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NIGHT AND DAY Downtown Berlin was covered in snow late Saturday night, left, and again on Monday morning. County schools were closed on Monday, but most of the wet stuff had melted away as of Tuesday.



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OPA sends police, country club projects to bid

Board approves motion to seek bids on construction of 7,000-square-foot bldg.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) In a trio of unanimous votes, the Ocean Pines Board on Tuesday agreed to expedite plans to expand the community police station, while also further complicating a convoluted situation at the golf and country club.

For the police station, Director

Frank Daly proposed directing General Manager John Bailey to contact a minimum of three firms to design and build an expansion. Daly said the goal was to "fast track the design of a police department expansion" and to begin construction during the first quarter of this year.

He said the current facility fails to provide adequate space for police and is unsafe.

"As both a homeowner and board member, it is absolutely deplorable," Daly said of the current facility. "It is See MOTION Page 4



Ocean Pines Board members during a special meeting on Tuesday consider a pair of motions related to the association police station, and the golf and country club.

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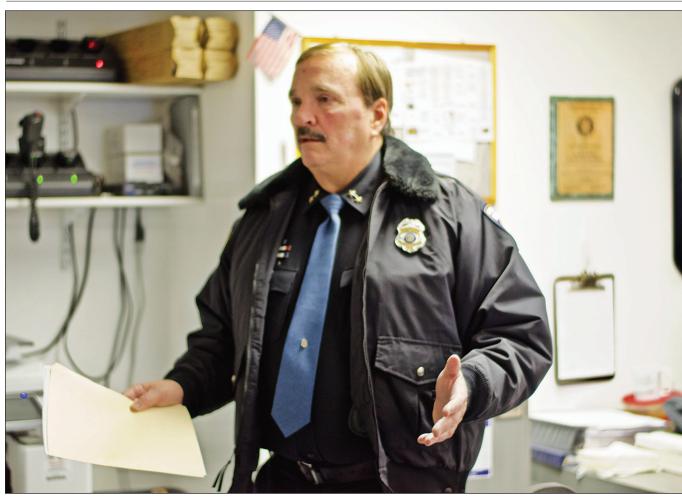




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Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey on Tuesday offers a tour of the police headquarters said to be both cramped and a safety hazard for workers and visitors.

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Motion to expand Pines PD station approved easily

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a safety issue for the officers, it's a safety issue for victims, it's a safety issue for suspects. It needs to be corrected and it needs to be corrected now."

Director Slobodan Trendic said if any part of the project were to be funded by new capital it would hurt the bottom line and questioned the wisdom of proceeding while the association is working to erase the remainder of a \$1.6 million deficit.

Part of the project would be new capital and part would be paid by replacement reserves, according to Director Ted Moroney, but the new capital portion would almost certainly be spent during the next fiscal year and could be accounted for in that budget.

"The reality is, by the time you get an RFP out, you get the RFP back, and you go through the thing and vote on it, we won't be starting the new portion of the construction [until] early into next year," Moroney said.

The directors voted 7-0 to proceed with the project.

After the meeting, Police Chief David Massey said the expansion is sorely needed. He said the station, built in 1985, was poorly designed and created safety hazards for his officers.

According to Massey, a criminal justice consultant in 2016 recommended a 5,300-square-foot facility to meet the needs of the department. The current quarters are about 1,700 square feet and house 16 officers.

He said the station is the smallest police quarters in Worcester County, despite the community having the largest residential population.

"And also, it's a recruitment thing. Imagine comparing yourself, go to Berlin, you walk in that station, and then you come here and look at this," he said. "It's just a way of keeping our officers here by having a good work facility."

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Country club repair costs range from \$1.2-\$2 million

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try club, meanwhile, remains like a golf ball suspended in flight.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said the low bid to renovate the second floor is more than \$1.3 million. He said with additional costs to bring the first floor up to code and factoring in a 10 percent contingency, the total cost would be just under \$2 million.

Citing a 2016 Becker Morgan Group report that updated a 2011 report, Tuttle said the building is in serious disrepair, has mechanical and electrical systems that require total replacement and plumbing systems that need signifi-

cant work.

He recommended replacing the building with a smaller, more energy-efficient structure "that will meet the needs of the golf program and provide community space for years to come."

Tuttle said the

cost for a new 7,000-square foot building, roughly half the size of the current one, would be just over \$1.5 million, based on an estimate provided by Gillis Gilkerson.

Association President Doug Parks said there is "a general concern that we haven't done our due diligence with respect to getting two additional competitive bids for full replacement."

"It's probably worthwhile to at least entertain the idea of rethinking our approach and looking at the possibility of getting a couple of other bids for a full replacement," Parks said.

Trendic provided yet another option, which was apparently proposed during budget hearings that morning by builder Marvin Steen.

"We happened to benefit this morning from one of our long-term residents that's well known in the community, Mr. Marvin Steen came and addressed the board this morning in a work session, and one of the things we got out of that comment from him is a concept of a modest renovation," Trendic said.

He said a "modest renovation" would bring the building up to code "and do it in a way that's financially economical."

"By going with a modest renovation, we would basically be able to maintain 14,000 square-feet [of] multipurpose space, and that's really the number that we have not been provided and have not had the privilege to benefit from," Trendic said.

Both Parks and Tuttle said Steen's numbers were around \$1.2 million.

"At the end of the day, we'd invest \$1.2 [million] in arguably a still 45year-old building," Parks said.

Parks said the association had already spent several years planning and pricing for renovations.

Moroney said if Steen was going to be involved at all, the board had better go out and seek additional bids on a similar scope of work.

"How do we know that Gillis wouldn't bid that better? How do we know that Harkins wouldn't bid that better?" he asked. "You can't ... give him a \$1.2 million job without bidding out."

Instead, he proposed a timeline for

'I don't care if we go left, I don't care if we go right, I don't care if we move forward, but I don't want to march in place like we have since 2013 and do nothing.' Ocean Pines Association Director Frank Daly the board to review the problems of the building again at a Jan. 26 special meeting at the site, and then issue bid requests based on both the Steen scope and a new 7,000-square-foot building on Feb. 4.

"The RFP is due on March 15th, analyzed a week later

on March 22, and the board is prepared to make a decision going forward at that point," Moroney said. "That brings us to closure, meets all of the bylaw requirements for three bids, gives us the design/build renovation, the design/build new, and the traditional renovation [costs] that we've already bid."

Trendic said he wanted to see a business plan for golf before doing anything, while Daly invoked the process of rebuilding the yacht club as a warning sign.

"I don't think anybody in this room wants to go through with any new construction project [like] what we went through with the yacht club," he said.

Daly and several others also mentioned the possibility of a referendum. At the same time, he said he wanted to see something done – and soon.

"I don't care if we go left, I don't care if we go right, I don't care if we move forward, but I don't want to march in place like we have since 2013 and do nothing," Daly said.

Director Esther Diller said the board had "beaten the crap out of this" issue. Diller said she supported both a referendum and the Moroney timeline.

After nearly an hour of debate, Daly proposed a friendly amendment to Tuttle's original motion, to seek at least three bids with a guaranteed maximum price for a new, 7,000 square-foot building.

Votes to approve the amendment and the original motion as amended were each 7-0.



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Berlin Town Council delays YMCA decision

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) The Berlin Town Council on Monday put off a decision on whether to spend \$20,000 on a YMCA feasibility study, citing the need for more information.

The Berlin Falls Park Committee in November voted unanimously to endorse the study, although some members at the time expressed some anxiousness over how it would be done and what it would encompass.

Similar questions came up Monday night before the Town Council.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said staff supported the committee recommendation and the study would determine whether there's a market for a YMCA in Berlin.

To do the study, the YMCA uses a firm that's staffed largely by people

who had worked with the organization in some capacity.

"I think it's a good way for the town and the committee to get answers as to whether or not a YMCA is feasible and whether or not that location of the park is the right place," Allen said. "From a staff perspective, it's worth the money to go ahead and get that information."

She added the study would last about 90 days.

When asked how the study would be conducted, Park coordinator David Deutsch said he understood "they do a lot of phone interviewing."

"They're going to have to work with staff to develop some parameters for their actual work, but they will determine who to contact in the community. They're going to have to get some information ... from folks here in Berlin," Deutsch said. "But, they do a lot of phone contact and then they prepare a report based on their analysis of the data that they can produce."

"So the \$20,000 would get us, primarily, a lot of phone calls?" Councilman Thom Gulyas asked.

"What you'll get at the end is a report that will contain data," Deutsch said, adding, as an example, "one of the things they need to report on is what's the scope of folks' willingness to drive to a certain facility" and "how far beyond the center of Berlin would this facility draw people."

Gulyas then asked whether the study would include fundraising necessary to construct a YMCA building. Planning Director Dave Engelhart in November estimated that cost to be \$7 million to \$8 million.

Allen said fundraising would require a separate study and an additional \$20,000.

Gulyas also wondered how an agreement to lease part of Berlin Falls park would work. Deutsch said in similar situations the YMCA had worked out a long-term ground lease for about \$1 per year.

Several times, councilmembers brought up the YMCA in Pocomoke, which they said had proved difficult for many in that community to access. "I understand the Y's interest in possibly drawing folks from surrounding areas ... but we are concerned with those services being accessed by the population of Berlin," Councilman Dean Burrell said. "The Y that's in Pocomoke is outside of town and the folks that could use possibly utilize those services and need those services don't have the transportation to access those services. So, we are concerned with those services being readily available to our population."

January 17, 2019

Burrell asked for more information on how survey respondents are selected.

'We'll get that," Deutsch said.

Gulyas also wanted more information, including copies of YMCA feasibility studies done elsewhere.

He said he was not "anti-Y" and had enjoyed a YMCA facility while growing up outside of South Philadelphia. However, Gulyas said some of the financial aspects concerned him.

"We're sitting here staring at that [Berlin Falls] property with a twoand-a-half-million-dollar note," Gulyas said, adding it would cost another \$600,000 to tear down the old Tyson building on the property to make room for a new one.

"It's another \$20,000 for a study just to see if people want it ... and then, in order to find out if there's See COUNCIL Page 7

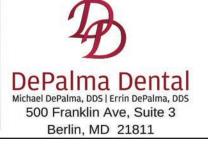
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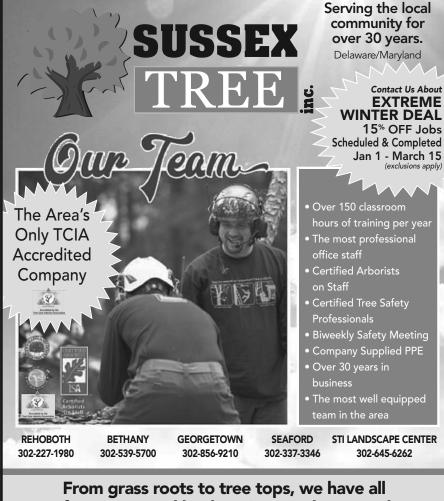
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Council asks for more information on feasibility study

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fundraising ability, that's going to be another 20, 30 or 40 grand on top of that, and then they want to lease it to them for \$1 a year," he continued. "So, my question to you is, how do I look at a taxpayer and say this is a good idea?"

Councilman Zack Tyndall, who is also a member of the Berlin Falls Park Committee, moved to table the motion until more information can be gathered.

"I respect the committee's recommendation, but we need to make sure that we're getting a good sample of our population and that we're actually targeting the right people to solicit responses from," Tyndall said.

Allen said the council could include that request in a formal motion with a vote to approve the study, but Tyndall replied, "I'd like some more information."

Gulyas provided a second and the vote to table the motion was 4-0. One councilman, Troy Purnell, was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Gee Williams asked all the councilmembers to send their questions and concerns to Allen.

"We've got some work to do and we'll get back to you," Deutsch said.

"I think there's a lot of interest, [but] the devil is in the details," Williams added.

Berlin Falls Park Committee Vice Chairman Jack Orris, after the meeting, said the council did the right thing in asking for a delay.

"I think tonight's vote to table the study was based on council's desire for more information before spending \$20,000," he said. "In addition with the added information tonight, and not available when the committee voted, was the potential for \$20,000 more funding for a fundraising study. More importantly, we all want a facility accessible and user friendly for everyone in town.

"The study as presented tonight wasn't clear on the 'how' factor of obtaining reliable data that represents all of Berlin," Orris continued. "I'm confident that David Deutsch will be able to obtain the requested info and report back to the committee and council in order to conduct a reliable study."

Orris added, "On a personal level, I hope this can give us an opportunity to also explore other options further, such as county/town partnership for a rec center with a pool where program/membership fees and employment stay local."

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Latest budget draft shows assessment hike

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) General Manager John Bailey on Saturday introduced a proposed fiscal 2020 budget that would raise the basic annual assessment \$31, or about 3.3 percent, to \$982.

Last Monday, Bailey proposed a budget that would have kept assessments flat, but that was changed after three days of public hearings with the budget and finance committee.

Speaking to a handful of homeowners during a hearing with Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola on Saturday, Bailey several times said the next budget is still a work in progress.

"The biggest thing I can tell you at this point is this is a process," he said. "While I appreciate the comments made in the press that 'if the general manager has his way,' that's not the case. It is a consolidated process of myself, all the staff, the advisory committees, the budget and finance committee, the board of directors, and you, the membership.

"The general manager doesn't just create this and expect it to be done by somebody that's omniscient, omnipresent, all powerful, all knowing and perfect," Bailey continued. "I don't know who that GM is, but it's not me."

In a PowerPoint presentation on what the 2020 budget must accom-

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plish, Bailey proposed a four-year plan to pay down the remaining \$1 million Ocean Pines deficit, including \$100,000 in 2020, \$250,000 in 2021 and \$325,000 in both 2022 and 2023.

The budget and finance committee recommended an accelerated threeyear deficit recovery plan, with \$333,333 paid each year.

Viola, describing the situation as "a little dicey," said those numbers also came from board direction.

"What the GM is recommending – and it's his right – was way behind what the board had given its guidance or some leeway on," Viola said. "When you do something like this, you keep the assessment flat, but sooner or later ... we're going to wind up paying for this anyway."

Bailey said the proposed budget did not include subsidy increases for the golf, aquatics, racquet sports or food and beverage amenities. However, user fee amounts would increase an average of 3 percent.

According to Bailey's presentation, a payroll study identified pay gaps for 35 positions with a total pay adjustment increase of \$128,000 included in the budget. Also included were 2 percent merit increases and a roughly 10 percent increase for medical benefits.

Overall, payroll costs would increase 8.4 percent to more than \$7.6 million.

While the current budget includes \$116,937 for drainage, the proposed 2020 budget would total \$914,732, with the bulk of that, \$620,000 allocated for "major under-road pipes" and paid by road reserves. Also listed under drainage was \$125,000 for contracted labor, \$118,232 for labor, \$31,500 for materials and \$20,000 for engineering work.

Deferred maintenance, described as "lots of repair and maintenance projects that have not been addressed over the years," included more than \$200,000 worth of capital items from replacement reserves and more than \$160,000 to be paid by the operating fund. Bailey cited the beach club parking guard shack, exterior signs throughout the community and playground equipment as examples.

Replacement reserve spending would total more than \$3.4 million, also including \$1.6 million for country club renovations, \$800,000 to renovate the police and admin building, \$150,000 for White Horse Park playground equipment, \$135,000 to replace the crabbing pier and \$100,000 to resurface the swim and racquet club tennis courts.

The reserve balance as of May 1, 2019 projects to be about \$4.8 million with the April 30, 2020 balance dipping to around \$3.2 million. The estimated fiscal 2020 reserve contribution would total just over \$1.9 million.

Proposed road reserve spending would total \$1.3 million, including \$633,000 for road paving and \$620,000 for drainage pipes on Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway, the Boarderlinks Condominium, and on Mumford's Way.

Road reserves project tot be about \$1 million on May 1, 2019 and would fall to \$143,500 by April 30, 2020.

Bulkhead spending in fiscal 2020 would total \$1.6 million, depleting total bulkhead reserves from nearly \$1.6 million on May 1, 2019 to \$1,443 on April 30, 2020.

Additionally, Bailey proposed a one-year waiver of bulkhead assessments, including \$19 per lot owner communitywide and the additional \$453 assessment paid only by bulkhead lot owners.

The proposed budget, as of Saturday, did not include budget and finance committee recommended additions of \$237,000 for deficit recovery, \$200,000 for a room addition at the sports core pool or \$16,000 to add a part-time compliance, permit and inspections staffer.

Items recommended by the committee that did factor into the proposed budget included \$133,000 more for fire and EMS services, \$50,000 more for legal fees, \$40,000 more for See PROPOSED Page 9

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Williams weighs in on multipurpose building

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) Going hand-inhand with a possible YMCA feasibility study related to Berlin Falls park is the potential for a new community center in east Berlin, Mayor Gee Williams said this week.

Leaders of the Berlin Community Improvement Association, or BCIA, which controls the multipurpose building on Flower Street, appear to be close to deciding whether to transfer that property to the town.

Community discussions have been taking place for several months and BCIA leaders and town officials recently met to further discuss details of an agreement.

The building, constructed well over four decades ago, was designed to last 15-20 years and is now said to be in a state of disrepair. The town is interested in building a new community center at the site, which at one time flourished as a hub of community activity.

Williams said the YMCA feasibility study, which the Town Council discussed Monday, could also provide information on whether there's a need for such services. He added the study would not be site-specific, although the intention certainly appears to be for the "Y's" services to be based at Berlin Falls on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Once services are identified and a need determined, Williams said the town would hire a consultant "to advise us where these services should go." He expects the council will approve the study.

Proposed budget now includes \$31 assessment surge

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deferred maintenance, a \$10,000 increase in marina revenues and \$49,847 listed as "other," including information technology costs and depreciation changes.

Those additions drove the \$31 assessment increase.

"Now we're at a proposed assessment at \$982, that's \$31 [or a] 3.3 percent increase," Bailey said. "Ultimately, it's the board of directors that gets to make those decisions, particularly with regard to assessment, deficit, recovery, etc."

Board budget work sessions were scheduled Monday through Thursday this week.

According to a budget calendar, the recommended budget will be published on Jan. 25, with the board set to conduct a budget hearing on Feb. 2 and a vote to approve the budget scheduled on Feb. 16. Meanwhile, if the BCIA agrees to transfer the multipurpose building property to the town, Williams said the time could be right for a new community center there. The town set aside money from the sale of the property where a Dollar General site for such a purpose.

"If BCIA wishes to transfer that property ... then that would be the location for the community center," Williams said. "We think that the multipurpose building property is an ideal location. If they for some reason decline, we'll have to find another location."

Williams said town officials have been patient and hopeful the BCIA would make the decision that "this is the right thing to do."

BCIA officials previously said they wanted certain assurances that a new

community center would go there, but Williams insisted, "That's not even an issue."

"Without that premise, there wouldn't even be a point to all this," he said. "That's our intention [and] that's the primary reason we're into these discussions.

"Once they make that decision, we can have a formal legal decision ... it's not going to be based on just a handshake," he added.

If the transfer occurred, Williams said survey work would have to be done and officials would "make sure that everybody's property rights would be protected, including the neighbors."

"That's our main interest," Williams said. "If the BCIA determines that they don't want a community center, then we'd have to look

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somewhere else. We wouldn't just forget about [building a community center]."

He said the BCIA would meet again, while town officials would continue to discuss the YMCA survey "to determine that services are needed in this town and can be supported."

Williams relished the idea of both projects coming together at virtually the same time, comparing it to the sun and moon aligning.

"I'm hoping it means they're meant to happen now," he said. "We've got an opportunity as a community, if we continue to work together, to do some very significant things not only for the immediate future, but for future generations. I hope we continue to be in that frame of mind and attitude and pride for a long time."

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By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2018) Worcester County, during fiscal 2019, was not the lowest county in Maryland in terms of the perpupil average for state aid. That honor went to Talbot County.

Talbot, in getting \$4,128 per student, was slightly worse off than Worcester, which got \$4,217 – the second lowest in the state.

Somerset County, by contrast, ranked first in per-pupil aid from the state, get-ting \$13,068.

That's according to a new study released this month, "Overview of State Aid to Local Governments, Fiscal 2019 Allowance," developed by the state Department of Legislative Services, Office of Policy Analysis.

In total, Worcester County received \$26,586,959 in state funds for education, including about \$6.5 million for teachers' retirement. Worcester ranked last in per-pupil direct aid, \$3,176 per student, but first in per-pupil retirement funding, \$1,041.

Prince George's County, which averaged seventh in per-pupil funds received, \$9,856, was by far the biggest recipient in terms of total dollars, netting more than \$1.2 billion. Baltimore City was second, receiving more than \$923 million in total state education aid.

According to the study, a local wealth calculation determines how much state

aid to public schools is given. Specifically, property-based wealth is measured against income-based wealth.

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Statewide, public schools received most of the increases in state aid, the study said, with \$139 million more in state aid given during fiscal 2019 than during the previous period.

Public schools overall received 75.1 percent of state aid in fiscal 2019, representing more than \$5.7 billion. State retirement payments, \$797 million, accounted for 10.3 percent of state aid. Counties and municipalities got \$735 million (9.5 percent), community colleges received \$277 million (3.6 percent), libraries got \$60 million (0.8 percent) and local health departments received \$50 million (0.7 percent).

The total allowance of state aid for Worcester County in fiscal 2019 was just over \$38 million, a 2.2 percent increase from the fiscal 2018 appropriation.

Worcester ranked 22nd in per-capita state aid, netting \$745 per person. The statewide average was \$1,281.

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Worcester County, it just so happens, has the highest percentage of propertybased wealth, 83.7 percent, when compared to income-based wealth. In fiscal 2019, the study said, Worces-

ter County had \$6.25 billion in propertybased wealth against \$1.2 billion in income-based wealth. The county ranks eighth overall in terms of property wealth, but second-to-last when it comes to income-based wealth.

Also factoring into the equation are

2017 demographic numbers, Worcester's minority population, 34.6 percent, ranked 17th overall. Prince George's County, 95.8 percent minority, was first overall and Baltimore City, 92 percent minority, was second.

African-Americans accounted for 18.9 percent of the Worcester County population, Hispanic and Latinos were 7.3 percent, Asians totaled 1.9 percent and American Indians accounted for 0.3 percent.





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Board wants bulkhead, road, drainage plans

'We really need to think

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Ocean Pines

Association Director

Ted Moroney

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) A reoccurring topic of discussion emerged during the start of Ocean Pines Board budget hearings Monday, as several directors said they wanted to see five-year plans when considering how much to spend and how much to set aside for bulkhead, drainage and road repair programs.

Board members also said they were uncomfortable with some of the projections offered by General Manager John Bailey, particularly when it came to bulkheads.

According to Bailey, bulkhead reserves were estimated to begin the next fiscal year, on May 1, at \$1,598,000. With an estimated fiscal 2020 contribution of \$22,500 and bulkhead spending of \$1.6 million, the fund is projected to close fiscal 2020 with \$1,443 remaining.

"That includes another \$20,000 that we did change as a result of conferring with the [budget and finance] committee – we added another \$20,000 to expenditures ... so that would pretty much wipe out our bulkhead reserve balance at the end of April 30, 2020," Bailey said.

While planning to drain the reserves, Bailey also proposed waiving the \$19 annual contribution paid by all association members as well as the \$453 paid each year by bulkhead lot owners. That was apparently based on previous guidance by the budget and finance committee.

"Then, going into the following year, the \$19 would be back in as well as the assessment for bulkhead property owners," he _____

said. Bailey said a reserve study mapped out future bulkhead work at about \$1.1 million per year, while the association had spent on average closer to \$800,000 per year. "That may mean

a slight increase in

the bulkhead assessment ... but it may not," he said.

In order to keep up with future work, Director Ted Moroney said bulkhead collections would probably need to increase \$100,000 during each of the next three years "so that the amount we're collecting each year is pretty close ... to the amount we're spending."

"Let everybody know how that's gonna work going forward, that way it's no surprise and it's phased in, and that basically this is kind of a breakeven fund going forward," he said.

Director Esther Diller, who earlier

during the meeting asked for fiveyear plans on roads and drainage, said that was also necessary for bulkheads.

"I think the bottom line to all these sections of the budget we're talking about is we can't just look at this

year," she said, adding better planning would help do a better job of managing homeowner expectations.

"Nobody likes surprises," Diller said.

n Director broney Moroney agreed on the importance of a longer-term plan that looks at least "three-to-five years down the

road." "We really need to think about the

actions we're taking now and the effect on the community in a year or 18 or 24 months," he said.

Moroney called some of Bailey's calculations "overly aggressive," and said the bulkhead reserve balance probably would be closer to \$400,000 by April 30, 2020, not the \$1,443 Bailey was projecting.

That alarmed Diller.

"This is a huge variance to me and it's hard for me, as a board member, to make a decision on a budget with a \$400,000 swing," she said.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola also called Bailey's numbers "very aggressive," saying projected bulkhead work for the closing months of fiscal 2019 far exceeded the amount of work already done, hence the potential for a \$400,000 overage.

"This is the GM, this is your budget, this is your plan and, even sitting here, I'm not completely sure that you are convinced yourself that you are going to get this work done," he said.

"We have not seen, in the first six months, that type of execution ... I'm just telling you facts," Viola continued. "Me, just sitting here right now, I'm just trying to see if I get a comfortable answer from the person doing to the execution."

Viola posed another question – if Bailey ends up being right, why would he suspend collections and let the reserve fund empty out?

"Going back to arguments that were made last year that we have too much money in there and we really didn't need to collect it ... there was talk of that, but I didn't have enough information, data wise, to support recommending that," Bailey said. "I thought taking it down to \$20,000 or so, we could waive it, but now going See DIRECTORS Page 13





Directors unsure Bailey will meet bulkhead goals

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to zero, maybe we shouldn't." Viola said it seemed that Bailey was ignoring the advice of those in the room and putting some of the blame on the budget and finance committee.

"I really hope you would relook at this," Viola said. "With this aggressive plan that I hope you achieve ... maybe there should've been an assessment as opposed to me telling you there should be something."

Moroney said he is "counting on [Bailey] not getting there," otherwise he wouldn't be in favor of waiving collections.

If Bailey ends up being right, however, that could mean raising collections for bulkhead lot owners as much as 30 percent, Moroney said.

"You're talking about almost a \$200 increase per lot owner," he said. "That's why this number matters, because it affects next year's reserve contribution."

There was also talk of whether bulkhead work in general would be drastically more expensive in the future, with some saying the cost per linear foot had risen 50 percent.

Bailey said he didn't remember that number and, pressed for a ballpark figure, offered, "I don't know what number to throw out."

"Rather than throw out a ballpark, I'd rather work the number and give you the number," he said.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said it felt "like there's a whole lot of numbers spinning around."

"I'm not comfortable waiving the fees," Tuttle said. "That just makes me real nervous at this point."

Director Frank Daly agreed the association was "playing with fire," while Diller said she wanted to see real numbers – not wild estimates.

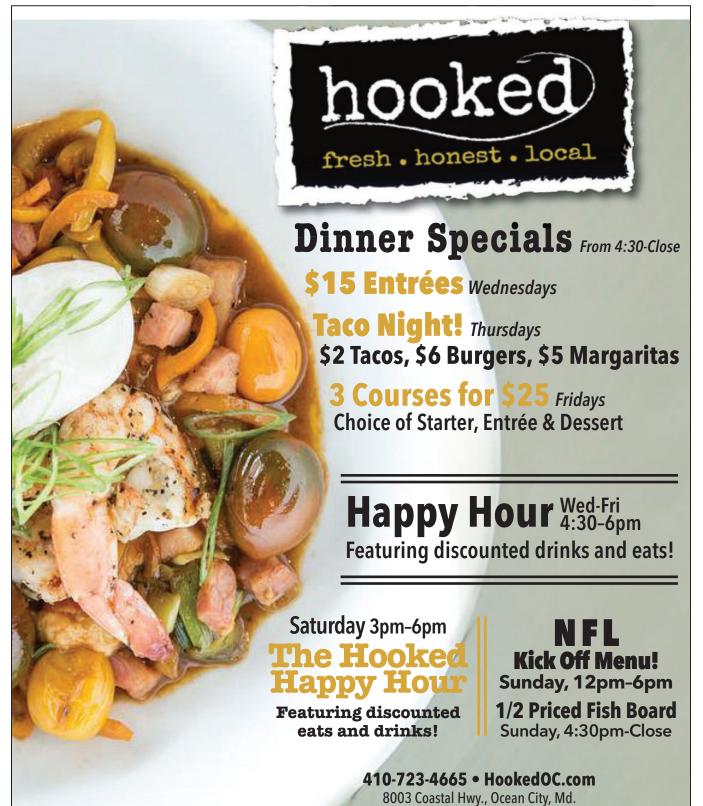
"In [Bailey's] defense, for lack of a better word, today's the first day we told you that we want to see a fiveyear plan, basically, across the board," Diller said. "So, we've got to give you a little bit of breathing room to get us that plan.

"I want you to talk with your department heads and get real numbers," she continued. "You've gotta start somewhere, so you start today. I don't want to keep beating you on it. I think you get it."

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Mailing announces closing of Bay Club golf course

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) A letter emailed to Bay Club golf course members last Friday and sent via regular mail Monday announced the course would close at the end of the month.

It is unknown at this time what will become of the property.

Michelle DiFebo Freeman, president of the Carl M. Freeman Companies, which owns the club, signed the statement.

"The Bay Club has a rich history of 30 years of serving a wonderful membership with a dedicated staff. When the Carl M. Freeman Companies purchased the property in 2000, we continued to showcase this beautiful course and staff to the region. Upon review of the 2018 golf season results and our projections for the upcoming year, the Carl M. Freeman Companies has determined that we will discontinue the golf club operations," the letter said.

"The last day of operations will be January 31st, after which all operations at The Bay Club will cease. We want to ensure the last few weeks of operations are positive for all involved. We have developed severance packages for employees but will do our best to move staff to other properties within the Freeman Companies and the Troon network. Golf shop merchandise will be available to members in good standing at a discount. For golfers who are looking for a golf membership opportunity, please consider Bayside in Fenwick Island, DE or Bear Trap Dunes in Ocean View, DE.

The letter went on to say that the company had tried to find other ways to use the property, and that it would continue that search, but that increasing costs and declining revenue forced its hand.

There were plans to convert the 460-acre Bay Club on Libertytown Road into a 434-unit campground, but that was abandoned in 2017. Opponents of the project had concerns about environmental impacts and traffic.

Freeman Senior VP and CFO Dave Levitsky at the time said, "We will continue to operate The Bay Club to the same high level of expectations that we set for our members' experience and assess opportunities that arise to make the best use of our undeveloped property to serve the greater community and enrich lives for generations to come."

Attorney Hugh Cropper, who represented the Freeman Companies in the attempt to get a special exception from the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals for the campground, said Tuesday he was caught off guard by the closing.

Asked if the Freeman Companies would again pursue redevelopment Cropper replied, "I honestly don't know. It was news to me."

Jeff Evans, director of marketing and sales for the Carl M. Freeman Companies, provided a statement about the future of the club on Tuesday.

"Over these years, we have continued to explore alternatives for this property that would best serve the needs of our great communities of Berlin and Worcester County," Evans said. "We will continue to work toward ensuring that the property is an asset to the community while meeting the high standards of the Carl M. Freeman Companies. We will continue to look into options but due to the reason mentioned in the letter, we can no longer operate the course."



Declarations and country club in referendum mix

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) A few eyebrows were raised last Monday, when General Manager John Bailey publicly said the proposed 2020 general administration budget included a \$10,000 increase for a potential referendum.

"That remains to be seen whether or not that would take place, but there certainly has been a lot of conversation about conducting a referendum – for a variety of issues," Bailey said during a Jan. 7 work session with the budget and finance committee.

Resident Joe Reynolds at the time told Bailey the comment struck him as curious.

"I have attended virtually every board meeting. I don't remember a referendum being mentioned for any reason," he said. "Maybe that's going on behind the scenes."

Bailey said a recent communitywide survey included a question on whether homeowners would support a referendum to change association rules and allow for fines to be imposed in certain situations. Currently, Ocean Pines does not have the authority to issue fines for parking or other violations, and the declarations of restrictions would have to be changed in order to do so.

"It was upwards of 70-plus percent [who] were in favor of something like that in the survey," Bailey said.

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle, during an elections committee meeting on Friday, also mentioned country club renovations or replacement as a potential referendum topic.

Asked by committee members what a referendum topic may be, Tuttle replied, "That's to be determined."

"There's questions about declarations of restrictions. I think that's going to go by the wayside," he said.

As for the country club, Tuttle said a referendum would not be necessary if the total project cost were "less than 20 percent of the association assessment." He said that amount was around \$1.6 or \$1.7 million.

Recent estimates for renovations to the country club's second floor were about \$1.6 million. Replacement costs have not been discussed publicly in some time, although Association President Doug Parks in 2016 cited an engineering report that claimed a smaller, 8,000-square-foot building would cost about \$1.7 million.

"If we end up with the country club costing more than that threshold, then it has to go to referendum and be approved by the association members in order to proceed with the project," Tuttle said. "Whether that will happen or not, I don't know yet, but I'm hopeful that it won't."

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Oyster Roast sellout leaves some shell shocked

Tickets for annual Snow Hill Chamber event were gone hours after going on sale

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor (Jan. 17, 2019) The Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce last week took steps to smooth over relations with area residents who were upset with how ticket sales for the 9th annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast, scheduled

Feb. 24, were handled. Tickets for the event, \$45 and each year limited to 450, went on sale online at midnight on Jan. 1 and were sold out by around 5 a.m. that morning.

That did not sit well with some, who took to the chamber of commerce Facebook page after the sellout

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to voice their displeasure.

The chamber on Jan. 3 posted, "Wow, We sold out in 24 hours this year to our 9th Annual Oyster Roast. Quickest sell-out in our history!"

"Thank you for all your support in this event. To those that missed out, we do apologize," the post continued. "We feel strongly that the small size of this event is what makes it so enjoyable and popular."

Bishop's Stock owner Ann Coates was among the first to weigh in, saying it was her understanding Taylor Bank and the Harvest Moon restaurant had each reserved 150 tickets "which were gone before the online sales" started.

"Last year, I was able to get four tickets online. This year — no chance — and Bishop's Stock is the soup stop" for the event, Coates said.

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"As a chamber member, I feel this is not an equitable way to meet the demand. There needs to be a better resolution," Coates added.

Resident Robert Clarke said he supports local businesses, but added, "I will never go to any chamber event or activity if this is how they treat residents."

Barbara Hudson, also a Snow Hill resident, said she attends the oyster roast every year.

"Unfortunately, this year after having been assured tickets would be available online, at 7 a.m. on Jan. 1 they were sold out. Having sold all the tickets so quickly is a wonderful position for the chamber to be in but it is at the expense of Snow Hill residents and long time supporters of the Chamber."

Fenwick resident Gail Louise said

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she'd long "trumpeted Snow Hill as a wonderful small town with great folks."

"The way this was handled showed poor judgment at best and shady dealing at worst," Louise said. "Insiders have clearly put up the 'need not bother' sign for others if 300 tickets were reserved for private distribution and only 150 online."

She added, "I still love Snow Hill. I think the Chamber needs to evaluate their objectives for events."

Lana Maloney said she had gone the last three years and spent "lots of money at the local merchants," adding, "we are done with Snow Hill!"

"Sad for the merchants but not for the town. They have their favorites and sold tickets before hand without telling the public. Thanks to the bank and a local watering hole.... they made out!" she said.

Event organizer Lee Chisholm, last Wednesday, said what happened was "an honest mistake that kind of snowballed."

"We've never had demand like we've seen this year," he said. "It's been popular and we've sold tickets quickly, but we've never seen demand like we did this year."

Chisholm, who works at Taylor Bank, said it's not uncommon for someone to approach him there in December and ask to put a few tickets on hold.

"That never really amounted to more than 20 or 30 tickets every year and it never really was an issue," he said. "This year, so many people did that, and they did that over at the restaurant and they did it here, so we ended up kind of shooting ourselves in the foot.

"You do a 'yeah, sure' as a friendly favor, but when it was one after another after another after another, pretty soon we had 300 tickets of 500 sold before they went on sale," Chisholm continued. "It's something that, obviously, we're never going to do that again and we realize it's a mistake, and we're going to be rectifying it next year to make sure it's a very equitable process."

Chisholm said he'd read the Facebook comments and understood why people were so angry.

"They did all the things they were supposed to do. They listened to the rules, they listened to the instructions, and then to find out that there was a waiting list of people that had tickets on there that people were unaware of," he said. "I see the frustration and it's something that I can guarantee you, for as long as I have anything to do with this event, that will never happen again."

Chamber board members met last Thursday to discussion potential solutions. Chisholm, on Friday, said the decision was made to expand the event this year and release additional tickets.



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Chamber plans to release more tickets Feb. 1

He said the exact number had yet to be determined, but an announcement would be made shortly and be well broadcast, and tickets would likely go on sale again on Feb. 1.

"We are going to publicize that as much as possible, through Facebook and radio, and any way we can to allow the public to all have an equal shot to obtain these additional tickets," he said. "The tickets will be limited, because we are focused on the quality of the event over the quantity of people that we can fit in here."

Chisholm explained the event must be kept relatively small because of the limited indoor seating and the fact that "we can't do a rain date with fresh oysters."

"Nobody wants to come back next week for week-old oysters that have been sitting in the cooler all week," he said. "It's gotta happen on that day and we have very limited capacity to hold people inside.

"In the event of some [inclement] weather, we have to find indoor housing and seating for all of our guests. And if we expand this to the point where we cannot accommodate everyone, we're going to have a lot of unhappy guests," Chisholm added.

unhappy guests," Chisholm added. He admitted the chamber board realized the practice of setting aside so many tickets "was a big mistake." "We're rectifying that the best we can. Obviously, that practice will never continue again," he said. "We're trying to repair our relationship with the disappointed folks this year as best we can by offering some additional ticket sales.

"The only thing that has yet to be determined is how many tickets we are going to release," Chisholm continued. "We're going to have an oyster roast planning meeting next week and that is when we are going to determine that number – what we're comfortable in handling and still making sure we can run the event successfully and have a quality event for all that attend."



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Several varieties of oysters await attendees during the 2018 Snow Hill Oyster Roast, hosted by the town's chamber of commerce. The event has become so popular that this year tickets sold out several hours after going on sale. The chamber has promised to release more tickets to the public on Feb. 1.



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Committee firms 2019 OP election schedule

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) The schedule leading up to the 2019 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election was discussed during an elections advisory committee meeting on Friday, as were efforts to reduce the number of late votes received during the next ballot.

As it currently stands this year, three directors would each be elected to three-year terms. Those include the seats currently held by Slobodan Trendic, Ted Moroney and Esther Diller.

Trendic is nearing the end of his first three-year term, while Moroney and Diller were both elected last year to one-year terms, each fulfilling portions of terms by directors who resigned.

This year's election should be more straightforward, with all three open seats being equal. Trendic, Moroney and Diller are all eligible to run again, although they have yet to announce their intentions.

The elections committee on March 1 will issue bid invitations for printing and mailing association ballots. ACE Printing & Mailing in Berlin has filled that role for several years, and committee Chairman Steve Habeger said last year the company was the only





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For candidates, the deadline to submit an application is May 10. The association secretary must verify candidate eligibility by May 15 and submit a list of eligible candidates to the Last year, 7,614 ballots were sent to association members and 3,119 were counted, for a 41 percent return rate, according to an elections committee report. About 2 percent of ballots were not counted because they were returned late.

Habeger said local media helped promote key election dates last year,



Ocean Pines Elections Committee members last Friday discuss upcoming election dates.

committee by June 1. Candidates are generally publicly announced by June 1. De

A candidate draw to determine ballot order is scheduled on June 7, with an informational candidate workshop also set for that date.

Candidate forums are scheduled on June 12 and June 22, both to be held in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The cutoff for voter eligibility is July 3 and the target date to mail ballots is July 10.

Ballots must be received by Aug. 7. Votes will be counted and totals announced on Aug. 9 and results will be validated during the Ocean Pines Annual Meeting on Aug. 10. and he praised Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer and her team for their efforts.

He added it was "The \$64,000 Question" as to how many homeowners live in Ocean Pines year 'round and how many do not.

"That's the unknown," he said, adding the large number of part-time residents tends to throw a wrench in committee plans to maximize voter returns.

"How do you engage people [who don't live in the community]?" Habeger asked. "I got an email [last year] on the day ballots were due from somebody over on the western shore saying, 'We can't find our ballot, can you send us one?' And I had to explain that, no, ballots are due today, here."

For the first time last year, ballots included a highlighted box and bold type that explained voting instructions and the due date.

"I think it's the worthy effort. I don't know what we can do beyond what we did last year, and last year is the model we'll build upon," Habeger said.

Committee member Virginia Sutula noted the difference last year between the fourth-place finisher who was elected and the fifth-place finisher who was not was just 23 votes. That's well within the margin of the 66 votes that were not counted because they were received late.

"Last year absolutely could have made a difference," she said. "You can't help it, but some people just don't care. They're here, they are happy with what they're doing and whoever is elected is fine."

She suggested that promotional materials going out this year stress the closeness of last year's contest.

"There were some really close races last year and your vote does count," she said. "For people who think that, 'I'm only one vote,' the difference between a winner and a nonwinner last year [was just a handful of votes]."

Committee member Mark Heintz said the percentage of people who vote has been fairly constant in Ocean Pines, but he would like to see the number of late votes reduced.

"It's improving, but our objective is zero," Habeger said.

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee is scheduled to meet again on Feb. 8.

For a full schedule of upcoming committee dates, times and locations, visit www.oceanpines.org/calendars.

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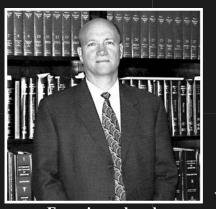
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Berlin Police Department Pfc. Gary Bratten is recognized as the town's 2018 Officer of the Year. Bratten led the department in warnings, citations and adult arrests for 2018. He was also praised for engaging with the community.

Bratten named Berlin's 2018 top cop; others also honored

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) Berlin Police Department Pfc. Gary Bratten was named Police Officer of the Year and several members of the department were recognized recently for their service, according to Police Chief Arnold Downing.

Speaking during a Town Council meeting Monday, Downing said Bratten led the Berlin Police Department in warnings, citations and adult arrests for 2018, but also was noticed in the community.

"We went ahead and moved him to the midnight shift and a week or two afterwards we had churches asking us, 'What happened to the officer that was coming by here every day doing service?" Downing said. "We're definitely proud to bestow this award upon him."

He said S.O. Edward Carmean was recognized for 10 years of service and S.O. Chris Bireley was honored for being with Berlin Police for 20 years.

Downing said two service awards were given, to Bireley for tracking a suspect to Delaware during an incident that led to a felony arrest, and to Lt. Jeffrey Lawson for his work during a domestic barricade situation.

Lifesaving awards were given to S.O. Joseph Kerr, who saved a man he discovered was "actively hanging himself," and to S.O. Claude Holland for rescuing a mother and two children from a flooding vehicle, Downing said.

Sgt. Michael O'Connor and Ofc. Kevin Lloyd were also given lifesaving awards. Downing said the officers assisted "subjects who were actually cutting themselves" during separate events in November and December.

"We can't say thanks enough to those officers who step out there every day and protect and serve this community," Downing said.

Mayor Gee Williams asked Downing to pass on gratitude and congratulations on behalf of the Town Council.

"Please let them know how proud we are and how grateful," Williams said.

Board of director application gets slight modification

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates this year will see a slightly modified version of the application form each is required to complete.

Director Colette Horn, who, as the association secretary, verifies candidate eligibility, said many of the alterations were made for ease of use and because she's new to the job.

For one, association officials previously used "sticky notes" to mark when applications were received and who handled them.

"I thought that's not a good way to go, so instead of sticky notes we have little boxes at the bottom [of the form]. It just shows every step and the person who handled it at every step," Horn said.

Also new are separate spaces for property address and mailing address. Horn said that made it easier for her to mail election materials to each candidate. Last year, some materials were sent to a homeowner who did not primarily receive mail in Ocean Pines, she said.

Spaces for mailing, property and email addresses were also modified so applicants could type in entries, rather than hand-write them. Horn said some forms last year were difficult to read.

Additionally, she said the modified version more explicitly stated director eligibility requirements.

'That's always been there, but I think the wording was changed a little," she said.

Horn said the changes have little to do with the lawsuit filed by Brett Hill against her and the association after his application was rejected. The case was eventually dropped.

"It didn't really have to do with that," she said. "A lot of it was to make it easier for the secretary to be able to go through the process and not have guesswork as to where should I mail this [and] can I really read this handwriting when I'm out to make sure I have the address correct.

"When I went through the process last year, I didn't like having the sticky notes and that kind of stuff. I just felt it was cleaner for me, as a new secretary that was new to the process," Horn added.

She said some changes were recommended by members of the Ocean Pines Search Committee, which recruits candidates for office.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger on Friday said his group's concerns "have been met by this.'

Horn said the new form must be approved by the board of directors before it can be employed. She said it would be considered during the Feb. 15 board meeting.



CLASS OFFICERS

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In celebration of Homecoming and all of the spirited activities, the Stephen Decatur High School senior class officers led the class of 2019 in the annual themed pep rally walkout, which was "Welcome to the Jungle" this year. Pictured are Stephen Decatur High School senior class officers Hannah Johnson, Halle Friedman, Orre Omer and President Allison Jones.

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If you build it, they will come ... to Berlin

The Town of Berlin has its hands full ... of ideas ... again. This time they involve the possibility of two projects that, if the town can pull them off, would make Berlin's continuing reinvention of itself even more remarkable.

If Berlin were to land a YMCA facility at Berlin Falls park, that would, in one stroke, become both the centerpiece and foundation of an enterprise that's still in the process of being defined.

Buying that property for a park without knowing what might be done with it was a bold move, and town officials even cautioned residents that developing it into a recreational nucleus could take generations.

Planting a YMCA on its grounds, however, would make that happen much faster than anyone dared to imagine.

Meanwhile, the town is going to build a community center, and it could replace the aging and now unusable multipurpose building on Flower Street. Maybe the new facility goes on that property, and maybe it goes elsewhere, thus leaving the multipurpose building to continue its decline.

What happens depends on whether the Berlin Community Improvement Association cedes ownership of the Flower Street property to the town.

This should be an easy decision to make, just as the next step in the YCMA proposal should not require much heavy thinking or debate.

Members of the community association have only to ask themselves and their constituents what they will have if they don't join the town in the pursuit of a new facility on the site. Their best bet would be to memorialize the old building with pictures and written remembrances inside a new facility and allow future generations to appreciate the history, but to make their own memories in a new venue.

As for the possibility of a YMCA at Berlin Falls, spending \$20,000 to determine whether it's feasible is nothing as compared to what might be gained.

Two "yes" votes are all Berlin needs to see the future.

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OP Chamber opposes seismic testing

Group joins several others, including OC and Fenwick Council

(Jan. 17, 2019) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce joined the Ocean City Mayor and Council, the Fenwick Island Town Council, the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and numerous environmental nonprofits in their collective opposition to any form of seismic testing in local offshore waters.

Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan and the City Council recently put out a similar press release in which Meehan was quoted in saying, "The recent permits issued by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, combined with the pending permits being reviewed by BOEM, open the door for seismic blast testing and ultimately offshore oil and gas drilling off the Ocean City coastline.

"The short term benefits of oil and gas exploration or any large scale industrial activity in the ocean pale against the permanent catastrophic environmental and economic harm that such activity will cause," Meehan continued. "We are urging BOEM to preserve our beach and ocean by denying any permit applications related to oil and gas exploration and development off the coast of Maryland." ber of Commerce is proud to stand with and is resolute to support our neighboring community leaders in this opposition.

"Disruption of our treasured ocean ecosystem is unacceptable. Local commercial fishermen are already seeing damage to benthic species due to other offshore activities. Seismic testing will further alter migration patterns and drive away resident species," said Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kerrie Bunting. "Not to mention the ultimate goal of this testing is to determine if the area is appropriate for offshore oil and gas drilling. We will whole-heartedly stand in opposition to that.²

The Ocean Pines Cham-

Elections committee seeks member

Pines advisory panel wants fifth person to help oversee ballots

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Jan. 17, 2019) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee is seeking a fifth member following the recent departure of committee member Rick Turner.

Chairman Steve Habeger on Friday said Turner had to leave the committee because he moved out of Ocean Pines. Up to five members are permitted in the committee.

The committee, according to its charter, administers the association voting process, and organizes and conducts candidate forums.

"We do have an opening," Habeger said, adding that filling the vacancy would be done on a "first come, first served" basis. The committee is scheduled to meet again on Feb. 8, but committee members did not yet set additional 2019 meeting dates, citing to the need to confer with whoever becomes its fifth member.

To download an advisory committee application, visit www.oceanpines.org/formsdocs-cat/board-member-application. Applications may also be picked up inside the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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The Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society at Worcester Preparatory School inducted 36 new members on Nov. 8. Pictured in front, from left, are Annika Larsen, Quinn McColgan, Rylie Carey, Hana Miller, Ellie Todorov, Kathryn Marini, Maddy Shanahan, Saylar McGuiness, Ashley Laws, Madison Van Orden and Carly Hoffman; second row, Charlie Brinker, McKenzie Blake, Damiana Colley, Abbi Nechay, Jenna Elrick, Kennedy Humes, Aly Matha, Audrey Stearns and Max Taylor; third row, Enzo Zechiel, Sami Repass, Emily Copeland, Abi Plylar, Clare DeMallie and Spencer Paquette; and in back, Ryan Cronin, Alec Dembeck, Alec Willing, Kelly Polk, Kurt Leinemann, Devin Wallace, Frank Carter and Gavin Hentschel. Not Pictured: Max Huber and Eli Prushansky.

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VET COLLECTION

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Stephen Decatur High School students and staff as well as the organizations of Connections, Leo Club and NJROTC, joined forces with American Legion Post #166 for the sixth annual presentation of "Packages for our Troops." SDHS filled two trucks with various toiletries and other amenities for the U.S. military.



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The Worcester County Commissioners honor former Orphans Court Chief Judge William D. Shockley (32 years) and Register of Wills Charlotte Kerbin Cathell (20 years), center, who retired recently from public service, for their lasting contributions to Worcester County, on Tuesday.



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Cuisine

Hearty, fatty foods perfect in cold weather

Oh, the folly of this weather. As much as I love winter, now they are telling us that Sunday's temperatures



will drop from 55 to 10 in a matter of hours. Personally, I find this to be a bit nonsensical, but it reminds me of the day this past autumn on which the temperature dropped from 95 to 55 in an afternoon.

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

Enough is enough. Well, I guess it's time to fire up some braised, hearty goods to keep warm.

The fact remains that I don't live in Florida yet, so I must submit myself to the changing seasons. Truth be told, I am happy to have the seasons; a primary reason I moved back here from Southern California. Well, that and a few other reasons, but I'll save that for another day.

In SoCal, there are two seasons: hot and warm. Every morning is sunny, and every day is fairly temperate with a few exceptions in the summertime. The Pacific is always chilly to brisk, and even on a 95-degree day, you might need a spring suit to spend more than an hour or two surfing. There simply is no variation, no invigorating thunderstorms, or leaves falling off the trees. Monotony.

I remember coming home shortly after getting out of the Marines in 1991 to visit family. They picked me up at BWI and as we headed back to the shore, I sat in awe as I watched the black storm cloud on the horizon that was getting ready to rip across the Chesapeake. There is something so invigorating about fast-hitting storms. Maybe it was the countless times that we would be on a boat in the middle of the bay when one of those bastards would pop up and make us batten down the hatches and hang on for a 30-minute joy ride. Yes, it was often frightening, as no boater likes a good squall, but there is a calm before and after said event that always made me appreciate things in a different light.

In California, that really didn't happen. Sure, there were brush fires, and we had our fair share of those. In fact, I remember waking up in the squad bay at TOW Company, 1st Tank Battalion to an early reveille to see the hill-line next to las Flores aglow with 30-foot flames dancing on the skyline. We bugged out for the



morning and that fire was contained rather quickly.

Then there are the earthquakes, like the one we had off the coast here on Tuesday, with the exception that you actually felt the earthquakes in SoCal. Otherwise, there was no variety in the seasons, and I'm glad that I can at least appreciate them here.

And when the weather is this nasty, it is time for hearty stews, braised meats and fatty goods as we stay warm through this icy tempest. It's the least that we can do as we inch our way towards spring.

Stout-Braised Pork Belly

serves 4

- 1.5 pound Fresh pork belly, skin removed
- 1 quart Chicken or pork stock
- 1 medium White onion, cut into large chunks
- 2 ribs celery, cut into chunks
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 Tbsp. Black peppercorns
- 3 shallots, halved
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- Salt, to taste
- 12 ounces Guinness Extra Stout 1.5 cup Vegetable hash (Recipe fol-
- lows) baby arugula, as needed

1. Heat a cast iron pan until just below smoking (assuming that you have oiled your pan after the last use, it will smoke if too hot)

2. Score the belly on the skin/fatty side about 1/4 -inch deep in a crisscross fashion with the about 1/2-inch apart

3. Salt the belly and place the scored side down in the pan. You do not need to add extra oil to the pan as fat will render out as you sear it

4. When the belly has a nice color and crisp to it, turn it over and cook for another 5 minutes

5. Remove from the pan and place in a roasting or baking pan with all of the ingredients up to and including the Guinness

6. Place in a 350F oven for 3-4 hours (ovens vary), or until the belly is incredibly tender when pierced with a knife or fork

7. Remove the belly carefully so as to avoid it falling apart and strain the liquid, discarding the vegetables

8. Cut the belly into equal portions and when ready to serve, heat your cast iron pan

9. Sear the scored side of the belly until crispy. If you refrigerated your pork belly for later service, merely reheat it in an oven before this step

10. Serve the belly atop some broth, baby arugula and the vegetable

hash

Vegetable-Bacon Hash

makes about 1 quart

- 3 strips bacon
- 1/2 White onion, julienne
- 2 red potatoes, diced
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1 tomato (preferably green), diced 2 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1/4 cup Cider vinegar
- Chicken stock, as needed

1. Cut the bacon into little pieces and heat on medium in a pan until crispy

2. Drain the fat and add the onion and potatoes, cooking for 12 minutes

3. Add carrot and celery and cook for another 5

4. Add remaining ingredients and cook until you have a nice, caramelized hash

5. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper

6. Use immediately or cool and refrigerate for future use

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

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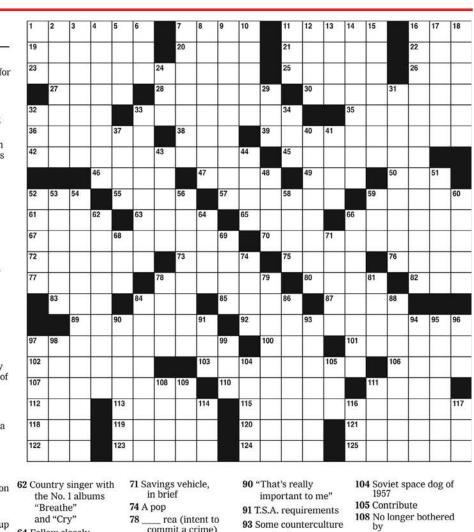
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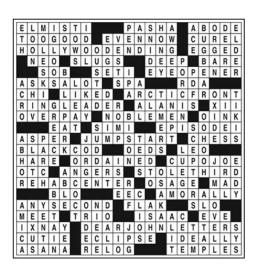
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Thurs., Jan. 17

'CONSERVATION TOOLBOX WORKSHOP'

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM. This free event is open to the public and specifically targeted for landowners with property in the Dividing Creek, Pocomoke River, Coastal Bays and Lower Wicomico River watersheds. Featuring an introduction to the financial and technical assistant options available to enhance the health and value of Lower Shore woods, wildlife habitat and waterways. Coffee and refreshments provided. RSVP: Susanne Ketcham, 443-234-5587 or sketcham@lowershorelandtrust.org.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served t 9:45 a.m. Just a reminder that the Pine'eer Artisan and Gift Shop is opened every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by and see the treasures made by the artisans. All guests welcomed. Barb O'Connor, 410-726-8062

STORY TIME 'DANCE'

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

STEAM STORYTIME 'ATTRACT AND REPEL -A LOOK AT MAGNETS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. For 3 to 7 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. Tom Dempsey will guide participants through the world of family research and give tips on how to find that long-lost ancestor. Register: 410-208-4014. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

CANNING

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2:00 PM. This interactive workshop includes USDA approved preservation guidelines with demonstrations and activities. Taught by the University of Maryland Extension Office. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIDNEY SMART CLASS

John H. 'Jack' Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. In this no-cost Kidney Smart class, learn how to create an action plan to manage your health, what causes kidney disease and more. Register: KidneySmart.org/class or 240-454-1197.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, 7:00 PM. Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m. with general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Join the group for the swearing-in ceremony of the new 2019 Officers. Charles Weaver, board member of the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame/Museum and President Worcester County Historical Society, will discuss the progress of the Judy Johnson Memorial tribute stone to be installed on front of the Snow Hill library. 443-944-6701

BEACH SINGLES

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

GRIEF SUPPORT

Thursdays - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education. Participants work together to help each other navigate through grief at their own pace. Free and open to the public. Nicole Long, 443-614-6142

Fri., Jan. 18

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring seminars, fishermen gear, equipment and more. Admission cost is \$15. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, http://www.marylandwatermen.com

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. Copies of books are available in advance at the library.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Featuring Citizen Kane (1941). Refreshments provided. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FISH FRY

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 4:30 PM -7:00 PM. Platters cost \$10 and include flounder filet, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cornbread and dessert. Beverages are included for those who eat in.

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. This program is designed for an adult audience. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. Presented by Ocean Pines Children's Theatre. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the OC Convention Center Box Office. 410-289-2800

Sat., Jan. 19

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE "A.A. MILNE"

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

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:30 AM. Doug Murphy will speak on changes to the 2019 tax law. A slide presentation highlighting the Year in Review will be shown along with any fishing updates. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

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DELMARVA ART EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Art vendors and fine crafters from any states will be displaying their products for sale. Classes available on Saturday. Admission cost \$3 a day or \$5 for the weekend. 443-235-2926, http://www.delmarvaartexpo.com

WOMEN'S WAVE MARCH

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM. Meet near the tram station at the end of the Boardwalk. Sponsored by Indivisible Worcester County, Md. and the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County, Md. All are welcome and there will be prizes for the most original poster, the best Blue Wave poster and the funniest. poster.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

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

OYSTER FRITTER AND SOUP SALE

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> Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mount Pleasant Road, 12:00 PM. Menu includes oyster fritter sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, hot dogs and bake table. Proceeds benefit A Village At The Shore. Angie Ayres, 410-726-1967

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DIVE-IN MOVIE SHOWING

Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring Charlotte's Web. Watch on a blow-up screen while splashing and swimming or floating on inflatable rafts in the heated, indoor pool. Popcorn for sale. Cost is attend is \$3 for Ocean Pines swim members, \$5 for Ocean pines residents and \$7 for non-residents. Families of more than 4, may pay a flat rate of \$20. http://www.OceanPines.org

'AN EVENING OF JAZZ AND BLUES'

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Featuring singer and saxophonist performer, Everett A. Spells. Tickets cost \$25. Reservations: 410-641-0638.

INDOOR FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - Northside Fire House, next to White Horse Park, which is located at 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Jan. 5 through March 9, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Featuring quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry an daily products, as well as, baked goods, jams, cider, wine, honey, maple syrup, coffee, sauces, soups, kitchen ware, treats for pets, unique finds and live music. Open to the public. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

Sun., Jan. 20

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Calendar

Mon., Jan. 21

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.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Coffee and conversation held from 9:30-10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Matt Heir, who is the Mid-Atlantic Campaign Organizer for Oceana, an international ocean advocacy organization that is leading local efforts against offshore drilling.

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

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

Burley Oak Brewery, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. In addition to beverages and bar bites, Coastal Bays will be hosting a trivia contest starting at 6:30 p.m. Zack Davis and Bill Weiland will be providing acoustic music. There will be a variety to items to bid on as well as a raffle. Also featuring guest bartenders. Ten percent of the bar rings will be donated to the program. To donate: Sandi Smith, 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

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., Jan. 22

BEACH BLANKET BLOOD DRIVE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Commemorative long sleeve T-shirt for all donors, raffle for a 42" TV and other great prizes. To schedule an appointment, call 888-825-6638 or online at www.delmarvablood.org. Suzanne Murray, smurray@bbd.org, 302-357-0818

IPAD CHICKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEAM STORYTIME

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Attract and Repel - A Look at Magnets for 3 to 7 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY TIME 'MOVIE: WINNIE THE POOH CARTOONS'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Movie begins at 4:30 p.m. Before, during and after the movie enjoy crafts and activities related to Winnie the Pooh.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITERS' GROUP PRESENTATION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Shared Visions is a partnership between the Art League of Ocean City and the Ocean City library, home of the Ocean City Writers Group. Members of the Art League created art that inspired the poetry and prose of the writers, and both sides are on display during January. The writers will be on hand to read their work and discuss what inspired them. Free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, http://www.ortleagueofoceangity.arg

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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

Wed., Jan. 23

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STORY TIME 'BEARS'

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A WINTER START TO A SPRING GARDEN

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Learn how to get an early start on your spring garden. You don't need a large plot of land go grow your own food. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDERS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Make homemade bird feeders. For all ages. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

DRUG AWARENESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM. Detective Tish Ottey will share trends and data regarding drug use in our area. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

RELAY FOR LIFE 2019 KICK OFF EVENT

Greene Turtle West, 9616 Stephen Decatur Highway, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Enjoy activities for all ages such as a pool challenge, hoops challenge, trivia and more with prizes hosted by DJ BK. Happy hour prices continue until 8 p.m. with 15 percent of all purchases being donated to Relay For Life. Dawn Hodge, 443-497-1198, dawnhodge@comcast.net or DJ Thompson, 443-366-5440, djthom421@gmail.com, http://www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermd

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. A supportive and safe place for members to share stories confidentially and spend time with others who understand. No sign-ins and no special advanced requirements to attend. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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POLISH AMERICAN CLUB

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Those of Polish or Slavic descent welcome. No meetings in June, July and August. Helen Sobkowiak, 410-723-2639 or Maryann Lula, 410-250-2548

THE SHEPHERDS CROOK

St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave. in the DeWees

Hall. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Offering dry food goods with NOEL carry out lunches on Saturdays. Use the DeWees Hall north entrance door located at the top of the driveway. Info: 410-289-3453. Volunteers contact Jane Ellis, 540-808-6055.

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Ocean City American Legion Post, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, at noon. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: firststatemarines.org

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Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Knock at the south door for entry. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or www.jessespaddle.org.

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OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY

The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, third Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m. Info: 410-208-1398.

PINE'EER ARTISAN & GIFT SHOP OPEN

Pine'eer Artisan & Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

'ACHIEVING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS' SEMINAR

Atlantic General Bariatric Center Conference Room, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 207, Berlin. Takes place the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. This is a free, in-person seminar. Additional opportunities are also available in the form of an online webinar. Register: 410-641-9568.



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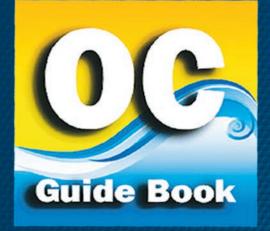
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Saturday 12-3	2 Bimini Lane, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$364,900	Billy Barr/Keller Williams
Sunday 11-2	2901 Atlantic Ave, Harrington Towers #1104	ŀ	Condo	\$464,900	Billy Barr/Keller Williams
Saturday 11-2	38 Alton Point, Ocean Pines	5BR/5full BA/2 Half BA	Single Family	\$1,749,000	The Britts Team/Keller Williams
Saturday 11-2	2 Hidden Cove Way, Sunset Island #3B	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$379,900	The Britts Team/Keller Williams
Saturday 11-2	1464 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$459,000	The Britts Team/Keller Williams
Saturday 2:30-4	13244 Rollie Road, E Bishopville	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$249,000	Lauren Smith/Keller Williams
Sunday 12-3	207 Windward Drive, Unit 303, Windward Landing	North 2 BR/2BA	Condo	\$187,000	Lauren Smith/Keller Williams
Saturday 11-1	31 Windswept Drive, Berlin, Bay Vista II	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$385,000	Lauren Smith/Keller Williams
Sunday 1:30-3	1 Freeport , The Parke OP	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$325,000	Lauren Smith/Keller Williams
Saturday 11-1	14 39th St., Unit 2	2BR/1BA	Condo	\$172,000	Taylor Bakke/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11-2	10000 Coastal Hwy., English Towers #803	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$549,900	Bonnie Browns/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
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