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Ocean Pines Board members last Saturday vote 6-1 to approve a \$12.8 million fiscal 2020 budget, setting the new assessment rate at \$986 per homeowner.

## Pines approves budget, \$986 assessment

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors finalized a \$12.8 million fiscal year 2020 budget on Saturday, and set the basic annual assessment at \$986 per homeowner.

Assessments fluctuated wildly throughout the budget process, from a low of \$951 with the proposed

budget released on Jan. 4, to a high of \$1,078 with the “recommended” budget on Jan. 25.

Before approving the budget last Saturday, the directors met on Feb. 16 and trimmed what was then a \$1,005 assessment to \$991. Budget changes made during that meeting included:

- Removing all marketing dollars

for television and radio ads, totaling \$47,188 or \$5.58 toward assessments.

- Removing the \$19 bulkhead assessment for non-bulkhead lot owners.

- Removing \$19,000 for a part-time human resources position, or \$2.25 toward assessments.

- Cutting the aquatics budget by

\$24,764, or \$2.93 toward assessments.

- Cutting the parks and recreation budget by \$22,739, or \$2.69 toward assessments.

- Cutting the public works budget by \$6,500, or \$0.77 toward assessments.

- Cutting health insurance premi-
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Members of the Berlin Town Council last Thursday start fiscal 2020 budget deliberations during a public meeting at Town Hall. The bulk of the meeting was discussion of the need to raise property taxes and some utility fees in order to offset recent overages.

## Berlin considers property tax, utility fee hikes

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Town of Berlin budget work sessions for fiscal 2020 began last Thursday with rate increase recommendations for utility fees and property taxes, with the latter possibly going up by a third or more.

Stormwater fees are recommended to double for residents — from \$50 annually to \$100 — and increase 30 percent for commercial property owners, who are charged based on square feet of impervious surface. Water and sewer fees look to increase 9 percent next year.

Residential and commercial prop-

erty taxes, meanwhile, could rise anywhere from 5 cents per \$100 of evaluation, to more than 25 cents.

Slides presented during the meeting showed the combined impact on residential homes valued at \$200,000 and commercial properties valued at \$400,000.

Of the five options shown “Option

3,” for example, would see annual payments for property taxes, water and sewer, and stormwater combine to rise \$324 per year, assuming a 14-percent residential property tax hike. Under “Option 5,” residential property tax rates would increase 28 percent and total costs would go up \$624

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# Residential, commercial tax increases eyed

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for a \$200,000 home.

In similar models for commercial properties, a 20-percent property tax increase, in this case also “Option 3,” would cost business owners \$764 more per year, while the 35 percent “Option 5” rate increase would cost \$1,364 more annually for a business valued at \$400,000.

Mayor Gee Williams, during his opening remarks, said the town must balance its short-term needs and long-term goals.

He said adjustments to the utility fee structure and tax rates “must be made to first increase and then set a minimum level to support the town’s unrestricted general fund balance.”

He said the current unrestricted general fund balance, or reserves, was \$3.7 million, “which equals about five months worth of town operating expenses.”

Town reserves during the last several years have decreased from a high of \$9.9 million in 2015, because the town borrowed from reserves to cover utility fund losses.

“Over the past eight years, the sewer fund has borrowed over \$3 million from the general fund to cover operating expenses, while during the last four years stormwater has borrowed about \$250,000 from Berlin’s general fund,” Williams said.

“Utility fees charged for these funds must be increased to generate enough cashflow to stop the borrowing ... and over time pay back the loans from the general fund. Even with modest sewer and stormwater fee increases, this repayment cannot be accomplished in just one or two years.”

Property taxes also must be addressed, he said. According to a chart shown of current charges, the Berlin rate of \$0.68 per \$100 of valuation is the second lowest in Worcester County, higher only than Ocean City’s \$0.47 rate.

The current county rate is \$0.84 and the rate in both Snow Hill and Pocomoke is \$0.98. Increased rates in Berlin ranged, in several models, from \$0.73 to \$0.93 for residential homes, and from \$0.78 to as much as \$0.98 for commercial properties.

Williams said the town also must keep an eye on a parking study due later this year, as well as find ways to recapture some revenue from economic growth to cover the increasing demands on town infrastructure.

“The private business sector directly benefits from the town’s ongoing investments in both infrastructure and economic development,” he said. “I’ve long maintained that town residents should not have to underwrite those town investments that are necessary for sustain-

ing and enhancing economic growth in the private sector. I also believe the mayor and council should do everything within our influence and means to ensure that Berlin’s economic resurgence is sustainable and does not become just a short-lived flash in the plan.”

Williams said he hoped residents would “ultimately conclude that private sector business growth is a benefit to the town financially,” adding “the right places for [commercial] development,” in his opinion, were along the Routes 50 and 113, as well as on Ocean City Boulevard.

“All in all, I believe if we realistically address the property tax, and sewer, water and stormwater rates for the short term, while also ... [continuing] to make our community more economically stable and strong, we’ll be on the right track,” Williams said. “The Town of Berlin will then continue on a path of improving our quality of life, while balancing current and future needs within our economic means.”

Williams later said he was recommending no payroll increase this year, adding, “If we’re going to spread it among our taxpayers and fee payers, we also need to spread it among everybody, including our employees.”

Town Administrator Laura Allen

said she was recommending no additions to the Berlin workforce.

Faced with several options on property taxes, Town Councilman Troy Purnell said he favored “Option 4,” or increasing residential rates to \$0.88 and commercial rates to \$0.93. He said that could be balanced to an overall rate of \$0.91. According to one model, the roughly 30 percent upsurge could yield an additional \$855,509 in revenue each year.

“We waited too long to do this, and that’s the bottom line,” Purnell said of the overall need to raise rates. “We have got the nicest sewer system in the state, but we had to pay for it ... this whole time we’ve been losing money on it every year, and it keeps getting worse and worse.”

Purnell said taxes in the town had not been increased in some time, and that no one could have anticipated the infrastructure needs associated with the town’s recent success. He added of the erosion to reserves, “This is the year it’s gotta stop.”

Councilman Dean Burrell said he favored increasing the residential rate to \$0.88, but raising the commercial rate to \$0.98.

Burrell, earlier during the meeting, said the latest audited financial report was “one of the things that [brought] us here.” The PKS & Com-

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# Water, sewer, stormwater charges also likely to surge

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pany annual report, delivered publicly in December, showed town reserves decreased by \$1.8 million during the last fiscal year.

“If we have a department that’s operating at a deficit because of a rate structure, it would be negligent of us to not try to correct that at this point,” he said.

Burrell added a reduction to town services was not being considered.

“Citizen expectation of service is

paramount,” he said. “We don’t want to cut the quality of services that folks here in the Town of Berlin have become accustomed to.”

Councilman Zack Tyndall asked for a comparison on a \$.01 rate for both residential and commercial properties, measured against a split rate of \$.088 and \$.098 prior to meeting again.

A general fund work session was scheduled on April 1, and a utility fund session was set for April 15.



Rates Increase Projections for FY 2020									
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY									
RE Value		Current Rate	New Rate	Diff %	New Rate	Diff %	New Rate	Diff %	
\$200,000		RE Tax Rate	0.68	0.78		0.88	0.93		
		RE Tax Annual Bill	1,360	1,560	15%	1,760	29%	1,860	37%
3000-5000 Gal		WA / SW Annual Bill	838	912	9%	912	9%	912	9%
		ST WA Annual Bill	50	100	100%	100	100%	100	100%
		Total	2,248	2,572		2,772		2,872	
		Projected Increase		\$ 324	14%	\$ 524	23%	\$ 624	28%
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY									
RE Value		Current Rate	New Rate	Diff %	New Rate	Diff %	New Rate	Diff %	
\$400,000		RE Tax Rate	0.68	0.83		0.93	0.98		
		RE Tax Annual Bill	2,720	3,320	22%	3,720	37%	3,920	44%
3000-5000 Gal		WA / SW Annual Bill	838	912	9%	912	9%	912	9%
		ST WA Annual Bill	300	390	30%	390	30%	390	30%
		Total	3,858	4,622		5,022		5,222	
		Projected Increase		\$ 764	20%	\$ 1,164	30%	\$ 1,364	35%

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# Board approves \$12.8M fiscal 2020 budget

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ums \$13,000, or \$1.54 toward assessments.

- Removing borrowing-fees associated with an administration building renovation by funding it through replacement reserves, cutting costs by \$16,500, or \$1.95 toward assessments.
- Adding \$20,000 to the general manager's budget for contracted services, adding \$2.7 to assessments.
- Adding \$69,600 to the administration budget for Northstar software "annual license support and maintenance," adding \$8.23 to assessments.
- Adding \$5,000 in beach parking contracted services for bathroom

cleaning, adding \$0.59 to assessments.

- Adding \$4,000 for pickleball supplies to purchase "shade structures for the pickleball courts," adding \$0.47 to assessments.
- Reducing delinquent assessment revenue projections by \$97,000, by cutting the late fee charge from 20 percent to 6 percent, adding \$11.48 to assessments.

Additionally, on Feb. 16 the directors agreed to two changes in employee health care coverage, first changing the rate structure so employees pay for 20 percent of their coverage, saving \$97,000, but also approving a one-time pay adjustment of \$97,000 for employees who are affected.

Last-minute budget changes made on Saturday included removal of a 2-percent merit pool, or \$72,000 for pay raises, and the addition of \$25,000 for an executive search to replace recently departed General Manager John Bailey.

Finance Director Steve Phillips said the deficit recovery plan would now be spread out over four years rather than three, as was previously proposed. About \$1 million of a \$1.6 million deficit incurred during fiscal years 2017 and 2018 remains.

Phillips said a proposed sports core pool addition was removed from the final budget, and software costs associated with implementing new Northstar software systems were cut from \$600,000 to \$250,000, largely because of "timing between the fiscal years."

According to Phillips, budgeted capital expenditures for fiscal year 2020 total \$5,081,579.

Director Colette Horn said budgeted revenues and expenses for the fiscal year were both \$12,836,866.

A full copy of the approved fiscal 2020 budget was not made available as of early this week.

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## Trendic again votes in opposition

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic on Saturday said he was not yet ready to vote for the fiscal 2020 budget.

He made good on that promise, marking the third time in three years he voted against budget finalization.

"The issue I have basically goes to how we, as an association, are dealing with the \$1.6 million deficit that was generated" during fiscal years 2017 and 2018, Trendic began.

He said Ocean Pines last year collected \$71 per lot owner to pay down \$600,000 of the \$1.6 million balance. This year, Trendic said, the budget called for another \$40 per homeowner to fund a further reduction of \$340,000, "yet we have a half-million in payroll increases."

"I just don't subscribe to that kind of board approach to dealing with the deficit," he said. "Is it necessary to do all this ... so quickly? I don't think so."

He added, "The easiest thing to do is

to increase taxes, increase assessments. It seems like we have adopted that government mentality."

Trendic said he'd prepared a slide that outlined alternative cost-cutting measures, but Association Vice President Steve Tuttle said that was the first he heard of it.

"I appreciate you're trying to help us with this. What I find troubling is, here we are at the 23rd hour – why haven't some of these options come up before?" Tuttle asked. "You said you have a slide you want to show the board now – but why haven't we seen that last week or the week before?"

Tuttle said departments, including aquatics and public works, already scrubbed their budgets for savings, as was evidenced by a presentation from Finance Director Steve Phillips earlier during the meeting.

Trendic countered that the board was simply "moving money around from one [department] to another."

"It's playing around with money, and

I just don't want to be a part of that," he said.

Association President Doug Parks said it was "egregiously incorrect" to say there were no efforts to cut costs.

"The other part of it is, you guys know my philosophy about how much we should be in the operations," Parks said. "The department heads [and] the GM ... put the budget together and they present it to us for approval. They are far more well-versed in the intricacies of changing exactly what they need in their line items in order to run their operation."

"It's not the board's responsibility to go in here and say, 'Well, take \$10 out of that line and \$20 out of that line.' That is not oversight – that's micromanagement," he added.

Parks said the budget and finance committee advised against putting off the deficit recovery, adding it was "not really prudent" to look instead for hundreds of thousands in operational efficiencies to pay the balance down.

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# 'The easiest thing to do is to increase taxes'

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He said "a lot of good discussion" had occurred and "a lot of opinions" had been shared, but the board was now focused on finishing its job.

"I think we've got to the point where we've got enough information. Should there be some additional tweaking? Absolutely, but you could say that about any budget," he said. "I think we are dangerously too close to meddling in specific operations ... [which is] not what this board is supposed to be doing."

Trendic continued to object and said he had pushed for a health care cost reduction a year ago and the directors agreed to do that over two years, starting with a 90-10 percent cost split with employees. Instead, he said, board members were on the verge of shifting to an 80/20 model in one year, but offsetting that with one-time payments so the difference "is basically a wash."

"The entire 100 percent ... is being given back to them in this form of a one-time adjustment," Trendic said. "We, in essence, are not doing what we said."

Parks said that was a valid point, but the board had the opportunity to "put this to bed right now."

"We know we want to get to 80/20. We have an opportunity to get to 80/20. We have a mechanism in this year to make the staff not have to fully bear that 20 percent," he said. "Quite frankly, I don't want to squander an opportunity to make this [change] now."

Trendic next veered into payroll. "We have a fundamental problem and the problem is called payroll. Over 50 percent of our revenue is in payroll," he said. "Last year to this year, payroll is increasing ... about 10 percent."

Trendic said the board was asking for homeowners to "pay ... for the mistakes that have been generated by the board and by the management of this association."

"If this \$40 this year passes, we will have collected \$950,000 from the homeowners, yet we haven't really done much on the other side of the equation," Trendic said, adding there would not be a hit to association credit ratings if the deficit repayment were postponed.

"My point is, roll it another year, leave

that million dollars [deficit], let's see if we end up with a surplus," Trendic said. "Wouldn't that be nice, for a change ... to have a profit at the yacht club, instead of budgeting for \$100,000 loss?"

"Why don't we focus on getting everyone involved to bring [a] better performance where the performance needs to be improved? That's basically what I'm asking for: make tough decisions, eliminate payroll adjustments [and] freeze salary raises if needed," he continued.

"We've been elected to make tough decisions. Do you think it's fun sitting here and getting praises and also complaints from homeowners? It's not – it is really not," Trendic said. "I think all of us are doing the best that we can. We do have to make some tough decisions and I'd like to suggest ... if we're not willing to agree on this, I believe we don't have a budget that I feel comfortable voting on."

Others indicated the task was not so daunting.

Director Esther Diller said she was "not happy with the assessment amount that we have," but added, "At this point, I don't know where we can cut it anymore."

"We've been beating this to death for six weeks," she said. "I don't know if we're going to get any further."

Director Ted Moroney said the board needed to vote and that he was largely in favor of the latest budget draft presented by Finance Director Steve Phillips.

Association Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola said he stood by committee recommendations given over the last six weeks.

He added, "I don't know what else I can say right now without it making the front page of the papers, but you all need to vote on this."

The directors introduced two final changes to the budget, removing \$72,000 earmarked for pay raises and adding \$25,000 for an executive search for a new general manager.

Trendic attempted to cut the deficit collection to \$20 per homeowner, but it was not accepted.

The final budget was approved 6-1, with Trendic dissenting.



Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic last Saturday said he was not yet ready to vote for the fiscal 2020 budget, in part because of its approach to paying back the deficit. Trendic made good on that promise as the lone dissenter to finalize the document.

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# BCIA to transfer multipurpose building site

Town will take over, begin process of planning new Berlin community center

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) After several months of public discussion and debate, the Berlin Community Improvement Association has reached a tentative agreement with the Town of Berlin to transfer its 130 Flower Street property, which encompasses the multipurpose building and Head Start classrooms, to the town.

Mayor Gee Williams announced the deal Monday.

"That will be transferred at no cost to the town, and the town will become responsible for that property and it then will become the site, not in the distant future ... for a new community center," he said.

BCIA members for months had discussed the agreement, most recently during a Feb. 15 meeting at Stephen Decatur High School. Formerly part of the Flower Street School that operated during segregation, the multipurpose building is meaningful to many in the community, but has become unusable.

Town officials have pledged to preserve that history, while also upgrading the property with a new building.

Williams said the next step would be to develop a memorandum of understanding and then bring the matter before the Town Council for formal approval. He said the town has contacted engineering firm Davis, Bowen and Friedel to survey the property.

In a separate interview last Friday, Williams said the memorandum was likely to be ready during the next several weeks, with a target of signing a contract by early summer.

He said the deal would include deed restrictions to ensure the property is used for a community center and that "there be some sort of significant display showing the history of the property."

"That's something we offered," Williams said. "The history is going to be preserved because, quite frankly, when the people pass on that know its history, how is it going to be preserved? We're happy to do that – we want to do that too."

He went on to say negotiations with the BCIA had gone smoothly overall.

"If there's a point of contention, I haven't heard of it yet," Williams said, adding talks lasted several months because many community members "have some fond memories about that building."

"We all have attachments to our

school and I understand that one was very special because, back when schools were segregated, that made it even more precious to their memories and we don't want to lose that. But, we also have to be practical that, if we let the building fall down there's nothing to preserve," he said.

Williams said there was some question as to a partial ownership of the property. Apparently, a masonic lodge during the 1970s asked for and was granted a small area for meeting space.

"There's just grass there now and two of the three members who were part of that are still very much alive and very much want this transfer to happen," he said. "The attorneys just want to make sure this is all clean. I would be extremely surprised and disappointed if a defunct lodge takes precedent over a community use that has, I think, very strong support and very strong need."

To pay for the new center, Williams said the town would attempt to leverage some money set aside to obtain grants.

According to approved meeting minutes from Nov. 9, 2015, the town agreed to sell 1.67 acres on the corner of Route 113 and Route 376 (now a Dollar General store) to Oxford Chase for \$269,000. Those funds "must be used for the Community Center and not go towards another project," the minutes said.

Once the center is operating, a volunteer board would help advise the town on its use, Williams said. As he sees it, the group would have five members, including three from the BCIA.

"It just makes sense," Williams said. "It's for the entire community, but we also want the BCIA to meet the dreams that they've had – and they're good things they want to do. It just makes sense to partner with them."

Leading up to the announcement on Monday, BCIA Chairman D.J. Lockwood oversaw numerous public meetings to allow community members to ask questions and voice their concerns.

In an interview last Friday, he said the organization would be "an important part of the design process" for the new community center and called the agreement "just a win-win for the community and for the BCIA."

While it may take several years before a new community center is built, Lockwood said the local school system has offered meeting space for BCIA functions during the interim.

The deal also marks an important turning point for the BCIA, when Lockwood and other members can now shift the focus away from salvaging the multipurpose building and back to its original mission: community improvement.

"It is a tremendous amount of weight off," Lockwood said. "Trying to focus on whether we're going to be able to maintain a building – that would be the whole focus of a meeting. If we go back to the articles of incorporation, we're doing none of that. So, as a committee, that's huge."

He remembers attending Sunday church service as a child, when part of the routine was weekly announcements of upcoming BCIA events. Lockwood wants to see the group again become a central part of the community.

"Ultimately, we want to start educational programs and recreation programs, and we want to partner with the school and see where we can fill in. Even simple things like etiquette – it's really hard to expect our schools to teach our children everything. Just simple things like respect are lost."

"Some of that old-school morality and integrity, we want to instill that in our kids in the community," Lockwood continued. "We want it to be normal that it's OK to open a door for someone, or say 'Yes ma'am' or 'Thank you' – just being respectful. I feel like a lot of that is lost ... it's not taught the way it was for us. Programs like that, I think, will help bring that back."

For more information on the Berlin Community Improvement Association, contact Lockwood at [djlockwood334@gmail.com](mailto:djlockwood334@gmail.com).

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# OPA Board votes to cut delinquent assessment fees

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Feb. 16 sharply reduced interest rates on unpaid assessments, citing the presumption of increasing collections.

Legal reasons may have contributed to the reduction as well.

Association President Doug Parks said governing documents require establishing the annual interest rate by February of each year.

“While the delinquency rate has been 20 percent over the last several years, a more conservative approach of 6 percent is recommended to further uniform application and collectability,” Parks said.

Director Ted Moroney noted some association declarations of restrictions limit the rate to no more than 6 percent.

Parks said discussions with Ocean Pines’ attorney also indicated “judges are more favorable in their opinions regarding the 6 percent than they are some large amount. Six percent is also what’s on the state laws for Maryland, too.”

Directors voted 7-0 in favor of setting the new rate.

Parks, on Monday, emailed a response as to whether any legal concerns prompted the rate change.

According to the Maryland Homeowner’s Association Act, “The declaration or bylaws of a homeowners association may provide for a late charge of \$15 or one-tenth of the total amount of any delinquent assessment or installment, whichever is greater, provided the charge may not be imposed more than once for the same delinquent payment and may be imposed only if the delinquency has continued for at least 15 calendar days.”

According to Parks, “The declarations of restriction validly authorizes the board of directors to set interest rates. However, over the last several years, we understand that Maryland courts have increasingly scrutinized the equitableness of all fees charged by homeowners associations.

“As a result, to ensure uniform imposition of interest throughout all stages of the collection process, the board elected to reduce interest rates for delinquent accounts during the FY2019-2020 budget year to 6 percent consistent with similar sized homeowners associations in Maryland. The board will continue to monitor this issue moving forward.”

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Berlin resident Mike Wiley, five years ago, changes a town sign on Route 50 to reflect the newly acquired “America’s Coolest Small Town” designation. Wiley had all the letters ready before the *Budget Travel Magazine* honor was announced, and said he quickly drove out to the site to share the news. He took an “old-fashioned selfie,” using a camera with a timer on a tripod, and the image eventually went viral, earning more than 100,000 views on social media.

PHOTO COURTESY MIKE WILEY

# Berlin celebrates fifth anniversary of ‘Coolest’ honor

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Five years ago, this week, former Anne Arundel County firefighter Mike Wiley went to his volunteer post at the corner of Route 50 and Main Street with a special purpose: to announce that Berlin had been named “America’s Coolest Small Town.”

Wiley, a Berlin resident, has been in charge of leaving such messages on a town sign for several years.

“I had everything ready to go and I was out there as soon as it was official,” Wiley said. “And then I did the old-fashioned selfie: I used a tripod and set the camera on a timer, and I faked that I was getting ready to put the last two letters on.”

For the town, the *Budget Travel Magazine* honor marked the apex of a decades-long turnaround.

It was also Wiley’s moment to go viral. Mark Huey, then working for Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger, shared his photo on social media.

“From his post alone, he was able to track that it was over 100,000 people it hit throughout the country,” Wiley said. “It was just unbelievable. I told them I wanted 10 cents per hit on Facebook!”

That summer, Wiley remembers volunteering downtown and meeting one couple who traveled all the way from California because of the buzz around Berlin.

“They read about it and came here because of it, and just thought it would be a neat trip,” Wiley said. “People are still talking about it. I don’t know if it’ll be worth as long as the ‘Runaway Bride’ thing, but it’ll bring people back in the summer I’m sure.”

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he was at Town Hall when he first heard the news.

“At first, I think everybody was kind of surprised,” he said. “It was a pleasant surprise, but we almost couldn’t believe it when we heard that we were the first and we’d received that very special designation.”

Williams said of all the labels the town has received, “America’s Coolest” fits best, “because it’s the spirit of the community that makes everything else possible.”

“I can’t believe it’s been five years, but I’m very encouraged that so many people in the community every day of their lives keep reinforcing that recognition by the way they treat each other and by the way we reach out to our guests, and by the way we support each other in times of need. I think it’s very cool,” he said.

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# Trailblazer Lockwood visits Berlin Police Dept.

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 28, 2019) Former Berlin Police Department officer David Lockwood Sr., 70, walked into the new station on Decatur Street last Wednesday to share some history.

Much to the surprise of members of the department, including Chief Arnold Downing, Lockwood had found an old newspaper article tucked behind his high school diploma that he'd been looking for, for some time.

The story, titled "Lockwood new member of force," included a quote from Lockwood that there had "never been a black policeman in Berlin and I decided that now is the time for the black population to be represented on the force."

Downing, 51, said he appreciated hearing the story behind the article from Lockwood, and he shared a photo of the article and the two of them together on the "Berlin Police Department, Maryland" Facebook page.

The post was tagged "#BlackHistory" as it commemorated the month-long observance in February. As of Wednesday morning, it received hundreds of positive reactions, as well as more than 100 comments and shares.

Downing said the visit from Lock-



PHOTO COURTESY CHIEF ARNOLD DOWNING/BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, left, and former officer David Lockwood Sr. pose for a photo following Lockwood's surprise visit to the station last Wednesday.**

wood meant a lot.  
"I'm the first African-American chief of police, and to have him walk in the door and provide that true legacy of where everything actually started from ... that was definitely something that was inspiring in it of itself," Downing said.

Lockwood was 23 years old when he was first sworn in as an officer in 1971. However, local law enforcement wasn't his initial goal.

"I wanted to be a state trooper, but I found out I didn't meet the height requirement," he said.

It turned out he missed his chance by only an inch-and-a-half.

Lockwood said Shumway Brittingham, a community member in Berlin who frequently attended council meetings, approached him about an opening at the Berlin Police Department. He went for an interview with then-Chief Robert Jones and said he was highly recommended.

When asked why he wanted to be a policeman, Lockwood's answer was simple.

"I said, 'Well there's never been an African-American policeman in Berlin, and I think it would be nice if the African-American population would be represented,'" he said.

The Berlin native was only on the force for one year, but in that time he tried to be "firm, friendly and fair" when dealing with the townspeople.

"I learned early on you're better off hav[ing] friends rather than enemies," Lockwood said. "I was firm with people, but was fair with them at the same time, [and] friendly with them because I never knew when I might

need [a friend] after midnight, whatever the situation may be."

In a small town like Berlin, Lockwood said he always did his best to form relationships.

"I've always kept this in my mind: no man is an island," he said. "Everybody needs help sometimes ... be fair with everybody, because you never know when you're going to need that person."

He said there were five Berlin Police officers during that time and remembered having to work the late shift alone, which was from midnight to 8 a.m.

Adjusting to life as the first African-American officer was not always easy.

Lockwood recalled a businessperson in Berlin telling him, "Now that we've got you here we can go over on flower street, which was an all-black community, and keep them straight over there."

However, Lockwood simply said he took an oath to serve and protect all people.

"Wherever there's a law that needs to be taken care of ... whether it's on the east side of Berlin or on the west side, I'm gonna do my duty and be fair with everybody, not just one side of the town," he said.

Lockwood recalled other times where he "felt like [he] was being tested" while on duty. He remembered an instance when he'd written a warning ticket to a driver, and when he returned to the station the same driver was also there, asking the police chief why he was issued a ticket. But, he said, the chief was steadfast in his support.

"He said, 'If Lockwood wrote it, you deserved it,'" Lockwood said. "The chief always stuck by what I decided on."

On another occasion, he saw a business's door left open with money left on the table. He then contacted the chief who told him to "secure the building" and "write a report."

In yet another instance, he found "a large sum of money" left sticking

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# Lockwood and Downing broke down barriers

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out of a night deposit bag.

“It made me feel like I was being tested to see how honest I was,” Lockwood said.

He took the bag to the police station and called the business owner, “and they couldn’t believe I had done that. It was my job.”

Lockwood said it took roughly six months for people to fully accept him.

“After a while they understood that I was for real, and I developed a good relationship with a lot of the townspeople,” Lockwood said. “And after that they went along with me. [They] treated me well, but initially it was not like that.”

After one year at the Berlin Police Department, married with a new baby, Lockwood said he had just bought a house and decided to instead take a job with Worcester County.

He went on to work with the Worcester County Sanitary Commission, as head custodian for Stephen Decatur High School, a school bus contractor, and with the Maryland Parks Service, but Lockwood keeps a special place in his heart for law enforcement. He encouraged others to follow in that pursuit.

“If you’re tall enough and you can get into it, do it,” Lockwood said.

He felt his time on the force positively impacted the community because “people had told me I was a trailblazer, because I was [a] ... young black man doing this.”

Just like in his interview nearly 50 years ago, Lockwood said he simply saw a need that needed to be filled.

“I know we needed that,” he said. “Every taxpayer needed to be represented and [they weren’t] at that time.”

In the last half-a-century, Lockwood has seen a change in the community. He said he there was once a line that divided the town: Route 113.

“It used to be an east side, west side thing. The east side was the African-American side. The west side was a Caucasian side, but now there’s more of a blend,” Lockwood said. “They are all blended together on both sides of the town now living in both sides of the town, and it’s a lot better than what it was.”

Lockwood has since moved to Bishopville, but still has pride for his former hometown.

“I’m really proud of the community now of how things have turned completely around,” he said. “I’m so proud that we have an African-American chief here.”

Downing has served as the Berlin Police Department’s chief since December 2002. He was born in Virginia, raised in Selbyville, and now lives in Berlin.

While he was the first African-American chief in Berlin, he was not the first in the county.

Orlando Blake, the former chief of

the Snow Hill Police Department, holds that honor. Blake retired in 1997 after serving 26 years on the force, according to africanamericanpride.net.

“[Blake] actually has a little bit of time on me. He did 26 years at [the] Snow Hill [Police Department], but 19 of those as chief of police,” Downing said. “That’s another piece of inspiration to itself.”

There are 14 members currently on the Berlin Police force, but Downing said he’s the only African-American officer.

While Downing said, “there are always going to be racial barriers,” he also emphasized the importance of respecting people equally.

“We’re talking about actually accepting people for who they are,” he said. “Respecting all people ... [is] one thing we have to go ahead and keep at the forefront of our minds.”

Downing said accessibility is key when forming and maintaining good relationships with community members.

“We have to be willing to go ahead and meet people where they are, in the good times and in the bad,” he said. “Hopefully, we get to ... build relationships when things are good, and when issues do arise they know that they can trust us. They know we’ll try to do our best and that’s all we really can do.”



Downing, above, said he was grateful the road Lockwood, below, paved as the first African-American police officer in Berlin. Lockwood is “so proud that we have an African-American chief here.”

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Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch last Thursday details plans to demolish several former industrial buildings, said to be unsalvageable, on the property.

# Demolition plans moving forward for old park bldgs.

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Plans to demolish several of the smaller industrial buildings at Berlin Falls park continue to take shape, based on discussions during last Thursday’s parks advisory committee meeting.

The 64-acre former chicken processing property is slowly being redeveloped as both a passive and active-use public park, with a current emphasis being on passive development.

Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch told the committee two bids were received to take down seven buildings on the property deemed not to be useful. He said the high bid was \$232,000 for all seven buildings, while the low bid was \$92,000.

A previous demolition estimate was as much as \$600,000.

“Now, we’re talking about something that might be reasonable,” committee member Roger Fitzgerald said.

Several committee members wondered if all of the buildings marked for demolition were unsalvageable.

“We talked to Jane Kreiter in our water resources department to make sure that we weren’t taking any of the small buildings out that might serve some sort of purpose ... so we’ve identified those buildings,” Town Administrator Laura Allen said.

“We also asked Jane if she needed any of those buildings for public

works storage, and she said no,” Deutsch said added.

Asked if one building in particular could be used for park storage, Allen replied, “We don’t believe it’s a useful building.”

“It’s awkward to get to and it was included in the demolition package that we’re planning on taking to the mayor and council on the 11th of March,” Allen said. “The direction I’ve received has been, ‘do what you

can to clean up the park and let’s move quickly.’

“I’m not intending to take any of those buildings out, because they were bid as a package,” she continued. “The comments I’m getting is, ‘Do what you can to make the park more like a park and less like a chicken plant, less like an industrial area’ ... that’s the intent.”

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Berlin Town Administrator  
Laura Allen

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Allen about \$259,000 remains in a park development budget that could be used for the demolition.

“You’ve got the funds ... assuming the council approves it on the 11th of March, we believe the contractor could get in there relatively quickly, and you have a nicer park in a relatively short period of time.”

Committee Chairwoman Amy Field said she considered the matter closed.

“We’re not always going to agree on decisions. It’s not always going to be unanimous ... I’m sorry for that but, for those reasons, we’re going to go ahead and move on with the bid as it is.”



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# BFPC talks naming and park layout

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Berlin Falls Park Committee members last Thursday discussed subcommittee reports on a park development map and how the grounds could find a permanent name.

Roger Fitzgerald, in leading the physical park subcommittee, presented a plan that included small improvements like park benches and a viewing blind for wildlife, as well as larger amenities like a skate park and amphitheater.

The skate park was mapped out near the large, existing building by the park entrance, while the baseball-field shaped amphitheater was shown in an area previously used during Jeep Week.

Committee member Kate Patton said that location wasn't accidental.

"The idea was that in [putting] the amphitheater on where the jeep infrastructure had been, that's already heavily compacted. It's already been utilized. Then, you can utilize the field for other things," including for parking and stormwater needs, she said.

Fitzgerald said the area could fit as many as 11,000 people in a standing-room-only crowd, assuming 10 square feet per person, or about 7,800 sitting down in lawn chairs. The idea being, there's plenty of room for growth.

"You don't bring 11,000 people in on your first venue," Patton said. "Think of what the Taylor House is and they get a couple hundred people out there and it's lovely. Maybe this is slightly bigger when you're initially doing things ... we could probably have something built with public works and you're growing slowly.

"Freeman stage also started out pretty small," she added.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said Planning Director Dave Engelhart could help determine parking requirements, which would then inform how large the venue could be.

On naming plans, town councilman and committee member Zack Tyndall led a discussion last Thursday night and provided an update in a separate interview on Friday.

"It was pretty short and sweet," Tyndall said. "We talked about developing a survey to gauge a couple

name ideas from the community, and, during our last meeting, some of the committee members had suggested that we look at the names outlined in the interpretive plan for 2017. So, we created a survey so that everybody could see what the general gist of that would look like."

Names in the 2017 plan included "Berlin Turtle Park," "Painted Turtle Park in Berlin," "Green Heron Park in Berlin," "Otter Park," "Berlin Bird Park" and "Berlin Nature Preserve."

"The committee thought they were a little bit too fixated on more of the natural aspects of the park, so they want to brainstorm over the next month or so on some different names that would be more all-encompass-

ing," Tyndall said. "One of those names for the survey will include the current name, 'Berlin Falls Park,' in case people have grown to love that."

He said there would also be a fill-in-the-blank space for other suggestions.

When the survey is finished, Tyndall said it would be released online and available on the town website and through social media.

He said there was also a discussion of a "QR" code at the park, so visitors could use their cell phones to make suggestions on the fly.

"Once people are there and enjoying the space, all they would have to do is scan that and then it would prompt them and take them directly to the survey," Tyndall said.

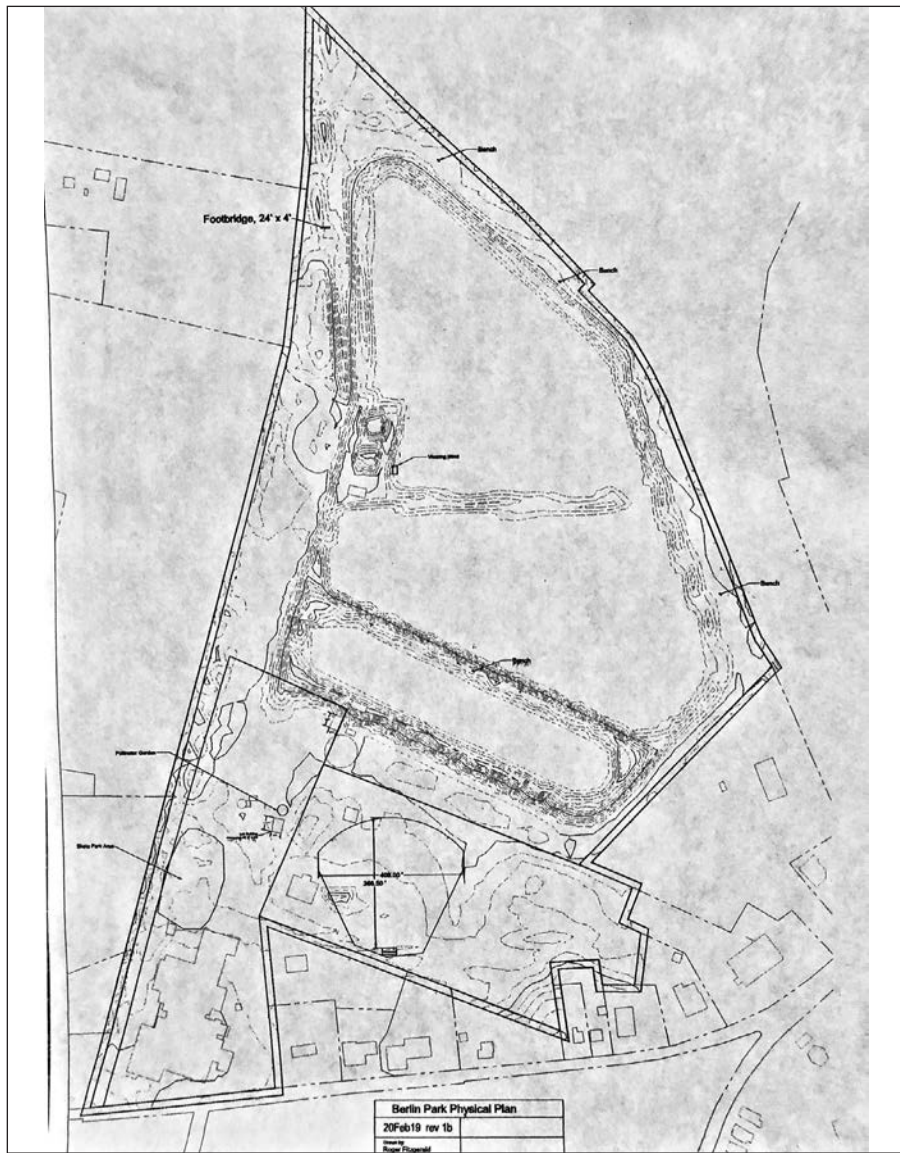


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Berlin Falls Park Committee members last Thursday introduced a map of where some of the amenities, including a skate park and amphitheater, may go.

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# Trendic takes clubs cmte. to task

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors “has a serious concern” with how the clubs advisory committee has been operating, according to Director Slobodan Trendic.

Trendic, during a committee meeting last Thursday, called out the committee for involving itself directly with the previous general manager and the Matt Ortt Companies, which manage the yacht and beach clubs.

“I applaud you for your work and your efforts, and for what you’re doing to try to better our clubs ... this is the kind of input that we as a board need and that’s the purpose of the advisory committees,” Trendic said. “[But], we have reviewed the minutes of your meeting in January.”

According to the Jan. 17 meeting minutes, committee Chairman Gary Miller met with then General Manager John Bailey, and Bailey agreed the committee “should continue to interact with the [Matt Ortt Companies] partners or representatives to advise and make recommendations with community input.

“The next step is for the chairperson and/or the committee to meet with Matt Ortt and further define the working relationship ... It is recognized by the committee that it’s primary responsibility is to advise the [board of directors] on issues or recommendations to improve the food and beverage services at the clubs. It is not the responsibility of the [committee] to oversee the day to day operations.”

Also according to the meeting minutes, committee members strongly feel “that the only way we can carry-out our advisory role is to have regular on-going communication with the [Matt Ortt Companies] to be able to comment or make recommendations and

keep the community informed of future plans and activities for the clubs.”

“There is obviously a concern of what’s been discussed and the GM’s endorsement of your interaction with [the] Matt Ortt Companies,” Trendic said.

He went on to say the group was “a board committee, not really a GM committee,” and as an example disapproved of Miller having invited Colby Phillips to attend the latest meeting.

Phillips is overseeing several Ocean Pines departments in the wake of Bailey’s departure, last week.



Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic, left, and Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller last Thursday differed on some communication issues related to food and beverage operations.

“As much as she is willing to take part and she’s done that in the past with other committees, interaction with staff at this level really has to come as a request through the board,” Trendic said. “You are not a one-person show. You have to take into account the rules and regulations.”

He added the board needed to comply with its own set of rules and “We expect the same out of our staff and our committees.”

“Going forward, if there is a need to interact ... you need to go through the board,” Trendic said. “We appreciate the work you’re doing, but ... the community is holding us to the highest standard to respect the rules, to play by the rules, and we all should basi-

cally do our best to do the same. And that goes for the staff and that goes for the committees, and everything else.”

Miller said the committee by no means wanted to impose, but was just looking for information in order to better do their jobs.

“We never said ... that we wanted to be involved in the operational part,” Miller said. “We are not somebody who is going to dictate or ... make suggestions expecting them to be followed. All we’ve ever said was, we should be able to hear from Matt Ortt Company or whoever’s running this,



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“What are the plans for the summer?” Just so we can help get the word out.

“We understand that we’re an advisory committee,” he continued. “We have no business trying to tell them what to do. But, in order to get the word out to the public ... we have to be able to talk to them.”

Trendic said the right way to do that was through a request through the board.

“Instead of reaching out in the way you’ve done ... as a committee, put together a formal proposal to the board,” he said. “The board needs to formally consider that and then respond. Right now, we don’t feel your request for interaction with Matt Ortt at this level is OK.”

# Worcester Youth to offer free seminars ahead of job fair

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 28, 2019) Job seekers can get the necessary tips and tricks to navigate a job fair at two free seminars, hosted by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

The workshops will take place Tuesday, March 5, from 5-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 13, from 2-4:30 p.m. Both will be held at Worcester Youth’s office on 124 N. Main St., Suite C, in downtown Berlin.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn a myriad of skills, such as how to make a good first impression, as well as practice interviews and pitches.

Christine Felix, who runs Worcester Youth’s Career Assistance Program, which aims to help unemployed 16-24-year-olds, said the workshops are crucial for job seekers preparing for potential employment opportunities.

The workshops are open to all ages. “You might be interviewed while you’re [at a job fair],” she said. “It’s not only interacting with potential employers, you might actually land a job while you’re there or meet an owner of a company, so wouldn’t you want to put on your best face?”

Felix said the workshops are a two-way street as employers can also reap the rewards.

“I think that they’ll be grateful for this opportunity to have potential employees that are prepared to work and have good attitudes,” Felix said. “I think that it’ll not only benefit the employees but the employers for retention purposes, and knowing what to do on the job and how to perform.”

The biggest thing Felix said she wants people to take away from this is the importance of practice.

“Well, [these tools are] not something that’s really taught in high school, unless you specifically sign up for it, so I think that these skills are important to practice before actually going into a job interview or to a job fair,” she said.

Workshop participants can use the skills they acquire at upcoming job fairs in Ocean Pines and Ocean City.

The Ocean Pines Job Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23, at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

The Ocean City Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street. Job seekers are encouraged to “dress for success,” as well as bring a resume or job application form.

To learn more about the Worcester Youth workshops or to register, call 410-641-4598 or visit [www.gowoyo.org](http://www.gowoyo.org) for more information.

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Worcester Technical High School students Shiloh Johnson, a junior, and Brandon Juarez, a senior, join Chef Phil Cropper as they cook during the inaugural Art of the pARTy event last Friday at the Atlantic Hotel in downtown Berlin.

# First ‘Art of the Party’ serves up food, fun for scholarships

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 28, 2019) Nearly 100 guests sampled culinary creations last Friday during the inaugural Art of the pARTy event, presented by the Worcester County Arts Council and the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Robert Gresehover, of Ocean Pines, was one of those in attendance and said he had trouble deciding on a favorite dish.

“There was a shrimp dish, which was delicious,” he said. “There was a pork dish that was delicious. There was a crab dish that was delicious.”

Gresehover, whose wife, Beverly, is on the board of the Worcester County Arts Council, said he enjoyed the festivities.

“It was outstanding,” he said.

Nine student chefs from high schools in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties participated. Representatives from Wor-Wic Community College also took part in the event.

Worcester Technical High School students, Shiloh Johnson, a junior, and Brandon Juarez, a senior, showed off their culinary skills during the event.

Johnson said she enjoys introducing people to different foods.

“I love that ... they get to try something new,” she said.

Juarez has aspirations to work in the culinary industry and showcased a shrimp dish at his station.

“It’s special because [attendees] are able to see what I can do,” Juarez said. “[Cooking is] something that I would like to do.”

To promote food as a form of art, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association partnered to utilize cuisine as a medium for a new scholar-

ship.

When asked what he loves most about cooking, Juarez simply said, “it makes people happy.”

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

Sharon Sorrentino, president of the Worcester County Arts Council’s board, said the organization presents scholarships to graduating seniors of Worcester County high schools and college students studying fine arts, including visual arts, theater, arts, dance and writing. For the first time, culinary arts scholarships will be awarded in 2020.

Several American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants and organizations also participated in the event, including Coastal Cupcake of Berlin, Coastal Coffee Roasting in West Ocean City, Centerplate, Princess Royale, Marlin Moon and Nori Sushi, all of Ocean City, and Handy Seafood Company in Salisbury.

Cropper said he was happy with how the inaugural event turned out, and would like to continue the tradition.

“It fills a quiet Friday night in the offseason,” he said.

Sorrentino was also pleased with the event and enjoyed the array of food choices.

“Of course, the food was the big highlight. [There] was such a variety,” she said.

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## 2019 Snow Hill Oyster Roast

A little wet weather did little to deter a large crowd from enjoying the 2019 Snow Hill Oyster Roast, held last Sunday. The event featured raw, roasted, fried, stewed, casino and many other preparation styles of oyster, along with steamed shrimp, barbecue, and local beer by Evolution Craft Brewing Company. Hosting body the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce posted on Facebook Tuesday, “The 9th Annual Oyster Roast was a hit. The Snow Hill Chamber and it’s members wish to thank our chefs, our shuckers, our volunteers, our sponsors, and most of all special thanks to our patrons for making this community event so successful.”

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# Berlin native enjoying new role as shop owner

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Feb. 28, 2019) Berlin native Cassandra Brown took the scenic route to ownership of a downtown Berlin business, and now she's thrilled be running the oil and vinegar shop Una Bella Salute.

The name roughly translates to "A Beautiful Health," and Brown said the products in her store could enhance flavors and make foods healthier.

"I like the flavoring and the taste, the fact that it's all natural, and that it's healthy," she said. "The oils, especially, have very healthy properties. They're Old World, so it's nothing that's preserved or has artificial flavors or anything like that. It comes straight from the olive [orchard]."

Brown said high-quality olive oils and balsamic vinegars have a wide range of uses – from baking, to topping off ice cream.

"You can put it in your water. You can even flavor your teas with it. So, there's a lot more that you can do with it than just salad," she said.

All the olive oils at Una Bella Salute are "first-pressed," meaning the olives were crushed and pressed only once to preserve the oil's quality and purity, and balsamic vinegars are each aged 12 or more years. The shop also carries a selection of pasta, as well as several olive oil-based products, like face wash and facial serum.

Brown has been a Berliner all her life – 65 years – and said growing up there was "just like any other small town."

"I grew up in the early '60s, so you can imagine seeing a lot of changes over the years," she said.

Before she opened her shop, she was a volunteer for the Town of Berlin's ambassador stand on Main Street, and in the town's welcome center.

"My aunt encouraged me to become a volunteer, because that's what she's done all her life in Salisbury ... so I did," Brown said of Mary Gladys Jones, who will celebrate her 100th birthday later this year. "She has gotten a lot of accolades."

Volunteering at the welcome center led Brown to a chance meeting with former Una Bella Salute owner Charlene McQuillen.

"One day I'm sitting there, and the previous owner came in and asked if I wanted to come help her in the store," Brown said. "We were familiar with the oils and vinegars to start with. I started using them when I ran into [the same distributor] in Frederick, Maryland ... and when they opened [in Berlin] we were excited, because now we don't have to go to Frederick to get our oils and vinegars."

Brown said it was a rainy and dreary day when McQuillen popped in.

"I had previously said to several people, my aunt included, that maybe one day this volunteer job may turn into something paying," she said. "When she came in with that, I said let me think about it and talk it over with my husband ... and I decided to give it a try."

Brown pulled triple duty after that, volunteering in her two roles with the town and working in the shop. And then, once

again, an opportunity presented itself.

"One day I walked in and, just like when [McQuillen] asked me if I wanted to help out, her daughter, Deborah, looked at me and said, 'Don't you maybe want to take over the business?' And the rest is history!"

That was last April. Brown and her husband, Randy Brown, officially took over last October.

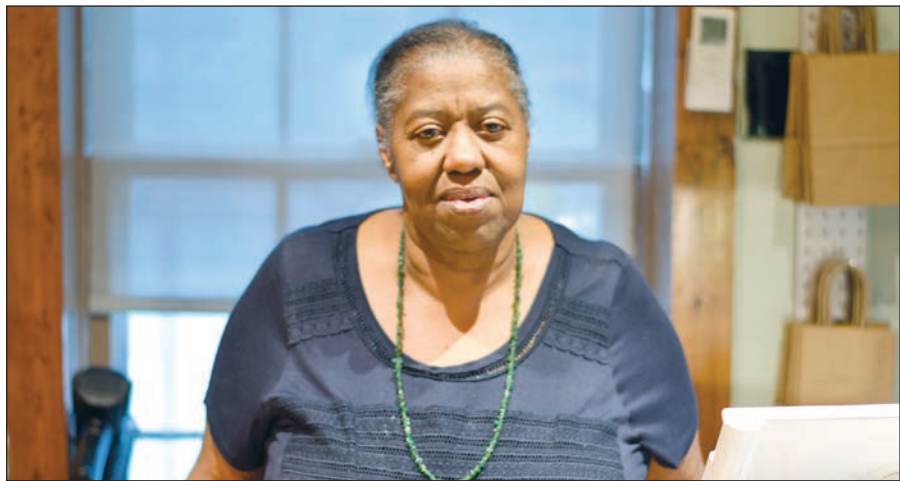
"It's been interesting, nothing different than what I had been doing all along," Brown said. "The only difference now is that I have to do the ordering and the banking and paying the bills and all that. But before, I was pretty much running [the store]."

"It's kinda slow right now, but it's going to pick up," she continued. "It's interesting, because you get to share the little bit of knowledge I have, and I'm learning more all the time about the oils and vinegars and how important it is to be healthy. And this is a part of being healthy, using good products."

"I love meeting people anyways," Brown said. "That ties into my personality. I love talking to people and meeting people, and we get some interesting people coming in – although not quite as interesting as at the [welcome] center!"

Visit Brown at Una Bella Salute on 14 Broad Street in Berlin, near The Globe restaurant.

For more information, call 410-641-2300 or visit [www.facebook.com/unabellasalute](http://www.facebook.com/unabellasalute).



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Top, Una Bella Salute owner Cassandra Brown said she enjoys meeting new people at her shop on Broad Street. Bottom, the store carries a variety Old World oils and vinegars, said to both improve healthy qualities of foods and expand their depth of flavor.

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## For Berlin, tax increase may be the only answer

It had to happen sooner or later in Berlin — a significant tax increase that is, as years of municipal reinvestment in the community to aid its economic resurgence had to be repaid at some point.

The costs of maintaining and delivering services, after all, are tied to a town’s desirability and attractiveness, both of which have risen to new heights in Berlin over the last decade.

In addition, as was pointed out in last week’s meeting of the mayor and council, the town drew on its rainy-day funds to cover losses suffered by its wastewater utility, whose rates were kept artificially low to help promote growth and development.

Compounding the problem for local government and taxpayers is that most of Berlin’s improvements have occurred within its fairly static municipal boundaries. The town hasn’t grown that much physically, since public approval of annexations is difficult to obtain, and that prevents these rising expenses from being spread throughout an expanding tax base.

It’s a simple problem with no easy solution. Expenses always go up and there are only two ways to cover the increases: raise taxes periodically, as the council proposes to do, or keep the tax rate down by expanding the assessable base through growth.

As was said in this space four years ago, it’s true that a community can lose some of its charm and flavor through physical growth, but it’s also impossible to maintain a set level of livability at a similarly fixed level of expense.

That’s where Berlin is now, at the intersection of rising costs and community charm and livability. It’s a tough spot, and, for the moment, a tax increase is the only answer.



## Most Blessed Sacrament fundraiser

Catholic School to celebrate 15th year with gala, March 2

(Feb. 28, 2019) Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is celebrating 15 years since opening its doors with a gala fundraiser. The gala will be held at the Residence Inn in Ocean City on Saturday, March 2.

Food will be provided by local restaurants. There will also be entertainment and a live and silent auction. Proceeds will go directly to expanding the education of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School students. The event will take place from 6-11 p.m. Tickets cost \$75 per person. Call Heather Marinelli at 302-228-0800 or visit [mostblessedsacramentschool.com](http://mostblessedsacramentschool.com) for more details and to purchase tickets.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a pre-K 3 through eighth grade school located at 11242 Racetrack Rd., Berlin, Maryland 21811. For information about admissions, contact Amanda Evans, director of Admissions and Advancement, at 410-208-1600.

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Correction

Two items in a story last week about the former Worcester High School were incorrect.

Talvin Skinner was referred to incorrectly as an “NBA Basketball Hall of Fame inductee.” Skinner was a veterans committee 2019 nominee for election to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Although he played pro ball for the Seattle SuperSonics from 1974-1976, he gained national prominence as a stand-out member of one of the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore’s best all-time teams.

In 1974, Skinner’s UMES Hawks became the first historically black college to earn an invitation Madison Square Garden for the post-season National Invitation Tournament, which at the time was a much more prestigious event.

Tiny UMES quickly grabbed the nation’s attention in that contest by upending Manhattan College 84-81 in the opening round, before falling in the second round to Jacksonville by two points.

Also in the story, Gregory Purnell was referred to as a 1968 graduate; he graduated in 1967.

We apologize for the errors.



# Business Briefs

## Promotions

Taylor Bank announces the promotions of seven employees: Lee Chisholm, Yvonne Sample, Jennifer Scott, Lori Simon, Lisa Street, Kathy Allam and Raymond Robinson.



Lee Chisholm



Yvonne Sample



Jennifer Scott

Chisholm has been promoted to vice president, Loan and Business development officer.

He began his employment in March of 2006 as a teller at 20th Street branch. He later became branch manager of Snow Hill and then became a loan officer.

Sample has been promoted to operations supervisor of the Electronic Services Department.

She began employment in May of 2001 where she started in the proof department, now evolved into electronic services.

Scott has been promoted to assistant vice president, branch manager and IRA and HSA administrator.

Scott began employment in September of 2013 and manages branch operations at main office.

Simon has been promoted to vice president, branch manager and CRA officer.



Lori Simon



Lisa Street



Kathy Allam



Ray Robinson

Simon began employment in January of 2006 and manages the bank's newer location at Ocean Landing.

Street has been promoted to senior loan processor. Street began employment in September of 2015 in loan operations.

Allam has been promoted to director of Information Technology and Security.

Allam began employment in November of 2008 where she started in branch operations and then later completed the management trainee program and was promoted to manage the IT and Electronic Services departments.

Robinson has been promoted to senior vice president of branch operations. Robinson was rehired in August of 2003 where he served as a branch manager and continues to serve in a leadership role in branch operations.

## CEO named

The Choptank Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has selected Mike Malandro as the next president and CEO of Choptank Electric Cooperative.



Mike Malandro

He will succeed President and CEO Mike Wheatley, who will retire March 31, after 25 years of dedicated service to the Cooperative.

Malandro has served as president and CEO of Prince George Electric Cooperative in Waverly, Virginia for the last four years, while also leading the cooperative's broadband business, "Ruralband" for the last two years.

The broadband project has been recognized throughout the nation and state as an innovative approach to a rural broadband solution.

Malandro's ability to work with local governments and utilize partnerships with local nonprofits, state and local governments to strengthen economic prosperity for rural Virginia has been highly popular with Co-op members and leaders alike. He has demonstrated leadership and supports regionalism to spur employment and capital investment within the communities the Co-op serves.

Malandro is a professional engineer licensed in the states of Virginia and Maryland. He holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from West Virginia University, and completed NRECA's prestigious

Robert I. Kabat Management program.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and West Virginia National Guard. In addition, Malandro currently serves as director on numerous organization boards including, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Virginia Maryland Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, Virginia Gateway Region EDO, and Girls Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Joins staff

Paige Wildmann, certified registered nurse practitioner, has joined the medical staff at the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin.



Paige Wildmann

She will be providing comprehensive care to patients in conjunction with Drs. Rabindra Paul and Roopa Gupta. She will also help coordinate care plans with patients and provide patient, staff and caregiver education.

Wildmann has 16 years as a CRNP and over 11 years of experience in cancer care. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

She earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Salisbury University and her master of science in nursing from Wilm-

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# Obituaries

## DAVID MARTIN STEVENS

Ocean Pines

David Martin Stevens, age 79, passed away on Tuesday Feb. 19, 2019, in his home in Ocean Pines.

Born in New Jersey, he was the son of the late David and Catherine Stevens.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Stevens.

He is survived by his children, David G. Stevens and Jennifer L. Austin, and her husband, Christopher. There are three grandchildren, Blake, Nicholas and Christopher Jr.

Also surviving are his sisters, Diane Kwaitkowski and her husband, Robert, and Catherine Nichols.

Mr. Stevens received a B.S. degree in physics from Saint Peter's College and a master's degree in computer science from The American University in Washington D.C.

He worked in the field of engineering and at the time of his retirement he worked at Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation as a manager of special operations.

After retirement, he remained active serving as a member of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors for many of his 19 years of retirement in Ocean Pines and as the president of the Mid Atlantic Symphony Association.

He liked golfing, poker, traveling, drinking rusty nails and was a faithful member of Holy Savior Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday March 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Holy Savior Catholic Church, 17th and Philadelphia Ave, in Ocean City where friends may visit one hour prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: Autism Society of America, 4340 East West Highway, Suite 350, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at [www.burbagefuneral-home.com](http://www.burbagefuneral-home.com). Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.



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ington University. Her office at the Burbage Center can be reached at 410-629-6888.

### Habitat changes

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. recently held its annual meeting, inducted new executive board leadership and said farewell to a long-serving board member.



Matthew Manos



Vicki Harmon



Mark Vastine

Matthew Manos who has served as board of directors president for the past 18 months, passed the torch of leadership to Vicki Harmon. Mark Vastine, former secretary, transitioned to vice president. Chris Jett, continues in the role of treasurer.



Lauren Bunting

Harmon has been on the HFHWC board for several years and assumes the role of president during a critical period of growth for the organization.

Having just opened Worcester County's first Habitat for Humanity ReStore, the affiliate is poised to start a new build in Bishopville with several more on the horizon. Harmon believes that the foundations for health and wellness begin in the home and is excited to contribute her knowledge to promote the health and wellbeing of the Worcester County community.

After eight years of service on the board, Lauren Bunting reached the end of her tenure. Bunting will be remembered as an integral part of Habitat's success, helping transition the affiliate from an all-volunteer group to a staffed organization.

She is a past fundraising committee chair, board of directors secretary, vice president and president who championed the opening of HFHWC's ReStore, and was very involved in the planning of successful events. Bunting will continue to be involved with HFHWC, serving as ReStore committee chair.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes by advocating for fair and just housing policies and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, visit [www.habitatworcester.org](http://www.habitatworcester.org).

### Top sales partner

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Cameron Drew

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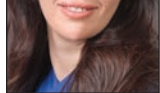
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To reach Drew, call 410-208-9200, ext. 4 or [cameron@po2team.com](mailto:cameron@po2team.com).

### New members

Coastal Hospice announces the organization's new board of directors for 2019, including two new members.



P. Gholamvand



Andy Kim

Stephen R. Farrow, formerly the board's vice chair, assumes the chair position from immediate past chair, Michael P. Dunn.

Michael E. Shrader is now vice chair; Richard M. Laws is treasurer; and Byron Braniff is secretary.

New members of the board include Parisa Gholamvand and Andy Kim, both of Salisbury.

Gholamvand is a residential and commercial real estate agent with Coldwell

Banker Residential Brokerage while Kim is a certified public accountant and the principal at Kim and Associates, PA.

They join returning board members Colleen "Cam" Bunting, David "Buddy" Dykes, Roger L. Harrell, Madalaine Leszcz How, Barbara C. Long, Wiltssy Payero, Robert M. Purcell, Anthony S. Sarbanes and Margaret M. Whitten.

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

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# Snapshots



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## WCDC DONATION

The newest club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is the Kiwanis Aktion Club, in the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, Maryland. On Jan. 28, the club received a \$500 donation from the Kiwanis. The Aktion Club is for adults with disabilities. Pictured, from left, with some members are Kiwanis co-advisor to the Aktion Carolyn Dryzga, Worcester County Development Center Executive Director Jack Ferry, Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett, Aktion Club President Donta Smith, and in front is co-advisor Steve Cohen.



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## HELPING LOCAL TEACHERS

Hertrich Toyota of Pocomoke recently launched a new project funding through its Teacher of the Year automotive partner, the Hertrich Family of Dealerships. Teachers were asked to create a video conveying their classroom ideas of need and benefit for their classrooms and students. Teachers at Berlin Intermediate School were recipients of the reward. Pictured, from left, are Sallie Gaddis, Kristin Parker and Pat Chapman.



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## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Cato Inc. representative Kathleen Abercrombie and her daughter, Worcester Prep senior Delaney Abercrombie, present Upper School technology/science teacher Colleen McGuire, center, with a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program grant. ExxonMobil believes in investing in educational programs for the next generation to pursue studies and careers in fields involving math and science.



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## NEW MEMBERS

Three members were inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City on Jan. 30. Pictured, from left, are new member Tony Winter with his sponsor, Ron Graybill, Ed Weeks, Lynne McAllorum, his sponsor and the club's membership chair, and Tim Collins with his sponsor, Dave Herr.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County Chair Dr. Roxie Dennis Achlononu and Berlin Mayor Gee Williams welcomed Democratic State Chair Dr. Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, right, for a presentation of her goals.



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March 3: Vincent, 6 p.m.  
March 5: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 5-9 p.m.  
March 6: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.  
March 7: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

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March 3: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
March 7: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.

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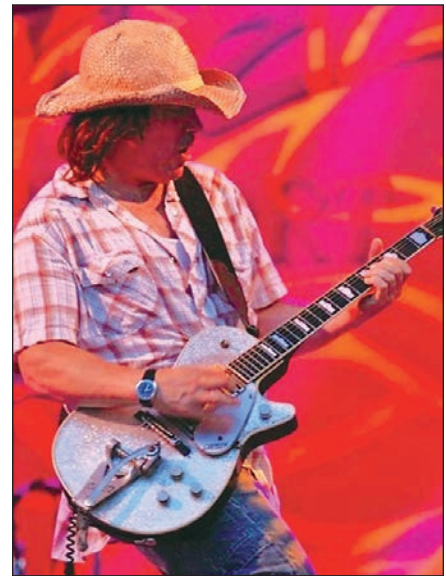
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March 4: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
March 7: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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March 7: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

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# Cuisine

## Some people can be real jerks. Food, too.

Years ago, we took the kids to Great Wolf Lodge in the Pocono Mountains. It was a multiple-family



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

trip, and one of the fathers made it plainly obvious that he would have rather been at a professional development day at work than on this trip with a c o m m u n e ' s share of wild-eyed children. You could read

it in his countenance, body language, and in his language itself.

Not one to pass up a good opportunity like this, I decided to make some small talk, but the conversation was one-way. Nodding my head in that awkward-silence kind of way, I asked, "Hey, what's the name of these mountains, anyways?"

"Poconos" was his surly response.

With a spry smirk I uttered, "Poke!" and poked his nose. He growled. I can honestly say that this was the only time that anyone has growled at me. I considered my harmless prank a clever witticism, but he did not feel the same. I sauntered away with a tight grin and a victory's swagger. My work here was done.

The trip was enjoyable, with kids running amok playing wizard and castle games, all the while our nostrils burning from the near-lethal levels of chlorine in the waterpark that the kids were using for the better portion of their waking hours.

A couple of us were drinking a beer poolside when some kids came up and asked us to play basketball. Their accent was rather thick, and we didn't think anything of it, but I swear one of the kids called me a jerk. It was vacation, though, so we acquiesced, making our way into the pool as their parents laughed and pointed.

One kid threw me the ball and yelled "Here, Jerk!"

Caught off-guard, I caught the ball and awkwardly dunked it (the basket was shorter than my arm's reach, so it was not exactly any sort of special feat). "Yeah, Jerk!"

My feelings weren't hurt; rather, I was confused. The parents were laughing and clapping amongst themselves, and my buddy and I were trying to figure out what in the world was going on with these rude little miscreants.

"Jerk" was my moniker assigned



to me by these little tyrants, but I was on a mini-vacation as were these kids, and they were having a blast, so I just rolled with it. Finally the one kid, with a huge smile yelled "Jerk, pass the ball! I'm open!"

At that moment another father walked up to me, leaned over and quietly said "Bro, they think you're Dirk Nowitski."

So let me get this straight. Nowitski is 7-feet tall. He can actually play basketball, and I'm pretty sure he didn't show up to vacation at the GWL in a beat up old Caravan with a bunch of snot-nosed kids. Besides, I really don't look anything like the man.

Nevertheless, they thought I was Dirk Nowitski. At least I didn't get confused for Beavis or Anthony Michael Hall, as has happened in years past.

Once the cat was out of the bag, playing basketball with the tykes was a blast. It made more sense, and I never corrected them. I mean, if they get to think that they played pool b-ball with one of the greats, who am I to shatter that dream?

Later, as we went to get some dinner at the restaurant in the outparcel of the parking lot, I chortled when I saw jerk chicken on the menu. I had to order it. It hit the spot and I reminisced of my CE classes at the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park. My advisor was an American chef who was flown to Jamaica a few times a

year to teach about jerk, because he is such an authority.

The biggest secret, according to him, is in using mounds of fresh herbs, rendering it greener than what we are used to here in the States. Either way, it is a great addition to the old repertoire and, since summer is almost here, it's time to nail your own recipe and use it regularly.

Now, let's go make some chicken, jerk.

### Jerk Chicken

*serves 4*

1.5-pound Chicken breast, diced  
2 Red bell peppers cut into 1-inch squares

Jerk seasoning  
Pineapple salsa

1. Coat chicken breast and bell peppers with jerk rub and marinate for 1-3 hours

2. Skewer them on sticks that have been soaking for at least one hour

3. Simply grill over the fire until the chicken is cooked through

4. Top with pineapple salsa

### Jerk Seasoning

*makes about 3 cups*

1 bunch scallions  
1 jalapeno or habanero, seeded  
4 sprigs fresh thyme, picked  
1-inch piece of ginger, fresh  
1 Tbsp. Hungarian paprika  
3 garlic cloves

1/4 cup light oil  
1 cup Fresh basil leaves  
1 cup Fresh parsley leaves  
1 tsp. Molasses  
1/2 tsp each of:  
Chili powder  
Allspice  
Cloves  
Cinnamon  
Nutmeg  
Black pepper  
Juice of 1 lime  
2 tsp. Kosher salt

1. Blend all ingredients together until smooth

### Pineapple Salsa

*makes about 2 cups*

1 cup Diced fresh pineapple  
Juice of 1 lime  
2 Tbsp. Finely diced white onion  
1/4 cup Cilantro leaves, minced  
1/4 cup Cucumbers, skin-on diced  
1 Tbsp. Orange juice  
1 jalapeno, diced  
S&P to taste

1. Combine all ingredients  
2. Adjust seasoning and allow to mingle for at least an hour, keeping refrigerated

3. Serve cold on top of spicy skewers

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



# Puzzles

## EVERYTHING EVENS OUT IN THE END

BY ERIK AGARD / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Erik Agard, 25, is a professional puzzle maker from Gaithersburg, Md. He is the reigning champion of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. On average he finishes a Sunday New York Times crossword in a frighteningly quick five minutes. Last October he won \$66,802 in a three-day winning streak on “Jeopardy!” This is Erik’s 32nd crossword for the paper. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Solo partner

10 Multidecker sandwich

14 Stack at Starbucks

18 Word that follows “standard” and means something nonstandard

19 Abundant

20 Nettie’s sister in “The Color Purple”

21 Likely inexpensive place to get one’s hair done

23 During the time that

24 Baton Rouge sch.

25 Auctioneer’s cry

26 Brownish tint

28 Final: Abbr.

29 En \_\_\_\_ (chess move)

33 Jolly time

35 Sports rival of Union College, for short

36 Chemistry unit: Abbr.

37 Wee devil

38 Cry like a baby

40 Tourist activity in northern Scandinavia

44 Backpack filler

46 “I dare you!”

48 Make a quick move

49 Chinese dynasty ended by Kublai Khan

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50 It’s groovy

52 Get to the bottom of

55 Lockup, to Sherlock

57 Villain’s hideout

59 Source of call-ups, in baseball lingo

61 Prefix with culture

62 Virgil described its eruption in the “Aeneid”

63 “You got it, boss man!”

64 Posting that blows in the wind

67 Serenaded

71 Odyssey

72 Has little excitement for

77 Florentine : spinach :: lyonnaise : \_\_\_\_

82 Curry go-with

83 To be abroad?

84 Allen Ginsberg, e.g.

88 Baby beavers

89 Bird akin to the nene?

90 Arab country expelled from the Arab League in 2011

91 Green, in a way

92 Word cried before and after “all”

94 Governing org. of soccer

96 Reaction of shock

98 Analytics fodder

99 Bottom-of-page design choice

103 Spanish muralist José María \_\_\_\_

105 Actor Cariou

106 Place for a bouquet

107 Boston’s Mass \_\_\_\_

108 Pb

110 Away from the wind

112 U.F.C. fighting style

113 Get Wired again, say

116 Hotel visit

118 \_\_\_\_-Magnon man

119 Scarecrow portrayer Ray

121 “How lucky was that?” ... or a hint to the answers to the italicized clues

127 Seated yoga pose

128 Well-being

129 Seriously worry

130 What the Joneses may elicit

131 Tater

132 “Crazy Rich Asians” actress whose stage name puns on a bottled water brand

DOWN

1 Bank offerings, for short

2 Fashion line

3 Fashion model Marcille

4 Documents that name executors

5 Tree resin used in fragrances

6 On the same wavelength

7 A.F.L. partner

8 Bullies

9 Grate on

10 Charging station for a smartphone

11 Rapper \_\_\_\_ Yachty

12 Sci-fi saucers

13 Part of N.B.

14 Hula dancer’s adornment

15 Subject of many conspiracy theories

16 Knocking out of place

17 End a lawsuit, say

20 Musical \_\_\_\_

22 Speak indistinctly

23 Erase

27 One of South Africa’s capitals

29 Oink-filled pen

30 Don who won an Oscar for “Cocoon”

31 Converted splits

32 1400

34 Holiday marking the end of Ramadan

39 Feature of a Welsh accent

41 Winter Olympics host before Salt Lake City

42 Dreadfully slow

43 List in the credits

45 Wearers of striped shirts

47 Calendar column: Abbr.

51 Part of a trunk

53 Worker often found on hands and knees

54 Mini maker

56 Jargons

58 Bled

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- 60 Not to be seen or heard by children

65 Tower construction material

66 Men

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69 Howe nicknamed “Mr. Hockey”

70 Restrict with a string

72 Challenge for a stain remover

73 Popular Japanese manga series with a schoolgirl heroine
- 74 Counterpart of local channels

75 Beginning

76 Pranks, in a way, informally

78 Mini, for one

79 “How fancy!”

80 Like a tidied-up room, now

81 Bit of hair

85 Alternative to .net

86 Some Spanish babysitters

87 Art-studio prop
- 93 Alternatives to nets

95 HuffPo purchaser in 2011

97 Make easier to eat, as an infant’s food

99 Clumsily drop

100 Finished

101 Like a set of measuring cups, typically

102 “Later, luv!”

104 Mother \_\_\_\_

109 Role in “Our Gang” or “Queen Sugar”
- 111 “To the Lighthouse” novelist

114 \_\_\_\_ milk

115 Swatting sound

117 “Jeez, that’s hot!”

120 Man

122 The Sun Devils, for short

123 “No, you shouldn’t have”

124 Opus \_\_\_\_

125 Iniquity site

126 Springs for a vacation?

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

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., Feb. 28

**PLAY TIME**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**STORY TIME ‘HIBERNATION’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM, Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. For ages 2 to 5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**  
Hemingway’s Restaurant, Holiday Inn and Suites, 1701 Atlantic Ave., 11:00 AM. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mark Uncapher, Secretary of the Maryland Republican Party. Charlotte Cathell, Americanism Chairperson, will give an informative talk on Americanism. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations: Ann Lutz, [annlutz60@gmail.com](mailto:annlutz60@gmail.com) or 410-208-9767.

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

**FIRESIDE CHAT**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM. Join the group for a lively chat about favorite good reads and get some great ideas. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY TIME**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 PM. Listen to some Fairy Tales and make some crafts. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 PM. The Worcester County Democratic Club will listen to a presentation by Matt Heir of Oceana on the impact of Sonic Oil Exploration of the seabed off of the Mid-Atlantic coast. Open to the public.

**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), <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
*Thursdays* - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education. Participants work together to help each other navigate through grief at their own pace.

Free and open to the public. Nicole Long, 443-614-6142

## Fri., March 1

**PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 12:00 AM. Held March 1-3 and featuring the Adult Co-Rec (18+) and Men’s Over 30 and Women’s Over 30 divisions.

**FIBER FRIENDS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work to this informal get-together. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, [moonlightknitting@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightknitting@gmail.com), 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PAINTING WITH ALCOHOL INK**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Learn how to make an abstract painting on a tile and on Yupo art paper using alcohol ink. Materials provided. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**STEM FOR HOMESCHOOLERS ‘SOUND’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. For homeschoolers, ages 5-12 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**WOMEN IN ART PART I: MEDIEVAL THROUGH 17TH CENTURY**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. In part one of a three part lecture series the group will consider women artists who are often overlooked in the histories of art, museums and the art market. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION**  
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Featuring the Delaware Watercolor Society, the Art League group show, Ian Postley, B.L. Strang-Moya and Kathy Huegel. The event will also open the annual Shirley Hall Memorial Youth Art Show, showcasing the artwork of middle and high school students from public and private schools in Worcester County. The student art will be on display Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>

**WOMEN IN ANIMATION: PART ONE**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 PM. A program featuring celebrated animated shorts from female animators. Due to mature content, viewer discretion advised. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**BASEBALL MEMORABILIA AUCTION AND SALE**  
Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring numerous auto-

graphed photos and baseballs from both Major League and Negro League players, heavy hors d’oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets cost \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Info: Newt Weaver, [vette-99@verizon.net](mailto:vette-99@verizon.net), 443-614-2386. Proceeds will go to a memorial building fund. William Julius Judy Johnson, a native of Worcester County Negro League baseball player and 1975 National Baseball Hall Of Fame recipient, will be recognized by building a Judy Johnson Memorial in Snow Hill.

## Sat., March 2

**ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 12:00 AM. Held March 1-3 and featuring the Adult Co-Rec (18+) and Men’s Over 30 and Women’s Over 30 divisions.

**CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘MARDI GRA’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Drop in for a weekly themed craft. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING**  
Pocomoke City Council Chambers, 101 Clarke Avenue, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. 410-213-1956

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-in welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**SATURDAY STORY TIME**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11:00 AM. Enjoy books, singing and dancing. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**BLUE SKY PUPPET THEATRE ‘SUPER PIG PUPPET SHOW’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11:00 AM. The show will teach children anti-bullying techniques, recognize the importance of helping others and the importance of reading and writing. For children in Pre-K through 5th grade. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**WAGS AND WHISKERS THIRTY-ONE BINGO**  
American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Doors open at noon. Advance tickets cost \$30 for 20 regular games for Thirty-One bags full of

goodies and gift cards as well as some cash prizes. There will be two special bingo games for an additional small fee. Participate in a Chinese auction and raffle boards for additional items and prizes as well as food and beverage available for purchase. Tickets will be available at the door for \$35. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Worcester County Humane Society, 12330 Eagles Nest Raod; at the WCHS Thrift Store, 12703 Sunset Ave.; or by calling Diana, 443-987-2870.

**FREE GALLERY TOUR**  
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 1:00 PM. Art League docent Cassie Wait will give a free gallery tour, discussing the art on the wall and answering questions. Admission is free. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleague-foceancity.org>

**VISITOR OR PEN PAL TO IMMIGRATION DETAINEES**  
The Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 Snow Hill Road, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Information and training session for those interested in being a visitor or a pen pal for people held in immigration detention in Snow Hill jail. Co-sponsored by the DC Visitation Network and Worcester Immigration and Support Center. RSVP: Jane Conly, [jconly@hotmail.com](mailto:jconly@hotmail.com).

**15TH YEAR GALA CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER**  
Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School will host a cocktail inspired atmosphere with delicious fare, entertainment, a live and silent auction and more. Cost is \$75 per person and includes two drinks. 410-208-1600

**INDOOR FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**  
*Saturdays* - Northside Fire House, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Featuring quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry an daily products, as well as, baked goods, jams, cider, wine, honey, maple syrup, coffee, sauces, soups, kitchen ware, treats for pets, unique finds and live music. Open to the public. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

## Sun., March 3

**ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 12:00 AM. Held March 1-3 and featuring the Adult Co-Rec (18+) and Men’s Over 30 and Women’s Over 30 divisions.

**ANNUAL SEASIDE PRINCE AND PRINCESS BALL**  
The Grand Hotel and Spa, 2100 Baltimore Ave., 2:00 PM. Seaside Christian Academy invites the community to this father-daughter, mother-son, family event. There will be a carving buffet featuring a variety of foods for kids and adults. Music provided by DJ Wax and special guests. There will also be photo opportunities, door prizes and auc-



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tions to benefit SCA. Sponsorships, tables and individual tickets: 410-213-7595, [www.seasidechristianacademy.com/fundraisers](http://www.seasidechristianacademy.com/fundraisers) or visit Seaside’s Facebook page. –+The hotel is offering \$79 per night rates for those attending the Ball.

**POPPY PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER**  
American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Cost is \$45 and includes instructions, all supplies, a glass of wine and snacks. Save My Seat deposit is \$10. Proceeds support the Poppy Program. Info: Karen Thompson, 302-359-7382 or [karamexue21@gmail.com](mailto:karamexue21@gmail.com).

## Mon., March 4

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

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

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

**AARP MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. Gary Nether, New York Life, will discuss Over-coming Retirement Income Challenges. This month bring can goods for Sarah’s Pantry. Larry Walton, 443-831-1791

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

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Thirty minute interactive session that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**THE MOBILE MENTOR**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Providing one-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. Also, explore digital library resources such as books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV., <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**LAP TIME**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2:00 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will

be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**LAP TIME**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <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 Champion, 410-641-0157

**SOAP MAKING**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Learn to make our own soap free of harsh chemicals. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**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., March 5

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

**MINDFULNESS WITH YOGA**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Classes held Tuesdays, March 5-26. This class incorporates mindfulness and simple breathing techniques along with yoga movements. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY TIME ‘DR. SEUSS’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Enjoy crafts and activities related to Dr. Seuss. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER**  
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 years and free to those 5 and younger. Eat in or carryout. This is a youth fundraiser. Kathy, 443-235-6761

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**  
All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The menu includes sausage, pancakes and baked applies. Tickets for dine-in service cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 11 years and younger. All take-out orders cost \$7. Advance ticket sale only by calling 410-632-1216.

**MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Classes held March 5-7. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is awarded after successful completion of the course; a requirement for boat operators born after July 1st. There is a \$15 fee, which covers all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, [cgauxoc@gmail.com](mailto:cgauxoc@gmail.com).

**‘THE CHIEFTAINS’ PERFORMANCE**  
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:30 PM. Legendary band and six-time Grammy Award winner, The Chieftains, will celebrate their 55th anniversary. Highly recognized for reinventing traditional Irish music on a contemporary and International scale. Tickets cost \$75, \$65, \$49. Tickets: [DelmarvaConcerts.com](http://DelmarvaConcerts.com), Ticketmaster, 800-551-SEAT or at the Ocean City Box Office.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING**  
*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., March 6

**WITTY KNITTERS**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts and needle artist of all skill levels are invited. Work on our favorite patterns and exchange ideas. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**STEAM STORY TIME ‘STEM FOR EVERYONE’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities for young children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**IMPEACHMENT: ARTICLE II SECTION 4 OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Review the provisions in the U.S. Constitution that set forth the procedures for the impeachment and removal of a President as well as the legal basis for applying those provisions. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The series of four, two-hour session, held March 6, 13, 20 and 27, will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise and other self-management skills to help with diabetes. Advance registration and a referral from your primary care provider are required. The cost of this program is a Medicare benefit and also covered by most insurances. A family member is welcome to attend. Register: 410-208-9761.

**DIY FOAM STAMPING FUN**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 PM. Make your own stationery, greeting cards and gift tags with stamps you design yourself. Suitable for all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**INFORMATIONAL TOWN HALL: OFFSHORE DRILLING**  
Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., 4:00 PM. Focused on how Maryland’s business community can comment on the new federal offshore drilling plans. Guests include Maryland, Delaware, New York and Washington, D.C. organizations from leading Ocean conservation group, Oceana. Expert panel will include local elected, business and fishing representatives. Sponsored by the Ocean City and Ocean Pines Chambers of Commerce.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital, the group is open to the public and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-208-9761

**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@delmarvahand-dancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahand-dancing.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



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Provide front desk customer service.  
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Work with adding machines, calculators, databases and bank accounts.  
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Email Resume to: [dunkindonutjobs@gmail.com](mailto:dunkindonutjobs@gmail.com) - Subject Line: Accounting Clerk  
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31264 Americana Prkwy., Selbyville, 19975  
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