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# John Bailey out as Pines General Manager



John Bailey

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Ocean Pines General

Manager John Bailey has departed that post, following a tumultuous six-month budget process that had yet to conclude as of the middle of the week.

According to a statement released Tuesday by the association, "The Board of Directors of Ocean Pines Association Inc. and its General Manager John Bailey have mutually decided to part ways. Mr. Bailey intends to pursue other professional opportunities. The Board thanks Mr. Bailey for his hard work and dedication to Ocean Pines and wishes him well in the future.

"The Board will conduct a thorough search to identify a replacement for Mr. Bailey," the statement said.

Two department heads in the top tier of the administration, Finance Director Steve Phillips and Aquatics and Parks See GM Page 4



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An organizational chart shows the new chain of command in Ocean Pines, following the departure of General Manager John Bailey on Tuesday.

# One more OPA budget hearing, this Saturday

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board on Saturday failed to pass a fiscal 2020 budget, despite a self-imposed deadline to do so.

However, after a grueling budget schedule that officially began on Aug. 22, Association President Doug Parks on Monday said the directors are closing in on final adoption.

Budget discussion took up the majority of a nearly five-hour board meeting that began Saturday morning. Several additional hours of a closed session reportedly stretched into the early part of the evening. According to Parks, the directors are currently eyeing a \$977 assessment, which represents a drastic reduction to the \$1,078 charge presented to membership last month.

The fiscal 2019 assessment was \$951.

"It could be plus or minus [a few dollars], based on whether one or the other options that we're looking at gain traction," Parks said. "Basically, what we told the GM is to take all of this information that you found out in a meeting here on Saturday, and go back and have an updated budget for See PARKS Page 5



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Ocean Pines directors, from left, Frank Daly, Doug Parks and Steve Tuttle discuss the fiscal 2020 budget during a regular board meeting last Saturday. A follow-up meeting was scheduled this Saturday in the community center to finalize the budget.





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# Latest Pines financials paint rosy picture

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Ocean Pines' most recent financial report was optimistic,

with a positive year-to-date operating fund variance of more than \$150,000 and a positive December variance to the budget of \$11,780, according to Treasurer John Viola.

According to the December financial report, the month is the sixth straight with a positive operating fund variance.

"Keep in mind that we still have four months when we basically have expenses and a cash drain," Viola said, referring to the April end of the fiscal year.

Several amenities posted positive numbers in December, including the yacht club showing \$47,000 and aquatics ending the month \$12,000 in the black.

Golf operations were nearly flat versus budget for the month, according to the report.

In delivering a slide show report last Saturday, Viola, said total reserves as of Dec. 31 were \$9.7 million, with end-ofyear projections showing \$8.2 million. As of Dec. 31, the association had about \$11.4 million in cash, he said, including \$8.1 million in certificates of deposit and \$3.3 million in a money market account.

The cash forecast for the end of the fiscal year is \$14 million, Viola said, including \$8.2 million in reserves and \$5.6 million in cash collected for assessments, along with plus or minus \$200,000 in net operating funds.

"What does that mean?" he asked. "I told you on 4/30/19 the forecast is \$14 million dollars? Well, \$8.2 [million] of it should be locked up in your cash accounts, earning interest and not touched unless this board, with a super majority ... starts to use it for something.

"The estimated cash that's coming in to pay for the bills of next year – next year – is \$5.6 million," Viola continued. "What happens between now and the end of the year? Well, we're mostly using cash [and] and we're mostly generating expenses. That's what happens.

"Save this slide when somebody tells you that we have a lot of money in the bank. I'm not saying we don't – we do – but make sure that you have the breakdown for it," he said.

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### **GM Bailey departure follows** rocky 2019 budget process

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and Recreation Director Colby Phillips, are expected to fill in for some of Bailey's duties during the interim.

Officially, board members declined to comment. Bailey is the third Ocean Pines general manager to part ways with the association since 2016.

Bob Thompson was fired in August 2016 and replaced, on an acting basis, by then director Brett Hill. Hill served in that role from Aug. 26, 2016 until Sept. 11, 2017, when Bailey came on board after being selected from a pool of roughly one hundred applicants developed during a yearlong search. Hill resigned from the board of directors on Sept. 15, 2017.

Before his service in Ocean Pines, Bailey was the general manager of the Skyline Plaza condominium association,



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a community of two 26-story residential towers in Falls Church, Virginia.

He was the general manager of the Brandermill, Virginia development in Richmond, Virginia from 2013-2016, and general manager of the Lake of the Woods homeowner's association in Locust Grove, Virginia from 2001 to 2009.

Bailey's immediate assignment was to put out fires. The association reported about \$1.6 million in losses during fiscal years 2017 and 2018, with a large portion attributed to overly optimistic budgeting for food and beverage operations.

The board of directors on March 29 last year unanimously approved a twoyear contract with the Matt Ortt Companies to run the yacht and beach clubs, and results have been overwhelmingly positive. Based on the most recent estimates, fiscal 2019 projects to finish at or near break-even, largely thanks to improved food and beverage performance.

However, board members and those serving on the budget and finance committee have quarreled with Bailey publicly regarding the fiscal 2020 budget.

Public budget deliberations began in August of last year, with the budget and finance committee providing Bailey with a budget guidance document.

Bailey released his budget draft, called the "proposed" budget, on Jan. 4 with a zero assessment increase. Three weeks later, the Jan. 25 "recommended" budget was published with a near-record \$127 assessment increase, and several board members said they were caught off guard.

Director Esther Diller, in a Feb. 7 interview in this paper, said Bailey in releasing the Jan. 4 budget draft made "a terrible, terrible decision.

"He sent it out without having discussions with B&F [the budget and finance committee] and the board. It was foolish to put something like that out there without having all your facts," Diller said.

"When you're a ... GM, you have to have the understanding and knowledge to find ways and cut and cut, and not put everybody in front of the bus. And that is what I'm tired of," she added.

In the same issue, Director Ted Moroney agreed the budget process could have been smoother, saying rather than having the budget and finance committee verify initial work done by general manager and department heads, much of the budget process this year amounted to "adding missing pieces [and] updating calculations." Moroney said the capital portion of the fire and EMS budget was "simply missed" by Bailey in the Jan. 4 draft.

Bailey, meanwhile, during a Feb. 2 public meeting said of the assessment increase, "I certainly got your attention."

The directors set a deadline to approve the fiscal 2020 budget last Saturday, but instead tabled a motion to do so because more work had to be done.

A special meeting to finalize the budget is scheduled this Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. in the community center.

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### **Parks confident board will** finalize budget on Saturday

'I know that everybody wants

to get this [the fiscal 2020

budget] done and the goal

is to get it done by Saturday.'

**Ocean Pines** 

Association President

Doug Parks

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us with these changes by Wednesday, so that we'll have enough time on Wednesday/Thursday to go back and forth on these."

Parks said that would likely be done via email.

A special board meeting to finalize the budget is scheduled this Saturday, Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. in the Marlin Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

By then, Parks said, the majority of the sticking points should be ironed out.

"The process at this point is basically just, let's go through this information again. We discussed these things in public and we've got to get one more iteration. And I think it's well worth it,"

Parks said.

He said the directors agreed to remove road depreciation from the budget, saving about \$47 per homeowner. Also likely a done deal is removing the \$19 per-homeowner bulkhead charge, while leaving in the

\$465 waterfront differential.

would prefer to leave the \$19 in, but will defer to the majority," Parks said. "Because we can no longer use the swim and racquet club as a staging area, the [bulkhead] price per linear foot has gone up to 25 or more percent. That just translates into cost."

Still in play is the deficit repayment duration.

Parks and the budget and finance committee favors a three-year payment schedule, totaling about \$333,333 each year, but he said a majority now leans toward a four-year repayment plan.

'We're talking about \$8 [per homeowner] or something along those lines," he said of the additional year. "Me, personally ... I want to look at the more important factors that we definitely want to do that have a solid number, versus the deficit.

"You're very fluid there, so you've got a little bit of a sliding scale that you can work with," Parks continued. "I made it pretty clear in our meetings that I'd like to get it paid back in three years, but I'm certainly willing to have it go a little bit longer, based on some other things that are maybe a little bit more important in the budget to get done."

He said a \$128,000 payroll increase based on an in-house pay study was no longer in the budget, while a "merit pool" for bonuses would remain in. Parks, in a previous meeting, said the merit pool represented 2 percent of the total payroll, or \$72,791.

"There was a suggestion that you put a cap on it and the GM should not give anybody more than 2 percent," Parks said, adding he was "pretty vocal" in his opposition to that.

"That's not how a merit pool works," he said. "You've got an 'x' amount of dollars and you, as the chief administrative officer, distribute it as you see fit, based on whether you've got a high performer, an OK employee, or a low performer," he continued. "I'm very, very adamant about the board not getting into that level of operations ... it's not what we should be doing as a board."

Parks said health benefits would be lowered to an 80/20 rate, with employees paying for 20 percent of costs. He added board members were "still wrestling with the concept of some kind of offset," or a lump-sum payment for those impacted by the reduction 100-percent from coverage.

"To me, it's still an open issue and "I, for one, made a point that I I think it's one of the areas probably all of us are focused on - how to translate that into something that satisfies the short-term wants and the long-term goals," he said.

Parks said he's confident the board will be deliver a final budget on Saturday.

"I think we're pretty close," he said. "I think the biggest one is the 80/20, and if we do anything at all regarding a lump-sum payout or some way to 'true' something up. There's a couple of suggestions out there and I think we just have to agree and come to some consensus on the best way to move forward.

"I know that everybody wants to get this done and the goal is to get it done by Saturday," Parks added.

He acknowledged the board spent several hours in closed session last Saturday, but would not comment on the reasons for or the nature of the discussion.

The published agenda listed two topics: discussing personnel matters, and to consult with staff and advisors about pending or potential litigation.

"There's reasons for closed sessions - and we'll just take it from there," Parks said. "I can't say anything about the discussions that were had during the closed session."

Asked if any of the closed session was related to the budget, Parks replied, "I can't say anything about the conversation we had during closed session."

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# Trendic pitches five motions during Saturday budget mtg.

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic went 0-for-5 Saturday on motions related to the fiscal 2020 budget, with one failing to get a second, two defeated by 6-1 votes, one falling short in a 4-3 vote after being amended, and one motion withdrawn.

Closest to adoption was Trendic's motion to instruct the general manager to reduce his proposed budget by at least 2.5 percent across all departments.

Trendic said doing so was a directive given to General Manager John Bailey last November.

Two directors, Frank Daly and Association President Doug Parks, said they agreed in concept, but would prefer to see a "targeted" 2.5 percent reduction.

Daly, who said he helped author a motion for such cuts, added the association had "lost [its] way for cost management."

Parks, meanwhile, said he was now against the motion because of its "timing and applicability."

Director Ted Moroney said asking for a reduction was one thing, but understanding the impact was another. He compared it to cutting 2.5 percent of fuel for police cars while waiting for service on a Friday night.

"It's not quite that simple," he said. "What are you giving up when you cut?"

Trendic said payroll costs were increasing at an alarming rate, including a 60 increase in the finance department, 75 percent increase in marketing, and 90 percent increase in general maintenance.

"I've got serious issues with these numbers," he said. "We have a responsibility ... to be fiduciarily responsible to the membership. The question is how do you solve this problem? "I wonder if we even should be entertaining the idea of approving the budget this year" Trendic continued. "You've got a \$1.6 million deficit – \$600,000 of that has been collected this year from the homeowners, so we are left with a balance of about \$1 million, according to our treasurer, that we are asking the homeowners to pay. And then, we've got a PR and marketing department that's basically planning to spend \$47,000 in radio and TV commercials, and \$50,000 in media advertising. I question our priorities."

Daly offered an amendment to direct the general manager to reduce his proposed budget by at least 2.5 percent with targeted cost reductions across all departments.

A vote for the amendment was 6-1 with Moroney opposed, but the original motion as amended fell 4-3, with only Trendic, Daly and Director Esther Diller in favor.

Two other motions fell 6-1, with only Trendic in favor. One would have directed the general manager to adjust his proposed budget so the yacht club would show a positive net, and the other would have set employee health insurance rates at a 86/14 percent split for single coverage and 78/22 for family coverage.

A motion to instruct the general manager to adjust the golf operations and maintenance budgets so golf would show a positive net failed to garner a second.

Trendic withdrew a motion to set the bulkhead differential charge at \$200.

In two prior years serving on the board, Trendic has voted against overall budget adoption both times. He and former director Tom Herrick voted against the budget last year, and he and Parks opposed the budget in 2017.

### **Ocean Pines Board members** balk at Bailey bid handling

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor (Feb. 21, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board approved four of five capital purchase requests Saturday, with one in particular catching the attention of several directors.

Two golf maintenance items, a reel grinder and bedknife grinder, passed 6o with Director Slobodan Trendic abstaining.

A vote on a third request, to replace the second-floor deck at the yacht club, was postponed until more information about a warranty could be obtained.

In discussing a fourth capital purchase, for a Boston Drive drainage pipe, Director Ted Moroney wondered aloud why General Manager John Bailey did not go with the low bidder.

According to the official meeting

packet, the Kent Construction Company bid, \$44,370, was slightly better than the Murtech Marine Division bid of \$47,714.

Under comments for Kent Construction Company, the packet read, "Very qualified company. Kent has not worked with Ocean Pines on past projects and is part of the consideration for the award even though they are the low bidder."

"If I'm bidding work as a contractor and I'm the low bidder and I'm considered very qualified – and you're not going to give me the work – guess what, the next time you bid a job I'm not bothering," Moroney said. "I'd just kind of like to have an explanation why we wouldn't go with them if they're qualified."

Bailey said, for one, the difference was only about \$3,400.

### Daly to GM: 'the system doesn't work that way'

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"Not having that big of a difference, even though it was the low bid [was one consideration], then you look at the other considerations that we have done with work with Murtech Marine and they've been on time and completed to our satisfaction, so those are two elements of it," Bailey said. "You don't always have to go with low bid."

Director Frank Daly countered, "The problem with that explanation is the system doesn't work that way."

"There are multi, multi-million dollar construction projects in this market, I think, as Director Moroney can attest to, that are lost by a couple dollars. And that explanation just simply doesn't [wash] with the contracting community, and personally is unacceptable to me as a board member," Daly said.

Bailey said it was not Ocean Pines policy to always award the lowest bidder. "If you want to change that policy, we

can change the policy," he said.

"I completely understand that. There's a difference between somebody who submits a low bid that's not qualified and somebody that submits a low bid that's fully qualified," Daly said.

Director Slobodan Trendic said it was absurd that a bid was rejected merely because of a lack of a prior working relationship.

"As far as I'm concerned, unless you put out the RFP that states that, you cannot disqualify the vendor because he hasn't done business with Ocean Pines in the past," he said. "It sends the wrong message to the community."

Bailey, appearing frustrated, replied, "If you want the low bid, go with the low bid then."

Moroney then pointed to Bailey's own words in the meeting packet report: "Kent Construction Company is the lowest bidder and has completed projects with-in the pines for Worcester County but has never worked as a subcontractor directly for Ocean Pines. Kent Construction is a very good company with good references."

"So, I'm asking you, why would you disqualify a company with good references whose done work for Worcester County in Ocean Pines?" Moroney said. "What's the justification for taking the low bidder who you say yourself is qualified and done work in Ocean Pines and simply excluding them ... it makes no sense to me, from a business standpoint, to disqualify the low bidder when you say he's qualified. That's the problem I'm having."

Moroney, at that point, shook his head, stood up and walked away from the table.

Association President Doug Parks said the board had the option to choose the general manager's recommendation or approve the low bid.

The directors opted for the latter and voted 7-0 in favor of the Kent Construction Company bid.

A final capital request, for bulkhead repairs, was approved unanimously.





# Multipurpose bldg. again gets BCIA focus

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Little progress was made in terms of a public consensus on the future of the multipurpose building at last Friday's Berlin Community Improvement Association meeting, but, as a general membership drive, the session could be called a success.

BCIA Chairman D.J. Lockwood began the session, as he did during the previous meeting last November, with a history lesson.

He said the land on which the multipurpose building sits and which once housed the Flower Street School, was deeded seven times from 1925 to 1962, based on information from the Worcester County Commissioner's office. The Flower Street School served the African-American community prior to desegregation and the multipurpose building was a part of the school, although it was not the main schoolhouse.

Lockwood said property eventually came under county Worcester Control, and in 1971 the county placed an advertisement in the Democratic Messenger three weeks prior to a public auction. The BCIA won the auction with a \$700 bid. In today's dollars, according to Lockwood, that's about \$4,700.

The nonprofit organization exclusively operated the multipurpose building until about 1983, when the Booker T. Washington Lodge, later the Masons, and Shore Up! signed on to help with maintenance and upkeep.

Lockwood said the multipurpose building was a "happening spot" for community events during the 1980s, both for Baby Boomers and Generation X, and that's why many remember it fondly. Today, the building is consid-

ered almost unusable because of age and disrepair.

"A lot of us have emotional ties to the multipurpose building and they're not really historical facts to go with it – it's more of an emotional hold," he said. "This is why we have to build a strong BCIA – because I don't want

to see anything like that happen again in our backyard. That building should not have went the way it went.

"If you don't see how fast our community is growing, just look right over there," Lockwood continued, gesturing toward downtown Berlin. "With our community changing, we have to change ... if you try to make something stay the same, it's not going to happen. It's impossible."

Lockwood said the committee now



multipurpose building on the site if the organization is willing to deed it to the town. In exchange, town officials have n pledged to create a community center advisory board to include several BCIA members.
 A meeting with Mayor Gee Williams and other town officials was scheduled

finds itself in "a very unique situation,"

wherein town officials have offered to

build a new community center at the

and other town officials was scheduled this week and BCIA board members are learning toward deeding the building, Lockwood said.

If and when that happens, Lockwood said a strong Berlin Community Improvement Associa-

tion could then focus on its original mission. According to the organization's articles of incorporation, the BCIA was formed "To establish and operate an association of civic minded people residing in the northern part of Worcester County, Maryland, to serve the community by meritorious public and civic works designed to make the community a better place in which to live; and to offer and provide educational, recreation and social activities for its members."

Lockwood said it was a special time when both the town and the school system, the latter of which has pledged meeting space, was willing to partner with the BCIA.

"This is a membership drive and we need people to be a part of our community – not just driving through," he said. "I live on Flower Street ... I'm a lifetime citizen of Flower Street. There're not too many more lifetime citizens of Flower Street in here."

There were, apparently, two more in the audience.

"Being a lifetime citizen of Flower Street, I'm ashamed of myself riding by that building," Lockwood said. "I feel bad about it, so I'm going to take every step I need to take to push forward.

"I've had a lot of calls [and] some emails talking about gentrification –

"When I was a little kid riding my bike, I don't want to get in trouble saying this, but there were some restaurants that would not let me come in. And my money was the same as anyone else's ... all I wanted was an ice cream or a soda. "That's not the same Berlin. That

watch out for that," he continued.

Inat's not the same Berlin. That separatism? The great divide? [Route] 113? That's no longer the same," he said. "I believe in partnering with the town and also having a blue ribbon school system – look at the possibilities for our kids. The possibilities of creating a magnificent center for our kids, that's what it's about for me."

One woman in the audience said she was there because her grandparents would have wanted her to be. She said the multipurpose building was important because it was formerly part of a segregated school and, if it were torn down, something should be done to preserve its history.

"There has to be something in this town to show that black people actually lived there and prospered there," she said.

Lockwood said many in the room and on the BCIA shared those feelings, and he promised, "none of that would be lost."

"If we agree to a partnership with the town, there's all kind of deed restrictions," he said. "We would make it so no one could do anything besides what it's stated for. We also could memorialize [the building]. That's when us, as a group, comes in."

Another woman said there was a certain fear factor in the community.

"D.J. mentioned about places that he couldn't go ... I lived it," she said.

"There used to a be a camp on Flower Street – that history is gone," she continued. "Flower Street School is gone. I went there.

"We, as a people, are used to losing because there are not enough funds," the woman said. "You can't come in with some sugar and think you're going to smooth it over, when people are used people buying their land, taking their land, and it's happening all over."

Others said they either did not trust town leadership, wanted a bigger seat at See NO Page 9



'With our community changing, we have to change... if you try to make something stay the same, it's not going to happen. It's impossible.' BCIA Chairman D.J. Lockwood

### No consensus, but as a membership drive mtg. success

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the table, or that keeping the building under direct community control would allow members of the public to pursue grants for revitalization.

Berlin Councilman Dean Burrell said he also has emotional ties to the multipurpose building, as one of the first dates he went on with his wife was to a sweetheart ball held there.

Burrell went on to say he's heard "crazy rumors" about the town's plans for the building, none of which were true. He said the town has been using taxpayer money to hold the building together for many years, but the Town Council would not be good custodians of that money if it continued to do so.

"The multipurpose building is actually falling down," Burrell said. "[There's] no more license for children to participate in activities in there – they couldn't even have the Head Start graduation in there anymore because of its condition. Something needs to be done, but the town cannot put taxpayer money into a place we don't own."

Burrell said the Head Start program, currently housed on a satellite building on the property and operated by Shore Up!, would continue if the town controlled the site. Burrell is a former director of the program and fellow Councilman Elroy Brittingham is the current chairman of the Shore Up! board.

"No one's talking about putting the Head Start program nowhere, because we know how important the Head Start program is to our community," Burrell said. "That program is next to our hearts ... and if we can do something to help that place, we will."

Burrell said the town was going to build a new community center no matter what, but the multipurpose building site seemed like an ideal location.

"We thought, wouldn't it be wonderful to utilize that spot?" he said.

Brittingham said there was already money set aside for preconstruction work and the town owned other land nearby that could be used for parking.

"When we looked at it and we talked



Gabe Purnell, during a Berlin Community Improvement Association meeting last Friday, said the town's handling of Dr. William Henry Park was a model for how a new community center on Flower Street could work.

to BCIA, we realized that they needed help with their building, so why have a community center right down the street from the multipurpose building? Why not come together and have one campus [and] one building, with overflow parking?" he said.

Burrell took the opportunity to praise Lockwood, who he called a man with vision.

"When D.J. talks about membership, he understands that in order for BCIA... to do those things that he talked about in those articles of incorporation, he needs the community behind this agency," Burrell said. "That's why he has asked you here this evening.

"You don't want to miss this opportunity – this is an opportunity for Berlin, this is an opportunity for our community to do something positive," he continued. "And I can't think of no other better place to have a community center in the Town of Berlin than on that site."

Burrell said the town would use the same guidelines for a new community center as with as any other town-owned facilities.

Gabe Purnell, who has been involved with the BCIA for several decades, said it was his understanding an advisory board for the new community center would include five members, three of which would come from the BCIA. He said that board would operate like any other town board or commission.

Purnell also invoked Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street as a model of a how a town-owned, for-the-community facility could be run.

"That's the model of what happens," he said. "The town owns it ... and we use it.

"Not only did they replace the basketball court, they put up bleachers. They put a bathroom out there and they've even talked about putting lights out there.

"They did everything we wanted, plus we didn't even ask for a bathroom – they put that out there!" Purnell added.

Burrell said some during the meeting were "talking like the Town of Berlin wants to take something from you."

"That's not the case at all. This is an opportunity ... to have a facility that

serves you," he said. "The Town of Berlin is not trying to take a thing from nobody. And you talk about having say and having participation and all that kind of stuff – well you have the vote! And if things aren't going the way you think it should be, go vote! Go vote what you think.

"Tm telling you that this is an opportunity and, folks, you don't want to miss this opportunity for us," Burrell continued. "It's not a Berlin-Town thing – it's a community thing. And don't let this opportunity pass our community by."

Lockwood ended the meeting by saying it was not the last before the BCIA deeded over the property, but should instead be thought of as the first meeting for a new, reinvigorated membership.

Several dozen membership forms were passed out, and nearly all appeared to be returned, with \$10 fees included and all the necessary information filled out.

For more information on how to become a Berlin Community Improvement Association member, contact Lockwood at djlockwood334@gmail.com.



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# Jenkins given inaugural conservation award

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Jolly Roger founder Buddy Jenkins on Friday received the inaugural Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award, named in honor of the former Nature Conservancy director and given in recognition of Jenkins' help in preserving more than 3,500 acres of Eastern Shore land.

Parker, a New York native and husband of Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger, passed away last year in his Whaleyville home. He was also formerly the director of the Virginia Coast Reserve and a longtime board member of the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, Lower Shore Land Trust, and several other organizations.

Kate Patton, the current Lower Shore Land Trust director, called Parker "an important voice for conservation" during a ceremony on Friday at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

"Months later, we still feel his absence and this legacy award is really about him," she said. "This recognition will help us to not only remember Steve [and] his commitment to the land and social justice, but will serve to honor those in private land conservation who are making a significant and positive contribution to the Eastern Shore."

Dave Wilson, director of Conserva-



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"In the two decades that I've known both of these gentlemen, they never gave me any doubt about their sincercontinued. "What are the things that have value? How much excess is too much? Can we love each other the way Steve loved Lisa and his kids? And which scotch is the best scotch?"

Wilson said Parker got along with both scientists and farmers, and wanted to make the world a better



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hugh Cropper, left, presents an award to both Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger and Jolly Roger founder Buddy Jenkins during the inaugural Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award ceremony, held last Friday at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

ity, their wisdom, [or] their desire to place i look beyond ... their own needs for the greater good," Wilson said. Wil

He said Parker was a good friend.

"Pretty much every day, I still can't

believe that Steve is not still with us," he said. "When we first met, it was his kindness and his intellect that sort of immediately struck me. As I got to know him, I ... became fascinated with his career."

According to Wilson, Parker left a lucrative career in real estate in New York City "to come down to the Eastern Shore to save thousands of acres of land for the Nature Conservancy on the Eastern Shore of Virginia."

"I sort of asked myself, what kind of person would say, 'The hell with making millions, I want to make tens of thousands instead to be a conservationist?" Wilson said, drawing laughs from the roughly 50 ceremony attendees.

"Each time we give this award, I really hope we can reflect on what we learn from people like Steve," Wilson place in general for all living things, be they fishermen or box turtles.

Wilson said his friend helped him cope with his own battle with cancer.

"The last year of his life, Steve helped me personally through some very difficult times," Wilson said. "Twenty years earlier, Steve had been diagnosed with something very similar to what I had ... just last year I was going through the same chemotherapy and radiation treatment that Steve had gone through 20 years earlier.

"During that time we would often talk. He would constantly call or text me and ask me how I was doing, and I always felt better after we spoke," he continued. "He had a soft, but very purposeful way of conveying passion to others."

In both cases, Wilson said, the diagnoses were said to be severe. He said both men were given no more than two years to live.

"But guess what? Steve lived a lot more than two years. And in that realm and in many others, I kind of follow his lead," Wilson said. "We know that the world would be a better place with Steve Parker in it, but even in death he's an important inspiration to me and a model for other human beings to follow."

Wilson also helped introduce Jenkins as the perfect recipient of the award, because of his connections with Parker and his work with the Nature Conservancy.

"As a conservation buyer, Buddy helped protect thousands of acres of farms on Virginia's Eastern Shore, which freed up money for the Nature Conservancy to do a lot more work," he said.

Both the Nature Conservancy and the Virginia/Eastern Shore Land Trust today protect more than 50,000 acres of land in Accomack and Northampton counties in Virginia, Wilson said.

He said Jenkins' 2,200-acre Newport Farms in Worcester County was "like no other place on earth" and includes salt marshes, matured hardwood forests, hundreds of acres of farmland, and a 7,500-acre pond.

"I really think Buddy loves that land more than just about anything else," Wilson said. "He's gone to really great lengths and to great expense to make sure the place has as many advocates as possible after his passing, which I assume will be no less than 30 years from now."

Wilson said Jenkins is a man who likes to work behind the scenes, including his efforts to preserve conservation-oriented agricultural zoning in Worcester County.

"I often think of Buddy as 'The Fixer," Wilson said. "Here's how it sort of goes: Somebody will do something bad. I will call Buddy up. He'll make some phone calls or maybe they'll get a visit from Tony Soprano or something like that, and then he'll call me back and I'll hear, 'Please hold for Mr. Jenkins.' And then a voice will come on saying, 'David, it's taken care of.'

"I can tell a million Buddy Jenkins stories, but I'm told this is a PG event," Wilson added.

He called Jenkins "a role model for See HONOR Page 11



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# Honor also commemorates Stephen N. Parker

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what successful people should be like." "Buddy isn't self-righteous – he's just righteous," Wilson said. "He cares about other people. He cares about wildlife and land conservation. He knows he's not going to be praised by the average Eastern Shore resident for doing all this land conservation and being environmentally minded.

"He's always – always treated me like a son," he continued. "He doesn't do any of it for fame or money – he just does it because he wants to make the world a better place and he does it for the right reasons ... I think all of us have benefited from his generosity."

Jenkins spoke for about 15 minutes, apparently going off the cuff and without a prepared speech. He started by thanking several other organizations and local people, including the Assateague Coastal Trust, Conservation Community Consulting, Maryland Coastal Bays, Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences, the Lower Shore Land Trust, Nature Conservancy, and Steve Parker and Lisa Challenger.

"That's really where the tribute, the honor should go," he said.

Jenkins said conservancy should instead be called reality, or "realism."

"We are not apart from conservation – we are part of it," he said. "Many times we forget that. We just happen to be at the top of the totem pole – that's all."

Jenkins recalled hunting with his father along the Chesapeake Bay in December and January as a teenager and "seeing thousands and thousands of canvasbacks" and other wildfowl.

"And then all the sudden I saw them waning, and pretty soon I didn't see any. I asked myself the question, why?" he said.

Jenkins said the Susquehanna flats, the primary feeding source of those animals, "was dying." Again, he asked himself why and said he learned the about the poor health of the Susquehanna River.

"That was the beginning of asking questions. And I never stopped, from that point on, with asking the questions," Jenkins said.

He said he once got a phone call from the Secretary of the Interior under President Gerald Ford. They met for lunch and Jenkins was encouraged to apply for the conversation easement program for Somerset, Dorchester, Worcester and Wicomico counties.

Jenkins said he was told, "All the population of the Northeast is going to move out of there as soon as they can, and they only have two places to go: one is the mountains and the other is the Delmarva Peninsula, so you'd better get ready for it. Do what you can to educate people [and] what you can do to educate politicians."

"That's a never-ending process, that last part," Jenkins added. "We must educate, constantly and continuously, our representatives. Because they come, they go, and you have to reeducate."

He said both development and conservation are necessary, and both require constant and continuous thought.

Jenkins said the best thing anyone can do is to take their children and grandchildren for a walk in the woods.

"That is the greatest thing in the world, because when you walk in the woods you see nature at its best," he said. "You see an understory where certain critters live. You see an upperstory where certain birds live. You see all the woods that have fallen down, and if you think and ask the next question, you will see organic growth – you'll see mold, you'll see mildew, you'll see ants all coming from that dead log as a part of the cycle of nature. And we're a part of that cycle."

Jenkins said government – and a lack of education – was the biggest enemy of conservation. He invoked a meeting about Newport Creek, when 126 people attended with him in protest.

"And we listened to all the bull crap that went on," he said. "We saw the intellectual elite from Pennsylvania come in. He had a bowtie on ... he was very, very impressive.

"He talked about ... the current

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sewer facility and how good it was, and he happened to have two glasses up there of water from the current sewer plant and how wonderful it was, and all the people that I brought in the room were downcast, because it was all about how wonderful this new thing would be," he continued.

"And I did one thing: I looked at each county commissioner and I said, 'Drink that water.' And that was the end of that," Jenkins said.

He said Google once tried to bring a subsidiary to install offshore wind farms and then gather the energy "right across Assateague Island."

"We were able to change that," he said. "If and when offshore comes, it will not come across Assateague Island."

Jenkins said conservationists next needed to protect against offshore oil drilling.

"The biggest thing that we can do as a group of people is look at our critical areas legislation," he said. "Critical areas, once they're destroyed, they'll never come back.

"We have to educate our politicians that there are ripple effects," Jenkins continued. "The woods take carbon out of the air. If it's destroyed, there's more carbon. So, it's just that simple."

Also during the ceremony, Pat Schrawder and Emily Nock presented citations on behalf of Gov. Larry



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Hogan, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and Del. Wayne Hartman.

Last to speak was Jim Rapp, cofounder of Conservation Community Consultants.

Rapp said he was in Cedar Island during the mid-1990s and came across a big, beautiful beach house that appeared to be empty.

"I thought, well that thing's going to be in the Ocean next year. There's a sign there, I'm going to take it," Rapp said.

Two summers ago, he said, he was at Jenkins' farm in Wachapreague, Virginia and saw a familiar house. In a moment of déjà vu, Rapp asked his friend where it came from.

"He goes, 'My granddad moved it from Cedar Island 25 years ago," Rapp said.

He the presented a sign, which read:

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"Mr. Buddy, I've been holding onto this thing since the mid-90s and I am returning it to you today," Rapp said to loud applause. "And on the back, in ink pen ... it just says, 'Salvaged, not stolen, by Jim Rapp, early-90s, returned to its rightful home, 2019."

A special award during the ceremony was also presented to Lisa Challenger. Berlin artist Jordan Pippin of Steel N Glory created both awards.





Alumni of Worcester High School, which was open from 1953 to 1970, gather for a photo at the Board of Education Office Building in Newark on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

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# Black History Month event recalls former high school

#### By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 21, 2019) In honor of Black History Month, Worcester County Public Schools paid homage to the former Worcester High School – the county's only high school for African-American children in grades 7-12 from 1953 until its closure in 1970 – at the former school site, Tuesday.

The former high school, now the Board of Education office in Newark, Maryland, was packed with alumni, county commissioners, board of education members and other residents of Worcester County to celebrate the school's history.

Alumni of the school joined together, singing the Worcester High song from memory. Board of education members then cut the ribbon for the new display of Worcester High, which depicts history of African-American students of the school in various photos and documents at the front entrance of the Board of Education office building, which was recently renovated.

Dozens of former students attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the exhibit, including NBA Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Talvin Skinner, who played for the Seattle SuperSonics in the 1970s. Skinner was born in Berlin and graduated from Worcester High in 1970.

Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor welcomed guests and alumni and thanked everyone who helped renovate and decorate the building.

"It's a great day in the Worcester County Public School District," Taylor said. "We are all so excited to have so many of you here with us today to commemorate and honor the history and the heritage of this building. Worcester High School holds a special place in the hearts of those that walked these halls."

Gregory Purnell, a 1968 graduate, spoke about the history of the school.

"I came here from Berlin knowing that I was coming to Worcester for this auspicious occasion," Purnell said. "It was the only edifice in which African-Americans could go to school after the seventh grade. Not only was it the only place [for African-American students] but it was the only place that African-American teachers and educators could practice their craft.

"They themselves came from meager beginnings," he continued. "Some of them were the first to even attend high school or graduate and then to go on to college. They wanted us to have a taste of that, and so they took time with each of us. We being like them, to let us know this is the place where you get the key to that house, the key to that car ... the key to the world itself."

Taylor thanked everyone for attending the celebration, which coincides with the Worcester County Public School System's 150th anniversary.

"I have always found the history of this building fascinating and I'm glad to be a part of bringing this history out of the shadows or rather out of the storage closets and properly displaying it and celebrating what it is today," Taylor said.

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# Annexation proposals coming soon

Planning commission mtg. last Wednesday previewed two likely upcoming cases

#### **By Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Two annexation requests are likely to come before the Berlin Planning Commission next month, and one member said he would not vote for either unless certain safety standards are met.

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart last Wednesday said the IG Burton Chevrolet dealership on Old Ocean City Boulevard is in county limits, but ownership wants it to be part of Berlin.

"It really should've been in town all along," Engelhart said. "They want to get in town limits to get on our water and sewer. That's the benefit to them."

Engelhart said Ernie Gerardi also wants to see his property at the corner of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Route 50 annexed into town. The Town Council in October voted 4-1 to add three parcels of land to the town growth map, seen as a first step in the annexation process.

According to Engelhart, "That annexation would be ostensibly for a development that would have a hotel and a convenience store, and two pad sites probably for restaurants.'

"We're working on those at the town level. If everything goes well ... you [would] take all the information in and you [would] make a recommendation to the mayor and council that you favor annexation or not," he said.

If everything pans out, Engelhart said the March 13 planning commission meeting would include public hearings on both items. The mayor and council would then schedule a second set of public hearings prior to holding a final vote.

Commission member Pete Cosby asked if there were any plans to extend the sidewalk along North Main Street, from Cheers to Route 50.

"That's just a really bad area for bicycles and pedestrians," Cosby said. "If we're going be annexing and building all the way out there, it's re-

> 'I really hesitate to want to annex out there without an adequate road. **Berlin Planning** Commission member Pete Cosby

ally time to get serious about [safetv].

Engelhart said sidewalks in the area were probably an eventuality, but added, "As far as I know, there isn't a sidewalk plan that says we're gonna do that in fiscal year 2020."

'State highway usually requires it. If there's new development, they may put in sidewalks," he said. Cosby asked, "How long is it going

to take?"

"That road is narrow. You can't ride a bike safely out there. You can't walk it as a pedestrian," Cosby said. "I just think the time has come to prioritize that ... if we're going to see annexation and start seeing things come in, we need to do something to get aggressive about that."

Engelhart said state highway could be convinced to create a shoulder along the roadway.

"I can bring it up. As a matter of fact, we have a meeting ... on the 19th, Tuesday, at state highway's office in Salisbury. And it's to talk about the changes they're going to make to Old Ocean City Boulevard by the hospital," Engelhart said. "I can bring this up, because they may or may not be aware of this ... potential development vet.

"My sense is they would be aware of it, but they're waiting for us to come to them," he continued. "I can talk to their access management person, for SHA ... I'll mention it to them and see where we go."

Cosby encouraged Engelhart to 'plant the seed wherever you can."

"I really hesitate to want to annex out there without an adequate road. I think that road is going to become more and more of a problem. I think we need to widen it, get some turn lanes, I don't know," he said.

"We don't need another [Route] 589 failure – and that is a 589 out there," he continued. "It's just like 589 was. They should've gotten it right back in 1985. I was saying it back then and they never did it.

You cannot safely ride a bike from Gumpoint Road to Route 50 - that's why the kid got killed a few months ago ... because there's nowhere to ride a bike," Cosby said. "That's my speech for the night ... if we're going to annex up there, it's time to fix that road."







Site plans drafted by architect Steven Cirile show a scaled down version of restaurateur John Trader's new. as vet unnamed barbecue restaurant in Berlin, bordering Route 50. Trader apparently had to reduced proposed seating from 145 to 75 to accommodate town stormwater requirements. IMAGES FROM MEETING PACKET

# **Stormwater concerns trim Trader restaurant**

#### **By Josh Davis** Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Town of Berlin stormwater requirements apparently halved seating plans for John Trader's new barbecue restaurant.

Trader originally envisioned a 145seat restaurant and a 5,000-squarefoot-plus expansion of the former Taylor Bank building that borders Route 50 and Old Ocean City Boulevard.

The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously endorsed the site plan in November and commission members raved about the potential upgrade of an underused area between the downtown and the highway, which carries millions of beachgoers to Ocean City each year.

Last Wednesday night, the planning commission voted 4-0 to approve the downsized site-plan revision.

Attorney Joe Moore jokingly introduced himself as Trader, but said he was merely sitting in for the restaurateur, who also owns Liquid Assets in Ocean City and Our Harvest in Fenwick Island. With Moore was architect Steven J. Cirile, who drafted both sets of plans.

"The sole change in the concept is a reduction in seating," Moore said. "We originally had 145 seats. We have reduced those to 75.

What happened was, we had to comport with all the requirements for stormwater management, including pervious areas, so therefore Mr. Cirile was able to redesign the site around the building in order to comply with the town requirements of the environmental engineers," Moore added.

Cirile said an ice cream carryout area in the original plan was changed to open deck, while the space beneath would address town stormwater mandates.

"We removed the roof. It's open deck with some bench seating ... and underneath, that is where we put the stormwater retention pond," he said. "But, we were able to remove enough blacktop to meet all the [stormwater] requirements."

Moore said otherwise the plans would remain the same.

Trader said in November he wanted to build "the kind of family environment where kids can go in the afternoon and go get ice cream after school, and families can go enjoy a little entertainment into the evening.<sup>3</sup>

The restaurant would offer traditional southern barbecue with a screened-in porch feature Trader called 'really romantic."

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

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

Moore, last Wednesday, observed the only thing he missed in the colorful renderings shown to the planning commission was a picture of him enjoying a beer.

However, along with the reduced seating would be a pushed-back opening date, Moore said. Trader originally hoped to open this spring.

'The opening date, unfortunately, is being delayed because of the onset of the season before we'll get all of our approvals and get ready to build," Moore said. "Mr. Trader, who many of you know is a very careful and good purveyor of food and beverage, does not want to open in the middle of the season. He wants to provide a good experience for everybody."

Moore added, "The town's environmental engineers, by the way, have been very cooperative."

"I think it's fair to say everybody was working to find a solution on the problem," Moore said.

"Very much so," Cirile added.

Commission member Barbara Stack said she preferred the reduced scale.

"The roofs aren't quite as sprawling," she said. "It's a little bit better scale."

"I agree," Cirile said.

Stack moved to approve the site plan revision. Pete Cosby provided a second.

Three commission members, vicechairman Ron Cascio, John Barrett and Newt Chandler, were not present.





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# **Elections cmte. to promote 'Your Vote Counts'**

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) "Your vote counts" is the theme of a new publicity campaign of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee aimed at increasing voter turnout and reducing voter error in the next board of directors election.

Last year, 80 votes were not counted, including 66 received after the voting deadline. Ocean Pines elections are conducted each year by mailed ballots that are sent to prospective voters in July and must be returned to association officials by a certain date in August.

The difference in 2018 between the fourth-place finisher, who was elected, and the fifth-place finisher, who was not, was just 23 votes.

"It was a small [margin] and it could've made a big difference, and so 'your vote counts," Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said during a public meeting last Friday.

Habeger said efforts last year to reduce certain types of voter error were effective. In 2017, 41 ballots were not counted because voters selected more than the allowed number of candidates. In 2018, just four ballots were not counted for the same reason.

The committee altered the physical ballots last year, with voting instructions placed inside a large, colored box.

"That went very well," committee member Virginia Sutula said. "I think the ballot is beautiful [and] the directions are clear."

This year, the committee is focusing on getting ballots returned on time.

Committee member Mark Heintz suggested a bold, red stamp on election mailings to let voters know, one, that they contain ballots and, two, when they're due back.

"Maybe if we stamp the outside of the envelope that this is a ballot, instead of junk mail, that would help," he said.

"Make that envelope more violent," Sutula added.

Habeger said mailings, traditionally, were simply stamped, "action required."

Marketing Director Denise Sawyer said Ocean Pines could also make use of the new Northstar software systems to push out election notifications.

The other number the elections committee are focusing on is 41, which is the percentage of homeowners who voted in the last election.

"Getting people to vote, I think, is priority number one," Habeger said. "Priority number two is getting the ballot in on time."

Firmed election dates this year are as follows:

For candidates, the deadline to submit an application is May 10. The association secretary must verify can-



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Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger and Marketing Director Denise Sawyer last Friday discuss plans for a "Your Vote Counts" campaign in Ocean Pines.

didate eligibility by May 15 and submit a list of eligible candidates to the committee by June 1. Candidates are generally publicly announced by June

A candidate draw to determine ballot order is scheduled on June 7,

with an informational candidate workshop also set for that date.

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

The cutoff for voter eligibility is

July 3 and the target date to mail ballots is July 10.

Ballots must be received by Aug. 7. Votes will be counted and totals announced on Aug. 9 and results will be validated during the Ocean Pines Annual Meeting on Aug. 10.



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# To educate, or not to educate OPA candidates

Pines committee on Friday considers role in advising those running for office

#### By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) No candidates have yet filed for the 2019 Ocean Pines Board election, but the committee that oversees the voting is already well into discussing its role in the process.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger, last Friday, went over language in an introductory letter he said was meant to "start the conversation with the candidates."

Those would be sent, presumably, after candidates are confirmed as eligible. The deadline to announce candidates is June 1.

Along with serving as an introduction and reminder of key election dates, the letters also ask candidates a series of questions, with those answers published in the summer Ocean Pines newsletter.

Committee member Bob Windsor said he wanted something broad to allow candidates to introduce themselves to voters. He said questions should be "along the lines of, 'what do you think is the biggest issue' [and] 'what's your plan to resolve it?" Committee Chairman Steve Habeger agreed, saying broader questions don't focus on the negative.

"I would prefer not to ask them to talk about [specific] issues, because that immediately says, 'let's talk about all the things that are wrong," he said. "I'd like to broaden it and let people talk about where things are not going well and where things are going well.

"What's your top priority?' I think, is a good way to allow people to express their perspective," Habeger added.

Also likely in the candidate questionnaire, based on the conversation last Friday, is "describe what you would bring to the OPA Board," and a question designed to assess candidate knowledge of association finances.

"I think it's important that we bring up finances, because you've gotta know finances on this board," committee member Mark Heintz said. "We've had a couple candidates in the past that really didn't know what they were talking about – and I think they realized they were in too deep when they were trying to run."

Association President Steve Tuttle, the top voter-getter in the last election, said he liked those three questions. "I think the finances is a much bigger part of the board member's responsibility than I think a lot of people realize," Tuttle said.

"The fundamental job of the association is to collect money from members and provide services," Habeger said. "Finances are the absolute rock of the foundation of this association."

Tuttle went on to say new board members received a four-inch binder of governing documents and the most recent budget, along with an invitation to a daylong orientation meeting. Habeger compared the information onslaught to having to drink from a fire hose.

What the committee should not attempt to do, the members agreed, is spend too much time educating candidates prior to the election.

Heintz wondered if the search committee, tasked with recruiting candidates, should attempt to do that.

"I think the search committee needs to get this information out that you'd better start reading up on," he said. "We don't necessarily have to do this, because that's not our job."

"I don't think it's the search committee's job either, to horse candidates up – to advise them," Habeger said. Habeger agreed some candidates during public forums last year "demonstrated a lack of awareness," but said it was not the role of either committee to provide an education.

"What I noticed at the candidate forum was that some candidates said, 'Well, I don't happen to know much about (whatever the subject was), but here's my plan to get educated.' And other candidates ... never articulated even a notion of how they were going to get themselves up to speed, and I thought it helped me decided who I was gonna vote for," Habeger said.

"I thought it was a really important thing for the candidates to put themselves out to the electorate of how good a candidate they were," he added.

Habeger said after the election last year he went through governing documents related to the search and elections committees.

"It's not there to advise the candidates ... about how to run successfully or anything like that – that's up to them," he said. "We are running the election fair to every candidate.

"I'm not too sure it's our job or the search committee's job to advise candidates or nominees on how to be a better candidate – that's up to them," Habeger added.

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# **Obituary**

#### DORIS C. SPRINGER

Berlin

Doris C. Springer, 80, of Berlin, Maryland, formerly of Cherryville, Pennsylvania, died on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at her residence in Ocean Pines, Maryland.

Born Dec. 3, 1938 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Harry C. Fritchman, Sr. and the late Helen V. (Mill) Fritchman.

She was the wife of Dennis R. Springer with whom she shared 61 years of marriage last Aug. 11, 2018.

Doris, a 1956 graduate of Allen High School, was last employed by the U.S. Postal Service as post master of the Cherryville Post office where she was instrumental in moving and opening the present day office from its former location before retiring in 1994.

Prior, she was a clerk in the Allentown Post office. Prior to that, she worked for the Department of Labor and O.S.H.A, Allentown as office manager for several years.

Before that, she was the secretary to the executive director for the Phoebe-Devitt Home, Allentown. Her working career started as a switchboard operator for the former Bell-Telephone, Allentown.

She was a former member of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, Pennsylvania, former secretary to the Building Committee chairman for Hope Lutheran Church building campaign in the 70's and former Lehigh Township Lioness Charter member.

After retiring, she and Dennis both realized their dream in 1996 when they retired to the ocean where they enjoyed their time together and with family and friends.

Surviving along with her husband, Dennis are son, Glenn D. Springer of Nazareth, Pennsylvania; daughter, Elizabeth A., wife of, Aaron Schisler of Northampton, Pennsylvania; brother, Dennis L. Fritchman of Newport Beach, California; sisters, Bonnie Lou, wife of Leonard Gunshore of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Karen L., wife of John Nestor of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, and Deborah Fontanez, wife of Kevin Mohan of Lake Oswego, Oregon; five grandchildren, Zachary, Jessica and Emily Springer, and Adam and Sarah Schisler; a great-grandson, Caleb Springer, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by nine sisters and a brother.

A Funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 at Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton, Pennsylvania with the Rev. Lisa Borrell officiating. Interment followed in Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Contributions may be made in her memory to: Costal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Maryland 21802 or C/O the funeral home.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.schislerfuneralhomes.com.



#### **KIWANIS DONATION**

PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City supports all five of the Student Leadership clubs, plus the Adults with Disabilities Aktion Club annually. The Berlin Intermediate School's club on Jan. 15, received a \$500 donation from the parent Kiwanis Club to support its BIS Builders Club which is making 300 blankets for Diakonia, a local shelter for people in transition from homelessness to stability. BIS Builders Club teacher advisor Jane Slotter, Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett, center, and Kiwanis Club advisor to the BIS Builders Club Skip McComas are joined by club members.

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# Opinion

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### **OP exempted from paying into Bay Fund**

**MD** Department of **Environment again** grants waiver of fees

(Feb. 21, 2019) For the 14th consecutive year, the Maryland Department of the Environment has exempted residents in the Ocean Pines Sanitary Service Area from paying the \$5 monthly charge into the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund.

This exemption will result in an annual savings of \$60 per household in the Ocean Pines SSA.

'Exemption from the BRF fees reflect years of investment in the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant made by the service area customers, without state or federal assistance, and the skill of the plant operators to operate the plant to meet the mandated treatment goals,' Public Works Deputy Director John Ross said.

Commonly referred to as

the Flush Fee, the BRF is a dedicated fund financed by residents and businesses served by wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) throughout the State of Maryland. Legislation creating the fee was signed into law in 2004 with Senate Bill 320, and the first fees were charged in 2005.

BRF funds are used to uppublicly grade owned WWTPs throughout Maryland, with enhanced nutriremoval (ENR) ent technology to reduce nutrient discharges to the state's waterways. The BRF began at \$2.50 per month per household, or per equivalent dwelling unit, starting on July 1, 2005 and increased to \$5.00 per month on July 1, 2012.

Onsite septic system users throughout the state began paying a similar \$5.00 fee per month in 2012 as well, with funds used to upgrade failing septic systems in the Critical Areas with Best Available Technology for nutrient reduction.

The Ocean Pines WWTP is equipped with ENR technology, meeting the criteria for the fee exemption, which requires a maximum effluent concentration of 3 milligrams per liter (mg/l) of total nitrogen and 0.3 mg/l total phosphorous.

Nitrogen is a natural element found in the earth and in the atmosphere. It is a vital component of life for many organisms, but too much nitrogen in our waterways can be harmful. Excess nitrogen can cause algal blooms, which deplete the oxygen from the river that fish and other aquatic life need to survive.

BRF exemptions are valid for one year and must be renewed annually. For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.

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### **OPA 'transition team'** a source of confusion

By establishing a transition team to help replace departed General Manager John Bailey with a different management approach, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors risks confusing what should be a straightforward matter.

Understandably, the board and Bailey parted company this week in the waning days of a budget struggle that frequently veered into left field without notice or a reasonable explanation.

Wisely, the directors decided Tuesday to take their top two administrators and push on with what they hope will be a more efficient management arrangement. In effect, the board has divided top tier supervisory responsibilities between a chief finance officer, a job to be assumed by Finance Director Steve Phillips, and a chief operations officer, which will be handled by Director of Aquatics and Recreation Colby Phillips.

That makes sense, as the directors' first priority is finishing the budget, which should be easier with finance officer Phillips translating the board's goals into workable numbers.

In the meantime, work goes on in Ocean Pines' other departments and someone will have to direct and coordinate it. Aquatics Director Phillips, who has proven herself repeatedly, is the obvious choice for that job, which will be made less complicated by separating it from the distractions of budgeting.

In this respect, the board has set itself up as the association CEO, which is fine, as long as the directors limit their involvement to setting a course for the managers to follow, and don't view this transition as an opportunity to insert themselves in departmental affairs.

That's where the risk is, according to the new organizational chart, which lists the board as the "transition team," with each director assigned responsibility for specific departments.

Hopefully, these assignments will entail providing the new managers with advice and board-approved guidance, and will not include "helping" to run departments themselves.

If this approach is going to work, the board needs to eliminate the possibility of confusion by keeping things simple and assuring employees that they will have one of two bosses, and not nine.

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#### **Bayside Gazette**

# First Kurtz Kindness Grant presented to Berlin resident

#### Funding honors Worcester County resident to whom 'kindness was a way of life'

#### By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Feb. 21, 2019) The Kurtz family, who tragically lost their son nearly two years ago, created the inaugural Matt Kurtz Kindness Grant to help individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of others.

The two winners of the first-ever grant are Berlin resident Jude Al-Hamad and Connie Hammes, of Minnesota.

Matt Kurtz was a Worcester County resident who was known for constant acts of kindness, according to his mother, Jackie.

After hearing from several people about how small acts of kindness could positively impact health, mood and relationships, the Kurtz family decided to create an awareness program to honor his legacy.

"For our son who died 21 months ago ... kindness was a way of life for him. He was such a kind, passionate, wonderful person and we decided to offer this grant as an award, as a way to honor him and tribute to him," Jackie Kurtz said. "We know he'd be so proud of this. This is something he would absolutely be happy to have participated in if he were here."

Last year, on Nov. 5, the Kurtz family awarded the first Matt Kurtz Kindness Award to Ocean City Elementary School Counselor Linda McGean. On Friday, Feb. 15, two recipients of the first Matt Kurtz Kindness Grant received \$250 each to help spread an act of kindness.

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

"They have two months to complete the project and then they will get back to me to describe how it went and how it felt," she continued.

Al-Hamad, 17, is a senior at Stephen Decatur High School and has already volunteered and raised funds and supplies for Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation, which provides hospital and respite housing services to critically ill children and their families.

"I was surprised. It was truly an honor because I didn't expect to win," Al-Hamad said. "When I found out about this kindness grant, I wanted to submit an idea and help out. It just warmed my heart that I could give back to [Believe in Tomorrow] with the help of the Kurtz family."

She plans to use her grant funds to fulfill a wish list for children who will

stay at the Children's House by the Sea on 66th Street in Ocean City.

"Since sophomore year I've been giving back to Believe in Tomorrow," Al-Hamad said. "I've done collection drives for them and the school and I really just wanted to do something on a more personal level with the children."

The Believe in Tomorrow facility on 66th Street in Ocean City is open year-round to provide a free getaway to the beach for critically ill children and their families whenever they may need to escape the stresses of their child's illness.

"I think it's a wonderful thing that she's done," Wayne Littleton, coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation Beach Respite Housing Program, said. "She's a real role model for the rest of the community of young kids."

Hammes plans to use her grant to support animals in need, specifically her local humane society.

"I've volunteered at the Marshmallow Foundation for the last three years, and currently work in their office part time," Hammes stated in a press release. "Marshmallow serves as the local pound and rescue for area dogs and cats. As a nonprofit, Marshmallow depends on donations to stay operational. That said, there are seldom extra funds for special projects such as the one I'm going to suggest.

"I'd like to put up a Catio for all of the cats at Marshmallow to enjoy," Hammes continued. "There is only one window in the cat room, and knowing how much cats love to lounge in the sun, that's just not enough. It's hard enough seeing the cats in cages day after day and in the summer months it's even harder."

The Kurtz family received 25 applications for the kindness grants, and expects there will be more applications in the future.

"It was important for us to bring focus and attention to all the good and kind people in the world," Kurtz said. "There's so much negativity and focus on negative things and people who aren't so kind that it makes it seem like, 'That's what the world is full of,' and that's not true.

"What we hope to do with this website and grants and awards is to bring the focus on all the wonderful people that are out there and are kind and compassionate and giving because that's who they are," she continued.

The next kindness award will be presented on May 1, and the next grant will be awarded Aug. 1. There will be two kindness awards and grants each year, coordinated every three months, according to Kurtz.

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



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# **Jump Rope for Heart events raises thousands**

#### By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(Feb. 21, 2019) Buckingham Elementary School gym teacher Joan Martin has led "Jump Rope for Heart" campaigns in Worcester Schools for nearly four decades.

Last Wednesday, she set a personal fundraising best, bringing in more than \$12,000.

Schools across Worcester County last week participated in the fundraiser, an annual drive that teaches children about their hearts while raising money for the American Heart Association.

Martin has organized Jump Rope for Heart events at Buckingham in Berlin for the last 30 years. Prior to that, she led similar drives for seven years at Pocomoke and Stephen Decatur high schools.

She's been teaching for 41 years and joked her involvement in Jump Rope for Heart began when "they roped me into it."

"It makes my heart feel so good. It's the best thing," Martin said. "It's always great to give back, and these children are giving back and I love them for it."

Martin guessed she's help raise more than six figures over the years.

"I have no idea, but it's a lot – at least \$100,000," she said. "Last year they did [\$10,000], so I think they've even beat that, but I like to be sur-



Local school children get active during a well attended "Jump Rope for Heart" event last Wednesday at Buckingham Elementary School. More than \$12,000 was raised at the school, and over \$60,000 was raised countywide.

prised with the kids."

During the event at Buckingham, more than 100 children, along with scores more parents and other relatives, gathered in the gym after school to jump rope and hula hoop, and listen to music played over a PA system by the school music teacher.

Shortly before 4 p.m., Martin asked the students to gather around as school secretary Diane Parsons prepared to unveil a sign announcing the total amount raised this year. It read \$12,429, a new school record.

"I've been doing this 30-some years – that is the most ever raised," Martin told the crowd of children and their parents. "Boys and girls, relatives – I cannot thank you enough."

At schools countywide, more than \$60,000 was raised through Jump Rope for Heart, according to Carrie N. Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special programs for Worcester County Schools.

Leading the effort was Ocean City

Elementary School, which collected \$30,398. Showell Elementary School raised \$14,951, Pocomoke Elementary School amassed \$5,385, and Pocomoke Middle School raised more than \$1,700.

Sterrs said Berlin Intermediate School raised more than \$4,000 from online fundraising, with final figures expected later this week.

Additionally, Snow Hill Elementary School scheduled a "Hoops for Heart" event on April 5.

## **Worcester Youth donates supplies to schools**

#### By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Feb. 21, 2019) Three Worcester County schools stocked up on school supplies last Thursday, thanks to a donation from Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

The Berlin-based nonprofit in a Feb. 14 Facebook post announced that Berlin Intermediate School, Buckingham Elementary School and Worcester Technical High School had received the supplies.

Tiffany Scott, newly named youth programs coordinator for Worcester Youth, said it was a team effort and her coworker, Debbie Smullen, reached out to the schools to ask what supplies were needed.

Scott said items, including notebooks, pencils, markers and folders, were first donated to Worcester Youth, and then given to the schools.

"Everyone is so financially strained right now, so we all have to jump in and help each other," Scott said. "The community has been great."

Worcester Youth held a welcome party for Scott last Friday at the Main Street center in downtown Berlin, where she was able to get to know the program's participants. Scott began



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services donated school supplies to several Worcester County schools last Thursday, including the Worcester Technical High School. Pictured, from left, are Worcester Youth Programs Coordinator Tiffany Scott, Worcester Youth Executive Director Steve Taylor, and Worcester Tech guidance counselors Shelly Mason and Jennifer Howard.

her job on Jan. 22.

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

She also discussed some of her goals in her new role. When asked what they were, Scott said she had countless ideas.

As the youth programs coordinator, she will be in charge of programs for the Berlin Youth Club, as well as the Strengthening Adolescent Boys with Education and Resources (SABRES) group. The Berlin Youth Club is held in the summer and can hold up to 26 children. The SABRES club is made up of about eight students in seventh and eighth grade.

Scott said the county and Town of Berlin were supportive of local youth. She added that developing relationships with area businesses and community members was on her list of priorities.

"[They're] very supportive of Worcester Youth and Family [Counseling] Services, and that's phenomenal," Scott said. "Everybody I've reached out to ... I'm like, 'I want to partner with you to expose the kids to your business and what you do.' And they're like, 'Yes, please. Anytime!"

For Scott, it's all about using the resources that the Eastern Shore has to offer to broaden the horizons of the young people in her charge. In the near future, she'd love to take Worcester Youth participants to use the flight simulator at University of Maryland Eastern Shore, for instance.

"I'm most looking forward to just exposing the kids to new things, new people, [and] new experiences ... to expose them to different diverse things [that] they wouldn't get a chance to do," she said.

### Tickets still available for 'Art of the Party' event, Saturday

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area scholarships and

different places for food

don't really see intricately-

displayed food.

Phil Cropper, chapter

president for the Delmarva

#### **By Morgan Pilz**

Staff Writer

(Feb. 21, 2019) Less than 40 tickets were still available as of earlier this week for the inaugural Art of the pARTy event, held Friday, Feb. 22, at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin from 6-9 p.m.

To promote food as a form of art, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association have teamed up to utilize cuisine as a medium for a new scholarship.

Guests are invited to a businesscasual 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, and Wor-Wic Community College.

"As chefs, we always think of food and pastry as art,' Phil Cropper, chapter president for the **other than restaurants, you** Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association and culinary instructor at Worcester Technical High School, 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 scholarships and different places for food other than restaurants, you don't really see intricately-displayed food," Cropper said. "So that got us thinking as an organization, 'Well if the Arts Council's considering it as an art form so students can apply for scholarships, then why don't we try to promote the chef's association.3

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.

"The ACF is what makes [someone] a certified executive chef or a pastry chef or a culinary educator,' Cropper said. "So, it's what keeps chefs moving forward with their education and their learning and their networking."

Students from Worcester Technical High School, Somerset Culinary, Wor-Wic Community College and Dorchester Career and Technology Center will prepare food onsite.

"All the food stations will be members of the chef's association," Cropper said. "The benefit is we have the five stations from the college and the local high schools that are showcasing students. So, students will actually be there working the stations and be prepping the food.

"We're making it a little competi-

tion within the high schools and the college where we're going to have people vote for their favorite dish throughout just for those schools," he continued. "Then we're going to give each one of those programs a small financial token as a thank you that the said. "We started Chefs and Cooks Association schools can use for their program."

American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants and organizations 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, Princess Royale on 91st Street, Nori on 115th Street and the Handy Seafood Company in Salisbury.

"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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#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Ocean Pines Children's Theater Director Paulette DeRosa Matrona, center, and Musical Director Sharon Sorrentino were the guest speakers at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. They are pictured with Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett.



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#### HAT MODEL

PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS. SR.

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. Third grader John Crossett models his completed handmade hat.



#### **OCEANA REPRESENTED**

Matt Heim, the Mid-Atlantic campaign organizer for Oceana, an international ocean advocacy organization was the speaker at the January meeting of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County. He is pictured with Harriet Batis, DWC co-vice president, left, and Vicky Wallace, DWC president.



MDA AT Briefing Worcester County Democratic Central **Committee At** Large members, Laurie Brittingham, left, and Judy Davis, recently attended the 2019 Montgomery County Women's Legislative

Briefing held in Rockville.

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#### **RIBBON CUTTING**

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Atlantic General Hospital and Health System recently held an open house and ribbon cutting for the opening of Atlantic General Rheumatology, the practice of rheumatologist David Wanalista, DO. Wanalista joined Atlantic General Health System in October to care for individuals with rheumatoid arthritis, gout, lupus and other autoimmune conditions, as well as osteoarthritis. He sees patients at the James G. Barrett medical building on the Atlantic General Hospital campus in Berlin as well as Ocean View, Delaware. The office can be reached at 410-641-9482.

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#### HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway West Ocean City 410-213-1841 www.hootersofoc.com Feb. 22: DJ Wax, 4-8 p.m.

#### JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-5600 www.johnnyspizzapub.com Feb. 22: Rokie Dize, 8 p.m. Feb. 23: Pearl, 8 p.m.

#### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

In the Horizons Restaurant 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. 22-23: On The Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave. Ocean City 410-289-4891 www.picklesoc.com Feb. 22: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m. Feb. 23: Cloud 9 Vibes, 10 p.m. Feb. 25: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m. Feb. 28: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

#### SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Feb. 22: Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Feb. 23: Shore Craft Beer Fest: Love On Tap, 1-4 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

#### **SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE**

66th Street, bayside



**PHIL PERDUE** Captain's Table: Friday & Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com Feb. 22: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m. Feb. 23: the Stims, 4-8 p.m.

#### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com Feb. 22: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com

302-539-3095

Rt. 54 and The Bay, Fenwick Island DE

# Cuisine

# On snowy winter days and sizzling seafood

I imagine that you are tucked under a cozy blanket in front of a fireplace while you read this. And by that



time, the mystery as to whether it was actually going to snow will been have solved. One meteorologist says this, while another says that. Moreover, with defiant assurance, a third guarantees that

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

we will get snow ... rain ... or a wintry mix. The blasted storm is only one day away (well, at the time of this writing it is) and you still can't tell us what's going to happen?

Scientifically proven models tell us that the oceans will run out of seafood by 2027, and climate change will have stark and irreversible repercussions by 2031, but I simply want to know if it's going to snow tomorrow. That just doesn't seem like too much to ask. Furthermore, if it is not going to snow, then could we please move on with this whole spring thing? I am itching to get back into the water. Even with my heavy wetsuit, my bones and joints do not like the frigid Atlantic as much as they did in years past.

While I knock out this seemingly aimless diatribe against meteorologists and climatologists, my mind jumps to the noodle maps of each hurricane's projected path over the years. I chortle. Experts can't even project an accurate landfall one day out, so I guess it should come as no surprise that there is no assurance that this storm is going to do (or will have done, to be more precise) a thing to us. Yet, truth be told, we (or at least I) glue ourselves to media outlets as though our lives depend on it, if not only in an effort to discern storm trajectory and precipitation. Or, maybe we dream of besting the top guys out there, proving them wrong at their own game.

Now, before you start writing that nasty email to my publisher, I can completely admit and assure you that I do not have enough education on global warming to make an educated statement. I simply know that accurate models are guesses at best, and it makes for good food columns.

I think.

Back to the storm in question, however, I personally foresee a formidable amount of snow, and you will have to



let me know how off or on the mark I am with that one. The nor'easter is building up beautifully, seemingly skipping over the Ohio valley and heading towards us. Those are the storms that can really pack a wallop. Yes, I did just write "pack a wallop." I mean, who even says that anymore?

But what in the hell does this have to do with food? Well, I'm glad that you asked. You see, my mind tends to go from intensely focused to "ooh look, some guy on Dodo just resuscitated a baby prairie dog that was drowning in his pool" at almost a breakneck pace. Call it a gift or a curse (either one would apply, I can assure you, as can my children and girlfriend).

I took the picture of this sizzling seafood that I took recently and my mind raced between the imminent danger of the storm (TBD) and the oceans being depleted of seafood in a disturbingly short period of time. Not one to hold himself personally accountable for the depletion of seafood in the world (tongue in cheek), I immediately started thinking about all of the serious aforementioned issues.

But it wasn't before I savored in the nuances of this sizzling platter of seafood with its Chinese roots. It is a dish incredibly vibrant with the marriage of garlic, ginger and scallions while being overly simplistic. Simply grill things and poor hot oil on top.

And that is not a bad thing to enjoy on a snowy day ... or a rainy one ... or one with wintry mix and slush. It is Delmarva.

#### Sizzling Seafood

serves 6

1 pound Fresh swordfish, portioned 1 pound 16/20 shrimp, peeled & de-

veined

Salt & pepper, as needed

1-inch Piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced

1/2 cup Dry white wine

6 garlic cloves, smashed

1 tsp. Hot chili oil

1 quart Heirloom grape tomatoes To Finish

Sprigs of rosemary and marjoram

1 cup EV Olive oil

Coarse salt & Freshly cracked pepper

Scallions, finely sliced

1. Heat a grill

2. Place the seafood with seasoning, ginger, wine, garlic and chili oil in a container

3. While they are marinating, place

a perforated pan on the grill and blister the tomatoes, but not too much. You don't want all of the juices running out quite yet

4. Remove and keep warm until ready to serve

5. After about one hour, remove the seafood from the marinade and grill until cooked through. If you cook a salmon or tuna that can handle going a little less, feel free to cook it to a medium-ish temperature or however you like it

6. When ready to serve, place the seafood and tomatoes on a platter that is oven-safe

7. Top with the herbs

8. Just before plating, heat the olive oil, salt & pepper until very hot and immediately drizzle over the herbs and the seafood. The aroma and sounds are instantly gratifying and the flavors are absolutely perfect

9. Serve with vegetables and starch that will help to cut that like roasted spaghetti squash or roasted asparagus

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

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Puzzles

David Kwong is a professional magician and crossword constructor. He was the head magic consultant for the hit 2013 film "Now You See Me" (see the sly nod at 96-Down). He is currently performing in a one-man magic-a New York City. Audience members must solve four puzzles in an anteroom to get into the sl is David's 19th puzzle for The Times. - W.S.

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#### Answers to last week's puzzles

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# Calendar

### Thurs., Feb. 21

#### PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:45 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m., business meeting begins at 10 a.m. Project is to be announced. All are welcomed to participate.

#### IPAD CHICKS

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

#### STEAM STORYTIME 'NIGHT LIGHT'

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

#### STORY TIME 'TRANSPORTATION'

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

#### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

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

#### TED TALK 'THE FIVE SENSES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Explore how the brain attempts to understand sensation and how our minds create reality. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### NAACP MEETING

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 7:00 PM. Kris Heister, newly elected Worcester County States Attorney, will discuss current issues and her goals for the county. Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m. 410-213-1956

#### **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. BeachSingles.org, 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

### www.baysideoc.com

### Fri., Feb. 22

#### 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

#### HOME SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Discuss books chosen by the club. All titles are available on Hoopla and are appropriate for middle-grades readers. 410-208-4014,

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Featuring It Happened One Night (1934). Refreshments will be provided. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### CARRABBAS' CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Menu will be chicken marsala, penne pomo, salad, bread, mini cannolis and a drink for \$14. Carryout or dine in. Preorders are encouraged by calling 443-880-6966. Limited number of dinners available.

#### WPS MUSICAL 'THE PAJAMA GAME'

Worcester Preparatory School, Athletics and Performing Arts Center, 508 S. Main St., 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring an incredibly talented cast of students from the Upper School. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets: worcesterprep.org/ticketsales or 410-641-3575. The show is open to the public.

#### 'SHOW BOAT - MUSIC ON THE RIVER'

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., 7:30 PM. The Lower Shore Performing Arts Company will present a cabaret musical review of early 20th century show songs and jazz music. Tickets cost \$20 and include coupons for two complementary adult beverages or non alcohol and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets: www.lowershorepac.org or at the museum.

#### ART OF THE PARTY IN BERLIN

Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., Berlin, 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 local high schools and Wor-Wic Community College. Thirteen stations will be set up featuring food from American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants with the students working the stations. Attendees can vote for their favorite dish among the high schools and the college. Tickets are available for \$45 on Eventbrite or www.Delmarvachefs.com. Each school participating will receive a small financial token as a thank you.

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### Sat., Feb. 23

### REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: REC & SCHOOL

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. Cheerleading National Competition hosted by American Cheer & amp; Dance Academy - EPIC Brands. Costs are \$22 per day or \$39 two-day admission for adults and \$15 per day or \$27 two-day admission for children and seniors. 877-322-2310, http://www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com

#### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

#### ANNUAL WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12 years and free to those 4 and younger. Carryout available. Tickets: Ralph Chinn, 410-208-6719 or from any member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. Tickets also available at the door. Proceeds benefit the youth of the community.

#### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'CARNIVAL'

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.

#### FAIR DAY

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Meet with Fair Board member Cindy Morris to see what volunteer opportunities await. Find out how to become a vendor or to exhibit at the fair. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GIRL SCOUT FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Carrabba's Italian Grill, 12728 Ocean

Gateway, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Cost is \$15 and includes a choice of chicken cordon bleu, spaghetti and meatballs or tilapia. Dessert is also included. There will be two door prizes for a weekend at the Marriott Hotel. Proceeds benefit the Girl Scouts Chesapeake Council-Service Unit #7. Girl Scout cookies will also be sold at the event. Tickets: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

#### STEM 'INTRO TO CODING'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. Get started with Scratch, a beginning coding language taught in many public schools. Lessons are available for more advanced coders as well. For ages 5 to 12 years. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

### 4TH ANNUAL SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST: LOVE ON TAP

Seacrets, 117 49th St., 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Enjoy unlimited tasting of craft beer from 13 local breweries, plus live music and a complimentary pint glass for the first 800 attendees, all included in general admission. VIP tickets include an extra hour, from noon to 1 p.m. and a Love on Tap T-shirt. Tickets: Shore-CraftBeerFest.com/Love-on-Tap.

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#### KARAOKE NIGHT WITH DJ CONRAD

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Lite fare served from 6-10 p.m. Fun bar all night. Open to the public. A \$5 donation collected at the door.

#### **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

#### ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 5 p.m. Rev. Lucille Nichols will be the guest speaker (New Bethel/St. John United Methodist Charge). All are welcome. Arnold Downing, 443-235-0202

#### INDOOR YARD SALE

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8 a.m. to noon.

## **Calendar**

More than 30 sellers. Donations needed. No earlybirds. mopsccop@outlook.com, www.facebook.com/Mops Berlin/Ocean City

#### **12TH ANNUAL DEATH BY CHOCOLATE**

Participants will search for balls pertaining to sports inside 18 West Ocean City businesses and have their game cards validated. Merchants will offer a complimentary chocolate treat for players. The game is free to play. Pick up a game card from any of the participating businesses, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring completed cards to Sunset Grille by 6 p.m. for a chance to win prizes. Winners will be notified on Feb. 25. Sunset Grille with host a postgame party, beginning at 1 p.m. with drink specials and BOGO dinner from 4-7 p.m. with "Death By Chocolate" reservations (410-213-8110). Carrabba's Italian Grill will offer lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with players receiving 20 percent discounts. Info: 410-213-2085.

### Sun., Feb. 24

### REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: REC & SCHOOL

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. Cheerleading National Competition hosted by American Cheer and Dance Academy - EPIC Brands. Costs are \$22 per day or \$39 two-day admission for adults and \$15 per day or \$27 two-day admission for children and seniors. 877-322-2310, http://www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com

### Mon., Feb. 25

#### 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.

#### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. The group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience necessary. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### LAP TIME

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

#### FAMILY MOVIE 'FROZEN'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 4:00 PM. Movie and popcorn suitable for all ages. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

#### DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

### **Tues., Feb. 26**

#### STEAM STORYTIME 'NIGHT LIGHT

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Experiment with light and color. For 3 to 7 year old children.

#### FAMILY TIME 'FAIRY TALES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group every Tuesday for Family Time. 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

### Wed., Feb. 27

#### STORY TIME 'UNUSUAL PETS'

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

#### CANNING

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. This interactive workshop includes USDA approved preservation guidelines with demonstrations and activities. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### SDHS BOYS LACROSSE FUNDRAISER

DeNovo's Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, 4:00 PM. Twenty percent of proceeds will benefit the Stephen Decatur Boys Lacrosse Team. There will also be a gift basket silent auction.

#### **SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Featuring Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence by Tim Junkin. Copies of the book are available in advance at the library. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS**

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

#### ORIGINALS ONLY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St.,

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Enjoy live performances by local musicians and comedians! Free. With coffee provided by Coastal Coffee Roasting. Hosted by Tyler Dark. Featuring this month: DomtheGonzo, Josh Quillen, Big Chap, Fraiser Fir. Art League of Ocean City,

megan@artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433, http://www.artleagueofoceancity.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, 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

#### 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. 159.

#### '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. For more in-

#### formation, call 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

#### 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

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#### 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

#### THE SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

#### **POLISH AMERICAN CLUB**

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



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