said in a phone interview Friday. "I was told that they are very interested in the project and want to fund it, but they just didn't in this cycle."

He added projects that did receive funding "had already spent money to start bikeways in these other towns and cities."

Engelhart said the pool of available money was relatively small, under \$2 million for the entire state.

He plans to reapply for the construction funding at the start of the next application cycle in May.

"I was hopeful it would happen on this go-round, because they like the project. They tell me that all the time – the people I deal with, with the bikeways program," Engelhart said. "They think it's a worthwhile project."

"I put a lot of time and effort and I was disappointed when I got that

email," he continued. "When I got [the application] off, I was hopeful and I said it would be nice to have that project up and going, because it's been two years since we first got the idea and got the design grant, and, like anything else, it take a lot of time – on both ends."

Engelhart added, "I'll do my best to make sure it happens. And I feel like it will, because they told me again and again that 'we want to fund your project.' But the other ones were just further along is the way it was put to me."



IMAGE COURTESY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
A Maryland bikeway extends along the road shoulder. The Town of Berlin last week received news that state grant money for construction of a similar bikeway in Berlin did not come through, but officials are hopeful the funds will become available next year.

Ocean Pines Fun Fact



Prior to budget year 1993-1994 the Clubs of Ocean Pines were not included in the annual assessment. Up until that point dining at the clubs were only for property owners who elected to join and their guests, at a cost of \$125 per family. In 1993 the board eliminated the separate club membership and the annual assessments increased for all property owners at \$55 per year to cover the cost of the clubs.



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Town ordinances would limit location of new group homes

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) A new ordinance defining what a group home can be – and limiting where it can go – was unanimously endorsed by the Berlin Planning Commission last week.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the ordinance was triggered by the new Hope4Recovery House opening in the location formerly occupied by the Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center on Old Ocean City Boulevard. The center will move to another building on the same property.

“When that came up, we didn’t have a group home definition and that’s one of the ordinances,” he said. “The second one is where they can be with a conditional use.”

Under the proposed ordinance, an applicant would have to go to the board of zoning appeals and request a conditional use.

“It could be a conditional use in the B-1 Town Center District, in that area east of Route 113 on Route 346, Old Ocean City Boulevard,” Engelhart said. “They’re limiting it geographically – where it can be – but also even there it’s a conditional use, that would need to go to the board of zoning appeals to be approved.”

According to the first ordinance, the definition of a group home would be “a state-licensed community residential facility housing and providing facilitative services to eight or fewer persons, not including staff, who are developmentally disabled or are re-

covering from drug or alcohol addiction.”

Both ordinances will come up for a first reading by the Town Council on Nov. 13, with a public hearing advertised and scheduled Nov. 26, Engelhart said.

Also during the planning commission meeting last Wednesday, the commission unanimously approved a site plan for the next building at Berlin Main Place on North Main Street, to be constructed by Gillis Gilkerson. Conditional approval was given contingent on the planning commission receiving a landscaping plan from developer Palmer Gillis.

Commission members reviewed but did not vote on a concept plan for two new buildings near the intersection of Route 818 and Route 50. Property owner Phillip Houck will offer commercial space inside the buildings, which are adjacent to the SonRise Church compound.

The Berlin Planning Commission is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.



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The Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center on Old Ocean City Road in Berlin will soon move to accommodate the new Hope4Recovery House. The town will consider a pair of ordinances related to group homes during meetings next month.



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Berlin recertified for second time by Sustainable MD

(Oct. 18, 2018) The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland announced that the Town of Berlin was one of eight Maryland municipalities honored at the Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony at the Maryland Municipal League’s annual Fall Conference, recently in Annapolis.

Berlin previously achieved Sustainable Maryland certification in 2012 and 2015.

Highlights of Berlin’s accomplishments include:

- The Town held the fourth annual “Take Pride in Berlin” event to encourage Berlin residents to have pride in their community. This begins with a tradition called “Clean-Up Day” and features many community projects.
- The Town completed the Healthiest Maryland Business Assessment in 2017 and became recognized as a Healthiest Maryland Business.
- The Town adopted a Green Purchasing Policy, which involves the explicit promotion of green purchasing and environmentally preferable products whenever practicable.

• In partnership with local environmental nonprofits, The Town has an ongoing watershed stewardship volunteer engagement program through which Berlin residents can become actively engaged in practical activities to keep local watersheds clean and healthy.

“The citizens of the Town of Berlin continue to recognize the importance of environmental stewardship and want to continue to develop a sustainable quality of life for generations to come,” Mayor Gee Williams said. “We continue to strive to maintain the environment and to maintain the balance of good environmental stewardship and growth. Within the Town of Berlin, we look for solid citizen involvement and we seek their support as a part of our overall collaboration of involvement between citizens and government.”

“This year’s class of Sustainable Maryland Certified communities represents significant continued progress on sustainability issues, in small towns and large cities, from all across the state,” Mike Hunnigake, program manager for Sustainable Maryland, said. “The Green Teams, elected officials, and municipal staff that have accomplished so much provide both inspiration and real-world examples for their peers to follow.”

For more information about Sustainable Maryland, visit www.sustainablemaryland.com.



Left, Berlin Councilman and County Commissioner candidate Zack Tyndall, left, and Berlin Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood visit Annapolis last week as the town is recertified by Sustainable Maryland. Below, Maryland municipalities are certified by Sustainable Maryland during a Maryland Municipal League gathering last week in Annapolis. IMAGES COURTESY ZACK TYNDALL



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Anticipating results of Ocean Pines’ audit

Nobody doesn’t like a good mystery, which is what the forensic audit of the Ocean Pines Association’s finances has become as it enters its second, and possibly final, phase.

Association members know — or can find out on the community’s web page — what the auditors have accomplished to date, but they won’t learn anything about what the investigation has found so far.

The online summary lists only the steps the auditors have taken during their scouring of the books, an effort that included subpoenaing and checking bank records, meeting with Worcester County Bureau of Investigation detectives and attempting to examine point-of-sale data for 2016-2017.

The information gleaned from these efforts won’t be released until the final package is presented to the OPA Board of Directors on a yet-to-be-determined date. But with each periodic update filed by the firm, the process has become more intriguing, as the auditors apparently have suggested they have found some interesting things.

As General Manager John Bailey said this week of the phase I findings by Gross Mendelsohn & Associates, “They have some substantial things to report on.”

That doesn’t sound like nothing, but no good will come from guessing and indulging in speculation at this juncture, and association members — and the media — must resist that urge.

Even though indications are that this investigation has turned a corner, as auditors switch their focus from food and beverage operations to public works, all anyone can do is wait with increasing anticipation to see how this story turns out.

Former Snow Hill Mayor Stephen Mathews identifies a call he was not expecting.



“You want me to do to what?!”

Letters

Remembering record hop master ‘Jocko’

The following appreciation was sent on behalf of Francis “Jocko” Graye:

For Ms. ELSIE, Ms. FRANCINE, Mr. ANDRE

Looka Hehle, “I Need Help” “How to say Good Bye to Yesterday” I was “Day Dreaming” “Sitting in the Park” “By the Dock of the Bay” thinking ... My mind said to “Open up My Heart” with “Joy To The World” for some “Afternoon Delight” just to see if “You’ve Got A Friend” and ask “How Do You Mend A Broken Heart”... it seems “Some Guys Have All The Luck”... some have all the “Pain” “Ugh” ... “Ain’t No Sunshine” with JOCKO gone ... “I Truly Believe” that “I Wish It Would Rain” ... “Maybe” “It’s All in My Mind” but “I Know” that “Early In The Morning” “Yesterday I had the Blues” I was “Reminiscing” I know “Time Keeps Slipping Away” and reading “A Letter Full Of Tears” many a tear has to fall but “It’s All In The Game” of “Life” whether it’s “September” or “Summertime”... I was reminded of “YesterYou

YesterMe Yesterday” when we all were “Young Gifted and Black” and were thinking “We Are The World” I had “Dreams to Remember” it still ran through my mind “Didn’t You Know You Had To Cry Sometime” I needed to “Get It Together” “Keep Your Head To The Sky” ... I was told to be “Happy” just “Close Your Eyes” and “Dream” I then remembered listening on the “R-A-D-I-O” “Back In The Day” ...

“There Was A Time” on every “Saturday Night” JOCKO was “Always” headlining a “Thrill On The Hill” ... “I Got That Feeling” ... I was going even if I had use my “SoulFinger” to “Hitchhike” or I might could catch the “Night Train” headed up to “BlueBerry Hill” where “You” “Shake Your Booty” “Shake And Fingerpop” and “Dance The Night Away” it was there as I was “Walking The Dog” ... “It’s Over” by the “Bus Stop” when “Great Balls Of Fire” here comes “Mustang Sally” “My Old Standby” in her “Little Deuce Coupe” “Diamond In The Back, Sunroof Top” I started to “Walk On By” but she said “Try Me” and since it’s “Only You” and “It Takes

Two” “I’ll Take You There” just “Tell Mama” ... “Use Me” ... “Pucker Up Buttercup” ... this “Girl’s Alright with Me” “I’m In Love” ain’t no “Leaving Me” so “Off We Go” on the “Freeway Of Love” to the “Psychedelic Shack” that “Around The Way Girl” pulled up to “Boogey Wonderland” “Downtown” on “South Street” just a block off of “Funky Broadway.” “I Got That Feeling” I jumped out “In The Still Of The Night” and did my “Soulful Strut” up to the door You had to “Git It Right” and “Knock Three Times” but I “Knock Knock Knock On Wood,” “Walked Right In” and there were all the “Everyday People” “Grooving” in the “Soul Train Line,” some were even doing the “Electric Slide”... there was “Long Tall Sally,” “Mary Jane,” “Peggy Sue,” “Bernadette,” “Candida,” “Casanova,” “Maybelline,” “The Girl From Ipanema,” “Sadie” in that wig-hat and “High Heel Sneakers,” “Billie Jean,” “Jim Dandy,” “StaggerLee,” “Big Foot May,” “Josephine,” “Harry Hip-pie,” “Mr Big Stuff,” “Mother

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Letters

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Popcorn," "Proud Mary," "Romeo," "Jimmie Lee" "Joanna," and "Guess Who," "Charlie Brown" "Always And Forever" "Talking Loud and Saying Nothing," there were also "Alfie," "Gloria" and "Lucille," who was there with some "Sweet Sixteen" "Young Blood" talking to "Mr. Magic" the "PlayBoy" being "Cool" with that "Tramp" "Mack The Knife" and that kinda "Strange" "Boy Named Sue" "Gee Whiz" ... so I shouted "Daddy's Home" so "Let's Get It On" ... there was a group singing "Follow Me" calling themselves the "Love Train," then they started to "Back It On Up" ... it was time to "Get Up Into It And Get Involved" that's when "My Girl" my "Secret Lover" you know "Me And Mrs. Jones," my "Sista Big Bone" we "Get Ready" to "Rock Steady" I wanted to "Treat Her Like A Lady" so we sashayed on in there to "Get Up And Get Down" "On The Good Foot" "Feeling Good" we "Truly" had "Soul Power" cause "I'm Black and I'm Proud" and I had "Two Lovers!!!"

It was the "Midnight Hour" when I broke out in a "Cold Sweat" folks were constantly "Checking In & Checking Out" because "The Freaks Come Out At Night" that's when "Friends" "Boogaloo Down Broadway" making their way to the "Honky Tonk" to "Celebrate" and "Party" and have some real "Fun" some "Hot Fun

In The Summertime."

It was then "Through The Storm" I realized it was "Just My Imagination" and to "Tell It Like It Is" I was "Hurt" "Super Bad" and had to "Get Down" to the "Nitty Gritty," JOCKO wasn't just on the "Midnight Train To Georgia," JOCKO wasn't headed to "Kansas City" or "New York New York," he wasn't "Walking To New Orleans." Francis Graye was going "Up Up and Away" on the "Stairway To Heaven" about to cross "Ole Man River," Francis Graye was "Traveling On" trying to reach "The Other Shore." Now, my Friend "It's Your Time" and "Ain't No Way" He'd be "Looking Back," Francis Graye is going on Home "To Be With The Lord" and "Soon And Very Soon" that Ole Chariot will "Swing Low" and I'll follow behind Him ... so "Western Union Man" take this "Message to Michael" I'll be "Searching" to see Him again, where "All Day and All Night" The Good Lord's "Grace and Mercy" and His Angels keep watching, and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." Now "My Buddy" is "Free," No



Francis 'Jocko' Graye

need for "Money Money Money" because "Money Won't Change You" up there "Beyond The Sky" in the "Place In The Sun" to "Stand" Under The Boardwalk" on "Cloud Nine" ... I've said all this because "Don't You Know" ... I'm trying to give "Mr DJ" that magnificent "Music Man" Mr. "Sly Slick and Wicked" the one with "Personality" our "Dr Feelgood" who played "Sweet Soul Music" will "Forever" be deserving of Our R-E-S-P-E-C-T!!! GOOD GOD!!!

So we're left on "This Bitter Earth" Singing our "Sad Sad Song" "Just Because" our "Soul Man" who was "One In A Million" ... "A Million To One" can't be reached anymore at "6-3-4-5-7-8-9" but we'll still "Twist and Shout" about our "Memories" ... Oh "What A Difference A Day Made" and for "Once In My Life" "What Am I Living For?" I'll be a "Lonely Man" but "You Can Make It If You Try" I'll send a "Letter to Myself" because these are "The Coldest Days Of My Life," with My "Lonely Teardrops." "Yes, I'm Ready" to learn to "Don't Fight It" because JOCKO is "Unforgettable," it's nearly "Impossible" to put in words just what He meant to Us, it's "Hard Work" "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy." "You Don't Miss Your Water Til The Well Runs Dry" "When Will I see You Again?" "There'll Come Time" for others but "Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing," if only I could

"Turn Back The Hands Of Time," Francis "JOCKO" Graye is now "Outa Sight" but "If I Ruled The World" we would be "Reunited" then He'll "Stand By Me" We'll "Sing A Song" "Sing A Simple Song" "We're A Winner" "Everybody Loves A Winner" "I Second That Emotion!!!"

I'd say that would be "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" but Francis "JOCKO" Graye, our "Agent ooSoul" "My Guy" from East "Soul-Ville" would call it "Hyperbolicsyllabicesquedalyrmistic."

"That's The Way Of The World" "It's Just A Matter Of Time."

With "All My LOVE," "Your Old Used To Be" "Dancing Machine."

Gregory David Purnell, Sr.
Berlin

Snow Hill Town Council responds to Mayor Dorman

Editor,

We, the Town Council of Snow Hill, wish to make a public statement that will hopefully dispel the negative rumors that are being discussed regarding the Mayor, Town Council and Staff.

Throughout Mayor Charlie Dorman's administration, the Town Council had faith that he was making decisions that were in the best interest of the town and its citizens and

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Attics of My Life shop rises from the ashes

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) When fire broke out in the new shop, Attics of My Life, in downtown Berlin on April 23, it shut down all business and traffic on Main Street for several hours. The lingering trauma of the destruction also shut down the shop’s owner, Ashley Abell, who couldn’t work for months.

Stunned shop owners and residents gathered on the sidewalk to watch as Berlin Fire Company firefighters and responders from neighboring agencies broke open the front windows of the 11 South Main Street business.

Some firefighters went inside wearing heavy oxygen tanks, while others climbed on the roof to fight the blaze from up there.

Attics of My Life had been open for less than a month, and Abell, having heard the news from a friend, was devastated when she arrived around 9 a.m.

Later, she posted on Facebook about the experience, calling it “Gut wrenching ... All the years and hard work gone.”

It was a different scene last Saturday in Selbyville – one of celebration, surrounded by family, friends, music and food, not to mention plenty of eager shoppers.

Abell had just reopened Attics of My Life in a new location. With her

was partner in business and in life Brad Sonczewski, along with Chef Paul Suplee cooking, and a live band, appropriately enough, called “Full Circle.”

“I could cry, because I see who’s there,” Abell said. “Everybody can adore you when you’re at your best, but when you are at your worst is [different]. And they’re all here and picking me up by the bootstraps and being my biggest cheerleaders.”

Abell considered the Selbyville location briefly before moving to Berlin last spring. At the time, the space wasn’t available.

“For several months, we had been cleaning out [the old space] and we were still doing it, and then about a month ago we were driving by and a man was putting up a ‘for lease’ sign,” she said. “We just swung right in ... and went in and spoke to him, surveyed it, and thought this is like the universe calling to us.

“We let our old landlord [in Berlin] know that we weren’t going to be com-

ing back,” Abell continued. “The space wasn’t complete yet. So, we signed the lease and, in two weeks, we gutted it and transformed it.”

That included replacing heating

done in two weeks and [the old space] is still not done.”

She said the experience was therapeutic.

“I must say, I did not think that I



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ashley Abell, surrounded by friends and family, cuts the ribbon on the new Selbyville location of Attics of My Life. Abell opened up shop earlier this year in downtown Berlin, but a devastating fire halted her business.

and air-conditioning systems, installing new lighting, and renovating the old drop ceiling.

“I could see the bones,” Abell said. “And it’s kind of funny. We got that

would be able to do it,” she said. “I went through such a difficult time, because the day of the fire was the two-year anniversary of Dylan’s [her

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Letters

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that he was adhering to the regulations and guidelines of the Town Code. We allowed and supported Mayor Dorman in making decisions to encourage business growth and economic development. We believed that what he told us was factual and that he was honest. However, it came to light several months ago that there had been actions by the Mayor that we believed to be in violation of the duties of the Mayor as specified in the Town Charter.

The Snow Hill Charter specifies the powers and duties of the Mayor and the Town Council. The Town Council passes Ordinances for the good government of the town and has specific powers of governing the town, such as acquiring property, maintaining a police force, zoning, and expending municipal funds and managing the finances of the Town. The Council makes the laws for this municipality. Mayor Dorman has proclaimed that the Council took away his power. This is false. As stated herein, the position of Mayor never had the authority for the decisions he made.

The Charter continues to state that the Mayor shall see that all Ordinances are faithfully executed and shall be the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the town government. Additionally, he/she appoints and removes department heads with the majority approval of the Council; reports recommendations to the Council; supervises the financial administration of the government; and may veto or vote to break a tie.

Many decisions were made by the Mayor that the Council was unaware of. Some examples:

An agreement was entered with a local business owner that required them to perform certain renovations to a building in exchange for being granted building ownership. As part of the agreement, certain obligations had to be met prior to opening the business, some of which being safety-related or mandated by federal and state law. Mayor Dorman directed staff to ignore the Code and laws, ignore the memorandum of agreement, and allow this business to open, fully aware it was in violation. Additionally, Mayor Dorman covered some of the repair costs that the agreement stated were to be paid by the business owner.

A resident requested a reduction in the cost of an EDU for water/sewer connection to a rental property and the Council denied the request. Later, Mayor Dorman directed the Code Enforcement Officer to reduce the amount of the EDU by 50 percent without the knowledge or approval of the Council.

In June 2018 Town Manager Kelly Pruitt submitted her notice to retire. During discussions where we re-

quested she reconsider many issues were brought to the forefront that made us further investigate the activities and decisions made by the Mayor. Town staff members had met with the Mrs. Pruitt regarding a potential hostile work environment, stating they were made to perform duties at the Mayor's direction that they believed to be in direct violation of the Code. Mrs. Pruitt had decided to retire solely because of the issues with the Mayor. Several other employees were seeking to leave employment because of the hostile environment and being put into situations where they felt uncomfortable.

When the Council addressed these issues with Mayor Dorman he apologized for overstepping his authority and explained he would work to rebuild our trust. He apologized to the Town Manager and the staff. At the end of the meeting there was a mutual understanding that everyone would move forward in a positive, inclusive manner. Since that meeting there has been a lot of community gossip where assumptions and untruths are being disseminated. Mayor Dorman has continually made negative comments about the Council and town staff in an attempt to gain public sympathy. He has championed to make the Council and Town Manager look bad in the public eye. As a result, community members and business owners have stated that they feel a divide between themselves and town government. The perceived "divide" stops today.

Mayor Dorman announced at the October 9 town meeting that he was resigning with no advance notice to or discussion with the Council. The community stated they were told it was because he believed he had lost his "power." The truth is that he never lost any power. He made decisions and promises that were the responsibility of the Council.

The Council has cohesively come together and discovered that our trust and belief in Mayor Dorman's decision-making was violated and we found it necessary to hold the Mayor accountable. We, as Council, support all local businesses and are united in continuing to bring more to Snow Hill. However, we feel that the Code should be adhered to, to be fair and equal to all.

We have spoken with former Mayor Stephen Mathews and requested that he take over the position of Mayor until the next election. We feel this decision is in the best interest of residents and business owners in Snow Hill, as Mr. Mathews served as Mayor for 14 years and can easily take over the position. Mr. Mathews has accepted our request and will be sworn in on November 1, 2018.

Councilwoman Alison Cook,
Councilwoman Jenny Hall, and
Councilwoman LaToya Purnell
Snow Hill

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Mayor Gee Williams, left, and Del. and Senate candidate Jesse Colvin browse the new Greyhound bookstore.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Robbie Johnson of the Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore displays new work inside the Worcester County Arts Council.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Margaret Tossey and son-in-law Matt Amey greet guests inside the Wooden Octopus studio and art gallery.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Jim Adcock displays original paintings during a group art show at The Globe.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Pete Mueller brought Berlin-themed graphic art to The Globe for a group show.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Photographer Don Lehman captures downtown Berlin by night for a new group exhibition at The Globe.

Greyhound puts focus on local art

New Berlin bookstore bldg. and owner have deep roots in the historic downtown

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Oct. 18, 2018) The Greyhound: An Indie Bookstore is the latest chapter in the life of Susan Ayers Wimbrow, who previously spent 43 years in the funeral service industry before making the literary leap as booth a published author and, more recently, bookstore owner.

The shop officially opened late last week, inside the historic Ayers building on 9 South Main Street originally built between 1895 and 1905.

“It’s been surreal,” Wimbrow said. “We have been open since Thursday and it’s been so busy, between art’s night and Oktoberfest. We’re so happy with the success so far.”

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and belonged to her great-grandfather. It was previously his general store and his office was where Baked Dessert Café now resides.

Wimbrow said the front desk of the bookstore was previously home to her aunt’s millinery shop – a fancy word for a hat maker.

“There’s a lot of history and it’s very comforting,” she said. “I feel like



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Susan Ayers Wimbrow shows off the stocked bookshelves of her newly opened store, The Greyhound, on Berlin’s Main Street. She said the shop would champion local artists, and already inside are spaces for both local books and local fine artists to sell their work.

my ancestors are watching over me.”

Wimbrow announced plans to open The Greyhound in July and promised to create a space that would champion local authors. Her first novel, “Death is My Life,” released locally through Salt Water Media, now sits on a shelf along with many other local works of fiction and nonfiction.

There are also regional and national books from all manner of genre, along with New York Times Best Sellers and a dedicated area for children to browse and read books.

Customers can also order books.

What’s more, the shop doubles as an art gallery, showcasing paintings by local fine artists Pete Cosby, Lynne Lockhart and Linda Perry.

“I’m trying to promote Delmarva artists and authors,” Wimbrow said.

She also plans to host author signings, live musicians and book club events on Saturday afternoons.

During weekday and other afternoons, Wimbrow said Oliver and Penelope, her pet greyhounds that are

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PEACE DAY

In honor of International Day of Peace on Sept. 21, Worcester Prep Lower School art teacher Rebecca Tittermary and her students decorated more than 200 pinwheels to display around campus to commemorate the occasion. Pinwheels for Peace is a global project to help students make a public visual statement about their feelings of war, peace, tolerance, cooperation, harmony, and unity.



'MOUSE' DONATION

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County was presented with a \$500 check from Helen Wiley, coordinator of the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, on behalf of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Every month, St. Paul's Outreach Ministry donates the proceeds from The Church Mouse to local nonprofit agencies. Pictured is Helen Wiley, coordinator of the Church Mouse Thrift Shop in Berlin.

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GUEST SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed guest speaker President Nancy Gaither of the Assateague Island Alliance on Sept. 12 during the weekly Wednesday morning meeting Ocean Pines Community Center. She is pictured with Kiwanis President Ralph Chinn.



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DEMOCRAT OPEN HOUSE

Volunteers, friends and candidates stop by the Worcester County Democratic Headquarters on Cathell Road in Ocean Pines for an Open House held on Sept. 21.



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CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland awarded its 2018 Citizenship Award to Rev. George R. Patterson during its quarterly meeting on Sept. 19 in Salisbury. Rev. Patterson was nominated for the award by Worcester County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic. Rev. Patterson has been a pastor since 1981 and was appointed to Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, 1992-2000 and to Trinity United Methodist Church in Salisbury in 2000 until his retirement in June 2018. During his 18-year tenure at Trinity UMC, he was instrumental in starting several new missions and programs including the Appalachian Service Project, Bereavement Group, Choices Academy Partnership, Disaster Relief Team, Health Outreach Ministry and Emergency Shelter Project. Pictured, from left, are Randy Laird, Somerset County commissioner/TCC Executive Committee chair; Rev. Patterson, and Mitrecic, TCC Executive Committee second vice chair.



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FAMILY TIME

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club takes a break from their fundraising events for a little family time at Seacrets on 49th Street. 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., Ocean City. Guests welcome.

Deadline approaching for MD Coastal Bays comments

(Oct. 18, 2018) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program has received a draft of a climate change vulnerability assessment of the program’s Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and is seeking public review and comments.

The report was prepared by the University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Regional Watershed Restoration Specialist Jennifer Dindinger and includes consensus among management and others about how climate change will affect the organization’s ability to carry out the CCMP.

A portion of MCBP’s management plan includes goals for climate change vulnerabilities in the local watershed. This assessment is to identify and prioritize risks that could limit MCBP’s ability to reach these goals.

MCBP is one of 28 members of the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Estuary Programs in the country. In 2017, MCBP undertook the first five steps of EPA’s “Being Prepared for Climate Change; A Workbook for Developing Risk-

Based Adaptation Plans.” One of the required steps for becoming a “Climate Ready Estuary” is to use the workbook to develop “a broad, risk-based adaption plan.”

The plan would involve exploring opportunities and constraints that influence what MCBP choses to tackle; developing partnerships to help address risks, deciding on a path of mitigation, transfer, acceptance, or avoidance of each risk; developing a list of possible adaptation actions to assess further; selecting actions for implementation; and developing a plan that shows risk reduction over time as a result of implementing adaptation actions.

A copy of this report is available online at www.mdcoastalbays.org.

Contact Steve Farr at sfarr@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 105 with any comments, suggestions or questions related to this report no later than Oct. 19.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island and its watersheds.

‘Pup of Pines’ raising money for Ocean Pines dog park

(Oct. 18, 2018) Ocean Pines residents are encouraged to get their canine companions camera-ready for the fourth annual “Pup of the Pines” photo contest sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. The contest runs through Oct. 19.

Dogs will compete for the title “2019 Pup of the Pines” and a free 2019 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. The winner will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in various Ocean Pines publications.

Eight finalists, selected from all contestants, will be on display at the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1-4 p.m. in White Horse Park. Attendees at the event will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The entry fee is \$5 per dog. Money raised from the contest will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park.

Official entry forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Cen-



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Bruce, “Pup of the Pines” 2018 winner.

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Oct. 21: Vega Bonds, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 22: Just Jay, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 23: Jack Worthington, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 24: Reform School, 6 p.m.;
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Oct. 25: Tony Scuito, 7 p.m.

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Oct. 25: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to
1:50 a.m.; Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m.
to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Oct. 25: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
Oct. 20: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.

TRADER LEE'S LIVE

9935 Stephen Decatur Highway
West Ocean City
443-614-4119
Oct. 24: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
Oct. 19: Karaoke
w/Donnie Berkey

New location and new outlook for Abell and ‘Attics of My Life’

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stepson’s] death. So, it was like a double whammy on that day.

“I went and tried to paint something for someone about a month and a half after the fire and I dropped the paint brush – I couldn’t do it. I had such bad PTSD,” Abell continued. “And then Paul was opening up Boxcar 40.”

Suplee, a long-time friend, had approached Abell about renovating his new restaurant before the fire occurred.

“I was apprehensive, but I did it because he’s my best friend,” Abell said. “And I went in there and something clicked. It revived me and exceeded me. I was back – and I was back with a vengeance. That time of not working sent me into a hunger.

“I have transformed. I have done things. I have learned about myself – learned what I want to do,” she continued, gesturing over her shoulder at the newly opened Attics of My Life.

The 3,000-square-foot interior is much larger than the Berlin location. There also is plenty of space for the heavy woodworking equipment Abell and Sonczewski use to transform reclaimed wood and old furniture into – whatever they can imagine.

“We will be able to showcase all of

our reclaimed lumber and live edge, and people will be able to pick out it out like granite,” Abell said. “If they want it for a table or something – or if they’re a DIYer and want it – they will be able to see it.”

Attics of My Life is both a showcase for the unique furniture Abell and Sonczewski create, and a source for materials and tools geared toward the do-it-yourself enthusiast.

“We make the old new again. We also support artisans around the world,” Abell said. “I have people that I have met in India who shipped me over some crates of some real antique stuff that is gorgeous.”

She said other items are sourced both locally and from as far away as Africa.

“I try to support something with a cause, where the money is going to be going back for a better cause,” Abell said. “We’ll also be teaching more classes. We just have a better space.

“I would just say we are very eclectic, rustic – we are not like another store in the area,” she added.

Visit Attics of My Life on 74 West Church Street in Selbyville, Delaware.

For more information, call 410-430-0413 or visit www.atticsofmylifellc.com or www.facebook.com/atticsofmylifellc.

Town officials and business welcome bookstore opening

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the shop’s namesake, would be in store to receive guests.

Wimbrow, a Berlin native, said in a previous interview that owning a bookstore has been on her bucket list.

“Everyone has been so receiving. Salt Water Media has helped me immensely getting started, from infancy and fruition. They couldn’t have been nicer and easier to work with,” she said. “I also want to thank the mayor, the staff of the town, the chamber of commerce, and the merchants for all having open arms.”

Speaking of Baked Desserts, Wimbrow said it’s handy to have a popular coffee shop and baked goods store just a few steps away. The rear entrance of The Greyhound opens up to the Baked storefront.

“You can walk out the back, grab a coffee or a croissant or whatever you’d like, and bring it back in and sit, and you’re surrounded by beautiful art and classic books,” Wimbrow said.

Visit The Greyhound: An Indie Book Store on 9 South Main Street in downtown Berlin.

For more information on upcoming events and activities, visit www.facebook.com/TheGreyhoundIndieBookstore.

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Scales and Tails, a program of the Department of Natural Resources, exhibits live owls during the event.



Dee Gilbert helps son Toby Gilbert sell homemade bread on Artisan's Green.



Duffy & Ro perform outside Fins Alehouse and Raw Bar.



The Alte Kumpel Band performs traditional German music outside the Atlantic Hotel.



Councilman Thom Gulyas and wife Belinda are photobombed by Barb Stack and a Burley Oak beer.



Cascading Carlos the juggler entertains children on Main Street.

Puzzles

GAME HUNTING

BY ROSS TRUDEAU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 ____ Page, the Queen of Pinups

7 Flavorful meat coating

15 End-of-week cry

19 O.K. to play, in a way

20 Obsession with a single subject

22 Country's McEntire

23 "We can't play that game — I can't reach it on our shelf!"

25 Operating system developed at Bell Labs

26 Onetime White House family

27 Corroded

28 Sunken-ship sites

30 Travel option for Birthright trips

31 Natural-gas component

34 Dress (up)

35 Standout

36 Turning point in history

38 "My sincerest apologies, but that game is off the table"

43 Unearth

46 Bills

47 Many a Snapchat posting

48 Suit that's hard to get into

51 Old Buick

53 What's plucked in "she loves me, she loves me not"

54 "We can't play that game unless we borrow someone else's"

56 Laughs and laughs

57 French city grid

58 People vis-à-vis gods

59 It's a trek

60 "It ____" ("Who's there?" reply)

61 Show overuse, as a sofa

62 They may have attachments

63 Strand

65 Hammar skjöld once of the U.N.

68 Provisions

70 ____ school

71 Bone connection with convex and concave fittings

73 ____ Mode, woman in "The Incredibles"

75 Word repeated in the openings of "Star Wars" movies

76 "I'm begging you, let's not play that game!"

77 Antinuclear treaty topic

79 Pop-up site

80 Daniel who wrote "Flowers for Algernon"

81 Island greetings

82 Take over

83 Info in dating profiles

85 "No, that game would be over in a flash"

88 One of 26 for Walt Disney

91 Common filler words

92 Common filler words

93 "If you are always trying to be ____, you will never know how amazing you can be": Maya Angelou

96 Praise for a picador

98 Frida Kahlo, por ejemplo

100 Novelist McEwan

101 Grammy winner Mary J. ____

102 Cosmonaut Gagarin

103 "I've finally decided! I'm ..."

109 Small matter

110 "Looking to go somewhere?"

111 Densest natural element

112 Bead source

113 Officials in ancient Rome

114 They vary from past to present

11 Full of broodiness, say

12 Cheerleader's cheer

13 Synchronized states

14 Narcissist's quality

15 Who you really are

16 M→F→M, e.g.

17 One of the first birds released by Noah after the flood, in legend

18 Kind of number not much seen nowadays

21 "Of course!"

24 Krazy ____ of the comics

29 More villainous

31 Hosp. readout

32 Penalties for illegal bowls in cricket

33 Largest active Antarctic volcano

34 Little 'un

37 Vessels seen in 2004's "Troy"

39 Like albino alligators

40 General ____ chicken

41 Work (up)

42 Things needed in passing?

44 Supervillain in DC Comics

45 More smoky, as Scotch

48 Goals

49 Bird named for a Titan

50 Polling calculations

52 Spill coffee on, maybe

53 Blandishment

55 Actor's honor, informally

56 Rigid

59 Attacked

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60 They're shared among friends

63 Whiz

64 Classic work whose "shorter" version comes in two vols.

66 Image on the ceiling of la chapelle Sixtine

67 Classic Pontiacs

69 He's often pictured carrying an hourglass

71 Apply haphazardly

72 It comes just before a period

73 List-ending abbr.

74 Scale site

75 Fleet

76 When doubled, dismiss out of hand

78 Low voices

79 Turn's partner

82 Secondary loan signer

84 D.C. insider

86 Get-go

87 Old vacuum tube

89 Suspect statements?

90 Fix, as a model plane

94 ____-nest

95 Aesop's "The ____ and the Grasshopper"

97 Is for all intents and purposes

98 Taurus or Touareg

99 ____ Marino

101 Big name in speakers

102 Go on and on

104 Tyrant Amin

105 Catch

106 "Despicable Me" protagonist

107 Ominous sight at a beach

108 Go bad

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HARD - 29

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Oct. 18

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m., followed by the October project. All guests welcomed.

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

STEAM STORYTIME 'I AM NOT A PUMPKIN'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Pumpkin science, games and crafts for 3-7 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PATIENT, SURVIVOR &. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines, 11105 Cathage Road, 1:00 PM. Get practical advice and insight from other going through a cancer experience. Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. 410-912-6939

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS
Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines, 11101 Cathage Road, 1:30 PM. Gentle exercises that help people with cancer regain and retain strength and flexibility. 410-912-6939

ROBERT M. CRAIG BOOK SIGNING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Author and Professor Robert M. Craig recounts the stories of 34 veterans of the Vietnam era and their personal experiences in the military. A book sale and signing will take place after the discussion. No credit cards. Proceeds benefit the Principia College where Captain Robert S. Craig (former captain of the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the author's father) taught during the winter months. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB FEAST FUNDRAISER
St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Cost is \$25 per person. Bring you own side.

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Seth Nedrow hosts this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adult audiences. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

VOTER INFORMATION NIGHT
Tyree Church, 10101 Germantown Road, 7:00 PM. Hinson Finney, Worcester County Board of Elections, will explain the voting process and absentee ballots. A demonstration of using the voting

booth will also be offered. Sponsored by Worcester County NAACP. (Executive meeting will take place at 6 p.m.) 410-213-1956

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE 19944, 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., Oct. 19

21ST ANNUAL PINK RIBBON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. 21st Annual Pink Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament. Susan Penn, slpenn33@msn.com, 410-598-5880, <http://www.lpgaamateurseshore.com>

FALL CARD PARTY
St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$20. Reservations: Amanda Cropper, 410-641-5049 or the church office, 410-289-3453.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1:00 PM. Featuring Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence by Tim Junkin. The group meets monthly. Copies of books are available in advance at the library.

HOME SCHOOL BOOK CLUB
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Discuss books chosen by the club. For children at a middle-grades reading level. Karen Earp, 410-208-4014

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Free, family-friendly event offers rides, games, vendors and baked goods and hot food for sale. Wristbands are \$25 for all games and rides. New attractions added include: a surf challenge, gaming truck, and archery game and laser tag. There will also be hay and pony rides. A special Kiss Buddy the Donkey fundraiser will benefit St. Mark's Catholic School in Wilmington, NC. Proceeds from the fall festival benefit the Home and School Association. 410-208-1600

Sat., Oct. 20

SUSAN G. KOMEN FUNDRAISER
Taphouse Bar & Grille, 4507 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Learn

more about the involvement and impact on "The Shore." Inviting and honoring all survivors of breast cancer. Food and drink specials. Text "CUREBC" to 50555 to make a one time \$10 donation. OC-taphouses.com, KomenMD.org

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K RUN/WALK
Boardwalk and Inlet Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 7:30 AM. Registration is 7:30 a.m., entertainment begins at 8 a.m., run starts at 9 a.m. and walk starts at 9:15 a.m. To raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer. Admission fees for runners is \$35. <http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/oceanitymd>

ASSATEAGUE'S LANDSCAPES PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP
Held 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Fine artist Karen McLain will focus on creating strong shapes, capturing vivid color as well as the value of using a limited palette to express the atmosphere. Individual instruction given. More information and registration: www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org/mai.n.sc.

WALK WITH A DOC
Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road., 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond at your own pace while you visit with others and have conversation with the doc. Family and pet friendly event. Michelle, 410-641-9268

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE AND TAKE 'LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS'
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>

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

HALLOWEEN BEACH MAZE
Ocean City beach at N. Division St., 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Giant Halloween Beach Maze featuring wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. This event is free. <http://specialeventpro.com>

HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS
Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 7 p.m. Featuring creepy Halloween themed music. <http://specialeventpro.com>

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carryouts available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

HOWL-O-WEEN PET PARADE
Ocean City Boardwalk at N. Division Street, 1:00 PM. Registration begins at noon. Dress up your dog, cat, bird or other family pet. Each entry gets their moment in the spotlight. Lots of prizes and surprises will be awarded. The event is free to participate, however donations of pet supplies and monetary donations will be collected to benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. <http://specialeventpro.com>

OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER
Fager's Island Restaurant, 201 60th St., 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. This Surfin' the Seventies themed event will offer a 50/50 raffle, barbecue style food, beer, wine and music by DJ Batman. Tickets cost \$70 for members of the museum and \$75 for non-members and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com or www.ocmuseum.org. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City Museum Society. Also, an Ocean City Spirit Award will be presented during the event. (Rules can be found on the museum's website). For more information, visit the museum's Facebook page.

2018 HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY
Ocean City Elks Lodge, Banquet Hall, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The 40 patriotic banners that have been displayed along the Ocean City Boardwalk honor veterans and active duty military service personnel. These banners will be taken down in the next few weeks and cleaned. They will be presented to our Hometown Heroes, or their family members during the celebration. Pat Riordan, 9145@mchsi.com, 443-623-6162

OUTDOOR FREE MOVIE
Artisan's Green, 12 Artisans Way, 6:30 PM. Featuring the showing of Nightmare Before Christmas and Beetlejuice. Bring a chair and a snack. <http://www.berlinmd.gov>

DRIVE IN DISGUISE AND HALLOWEEN PARADE
Halloween decorated cars will parade down the Boardwalk from 27th Street to the Inlet Lot, 3:00 PM. There will be voting for the best decorated cars. Trunk or Treating will take place after the parade on the Boardwalk between Caroline

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and Wicomico streets. There is no fee but you must register and show proof of insurance to drive. Nancy Howard, oc-downtownassociation@verizon.net, 443-235-4405

O.C. TOBERFEST TRUNK OR TREAT

Takes place on the Boardwalk south of Caroline Street and north of the amusement pier as the Drive in Disguise gets parked and set up, about 3:40 PM. Drive in Disguise participants have the option of participating in giving away candy and treats. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AND FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Spookiest Night of Your Entire Life will feature a screening of five short horror movies by local filmmakers. Halloween snacks and shenanigans and a movie-themed costume contest will also take place. Admission costs \$10 and proceeds benefit the Ocean City Film Festival’s 2019 season and the Art League of Ocean City. Guests who arrive in costume will receive discounted admission. <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

FARMERS MARKET

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

Sun., Oct. 21

HALLOWEEN BEACH MAZE

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Mon., Oct. 22

HOMESCHOOL BOOKCLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Homeschoolers ages 8-12 years are invited to this monthly book club. Copies of the books are available at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM. Research has shown that writing about stressful experiences, like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. No prior writing experience needed. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS COURSE

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. On-going course based on

the practices of Budda ty jitsu. Participants will advance at their own pace. Register: 410-641-0650. <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 Campion, 410-641-0157

GOURD ORNAMENTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Learn to transform gourds into beautiful holiday ornaments. Taught by Dawn Manyfeathers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

Tues., Oct. 23

STEAM STORYTIME ‘I AM NOT A PUMPKIN’

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 AM. Pumpkin science, games and crafts for 3 to 7 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.com>

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Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2:00 PM. In this lecture participants will investigate David’s Judgment of Cambyses from 1498 placing it in a contest of justice paintings as well as presenting a comparison with an earlier work, Dirk Bouts’ Justice of Emperor Otto III from 1470-75. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Bring your open heart and mind to this special New and Full Moon workshop and think about what you are ready to give up and are excited about beginning. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME ‘MONSTERS’

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group for crafts and activities about monsters. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean City Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, 6:45 PM. Guest speaker will be Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias, a long-time vice for the Eastern Shore.

Additionally, Buddy Siegel will detail the recent Coastal Bays report card and Matt Maos will explain the new website. Recent fishing conditions will also be discussed. Budd Heim, 410-726-1968

Wed., Oct. 24

STORY TIME ‘PICNICS’

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

THE ANGEL OF THE ODD: EDGAR ALLAN POE

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1:00 PM. A solo program of readings, harp music and song from the life and works of Poe. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. A comprehensive six-week, Oct. 24-Nov. 28, program to recover your creativity from a variety of blocks and replacing them with artistic confidence and productivity. Workbooks provided. Advance registration is required. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Featuring The Distant Hours by Kate Morton. Copies of the books 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, 410-641-9725

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

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Wednesdays - Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. cliff0917@aol.com, 302-

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ONGOING EVENTS

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