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## Packed event last Friday helped with town parking study

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) Berlin Main Street was exceptionally busy during a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony and launch of the holiday season last Friday.

Along with the towering tree, placed just off the porch of the Atlantic Hotel, thousands of people were visiting shops and restaurants, taking free reindeer-drawn sleigh rides with Santa Claus, and ordering hot chocolate and other seasonal treats from the food vendors downtown.

Many families with small children were there, but also witnessing the spectacle were representatives from Sabra & Associates Inc., a Columbia, Maryland firm hired by the Town of Berlin last month to oversee a multiphase parking study.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams on Monday spoke with Project Manager Brian Laverty about what he and his

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## HOLIDAY KICKOFF

It wasn't snowing on Friday, but ice carver Erik Cantine certainly made it look that way, using all manner of power tool to create a larger-than-life sculpture of The Grinch. Cantine, also the head chef at the Ocean Downs Casino, has for several years been a popular part of the annual Berlin tree lighting celebration.

# What to do with the multipurpose building?

By Josh Davis  
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(Nov. 29, 2018) Approximately 50 community members gathered at the Stephen Decatur Middle School last Monday night to talk about "a real opportunity for East Berlin," and about what to do next with the multipurpose building on Flower Street.

The town has plans to build a community center somewhere on Flower Street, with two candidates being the town-owned parking lot opposite Dr. William Henry Park, and the current site of the multipurpose building.

According to D.J. Lockwood, chairman of the Berlin Community Improvement Association that oversees the property, it was deeded seven times between 1925 and 1962, and Worcester County took control around 1970. The building had been part of the old Flower



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Gabe Purnell, former chairman of the Berlin Community Improvement Association, urges community members last Monday to accept an offer by town officials to take over the multipurpose building, but keep some BCIA members involved on an advisory committee.

Street School.

Lockwood said the BCIA bought the property at auction for \$700 in 1971 and the next year entered into an agreement with Shore Up! Inc. for upkeep of the building. Shore Up oversees the Head Start program in Berlin. An expanded agreement in 1983 was struck to also include a local Masonic lodge.

He said the original purpose of the building, as overseen by the BCIA, was to "establish and operate an association of civil-minded people residing on the northern end of Worcester County" that would offer educational and recreational activities and social programs. However, he added the condition of the building "has kind of hindered the BCIA from doing what they're supposed to do."

"We all see the shape of the building," Lockwood said. "The building was only

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# Town Council adopts group home ordinances

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) A pair of public hearings related to group homes in Berlin were opened and closed without comment on Monday night, as the Town Council voted unanimously to adopt a group home definition and a zoning ordinance restricting where the homes can be located.

Representatives from the Hope4Recovery house, the only Berlin group home specializing in addictions recovery, attended the meeting but did not comment.

According to the new group home 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."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the definition would be added to the zoning chapter of town code. No definition previously existed.

The related ordinance restricts group homes as a conditional use in the B-1 Town Center District subject to the approval of the board of zoning appeals. They are also restricted to the area of Old

Ocean City Boulevard east of U.S. Route 113 in the B-1 Town Center District.

"When this was developed and talked about on the council, we thought it was a good idea to have [group homes in] an area as close in proximity to Atlantic General Hospital as possible," Mayor Gee Williams said. "So far, the feedback we've gotten has been encouraging."

"Hopefully, more and more things are done to help people who are in a state of trying to overcome ... substance abuse," Williams added.

Councilman Dean Burrell asked what impact the new ordinances would have

on a group home that fits the definition, but is not in the area established by the ordinance.

"That's a good question," Town Attorney David Gaskill replied, but added, "I'm not aware that there are any."

Engelhart added, "Usually, when you enact an ordinance, it's from today forward."

"We have a group home, the Center for Deaf Independent Living, that's been operating for twenty-some years, but it's basically a different definition," Engelhart said. "Under this ordinance, it would be a nonconforming use that could continue."



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# Poor shape of multipurpose building ‘holding BCIA back’

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designed to last 15 years — we're well past that.

"It's holding the BCIA back," he continued. "We can't put forth what our forefathers wanted us to do ... because of the declining and diminishing state of the multipurpose building."

Lockwood said the restrooms are substandard, the roof is failing, the air conditioning isn't working, there are electrical issues and "a whole bunch of things that's going on with that building." To renovate the structure, he said, would cost about \$300,000 "just to try to bring the building back to where it needs to be."

"I don't know where I'm going to find \$300,000," he said.

In meeting with Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Lockwood said Williams indicated the building did not qualify as historical in a traditional, architectural sense. It's not on any historic registry.

He added, "the building is historical to us ... it's historical to me" and recalled attending community events there as a child. "Just because it means something to me doesn't mean it means something to the powers that be," he said.

Lockwood said the town had spent about \$32,000 over five years on renovations, but is unwilling to continue that support.

Town officials apparently asked if the BCIA would be willing to transfer ownership of the property. In exchange, the town would take responsibility for all financial and operational costs, and would conduct an engineering study to determine if partial renovation or total replacement of the building would be more cost effective.

The town would then create a Berlin Community Center Advisory Board to advise the Town Council on how to use the facility. Williams pledged those appointments would include some current BCIA officers.

"The mayor actually handed this [document] to me ... so I'm going to take it for what it's worth," Lockwood said. "We need to decide what we want."

He said the former "America's Coolest Small Town" winner does not have a community center, while Ocean Pines has two. Ocean City also has a community center.

"Think about the east side of Berlin having a community center — a state-of-the-art community center where our kids can go play basketball ... to have weddings [and] family reunions," Lockwood said.

"If we decide to do this, it's done. It's a done deal," he continued. "The town is interested in the property. I wouldn't

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# Lockwood: ‘we better take this opportunity’

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think they’re interested in the building, but they’re interested in that space.”

Lockwood added, “My thought and the committee’s thought is we better take this opportunity [of a] partnership with the town and see where it’s going to take us. This why we called the meeting tonight. We want everybody’s opinion.”

Former Worcester County Commissioner James Lee Purnell Jr. said he had been thinking about the matter for several days. He suggested going to Annapolis and meeting with state officials in an attempt to get the multipurpose building added to the historic registry. He cited the former Germantown School as an example of how that could be done and said historical status could open the door to more funding for renovations.

“We don’t want this property to get away from us ... a lot of sweat and tears went into it,” he said.

Another woman contended if everyone really tried, they could keep the building and find a way to restore it. She said the old Flower Street School was certainly historic, adding, “You don’t know what you’re going to get until you ask.”

She said people actually turned down money for renovations some years ago, and that the money probably was still available.

“I just think that you don’t need to give it to the town, because once you do, it’s not going to be your property anymore,” she said.

Lockwood countered that community organizations had been aware of the state of the building for years, but hadn’t bothered to open their checkbooks.

“It’s not like the building is hidden,” he said. “We can all talk a good game ... who’s willing to go to Annapolis? I know Mr. [James] Purnell is, but he can’t go by himself.”

The Rev. Dr. Helen Lockwood said the multipurpose building is not like the former Germantown School, which was aided because of its ties to the Rosenwald Foundation.

She went on to say the community had evolved into an interfaith, multicultural community, but admitted change is sometimes difficult — including in this instance.

“The community that we had when that property was purchased is not the community that we live in now,” she said. “I think it would be in the best interest for all of us that we come into an agreement with the town of Berlin. However, we hold strategic places on the board. We want to be able to have a voice, to be able to speak about how this new building is going to be built, and we need to have a particular percentage of control over it.

“The African-Americans back then worked very hard to accomplish that goal and we want to be able to say we have a voice,” she added.

She said mold has consumed the property and “the African-American family, as I know it, does not have that

money to build a new building or restore it to where we would like to see it.”

“We don’t want a black town and a white town — that mess is gone. That’s

“We’re talking about a community project now. We’re talking about something bigger than any of us could ever imagine. No, none of us want to let the



**Berlin Community Improvement Association Chairman D.J. Lockwood last Monday offers some background on the history of the multipurpose building on Flower Street. Lockwood organized the meeting, held at Stephen Decatur Middle School.**

over with,” she said. “We want a community of people that can come together to use a building ... [that] for all we know might produce jobs down the road [and be] a safe place where we can all come together and say that this is our community center.

“There’s too much going on in the world now to keep dealing with this separatism,” she continued. “I just want to put that thought out and hopefully the people will hear what we need to do.”

Lockwood recalled going to the multipurpose building when her son, D.J., was about a year old.

“I know I was out there on my hands and knees laying tile floor,” she said. “I did these things and ever since then it has only been a small amount of people that have tried to keep that building decent. They have put their own time in, their own money ... so that it could be rented to make a little bit of money.

“The fact of the matter is, is that all of the people that are gathered here tonight, they cannot be counted within that group of people that have done those things.



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old go ... but the only way that we can have a legacy that will continue to so that our children and their children and the community can continuously come together, is that now we’ve got to shift — and shift is hard.”

Diana Purnell, president of the Worcester County Commissioners,

agreed the Germantown situation was different. For one, she said, there was a certain amount of clout at the state capital that no longer existed.

“We can’t even get funding for the school system,” she said. State funding for Worcester’s public schools is the lowest in the state. “Money ain’t tight,” she said, “money is not moving, period.”

She said research for grants can cost thousands of dollars, while engineering studies can cost even more.

“I would like to know ... where are we going to come up with money to get an engineer?” she asked. “An engineer is going to walk out of your pocket with anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000, just to get in the door. They don’t do it for nothing anymore.

“I know that this building is historical for a lot of people,” Purnell continued. “But it can be so historical they you’ll end up with a pile of dirt it stood upon.”

Gabe Purnell, a former BCIA chairman, said he’d “been in the middle of this battle” for years.

“That building, if it wasn’t for the town ... we wouldn’t even be looking at it,” he said. “It probably would’ve been pushed down.”

He said town officials a decade or two ago worked with the committee to help with upkeep.

“Every time we pretty much had an issue that was major, they would come

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# Community considering options

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and they would be at our rescue,” Purnell said. He added that the BCIA has functioned with a board of only a few people that past dozen years.

“And they wasn’t even meeting! So what in the devil are we in here hollering about saving some things that we don’t even care about?” he asked. “I don’t see it. I really don’t see it. You cannot convince me that you’re going to have bodies that are going to jump up and raise money.”

Purnell also sits on the Germantown School Community Heritage Center and said it’s not easy keeping that going.

“To maintain that building ... we raised money. We worked hard. Man, I almost died raising money,” he said. “It almost killed me.

“When you look around, you have a very few people that will be committed. Commitment is hard to find these days,” Purnell continued. “It hurts me to see this building go into the hands of the town, but for the betterment of the community I feel that’s the best thing that could happen, because it takes it out of our hands that we’ve got to struggle.”

He said the town had access to grant funding community members did not, and could leverage that to build something the entire community could be proud of.

“Guess what? We didn’t pay but \$700 for it,” Purnell said. “It was a gift. So why

do we get all upset about something that came easy?”

Emma Briddell agreed and said the building was only designed to last about 10 years and was more or less given to the community, but people had been unwilling to even pay a \$10 membership fee to maintain it.



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**Worcester County Commissioners President Diana Purnell last Monday said the multipurpose building on Flower Street, part of a former schoolhouse, was not in the same league as the former Germantown School in terms of historical significance. She was doubtful state grants would be available to help restore the building.**

one black person that went and never missed one. That was Sonny Derrickson — and he’s dead.”

Berlin Town Councilman Dean Burrell said he had written two Community Development Block Grant applications to pay for renovations, but had twice been rejected. He said money was given for a building that would have gone in front of the Head Start classrooms — but the town at the time couldn’t get BCIA approval.

“So, your end is of our own creation,” Burrell said. “The town is not looking for your stuff. The town has aspirations of building a community center on the east side of Berlin and ... the town has property to build this facility across from Henry Park.

“Some folks think it would be splendid there. Other folks think, wouldn’t this be an opportunity to do something with the BCIA property and something for the town,” he continued. “Your decision is your decision, but rest assured the town is going to be building a community center.”

Councilman Elroy Brittingham, who also chairs the local Head Start program, said money is available for an engineering study for the new community center. Town officials just needed to know where to put it.

“The mayor has said, why have two buildings in the same area compete with each other?” Brittingham said, adding he didn’t know how the multipurpose building, in its current state, could compete with anything.

Burrell added that Shore Up, which oversees Head Start, is paying for nearly all of the multipurpose utility bills, because no one else could afford to do so.

“But those expenditures are a drain on that Head Start budget,” he said.

Gabe Purnell said Mayor Gee Williams had been an ally of the East Berlin community and is key to making the promised new center a reality.

“We’ve had mayors before him and you ain’t seen nothing happen on the east side,” he said. “This mayor, as far as I’m concerned, has proven himself to be a friend of the east side — and all the other sides. This is one town that has set

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“The folks that were interested at that time were like me — 85, 90 years old,” she said. “Annabelle and I used to go out there and have dances for the kids, but wouldn’t charge them but \$2 or \$3.

“We’ve been in there trying to sell dinners [now] — you can’t cook nothing in there now. The building’s not even decent,” Briddell continued. “If the town can put a nice community center out there, we need something for our kids ... instead of walking on the streets, standing on the corner.”

She also ridiculed some who suddenly seemed so passionate about having a voice in town affairs.

“They have meetings in the town and how many of us go?” Briddell said. “I remember in my younger years we had



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# Multipurpose has meaning, but is not necessarily historic

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itself apart. Yes, we still have the issues that we had in the past, but the leadership has set a standard.”

Purnell pointed to the sidewalks on Flower Street and the special attention paid to Henry Park as positive examples.

“I plead with you. I know this community. I know where our shortcomings are,” he said. “We will miss an opportunity ... because when this mayor is gone, who knows what’s going to come behind him. And we don’t need to be risking being left behind, because that’s what’s going to happen — we are going to be left behind.”

Both Gabe and Diana Purnell said they are frustrated and nearing end of their periods of public service.

“I’m about like Gabe — I’m done,” Diana Purnell said. “If I’m going out of town ... I need to make sure somebody is in town that go there and push that button. That’s what I’m talking about — it’s commitment. Commitment, commitment, commitment.”

She thanked Williams, Burrell and Brittingham their efforts, and again encouraged the community to trust leadership and make the most of this opportunity.

Purnell said the community needs to have a place for seniors, and a place where children could come to learn and to enjoy recreational activities.

“Right now, we have an opportunity before that can work for us,” she said, adding if the new center were to be built elsewhere, community members may not have a voice.

“This way, we can have some say,” Purnell said. “Berlin is going to grow, whether you like it or not.”

One woman asked that a roundtable discussion be a part of the program the next time such a community meeting takes place, “so we all have [an] equal voice.”

“Let’s include the young people,” she said. “Let’s sit down as ... God’s children and get this thing together. We cannot dwell on the past. Let tonight be the beginning of a new future.”

Burrell thanked Lockwood for organizing the meeting.

“I want to thank you for your leadership in dealing with this very sensitive topic,” he said. “You have, I feel, done a splendid job. You have stated the problem. You have shared different aspects of what could happen, you provided the background information, and respected the rights of everybody in this room by giving them an opportunity to say whatever was on their mind. I thank you for your leadership.”

The several dozen people in the room applauded.

Lockwood said the next BCIA meeting would just be for the board to consider its next steps, but asked everyone to leave their phone numbers or email addresses.

“We’ll make sure you know everything that’s happening, step by step,” he said.

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# First impressions on Berlin's parking study

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team had witnessed. Laverty was in town on Nov. 15 and 16, and two of his associates collected more data last Friday and Saturday.

Williams said while parking during events was expected to be a problem, "It's one thing to know of it, but it's another to actually see what's happening, and it makes quite an impression."

From where he was standing, on the balcony of the Atlantic Hotel to oversee the tree lighting and to flip the switch on the downtown lights, Williams said the Friday night crowd appeared to be the largest yet.

"My general impression was it was the largest crowd we had so far, and I was pleased, because it was obviously the coldest tree lighting that I can remember," Williams said. "The turnout exceeded my expectations."

According to Williams, Laverty's biggest takeaway away was that parking for downtown workers "is a bigger part of our problem than he had anticipated."

"His first major impression is that we don't have enough parking for employees," Williams said. "If we had

more parking for employees, than we'd have a lot more parking for everyone else. And, of course, with more businesses in downtown Berlin than there's ever been, there's natu-

ally more employees." "That's something we never used to have to think about, but that's an-

cess for public safety vehicles and equipment in the neighborhoods that surround Main Street.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Representatives from Sabra and Associates on Monday provided an update to an ongoing Town of Berlin parking study to Mayor Gee Williams.

Also discussed was improving ac-

cess for public safety vehicles and equipment in the neighborhoods that surround Main Street. Williams said.

Sabra is expected to deliver a technical report in January with some initial findings. Additional work on phase one of the study will be done next summer, Williams said.

"That way they have a complete picture," he said. "As a coastal community, it's very obvious we have a significant impact from the tourism that's created from the summer and the shoulder months."

With attendance for the tree lighting so great, there's evidence that parking problems in downtown Berlin are only getting tougher to address.

"It's certainly one of the issues we want to address and see what can be done in the short term – and what must be done in the longer view," Williams said. "Once this phase one is done, in the summer, I've asked them [to include] what recommendations and what follow-up [is necessary], so that we can budget a phase two of the study."

"Obviously, I think it would be wise to know what that cost would be, so that we can budget it this spring for implementation in the next fiscal year, so we don't lose the momentum and we continue to move along in this project," he added.

As for what can be done, Williams said he's keeping an open mind.

"Obviously, like everybody else I do have a few viewpoints based on experience," he said. "I would say, in general, that it's a seasonal situation that peaks from midsummer to early fall, and then has a sort of second wave during the period from Thanksgiving through New Year's."

January, February and March are generally slower periods, while April and May are transition months, Williams said.

"The idea is [figuring out] what do we need to do," he said. "Public safety is obviously number one, but there's also convenience. We want to be a community where people can come regardless of age, and be very mobile for children and parents, grownup children like myself, and then for older folks."

"I think looking at this is worth our time in our community's development, and thank goodness we can make preparations," Williams continued. "It's very important that ... whatever we do with traffic and mobility compliments our historic community, but does not diminish it."

"We're not planning or anticipating trying to exponentially increase our demand for parking in this town, but I think we now have enough experience to know that we need to have strategies and some practical plans in place so that, as the town does continue to develop in terms of its tourism, we won't be sitting there wondering what we should do. We should be preparing for the future – not reacting to it," Williams said.



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# Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday:

## Traffic concerns

Councilman Elroy Brittingham said he is still concerned about traffic patterns coming out of the new Ocean's East apartment complex and onto Seahawk Road, near Stephen Decatur High School. He and Councilman Dean Burrell brought up the subject during a Town Council meeting last month.

On Monday, Brittingham said a traffic island in that area was painted onto the road surface and appeared unsafe. He asked Planning Director Dave Engelhart to contact state highway officials, adding, "I don't know if I'm beating on a dead horse or what."

Engelhart said he would contact state highway and the council gave Mayor Gee Williams consent to write a letter, if needed.

"I'm no engineer, but [installing] curbing would make it so much safer," Brittingham said.

"Pass on our concern," Williams said. "It's a major need for safety. It's not about convenience. I think the traffic flow makes sense but, let's face it, in today's world I'm not sure people even notice [painted lines]."

## Holiday wrapping

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the town's tree lighting and holiday open house last Friday drew record crowds, attendees enjoyed themselves and

weekend" for all involved.

"Obviously, it was a lot of activity getting ready for the Thanksgiving holiday, but I agree with Ivy. From the viewpoint I had, it certainly seemed like the largest crowd," he said.

Williams said event emcee Tom



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New traffic patterns on Seahawk Road near Stephen Decatur High School, including a painted on traffic "island," could pose safety risks, according to Berlin Town Councilman Elroy Brittingham.

downtown businesses did well.

Wells thanked town electric and public works department employees for their help.

"Officially, we attribute all of that to magic," Williams said with a laugh.

He agreed it was "a very positive

Sholtis also thought the tree-lighting audience was the biggest ever.

"[He's] seen a lot more crowds than I have," he said. "If Tom said it was the biggest, I think it was.

"I think the cold weather didn't deter people from coming out, but I do

think it probably encouraged people to go home as early as they could," Williams added.

## Upcoming events

Police Chief Arnold Downing said his department is preparing to help during Christmas parades in Pocomoke and Snow Hill, and that local law enforcement agencies would help during the Berlin Christmas parade, Thursday, Dec. 6.


Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood encouraged parade volunteers to come to Town Hall on William Street at 4:30 p.m. of Dec. 6 for a free pizza dinner.

"Please show up. They'll be plenty of food and plenty of beverages," he said.

Fleetwood said a holiday luncheon for town staff was scheduled for noon on Friday, Dec. 14, and a retirement ceremony for Electric Utilities Meter Technician Barry Daniels was set for Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. Daniels worked for the town for more than 30 years.

His replacement has been hired, Fleetwood said. "Barry looks like a banty hen running around the town now. He's tickled to death with his replacement, so that's a good sign."

Fleetwood later clarified a "banty hen" is a colloquialism (for bantam hen) his grandfather used to mean someone who is exceptionally proud.



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# Town continues green initiatives

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) The Town of Berlin continued its progressive approach to governing last week by sending representatives from its planning, economic development and water resources departments to the first Maryland Climate Change Leadership Academy.

Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, the conference was billed as “the nation’s first state-sponsored Climate Change Academy to help local governments, critical infrastructure organizations and state agencies effectively plan for and implement climate change initiatives.”

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart, Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, Town Administrator Laura Allen and Water Resources Plant Operator Megan Pfaller attended the academy at Chesapeake College’s Cambridge Center. Wells said the Berlin had the largest municipal representation in the state.

Engelhart said the academy offered “lots of things for all of us to keep our eye on and possibly worry about in the future.”

The topic of stormwater piqued his interest, he said.

“They even took us around to all the stormwater improvements they’ve been making on campus, with the ... river there that runs along the side,” he said.

Engelhart said it also was impressed upon him to look more into “green” buildings in the town. He mentioned the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council, and said certified buildings produce lower emissions and have the least possible energy use.

“The biggest carbon deposits are made by energy and transportation. That was one thing they kept stressing. If we can make those things better in our area ... then maybe we have an impact,” Engelhart said.

“We hear the word(s) ‘carbon footprint’ all the time, but ... the one thing they talked about that to me was amazing was the amount of metric tons of carbon that get put into the atmosphere,” he continued, adding the annual impact is equivalent to “a railroad train full of coal cars going around the earth 56 times in a year.”

“That puts it in perspective,” Engelhart said.

Wells discussed the façade grant program she oversees for small businesses in Berlin.

“I’m looking into, in the future, offering a green infrastructure grant for people who want to redo their rooms – I’m in love with green rooms,” she said. “I know it may not be feasible, but where there’s a will there’s a way.”

“Especially in the historic district, everything was made the way it used to be, and now we need to start thinking about how we’re going to build and rebuild the green way,” Wells added.

Engelhart said the academy resumes in January.

“It’s a big program. We’ll have three more conferences we’ll need to go to and a lot of testing to pass to get the first-ever certifications in, they say, the United States,” he said. “I think it’s going to be a lot of work, but I think it’s going to be beneficial to the town and, moving forward, maybe with some changes to our code to ensure we’re doing all we can ... to be greener and sustainable.”

“Any maybe we can continue to be a model for some other people like we have [been] in all the other areas,” Engelhart added.

Mayor Gee Williams praised town staff for doing its part.

“Climate change, itself, cannot be changed overnight,” he said. “I think the emphasis here is in being better prepared [and] ... rather than just stand by and wring our hands, that we know where we are likely to be impacted and how much can be prepare for, and then how quickly can we recover.”

## ‘Be a Santa to a Senior’ Program brightening lives

(Nov. 29, 2018) Ocean Pines joins in on a nationwide effort to spread holiday cheer to seniors who may not otherwise receive gifts and companionship during the holiday season.

“With the help of more than 60,000 volunteers, the “Be a Santa to a Senior” program has provided millions of gifts to 700,000 seniors across the nation and Canada since 2003,” said Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director for the Ocean Pines Association. “Ocean Pines is teaming up with the largest senior care franchise in the world to host the expansive program in Worcester County.”

Home Instead Senior Care, the business that spearheads this program each year, collaborates with MAC Area on Aging, Shore Up’s Shady Pines Adult Medical Day Services, Worcester County Health Department, Worcester County Social Services and the Commission on Aging to identify seniors who are in need during the holiday season.

“It’s easy to help an area senior,” Sawyer said. “Visit the Ocean Pines Community Center where Christmas trees will display paper ornaments containing a gift request from Nov. 7-Dec. 12.”

After purchasing the requested gift and wrapping it, participants are asked to bring the gift back to the Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, along with the ornament tag.

Community volunteers and program partners will then deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays.

Any questions about this program, call the Home Instead Senior Care office at 410-641-0901 or the Ocean Pines Community Center at 410-641-7052.





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Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart cited stormwater as one area of concern addressed during a recent environmental conference in Cambridge. The town sent a large contingency to the meeting, billed as the first of its kind in the United States.

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# SDMS experiences virtual reality with grant

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2018) Imagine yourself on a roller coaster. The speed picks up as the car races along the tracks surrounded by lush vegetation.

But, this is not a traditional roller coaster. Looking around 360 degrees, it's in another time. The car's pace continues to quicken, and soon you're greeted by several species of prehistoric beings: dinosaurs.

Coming out of the roller coaster setting, reality snaps back to a classroom at Stephen Decatur Middle School in Berlin. That was no ordinary journey, but a glimpse into the virtual world its students will soon experience in some of their lessons.

Stephen Decatur Middle School recently received a \$5,000 grant for 20 virtual reality goggles to be used in the classroom. The school was presented the education grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, based

in Salisbury.

Lynne Barton, principal of Stephen Decatur Middle School, said finding new ways to entice students in a digital age is crucial.

"Our kids are so tech savvy, and so you've gotta constantly be trying to think ahead of them to keep them engaged and interested," Barton said.

Anne Cook, a seventh grade social studies teacher, said she thought this initiative would be a great opportunity to "get kids in the moment."

As a social studies teacher, she added the device could help transport her kids back to World War I to learn more about alliances, trench warfare and the lasting mental health effects on soldiers.

"[Our kids] will appreciate it," she said.

Barton said having these technological advancements in the classroom could help transform learning approaches in ways they never thought possible.

"I think we just were looking for one

more tool to put in our toolbox to engage kids in learning," Barton said.

This new tool will help make learning fun for students, and "they're not gonna want to leave," Cook added.

Nicole Crosariol, a technical instructor at the middle school, said they hope to have the devices live after Thanksgiving break.

Teachers are currently in the testing phase as they get acquainted with the device's capabilities. Crosariol said the device has numerous programs that can be tailored to virtually any aspect of the curriculum.

Cook said she hopes this will be a "holistic experience" for the learning process.

"There's so many options. It's not like it's something we have to stretch to make it work for us," Crosariol said.

Other examples include virtually traveling to Anne Frank's annex in Amsterdam, journeying to Sudan for Gabrielle Martin's seventh grade ELA

class reading of "A Long Walk to Water," or venturing inside the human body to better understand how cells work.

These virtual reality goggles can also help students grasp concepts in a more visual way.


"I know like particularly for me, when I was in middle school, some things were harder to understand," Crosariol said. "If I could be thrown back into the 1800s and kind of see what it's like, it'll be more real for me, I guess."

However, students are not the only ones benefiting from these virtual reality devices – the experience is twofold. "The teachers [are] excited about it," Barton said, which further benefits the learning process.

Crosariol said she hopes this new tool will help students find passion in learning.

"It just gives them options, so that kids have hope and they have a purpose for what they're doing," she said.

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# VR program offers students glimpse into new worlds

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Crosariol stressed how these virtual reality goggles could have more of an impact on students than just what they're learning in the classroom.

They may only be in middle school, but she said there are programs that allow people to test-drive career opportunities in a variety of industries. The goggles have programs designed for fields including CPR training, surgery, real estate and architecture.

"Purpose is found through passion, so having kids experiment [with] all these things that I'm finding on here – it's nice to be able to see things that they may not have thought of before, and any kind of thing that they might be interested in learning, that might kind of drive their passion for their career or however they take their life into high school and beyond," Crosariol said.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur Middle School seventh grade students from left, Olivia Mazza, Kyla Rayne and Talan Davis, put on virtual reality goggles last Friday as part of a \$5,000 grant provided to the school by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. .

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# Public can weigh in during school board budget meeting

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2018) Those wishing to have a say in the fiscal year 2020 Worcester County Board of Education budget are encouraged to attend a public budget input meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Central Office in Newark.

“The public budget input meeting is an opportunity for the public to give the board of education and school system administration feedback on what they think should or should not be included in the following year’s budget,” Carrie Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special programs, said.

During the meeting, Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert will give an overview of the fiscal 2020 budget, while Sterrs will provide a presentation regarding the results of annual parents’ survey, which closed Nov. 20.

“The survey is intended to solicit input on the quality of our educational programs and support services, parent/guardian input on the school improvement process, and

parent/guardian input on their budget priorities for the FY 2020 budget,” Sterrs said. “All parents/guardians in the school system [were] invited to participate.”

All 14 schools in Worcester County will have a representative from the school improvement advisory committee, comprised of teachers, support staff, school administration, parents/guardians and community members, on hand to present their school’s budget priorities for the following year.

Some students can also be considered members of the SIAC.

The meeting is open to the public similar to regular board of education meetings.

“The Worcester County Board of Education values input from all stakeholders when prioritizing what items, it plans to include in its operating budget,” Sterrs said. “This annual meeting is another opportunity for the public to be included in the school system budget planning process.”

The next regular board of education meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 18.

# Preconstruction has begun on new Showell Elementary

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2018) Bill Moschler of Oak Contracting, LLC presented an update on construction activities for the new \$47 million Showell Elementary School at the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education meeting, last Tuesday.

“Work has been completed in the last 30 days,” Moschler said. “The perimeter construction fence has been installed. Jersey wall barriers have been installed to separate the portals from the immediate work area. Tree removal is complete and stump and root mat removal is complete as well.”

Current work includes sediment erosion control measures. Construction is anticipated to start within the next 30 days.

Plans to replace the aging and outgrown Showell Elementary date back

to 2014. The Worcester County Commissioners approved funding for the preconstruction and bidding process in January.

The current 5,200 square-foot facilities will be replaced with a state-of-the-art 9,600 square-foot building, eliminating the need for the nine portable classrooms currently in use and allowing an additional grade to return to the school.

At present, the 40-year-old school enrolls 536 students from kindergarten through third grade. Fourth graders were moved out of the building because there was not enough space. With the additional 4,400 square feet, around 280-290 fourth grade students will return to the building upon reopening.

The project officially broke ground on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The new school is expected to be completed by the beginning of fall 2020 school year.



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# Gilbert's Provisions reopens on Main Street

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) Gilbert's Provisions, Berlin's home for charcuterie, cheese and fermented goods, re-opened last week on Main Street after moving from its original location a few blocks away on Commerce Street.

The shop was closed for nearly two months as owner Toby Gilbert and a few friends worked to remodel the former Main Street Sweets interior.

"I did all the wood paneling and I did the counter, and I had buddies come in like Mark Brady [of Plak That Printing Co.] and Justin Weismiller of Generations in West O that helped me do the bones for all this," he said. "I had friends help out with a lot of stuff. It's kind of crazy how our little neighborhood, when you're in need, come through."

Gilbert said it felt great to be open again.

"It's relieving," he said. "It doesn't necessarily feel like beginning again, but it's like a really good feeling – a

different beginning.

"Looking out on Main Street feels more optimistic, just because I can see people, as opposed to last time, where I was in my own little world back there," he continued. "It feels great and I'm stoked how it turned out. The floor is smaller, but my kitchen is bigger, so that makes me happy."

Gilbert said he considers the business to be an upscale convenience store.

"It's everything you need for a good party platter, and then anything for pickle lovers," he said, adding his plan for the new location was to refine everything he had been doing.

That includes making more homemade bread, pâté and fermented vegetables, serving up daily taco and soup specials, and hosting the occasional private dinner. He also plans to offer two or three types of premade sandwiches as a grab-and-go option.

"Now, in opening this and having the other one for so long, I can see what mistakes I made with organ-

izing or layout," Gilbert said. "And we'll definitely do a little bit more with lunches in the new space."

"The end goal, really, is to build a little kitchen somewhere on the outskirts of town, so I can do wholesale and sell to restaurants," he continued. "[For now], I just want to make

this space what I thought the other space was going to be, and just be a good little cheese shop."

Visit Gilbert's Provisions at its new home on 16 North Main Street. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/gilbertsprovisions](http://www.facebook.com/gilbertsprovisions) or call 410-973-2334.



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Top, Gilbert's Provisions owner Toby Gilbert enjoys the Main Street view of his new location in downtown Berlin. Center, Gilbert said he hopes to improve upon everything he did at the shop's old location on Commerce Street, while also to "just be a good little cheese shop." Bottom, With more kitchen space, Gilbert plans to make more items in house including bread and pâté, as well all manner of fermented veggies.

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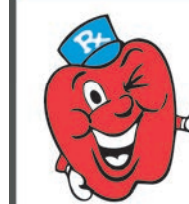
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# Opinion

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## Children would benefit from community center

The Berlin Community Improvement Association has two choices: it can improve the community, or it can talk about improving the community.

That assessment is about as blunt as County Commissioner Diana Purnell was last week at a community meeting on the future of the failing multipurpose building.

At issue was whether the BCIA should accept the Town of Berlin's offer to assume ownership and renovate or replace the structure.

Referencing comments that relinquishing control of the building could cost it the historical value it has as a part of the old Flower Street School, Purnell said, "It can be so historical ... you'll end up with a pile of dirt it stood upon."

In some ways, its value is more sentimental than historical, but it remains that this sentiment has never translated into the money the BCIA has needed to maintain it.

Its kitchen is nonfunctional, the building is being consumed by mold, and its structural integrity is questionable after exceeding its planned lifespan by decades.

And, as the Rev. Dr. Helen Lockwood told the audience, the private financing necessary to create the community centerpiece everyone wants does not exist.

Although some of the facility's advocates fear the loss of their personal connection to it if local government takes over, that relationship will be based on nothing but a memory if something isn't done soon.

Besides, a revamped or new community center that functions as social and educational hub, which is what the town has promised, will do something for the younger generations that do not share their parents' and grandparents' recollections.

Some members and friends of the BCIA might want to preserve the past, but this is no longer about them. It's more about the youth who will benefit from a fully functional facility, and that's why accepting the town's offer is the right thing to do.

This humble, historic Multi-Purpose building could be the site of the Berlin Community Center



"If we miss this opportunity, we are going to be left behind." Gabe Purnell

## Letters

### Snow Hill's political dilemma

Editor,

I call attention to the state of affairs of Snow Hill's political dilemma and the consequences. The former mayor (Charlie Dorman) resigned amid controversy with the Town Council, and the council appointed the former mayor (Steve Matthews) to serve out his term.

This void of political leadership creates an opportunity for new leadership and new ideas for Snow Hill's growth. Or by default, the town will inherit the leadership that currently exists, this notwithstanding promises that have been made by the mayor. The choices are for the townspeople to come together, as they have done in the past, and put forth their ideas and support candidates (in the upcoming May 2019 election) that will be accountable to the voters.

Snow Hill suffered a tremendous loss when the town's leadership failed to permit Mark Odachowski, the builder, to build the "Summerfield Development" here! This was done after the citizens participated in the planning of the development,

which included: mixed affordable housing, new businesses and jobs.

After the planning was completed, the townspeople voted to annex land into the township to accommodate development. The loss to business and the community at large cannot be measured based upon what was being offered to the town by the developer.

Even after the administration killed the project, the developer came back to Mayor and Council with a scaled down version. Council failed to give him the required "Equivalent Dwelling Units" (EDU's) that he needed in order to build, shame!

Adding insult to injury, the Town Council had the opportunity to support a "Transitional Housing" project that would have supported individual families in becoming home owners. The council after promising to give favorable consideration to the project, in a "Work Session," rejected the offer to build the homes using federal monies.

Support for business and adequate housing are the essential lifelines for the growth and development of Snow Hill. The failure of Mayor and

Council to provide decisive leadership to accomplish these tasks is unacceptable. The responsibility to choose leadership that is accountable and visionary, that will provide a pathway for the generations to come, will be decided in the May 2019 election!

I am convinced that the talent and skills to lead exist here in Snow Hill. The concern for how long you have lived here is irrelevant; the question is what can you bring to the table to help improve the quality of life?

All citizens must take responsibility and attend council work sessions and Town Hall meetings; particularly during this critical period! For meeting dates and times, call Town Hall: 410-632-2080.

Snow Hill has not held its elected officials accountable over the past, which is the reason it is experiencing the current economic growth and housing difficulties. By organizing and becoming engaged now, as a total community with one voice, we can make a difference in May 2019 election!

Edward S. Lee  
Snow Hill

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# Berlin Artists Studio Tour returns, Saturday

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(Nov. 29, 2018) Ten art studios will welcome the public during the 3rd Annual Berlin Artists Studio Tour from 1-6 p.m. Saturday.

Sponsored by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, the event will feature artists in the arts and entertainment district.

“They don’t necessarily have a storefront and they’re (the artists) not open to the public daily, so this is their chance to invite the public in and let everybody see what they do and where they do it,” Committee Chairwoman Heather Layton said. “It’s a great meet-and-greet opportunity.”

The studio tour last year was well attended, Layton said.

“I hope it just continues to grow,” she said. “A lot of the artists offered everything from cards to large-scale original oil paintings – and everything in between.”

“Many of the artists offered prints. Some of them had books with their paintings in them for sale, and some of them even ornaments,” she added.

Layton said several new artists will participate this year.

Brochures for the event are available at the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street, and each artist will keep additional brochures inside

their studios.  
Hours are 1-6 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

For more information on the 3rd Annual Berlin Artists Studio Tour, visit [www.facebook.com/events/2129237094063833](http://www.facebook.com/events/2129237094063833) or [www.artsin-berlin.org](http://www.artsin-berlin.org).

Participating artists are:  
**Tim Thompson, 200 Washington Street**

Thompson is a mixed media artist, who combines color, texture, found objects and wit to capture the viewer’s imagination.

Parking is available on Washington and Jefferson Streets. The entrance is the front door of the home.

**Patrick Henry, Henry Fine Arts Gallery, 9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Suite 4**

Henry creates intimate and nostalgic oil paintings of the lower Eastern Shore.

A word from Patrick regarding his work: “When painting, I always reveal some tidbit about my life. My paintings are about the people I’ve met, places I’ve been, things I reflect upon, or fleeting moments that have left an impression on my personal world. No greater sense of fulfillment is possible than to have you sharing similar moods and emotions. Look upon my paintings as an appeal for you to pause

and assimilate for a moment that which more often we allow to pass on into time.”

Visit [www.henryfinearts.org](http://www.henryfinearts.org) or [www.facebook.com/henryfineart](http://www.facebook.com/henryfineart).

**Brian Robertson, Berlin Printery, 16 North Main Street, Unit 4**

Robertson is a graphic artist and printmaker. In 2016, he opened The Berlin Printery, a boutique letterpress and printmaking studio with limited edition prints, cards and posters. The studio is home to two vintage operational presses.

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**Caroline F. Downes, CFD Fine Jewelry, 16 N. Main Street, Unit 4**

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**Margaret Tossey, Karen Ardis, Matthew Amey and Lisa Tossey, Wooden Octopus, 8 Jefferson Street**

Growing up in Wales and on the southeastern coast of England gave Margaret Tossey a love of the sea at an early age. She brought that love for the coast with her to Maryland, where she’s called home for over 30 years. Tossey taught art in Wicomico County for 28 years, including 10 with the county’s Visual & Performing Arts program. Now retired, she spends her time beachcombing along the coast and creating works using her finds and reclaimed wood, and making representations of marine critters in tooled copper.

Karen Ardis draws her inspiration from the outdoors, using natural fibers, wood, moss and seashells to create pieces for the home. A longtime resident of the Eastern Shore, she appreciates the natural heritage of the region and draws on it to create one-of-a-kind thematic wreaths that highlight region’s fields, woods, and coast. She also creates whimsical holiday ornaments, decorations, and elegant hurricane candles that serve as a focal point of any celebration.

Matthew Amey has been an artist for more than 25 years, working with both analog and digital processes to create his works, including using 3-D sculpting and printing to create unique jewelry pieces with stunning detail. He

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## BOATING ECO-TRIP

Preparing to investigate the bay's ecosystem aboard the 40-foot lab boat are Worcester Prep eighth graders, from left, Logan Ginnavan, Hunter Hammond, Ian Lewis, Chris Todorov and Luke Bunting.



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## GONE FISHING

Mason Edelmann a fifth grader at Berlin Intermediate School is pictured holding a bluegill he caught while at Shad Landing for the school's outdoor educational science experience.



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## PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Stephen Decatur High School students Ryan Boyle, Maeve Donahue, Alex Bean, Allison Hunter and Jude Al-Hamad received the Presidential Service Gold Award during the annual Presidential Awards ceremony on Oct. 18. To receive this distinction, students must have completed at least 250 volunteer hours during a calendar year. Overall, 63 sophomores, juniors and seniors were honored for their nearly 12,000 hours of service. In 13 years, Decatur students have accumulated over 114,000 community service hours. Superintendent Louis Taylor, Decatur Class of 1978, served as the guest speaker.

## DONATIONS

In August, Worcester Prep seniors Chloe Ruddo, left, and Clare Demallie, along with teacher Linda Bragg, collected dozens of backpacks and school supplies from their soccer teammates, students and Quiet Storm to donate to those in need at Buckingham Elementary School and Berlin Intermediate School.

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**RECOGNIZED**  
Stephen Decatur High School junior Brianna Wesche was recently commended for her outstanding participation in the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists in Boston, Massachusetts. During her time at the Academy, Wesche attended conferences with Nobel Prize winners, observed live surgeries and networked with students from all over the country. In addition to her course work at SDHS, Wesche attends AWorcester Technical High School for the Biomedical Program. She is pictured with Principal Tom Sites.

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# Area artists will open up studios to public

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prefers painting in oils, although he also works with acrylics, glass, metal, photography and skin. He has been a professional tattoo artist since 1991 and recently earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Delaware.

Lisa Tossey is a photographer and digital media specialist who has worked with a variety of regional environmental organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Delaware State Parks, and Delaware Sea Grant. She has a masters degree in journalism from the University of Maryland and uses her photojournalism skills to capture the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the coastal region and further afield.

**Jordan James Pippin, Steel N Glory, 305 Washington Street**

Jordan Pippin loves working with metal of all type and enjoys mixing different mediums to create works that shows off the glory of steel. He creates art, furniture, signs, manufacturing, and any and all metal goods.

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**Deb Rolig, 200 Washington Street, at the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets.**

Rolig's work, which is primarily abstract, is colorful, playful and thought-provoking.

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**Garry Moore and Vinnie Tomaselli, Anchor Wood Creations 206 William Street, Unit C**

Moore and Tomaselli are masters at taking salvaged, reclaimed materials and crafting them into pieces for the home or business.

Heather Layton, of Gypsea Tide, will be at Anchor Wood Creations. Layton has a knack for taking the old and giving it new life, reusing metals, flatware and other found objects into art.

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**Stuart Gibbs, Richard Gibbs and Geoff Threadgill, 309 Bay Street, Unit B**

The Gibbs and Threadgill work with wood, doing woodturning as well as flat-wood pieces. Turning wood on a

lathe, they use domestic as well as more exotic woods to create work ranging from wooden ornaments to wooden bowls, and tea lights to bottle stoppers.

Parking will be available in the driveway or, if space is limited, along Branch Street. The studio is in the shed.

**Lynne Lockhart and Kirk**

**McBride, 18 Burley Street**  
Lockhart is nationally known for her paintings of wildlife and pets. McBride is known for his landscapes, seascapes and paintings of the disappearing fishing industry on the East Coast.

Both studios close at dark. Park on the street and come around back to the studios.



Art by Brian Roberts of the Berlin Printery (top left), Lynne Lockhart (top right), Deb Rolig (bottom left), and Matthew Amey of Wooden Octopus (bottom right) will feature during the 3rd Annual Berlin Artists Studio Tour, Saturday in Berlin.

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# Snapshots



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## PANTRY DONATION

During every Democratic Women's meeting cash and food donations are provided for a food pantry in Worcester County. October's donations of food and \$248 were provided to Sarah's Pantry. Sarah's Pantry helps between 72 and 102 families. Pictured, from left, are Sandy Miller, Harriet Batis, Vicky Wallace and Nancy Tuttle.



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## RUARK RECOGNIZED

Bruce Ruark of Kelark Real Estate in Fruitland, center, was recognized during a recent meeting of the Coastal Association of Realtors Board of Directors for earning Realtor Emeritus status. He is pictured with Coastal President-Elect Bernie Flax, and Coastal President Joel Maher. A Realtor is eligible for Emeritus status after holding membership in the National Association of Realtors and in Coastal for a cumulative period of 40 years. Emeritus members must also complete at least one year of volunteer service for an NAR committee. However, through 2019, the one-year service requirement may also be met through service at a local or state association.



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## GUEST SPEAKERS

Community For Life for "Keeping Adults Living Independently in Their Homes" is part of the Worcester County Commission on Aging and Ocean Pines is the focus of its new program. Pictured, from left, during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City's Oct. 17 meeting, are Worcester County Commission on Aging Executive Director Robert Hart, Program Manager Rachel Zelkind, Kiwanis Club President Dick Claggett and Community Navigator Shea Wise.



## KIWANIS AWARDS

"Barbara Peletier was recognized as Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City Kiwanian of the Year during the organization's annual installation ceremonies at Lighthouse Sound on Sept. 26. She is pictured with President Ralph Chinn.

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## VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Stephen Decatur High School senior Michelle Hernandez was named the Worcester County Youth Volunteer of the Year during the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards Dinner in August. Hernandez was also recognized during the recent Stephen Decatur High School Presidential Service Awards ceremony. Hernandez is a member of the volunteer group, Connections, and the National Honor Society. She is pictured with County Commissioner Madison Jim Bunting.



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## HURRICANE RELIEF

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



# Sleigh rides offer holly, jolly fun for Pines community

(Nov. 29, 2018) Celebrate the charm of Christmas with a roundtrip sleigh ride to Ocean Pines for a look inside Kris Kringle’s cozy cabin in a magical winter wonderland at White Horse Park.

Children will soon get a chance to deliver handwritten letters and whisper holiday wishes to Santa Claus at his toy-lover’s dream home at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Santa’s House will be open for visits on Dec. 1, 8, 20, 21 and 22 from 6-8 p.m. There is no charge for this Santa experience.

Stop by the Ocean Pines Community Center to enjoy “Breakfast with Santa Claus & Friends” on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-11 a.m.

The cost is free for children ages 3 and under, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and \$7 for ages 11 and up.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new gift or nonperishable food items for local families in need. The breakfast will feature pancakes, sausage, pastries, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

The Reindeer Lane Gift Shop, also held on Dec. 1 from 8-11 a.m. at the Community Center, is a holiday “store” where children will be able to purchase gifts for family and friends.

Items for children and adults, all \$2 or less, will be available. Gift donations for the shop are now being accepted.

Families are invited to a special showing of the 2009 movie “A Christmas Carol,” an animated adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic Christmas story, on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the gym of the Community Center. Folks are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Drinks, popcorn and candy will be available for purchase at this free holiday movie night.

Kris Kringle is ditching the holiday-famed Santa suit for a pair of swim trunks and flip-flops at the annual “Swim with Santa” on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. The fee is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers.

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# Girl Scouts efforts again benefit local cancer care center

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Nov. 29, 2018) Local Girl Scouts from Troop 736 continued their charitable efforts last week, as they presented cancer care items to the staff at the new John H. “Jack” Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin.

In September, Troop 736 presented 100 cancer care kits to staff at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Center in Ocean Pines as part of their pursuit of the Bronze Award, the highest honor given to Junior Girl Scouts.

Last Wednesday, the girls brought additional care kits with ginger tea and ginger candies, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and tissues and other toiletries to the Berlin center. Also included were handmade “Hats for Hope” made from LuLaRoe leggings, and the Scouts put together a small coloring book station and made paper roses colored purple to denote cancer awareness.

“It’s just a nice little bouquet for them to look at and to remind them that nobody fights alone,” Troop Advisor Colleen Dillon-Rutzler said.

Each of the girls in Troop 736 have been affected in some way by cancer and Dillon-Rutzler, in a previous in-



Local Girl Scouts last week donate cancer care items to the new John H. “Jack” Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin.

terview, said she was an acute myeloid leukemia survivor and her sister succumbed to metastatic breast cancer after a 14-year battle.

The Scouts were assisted by community donations, with several local businesses agreeing to act as drop-off sites for items included in the care kits.

Dillon-Rutzler said the original plan was to donate items to both centers, but there was difficulty getting in touch with the Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin, which officially opened in July.

“Since they were so new here, we weren’t able to connect originally, back when we were trying to get ready for the Bronze Award,” she said. “But, we thought when we had some extra things that we would definitely go ahead and say, ‘welcome to

the neighborhood.’

“We thought we would come right around Thanksgiving time because, obviously, cancer doesn’t take a break,” she continued. “People are getting diagnosed every day and every hour, so we thought we would stop by and ... drop off some fun things for them.”

Dillon-Rutzler said the girls recently finished the Junior level and would be moving up as Cadets. The entire troop will remain intact.

“They will be Cadets for sixth, seventh and eighth grade – these girls are all sixth graders – so, over the next three years we hope to do more with the community service and more with both cancer centers. And, hopefully, some of these girls will look at doing their Silver Awards with one or both of the cancer centers.”

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# Cuisine

## Save all that stale bread for the birds

What is it about bread pudding that makes it such a fantastic dessert? I mean, is it anything more than left-



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

over, stale bread cleverly tossed in a custard in an effort to control cost? Or, was it a carefully plotted and crafted piece of art that has survived the centuries to find itself at the top of the dessert food chain?

Either way, bread pudding is freaking delicious. That is, of course, unless it has those ubiquitous dry spots that we will discuss in a second, which lends itself to a disappointing end-of-meal tragedy. With a simple trick that I learned in New York, I can help to ensure that you never make another dry bread pudding again.

At the end of our Thanksgiving dinner, I found myself with bags filled with toasted bread cubes and it took me about two seconds to decide that I needed to make some bread pudding. Having had my fill of stuffing over the week, the thought of making another batch was the furthest thing from my mind.

The trick to making the best, most buttery bread pudding starts with the bread. I use brioche as at least one of my breads, having that luscious flavor and mouthfeel from all of that butter. I cut the brioche with some white bread or any assorted breads that may be laying around, and here's the key.

Toast the bread instead of using stale bread; that is the trick. Use fresh bread and stay away from stale, day-old bread as your basis for this creation. I mean, if you are sitting on a mountain of stale bread, use it up in lieu of throwing it away, but otherwise plan to use fresh.

By toasting the bread, you are creating the dry cubes so necessary for the ending spongy texture of bread pudding. When bread is fresh, it does not absorb liquids as quickly (just think of making French toast and all of those slices that simply will not soak up the custard).

Adding a few particulates such as the dried cranberries and white chocolate chips (or coins, whichever you have) only adds to the blissful nature of this dessert.

As long as I have been cooking, it is a rare occurrence that you will hear me say anything to the tune of "Yes, I



made this and it's delicious." Many chefs are built that way. However, I am not ashamed to say that this was not only the best bread pudding that I have ever made, but also eaten. I am super proud of this, of course fully knowing that I did not invent the stuff. I just made a good batch, and that is all.

But, holy smokes, wait until you try this recipe out. When the dried cranberries hydrate as it bakes and the white chocolate melts, it is a cacophony of sweet flavors exploding on your taste buds all at once. After serving and then cooling any leftovers, this will hold in the icebox for quite a while. With a few minutes in the oven (wrapped in foil) or a minute in the nuke box, you can have a treat for a week, topping it with vanilla ice cream, or like we do at the restaurant, with a salted-caramel ice cream and some good Italian caramel drizzle.

There are so many ways that you can serve this, though, and you will be glad that you tried the little toasting trick. Starting with fresh bread is the only way I go now when it comes to baking bread pudding. Having grown up on the stale bread theory, it

was shocking when I learned the toast trick from a CIA baking instructor, but it was also strikingly simple. Sometimes, those are the best tips to ever get in the kitchen.

So as you go forward to make this, just remember that there are more ways than one to skin a cat (Smith, 1854), and there is certainly no exception here. But at the end of the day, you will have the best bread pudding you have ever eaten.

### White Chocolate-Cranberry Bread Pudding

serves about 10

- 1 loaf brioche, cubed and dry-toasted
- 4 Large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups Whole milk
- 1 cup Heavy cream
- 1/2 cup Buttermilk
- 1/4 cup Melted butter
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Vanilla paste or excellent vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. Ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups White chocolate chips or coins
- 1 cup Dried cranberries

1. Fill baking pan with toasted bread cubes
2. In a large bowl, whisk together all other ingredients except for the white chocolate chips and cranberries
3. Put the chips and cranberries on the toasted bread cubes and pour the custard over
4. Toss gently with your hands to ensure that all of the bread soaks up the custard thoroughly. This is a critical step in making bread pudding as you do not want to have any dry spots in the finished dish. Legend tells of more than one chef who has been fired from Commander's Palace for lesser crimes
5. Bake in a 350F oven for about 45 minutes or until it is firm yet spongy
6. Remove to a cooling rack and watch it deflate as it cools down
7. Serve warm with your choice of ice cream, whipped cream and a decadent caramel sauce of your choice or making

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# Puzzles

## SILENT FINALES

BY JOON PAHK / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

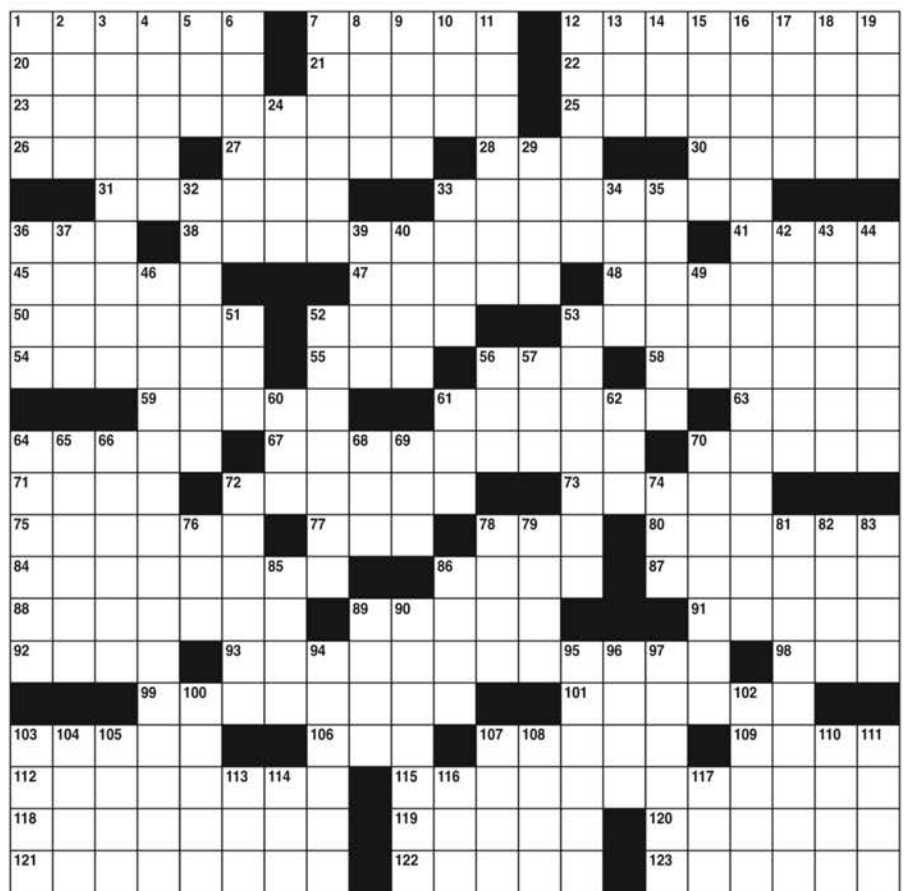
**ACROSS**  
1 Late Queen of Soul  
7 Places for bears or villains  
12 What a recipe may be written on  
20 Puts up  
21 Veep under Nixon  
22 Formal defense  
23 Photo caption for the winning team's M.V.P. being carried off the field?  
25 Get an F in physics?  
26 Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"  
27 Powerful swell  
28 In the style of  
30 First-generation Japanese-American  
31 Houdini feat  
33 Rey, to Luke, in "The Last Jedi"  
36 Place for a stud to go  
38 What you're effectively saying when you sign a waiver?  
41 Longtime athlete on the U.S. Davis Cup team  
45 Line through one's teeth?  
47 Torment  
48 Full of subtlety  
50 Capital of Albania  
52 Atlas or Titan, for short  
53 Street through the middle of town

54 Energy secretary Chu under Obama  
55 \_\_\_\_ neutrality  
56 Actress Long  
58 Extended diatribe  
59 Moon race?  
61 Router attachments  
63 It's just below 0: Abbr.  
64 Medieval poets  
67 Piece of writing that's half in verse?  
70 Some paid rides, informally  
71 First leg of an itinerary  
72 Avenging spirits in Greek myth  
73 Bad thing to hit with a hammer  
75 "Casey at the Bat" poet Ernest  
77 Wee bit  
78 "I'm f-f-freezing!"  
80 Coined money  
84 Aids for determining pregnancy, e.g.  
86 Pizazz  
87 Fellini's "La \_\_\_\_"  
88 Inducing forgetfulness  
89 Outlook alternative  
91 Dollar signs without the bars  
92 Word after who or how  
93 Dropping the baton in a relay race, e.g.?  
98 Bit of ink  
99 Optimum  
101 Senator Feinstein  
103 Blues legend Waters  
106 "\_\_\_\_ complicated"  
107 Area near the shore  
109 Publicans' servings  
112 Area near the shore

115 Warning not given on a golf course?  
118 Something on the rise today  
119 Actress Belafonte  
120 Start to inhabit  
121 Baja California city  
122 "The Zoo Story" playwright  
123 Movie trailer, e.g.

**DOWN**  
1 Name of what was once the world's second-largest saltwater lake  
2 Tabula \_\_\_\_  
3 "Hematite, magnetite — take your pick?"  
4 Line that ended with Nicholas II  
5 "\_\_\_\_ Grace" (title of address)  
6 "To quote myself ..."  
7 Los Angeles neighborhood next to Beverly Grove  
8 Wide-eyed  
9 Memo starter  
10 Half of a cartoon duo  
11 Make official?  
12 Super Bowl III M.V.P.  
13 Nail polish brand with the colors Teal the Cows Come Home and Berry Fairy Fun  
14 Talking-\_\_\_\_ (reprimands)  
15 Big female role on HBO's "Westworld"  
16 Two things you might find in Sherwood Forest?  
17 As long as one can remember

18 Work (up)  
19 "The Hallucinogenic Toreador" painter  
24 Apartment building V.I.P.  
29 Mentally sluggish  
32 Producer of "60 Minutes"  
33 Seniors' big night out  
34 European stratovolcano  
35 Astronauts' wear  
36 Young newts  
37 Came down  
39 Spike  
40 Human Rights Campaign initials.  
42 Minor altercation  
43 Soccer shot resulting from a corner kick, often  
44 Lawn tools  
46 Like Tara, several times in "Gone With the Wind"?  
49 Singer DiFranco  
51 Multi-time music collaborator with Bowie  
52 Some magazine perfume ads  
53 Conductor  
56 Country on the Arctic Circle: Abbr.  
57 "Yes for me"  
60 The Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.  
61 Brit. legislators  
62 [Shrug]  
64 Forcibly oppose  
65 Following close behind  
66 Some celebrity charity events  
68 Shirking work, maybe, for short



- 69 "The Hurt Locker" menace, briefly  
70 Scads of  
72 Club known for 66-Down  
74 Enterprise starter  
76 Barely make (out)  
78 Two-masted vessel  
79 Small stream  
81 Places for specific social classes to park?
- 82 "Any \_\_\_\_?"  
83 Heading in the right direction?  
85 Fastener with a flange  
86 Bête noire  
89 Small bother  
90 Pageant whose 1986 runner-up was Halle Berry  
94 Procedural spinoff starring LL Cool J
- 95 Antarctic penguin  
96 Person who's hard to take  
97 Most conservative movie script?  
100 Page of a tripartite treaty  
102 1994  
103 De bene \_\_\_\_ (legal phrase)  
104 In those days  
105 Tommy of tennis
- 107 Temporary cover  
108 Hopper  
110 Writer \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner  
111 Tiresias, in "Oedipus Rex"  
113 Some gametes  
114 Join  
116 Capitals' org.  
117 Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"

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

2	6				1		4
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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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



# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Nov. 29

### STORY TIME ‘TURTLE TIME!’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. The library mascot, Luke the ter-rain, will be there. For ages 2 to 5. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME ‘LIBRARIES’

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

### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

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

### FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM. Join this lively chat about favorite reads and get some ideas for new authors and genres. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY NIGHT ‘CUPCAKE WARS’

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Design and decorate your own cupcakes. Cupcakes, frosting and decora-tions provided. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Tickets include a seated dinner and a glass of wine. Enjoy an evening of fashion, shop-ping, raffles and holiday fun. Tickets cost \$40 in advance or \$45 a the door. 410-208-1600, <http://www.mostblessedsacra-mentschool.com>

### ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

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

### BEACH SINGLES

*Thursdays* - Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Har-poon Road, Fenwick Island, DE 19944, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

## Fri., Nov. 30

### FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Bring your lap work and join this informal group. Knitters, cro-cheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknit-

[ting@gmail.com](mailto:ting@gmail.com), 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### AGH’S AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

AGH Thrift Shop, 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There will be sales on jewelry, Christmas and holiday decorations, Longaberger baskets, Corning-ware, toys, American Girl dolls, Barbie dolls and games.

### HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Discuss books choose by the club. Discussion questions will be shared after the meeting. For children at a middle-grades reading level. Karen Earp, 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## Sat., Dec. 1

### CHEER AND DANCE EXTREME

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Info: Ann, [ann@cheeranddance-extreme.com](mailto:ann@cheeranddance-extreme.com), <http://www.cheeranddance-extreme.com>

### INDOOR YARD SALE

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Breakfast sandwiches and other food and beverages available. Table space costs \$15 for one or \$25 for two. Table reserva-tions: 443-880-6966.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS & FRIENDS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Menu in-cludes pancakes, sausage, pastries, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and free to those 3 and younger. Attendees are encour-aged to bring an unwrapped, new gift or nonperishable food items for local families in need. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

### REINDEER LANE GIFT SHOP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A holiday store where children can purchase gifts for \$2 and less. Gift donations for the shop being accepted. Info: Ocean Pines Recre-ation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘APPLES’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### 26TH ANNUAL SANTA’S OPEN GOLF TOURNA-MENT

Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 10:00 AM. The day will include golf as well as Mrs. Claus’ Breakfast, Santa’s Cheer Cart, Rudolph’s Reception and con-tests. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10 a.m. A reception and awards will follow at 3 p.m. The fee per golfer is \$85 at the door and includes 18

holes of golf, breakfast, golfer gift and post-tournament reception. Each golfer is also asked to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-17. Benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore. Registration: [OceanPinesGolf.org](http://OceanPinesGolf.org) or 410-543-2447. John Malinowski, [jmalinowski@oceanpines-golf.org](mailto:jmalinowski@oceanpines-golf.org), 410-641-6057

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Featuring a variety of vendors, bake table, silent auc-tion, white elephant sale, vegetable beef soup and chicken salad sandwiches. Eat in or carry out.

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure in-cludes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins wel-come. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### TABLE TOP KINGDOM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Play Magic The Gathering, Boss Monster or Mustache. For ages 12 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS’ WORKSHOP

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 P., The group meets once a month to share their creative writing. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month’s theme (optional) is spirit. Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

### AGH’S AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

AGH Thrift Shop, 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There will be sales on jewelry, Christmas and holiday dec-orations, Longaberger baskets, Corningware, toys, American Girl dolls, Barbie dolls and games. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making an appearance from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### 36TH ANNUAL OC CHRISTMAS PARADE

The parade proceeds along the southbound lanes of Coastal Highway beginning at Old Landing Road and going northbound to the judges’ stand at 120th Street. Featuring more than 50 units including high school bands, horses, antique cars, holiday floats and more. Trophies will be awarded inside the Carousel Hotel following the parade. Festivities at the hotel will begin immedi-ately after the parade conclusion and will include half-priced ice skating, a DJ, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and complemen-tary winter refreshments. The is plenty of seating along the parade route, including the Food Lion parking lot and judging area. Brenda Moore, [bmoore@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:bmoore@oceancitymd.gov), 410-250-0125

### DRY 85 BOURBONFEST

Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Early VIP entry is from 12-1 p.m. and costs \$100. Featuring 12 exclusive pours of Dry 85 and private

whiskey library selections. General admis-sion if from 1-5 p.m. and costs \$60. Featur-ing tasting tables: bourbon, Irish whiskey, world whiskey signature cocktail. Taste and judge the Maker’s Mark cocktail contest. Live music, bites, glass wax dipping, beer, wine, cigars for purchase. Tickets: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) search Dry 85 Ocean City, MD.

### 3RD ANNUAL BERLIN HOLIDAY STUDIO TOUR

Tour 10 artist’s studios in and around downtown Berlin, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Maps available at the Berlin Visitor’s Cen-ter, 14 S. Main St., and at each studio. Tours are free of charge. Heather Layton, [2ndfri-dayartstroll@gmail.com](mailto:2ndfri-dayartstroll@gmail.com), 410-629-9301

### THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Seacrets, 117 49th St., 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. A family-friendly Christmas event featuring an ugly sweater contest, visits with Santa and his elves, silent auction, children activi-ties, raffles, face painting, and more. Admis-sion is free. Proceeds are donated to The Children’s House By The Sea. <http://Be-lieveInTomorrow.org>

### WE CYCLE & RECYCLE AUCTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Don’t miss this special event for your final chance to bid on artwork from the “We Cycle and Recycle!” exhibition at the Art League of Ocean City. A portion of sales will benefit the Eastern Shore Interna-tional Mountain Biking Association (ES-IMBA), a non-profit organization dedicated to creating, enhancing and preserving great trail experiences for mountain bikers on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Art League of Ocean City, [info@artleagueofoc-ceancity.org](mailto:info@artleagueofoc-ceancity.org), 4105249433, <https://www.facebook.com/events/2029804233744442/>

### SANTA’S HOUSE OPEN

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Children can visit with Santa free of charge. -+Info: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. Denise Sawyer, [dsawyer@ocean-pines.org](mailto:dsawyer@ocean-pines.org), 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

### ‘IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR’ PERFORMANCE

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City conventtion center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. A multi-media tribute to Frank Sinatra star-ring Tony Sands and his six-piece band. Tickets cost \$45 and \$35. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); TicketMaster, 800-745-3000; or 410-289-2800. [sbradford@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:sbradford@oceancitymd.gov). Tickets also available at the Ocean City Convention Cen-ter Box Office.

### 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



# Calendar

## Sun., Dec. 2

**21ST ANNUAL HOTS 4 TOTS CHILI COOKOFF**  
The Greene Turtle West, 9616 Stephen Decatur Highway, 1-5 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Restaurants will provide samples of their chili in this audience-judged competition. Music provided by DJ BK and drink specials available. The cost for admission is \$10 or a new, unwrapped children’s toy. Benefiting Worcester G.O.L.D.

**LIFE-SAVING MUSEUM HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Free admission, book signings and discounts in the Gift Shop. 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

**WORCESTER PREP CHRISTMAS BAZAR**  
Worcester Preparatory School, 508 S. Main St., 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Enjoy shopping, food, face painting and kids games. Also, photos with Santa. 410-641-3575, <http://worcesterprenp.org/bazaar>

**ANNUAL YULETIDE OPEN HOUSE**  
Poplar Hill Mansion, 117 Elizabeth St., 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The mansion will feature holiday decorations including a Christmas tree with more than 1,500 ornaments, Christmas Village with trolley and a Nutcracker Nursery with more than 100 nutcrackers. Christmas music provided by harpist Kara Dahl Russell and light refreshments. This is a free event, but donations are greatly appreciated. Also, consider bringing a non-perishable item for Joseph House. 410-749-1776

**JINGLE BELL 5K RUN/WALK**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 5:00 PM. Featuring a 5K Run/Walk through Ocean City’s Winterfest of Lights. Long-sleeve race shirt, hot chocolate, cookies and a ride on the Winterfest Express after the race. Cost for 5K adults is \$32 and \$25 for children 12 years and younger. Packet Pickup and Post Race party located at Tequila Mockingbird, 12919 Coastal Highway. Packet Pickup is from 3:45-4:40 p.m. with the race beginning at 5 p.m. <http://octrirunning.com>

## Mon., Dec. 3

**CPAP MASK FITTING**  
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, 12:00 AM. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

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

**LAP TIME**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, game and finger plays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**THE MOBILE MENTOR**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Provides one-on-one assistance while exploring the wide world of apps and handheld computers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**LAP TIME**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAY**  
Fins Ale House & Raw Bar, 119 N Main St., 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Fins will donate 20 percent of the food and beverages sales to the Worcester County Arts Council. There will be a 50/50 raffle and hourly door prizes.

**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

**HOMEMADE GIFT ‘CAKE STAND’**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. This is a hands on project. Students will take home a finished and decorated glass cake stand. Register: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY TIME ‘STEM EXPLORATIONS’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:00 PM. Experience a sampling of simple STEM projects. For the whole family. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speaker and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

**FREE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SING-ALONG**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Featuring The Delmarva Chorus. There will be cookies, coffee and tea served.

**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., Dec. 4

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOLIDAY WRAPPINGS LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM. Fashion show and luncheon with auction to benefit The American Cancer Society’s programs, research and education. Check in at 10 a.m., silent and Chinese auctions from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch served at noon followed by the fashion show at 1 p.m. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). 443-880-2310, <http://acsholidaywrappings.org>

**FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP**  
Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort of local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

**STORY TIME ‘WINTER WONDERLAND’**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**TUESDAY CRAFTERNOON**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Crafting fun for adults. Make crafts, gifts and decorations for the home. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE GIFTS**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Learn simple techniques to making your own easy, fun and tasty chocolate gifts. Participants will be taking some chocolates home. Register: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY TIME ‘CODING’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Learn to code using Scratch, Sphere BB8 robots and Cubetto. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.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.

**PIZZA WITH SANTA**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Activities include arts and crafts, a ride through the Winterfest of Lights, cookie-decorating, refreshments, visits with Santa and more. Anna Duffey, 410-250-0125

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*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational

group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., Dec. 5

**GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST**  
First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, ham, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat in and \$7 to carry out. Milk, soda and orange juice available for purchase. A Christmas Bazaar will be held during the breakfast featuring baked goods, handmade items, jewelry, cards and more. 410-289-9340

**STEAM STORYTIME ‘REINDEER GAMES’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Holiday science, art and fun for children ages 3-7 years old. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**STEPS TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. This program is designed to start you on the path of making a few easy changes in your family’s ways of living to bring about changes that will enhance your lifestyle and save money too. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**TEACH YOURSELF CALLIGRAPHY**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2:00 PM. The library will provide materials, instructions and books about the topic. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FREE HEALTHCARE LECTURE**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The Live Well Academy is a free, year-long lecture series on a wide range of healthcare topics. This month’s topic will be Radiation Oncology. The lecture is open to the public. Advance registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

**BOOKS TO BIG SCREEN**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Read the book ahead of time (optional) and join the group for a book trivia contest followed by a showing of the movie followed by a discussion of the film adaptation. Snacks provided. This month’s selection is *Everyday* by David Levithan. For teens and young adults. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.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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