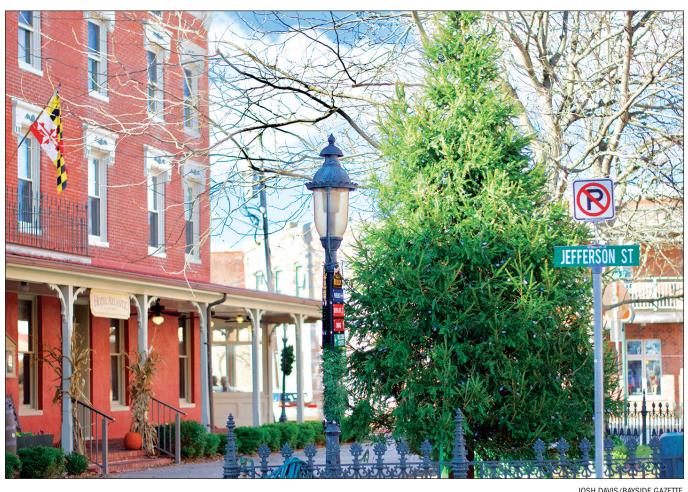
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Town staff last week put up the official Berlin Christmas tree outside the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street. Holiday events in the town kick off tomorrow, Friday, with the annual tree-lighting ceremony set to start at 5:30 p.m. and the tree lighting itself scheduled for 6 p.m.

Committee endorses YMCA study

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Berlin Falls Park Committee last Thursday decided it's probably worth \$20,000 to find out how realistic would it be to put a YMCA on the 60-acre former industrial site.

Committee members voted unanimously to recommend a feasibility study estimated to cost about that much.

"We know for the property that we want active and passive [development]," Chairwoman Amy Field said. "We kind of addressed the passive area ... and now we're looking at the active part of it."

She said a swimming pool had long been a popular suggestion, and the committee recently heard presentations from both the county recreation and parks department, and the YMCA of the Chesapeake.

"If we want a building to house some activities ... how are we going to go about that?" Field said. "Are we going to build it ourselves? Are we going to partner with the county? Are we going to do the YMCA, [or] is there something we haven't thought of yet?"

According to Field, YMCA representatives last month told committee members they could choose the type of amenities in a potential Berlin location.

"I think they said a skate park was fine ... that's something that we talked about that we liked," she said. "I, like Joan [Maloof] and Kate [Patton], was thinking, gosh, if we could somehow get the YMCA to incorporate some things that we want that aren't traditional YMCA things, that would be great."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart

added, "Every 'Y' is a little different."

"They'll tailor it to the community, so we're talking about our wishes and wants here," he said. "Their experienced consultant is going to tell us, you don't need 2-year-olds learning to swim in Berlin – I'm just using that as an example – because of demographics, but you do need elderly swim classes, because you have a lot of patients that are being referred from the hospital.

"They'll tell us what's going to work and what's probably needed," Engelhart continued. "And they probably have more data and expertise than we'll have."

Patton said the presentation last month answered many of her questions.

"I went in [questioning] it, but I was impressed with the presentation and I See COMMITTEE Page 2

Christmas season kicks off Friday in downtown Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells remembers her first Christmas in the town four years ago, when she had just moved from Sykesville to take over the position formerly held by Michael Day.

Her first impression was "that Berlin loves Christmas," she said.

"The entire community comes out and wants to celebrate together," she said. "There's so many people that come downtown and it's almost like a big family reunion."

Holiday events in the town begin this Friday with the annual tree-lighting ceremony in front of the Atlantic Hotel.

"The event starts at 5:30, but the tree doesn't get actually lit until 6 o'clock," Wells said. Mayor Gee Williams will give a short speech and then throw the light switch from the hotel balcony, and radio station Ocean 98 will play holiday music, she added.

Erik Cantine will return to offer an ice sculpture demonstration, which is sponsored by the Ocean Downs Casino. Food vendors will include The Street Kitchen and Sessa's Vending and Catering, and Masterpiece Flower Farm will sell fresh wreaths and crowns for the occasion, Wells said. Santa Claus will also make a special appearance during the event.

The second annual Story Walk for Kids also begins on Friday, featuring "The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson.

"We did it last year and everybody loved it so much they wanted us to do it again," Wells said. "Each page of the book will be put in participating business windows, starting at the Welcome Center."

Children can pick up a list for the scavenger hunt and mark off where each page is found. Completed lists can be returned to the Welcome Center and entered into a Jan. 1 prize drawing.

On the following day, Small Business Saturday invites visitors and guests to "shop small and give big."

"It means, shop in our small downtown and give with your big heart," See TREE Page 24



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Committee backs YMCA study, Town Council to consider

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thought they did a really good job," she said. "I would be very interested in a feasibility study ... but I want to make sure we include everything we can in our feasibility study, like a skate park."

Maloof also said she was skeptical initially.

"At first I thought, why don't we do it ourselves, that way we have control," she said. "But I was very impressed with the presentation. I was impressed that they would help raise the funds, and that they would be flexible to what we wanted. And so, at this point, I would say yes, I'd like to move forward."

Shaneka Nichols said she has wanted the organization to come to Berlin for many years. Swimming lessons are a must, she said, because it's something not available to most children in the area.

"And it's something that they need to have," she said.

Engelhart said his biggest remaining question was how the town would handle fundraising for the estimated \$7-\$8 million price tag for a YMCA building.

"I want to know if they have a little more information on the timeline for the fundraising partnerships we're talking about, because we've got to raise that money – it can't be off the taxpayers," he said.

Field said the question was whether the group wanted to pursue a YMCA enough to justify the study.

"Even if we don't want that, a feasibly study could also show why that's not a good idea for the town," she said.

Town Administrator Laura Allen agreed the study amounted to gathering information.

"Whether you like the idea of the YMCA or not ... it's good information for the community to have," Allen said.

Vice Chairman Jack Orris wondered if a feasibility study could encompass more than just a YMCA.

"I don't understand necessarily ... why we can't just do an overall feasibility study," he said. "If we want to spend this money, why can't we find a firm that's independent that has all this?

"We want to talk about an amphitheater, we want to talk about a commercial kitchen," Orris continued. "Why don't we just find a company that will do what we want them to do?"

Allen said feasibility studies of the property had already been done, most notably the park concept plans developed by Baltimore firm EDSA, Inc. in 2016.

"If you want a YMCA and you want to answer those questions about the YMCA, then, yes, I think you want a feasibility study," she said.

The Berlin Town Council will consider the recommendation during an upcoming public meeting.







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Results in for Pines communitywide survey

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) The raw data obtained from an Ocean Pines membership survey of more than 1,700 homeowners late last summer was released by the Ocean Pines Association on Nov. 9

According to a press release, all property owners were invited to take the survey, which focused on community priorities and the quality of municipal services.

Survey respondents were asked to evaluate satisfaction levels for public safety such as the police and fire departments, street signs and lighting, speed limits, emergency response time and the conditions of the roads," the release said. "In addition, questions about the responsiveness of the board of directors, the physical appearance of the community and its amenities, and the level of importance for development projects throughout Ocean Pines were included.'

A separate release asking for participation in the survey was sent out Aug. 23 and responses were due by Sept. 7.

According to the survey results, 1,773 took the questionnaire with the majority of responders, 66 percent, being 55-75 years old. Twenty four percent were over 75 and 8 percent were between 40 and 54 years of age. Just 2 percent were between 25-39

and no one under 25 completed the survey.

Additionally, 51 percent were women and 49 percent where men, and full-time residents made up 73 percent of the responders.

Most, 64 percent, have owned property for more than 11 years. Twenty percent had owned homes for five years or less, 13 percent for 6-10 years and 3 percent said they had been a property owner for less than one

Overall, most people said they were satisfied with how well the association keeps its membership informed. Thirty eight percent answered "good," 29 percent said "average" and 21 percent said Ocean Pines did a "very good" job of keeping members up to date on community issues and activities. Nine percent said the association did a "poor" job and 3 percent answered "very poor."

Asked how people obtained information, 62 percent said they read the Bayside Gazette, which was the top answer. Additional news and information sources were Ocean Pines quarterly newsletters (61 percent), "This Week in the Pines" weekly emails (57 percent), Ocean Pines activity guides (52 percent), the Ocean Pines Independent (50 percent), Ocean Pines Progress (48 percent), Ocean Pines Association websites (44 percent), The Courier (37 percent), Ocean Pines Association text alerts (22 percent), Ocean Pines Association monthly calendars (19 percent), calling specific departments (19 percent) and Ocean Pines Association Facebook pages (13

Of the write-in answers to that question, Joe Reynolds's Ocean Pines Forum was by far the most popular answer, receiving more than 130 mentions, or about 7 percent.

Asked to rate several "reasons for locating in Ocean Pines," answers rated as "very high" were the location (55 percent), safety (54 percent), community attractiveness (33 percent), value (31 percent), reputation (28 percent), the beach club (28 percent), the yacht club (23 percent), friends in the community (21 percent), aquatics (15 percent), golf (15 percent), recreational programs (14 percent), time spent as a guest (12 percent), the farmer's market (11 percent) and racquet sports (7 percent).

Asked to rate the frequency of visits to specific amenities, the top answers for regular use were the yacht club (21 percent), farmer's market (19 percent), community parks (16 percent) and beach club (15 percent). Just 2 percent claimed regular use of the tennis, platform tennis and pickle ball courts, and 1 percent said they regularly used the baseball and softball fields, and basketball courts.

Statistically, most answered they had "no opinion" on the overall operation of each amenity, except for the community center, which received more votes for "good" (45 percent) than "no opinion" (33 percent), the yacht club (43 percent "good" and 18 percent "no opinion"), farmer's mar-ket (43 percent "good" and 29 percent "no opinion") and community parks (42 percent "good" and 34 percent "no opinion").

The lowest-rated amenity in terms of operations was the crab pier, with 11 percent saying it was poorly run, although 76 percent had "no opinion."

Asked to rate development priorities on a scale of 1-5, top answers earning a 5, or highest priority, were drainage (64 percent), other (49 percent), road paving (35 percent), lighting of intersections (32 percent), police/administration building (31 percent), general community landscaping (29 percent), beach club building (28 percent), and mailboxes (26 percent).

Write-in answers for "other" were widely ranging and included drainage ditch maintenance, adding a cell phone tower, improving street signs, paving over potholes, making a decision on the crabbing pier, stricter enforcement at the dog park, and See RESULTS Page 5

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Covered tennis courts was the least popular option, with 50 percent offering a "1" rating and just 5 percent giving it the top rating.

Most respondents said they felt "very safe and secure in Ocean Pines," with 46 percent strongly agreeing and 43 percent agreeing. Police were viewed favorably (56 percent excellent and 32 percent good), as were fire and EMS (64 percent excellent and 26 percent good).

Not rated well was the board of directors, called fair by 38 percent and poor by 29 percent. Just 21 percent rated the board good and 2 percent excellent, while 10 percent said they had no opinion.

Polling slightly better was General Manager John Bailey, called good by 34 percent of responders, fair by 29 percent, poor by 12 percent and excellent by 6 percent. Eighteen percent said they had no opinion of Bailey.

Most, 53 percent, rated staff overall

board and management was somewhat responsive and 21 percent said they were not very responsive. One percent rated the board and management as being extremely responsive.

Asked if they would support an assessment increase "to improve amenities and services," 29 percent said they strongly disagreed, 26 percent were neutral, 22 percent disagreed, 17 percent agreed and 7 percent strongly agreed.

Sixty nine percent said they would support a referendum "to provide for better enforcement of the covenants and regulations, including the possibility of limited and capped fines through due process," while 31 percent said they would not.

The same number, 69 percent to 31 percent, said they would support internet-based voting for the board of directors elections and referendum votes.

To view the survey results, visit www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/PreliminarySurveyReport_4_11.8.18.pdf

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volunteer members, provide an invaluable service to the residents and businesses of Berlin and its surrounding area, and their coverage area continues to grow.

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Public hearing on group homes set for next Monday

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) The definition of a "group home" and regulations regarding its location were introduced during a Berlin Town Council meeting last Tuesday.

A first reading for both ordinances was the first part of a two-step process, culminating in a public hearing scheduled for Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on William Street.

According to the proposed definition, "group home means a state-licensed community residential facility housing and providing habilitative services to eight or fewer persons, not including staff, who are developmentally disabled or are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction."

A related ordinance would only allow group homes "as a conditional use in the B-1 Town Center District subject to the approval of such conditional use in that district by the board of zoning appeals. The area in which a group home may be permitted as a conditional use shall be restricted to the area of Old Ocean City Boulevard east of U.S. Route 113 in the B-1 Town Center District."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the ordinances were drafted after the Hope4Recovery house was permitted to open last month on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

didn't have a definition in our town code of a group home," Engelhart said. "We consulted with the town attorney, Mr. [David] Gaskill, and staff, and we developed a definition of a group home to be included in our definition section of the town code."

ited "geographically to the small area that's within the B-1 Town Center dis-

ted conditional use, but just in that small area of town," Engelhart said, adding the Hope4Recovery house "lies right in the middle ... [of] that district.'

nition was helpful because, "quite frankly, we never had an application [to open a group home] before this year." He called it a housekeeping item "to make sure that it's addressed" so that when future applications occur "there's something to go by."

sion is that it allows for up to eight persons" to live in a group home.

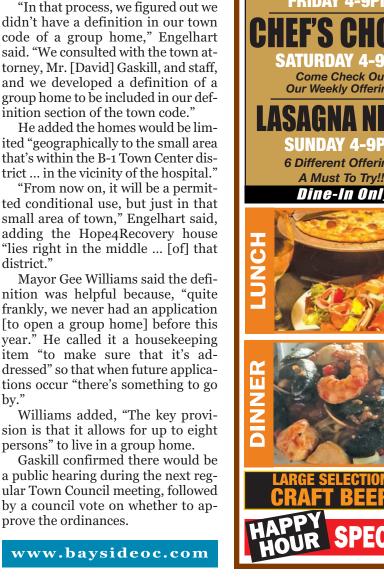
a public hearing during the next regular Town Council meeting, followed by a council vote on whether to approve the ordinances.















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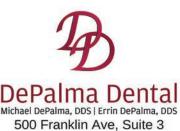
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Ocean Pines releases legal opinion on drainage ditches

Association responsible for slope maintenance, but not for mowing or landscaping

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association released a legal opinion related to drainage issues on Friday, and two board members offered slightly different takes on what it means.

In a Nov. 16 press release, the association announced it had "received an opinion letter from its legal counsel addressing the maintenance of the community's drainage ditches." Among other things, it establishes who is responsible for drainage channels in "Sections 1-14 that run along the roadways and the areas between those specific channels' slope and the roadways."

According to an excerpt from the memorandum included in the release, "In summary, the answer is that the Association is responsible to maintain and repair the drainage courses (i.e. the slope at the bottom of the ditch) and to maintain and ensure the stability of the slopes that run along the roadway."

The release added, "The Associa-

The release added, "The Association is not responsible to perform landscaping, including mowing, in these areas, unless it is necessary to ensure the functionality of these specific drainage courses or the slopes."

The memorandum "reveals that Ocean Pines' Declarations create a distinction between who is responsible for maintaining the drainage channels themselves and the areas generally, according to the opinion prepared by Lerch, Early and Brewer, Chtd., the firm that provides legal representation for the Association," the release said.

The formal opinion of Lerch, Early and Brewer was not made public "because of ongoing litigation related to a separate drainage-related claim," the release said, but the full opinion

would "be considered as future drainage program plans, including the finalization of the community's Drainage Report, are made."

Asked how the opinion varies from current practices, Director Frank Daly said the difference could be significant.

"Right now the association handles the mowing between the street and the ditch, he said. "It would appear that at some point in the past a conscious decision was made not to follow our DR's and for the association to assume the responsibility for mowing.

"The effect of this decision is unclear to me at this time," Daly continued. "I personally feel that given the overall drainage issues in the Pines that a well thought out and executed plan by the association would be in the best interest of all concerned. I think it is also important to recognize that we are not only talking mowing, but the maintenance of drainage under driveways. However, that approach seems to be in conflict with the DR's in 14 Sections."

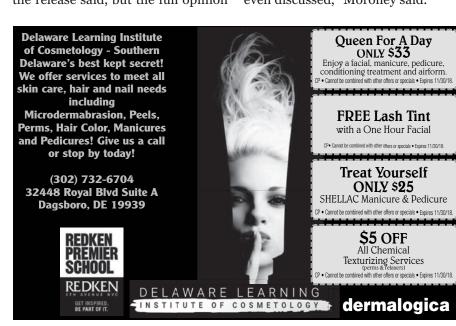
Director Ted Moroney offered a slightly different take, stating that "nothing has changed in what we are doing" and "OPA is responsible for maintaining shape of the trenches."

Moroney said two key questions remained: "Should OPA still be responsible for mowing those areas" and "Should OPA be responsible for debris that clogs the drainage areas like keeping leaves, branches etc."

"As of now nothing has changed, but you could see status quo or maybe OPA continues to mow, but leaves and branches are the owners responsibility, or some other recommendation," Moroney said. "The drainage report is being completed now that we have the opinion and will be presented to the board in the next several weeks."

He added the board was in the process of reviewing the report.

"No decision has been made or even discussed," Moroney said.



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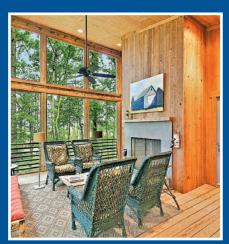
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Relay For Life team Memories in Motion held a fundraiser recently at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Berlin. Fins donated a percentage of sales from the evening to the American Cancer Society. Summer Frederick of Fins, center, presented a check in the amount of \$587.80 to Christine Waggoner, left, and Debbie Haas. The next event to benefit ACS is the Honor Someone You Love Golf Tournament, held Saturday, Oct. 27 at Ocean City Golf Club. To register call Ocean City Golf Club at 410-641-1779 or Dawn Hodge at 443-497-1198 for more information.

Berlin announces \$30,000 for five Worcester nonprofits

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) Five area nonprofits received a total of \$30,000 in grant funding from the Town of Berlin at a public meeting last Tuesday.

Recipients were:

- The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, \$6,000 for a mural.
- The Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center, \$5,000 for "ongoing bi-weekly support group meetings for women with addiction."
- Worcester County Commission on Aging, \$5,000 for the Berlin Senior Center.
- Worcester County Developmental Center, \$7,500 for "staff to supervise clients while in the community."
- Worcester County G.O.L.D., \$6,500 to provide assistance to Berlin residents in need.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said nine nonprofits had applied for funding and the requests totalled \$95,510. She said an orientation meeting was held in June and Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen and Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood helped evaluate applications.

Representatives from each group, except for the arts and entertainment committee, attended the meeting.

Worcester County G.O.L.D. Execu-

tive Director Sandy Sipes said the support "helps us help the residents here in the Town of Berlin."

"We appreciate so much what you're doing with the financial assistance," she said. "Not only do we do financial services to meet emergency and basic needs, but we partner with [Town Attorney] David Gaskill and the Worcester Bar Association for 265 turkey meals. And then we also do ... 'Helping Hands for the Holidays,' and last year we served over 800 children and 68 vulnerable adults, several here in the Town of Berlin."

Shea Wise, a program manager with the Worcester County Commission on Aging, thanked the town as well.

"We just started a new program in Ocean Pines called 'Community for Life' ... and we've had quite a few calls from people in Berlin asking for these services, such as transportation and [the many other services] that we're providing," she said. "We're excited and very fortunate."

Worcester County Developmental Center Board President Mark Cerbo also said he was appreciative.

"I just want to thank the mayor and councilmembers in the Town of Berlin for supporting our group [and] supporting our clients over the years," he said. "We appreciate everything that you guys do for us."



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Berlin gets check to pay for police body cameras

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) Local Government Insurance Trust Executive Director Tim Ailsworth last Tuesday presented a check for \$5,000 to the Town of Berlin for police body cameras and praised town officials for implementing their use.

He said the trust insures 147 of the 157 municipalities in Maryland, and that the its board voted three years ago to return funds to towns that bought the cameras.

"And you can come back for this every year, because we encourage ... body cameras within our police departments," Ailsworth said.

Along with presenting a check to Mayor Gee Williams and Police Chief Arnold Downing, Ailsworth said he wanted to recognize the town, adding the retail value of the Berlin's insurance was \$105,000.

"But, because of your discounts and credits, because of your longtime good experience with LGIT, that premium is reduced almost \$20,000," Ailsworth said. "I do want to compliment you on being a great member of the trust."

The town sent 61 employees to trust-funded training sessions during the last five years, Ailsworth reported. The training grant for cameras was the second such endowment Berlin had received from the company.

"I want to compliment your chief and compliment the councilmembers for having the foresight to allow your officers to use body cameras," he said. "That's the wave of the future ... the bottom line is, if the police officers don't have cameras, the bystanders will have cameras on their phones.

"This way, everyone in the command staff ... can find out early on whether an officer or a group of officers have behaved properly and followed procedures the proper way," he added.



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Eighteen Stephen Decatur High School students were inducted into the National English Honor Society this fall. Service campaigns include an annual book drive, managing the school's writing center, and partnering with local elementary schools for reading projects. Pictured, in back, are Tara Smith, Sarah Proctor, Lauren Kemp, Macy Dietrich, Kaitlyn Mourlas, Mary Mergott, Gavin Conner, Samantha Lokey, Maeve Donahue and Mette Jacobsen, and in front, Madison Munn, Vicky Vazquez, Emily Hyatt, Jenna Banks, Jenna Miller, Sibel Lorentz, Eve Watsky and Morgan Carlson.



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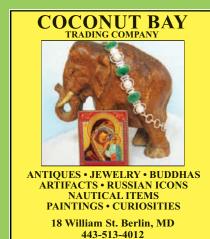
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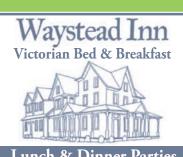


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Two fires in two days on East, West Martin St.

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) Fires cinged two homes over the weekend on East and West Martin Streets in Snow Hill, but a bright spot in the blaze came with the rescue of a pit bull puppy.

Lt. Michael Creech, of the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company, said several crews went to a home on the 100 block of East Martin Street at around 10:35 p.m. on Nov. 16, and "the first crew knocked the fire out within 15 minutes."

Firefighter Andrew Benson searched the house and found a pit bull puppy hiding underneath a bed.

Benson said another dog was able to escape the flames, but the "puppy was young and kind of disoriented ... and was just kind of huddled under the bed"

He was able to rescue the dog, and Creech said other firefighters and emergency personell were able to save the puppy, who was eventually able to breath on his own.

"After I found the dog, I was just so excited ... and once we got it back to normal, I just wanted to get it back to the family," Benson said.

Following the fire, two adults and two children were helped by the Red Cross, Creech said. The cause of the fire on East Martin Street was unclear.

A second fire occured about 16 hours later just yards away, according to a Facebook post from the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company.

Crews went to the house on the 300 block of West Martin Street around 2:21 p.m. on Nov. 17. Creech said there was "smoke coming out of the dwelling and fire in rear" of the building.

Crews then worked to extinguish the flames. Creech said a man was displaced, but there were no injuries reported in the fire.

It's unclear how the fire started or if any criminal charges were filed, but Creech said the Snow Hill Police De-



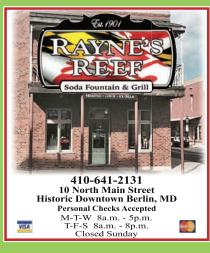
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Members of the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company and other responders on Friday work to put out a blaze on the 100 block of East Martin Street. The Red Cross treated two adults and two children, and crews were able to rescue a puppy trapped in the home.

partment and Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office are investigating.

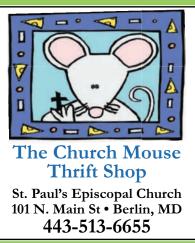
Ocean City Today contacted the or-

ganizations, but they couldn't be reached for comment as of press time, Tuesday morning.

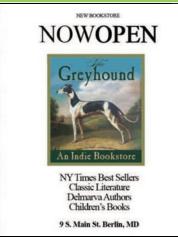










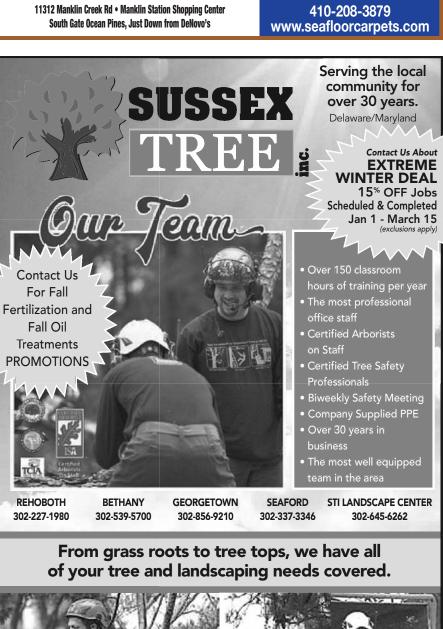












Clubs committee annual report shows improvement

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) What a difference a year makes.

In 2017, the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee concluded in its annual report, "This has been a trying year."

The committee reported that it was not able to meet with the yacht club manager and had little communication with the acting general manager.

"Not being able to have a conversation with the people directly responsible for implementing policy and changes hindered our ability to advise the [Board of Directors] on issues we felt were important, the report said. "Although our liaison took suggestions to the BOD, we felt that our inability to interact with the department heads had a negative impact on our effectiveness as an advisory committee."

According to the 2018 annual report, which was forwarded to the board of directors last week, "Fortunately, that changed in May of this year when the BOD acted on our suggestion in the 2017 annual report to consider outsourcing the management of the OP Clubs to a professional management company.

"Bringing in The Matt Ortt Companies to manage the [yacht club] and beach club has made a tremendous improvement in all aspects of the food and beverage operations at these two locations," the report said.

"Many of the problems and issues the [committee] had been reporting on for the past several years have been addressed to great satisfaction by pretty much everyone who has frequented these establishments. The OP community as a whole has embraced the changes and improvements that the Matt Ortt Companies have made."

In last year's report, the committee recommended hiring a restaurant consulting firm to "review the entire business model for the beach club and yacht club." However, that was accomplished instead by hiring the Ortt Companies.

"The contract with the Matt Ortt Company was set up a little differently than we had anticipated, focusing more on Ocean Pines NOT looking to take over after the consulting firm has fixed all the problems," the report said. "At this point, after seeing and experiencing the positive changes Matt Ortt Company has made to the decor, food, service, and finances, not to mention the enthusiasm the OP Community has shown for the 'new yacht club' and beach club, the [committee] strongly recommends that the board continue with the current contract."

Many improvements suggested in the previous report have already been made, the report said, including alterations to the yacht club décor, improving the efficiency of yacht club bars, and addressing acoustic problems in the yacht club dining room and ballroom. Committee members also recommended routine maintenance at the country club and working to better the "poor service and mediocre food" there.

"Most of these issues have been addressed by the new management company and Lynda [Huettner], the old GM, was brought back. The bar area and outdoor deck were cleaned and the food/service is now at a much higher level," the report said.

Recommendations in the 2018 report include further acoustic improvements at the yacht club and improving handicap and wheelchair accessibility there, which the report concluded "is really not adequate."

The committee also suggested hosting special events and activities during the shoulder season, including murder mystery nights, wine tastings, and trivia nights.

Committee members also endorsed additional renovations to the second floor of the beach club.

The outlier in the report was the Tern Grille, housed inside the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club. The facility is said to suffer from poor serv-See RAVES Page 15



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ice and hours that are not adequate to meet the needs of customers, largely the golfing community.

"The Committee would strongly suggest that the Matt Ortt Company be consulted on how to better run this food operation," the report said.

Committee members recommended several budget items, including automatic door and sound baffles, but ultimately deferred to Matt Ortt.

"The Committee recommends that the Board ask the Matt Ortt Company to present their own budget for particular items they feel are necessary to enhance the yacht and beach club experience," the report said. "It seems logical that restaurant professionals will be better able to establish what they need to further improve the facilities and the dining experience, as well as what those items should realistically cost.

"Contracting to have the Matt Ortt Company manage and run the yacht club and beach club has made a huge improvement to the decor, service, food, finances and customer satisfaction at both facilities. The committee suggests the board listen to and seriously consider any requests they make for items that will enhance the customer experience, and financial benefits to the Ocean Pines Association," the report added.

Committee Chairman Gary Miller on Monday said he had not yet received significant feedback from board members, but that several had emailed to thank the group for its Miller said one item the committee neglected to include in the report a canopy to cover the walk from the parking lot to the new yacht club entrance, which is now on the side of the building. Heavy rains drove that point home during the most recent committee meeting, last Thursday, and Miller said the suggestion would be included in meeting minutes and forwarded to board members.

"That was something that was talked about initially [by the Matt Ortt Companies] ... but nothing was done," Miller said. "That's something that I think we're going to mention in the minutes."

To view the entire report, visit http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CAC-BOD-report-2018-2.pdf.

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Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee last Thursday discuss items on an annual report. Committee members said the positive turnaround of food at beverage operations over the course of a year was startling, and endorsed retaining the Matt Ortt Companies to continue overseeing the yacht and beach clubs.



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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and members of the Berlin Parks Commission on Nov. 10 cut the ribbon on the newly renovated tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park.

Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council discussed the following items last Tuesday during a public meeting at Town Hall on William Street:

Municipal Gov. Month

Town Administrator Laura Allen read into the record a proclamation declaring November "Municipal Government Works Month."

Included in the proclamation, "municipal government represents the most responsive level of government, allowing citizens to have direct access to elected officials" and "in an effort to educate citizens about municipal government and the importance of their participation, the Town of Berlin is proud to promote municipal government awareness."

Allen said town efforts to promote municipal government awareness in 2018 included holding 49 community events, welcoming 13 new businesses and collecting 141 tons of recycling.

Ethics ordinance

A public hearing on an updated ordinance titled "Ethics Provisions" was opened and closed without comment. The council 4-0 voted to repeal the previous ordinance and replace it with the new one. Councilman Elroy Brittingham was not present during the meeting.

Mayor Gee Williams said new legislation by the Maryland General Assembly necessitated the changes, which include keeping the addresses of elected officials confidential.

He joked doing so was difficult in a small town, but added, "We're fine with whatever they need.'

Electric agreement

The council unanimously approved a resolution giving Williams and Allen the authority to authorize wholesale rameters.

electric purchases, within certain pa-Allen said a report to the council would be provided once the transac-

tions were concluded and the author-

ity would have to be reapproved annu-

Tennis update

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said renovation of the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park had finished and the courts were re-opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Saturday that included the Berlin Parks Commission.

Bohlen said a few cosmetic items remain to be addressed, but the courts are being used and the condition was "really, really good."

She added the annual Fall Just Walk event was also held on Saturday at Decatur Park, with 31 participants attending.

Recycling update

Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said recycling drop-off services had been moved from the electric plant on William Street to an area at Berlin Falls park, which is on Old Ocean City Boulevard. Additionally, with the new "single-stream" drop-off, all recyclable materials can be put into one container.

Kreiter said residential recycling pickup must still be separated.

Movember

Police Chief Arnold Downing, sporting the beginnings of a beard, said he and other officers were participating in "Movember" to raise awareness for men's health issues, including prostate and testicular cancer, and mental health and men's suicide.

"With our other law enforcement partners of [the] Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, [and] Salisbury City, officers are donating the opportunity to go ahead and not shave, but the funds are actually going directly to those issues," he said.

"We ask everyone to think about the fathers and brothers that are in their lives and the men you that you really care about, and advise them to go ahead and get screened ... and make sure they get their regular checkups with their doctors," Downing



















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The Berlin Planning Commission last Wednesday voted 5-0 to approve the site plan for a proposed new restaurant in the old Taylor Bank building on Old Ocean City Boulevard bordering Route 50. The owner, John Trader, operates Liquid Assets in Ocean City and Our Harvest in Fenwick Island.



Trader restaurant earns planning approval

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 22, 2018) John Trader's pitch to the Berlin Planning Commission last Wednesday was received about as well as first-rate barbecue and cold beer.

Trader, the owner of Liquid Assets in Ocean City and Our Harvest in Fenwick Island, wants to put a 145-seat barbecue restaurant and bar on the site of the former Taylor Bank Building on Old Ocean City Boulevard bordering Route 50. He hopes to open next spring.

Trader showed the commission a YouTube video created by architect Steven J. Cirile that showed 3-D models of the restaurant, which would entail expanding the 1,500-square-foot bank building by more than 5,000 square feet. To view the video, visit youtu.be/wCQd4x5qRK4.

Trader said he wanted to build "the kind of family environment where kids can go in the afternoon and go get ice cream after school, and families can go enjoy a little entertainment into the evening."

He said the closest neighbor would be the Tractor Supply store

and "we'll probably share a lot of the same clientele." He added the beverage program would be appropriate and legitimate.

"Everything that we do, I can promise you this, it will be full of passion," Trader said. "It will all get a lot of thought and it will all have a lot of flavor."

The old bank building is visible in the design, with sloped awnings coming off in three directions to the north, east and south to create a large screened porch. Trader said the design would include plastic tarps to keep the space warm in the winter and dry when it rains.

The vacant property has plenty of parking and good visibility from the highway

"It came to my mind that it would make an excellent spot for a traditional southern barbecue," he said. "What makes this project unique ... is the screened-in porch, which I think is really romantic.

"I think it is a throwback – it's not drywall. It's open air," he continued. "All the smells will radiate through the restaurant [with] a little breeze running through there. Even on a night like tonight, I can see everybody sitting outside and I could drop a couple of the plastic curtains and still have a little cool atmosphere – very, very casual."

The video shows customers walking in from several entrances, families dining inside as three whole pigs roast on a massive brick grill, and a live band playing Chicago-style blues

Trader said the crown jewel would be the "giant open [barbecue] pit."

"We've actually been to the health department already and asked them how and if we can do it, and I couldn't believe that they said yes – and here's how. I was shocked ... my chin hit the floor when they told us," he said. "We have a good reputation with the health department. I operate two restaurants currently and I've operated many restaurants over the last 35 years in Worcester County.

"The health department blessed the preliminary design," Trader continued. "We're here to get your comments and input and blessing as well."

To say the planning commission

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warmly received the proposal would be an understatement, as the board voted 5-0 to approve the site plan with no changes.

"I think you're going to be a real sweet spot in there. That's what we want to see," Pete Cosby said, praising many of the small, aesthetic touches. "While you're out eating barbecue, you want to eat it under an old oak tree, right?

"I think it's exciting ... I think this place is going to work," he added.

John Barrett called the design well thought-out and "a huge improvement from what's there," and Barb Stack said it was a great location.

"And the fact that you're taking an old, worn-out site that really needs something and you're going to create some energy out there? I love it," she said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the town staff also endorses the proposal.

"In my staff report, department directors ... they all support the concept," he said. "The economic development director, she likes the concept quite a bit. So, we're all supportive as a staff."

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CFES Program Director Heather Mahler, left, gives a \$1,000 check to Verena Chase, Coast Kids program director of Assateague Coastal Trust, during last year's Shore Gives More event.

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1 Year Home Warranty

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) Nearly 100 nonprofits and charities on the Lower Shore will participate in the fourth annual Shore Gives More event, a 24-hour online donation campaign starting on Nov. 27.

The campaign is hosted locally by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and assists nonprofits serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

The Community Foundation carefully vets each participating organization to ensure current tax-exempt status and service to the Lower Shore area, and an online donation portal offers an easy way for donors to quickly learn about individual nonprofits and make as many or as few donations as they like in one easy, online checkout.

Nonprofits are given access to online fundraising platforms, marketing campaigns and incentive prizes. The Community Foundation provides the services at no cost to the nonprofits, while nonprofits cover standard credit card processing fees.

"Shore Gives More is the localized campaign of Giving Tuesday," Victoria Kent, Community Foundation marketing director, said. "Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. We've got Black Friday, Shop Local Saturday and Cyber Monday, and then after all this buying and getting, getting and getting, we have this day of giving. You have opportunity to really showcase our area's nonprofits.'

Last year, 80 nonprofits participated and about \$164,000 was raised overall. That number is substantially larger than the amount raised during the inaugural event in 2015.

"The campaign has grown greatly in just four years," Community Foundation President Erica Joseph said in a press release. "In 2015, the local campaign started with 23 nonprofits and raised just under \$7,500, but by 2017 it grew to \$164,000 raised for 80 area nonprofits in a single day. The generosity of our local community is what enables area nonprofits to increase their impact on the Lower Eastern Shore."

"We were thrilled with the results," Kent said. "It just shows you people really care about their local community in this area. It showed the heart that people have and what can really happen when [people] come together in our local community.'

Some of the charities and nonprofits participating in the Shore Gives More campaign includes The Art League of Ocean City, Assateague Coastal Trust, General Hospital, The CRICKET Center, Ocean City Development Corporation, Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum and the Worcester County Education Foundation.

"Basically, it's like shopping for clothes online except for nonprofits or charities," Kent said. "There's a little shopping cart feature, and you can go in and browse the different nonprofits and read what they do and what they're fundraising for. It's all there in one convenient checkout, except this one is char-

Software purchased by the Community Foundation allows donors to schedule their gifts in advance of the event and allows supporters the option of donating to multiple nonprofits at once.

"It's a great way to teach kids about philanthropy, because you can sit down as a family and go through the different nonprofits and look at all the different ways there are to serve the community and giving, and talk about why it's so important instilling philanthropy as a family from a young age," Kent said.

"The origin of philanthropy ... the meaning of it is 'love of humanity," she continued. "You see that so much down in this area. We're lucky too that there's nonprofits ... that work together in the lower shore and there's nonprofits that work in a smaller geographic area. This is capacity building for nonprofits ... it is amazing to see how they come together, work together and see each other learn and grow."

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SERVICE PROJECT

Worcester Prep students traveled to Tennessee and West Virginia this summer as part of the Appalachia Service Project, a Christian ministry that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. Pictured, from left, are WPS teacher/ASP volunteer Allison Bescak, Upper School students Natalie Foxwell, Noah Hudson, Devin Wallace, Kurt Leinemann, TJ Bescak, Alec Willing, Max Huber, Claire Williams, Baylie Holmes, Kelly Polk, Abbi Nechay, Hannah Perdue, Caroline Anderson, Max Taylor, Gavin Hentschel and WPS librarian/ASP volunteer Tracy Polk. Students not pictured: Delaney Abercrombie and Gracie Gardner.



Carving to be installed at Veterans Memorial

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) A recently-completed wooden carving of a battlefield cross, consisting of a rifle, helmet and combat boots, will find a new home at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines, this May.

Marine Corps veteran Anthony Marquez has dedicated his life to commemorating gold star soldiers and his own fallen brothers with wooden carvings of the battlefield cross.

"I delivered my first carving to the gold star family of Robert Grenigers in Minnesota on the fifth anniversary of his death on July 12, 2016," Marquez said. "I've been doing them ever since."

Marquez's last deployment was to Sangin, Afghanistan, in 2011. His Battalion lost 17 members during that tour. In 2016, Marquez made it his mission to provide chainsaw carvings for each family member who lost their son during that 2011 deployment.

Since then, Marquez, who lives in Oklahoma, has been making customized carvings for individuals and performing live demonstrations all over the country. He has already provided carvings to 16 of the 17 families whose sons gave the ultimate sacrifice.

"I do it to give back to the families," Marquez said. "That's my whole goal. What I'm trying to accomplish is being completed and I'm coming up on the end of it. It won't be the end of the carvings, but my initial mission will be completed."

Marquez spent six hours on Friday, Nov. 9, at the K-Coast on 36th Street carving his 36th battlefield cross on daily basis. The gathering was a public awareness event for Mitchell's new program called MI*A, which stands for Mental Illness and Addiction.

"I'm always trying to do things in the community and I'm excited to be someone who can bring people together for a good cause," Mitchell



A completed battlefield cross is set up during a fundraising event for veterans at the K-Coast shopping center on 35th Street Friday, Nov. 9.

MORGAN PILZ/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

behalf of fellow Marine Corps veteran Alex Mitchell, who organized an awareness event for veterans' mental illness and addiction.

Mitchell, of Ocean Pines, has been struggling with mental illness his entire life and said he understands firsthand the challenges veterans face on a stated in a press release.

Marquez's 55-inch carving was purchased by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation before the sawdust hit the floor.

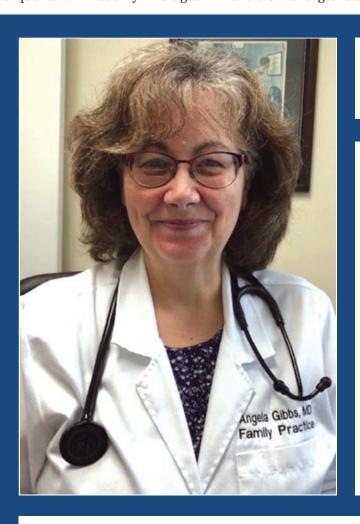
"It came out absolutely beautiful," Marie Gilmore, president of the Veterans Memorial Foundation, said. "It was more than we could ever hope for. [Marquez] did an exceptional job on it and he was such a nice man to speak with. A very humble young marine with tremendous talent and a generous heart."

Originally, the carving was going to be created at Veterans Memorial Park and auctioned off. Because of his close friendship with the owner of K-Coast, Mitchell changed the location of the event, though the carving left an imprint on Gilmore.

"Alex Mitchell notified me about the carver coming up from Oklahoma," Gilmore said. "Alex had already commissioned the carving. So, I spoke to the Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Foundation. I said, 'This is a piece we should consider purchasing.' They unanimously approved it."

The carving was completed on Friday; however, it will not be officially installed at the memorial until Memorial Day weekend. A base still needs to be created for the piece and it needs to undergo regulations and weather-proofing before it can become a permanent fixture in Veterans Memorial

For more information on Marquez's sculptures, visit www.xviicarvings.com. To learn more about the Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit https://opvets.org.



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Pines announces fall dates for leaf collection

Public works scheduled to collect yard debris in paper bags Nov. 19 until Dec. 21

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association announced leaf collection procedures for its residents this fall. Ocean Pines Public Works and Republic Services will both aid in the collection.

Ocean Pines Public Works will collect leaves and other yard debris bagged in paper bags from Nov. 19 until Dec. 21. Bags will be picked up on days opposite from Republic Services' collection days. Only paper bags will be accepted and there is no limit to the number of bags that residents may place curbside.

Thirty-gallon paper bags may be purchased at Public Works in bundles of five for \$10.

Additionally, Public Works will vacuum ditch leaves that have been raked to the street beginning Nov. 19, until completed. Yard leaves that have been raked to the street will not be picked up. These leaves must be placed in paper bags for collection.

Ocean Pines residents may also bring leaves and vard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard at 1 Firehouse Lane near the south station fire department. The yard will be open Monday-Friday

7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 19 until Dec. 21.

No contractor dumping or plastic bags will be permitted. There will be no collection or drop-off on Thursday, Nov. 22 or Friday, Nov. 23.

Current Republic Services customers may place up to four bags of leaves curbside for each scheduled pickup. This is in addition to regular trash pickup.

Trash collection days for residents south of Route 90 are Tuesdays and Fridays. For residents north of Route 90, the collection days are Mondays and Thursdays. Republic Services will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

For more information about Ocean Pines leaf collection, contact Public Works at 410-641-7425. Information about Republic Services accounts may be obtained by calling 410-749-1551.



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Sat. & Sun. 11-2pm	Muirfield Lane., River Run	3-4BR/2-3.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900-\$479,900	Ed Wehnert/Coldwell Banker
Sat. & Sun. 11-4pm	29 Boatswain Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$459,000	Greg Steen/Steen Realty
Sat. & Sun. 11-4pm	9801 Mooring View Lane, Unit 33, OC	3BR/2.5BA	Duplex/Townhouse	From \$299,900	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
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Saturday 10-12	10923 Player Lane, River Run	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$379,900	Anna Spann/PO2 Hileman
Saturday 10-1	161B Jamestown Rd., Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$265,000	Sherri Custodio/Keller Williams Flagship
Saturday 12-2	1 Freeport Lane, The Parke OP	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$330,000	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Fri. Nov. 23 2-4pm	105 59th St., Oasis on the Bay 30201	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$275,000	Karla Oass/Long & Foster
Sat. Nov. 24 10am-Noor	n 745 Mooring Rd., Georgetown by the Sea 3	01 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$239,900	Karla Oass/Long & Foster
Sat. Nov. 24 3-5pm	2009 Atlantic Ave., Regency 16	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$559,000	Karla Oass/Long & Foster
Sun. Nov. 25 10am-No	on 10300 Coastal Hwy., Atlantis 1509	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$264,900	Karla Oass/Long & Foster
Sun. Nov. 25 2-4pm	4711 Coastal Hwy., Wight Bay 244	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$199,900	Karla Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 10-1pm	10 Candytuft, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$295,000	Pam Wadler/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	181 Jamestown Rd. #6., OC	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$245,000	Lauren Bunting/Bunting Realty
Sunday 12-2	109 Central Parke E., OP	5BR/3BA	Single Family	\$324,900	Lauren Bunting/Bunting Realty

Tree lighting Fri., more holiday events coming

Continued from Page 1 Wells said.

Also on Saturday, Nov. 24, the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee will sponsor an indoor Holiday Maker's Market at Anchorwood Creations, directly behind the dry cleaner on 206 William Street. All items are handmade by local artists and artisans, and free parking is available in the downtown lot off William Street.

On Nov. 27, "Giving Tuesday," Wells said Sisters on 113 North Main Street would have an event with raffle prizes and live music by the George and Pat Bilenki Duo.

"I'm guest bartending and 100 percent of my tips will go to Assateague Island Alliance. And let's just say they'll also be a couple of surprises," she said. "We'll have a laptop set up and we're really trying to bring awareness to the 'A Fed Horse is a Dead Horse' campaign."

The 3rd Annual Berlin Artists Studio Tour is scheduled on Dec. 1 from 1-6 p.m. Participating artists and studios will be Lynne Lockhart and Kirk Mcbride (18 Burley Street), CFD Fine Jewelry and the Berlin Printery (16

North Main Street, Unit 4), Stuart Gibbs, Richard Gibbs and Geoff Threadgill (309 Bay Street, Unit B), Anchor Wood Creations (206 William Street, Unit C), Deb Rolig (200 Washington Street), Steel N Glory (305 Washington Street), Wooden Octopus (8 Jefferson Street), Henry Fine Arts Gallery (9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Suite 4), and Tim Thompson (200 Washington Street). For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/212923709 4063833 or www.artsinberlin.org.

Next up is the annual Berlin Christmas Parade on Thursday, Dec. 6, which draws thousands of spectators every year and features upwards of 80 floats.

Local artist Jordan Pippin of Steel N Glory will make trophies for winners in categories such as best marching band, school-sponsored float, fire company, and antique car.

The parade is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., although Wells said people generally line up on the sidewalks with chairs much earlier. The event runs through Main Street, downtown, ending at the Berlin Fire Company.

"New for the Christmas Parade, what

I'd like to highlight, is that I am adding an ADA-accessible viewing area, which means that it's a specially designed area for anyone in a wheelchair to watch," Wells said. "That's going to be right next to the stage, on Jefferson Street near the

Free carriage rides through downtown Berlin will be offered Dec. 1 and 2, Dec. 15 and 16, and Dec. 22 and 23. Hours are 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Additionally, Jingles the Elf will visit the Berlin Welcome Center and make balloon animals for children on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Berlin events season – and the calendar year - concludes with a New Year's Eve celebration downtown on Dec. 31. Wells said a special event countdown for children was scheduled from 5-6 p.m. and timed to coincide with the countdown in Berlin, Germany.

The celebration for adults is set to run from 10 p.m. until 12:30 a.m., with a light show from the balcony of the Atlantic Hotel and a countdown clock shining on the Town Center Antiques building.

Burley Oak Brewing Company will

provide beer, with some proceeds benefiting the Lower Eastern Shore Area Heritage Counsel. Sessa's Vending and Catering will again provide a food truck.

There is also an ongoing Letters to Santa program, sponsored by Berlin Main Street. To participate, drop a letter with your child's name and address in the special box inside the Berlin Welcome Center lobby. Santa will send each child a letter back, along with a coupon for a free treat from a participating Berlin business.

Throughout the season, downtown Berlin will sport a serious holiday makeover courtesy of town staff, with some new decorations provided by a donation from the Burley Inn Tavern.

"The economic impact is that people want to go and shop in a beautiful place," Wells said. "There's a lot of repeat customers that come downtown, because they know what to expect. They know the shop owners, and the shop owners know what a lot of the people are looking for: beautiful and unique items, and a lot of handmade gifts made right here in Berlin.

"You just see people that you know, and it's very warm and welcoming downtown," Wells continued. "And people want to be part of something special."



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Nov. 24: Holiday Maker's Market, 1-6 p.m. Small Business Saturday event at Sister's, 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 27: Giving Tuesday

Dec. 1: 3rd Annual Berlin Artists Studio Tour,

Dec. 1, 2: Free carriage rides, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Dec. 6: Christmas Parade, 7 p.m.

Dec. 8: Jingles the Elf at the Berlin Welcome Center, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Drop off letters to Santa inside the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street. Children who include their name and address will receive a letter back from Santa, along with a coupon for a free treat from a participating downtown Berlin business.

Ocean Pines tree lighting scheduled for Saturday night

(Nov. 22, 2018) A highlight of the holiday festivities in Ocean Pines will be a traditional Christmas tree-lighting ceremony set for Saturday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at White Horse Park.

Organized and sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, the free, annual event marks the start of the "holly, jolly season" in the largest residential community in Worcester County.

Event organizer Katie Goetzinger said a full schedule of special activities is planned during Hometown Christmas, including the lighting of 45 Christmas trees that will be decorated by area businesses, social clubs and residents that have sponsored the trees.

Before the traditional Christmas treelighting ceremony, entertainment at the Memorial Pavilion within White Horse Park will feature a local choir of homeschool students from the Berlin/Ocean Pines area. The Little Dreamers Homeschool Choir is a new addition to the special event.

The Delmarva Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International – a non-profit organization of about 30,000 members in choruses and quartets worldwide – will also offer a musical performance.

The winner of the "Pup of the Pines" photo contest will be named at the holiday event, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas will be taking Christmas gift wishes and posing for photos.

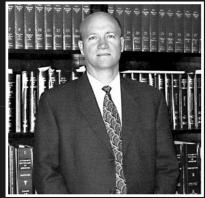
Santa's little helpers will have hot chocolate and cookies available at no cost for attendees. The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City generously donated the cookies.

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Opinion

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Let the holiday giving begin with giving back

With its hundreds of nonprofit organizations that can use some assistance, Worcester County should experience a different kind of checks and balances next Tuesday.

What it should see is people checking their balances and then sending their checks to a charity or a nonprofit organization whose good works they believe deserve support.

Nov. 27 is, after all, Giving Tuesday, a philanthropic movement born in New York in 2012 and then developed into a global campaign. At its core, Giving Tuesday encourages people and businesses to improve their communities by contributing to the agencies and organizations that do the real work.

Writing a check or putting a donation on a credit card requires little energy, but without that money, nothing good happens and the community as a whole suffers for it.

Giving Tuesday is not an exercise aimed at the financial upper tier. It offers anyone with a few extra dollars the opportunity to pitch in on behalf of his or her community, and feel good about having done it.

That's the one of the greatest rewards of giving: knowing that you have done your part, regardless of the amount. Contributing to a cause or charity is a relative thing. It may require just as much personal sacrifice for one person to donate \$1,000 as it does another person to give \$10.

This is one instance when the thought truly does count.

Many people have a favorite charity or cause they wish to support and this area has plenty of them to offer. We invite you to make them a part of your annual giving.

For people who may not be aware of the many worthwhile endeavors that would benefit from their backing, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (www.cfes.org) and www.shoregivesmore.org can help.

Thanksgiving may be over, but a good way to celebrate that thankfulness is to be generous Giving Tuesday.



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"Doc, lately I have a recurring dream that I'm a tray full of appetizers at a Pilgrim Revival."

Hospice has open house

(Nov. 22, 2018) Coastal Hospice invites the public to celebrate Giving Tuesday and to show their support of the project with a first look at the new Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

Construction of the Stansell House is near completion and is expected to open to patients in early 2019. This state-of-theart facility located at The Point in Ocean Pines is the first hospice house to serve the Lower Eastern Shore.

As a hospice house, the facility will provide quality endof-life care with the comforts of home. The house will serve the most vulnerable hospice patients who are no longer safe in their own homes.

The open house event will

take place from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the site, 1500 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

"We are excited to open the doors of the Stansell House to the public for a first look," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "This beautiful facility has been a long time coming and is so critical for end-of-life care on the Eastern Shore. We could not have completed this project without the generous support of our community, our committee and board members who have worked tirelessly for a decade to see this vision become a reality."

The Stansell House preview coincides with Giving Tuesday, a global giving event following the widely recognized shopping events after Thanksgiving - Black Friday and Cyber Monday - to kick off the charitable giving season.

Giving Tuesday is also in conjunction with Shore Gives More 2018 presented by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Shore Gives More brings together the community to raise money and awareness for local nonprofits during a 24-hour online giving challenge.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible.

Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. For more information about Coastal Hospice, please visit CoastalHospice.org.

Artist exhibit proposals

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting exhibit proposals from local and regional artists, 18 years and older, for the 2019 exhibition season at the Berlin Library branch. Exhibits run for a period of two months.

This call is open to two-dimensional art formats. Entry proposals should include the artist's biography, contact information, and three images

(jpg files) that are representative of artist's body of work.

Images must include the medium and size of the artwork. All written materials should be submitted in PDF format.

A gallery review panel will review the proposals.

Entries should be sent to curator@worcestercount-yartscouncil.org. Proposals must be submitted by Nov. 30 to be considered.

Selected artists will be notified by Dec. 7. For more information, contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809.

The Worcester County Arts County is proud of the partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation and pleased to expand exhibiting opportunities to many community artists to be featured at the Berlin Library Gallery.

In addition to the gallery, the library includes expanded areas for children and teens, and a large meeting space.

Kurtz family honors son with Kindness Award

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Jackie Kurtz.

Mother of Matt Kurtz

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Kurtz family, who tragically lost their son a year ago, created the inaugural Matt Kurtz Kindness Award to honor individuals who help spread a positive life outlook.

Matt Kurtz (1985-2017) was a Worcester County resident who was known for constant acts of kindness, according to his mother, Jackie. After hearing from several people about how small acts of kindness could positively impact health, mood and relationships, the Kurtz family decided to create an awareness program to honor his legacy.

"[Matt] was a super smart, kind, compassionate person. He believed in kindness as a way of life," Jackie said. "He was open and nonjudgmental, and curious about people and about life, and he really cared about people and believed simple kindness really affected people and could turn their thinking around.

"When he died, it was a beautiful tribute from all the people we did know that felt compelled to talk about him and how he changed their lives," she continued. "It was beautiful, and we thought of how could we honor him and carry his legacy on ... it was obvious his kindness would ripple on forever."

Linda McGean was the first recipient of the Matt Kurtz Kindness Award for constant small acts of kindness throughout the day. She received a certificate and check for \$250 on Monday, Nov. 5.

"Linda was such a great first choice for us, because she did such little acts of kindness over and over again daily,

which is exactly what Matt did," Jackie said. "When we were reading the [nominations], we really liked that she was somebody who basically lives her life everyday not thinking about herself, but thinking about how she could help other people."

McGean, a guidance counselor for Ocean City Elementary School, was caught completely by surprise by the nomination.

"It was a professional day, so we didn't have kids at school," McGean said. "Someone said, 'There's someone here to see you.' I came out and [Jackie] introduced herself. At first, I didn't know what she was talking about ... I asked her, 'How can I help you?' and she said, 'I've actually got something for you.' She went on to tell

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me about this award and I was completely floored.

"I have not heard of it and I thought it was just a wonderful idea to recognize kindness. I think we have a lot of it in the world, it just doesn't get the media play that negative does," she continued.

The longtime Bishopville resident

was humbled by the nomination.

"I do not think there is anything special about me or what I do," McGean said. "It's who I am and what I want to do with my life. I try to go the extra mile. I think there's millions of people who strive for that too. I don't think we need anybody ex-

traordinary to spread kindness – I think we can do it with anyone we come across and talk to throughout our day."

Talking and reaching out to people is one of the other objectives Kurtz is trying to accomplish through her award. Her son, Matt, lost his life after a struggle with mental illness.

"He was affected by mental illness, [and] it was shocking to all of us because he was happiest person I ever knew," Jackie said. "We were honest and open about mental illness, and made sure it got talked about. It can attack pretty much anybody. I really do believe it's important to talk about and hopefully help other people talk about it too."

The Kurtz family will also award a grant of \$250 to someone who submits a kindness project they want to complete.

"The grants would be for anybody who wanted to do an act of kindness, but it might cost money they didn't have or needed help financing," Jackie said. "We're offering \$250 for someone to pitch an idea of kindness and would need some support on."

The grant will be awarded Feb. 19. There will be two kindness awards and grant awards each year, coordinated every three months, according to Kurtz.

"When you tend to focus on the negative, it brings out the negative," Jackie said. "When you focus on the positive, it tends to make you more positive. There's way more kind, positive people out there than negative ones. I think it's time to give more attention to the kind, positive and compassionate people."

To learn more about sharing small acts of kindness, or learn more about the Matt Kurtz Kindness Award or Grant, visit MattsKindnessRipplesOn.com.



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Berlin and OC churches to host Thanksgiving dinners

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) Area residents and guests can skip the tedious process of making Thanksgiving dinner and instead, enjoy a full holiday meal prepared by one of two local churches next Thursday.

For the 40th year, the Ocean City Baptist Church will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner at the North Division Street parish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"My dad was the pastor before me," Pastor Sean Davis said. "He thought everyone should be with family on Thanksgiving. That was the original thought. There's some people that aren't going to be with family [this year] so we want them to be with our family."

Guests have the option of dining in, carrying food out or calling in advance for delivery. Last year, the church served 300 diners and had nearly 400 carry-out orders.

"I honestly think we have the best Thanksgiving meal in town," Davis said. "Chef Paul deHuarte [Sr.], the head chef at Ristorante Antipasti, makes everything."

The church will serve turkey, sweet

The church will serve turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, peas, stuffing and pumpkin and apple

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pies. Dozens of volunteers help with cooking the turkeys.

Volunteers deliver meals to the Ocean City Police Department, fire department, Ocean City Coast Guard Station and to those working at local businesses open on Thanksgiving.

"It's a wonderful community event," Davis said. "There's a whole community of Christians and others getting together. You don't have to be Christian either. Democrats and Republicans, Redskins and Giants fans, it truly is one of the best things to see the community [come] together."

The Baptist church in downtown Ocean City will offer its Thanksgiving dinner between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22. The festivities will take place in the church, located next to the 7-Eleven at 102 N. Division Street.

For those who need their meals delivered to Ocean City or West Ocean City, call 410-289-4054 in advance.

Berlin's First Baptist Church will offer Thanksgiving dinners for its 31st year on Williams Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We just want to share with the community and we think this is a good way to show the love of Christ and our caring for the community," Sharon Parsons, church officer manager and a Thanksgiving volunteer since 2001, said. "We have done this for over 30 years."

Last year, the Berlin church provided about 480 meals, either as takeout or dine in. Volunteers are prepared to serve about 500 meals this year.

The church will provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce and cookies.

About 100 meals were delivered to shut-ins and people working on the holiday including those at police and fire departments and the DaVita Berlin Dialysis Center, where patients are required to have dialysis every day.

"If people want to call in to volunteer, we are always looking for volunteers," Parsons said.

Thanksgiving dinner will be offered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22 at the church, located at 613 Williams Street in Berlin.

Those who are interested in volunteering or want to attend should call 410-641-4306 in advance to reserve their seats or carry-out meals. Leave a voicemail and someone from the church will return the call.





Scouts help retire American flags

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Nov. 22, 2018) The Boy Scouts of Troop 261 and Cub Scouts of Pack 261 retired more than 1,500 flags in a retirement ceremony held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines last Saturday.

Members of Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack #261 from Ocean City placed worn and torn Stars and Stripes into a flaming pit for a respectful burning, in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

"It all comes down to patriotism, to get our young generation to understand the American flag is not just a piece of fabric," Scoutmaster Ken Nichols said. "There's a lot that it stands for. A lot of people have given their lives for this flag. We need to get our youth to appreciate certain things in life, regardless of political views."

Worn U.S. flags were collected at American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City, Posts #123 and #231 in Berlin, and at the Ocean Pines Community Center throughout the year. Assisting with the ceremony were the Ocean Pines Public Works and the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Company.

"I think it's important to hold the ceremony, because it shows respect to the flag and the people who have served for it and under it," Scout Gabe Bradley, 17, of Ocean Pines, said.

"When retiring a flag, it's better to burn it than to throw it away. When a flag touches the ground, you're supposed to burn it."

A large fire pit was set up in order to properly send off the retired flags. Before being placed in the pit, flags were folded properly, and then sent into the flames with a salute in respect to those who fought and served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"As a scouting organization, this is one of the things we do for American Legion post 166, our sponsor organization, in honor of the country. We follow the U.S. code of proper retirement of flags," Ocean City Councilman Mark Paddack, a second-year scout leader, said.

According to Bradley, there is a

major difference between burning a flag with respect and with disrespect.

"When someone burns a flag outside of retirement ceremony, it's usually in protest and it's disrespectful to people who have went over and served," he said. "I have a cousin who went into the marines right after 9/11, so this sort of thing means a lot to me personally.

"I think when someone burns an American flag outside of a retirement ceremony, they're doing it for attention more than anything, which is why it's so disrespectful, because they're not doing it with any purpose in mind," Bradley continued.

The ceremony ended with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts working together to fold the final flag before sending it into retirement.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Scoutmaster Ken Nichols hands folded worn and torn flags to Cub Scouts and Boy Scout to be thrown into a burning pit during the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Nov. 17.





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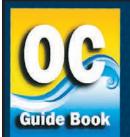
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Events to help get active after Thanksgiving

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writter

(Nov. 22, 2018) There's still time to sign up for the second annual ThanksKitten Trot and inaugural Trash Trot, offering healthy ways to get active after Thanksgiving dinner indulgences.

The "ThanksKitten Run" will take place at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond Trail Saturday, Nov. 24, starting at 9 a.m.

ThanksKitten will consist of three laps around the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond, with exercise stations throughout each lap. Exercise stations are optional and participants can complete in one, two or three laps.

Three laps around the pond are about 2.5 miles. Families, children and pets on leashes are welcome.

"I've been involved with the Town Cats, a volunteer organization in the area, and trying to find a way for people and families to come out and support that organization, help bring awareness to what they do, and find something fun for that family to do around Thanksgiving in this area," CrossFit Assateague Event Organizer Sandra Kerstetter said.

Last year, the event raised nearly \$1,000 for Town Cats and close to

100 people participated. Kerstetter hopes changing the event date this year will draw even more people.

"We had it on Thanksgiving morning last year and we had a ton of requests with people saying, 'Oh, I have so much to do that day, I wish I could come, I wish it was a different day," Kerstetter said. "So, we thought this year to try it on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend when festivities are over, shopping is over on Friday, and now, after all those bellies are full, we'll give them something else to do to burn off some calories and have a good time."

Town Cats, a local nonprofit, is dedicated to enriching the lives of free roaming, feral or abandoned cats in Ocean City and the surrounding communities by limiting population growth, and providing medical care and affordable adoption services.

According to Kerstetter, there has been a lot of interest in this year's ThanksKitten activities.

"A lot of local businesses have been posting about it and spreading the word," she said. "I think it's going to be a great weekend,"

Parking will be available at the Ocean Pines Library on Cathell Road.

Coordinators will be collecting kit-

ten supplies, such as clumping cat litter, Purina One kitten dry food, and Friskies turkey pate canned cat food.

"Our goal is to create a fun, family friendly event that burns some calories Thanksgiving weekend, and hopefully double the amount of money/supplies we raised for Town Cats last year," Michelle Macia, manager of CrossFit Assateague, said in a press release.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park and costs \$10 per person, or \$5 for children 13 and older or with a cat supply donation. Children 12 and under can participate for free.

For more information or a list of needed cat supplies, visit www.cross-fitass at eague.com, www.facebook.com/crossfitassateague, or call Kerstetter at 443-944-2226 with any questions.

The Surfrider Foundation is introducing a new beach cleanup today known as the Turkey Day Trash Trot. Volunteers will meet at the amusement pier by the inlet parking lot at noon and clear up trash on the beach until 1 p.m.

"We do beach cleanups all the time," Surfrider Volunteer Coordinator Malcolm Taylor said. "I'm down there with my family anyway, so I've always tried to convince them that it's a good idea to help and basically combine my family activities with Surfrider. We typically go out for a walk anyways, so we might as well put our time to good use."

Sponsored by Costa Sunglasses, one volunteer will have a chance to win a pair of recycled sunglasses worth about \$150, and 10 volunteers will take home a Costa hat.

Currently, dozens of people have shown interest in the event through the Turkey Day Trash Trot Facebook page and Taylor expects even more people to show up.

"It's supposed to be fun and making the place that we all enjoy a little bit nicer," Taylor said. "It's an opportunity for people to come out and do something productive with their time and be out walking with their families, [and to] make people more aware of what we're trying to do for the Ocean City community."

Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle, and gloves and buckets if available.

For more information, visit the Turkey Day Trash Trot Facebook p a g e , www.facebook.com/events/2604712 07946247.

Community Briefs

Semifinalist

Stephen Decatur High School senior Dana Kim has been named a semifinalist in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit semifinalists placed among the top one percent of more than 1.6 million test-takers on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Kim will now submit a detailed scholarship application that includes her academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. Additionally, Kim must earn SAT scores that confirm her earlier performance on the qualifying test.

Airman graduates

U.S. Air Force Airman Carl A. Echols recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an

associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Echols is the son of Melinda and Carl Echols of Berlin. He is a 2017 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin.

Commended students

Worcester Preparatory's Head of School Randal Brown recently announced that Maya Natesan and Grace Schwartz have been named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the

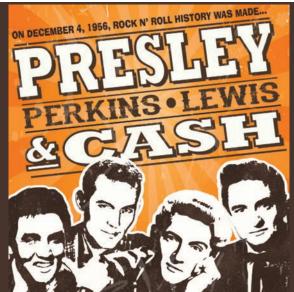
school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the Head of School to these seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the 2019 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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Cuisine

Fat is flavor, but salt brings it all home

Some things just need to be said and today's food lesson is crucial to remember; there is a divinely sensual connection be-



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

tween salt and fat.

I mean, can

I mean, can you imagine a foie gras terrine without salt? Walking away from the table with the ubiquitous Slim-Jimesque sheen of fat on the roof of your

mouth without the luscious taste that so many guests adore from engorged duck liver, one would find the experience falling flat.

To further drive the point home, since many people have never had foie gras, (frankly I'm not the biggest fan myself), test this theory by simply chewing on a stick of cool, unsalted butter. After about a gallon of seltzer, a few beers and a handle of Carlo Rossi Sweet Red to remove the film from your mouth, follow it up by gobbling down a stick of salted butter. The difference will astound you. Of course, after that much jug wine you might not be able to taste anything, but you get the point.

So basically, high-fat foods need salt to bring to life their true character. A sprinkling of coarse sea salt on a ripe avocado will make a world of difference, and a bowl of soy sauce with your sashimi (if your plate has salmon, tuna and other fatty fish) will further awaken an already delicious morsel.

To forego any segues and change topics in the manner of a chef with ADHD (this guy), it appears that late-season fishing has been stellar off-shore, and of course I wouldn't know not having the opportunity to get out on the water because of the restaurant. It has been truly painful to see the posts all over the social media of the many local catches that are rolling into the scales. We're hoping to head up to Jersey to hit some rock-fish in a couple of weeks, so fingers crossed.

Back to the story, last night Chef Glenn of Micky Fin's brought us some bigeye tuna belly – the kobe beef of seafood. The ultra-fatty belly is so rich that it doesn't take more than a few bites to satisfy even the most egregious fat-tooth. After a simple cleaning during which I removed the skin and tougher parts of the belly including connective tissue and carti-



lage, all it took was a simple sear to turn this into a tataki. Keeping the belly rare on the inside ensures that you don't lose any of its delicious characteristics, and it surely did not disappoint. In fact, it was so good that we were able to get two people who normally don't eat seafood to try it.

So simple in form and function, a tataki has very few moving parts. Of course, the main item must be insanely fresh to begin with. Any off flavors will jump to the forefront of your palate, and we do not want this to happen.

We topped it off with some scallions and sesame seeds, a garnish that could not be any simpler or more effective. I know I've lectured you about it before, but when we garnish any dish, it needs to be what we call functional garnish or FG. The point of a functional garnish is to complement the dish and add another nuance or layer of flavor as it is served. Simply putting a slice of raw citrus and some kale on the plate (the garnish used everywhere by everyone when I started this journey in the early 80s) is not functional, and in almost every instance it comes back on the plate and is discarded.

As such, scallions add to the tataki, as do sesame seeds that are lightly pan-roasted to sprinkle on top. While a dish of soy sauce isn't really a garnish, it is a critical accoutrement to this dish, as the fermented nectar elevates the fatty fish belly.

I like the fact that we can do You Catch, We Cook at the restaurant. This means that anglers can bring their catches in and we'll prepare them however they like and just charge for sides, akin to many restaurants throughout the eastern seaboard. Hopefully, the locals start bringing in more as it's always a good thing for my cooks to get their hands on a fresh variety; always a good thing to keep learning.

That's it; salt and fat. They go together. Have a great thanksgiving and use lots of salt, but just make sure to follow it up with plenty of water ... or beer ... beer comes from water. Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuna Belly Tataki

serves 6
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- 1. Clean the tuna belly well, ensuring that all skin, thick cartilage and denser meats are removed, leaving you with the most delicious morsel of the fish
- 2. Pat the belly dry if there is any moisture on it, and heat some oil in a pan
- 3. Sear the tuna for about thirty seconds per side and remove
- 4. Rest at room temperature for five minutes before serving
- 5. Plate the tuna topped with sesame seeds and scallions
- 6. Lightly (and I mean very lightly) squeeze some citrus on the belly
- 7. Serve with that nice, salty soy sauce and let the belly melt in your mouth

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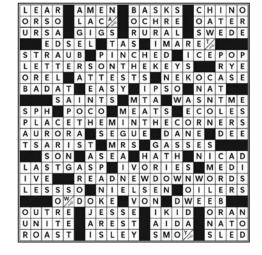
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Nov. 22

11TH ANNUAL FENWICK ISLAND TURKEY TROT

Free coffee will be served at 7:30 a.m. The untimed 2.2 mile fun run/walk starts at 8 a.m. oceanside on Lewes Street in Fenwick Island, goes south to the Maryland state line and back. Leashed pets are welcome. Holidaythemed or other festive costumes are encouraged. There is no charge to participate, but trotters are encouraged to make a donation to the Brandywine Valley SPCA. Commemorative T-shirts available by pre-order or on the day of the event for \$25. Non-perishable food donations will also be collected and donated to Neighbors in Need. Lori Martin, hipAHA@hotmail.com, 302-539-1290

31ST ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Berlin First Baptist Church, 613 Williams St., 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Those who are interested in volunteering or want to attend should call 410-641-4306 in advance to reserve their seats or carry-out meals. Leave a voicemail and someone from the church will return the call

40TH ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DIN-

Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Anyone who is looking for fellowship and friendship on Thanksgiving Day is invited to dinner. Reservations encouraged: 410-289-4054, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, deliveries are available to shut-ins in Ocean City or West Ocean City areas.

Fri., Nov. 23

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring unique handmade merchandise, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics and more. There will be children's activities, photos with Santa, a non-shoppers lounge and door prizes. The food court will also be available. Melanie,

mcollins@oceancitymd.gov, 410-723-

SANTA VISITS WHITE MARLIN MALL

White Marlin Mall, 12641 Ocean Gateway, 2:00 PM. For the past 17 years the White Marlin Mall's Saint Nick has been known as Ocean City's Strolling Santa. Holiday shoppers will find savings on a broad range of holiday merchandise. A preview of what's in store for the holiday season can be seen at www.whitemarlinmall.com.

Sat., Nov. 24

2ND ANNUAL 'THANKSKITTEN FUN RUN/WALK'

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 8:00 AM. Sign up will be held from 8-8:30 a.m., warm up begins at 8:45 a.m. followed by the run/walk at 9 a.m. ThanksKitten consists of 3 laps (2.5 miles) around the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond with exercise stations through-out each lap. Registration is \$10 for adults, \$5 or a cat supply donation for children 13 and older and free to those 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit Town Cats. Leashed pets are welcome. For more information or for a list of needed cat supplies, visit www.crossfitassateague.com or Facebook page at crossfitassateague.

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HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 PM. Activities include entertainment by The Little Dreamer Homeschool Choir and the lighting of 45 Christmas trees that will be decorated by area businesses, social clubs and residents who have sponsored the trees. The Delmarva Chorus will also offer a musical performance. The winner of the Pup of the Pines will be announced followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available at no cost. Denise Sawyer, dsawyer@oceanpines.org, 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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., Nov. 25

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Featuring unique handmade merchandise, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics and more. There will be children's activities, photos with Santa, a non-shoppers lounge and door prizes. The food court will also be available. Melanie,

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Mon., Nov. 26

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Early literacy program for children from birth to age 3 with their parents or caregivers.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

BACK PAIN AND SCIATICA SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Back in Action Physical Therapy will teach participants some of the causes of back pain and simple ways to relieve pain. Free and open to the public. Advance registration required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM. Group uses exercises to stimulate the process of creative expression. No prior writing experience needed.

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 weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

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., Nov. 27

STEAM STORYTIME 'BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE 3 LITTLE PIGS'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Can you build a house the Big Bad Wolf can't blow down? For 3 to 7 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Tom Dempsey will be able to guide participants into the world of family research and give tips on how to find that long lost ancestor. Register: 410-208-4014.

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GOURD ORNAMENTS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Learn to transform gourds into beautiful holiday ornaments.

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FAMILY TIME 'MOVIE NIGHT: "FERDI-NAND"

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The movie will begin at 4:30 p.m. Before, during and after the movie, enjoy crafts and activities related to Ferdinand. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GIVING TUESDAY EVENT

Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, 1500 Ocean Parkway, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Coastal Hospice invites the public to an open house at the Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. This state-or-the-art facility located at The Point in Ocean Pines is the first hospice house to serve the Lower Eastern Shore.

http://CoastalHospice.org

DIY FELT FLOWER BOUQUETS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Make bright colored flowers from felt to decorate your home or office. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

MCBP GIVING TUESDAY

West O Bottle Shop, 12611 Ocean Gateway, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Morgan and Proud Wines will be hosting a wine tasting, South Point Oyster Farm will be providing fresh local oysters and there will be appetizers from local restaurants. Each person that donates as little as \$10 will receive a raffle ticket for a basket of goodies. Proceeds benefit the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Sandi Smith, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 106, http://www.mdcoastalbays.org

BLOWN GLASS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Jeffrey Auxer Designs studio, 19 Jefferson St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Learn how to blow your own glass ornament. Cost is \$30 per person for one ornament. Reservations are accepted for every half-hour from 5:30-8 p.m. by calling 443-880-4944.

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health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

Wed., Nov. 28

PREVENTIVE HEALTH EVENT

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave. Life Line Screening will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with the member discount). In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount you must call 877-380-1743, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

KNIT WITS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. welcome. Free to attend. Sue Beaman, triscuitpete@msn.com, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. An overview of all things Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook and even Access; with a quick overview of the Microsoft cloud. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Featuring The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. Copies of books are available at the library in advance. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TED TALK: 'STIGMA'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 PM. This hour confronts stigmas around addiction, mental illness, HIV and sex workers and why they are harshly judged for their behaviors or conditions. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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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

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

ONGOING EVENTS

LONGWOOD GARDENS BUS TRIP

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa. on Dec. 18. Proceeds from the trip will benefit Art League programs. The bus will depart from Ocean City Center for the Arts at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$70. Tickets: artleagueofoceancity.org or 410-524-9433.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines Ocean City is collecting unwrapped toys at its weekly Wednesday meetings from 7-9 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Deadline is Dec. 5, when the toys will be delivered to Worcester G.O.L.D. Dave Landis, 410-641-7330

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., and throughtout Ocean City. Featuring more than one million holiday lights and hundreds of animated light displays throughout Northside Park. The Winterfest Village pavilion offers hot chocolate, photos with Santa and the Winterfest Express. Admission to board the train is \$5 for adults and free to children 11 years and younger. The event runs Nov. 15 through Dec. 31. Hours are Sunday-Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

OP REC & PARKS BUS TRIPS

On Saturday, Dec. 1, visit New York City for shopping, spectacular decorations, watching a show or visiting the iconic tree at Rockefeller Center. Cost is \$85 and includes transportation only. On Saturday, Dec. 15, see "Jesus" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$115 and includes the show and transportation.

These trips are open to the public. Reservations are required: 410-641-7052. Info: OceanPines.org.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

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TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF CENTER

Worcester County Recreation & Parks will serve as a public donation drop-off location. All are invited to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy now through Dec. 10 in the Worcester County Recreation Center lobby, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill. Operating hours are available at www.worcester-recandparks.org.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club welcomes speaker Vira Ogburn, president and co-founder of Minds in Motion Children's Museum. She is pictured with Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club President Margaret Mudron, left. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant (Courtyard Marriott Hotel), 15th Street and N. Baltimore Ave., in Ocean City. Guests are welcome.



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RESTORE VISIT

Habitat For Humanity "Restore" representatives stopped by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City recently. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett, Restore Manager Justin Cannon and Restore Resource Development Coordinator Anita Todd.

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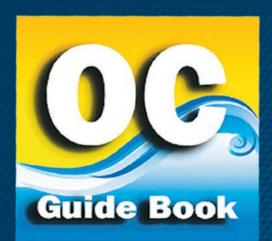
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