



## Hundreds gather for 'African-American Life in Another View'

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) Berlin artist Patrick Henry's restorations of scores of photographs – many more than a century old – were met with a strong community response last Saturday as "African-American Life in Another View" was unveiled at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center.

A four-hour reception on Saturday evening was well attended, and people inside the former schoolhouse could be seen staring intently at the dozens of images on display, which dated from the mid-1800s through the middle of the last century.

"I think this whole show brings back memories of the community," Victor Smack said. "I'm glad that Pat Henry has done this at the Germantown School, and I'm glad that he's doing this in the memory of Black History Month."

"It seems to me we've had hundreds and hundreds of people coming by and stopping to look at those photographs," Smack continued. "It's a great honor to me to walk around and see the pictures that Mr. Pat Henry has done. He's done a great job."

About halfway through the event, three men well known in the Berlin community, Gregory Purnell, Gabe Purnell and Town Councilman Elroy Brittingham, had gathered around a photo captioned "Jennie and Charles Tingle Sr." Next to it was Jennie Tingle's midwifery certificate, dated 1939.

"This lady had her hands on each of us the day we were born – and that was back in the 1940s," Gregory Purnell said.

Gabe Purnell was born in 1945, Brittingham was born in 1948, and Gregory Purnell was born one year later, in 1949.

"Even before then, [she] was [famous] for bringing children of African-American decent into the world," Gregory Purnell said. "It's almost like seeing your mother! All I

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Big crowds come out on Saturday at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center for an art and local history reception created by local artist Patrick Henry. Henry spent nearly two decades compiling photographs, along with several more years restoring them, in order to depict "African-American Life in Another View."

## Pines budget going down to wire

Board still looking for ways to cut assessments ahead of Saturday adoption vote

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) A basketball game was going on next door, with scoreboards buzzing and crowds cheering, but the real sporting event Saturday morning was in the adjacent Marlin Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center, where board members and a few dozen others spent four hours vigorously debating how to reduce the proposed \$127 increase in the next fiscal-year budget.

Efforts to lower that number focused on payroll and health benefits, bulkheads and roads, and paying off

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The Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday debate ways to trim the near-record assessment increase in the most recent fiscal 2020 budget draft. A vote on whether to adopt the budget is scheduled Saturday.

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Tyler William Birch, right, was killed last Tuesday in a single-vehicle crash near Berlin. Friends and family fondly remembered the recent Stephen Decatur graduate, who was just 19 years old. Dakota Maycrantz honored his friend by writing a song, while others started a GoFundMe page to raise money for Birch's family. A memorial service was held last Sunday at the Community Church of Ocean Pines and donations in his name may be sent to the Worcester County Humane Society.

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# Locals remember Decatur graduate Tyler William Birch

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 14, 2019) Friends and family last week mourned the passing of Stephen Decatur High School graduate Tyler William Birch, 19, who was killed in a single-vehicle crash last Tuesday morning near the Glen Ridge community.

For 20-year-old Dakota Maycrantz, hearing of his former classmate's death inspired him to write a song.

"I just wanted to pay tribute to him and to his life and to his family, of course, because they're mourning and grieving," Maycrantz said.

Maycrantz, who studies at Berklee College of Music in Boston, fondly recalls he and Birch drawing together in middle school. The two drifted apart in high school, but still shared mutual friends. They both graduated in 2017.

"He was just always a really nice kid," Maycrantz said. "I have a lot of respect for him."

Maycrantz said Birch was the first person he knew who died. He wrote the lyrics to the song as a way to gain perspective on "how fragile life is and how fast things can be taken away."

When it came time to record the song, he said he focused on the raw emotion of what happened.

"I was surprised it was such a positive reaction because, when I wrote it, I intended it to be really blunt and really dark," Maycrantz said, adding the song was meant to "kind of reflect the bluntness and darkness of death itself."

Since posting the song on Facebook, the video has received many reactions, shares and comments, including one from Birch's sister, Kelsey.

"Thank you [Dakota]. It really touched my heart," Kelsey said in the post. "He thought very highly of you, and only said kind things. I appreciate this very much. He would have loved it."

A memorial service for Birch was held last Sunday afternoon at the Community Church of Ocean Pines. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his name may be sent to the Worcester County Humane Society at P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811.

Several of Birch's friends also created a GoFundMe page to benefit his family.

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Photos from the "African-American Life in Another View" exhibition included, clockwise from top left, workers in a canning factory, Virginia Smack Tingle on the Ocean City Boardwalk, Jennie and Charles Tingle Sr., and Civil War veteran Peter Henry and his wife Emma.



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# Flood of memories during art, history exhibit in Germantown

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ever knew was ‘Miss Janie,’ ‘Miss Janie,’ ‘Miss Janie.’ And that was the first time that I’ve seen her picture.”

Purnell said it was also the first time he learned her real name was “Jennie.”

“She brought hundreds of Berlin, probably Snow Hill, Newark [and] Selbyville black babies into the world,” he said. “I’d bet hundreds ... 500 or more easily.”

“That’s extraordinary right there,” he added.

Brittingham was equally awestruck.

“I’m learning so much history of people that I didn’t even realize [what they looked like]. I heard their names, but I’ve never seen them in pictures,” he said. “It’s so much history here.”

He said a younger woman walked up to him earlier in the evening and remarked, “I didn’t know Berlin had a tomato factory,” referring to several photos of a former canning operation based in the town.

“When I was a kid ... they had so many trucks lined up with tomatoes, I just rode my bike right toward the tomatoes, walked up and started eating one,” Brittingham said with a laugh. “That was back in the day!”

For Henry, who put years of work into the project, the public response was more than gratifying.

He began his work at the end of the last century, compiling the photos from the collections of Edward Hammond Sr., Maude Armstrong, John Briddell, Jesse Fassett, Jeanette Smith, Margaret Smith and Leola Smack.

During the last several years, he restored the images on his computer and began printing them, at first unsure of what to do with the finished product.

“I was so intense into it that once I set it up and saw it collectively, it just blew me away,” he said.

Seeing everyone gathered to view and admire the photos, he said, was awe-inspiring. Walking in the door near the start of the reception, a man picked up a large, black and white photograph and held it in his arms like a long-lost friend.

“That’s what I wanted!” Henry said. “That’s exactly was I was hoping for. I would love to have a story for each of the photographs.”

He said one woman, a Philadelphia resident, contacted him after seeing a news report before the show.

“On TV, she saw a portrait of a  
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# African-American history on display at heritage center

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Civil Water veteran and that was her great-great- grandfather,” Henry said. “Those kinds of connections and bonds [are so important].”

Barbara Purnell, who operates the old Germantown School as a heritage center, said she was overjoyed by result of Henry’s years of labor.

“It’s awesome – it’s just awesome,” she said. “I’m just so happy for what Pat did to bring our heritage and legacy around to us.”

Purnell said the reception was a perfect example of the heritage center’s mission.

“This is what it’s all about – bringing people together,” she said. “Today, this has really happened, bringing all these people together.”

She said one image in particular struck her: a photograph of her late mother, Virginia Smack Tingle, as a young woman standing on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

“She was working in Ocean City at the age of 17,” Purnell said. “When I saw it, it brought tears to my eyes – that’s my mother! That’s my mother.”

“It just touched my heart. I still miss her,” she added.

Gregory Purnell summed up the viewers’ experience.

“When you see pictures, when you see some of this, it means a lot to you. Pictures are where time is made to stand still, and you can view what did happen. You don’t have to conjure it up – it’s right there. And that’s the magic of a photo,” he said. “When you see it, it can get you to an instant of time that is long gone – and sometimes long forgotten. It’s almost as if it’s magic.”

Henry hopes to collect enough donations to pay for a wall exhibit system for the Germantown School. When that’s accomplished, he plans to contribute to a collection of images to serve as a permanent educational component.

“I think that would be beautiful to have here,” he said.

For more information on the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, visit [www.thegermantownschool.org](http://www.thegermantownschool.org) or search “Germantown School Community Heritage Center, Berlin, MD” on Facebook.

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# Board still looking for ways to trim budget

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the remainder of a \$1.6 million deficit.

Personnel costs account for \$33 of the increase, according to General Manager John Bailey, who attributed that to implementing the results of a pay study, offering merit raises, and “estimated benefits inflation.”

To counter that, Director Ted Moroney suggested eliminating the pay study increase, thus saving almost \$128,000 overall and trimming roughly \$15 from the increase.

Moroney also suggested reducing health benefits from 100 percent coverage for some, to 80/20 for all, with Ocean Pines paying for 80 percent of costs and workers handling the remaining 20 percent.

Again according to Bailey, 41 employees have full coverage and 28 were contributing to it.

Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola said Moroney’s suggestions were in line with his own recommendations, but added his committee last year recommended, “the whole package should be looked at.”

“Apparently, it didn’t happen,” Viola said.

Association President Doug Parks explained the budgeted 2-percent merit raises meant 2 percent of the total payroll would be available for “high performers” or “folks that may

just be under the minimum required for a specific job.”

“It’s up to the discretion of the general manager, based on his assessment of staff performance,” Parks said, adding that amounted to \$72,791.

Director Frank Daly called payroll as a whole “an unmitigated mess,” while Director Slobodan Trendic said the issue was “an elephant in the room that needs to be addressed.”

“I feel like, in a way, that we’re in a reaction mode instead of being proactive,” he said. “We had an opportunity since last year to begin the work on that and I’m disappointed that ... hasn’t happened.”

Rather than give merit raises, Trendic suggested a one-time bonus for certain employees.

“If you look at our payroll, we have positions that have continued to increase in salaries to the point where some are actually over the top of the scale. If you keep doing that, how do

you fix that problem?” Trendic asked, adding solutions could include layoffs, outsourcing and restructuring “to eliminate those highly paid positions.”

Parks said the payroll study done in-house this year was flawed, but suggested comparing it to an outside study done about five years earlier. He added, “That’s certainly going to take some time.”

He said the association had a fiduciary responsibility to scale back health benefits, but that would amount to a “hit to the em-

ployee.”

“Now, all of the sudden, you’re going to take 20 percent out of your paycheck and you’re going to have to forward that for insurance and benefits payments,” Parks said. He said the notion of a “one-time payout” might help to “soften the blow to the employee.”

“If that’s a palatable idea, my ques-

tion would be how much is that really going to cost us?” Parks asked.

If that were done, he added, it would be a one-time adjustment.

“As responsible employers, when we make this change to benefits ... [it will] hit them in the pocketbook,” Director Colette Horn said. “They have a window during which they can make decisions to change how they get their health care coverage. And this bonus gives them an opportunity to make that decision during the open enrollment period, before they have to take that financial hit. And I’m favor of doing that.”

Viola said it was not ideal that the directors were still talking about these subjects in so much detail, so late into the budget process.

“The fact that we’re talking about payroll, and we’re talking about benefits, and we’re taking adjustments and merit raises to this degree today – several weeks into the budget process and over a year from our last budget ... when this was all brought up ... it wasn’t executed during the year properly – that’s why this board is where they are today, unfortunately,” he said.

“If we take out the payroll adjustment ... if we go to 80/20 and keep the 2 percent [for merit raises] ... it would definitely lower the assessment

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Ocean Pines Director Ted Moroney, right, discusses ways to lower assessments during a budget meeting last Saturday.



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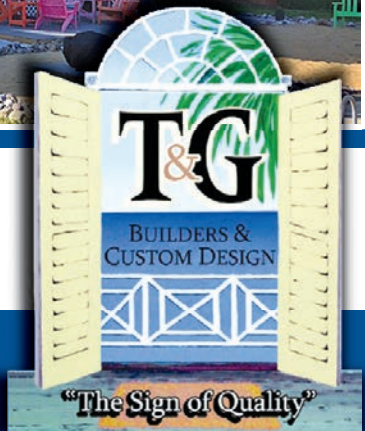
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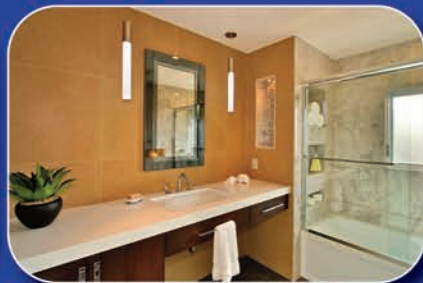
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# Deficit, payroll, health care, roads, bulkheads on block

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from that infamous Jan. 3 'no assessment increase,' Viola added, referring to Bailey's initial budget proposal.

As for the Ocean Pines Association deficit, Parks said the original concept in Bailey's proposed budget was to pay \$100,000 toward the remaining \$1 million deficit balance.

"We've since rethought that as not being an appropriate way to use those funds," he said, adding the budget and finance committee asked the board to "consider paying a third of it, or approximately \$334,000."

"We've already floated the idea of knocking it down to \$250,000 as a way to reduce the assessment, so I think there's a couple of options on the table," Parks said.

Viola said the board voted last year to spend \$71 per household to pay off \$600,000 of the deficit. He said the guidance this year was for a three-year plan to pay off the remaining balance.

"That was guidance from [the budget and finance committee]," he said. "That's what should've been there and that should've been there on Jan. 3 ... that would've made everything transparent for everybody."

"That didn't happen," Viola added. Trendic complimented Viola for asking tough questions and "holding the board in check from a fiscal perspective." He added he agreed with Director Esther Diller's comments in this paper a week ago that, "if our general manager had done a better job ... we wouldn't be having such difficult discussions now."

Moroney said he would prefer a three-year deficit payoff, but could live with reducing it instead over four or five years. He said if the yacht club starts to become profitable or any remaining residential lots owned by Ocean Pines were sold, they could contribute to deficit reduction, but added, "hope is not a plan."

Parks, acknowledging calls by some for across-the-board cuts, said at some point "it's the law of dimin-

ishing returns."

He said he'd rather pay the deficit off sooner than later, because it's more fiscally responsible to do so, and because boards change.

"Next year, a board could come in and basically undo what we've done and say, 'No, we're not going to pay it back and we're just going to carry that loss on the balance sheet,'" Parks said. "The idea of trying to make sure that we address this in a way while we can a) recognize it and b) act on it is a little more important than trying to save [a few assessment dollars]."

Bailey said the difference between a three and four-year plan was about \$8 or \$9 dollars.

Daly also said he would rather pay down the deficit sooner rather than later "because it's your money that was blown," but said he could be convinced to vote for a four-year payoff.

Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf added if the board did not properly address the deficit now, it would essentially be denying resources for future boards.

Besides the deficit and personnel cost problems, bulkhead costs are going up, Moroney said.

He said basic costs have gone up 30 percent and it may require another 25 percent to no longer use the swim and racquet club area as a staging ground.

"What we did when we looked at this was ... we said, for bulkheads, at the end of 2025, we want to have a carry-forward balance of \$500,000," Moroney said. "And when we ran the numbers, we were actually in the negatives a little bit."

He said the association needs to explore other staging grounds, because over time "we will save ... a tremendous amount of money" if that could be done.

All of that being said, Moroney was comfortable waiving the \$19 bulkhead charge this year paid by all lot owners, but suggested keeping in the \$465 differential paid by waterfront owners.

"I will say this - everybody needs to understand that costs are going up

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# Budget adoption vote scheduled Saturday

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and they will be going up [in the future],” he said.

Trendic said he is not comfortable collecting the entire \$465 because “there’s no project plan.” He suggested cutting the number in half.

However, Parks and Ringsdorf said there was adequate information for now in the reserve study for bulkhead planning.

The “big whack” to the assessment, according to Moroney, is the \$47 per homeowner for road depreciation.

Viola said his committee last year recommended funding road depreciation, but that money was instead used for the forensic audit. He said other priorities also came up this year.

“The more I see what’s going on [with] the amount on the GM’s plate ... maybe we don’t fund it this year,” he said.

Ringsdorf said road reserves are about \$500,000. He said without depreciation, the balance would likely drop to about \$100,000 by the end of fiscal 2020. Ocean Pines currently allocates casino revenues for road maintenance and receives a small amount of state funding, but does not collect additional money from membership for that purpose.

Bailey said if road depreciation is not funded, it would not affect plans to replace four large drainage pipes

under the roadway, estimated to cost \$600,000 in total.

Moroney said the guidance for Bailey is to remove money associated with the pay study and road depreciation, but to keep in bulkhead collections. No decision was made on deficit reduction.

Moroney said new board members campaign on flat assessments every year, adding, “Every single person that walks into here gets their eyes opened up when ... they start to look to look at what it costs to operate and where the money goes.”

“We all try to hold [assessments] down,” Moroney said. “I don’t think there’s a person sitting at this table that [wants] to ... pay more than we need to.”

Trendic said he wanted to see 2.5 percent across-the-board cuts. He said legal fees should also be reduced, because about \$40,000 this year went toward negotiating a new deal with Mediacom and that was likely a one-time expense.

Daly said the board owed it to homeowners to keep the budget as low as possible, while still properly maintaining the association. He said any item cut from the budget should be outlined, so the public understands why and what those items are.

Diller said she would like to see some manner of “perk” for homeowners who pay assessments on time, po-

tentially in the form of amenity passes.

She added, “We are working really hard to try to fix this.”

“Some of this we inherited. It’s unfortunate, but we did,” she said. “I can tell you, this board does work very well together. I feel we are very cohesive and we do appreciate the community being involved with this.”

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said he wanted more information on interest rates, if the association planned to borrow money from itself rather than pursue bank loans for some items.

Moroney encouraged homeowners to read the current budget draft online.

He also encouraged those with questions to attend budget and finance committee meetings.

Parks, in closing, offered, “I firmly

believe that we’ll reduce the assessment increase by a significant amount.”

He asked homeowners to email questions to [directors@oceanpines.org](mailto:directors@oceanpines.org), adding phone numbers for individual directors were posted online. For board of director contact information, visit [www.oceanpines.org/administration/board-of-directors](http://www.oceanpines.org/administration/board-of-directors).

To view the latest fiscal 2020 Ocean Pines Association budget draft, visit [www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2019-2020](http://www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/budget-for-fy-2019-2020).

The board is scheduled to vote on whether to adopt the fiscal 2020 budget during its regular meeting this Saturday, Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. in the Asateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.



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# ‘Substantial amount more being recycled’ with new pgm

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) The Town of Berlin last November changed its recycling program, from a traditional collection facility on William Street to a simplified “single-stream” system on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and early results have been positive.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Wheaton last year suggested the change to single stream, which refers to recycling collections from a single container, rather than separate containers for paper, plastic, metals, and other materials.

At a Town Council meeting last October, Wheaton said the old collection center was a mess and it was not uncommon for town workers to spend an entire day sorting through and cleaning up materials.

The council, at his suggestion, approved a \$2,773.33 contract with Republic Services and moved the town recycling center to the former Rayne’s Sand & Gravel building on Old Ocean City Boulevard, now technically part of Berlin Falls park.

Wheaton, during a meeting Monday night, said the changeover is going well.

“We have had a couple times where people threw items in there that didn’t belong, but it’s just saved us so much time by doing it this way ... it saves a lot of time and money,” he said.

Along with saving money and manpower, Public Works Director Jane Kreiter added, “There appears to be a substantial amount more being recycled.”

“Convenience works both ways,” Mayor Gee Williams said.

Answering a question from Councilman Zack Tyndall, Wheaton said cardboard items could either be placed in the single-stream bin or the dedicated cardboard dumpster adjacent to it.

“You could really put it in either one, it doesn’t matter,” Wheaton said. “The green dumpster gets pulled by the county and it’s taken to the land-fill [and] dumped in their recycle building.”

Thus far, Wheaton said, no collections from the single-stream container have been rejected.

“This is much easier for the 15-year-old that lives at my house, I can tell you that,” Councilman Thom Gulyas said.

Tyndall added the switch was “a great idea.”

“Thanks again for bringing it up,” he said.



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# Berlin to issue RFP for new study

Rather than pursue YMCA directly, town to take broad look at community needs

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) Rather than jump straight into the deep end and fund a \$20,000 YMCA feasibility study to gauge interest in an indoor swimming pool and other amenities, the Berlin Town Council on Monday night agreed to a broader and more measured approach.

The council last month tabled a decision on the YMCA study, citing the need for more information and others concerns.

Town Administrator Laura Allen on Monday said she spoke with Triangle2, the firm YMCA uses for feasibility studies, on Feb. 1. The call apparently included Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch and Triangle2 co-owner Lori Swan.

According to Allen, 75 percent of the firm's work is with the YMCA.

"Both owners, she disclosed to us, have worked for YMCAs, but most of the staff has not," Allen said, addressing questions as to whether a conflict of interest exists.

"She also said, in terms of the analysis that they do, about 30 to 50 percent of the deals that they look at do not ... pencil out, so they don't proceed," Allen continued. "She also emphasized that these arrangements are partnerships, and that they really look to work closely with their local communities to build a facility in a partnership fashion."

Based on those discussions, Allen said she now recommended conducting a paper and web-based survey "to get a sense from the community regarding services and facilities that they would be looking for."

She said the survey could be distributed with utility bills, with an on-line version available on the town website.

"There's no issue with duplicate answers or duplicate responses, because we're just sort of gathering information and perspective from the community regarding facilities and programs," Allen said.

She said an example question Triangle2 generally includes is whether residents would favor tax increases to pay for more recreation offerings.

"We would want to include that question," Allen said, adding the paper and web-based survey could be followed by community meetings or focus groups.

"The mayor had expressed interest in having a portion of this survey include an opportunity for additional follow-up contact, so if you're completing this survey and you wanted to be forwarded [information about] a public meeting, you could list it in your contact information," Allen said.

If the data showed public interest in a YMCA, Allen said the town would then need to pay for a Triangle2 phone survey.

"Assuming that the mayor and council is interested in pursuing the YMCA, you would need to have a contractual relationship with Triangle2 to do a phone survey," she said. "They would make sure that they got answers from a representative population of the town ... understand, when you do a survey across the community you're not going to get a 100-percent response rate - you might get 20 percent. The idea is, the phone survey taps into community members across

all demographics."

Allen said all of that could be done through Triangle2 for about \$20,000-\$25,000, but that was apparently not the mayor and council's direction.

Mayor Gee Williams said any survey would need to include "input about what the needs are in the community."

"I think we need to give people an opportunity to say, 'here's a list of things.' Some may be recreational and some may be programs and services that are in need," he said. "That's where I think we'd need someone with experience in this kind of thing, so that we're not missing the obvious."

Based on council consent, Allen will develop a request for proposals for an initial survey and report back in March.

Allen said Tuesday there was apparently some discomfort with the closeness of Triangle2 and the YMCA. She said it was also her impression the council wanted to see a broader survey of community interest.

However, she said Triangle2 could be among the RFP respondents.



Berlin Town Councilman Troy Purnell, left, and Town Administrator Laura Allen discuss a proposed YMCA feasibility study during a Town Council meeting Monday night. The council directed Allen to release bid requests for a study, rather than use the YMCA preferred vendor Triangle2, citing the need for a broader look into community needs, as well as some concerns over Triangle2's closeness with the YMCA organization.

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# Trendic, Bierley provide OPA history lessons

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) While most of a four-hour budget discussion Saturday in Ocean Pines concerned lowering assessments, two men asked to speak about a slightly different topic: recent political history.

Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic stood up near the start of the meeting to address an article in last week's *Gazette* that included comments from former association president and board member Tom Terry.

"I'm going to read a quote from the *Bayside Gazette* – they're getting free ads today, I guess," Trendic said.

Terry's quote: "Ladies and gentlemen, we are trying to find our way back from an absolute disaster in this community ... in August of 2016 this organization was out of deficit and within a year-and-a-half actions had been taken and a direction had been set to put us a million and six in debt."

"Tom Terry continues to say the following," Trendic said, "'Let's not blame these folks' – he was referring to the four directors that were at the meeting ... last Saturday –

'Let's not blame these folks – there's only one of them left up there, and he didn't show up today.'"

"Anybody that pays attention to our association affairs knows that Tom Terry is referring to me," Trendic con-

tinued. "Why do I feel compelled to bring this up? Because probably a lot of people are wondering why I did not attend last Saturday's meeting."

Trendic, becoming emotional, said he did not attend because he was out of town to be with his wife while she had surgery.

"That was my priority," he said. "Now, I don't want to do what Mr. Terry did with his quote, so I'm just going to deal with the facts."

Trendic said he joined the board in August 2016. That September, Doug Parks, the current association president, was appointed to the board.

Trendic said Colette Horn was elected to the board a year later and in September 2017 Ted Moroney was appointed as a director.

"During this period of time, when those issues with our financial performance were going on, I did everything I could to stop the train wreck," Trendic said. "I spoke publicly, I questioned [the] 20-percent discount, I questioned raises, I questioned promotions, I questioned crazy revenue projections, I voted against the budget both years – in 2016 and 2017 ... because I knew we were in for [a] tough ride. And I was right, unfortunately."

Trendic said only Parks voted with him against the 2017 budget, while only he and former Director Tom Herrick voted against the 2018 budget.

In 2013, when Terry served as association president, Trendic said, the audited financial report showed a \$1.02 million deficit. In 2014, Trendic said the operating deficit was \$559,000, and in 2015 the operating deficit was \$712,000.

"In 2016, the year Mr. Terry left the board, the operating deficit balance was \$402,000," Trendic said. "The following year, when I joined the board, we ended the year with a reduction. We actually reduced it to a deficit of \$363,000."

"A lot of people read the newspapers and sometimes this kind of information that gets disseminated leaves [the] wrong impression," he continued. "I just wanted to set the record straight."

Roughly three-and-a-half hours into the meeting, homeowner Tom Bierley asked to speak, also on the subject of recent history.

Bierley said he moved to Ocean Pines in 2015, when the yacht club had just been completed. He said not long thereafter, a board was elected with the agenda of removing then general manager Bob Thompson.

"I don't know anything about Bob Thompson, except the for the fact that he was involved in the yacht club building and, for some reason, at the end of the time when you all got rid of him he was operating in the black," he said. "At that point, the sort of hen house was

open ... that's where the deficit came from, I believe ... all the sudden we started losing money."

Bierley said Brett Hill, who succeeded Thompson as the general manager, "took and changed this whole place around, [installing] security cameras ... right and left everywhere."

"All kinds of crazy stuff ... paranoid ... I think," Bierley said.

"The board let him have it. They were the ones that put him into the place and said, 'You run this thing,'" Bierley continued. "My thing is, I know a deficit you have to make up for, but the deficit wasn't created by the people – the deficit was created by what you all did."

"Our deficit was created by the board and now we're paying for it," he said. "You want us to make up for your-all's screw-up. And it's getting old and a lot of people are getting tired of it."

Bierley added the current board should put something into place to ensure "this doesn't happen again."

"Hopefully, we can learn something from this," he said.

Bierley also brought up a December article in this paper, when current General Manager John Bailey offered some advice on fire pits.

"He came out and said, 'Use your head. Be neighbors,'" Bierley said. "'Use your own common sense.' I think that's what we need to do."

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**Snow Hill Mayor Stephen Mathews, in an interview this week, discusses stepping in for Charlie Dorman, the ongoing controversy with Toy Town, and the upcoming town election.**

# Snow Hill Mayor Mathews on serving again after controversy

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) Snow Hill Mayor Stephen Mathews, who replaced Charlie Dorman after his resignation in October, has had an interesting time on the job.

No stranger to the role, Mathews replaced another former Snow Hill Mayor in 1998, when Craig Johnson was removed from office by a council vote and charged with two counts of malfeasance.

A former sheriff's deputy, Johnson allegedly allowed photographers from the internet site "The Wetlands" to use county police equipment, including a police car, in a nude photo shoot.

Dorman's resignation wasn't quite as controversial, but he left with plenty of hard feelings, as evidenced by his own exit interview and a written response by the Town Council.

Since that time, a major controversy emerged between town government and the owners of the Toy Town business, as the owners said town officials unfairly required additional work and escalated deadlines for a building they occupy.

Toy Town was lured to Snow Hill from Berlin in 2016, when the town offered to deed to that company a historic building in disrepair on the corner of Market and Washington streets, if certain renovations were done over a five-year period.

Several business owners in December stormed a Town Council meeting and nearly all in attendance sided with Toy Town.

More recently, the town's police chief resigned, and a citizen group called "Snow Hill Now" formed to recruit new candidates to run in the May election, which will include two seats on the council and the mayor's seat.

Despite all of that, Mathews said for the for most part, "everything's running smoothly."

"I think people are gearing up for the election, [but] right now nobody's filed," he said.

Mathews said he doesn't know if the two incumbent councilwomen, Jenny Hall (Central District) and LaToya Purnell (Western District), have filed to run.

Trish Goodsell, assistant to the town manager, confirmed on Monday that no one had filed for any of the offices. She said the deadline to do so is Friday, March 29, by 4:30 p.m.

"As far as I know, they've [Hall and Purnell] filed – and if they haven't, they're going to. That I do know," Mathews said.

He added, "Nobody's filed for mayor yet and I can tell you right now I am not going to file."

Mathews said as much doing an interview in October. Previously, after succeeding Johnson, he served for 14 years.

"I've done my time," he said. "I was flattered that they wanted me to step back up when Charlie left and I felt that was sort of my civic duty to step in and do that, but there's a lot of good people in Snow Hill that could run for mayor. I just hope that somebody steps up to the plate."

"I think it needs new ideas maybe, young blood, somebody that is willing to – like I did – stay there a long time to sort of see things through," Mathews added.

That could be a businessperson or someone with municipal experience, he said.

"You need somebody with common sense," Mathews said. "I think

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# Mathews again vows he will not run in election

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having a government background helps – I think having a business background helps. I don't think there's a cookie-cutter answer to what would make a good mayor.

"I think if you look at the mayors through the State of Maryland and on the Eastern Shore, you can see that we all sort of come from different walks of life and different experiences," he added.

On Toy Town, Mathews said, "I'm not sure why it's become such a hot issue."

"It's in the hands of attorneys now and, the last time I checked, everything is sort of moving along smoothly. They're doing what they need to do and I hope that continues."

"I think that they are an asset to the town and it's very unfortunate that it sort of got all blown up out of proportion," he added.

Town Manager Kelly Pruitt was characterized by some local businesspeople as being difficult to work with, but Mathews said he's not had the same experience.

"It's probably one of the hardest jobs to do," he said in her defense, "because you're in charge of everything and making sure everything is followed, and sometimes people don't like being told what to do."

"I've worked with Kelly Pruitt for years. I've always found her to be open. I'm sure you'll find people out there saying the same thing about me," he continued. "You just can't make everybody happy, but, in my opinion, she's been an extremely capable town manager and I think people just don't appreciate how much she does and what her workday is like."

On the subject of the resent resignation of Police Chief Tom Davis, Mathews said the chief had simply "done his time."

"He's a retired [state] trooper, so he's retired," Mathews said. "A small-town chief's job, quite frankly, is very stressful. It's not a nine-to-five job. We're down right now two police officers, so it's hard to have the coverage and, being chief, you're sort of responsible and you've got to fill in for your missing guys. And it makes it tough."

Davis, in an interview last month in this paper, said he'd hoped to see the department covered by the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, or LEOPS, program through

the State of Maryland.

Mathews said that was unlikely to occur.

"I don't think that LEOPS is going to happen any time soon. It is, quite frankly, cost-prohibitive," he said. "You're talking a lot of money."

"I'm going to try to look at that, but once LEOPS started years ago, back when I was [previously] mayor, I've always been looking at it and it's always been cost-prohibitive. For small towns, it's tough."

Mathews added it was his understanding the interim police chief, Lt. Edward Schreier of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, was "strictly interim."

"I talked to him the other day and, unless he changes his mind, he has no aspirations of being a small-town chief," Mathews said.

On the budget overall, he said work was proceeding and the deadline for adoption is in June.

"We're in the process now of working on it," he said.

Mathews will serve until the new mayor takes office, which he said

would likely occur during the first scheduled meeting in May.

"At least I hope [that's when it is!]" he said with a laugh.

"It's not my job to accomplish anything as the interim mayor, I think," Mathews continued. "Hopefully, Toy Town – that has calmed down. I think that we're looking at de-annexing the Summerfield property, and I think the owners of all that property are asking to be de-annexed, and hopefully we can get that done in the next couple of months, because it's sort of become a financial burden on the people that own [those] properties out there."

Asked if he had any other thoughts about serving again, Mathews replied, "God bless America."

**'I think that [Toy Town] are an asset to the town and it's very unfortunate that it sort of got all blown up out of proportion.'**

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Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart delivers documentation to the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals Board during a meeting at Town Hall, last Wednesday.

# Berlin BZA tables case over county fire code concerns

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) The Berlin Board of Appeals last Wednesday tabled a requested setback reduction for a residential accessory building, although one of the main concerns stated by board members was later found not to apply.

Just minutes before the appeals board meeting, homeowners Daniel and Naquelle Jacobs were given approval by the Berlin Historic Commission to replace a dilapidated garage for their 105 South Main Street home with a new, larger pole building.

They also had to appear before the appeals board, however, because the structure as proposed would require a variance from the zoning code’s setback requirements, from six feet to just two feet.

Daniel Jacobs said he and his wife moved to Berlin in May and they wanted to make improvements to the garage in order to house several vehicles. However, in going over plans with a contractor, Jacobs said they realized doing so would cost them a parking space.

Jacobs said the new building would be 24 feet by 24 feet and would replace the footprint of the current garage, along with a parking space to its left.

“We have a shared driveway,” he said. “With the narrowness of the lot, if we don’t have the variance, the building would have to be shifted three feet to the right, which would cause us to lose one of our parking spots ... or [they would] have to do a lot of additional work to the back yard to regain that.

“As you know, living on Main Street in Berlin, parking is kind of at a premium as it is,” Jacobs added.

One neighbor, Bryan Brushmiller, also has a nonconforming setback for an accessory building, although that structure apparently predates town code, according to Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

“The side yard setback was ... not enforced back when that was put

there,” Engelhart said.

Jacobs said he spoke with Brushmiller and several other homeowners nearby, who had no issue with his plans. Brushmiller coauthored a letter saying as much, and seven other homeowners signed a document stating they also had no objections.

Board member Jay Knerr suggested building behind the existing garage, but Jacobs said there is a large tree in the way “probably hundreds and hundreds of years old.”

“There’s also another little shed back there too,” he added.

Board Chairman Joe Moore said in Ocean City, when there is an adjacent property with a similar situation, it transforms the request for a variance to the less-rigid special exception, but that is not the case in Berlin.

Moore said the board was “struggling with [the] notion of hardship,” which is a condition for a variance. He added economic situations do not constitute hardship, “so it would be something other than that.”

Moore also wondered if fire code prevented two buildings from being set so close together, referring to the structure on Brushmiller’s property.

“I would hate to see this get to a point where the fire marshal says that this request does not comport,” he said.

Moore asked Engelhart to speak to the fire marshal and the board agreed to table the matter.

Engelhart, by the following morning, said he’d already spoken with someone from the fire marshal’s office.

“They would have no involvement or inspections required for a detached pole building or garage here in Berlin, or anywhere in Worcester County unless there was a dwelling unit included (in this case there is not),” Engelhart said in an email. “The MD State Fire Code also doesn’t have any requirements for this placement or use.”

No additional Berlin Board of Appeals meetings were set as of press time.



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# County bringing new parks offerings to Berlin

## New Worcester Recreation director earning praise for improving partnerships

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) Worcester County Recreation and Parks offerings are coming to the Town of Berlin this spring and summer, and both sides said they're eager to work together to deliver new activities for the public.

During a Berlin Parks Commission meeting last Tuesday, staff liaison Mary Bohlen said she met with country recreation and parks officials in January and came away impressed.

"They're very excited to be working with us [and] they have already scheduled the first drop-in sessions at the tennis courts" at Stephen Decatur Park, Bohlen said. "This is really great stuff."

In particular, Bohlen said she was excited to work with new Worcester Recreation and Parks Director Tom Perlozzo.

"I'm not going to name names and it was a symptom of the politics and the times, but in the past it's sort of been this 'We're the county and you're the towns, and you do your thing and we're going to do our thing,'" Bohlen said. "He is very much, 'We're the county that all these towns are in.'"

Perlozzo said last Wednesday he's looking forward to working with each town.

"Our department is working very hard with all the municipalities, bringing recreation opportunities directly," he said. "We believe our partnerships can help break down barriers to transportation and low-income families through our advisory board 501(C)(3) assisting in participation. We value

each community's input."

As for Berlin, he said plans were to use Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street and Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street for activities this spring and summer, including adult drop-in tennis, an outdoor basketball league, toddler gym, after-school play programs, and outdoor fitness classes.

"We'll assess everything upon the general interests of the community and make adjustments as conveyed," Perlozzo said. "We appreciate the efforts of the Town of Berlin and will continue to participate as appropriate in many of the special events being offered."

"In addition, we hope to continue to make improvements to the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex that can stimulate economic benefits for small businesses in Berlin and surrounding areas, with additional and improved

events, along with supporting the Berlin Little League," he continued. "Anyone needing further information about Worcester County Recreation and Parks should contact us at 410-632-2144, or log onto [www.worcester-recandparks.org](http://www.worcester-recandparks.org)."

Adult drop-in tennis at Stephen Decatur Park is scheduled Wednesdays from April 3 through May 29, from 10 a.m. until noon.

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For more information, contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144, ext. 2503 or [kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us).

Bohlen said she expects additional activities to be scheduled soon.

# Meet new Worcester Youth program coordinator

## Tiffany Scott to help run Berlin Youth Club, SABERS for nonprofit organization

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb.14, 2019) Tiffany Scott, newly hired youth programs coordinator with Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, introduced herself to Berlin Parks Commission members at their session last Tuesday.

Scott succeeds Austin Piccarreta, who left the position in September to accept a job closer to home, and Amanda Chaffee, who is now a Worcester Youth therapist.

According to a Worcester Youth press release, "The Youth Programs Coordinator oversees programming for adolescent programs and the Berlin Youth Club. Strengthening Adolescent Boys with Education and Resources (SABERS) is a support program for boys in 7th and 8th

grade. The Berlin Youth Club is for youth ages 6-11 who reside in the town of Berlin.

"The Youth Programs Coordinator organizes cultural, educational and social activities for the youth throughout the year. The coordinator also organizes youth activities for various town events and manages a volunteer corps to help with youth activities," the release said.

Scott formerly served as a community health outreach worker in the patient centered home program at the Worcester County Health Department. In 2015, she earned a bachelor's degree from Salisbury University with a concentration in Community Health and Health Education.



Tiffany Scott

"I'm excited. It's only my second week, but it feels like three months!" Scott said last Tuesday. "The energy is great over here. I came from public health, so a nonprofit is really different."

"But it's a great world ... especially working here in downtown Berlin," she continued. "I've been going around and meeting my neighbors, seeing where I can get the kids to partner and get them learning about different things. I'm all about exposing them to different things."

Later during the meeting, Scott provided a monthly report to the committee. She said the first SABERS session under her watch would occur

this week.

"That's boys, seventh and eighth grade, from Stephen Decatur Middle School," she said. "I've given out applications and gotten six back so far, so I'm excited about that."

A welcome event for Scott is scheduled this Friday at the Worcester Youth office, where she hopes to meet participating children and their parents.

"I'm trying to form a better relationship with not just the kids, but the families too," she said.

Scott will also take part in a Bus Stop Snack Shack event in Pocomoke on Feb. 27, and said she hopes to involve the Berlin library in future activities.

"I am an avid reader. I love the library and that new one [in Berlin] is amazing," she said. "I want to see what we can do to get the youth more involved."

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# OPA President gives forensic audit update

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 14, 2019) The only recent news on the forensic audit of Ocean Pines finances ordered last spring is that the effort continues and apparently involves the Bank of Ocean City.

The Ocean Pines Board hired Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates last April to perform the audit and work officially began a month or so later.

Finance Director Steve Phillips in August said auditors were looking into about \$26,000 in deposits that allegedly went missing during the summer of 2017.

Last July, Phillips said, auditors met with a detective from the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations.

Since that time, Phillips said, “the work has really shifted to the [Worcester County Bureau of Investigations], working with that detective to actually try to gain some information from ... Bank of Ocean City and work with them to understand what type of records they have and what we can get access to, as well as interviewing their chief security officer, as well as their CEO and president.”

Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks provided the first public update in several months during a budget work session last Saturday.

According the Parks, the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations detective assigned to the case, Mark Titanski, received a promotion and another detective had to be assigned, which caused a delay.

“As my fellow board members know, I’m somewhat impatient when it comes to certain commitments,” Parks said. “I had written Det. Titanski back on Jan. 9 because Jim Kern, a who is the auditor with Gross, Mendelsohn, had been trying to get in touch with him.”

Parks added, “He’s got to go out and, one of the other tasks was to interview some more folks from the Bank of Ocean City.”

According to Parks, Titanski eventually replied that he contacted the new detective assigned to the case and was told, “on Monday, we’ll arrange that meeting with Jim Kern from Gross, Mendelsohn.”

“The process is ongoing. It’s been a little bit [of a] stall in the field, but ... it’s moving forward and that’s all I can say right now,” Parks said.

Parks, in an email Monday night, added, “There has been significant progress by the auditors in the review and analysis of our financial records.”

“In order for the case to proceed, there is still some coordination required between WCBI and the auditors,” he said. “I am fully confident additional progress will be made over the next several weeks and look forward to having the audit firm and

WCBI bring the case to closure.”

The Ocean Pines Board in October approved phase two of the forensic audit, which is believed to focus on public works. Phase one focused “on the operations of the Food and Beverage Department,” according to an association press release.

The most recent audit report made

public by Ocean Pines, in December, listed the following:

- Testing performed on selected expenditures during the year ended April 30, 2018 based on purchase orders that originated in the Public Works department
- Testing performed on Public Works department payroll transac-

tions for selected pay periods during the years ended April 30, 2017 and 2018

- Review of invoices and disbursement data on certain vendors used by the Public Works department

For a full list of official updates on the forensic audit, visit [www.ocean-pines.org/forms-docs-cat/audits](http://www.ocean-pines.org/forms-docs-cat/audits).

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# Opinion

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## On ‘Y’ approach, town used common sense

The Berlin Town Council made the right decision this week, when members agreed to pursue a broader survey of the community’s needs and wants instead of financing one that focuses solely on whether a new YMCA is a good fit for the town.

Earlier this year, we endorsed the idea of a YMCA study — and still believe having a “Y” at the Berlin Falls park would be a major leap forward in the town’s continuing transformation — but the town’s decision is basic common sense.

Building a facility of the scale of the Lower Shore YMCA in Pocomoke would cost millions of dollars, a significant portion of which would have to come from area citizens. That might also include, as YMCA’s survey partner, Triangle2, suggests in its standard questions, local tax dollars.

Considering the scope of the undertaking and the time YMCA advocates would have to devote to building public support, it makes sense to ask citizens not simply whether they want a “Y,” but whether they see other needs that are more critical to the town’s well-being.

A more comprehensive survey of the sort the town wants to see conducted would specify what needs the public has identified, while a Triangle2 YMCA poll would be restricted to determining the degree of support for that one project.

The \$20,000 price tag of the Triangle2 effort is not the sticking point. Neither should anyone believe that Triangle2’s ties to the YMCA could influence its findings, because the YMCA certainly isn’t going to make a move unless the numbers and statistics work for it and the community.

The situation, rather, is if the town and residents are prepared to make bold moves, the first thing to do is identify what moves they might be. If establishing a YMCA tops the list, Triangle2 will still be there to see if that would work.



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## Letters

### ‘Play it Safe’ looking for new volunteers

Editor,

At the moment, it is snowing outside. Though it is only Feb. 1, I know that June is just around the corner.

That is when the excited and exuberant high school graduates will flock to Ocean City to celebrate that milestone in their lives.

This will be the 30th year that the Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee has offered the young graduates

the Play It Safe project. There’s something for everyone — miniature golf, beach volleyball and dodgeball, go carts, kayaking, pizza-eating contest, tie-dye T-shirts, dancing and much more.

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ing Ocean City during that “Senior Week” time.

Currently, our committee is looking for new members and/or volunteers who would enjoy interacting with the appreciative grads who attend our many events.

You can see what we offer and find out more information by visiting our website: [playit-safeoceancity.com](http://playit-safeoceancity.com), or calling me at 410-289-7060.

Donna Greenwood,  
Chairman

Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee

### Pine’er Craft Club gave to police, others

(Feb. 14, 2018) The Pine’er Craft Club of Ocean Pines, held its annual holiday luncheon, installation of officers and presentation of donations at the Captain’s Table in Ocean City on Dec. 15.

Through their fundraising efforts consisting of the annual artisan and craft fairs held in August and November along with the proceeds from the Pine’er Artisan and Gift

Shop, the following donations were made to Ocean Pines: Police Department, \$1,500; Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,200; Recreation and Parks Department, \$1,500; Public Works Department, \$500; Ocean Pines Branch Worces-

ter County Library, \$300; Worcester County Veterans Memorial, \$400; and Ocean Pines Neighbor Watch, \$100.

Throughout the years, the Pine’er Craft Club has donated over \$151,000 to Ocean Pines service organizations.

### Have an opinion?

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# Historic District Commission Briefs

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(Feb. 14, 2019) The follow items were discussed by the Berlin Historic District Commission last Wednesday at Town Hall:

## Reelection

Carol Rose was unanimously selected to continue as commission chairwoman and Robert Poli was unanimously named to remain the vice chair. In both cases, there were no other nominations.

## Welcome center signs

The commission unanimously approved new signs for the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said two items were involved: a "Town of Berlin Economic Development" sign that would be moved from the planning and zoning office on William Street, and a "Berlin Welcome Center" sign on the side of the building to match one already on the other side.

Wells said the new sign would be paid for by a grant.

Commission member Laura Stearns said the decision was a no-brainer, because the signs look like the others already in use.

## Shop sign no-show

The commissioners tabled a sign request for a new business on 11 South Main Street, because the applicant did not attend. Planning Director Dave Engelhart said she apparently forgot.

He said the new business would be a women's clothing store called "Madison Avenue Boutique."

Some commissioners worried the sign, shaped like an anchor and apparently made of mock brass, may be too light to be hung over the sidewalk in front of the shop entrance.

"If we approve this, were stuck with it," Rose said. "I would rather ... have her wait until the next meeting. And

she's gotta bring something, so we can see the heft of it and what it looks like.

"I like it, but it's not what usually goes in front of these stores, up-town," Rose continued. "I just want to make sure that it's right."

## Shed and fence

Homeowner Matthew Amey was unanimously granted approval to expand his shed and reposition an existing fence. Amey previously made a request related to the shed, but was asked to return later with more information.

Stearns said previous renovations that Amey made to his 8 Jefferson Street home were well done.

"I think it's going to be another nice improvement," she said.

Rose thanked Amey for returning with the additional information and said the packet he submitted was "very, very well done."

## New pole building

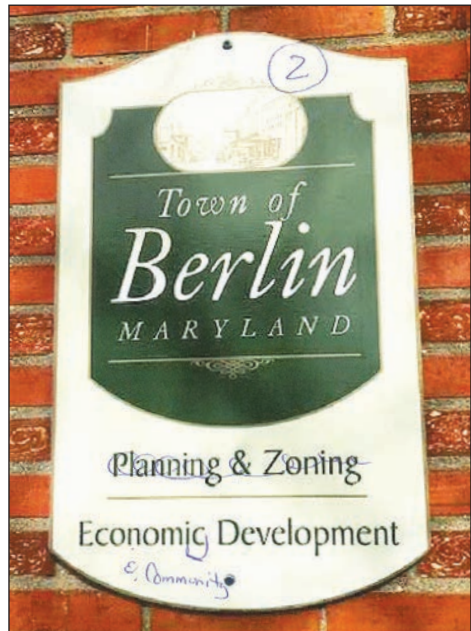
Daniel and Naquelle Jacobs were unanimously given approval to replace a dilapidated garage for their 105 South Main Street home with a new, larger pole building.

While the historic district commission was in favor of the 24 by 24-foot structure, the homeowners later that evening faced a Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals hearing because the structure, as proposed, did not meet setback requirements for town code. That board tabled the matter after some discussion, citing the need for more information.

## Work session follow-up

Poli asked if commission members needed to vote to adopt the new guidelines he developed that were discussed during a recent work session.

Engelhart said no ordinances had been changed and there were no discussions to do so, suggesting the guidelines instead be used informally as a reference.



Images included in a Historic District Commission meeting packet show signage examples for the Berlin Welcome Center. PHOTO FROM MEETING PACKET

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# Seaside Boat Show sailing back to resort this weekend

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 14, 2019) Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's annual Seaside Boat Show will return to the resort for the 36th year, with more than 350 boats, 50 dealers and 160 vendors at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street, this weekend, Feb. 15-17.

Dealers and exhibitors will feature the latest and most popular models, and many are offering special show prices during what has become one of the most popular boat shows on the East Coast.

Visitors can browse an array of sport cruisers, sport fishing, performance, and "super boats." Financing and insurance are available for interested buyers.

The show grows more popular every year, drawing thousands of water and boating enthusiasts to the resort. More than 18,000 people attended the show last year.

"We've got a little bit of everything," publicity chairman Charles Smith said. "Boat electronics, canvas, wave runners, jet skis, pontoon boats – we've got anything you could take out of this [show] to play in the bay."

Exhibitors will be selling state-of-the-art marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors, jewelry, boat lifts, dock builders, art, paddleboats, fishing and other water sports-related gear.

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club sponsors the event and is a local affiliate of Optimist International. The chapter has 114 members and is recognized as one of the top clubs in the volunteer organization.

"It's all about the kids and that's why it's advertised as a boat show that works for children," Smith said.

The Seaside Boat Show is also one of the major fundraisers for the Optimist Club's children's programs. All of the funds raised are used for youth activities and community service in Worcester County.

In the past, the show has supported Worcester GOLD, Diakonia, the Worcester County Fair, CASA, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling, Boy Scouts, oratorical contests, WEXL banquet, Junior Achievement, Youth ID, Worcester County art contests, reading programs in the elementary schools, the drama program at Stephen Decatur High School, essay contests, an art show in Berlin, after-prom parties, and scholarships at the three county

high schools.

For more than 30 years, the club has provided scholarships totaling more than \$3 million to more than 400 Worcester County seniors at Stephen Decatur, Snow Hill and Pocomoke high schools, Smith said.

In addition, anyone who attends the show and buys a ticket will be eligible to win a pontoon boat with a Suzuki motor estimated to be worth \$17,000, courtesy of North Bay Marina. The Fenwick Island, Delaware business has donated a pontoon to the show for the last three decades.

"The show has been good to us," Scott McCurdy, owner of North Bay Marina, said. "Also, the OC-Berlin Optimist Club is a great organization and I'm friends with a lot of the guys. They do so much good in the local community that if you're going to pick an organization to support, they certainly are at the top of the list."

McCurdy has been attending the Seaside Boat Show as a vendor for 33 years.

"It's the only boat show locally that almost all the proceeds go back to the local community and not into the pockets of some national promoter," McCurdy said.

Canvas Experts, based in Ocean City, has also been involved in the show for more than 30 years.

"It's the right time of the year for people placing orders ... and it gets the ball rolling in the spring," Owner Michael Varga said. "It's like going to CarMax for [boats]. If you're interested in look at multiple boats under one roof, you can get that done in one shot. This is an excellent show to go to."

"My prices are better at that show," he continued. "I try to make it advantageous for someone to make an order at the show."

Admission is \$10 for a day pass or \$15 for the entire weekend. Children's admission is \$1.

The Seaside Boat Show runs from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. today, Friday, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For a chance to win a boat, attendees must include their name, address and phone number on the tear-off section of the admission ticket and put it in the raffle container.

Visit [www.ocboatshow.com](http://www.ocboatshow.com) for a list of exhibitors. For more information about the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, visit [www.ocberlinoptimist.org](http://www.ocberlinoptimist.org).

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# Inaugural ‘Art of the pARTy’ to showcase school chefs

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 14, 2019) To promote food as a form of art, the Worcester County Art Council and the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association have teamed up to form the inaugural Art of the pARTy event, held Friday, Feb. 22, at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin from 6-9 p.m.

Guests are invited to a business-casual event to sample an assortment of flavors from Worcester Technical High School’s Culinary Program as well as four other high school culinary programs from Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester and Dorchester counties as well as Wor-Wic Community College.

“As chefs, we always think of food and pastry as art,” Phil Cropper, chapter president for the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association and culinary instructor at Worcester Technical High School, said. “We started talking to the Worcester County Arts Council about how we could feature food. ‘They said, ‘Well, we’ve never thought of it as art but it makes sense.’ So the Worcester County Arts Council decided to add it as a medium for their scholarship application.”

Most arts scholarships in the area do not adequately present cuisine as a form of art, Cropper said.

“When you look in the area scholar-

ships and different places for food other than restaurants, you don’t really see intricately-displayed food,” Cropper said.

Thirteen stations will be set up featuring food from American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants. Established in 1929, American Culinary Federation is the premier professional chefs’ organization in North America with more than 17,500 members in over 150 chapters nationwide.

American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants slated to participate in the event include Centerplate of the convention center on 40th Street, Marlin Moon on 33rd Street, Coastal Coffee Roasting in West Ocean City, and Nori on 115th Street.

“We’re trying to make it a fun event on a Friday evening after work,” Cropper said. “We’re going to have all of the stations set up for people to come in and mingle, network, enjoy food from different restaurants and then enjoy food from the different schools that they really wouldn’t have access to otherwise.”

Guests will be able to participate in a raffle for a painting donated by a local artist with their ticket purchase.

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## SERVICE LEARNING

The sixth grade students at Berlin Intermediate School have been collecting supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society, part of their service learning project for the year. Pictured are Julia Knerr, James Uebel, Adam Baker, Emmalyn Feters, Lindsey Beurnier and Ava Bauer.



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## DONATION DRIVE

Stephen Decatur High School senior Connections and National Honor Society member Jude Al-Hamad led a donation drive, collecting toiletries for Believe in Tomorrow.



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## ADOPTION DRIVE

Girl Scout Cadettes of Troop 649, from left, Sophie Noon, Kaitlyn Johnson and Hailey Smith, are joined by with Worcester County Humane Society Manager Jessica Summers and shelter dog, Ursa. The girls have been working on their Silver Award with the Worcester County Humane Society and made several "Adopt Me" vests for the dogs to wear when they go out to events. They presented the vests to Summers on Jan. 26.



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## HATS FOR HOMELESS

Worcester Preparatory School third grade teacher Jackie Knowlton incorporated making hats for the homeless into her social studies lesson plan this year. While studying the Constructs of Civic Engagement, Knowlton and her students discussed problems that exist in the local community and brainstormed ways they could help beyond the classroom. Knowlton is pictured with her students Aidan Boothe, left, and Ayven Browne, who show off their finished hat.



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## BREAD SALE

Second grader Elle Wilsey, shows off a variety of tasty bread toppings to choose from. Worcester Prep teachers Tracey Berry and Kelley Burton hosted the annual Bread Sale with their second graders as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies, mathematics and philanthropy, Jan. 23. The month-long project is modeled like a small business, with the students baking the bread and then selling it in their classroom cafe for .25 cents to other students and faculty.



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## TASTE TESTER

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# Pines author publishes new book, sequel to ‘Onesies’

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 14, 2019) Ocean Pines author Diana McDonough recently published a sequel to her first book, “Stuck in the Onesies,” which will be available for purchase on Amazon.com starting on Thursday, Feb. 28.

McDonough has been a resident of Ocean Pines for nearly three decades. She worked at a local Eco-lab for many years, before retiring in 2016.

Her first book in the series, released in 2017, is set in Washington, D.C. and tells the story of the pursuit of women’s and civil rights during the 1960s.

For the sequel, McDonough moved to a more southerly location.

“They say ‘write what you know,’ so I’m living vicariously through my characters by hanging out in Jamaica with them,” McDonough said. “Having spent time doing mission work and vacationing there, I hope to give my readers the true experience of living on the best tropical island there is, while its characters deal with real-life issues.”

Her first book took a decade to complete, but was popular enough to merit a sequel, she said.

“My Mother’s Apprentice” tells the story of the second generation, Karen and Ginger. Their paths might have been trailblazed by their mothers, but Karen and Ginger find many new ones to blaze on their own. Karen does a good job as her “mother’s apprentice,” but Ginger chases a singing career to Jamaica in the midst of the 1970s reggae explosion. Meanwhile Karen, an aspiring author, initially finds she doesn’t need to go any farther than her own backyard.

“My Mother’s Apprentice” spans more than three decades and is a story of friendship, addiction, and learning to navigate the consequences of one’s choices.

“The characters are basically kind of polar opposites when it comes to political views,” McDonough said. “One is from the deep south and one’s from [Washington], D.C. So, it shows their evolution over the course of many years, from how things change in their minds and their thoughts with regards to racism and women’s rights. Basically, they’re trying to become independent women without burning their bras.”

The series will be a trilogy with the third novel, “Ginger Star,” taking the reader to 18th century Jamaica during a time when pirates ruled and women didn’t.

“It just shows how people that are polar opposites can still love one another,” McDonough said. “It res-

onates with today’s world with how we can all be so different with opposing views, and yet still love each other and take care of each other.”

The book can be preordered for Kindle for \$7.99. Paperback copies will be available for \$15.99 at the end of the month at The Greyhound in Berlin, Bethany Beach Bookstore in Bethany Beach, Delaware, and at Browseabout Books in Rehoboth, Delaware.

McDonough will hold a book signing at The Greyhound on Saturday, May 11 from noon until 3 p.m.

For more information or to learn more about McDonough’s books, visit her website at [www.dianamcdonough.com](http://www.dianamcdonough.com) or visit the “My Mother’s Apprentice” Facebook page.



Diana McDonough’s new book, “My Mother’s Apprentice,” follows her 2017 debut novel, “Stuck in the Onesies.” According to the author, “The characters are basically kind of polar opposites when it comes to political views ... One is from the deep south and one’s from [Washington], D.C. So, it shows their evolution over the course of many years, from how things change in their minds and their thoughts with regards to racism and women’s rights. Basically, they’re trying to become independent women without burning their bras.”

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# Cuisine

## Oysters are easy. Teaching? Not so much.

“What will I teach them first? How to break down a chicken? Vegetables? Seafood and shellfish? Baking? Meat fabrication? This is going to be great!”



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

These thoughts and many more rolled through my mind as I excitedly awaited starting my new job. Then I started my new job.

I vividly recall my first day as a high school teacher, 11 years ago. It was hands down the worst workday of my life, including four years in the Marine Corps. My military days paled in comparison to September 2, 2008.

On day two, my empathetic late wife – genius, warrior and truly good spirit – observed me sitting on the edge of the bed in silence with my head hung low, rubbing my hands together. She tenderly placed her hand on my shoulder and reassured me, stating, “It will be OK, honey. You’ll be fine.”

Introspectively, I quietly and slowly responded, “I don’t want to go back.”

With four children and one income, I knew that I had to go back. But those kids – they were not the kids I was told I was getting. No, it was a room of miscreants and derelicts, with a slight smattering of good students. And at the end of the day, I was the one arming them with knives and fire.

My principal was a visionary and wonderful woman. She sat me down and told me to give it three years. She assured me that it would work out, and she was right. The first year was brutal. The second year remains one of my fondest years, career-wise. The third year was static and, by the fourth, I knew that I had repaid any karmic debt that I had amassed as my time as a holy terror in junior high and high school.

It took me years to make the connection that I was one of those miscreants. I was a derelict, the very reason that my parents moved me from public school to private school in my sophomore year. They knew that if any environment were going to increase my chances of survival, priests and nuns would be running it. I guess they were right, because here I am, still plugging away at it.

I guess what they didn’t count on was my picking up my first job in Eastport across from Annapolis at the Chart House. Surrounded by the



booze-fueled boating and restaurant crowd of Annapolis in the early 80s, it wasn’t long before I was getting into even more trouble. But, at least I was making good money (\$3.35 per hour) and all of that – every last penny – went to punk records, camo pants, skateboards, surfboards, clothes from Commander Salamander, and food. On a rare night off, I loved going to the various places downtown and getting an appetizer, like barbecued oysters. At 15 years old, I was king of the world.

It didn’t take me long to realize my love for the ubiquitous oyster and that passion has only grown over the decades.

Now, I understand that the smell of oysters wafting through the air can be either invigorating or frightful, depending on who you are. I for one adore the snotty little things, both raw and cooked, and given my druthers I would have them much more often than I do at present. Of course they are easy for me to open, as I have been shucking the blasted things since the early 80s, but for many people it might not be such an easy task. For that part of it, I will leave you to your own devices.

But, I can at least share with you

the simplest of recipes and one of my favorites. I make sure to teach this to my students every year, and it’s always an easy sell in a restaurant. It is delicious. Moreover, for me, it is a beautiful memory of hot summer nights in downtown Annapolis, spending my hard-earned scratch and earning the privilege (unbeknownst to me then) of paying back society years later as a high school teacher.

### Barbecued Oysters

*Serves 6 people*

- 3 dozen fresh oysters, scrubbed and shucked
- 2 cups BBQ sauce (recipe follows)
- 9 slices thick-cut bacon, half-cooked
- Smoked salt to finish

1. Set up six plates with an assortment of rock salt, peppercorns, star anise et al
2. On a baking tray, lay out the oysters with a little space in between
3. Top each oyster with a square of the half-cooked bacon and top with the barbecue sauce
4. Place in a 425F oven for about 12 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly, oyster is cooked through and bacon is properly tempered

5. Remove and place six oysters per plate for your guests, garnishing with some Italian parsley and a grilled lemon

### Homemade BBQ Sauce

*Makes about 1 quart*

- 2 cups Ketchup
  - 1 cup Apple cider vinegar
  - 1/4 cup Molasses
  - 1 Tbsp. Dark brown sugar
  - 1 tsp. Granulated garlic
  - 1/2 medium yellow onion, roasted
  - 1 Tbsp. Ground mustard
  - 1 tsp. Smoked paprika
  - 1/2 tsp. Tabasco sauce
1. Combine all ingredients in a pan
  2. Bring to a simmer and maintain
  3. Cook for about two hours, stirring regularly. If it starts thickening too much, add water to get it to the correct consistency
  4. Carefully transfer sauce to a blender and puree the onions until the sauce is silky smooth
- Chill or use immediately

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).



# Puzzles

## THAT’S A MOUTHFUL

BY LEE TAYLOR / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Parables, essentially

5 Part of a wedding 9-Across

9 See 5-Across

13 Trophy winner

18 He planned for a rainy day

19 Sled dog with a statue in Central Park

20 Jewish month before Nisan

21 Corolla part

22 Result of a foul on a long basketball shot

25 Bandleader Shaw

26 Start of Euripides’ signature

27 Bargain-basement

29 See 92-Across

30 Took off the board

32 Popular jeans

33 Does, as an animated character

35 A, B or C, in Washington

38 Albino orca, e.g.

41 “You’re on!” and others

42 Skedaddles

45 Country singer Chesney

46 “It was all \_\_\_\_”

48 Chops down

49 Places for toasters and roasters

51 Word after sock or bunny

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

54 Subjects of some New Year’s resolutions

56 Deli order

57 Reddish

59 When repeated, emergency cry to a fighter pilot

60 Wise-looking

63 Pub orders

64 On base, say

67 Part of a department store where people sit

70 Legally confer, as a power

71 Opulent

73 Kind of joke

74 Lilac color

76 High regard

78 Certain intersection

79 Andrew Jackson’s Tennessee home, with “the”

83 Family-reunion attendee, informally

84 One taking inventory?

87 \_\_\_\_ Pueblo (World Heritage Site)

88 Polite

89 Expensive outing

90 Philadelphia art museum, with “the”

92 With 29-Across, source of a famous smile

93 Home of the world’s only 14-lane suspension bridge

98 “Atonement” author Ian

100 Old barracks decorations

101 Catches up to

102 Bollywood instruments

105 Man Ray’s genre

106 Ham it up

109 Wine orders

112 Good servers

114 Timekeeper on the Emerald Isle

117 “Free \_\_\_\_”

118 Text-message status

119 Assists in a way one shouldn’t

120 One getting the red-carpet treatment

121 Diary passage

122 Avant-garde

123 Father

124 Scottish caps

17 “I beg of you”

19 A sharps

23 Aer Lingus destination

24 Performances for Hawaii tourists

28 Plane, e.g.

31 Column in soccer standings

34 Confesses

35 Picket line crosser

36 Hobbes’s favorite food in “Calvin and Hobbes”

37 Text-message status

39 Leading characters in “Mad Max”

40 Matter in court

43 Pretentious

44 1984 Olympic gymnastics sensation

47 \_\_\_\_ Boston (noted hotel)

49 \_\_\_\_ de leche

50 Somewhat

51 Put an edge on

52 Loopholes

53 “Hey you!”

55 Wanna-\_\_\_\_

56 Writer Stieg Larsson, e.g.

58 Hard way to say the answers to the italicized clues in this puzzle (good luck!)

60 Willow twig

61 San \_\_\_\_, Calif.

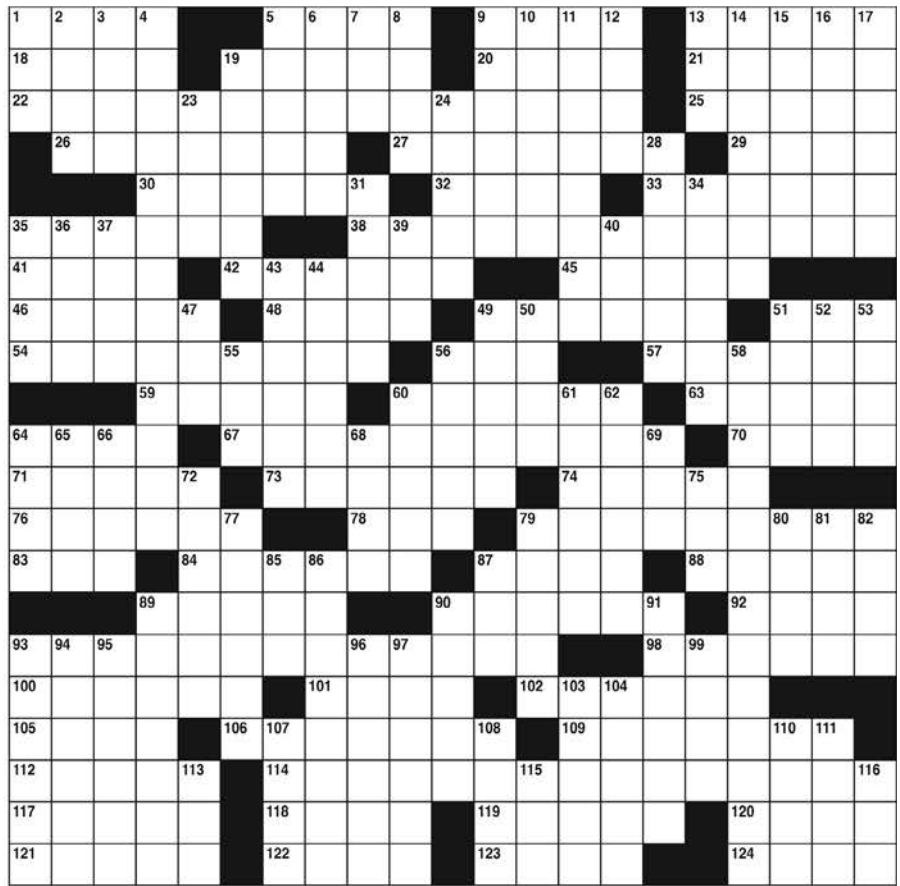
62 Having a frog in one’s throat

64 Building direction, briefly

65 What “btw” means

66 Mess (with)

68 Spanish direction



- 69 Book before Deut.
- 72 Extend a hand to after a fall, say
- 75 London’s Old \_\_\_\_
- 77 Beyond that
- 79 Listens attentively
- 80 Declare
- 81 “Jane the Virgin” actress Rodriguez
- 82 Pizazz
- 85 Wine: Prefix
- 86 Was on the verge of collapse
- 87 What “light” cigarettes are lower in
- 89 Not so hip
- 90 “The Garden of Earthly Delights” painter
- 91 Cleverness
- 93 App release
- 94 One of the B vitamins
- 95 Underwater
- 96 Electrician’s concern
- 97 Like the smell of some bread
- 99 Where something annoying might be stuck
- 103 Less welcoming
- 104 Sample
- 107 What a headache might feel like
- 108 Start of a classic Christmas poem
- 110 James of jazz
- 111 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 113 Wilbur’s home in “Charlotte’s Web”
- 115 Box-score inits.
- 116 Time-sheet units: Abbr.

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HARD - 12

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

Answers to last week’s puzzles

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



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## GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

The Ocean Pines Garden Club recently installed its officers for 2019. Officers pictured from left, are Anita Roberts, co-vice president; Linda Baker, president; Gail Philippi, co-vice president; Marsha Reeve, recording secretary; Barbara Ferger, treasurer; and Buttons Bassett, corresponding secretary. The OPGC meets the second Thursday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 10 a.m. New members and visitors welcome.



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## RECENT GRADS

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 81st entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, from left, are Chad A. Savage of the Ocean Pines Police Department and Christopher C. L. Buhr of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.



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## VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

A sincere thank you to Vera Beck, RWWC Caring for America Chairperson and to Linda Dearing (pictured) of Copy Central for packaging and sending over 800 Valentines that were collected during the RWWC annual "Valentines for Veterans" program. Cards are being sent to several Veterans facilities in Maryland, including, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, VA Baltimore, VA Luch Raven, VA Perry Point and Dover Air Force Base. In addition, veterans at Gull Creek and the Berlin Nursing Home will also receive cards..



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## MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

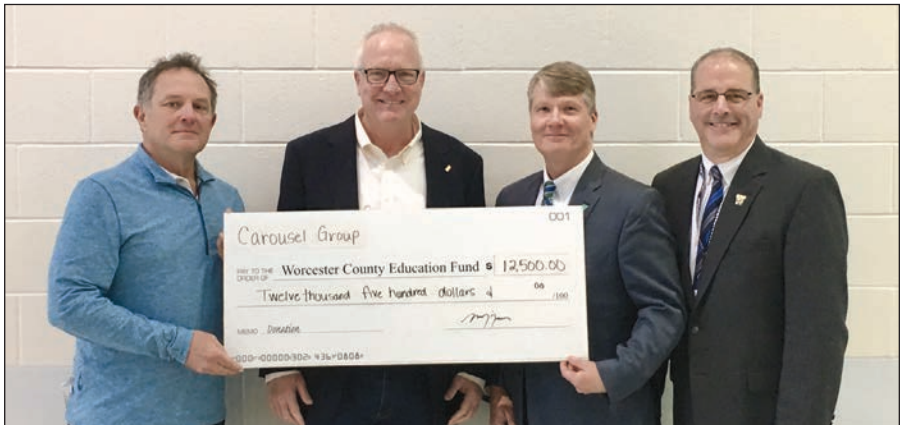
Quilters by the Sea Guild of Ocean Pines celebrated Light Henderson's 93rd birthday on Feb. 6. Henderson is a founding member of the quilt guild and is still making quilts.



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## AGH OPEN HOUSE

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently held an open house and ribbon cutting for the opening of Atlantic General Orthopedic Surgery, the practice of orthopedic surgeon Sean Hooker, MD. Hooker specializes in shoulder, hip and knee replacements, rotator cuff repairs and sports medicine procedures. For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-629-0366.



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## EDUCATION DONATION

Michael James, of the Carousel Group, recently presented a check for \$12,500 to the Worcester County Education Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Greg Shockley, WCEF vice chair; James; Ray Thompson, WCEF Chair; and Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent, Lou Taylor. The WCEF was established in August of 2013 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit to establish a proactive partnership between the community and the public school system by linking community resources with the educational needs of its students to prepare them to succeed. For more information, visit [www.wced.foundation](http://www.wced.foundation) or call Hope Palmer at 410-632-5038.



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www.bjsonthewater.com  
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Feb. 16: Big Bad Gang, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 20: 2 Guyz & A Mama, 6 p.m.

## BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium  
Ocean City  
443-664-2896  
www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com  
Feb. 15: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 7-10 p.m.  
Feb. 16: Kevin Poole, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 17: Vincent, 6-9 p.m.  
Feb. 20: Reform School, 6 p.m. & Open Mic, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 21: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

## CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.  
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410-289-7192  
www.captainstableoc.com  
Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

## DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the  
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410-250-1449  
www.duffysoc.com  
Feb. 15: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.  
Feb. 16: Karaoke w/DJ Chuck D, 8 p.m. to midnight

## HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1846  
www.ocharborside.com  
Feb. 15: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Feb. 16: Side Project/Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ BK, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Feb. 17: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Feb. 18: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

## HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1841  
www.hootersofoc.com  
Feb. 15: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.  
Feb. 16: Classic Vibe, 4-8 p.m.

## JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside  
Ocean City  
410-723-5600  
www.johnnypizzapub.com  
Feb. 15: Harry O, 8 pm.

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In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
101st Street and the ocean  
Ocean City  
410-524-3535  
www.clarionoc.com  
Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Feb. 15-16: On the Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave.  
Ocean City  
410-289-4891  
www.picklesoc.com  
Feb. 15: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.  
Feb. 16: Sean Loomis, 10 p.m.  
Feb. 18: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 21: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

## SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-4900  
www.secrets.com  
Feb. 15: Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Feb. 16: The Freddie Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; The 5:55, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

## SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

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## STEAL THE SKY

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Ocean City  
410-723-6762  
www.skyebaroc.com  
Feb. 15: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.  
Feb. 16: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

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# Calendar

## Thurs., Feb. 14

**OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Catherine, from Roots Landscaping, will give a presentation on air plants and a demonstration on how to create an air plant terrarium. The club meets the second Thursday of each month and welcomes visitors and new members.

**AARP MEETING**  
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 10:00 AM. Social time is at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will discuss guarding your identity. An optional luncheon will follow at High Stakes Restaurant. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

**STEAM STORYTIME ‘NIGHT LIGHT’**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Experiment with light and color. For 3- to 7-year-old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**OC WRITER’S GROUP**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Monthly gathering of local writers share their independent work and receive encouraging feedback from fellow participants. All writers welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**COOKBOOK CLUB**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Choose a recipe from one of the library’s cookbooks. Make it and bring it, with a serving utensil, to the meeting to share. This month’s theme is candy and chocolate. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**VALENTINE’S DAY SHOWING**  
Sun & Surf Cinema, 14301 Coastal Highway, 7:30 PM. A screening of the locally filmed romantic comedy, The Runaway Bride. Tickets cost \$15 and \$13.50 for seniors. <http://www.foxshowtimes.com>

**BEACH SINGLES**  
*Thursdays* - Ropewalk Restaurant, 8203 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 6:00 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, 11:00 AM. 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., Feb. 15

**FIBER FRIENDS**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join this informal get-togethers. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**SEASIDE BOAT SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Indoor boat show featuring more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. All proceeds go to area youth. All Optimists are volunteers. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-641-5057, 443-880-3602, <http://www.ocboatshow.com>

**INAUGURAL ‘STEPHEN N. PARKER CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARD’**  
Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Lower Shore Land Trust hosts this award ceremony luncheon to recognize Charles Buddy Jenkins, who has displayed an enduring and distinct dedication to conserving the vital lands of the Lower Eastern Shore. Cost is \$35. RSVP: Josh Hastings, 443-234-5587 or [jhastings@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:jhastings@lowershorelandtrust.org).

**BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**BINGO AT THE LIBRARY**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Prizes include gift cards to local business, courtesy of the Friends of the Ocean Pines library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**ANIMATION AFTER HOURS**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adults. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## Sat., Feb. 16

**OCVFC LADIES AUX. INDOOR YARD SALE**  
Ocean City Fire Dept Headquarters, 1409 Philadelphia Ave, 2nd Flr, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The OCVFC Ladies Auxiliary is having another yard sale! Start your spring cleaning early and get a

table to sell your items on Sat. Feb 16 from 8a to 12noon or donate your gently used unwanted items to the OCVFC Ladies Auxiliary. Proceeds benefit our firefighters, cadets, The F. Michael Sacca Scholarship and The John Paul Adkins, II Memorial Scholarship plus the Bessie Marshall Benefit Fund. Come check it out you never know what bargain you may find. Vendors welcome. Table rentals \$10 ea or 3 for \$25. Call Jessie at 410 251 7224 to reserve tables. Laura, [laj\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:laj_3@hotmail.com), 443-614-3074, <https://www.facebook.com/Ocean-City-Volunteer-Fire-Co-Ladies-Auxiliary-151039981599290/>

**CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘CHINESE NEW YEAR - PIGS’**  
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>

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**  
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment: 443-373-2667. The service is open to all ages and non AARP members.

**SEASIDE BOAT SHOW**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Indoor boat show featuring more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. All proceeds go to area youth. All Optimists are volunteers. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-641-5057, 443-880-3602, <http://www.ocboatshow.com>

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

**OC JEEP CLUB SUPPORTS SHELTER**  
Club participants will meet at the Teal Marsh Shopping Center at 11 a.m and shortly after noon the long line of Jeeps will start their drive down Stephen Decatur Highway to the Worcester County Humane Society with much needed supplies for the no kill shelter.

**SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS**  
Deaf Independent Living Association, 806 Snow Hill Rd, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. ASL performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as presented by the Theater Academy of Delmarva. Come see a group of local children sing, dance and perform. Proceeds raised will go towards DILA’s programs and services that are provided to deaf and hard of hearing individuals with developmental disabili-

ties. To see the non interpreted show see listing for 2/17/19 at 3pm. Cost is \$5 for 12 years and under or \$10 13 years and older. Refreshments available. Limited seating for both days so purchase tickets early. Call DILA at 410-742-5052 v/tty or 443-365-2645 VP or go to Laura Jones, [laura.jones@dila.org](mailto:laura.jones@dila.org), 410-742-5052, <http://www.dila.org>

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DINNER**  
Snow Hill High School, 305 S. Church St., 5:00 PM. Howard Shockley, Nadine Bishop, Teresa (Waters) Hardy, Moe Barber and Kelly Shumate will be formally inducted at the dinner. RSVP: Stacey Widgeon, 410-632-5270. The ceremonial banquet tickets cost \$25.

**BLUE JEANS BALL**  
Snow Hill Fire Hall, 4718 Snow Hill Road, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Music by Front Page News, food and beverages, 50/50, cash prizes, raffle and auction. Tickets cost \$45 per person. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets: Christy, 410-957-9933. Sponsored by the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum.

**INDOOR FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**  
*Saturdays* - Northside Fire House, 235 Ocean Parkway, 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., Feb. 17

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**AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER**  
St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Celebrating the birthday of famous Italian, Galileo Galilei (1564-1642). He has been called the father of astronomy and father of modern science. Advance tickets are recommended: 410-289-3453, [office@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:office@stpaulsbythesea.org) or 410-641-8171.

**5TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL PROJECT**  
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. The project begins with bowl-making sessions and culminates in a soup dinner. All ages get involved by hand-making ceramic soup



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bowls during bowl-making sessions held now through February. The cost is \$25 and includes the bowl and admission to the soup dinner on March 29, 2019. A complete schedule of sessions is available at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org). Proceeds benefit Diakonia. Open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

## Mon., Feb. 18

### 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.

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Call for an appointment: 443-373-2667. The service is open to all ages and non AARP members.

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:30 AM. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m., speaker begins at 10 a.m. Kathy Phillips, Assateague Coastkeeper and Executive Director of the Assateague Coastal Trust, will be presenting legislative priorities for 2019. Donations of nonperishable food items, paper good and grocery gift cards will be collected.

### WALKING PROBLEMS FREE SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Back in Action Physical Therapy will teach participants some of the common reasons people don't walk correctly and ways to address them. Open to the public. Advance registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. <http://www.OceanPines.org>

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

### DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

## Tues., Feb. 19

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Learn more about what services the library has to offer including eBooks, databases and library catalog. Coffee and donuts provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### STORY TIME 'FRIENDS'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### COLOR ME CALM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Adult coloring session. Bring your own coloring pages or use the library's. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available, along with coffee and cookies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BREAD BAKING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Learn to make the bread like grandma used to make while saving money. <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 recommended by the Great Books Foundation. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### FAMILY TIME 'THE FIVE SENSES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Learn all about the five senses. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

*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., Feb. 20

### MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs representative is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PLAY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. 'Jack' Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: 410-548-7880.

### WOODWORKING WITH REPURPOSED PALLET WOOD

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Learn how to disassemble a pallet and get some ideas for what can be made with recycled wood.

Bring gloves for this class. Register: 410-957-0878. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BASIC ORIGAMI

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:45 PM. Be introduced to origami, the art of paper folding. For ages 8 and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PAINTING WITH STICKERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 PM. This program is sticker art at its finest. All materials provided. For school age children and adults. Register. 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

### 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. Members and their guests welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

### OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

### BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Any branch, through February. Need some one-on-one help with your resume, job application, E-Reader or basic computer skills? Contact your closest library branch to schedule a personal appointment. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Free workshops dealing with hypertension, chronic pain self-management, chronic disease self-management, diabetes, fall prevention and cancer. If you would like to register for one of these workshops or you would like more information about bringing any of the workshops to your business or group, contact Jill at MAC, 410-742-0505, Ext. 15

### '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.

### STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Anyone interested is welcome. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. A reform Jewish Synagogue. Info: 410-641-4311.

### AUMC THRIFT SHOP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday, year round. Located behind the church with a donation drop off room that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 410-289-4458

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA is a process for individuals, adults and children 8 years and older, who are seeking Baptism. Also for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who want to come into the Catholic Church. Call Rita at 410-289-7038 or come to a session held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD. All are welcome.

### WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

Support groups meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Atlantic General Hospital, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin; and the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at PRMC Cancer Institute, 11105 Cathage Road, Ocean Pines. 410-548-7880

### AARP

Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. [www.aarp1917.org](http://www.aarp1917.org)

### NAACP MEETINGS

NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.

### CPR/AED, BLS AND FIRST AID COURSES

The American Red Cross & American Heart Association is offering these life saving skills. Great for families, communities with pools, teachers, construction workers, lifeguards, coaches, physical trainers, camp counselors. Also, Basic Life Support training for medical professionals, pharmacists, dentists, doctors, CNA's, LPN's, RN's or nursing students. Weekly classes offered. Sign up by going to [CPRDelaware.com](http://CPRDelaware.com), just click on class calendar or call 302-462-5594 with questions.

### 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](http://firststatemarines.org)



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**For more information, please forward resume to [mike@mikescarpetconnection.com](mailto:mike@mikescarpetconnection.com) or call 302-537-1899.**

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