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Forensic audit finds problems but little crime

Investigation concludes bad decisions, absence of oversight led to losses

By Stewart Dobson
Editor

(June 13, 2019) Many of the problems identified by the year-long forensic audit of the finances of Ocean Pines' Food and Beverage and Public Works departments had already been corrected by the time the final audit report was released to association members last week.

In fact, the board of directors' hiring of the Matt Ortt Companies last year to operate the restaurants at the Yacht Club and Beach Club rendered moot many



'We understood the public's concerns and we did our due diligence.'

Board of Directors President Doug Parks

of the \$200,000 investigation's most troubling findings, since the Ortt companies immediately wiped out the clubs' huge losses that were at the heart of the demand for the audit.

In addition, accounting procedures were stiffened, accountability between management and the board was restored and grand plan budgeting had been brought back to earth before the Baltimore accounting firm Gross Mendelsohn concluded that bad management, not illegal behavior, was the primary reason food and beverage operations and the public works department lost in excess of \$700,000 in fiscal year 2018.

"It speaks for itself," Board of Directors President Doug Parks said of

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A crow harasses a great horned owl that temporarily perched in a fir tree around sunset last week. This crow was one of many that circled, squawked and pecked at the owl in a combined effort to drive it away in an exercise called "mobbing."

Berlin council OKs \$15.2M budget

Taxes, fees up, as spending drops about 16 percent to produce balanced package

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) The Berlin mayor and council adopted a \$15.2 million budget for fiscal year 2020 at their meeting Monday night.

The budget represents a 16.26 per-

cent decrease from the fiscal year 2019's \$18.2 million budget, according to budget reports. Roughly \$3 million was cut for the upcoming fiscal year.

Within the general fund, multiple departments made cuts to the fiscal year 2020 budget. The general fund had about \$6.2 million approved for fiscal year 2020 as opposed to the roughly \$7.2 million for fiscal year 2019, according to budget reports. That's a 13.80 percent decrease.

The parks and recreation department decreased by 36.84 percent, the police department was cut by 11.02 percent and the economic development department's budget decreased by 18.24 percent. However, Mayor Gee Williams said the two New Year's Eve ball drops stayed in the budget for next year.

Additionally, the property tax rate for the fiscal year 2020 budget was set

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Edward Solum running for OP board

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) Edward Solum, 73, believes the Ocean Pines Board of Directors needs to be more thorough and transparent with projects and other aspects which could affect the community, prompting him to run.

Initially a seasonal resident, Solum, now retired after 45 years as a lawyer, wants to make a contribution to the association with his experiences. Having graduated from law school at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Solum believes there needs to be more openness regarding funds used toward infrastructure and other costly projects.

"In light of the fact that Ocean Pines has been here for 50 years - that's a long time - we're starting to realize that some major issues with regards to



Edward Solum

infrastructure are becoming apparent and I think that resolutions to some of those issues is going to require some introduction of some capital infusion," Solum said. "Whenever you talk about spending other people's money, it always becomes a hot topic. I think there needs to be a diligent and intense effort made to establish what all the relevant facts are with regard to how other people's money is being spent."

Solum knows this year has thrown some curveballs for the current board of directors, particularly with the issue of finding a permanent general manager and the introduction of a traffic roundabout concept. That is part of the job, he said.

"When you're a member of the board, when you first come on to the board, there are a lot of things that happen during the period of your service that maybe you didn't anticipate," Solum said. "As the year progresses, issues progress and manifest themselves and it requires intense study and evaluation before proper decisions."

One of his main focuses is to bring more transparency to the processes the board undergoes when determining projects and other major decisions.

"I've always believed that a thorough investigation and consideration of all the relevant facts will generally lead to the best conclusion, devoid of any emotional, personal or political considerations," Solum said.

This being said, Solum says he has

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Candidate draw determines order, seats for forums

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) The candidates draw has been completed

Drawn at random using a series of playing cards, the results determine the ballot order and the order candidates are seated during election forums.

The results for the draw are:

1. Tom Janasek; 2. Larry Perrone; 3. Camilla Rogers; 4. Paula Gray; 5. Ed Solum and Greg Turner. Missing is candidate Tom Janasek.

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MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The order of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates on the ballot was selected during the Candidates' Drawing in the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center, Friday, June 7. Pictured, from left, are candidates Larry Perrone, Camila Rogers, Paula Gray, Shawn Kotwica, Ed Solum and Greg Turner. Missing is candidate Tom Janasek.

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
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Financial investigation finds no theft of missing deposits

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the audit report this week. He also was referring the report's total debunking of allegations that employee theft was a major contributor to a budgetary loss of more than \$1 million in FY 2018.

On the contrary, Gross Mendelsohn blamed the poor fiscal performance on bad decision making and equally questionable budgeting, along with a lack of oversight in critical areas during the tenure of then interim General Manager Brett Hill.

Hired last April to determine if criminal behavior occurred in the Public Works Department or was behind the unprecedented losses at the Beach Club and Yacht Club in FY 2018 (May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018), the firm found instead that the clubs' deficits resulted from Hill's plan to convert them into big money-makers by, among other things, adding table service and evening dining at the Beach Club.

"The changes resulted in the Beach Club nearly doubling its number of employees and labor costs. The interim General Manager budgeted that the changes would result in a 65 percent increase in revenue," the report said.

Instead, the report continued, revenue went in the other direction at the once profitable Beach Club, which posted a net loss of \$107,601. By contrast, the club had a positive net income of \$114,246 in FY 2017.

At the Yacht Club, the audit found that "an absence of management oversight" allowed food and beverage costs to climb, as did labor expense.

The cost of personnel at the Yacht Club in FY 2017 was 49 percent of revenue as compared to 68 percent in FY 2018. Because of this, and failure to control food costs, the club lost \$335,221 in FY 2018 on sales of almost \$1.3 million.

Other financial issues in the food and beverage department, including the institution of member discounts of 20 percent, combined to produce a net loss for the year of \$784,660, more than six-and-a-half times its losses in the previous year, the investigation concluded.

That includes the \$110,000 the OPA had to pay the Food and Beverage Department Director Brian Townsend in severance following his January 2018 dismissal.

Because of an employment agreement Hill gave to Townsend in

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Spending down, fees, taxes go up in budget

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during at \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value.

As of July 1, the water utility's rate will go up 5 percent, and the sewer utility's rate will rise by 25 percent for the fiscal year 2020 budget.

As for the utility funds, the town's water fund budget decreased by 18.79 percent for fiscal year 2020, according to budget reports. There was about \$1.2 million approved for fiscal year 2019 and nearly \$916,000 approved for fiscal year 2020.

The sewer fund budget decreased by 7.72 percent, or about \$200,000, budget reports show. There was about \$2.6 million approved for fiscal year 2019 and approximately \$2.4 million for fiscal year 2020.

Berlin's electric utility's budget decreased by 7.12 percent, according to budget reports. There was about \$5.7 million approved for fiscal year 2019 and about \$5.3 million approved for fiscal year 2020.

The stormwater fund budget for next year also decreased by 71.69 percent, or about \$1.2 million, according to budget reports. There was about \$1.6 million approved for fiscal year 2019's budget and nearly \$455,000 approved for fiscal year 2020.

During the public hearing portion of the several townspeople empathized

with the council.
"I am not going to sell my house or leave town," Resident Jim Meckly said in a statement. "I am going to pay the higher property taxes and utility costs and continue to enjoy this great place to live."

Although, Meckly took issue with Williams' behavior over the course of the budget process.

"However when someone differs with your opinion, they are often recipients of verbal, written or public abusive lectures and rants," Meckly said in a statement. "I find this distasteful and unbecoming of a public official."

Berlin resident Marie Velong agreed and urged members of the Town Council not to patronize community members.

"It discourages people from participating in their government," Velong said.

Meckly also offered several economic suggestions to the Town Council.

"Use what we have, stop the excessive buying, live within our means, be frugal, and use common sense," Meckly said in a statement.

"Spending is not the issue because we're really frugal," Councilman Troy Purnell said.

Berlin resident Jason Walter questioned the 18 percent property tax in-



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Finance Director Natalie Saleh explains the breakdown of the general fund revenues for the fiscal year 2020 budget during a Berlin Town Council meeting Monday night.

crease as compared to other towns throughout the state.

"I only worry about Berlin here ... Berlin is unique to any other municipality in the state or world," Purnell said.

"I want to thank you very much for your very thoughtful comments," Williams said. "One thing I think has been very beneficial to this whole 16 weeks considering where we started we're getting a lot more very thoughtful and considerate recommendations we will ... [consider] in future budgets."

Councilman Dean Burrell agreed.

"During this budget process we have had more participation at our meeting than any time in history since I've been [on] the council and I think that's a good thing," Burrell said.

However, he added he hopes the participation continues even though the fiscal year 20202 budget process concluded.

"So I implore you to keep coming back," Burrell said.

Burrell moved to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2020. It was approved with a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Zack Tyndall dissenting.

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Candidate order chosen randomly

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Shawn Kotwica; 6. Edward Solum; 7. Gregory Turner.

After the draw, the elections committee distributed copies of the election rules to the candidates.

Candidates were given information on how they can campaign, where signs are allowed and how questions will be answered at forums. No one candidate will have more information than the others, Ocean Pines Election Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said.

In addition, association President Doug Parks and Vice President Steve Tuttle provided the candidates with some advice should they earn one of the three seats available this election.

"It has been a journey," Tuttle, who

was elected to the board last August, said. "I consider it quite a privilege to serve on this board. I entered into the process thinking it is a job. It has been a huge learning curve for me. It's been a lot of learning.

"I don't think I had a full sense of the amount of time would be required serving on the board," he continued. "This year we've taken on some pretty large projects and I've been involved in a couple of them ... it's almost a full-time job."

"You're not really aware of the level of effort that's going to be required," Parks said. "As issues come up and levels of importance of those issues change, the interaction between the membership between the board members and members of the constituency

do take up a lot time. The ability to communicate with each other so we are aware of the different positions on issues is a big plus."

According to Habeger, ballots for the election will be mailed to all association members in good standing during the week of July 8. Ballots must be received – not mailed – by the close of business on Aug. 7.

Ballots may be returned either to the ballot box inside the police department office in the Ocean Pines Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway, or mailed to the Ocean Pines post office box in Berlin.

The cutoff for voter eligibility is Wednesday, July 3.

Additional upcoming election dates include the following:

- Second Candidate's Forum: June 22, 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway

- Ballots counted and announced: Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway

- Election results validated: Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. during the Annual Meeting of Membership in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway

For more information about the election, email elections@oceanpines.org.

Board signs Viola for additional six months, until Dec.

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) Ocean Pines Association interim General Manager John Viola agreed to a six-month extension of his services with the board of directors last Thursday while the association searches for a more permanent replacement.



John Viola

The terms of the agreement between Viola and the board are good through Dec. 1.

Viola, a former budget and finance advisory committee chairman and current association treasurer, has served as interim general manager since March.

As general manager, Viola will execute and administer policies of Ocean Pines as set by the board of directors and governing documents. He will handle hiring, evaluation and termination of employees as necessary, and oversee financial and business operations of Ocean Pines.

"We talked to John about his tenure, saying, 'Hey, every day we get See BOARD Page 8

Solum wants full transparency

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noticed some discord between the current board and former members which could lead to confusion.

"I noted that there is an effort by former members of the board that has been undertaken as a self-motivated action," he said. "I look at that as an issue ... because you can't govern if you can't come to an equilibrium with re-

gards of understanding the facts and procedures to the point where discord and confusion controls the situation.

"I think it is absolutely paramount that anybody elected to the board has to come on with philosophy of cooperation to eliminate independent efforts from outside the board," Solum continued. "There's got to be cohesion and cooperation."

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Restaurant woes rendered moot with Ortt hiring

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March 2017 without the board’s authorization, according to the auditors, the OPA had little choice but to pay him \$70,000 in severance and \$40,000 in commissions, along with 12 months of health insurance coverage for another \$16,800.

The only money Gross Mendelsohn could not account for in its examination of Food and Beverage Department records was \$26,550 in missing bank deposits, although it assured the board that no OPA employees had taken it.

It backed that up by reporting that the two finance office personnel who handled the deposits passed lie detector tests administered by the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation, and that surveillance video recorded on the days in question showed no suspicious activity.

“Our investigation of the missing bank deposits did not uncover any evidence that any of the missing money was taken by any OPA employee,” the auditors reported.

They did say bank employees may not have followed bank procedures, but did not name the bank or suggest that it was responsible.

One area where missing money was accounted for was when the petty cash fund at the Yacht Club came up \$5,262 short. The manager at the time confessed to having spent it for personal use and was fired.

Another recurring situation during Hill’s administration was purchases made and transactions conducted that should have been cleared by the board but were never submitted.

This was one of the problems, along with some conflicts of interest, the auditors found in the Public Works Department in FY 2018.

The general tone of the 47 pages of summaries, financials and recommendations was that many standard policies and procedures were not followed and that decisions were made without the board’s knowledge.

Corrective action began to take place, however, when the board hired the Ortt companies in April 2018 to operate the restaurants. Then, in June last year, current General Manager John Viola stepped in as the association treasurer, after serving a stint as finance director, and instituted more procedural changes.

Parks acknowledges that the audit is more of an autopsy of what went wrong than it is a prescription for restoring the OPA’s financial health, which is already much more robust.

It’s also the end of a chapter he does not want to revisit.

“We understood the public’s concerns,” he said, “and we did our due diligence.”

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Berlin Town Council approves FY20 authorized contracts

Several officials also agree to further discuss options

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) The Berlin Town Council on Tuesday unanimously approved fiscal year 2020's budget contract authorizations, which are valued at a maximum of \$386,400.

"This is a standard practice the town has followed for [the] past several years," Town Administrator Laura Allen said.

The following contracts for the fiscal year 2020 were up for approval, according to the motion:

- Angel's Touch Cleaning Services – \$54,000
 - Booth and Associates, LLC. – not to exceed \$54,000
 - Cards Technology – \$38,400 annual service agreement and continuity
 - Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. – not to exceed \$100,000
 - EA Engineering Science and Technology Inc. PBC. – not to exceed \$100,000
 - Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services – \$40,000
- Councilman Zack Tyndall opted

for a more aggressive approach to the bidding process by bidding out projects every fiscal year.

However, town officials said the bidding process is so time-consuming that it may not be practical in these instances.

Councilman Elroy Brittingham also suggested seeking advice from other towns on how to deal with this.

Allen said the town has no one with the technical knowledge in some instances to write the request for bids. Using Cards Technology as an example, Allen said since that company would be bidding on the contract, it could not write the bid specifications.

"It's sort of a chicken-and-egg issue," Allen said.

After further clarification, Tyndall moved to approve the contract authorization. Councilman Dean Burrell also requested a written performance evaluation of the contracts from town staff "to accompany the proposals."

Once those have been viewed and approved, Allen would have several weeks to go through bidding procedures and have a separate discussion at a later date with council members if necessary.

Board continues to search for full-time general manager

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you is another bonus. You could walk out here tomorrow," President Doug Parks said. "The idea would be can we do something to have that continuity and that was the genesis of what we put together.

Parks and other members of the board organized a special meeting to prepare an agreement extending Viola's service until the end of the year, citing his successes since accepting the temporary position.

"One of the things we wanted to do was continue the continuity that we've started," Parks said. "We've seen a lot of success based on when we first didn't have a GM and when we put a transition management team in place. Then we worked closely with John and other members of the staff to try and put this structure together with the intent of building the right strata within the organization so that decisions can be made across the organization rather than at one point.

"John was instrumental in making sure that responsibilities were put in the right areas of the organization and actually bolstered his ability to have things go through, and we noticed right away, more and more things were happening," he contin-

ued. "They were minor things, but every little thing that gets done is a plus, so the accumulative effect of all of those minor advances was a big advantage."

More importantly, the agreement will allow the association to search for a more permanent replacement without rushing the process.

"It prevents us from taking somebody who has been intimately involved in a lot of these things out of the equation in the middle of all these projects and bringing somebody new in," Parks said. "We're not putting out fires and trying to back-fill something, we're actually taking a more proactive approach and not only are we not rushing, but we're actually getting some insight from somebody who understands OPA that can help us with that search going forward."

Viola, for his part, is happy to help the community flourish.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with the very team we have here ... especially during our busy season here," Viola said. "We're getting a lot accomplished, we have a lot of initiatives as far as construction, implementation of software, and there's a lot of good stuff going on and looking forward to achieving it."



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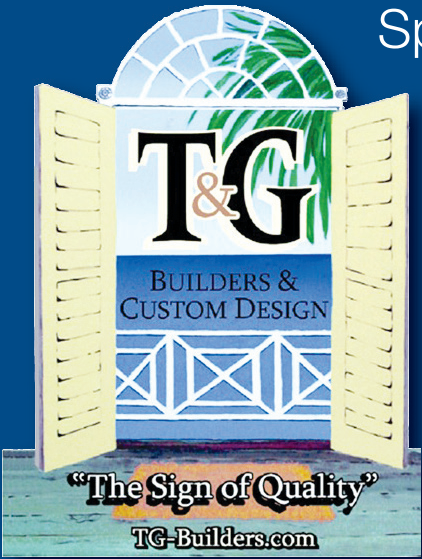
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Several military planes will perform during event in OC

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serve Base, Massachusetts.

The U.S. Coast Guard out of Atlantic City, New Jersey, will also perform a search and rescue demonstration, which will spotlight how the Coast Guard performs an out-the-door water rescue of a person in distress from an HH-65 Daphne helicopter hovering overhead.

The U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demo Team will also be performing. The team's F-16CM Fighting Falcon, known as the "Viper," is a single-seat, multi-role fighter with the ability to switch between an air-to-ground and an air-to-air role at the touch of a button.

The F-16 Viper Demo Team recently announced a new commander/demo pilot – Major Garret "Toro" Schmitz. From Price, Utah, Schmitz is a combat proven fighter pilot with over 340 combat hours in the F-16.

In addition, the Panchito B-25 Bomber Flight will perform this year. Last year, the plane was unable to perform because of technical difficulties.

The Air Show continues Sunday at noon with more performances by the Blue Angels, Super Galaxy, Coast Guard and F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, among others.

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Tickets for VIP Skybox on Saturday are sold out, but as of earlier this week special packages were still available for the Air Show. They do sell out every year.

Tickets start at \$22 for "Drop Zone" seating, and \$169 for both Saturday and Sunday for a Flight Line Clubhouse ticket. There are also tickets available in the VIP Skybox and Penthouse areas on Sunday.

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Moviegoers watch Runaway Bride last year in downtown Berlin during the Free Outdoor Movie. The first 2019 Berlin Free Outdoor Movie will show "Yellow Submarine" at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday on Artisans Green.

Berlin's A&E Committee to present free outdoor movies

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) Moviegoers should grab a blanket and get ready to watch several films under the stars this summer in Berlin.

"We, actually this year, we're trying something a little bit new," Robin Tomaselli, vice president of Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee, said.

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'Yellow Submarine' first movie

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Tomaselli said the free movies, which will run from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 15 and July 20. would have a "concert music theme."

The first movie of the summer will be "Yellow Submarine" at 8:30 p.m. this Saturday on Artisans Green in downtown Berlin.

"Who doesn't love The Beatles?" said Heather Layton, president of Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Layton emphasized the importance of maintaining a family atmosphere, and said the 1968 animated feature does just that.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and snacks to the outdoor movie.

"...In the past we've had people ... 'grab to go' from one of the restaurants in town and totally have a family dinner or date night," Layton said.

The Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee has held the outdoor events for the past several years. Organizers said attendance has been between 40-100 people.

The film for July's event on July 20 has not been named, but Layton and Tomaselli agree they'd like to continue the music trend by showing footage of Woodstock to celebrate the festival's 50th anniversary.

However, Layton said the summer series of events would culminate in the showing of "Runaway Bride" on Aug. 24 at the intersection of Jefferson and Main streets.

"It's just so cool to sit on the streets that it was filmed on and ... you can point out the landmarks as you're sitting there watching it, and I just think that's super fun," Layton said.

Set in the fictional town of Hale, Maryland, the film was shot in Berlin in 1998.

Additionally, Layton said she's planning something special in honor of the film's 20th anniversary.

"What I'm picturing is participants going and scouring all the local thrift shops for old wedding dresses and bridesmaids gowns," Layton said. "... [Then], tentatively meeting up at the hotel, parading to Stephen Decatur Park [and] racing [around the park] in the wedding outfits..."

She added the top three winners would receive prizes in the following categories: men, women and children, and best costume.

"We're still working out all the details," she said.

Visit the organization's Facebook page, "Berlin MD Arts & Entertainment," or check out the website, artsinberlin.org, for more information.

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Boudel featured for Second Friday

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) Berlin residents and visitors can support a local business and take a cultural journey at the same time during this Friday's Second Friday Art Stroll.

Bishal Boudel, owner of Himalaya Mantra, said the shop's mission is to showcase items from Nepal that give back to the community a world away.

"We are focusing towards fair trade goods, women empowerment, and eco-friendly products," Boudel said on his website.

Boudel, of West Ocean City, said Himalaya Mantra started as an online marketplace, but then Zenna Wellness owner Chrissy Ehrhart contacted him and said the items would pair well with her business's overall aesthetic.

He said he's been selling his Nepalese products inside Zenna Wellness Yoga Studio on Main Street since last September. Boudel said his items are available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and through Sunday. As part of Berlin's Second Friday, Himalaya Mantra will stay open from 5-8 p.m.

Boudel said shoppers could purchase such as authentic clothing, backpacks, jewelry and flags.

"All this stuff [comes from the country] of Mount Everest, [and]



Himalaya Mantra owner Bishal Boudel presents his products outside of Zenna Wellness Center on Main Street in downtown Berlin. Boudel will participate in the upcoming Second Friday and items will be available for sale until 8 p.m.

everything is handmade," Boudel said.

For more information about the store, visit the "Himalaya Mantra" Facebook page at facebook.com/himalayamantra/, or check out the company's website at himalaya-mantra.com.

Additionally, Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee President Heather Layton said Friday's event will include some exciting additions.

Makers Market on Jefferson and Commerce streets will accompany the Main Street extravaganza, but Layton said Snow Hill artist Olga Deshields is expected to create a chalk mural on

Broad Street with help from community members.

She added the artist would do this exercise as part of "a temporary art installation," which is funded through a Maryland State Arts Council grant.

The 30th annual Bathtub Races will also take place Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. in downtown Berlin.

For more information about the upcoming Second Friday Art Stroll, check out the "2nd Friday Stroll & Makers Market" Facebook page, or visit the Arts and Entertainment Committee's website at artsinberlin.org/events/2019/6/14/2nd-friday-stroll-amp-makers-market.

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Trio to march in Berlin Bathtub Races parade

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) Three familiar faces will stroll down Main Street donning shower caps and bathrobes during the 30th annual Berlin Bathtub Races this Friday.

Volunteers Bill Hoshal, Kenny Tomaselli and Mike Wiley are preparing for the upcoming event, but Wiley said it was originally just for fun.

“So it was supposed to be just a dare for one year, but that was 10 years ago,” Wiley said.

Wiley said at a business after hours roughly a decade ago, terrycloth bathrobes were raffled off. Wiley added Hoshal won a robe during that event. Wiley said he was able to get one for himself, and Tomaselli was also able to get ahold of one.

He added they had the bathrobes embroidered to feature “huge rubber ducks,” and they also obtained shower caps and soap on a rope to complete the look.

“It’s a lot of fun and we really enjoy it,” Wiley said.

While the trio has no official name, he said “we’ve been called the three stooges.”

Wiley said he has plans to continue the tradition wearing the famous bathrobe and shower cap.

“As a matter of fact I obtained some new shower caps recently,” Wiley said.

However, Wiley said the joy that he brings others is what he loves most about the event. He added he’s become somewhat of a known figure during the race.

“I’ve had a child ask me for my autograph,” Wiley said. “The only time I’ve ever bee asked for my autograph.”

The men also wear many shower caps during the Berlin Bathtub Races, and often lend a helping hand with security or running errands.

Wiley added he sometimes needs to step because “there’s always the people that have to sit on the other side of [the hay barrels] or dangle their legs.”

The event takes place from 5-8 p.m. in downtown Berlin. Following the parade, the drivers and pushers will race their bathtubs.

In addition to the parade, Wiley said Former Worcester County State’s Attorney Joel Todd would also play the bagpipes.

When asked how the Berlin Bathtub Races benefits the overall fabric of the town, his answer was simple.

“It’s another unique different event,” Wiley said.

Jesse Turner, former owner of the Berlin Shoebox, started the race in 1989 as a rivalry between town businesses.

Larnet St. Amant, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, agreed, and said she’s looking forward to Friday’s festivities.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Bathmen, from left, Mike Wiley, Kenny “Cupcake” Tomaselli and Bill Hoshal, with Joel Todd on bagpipes, lead off the annual racer parade last year.

“It’s just a sight to see,” she said.

While the participation is capped at 30 people – 15 drivers and 15 pushers, St. Amant said she expects the spectator turnout to be well attended.

“[We’re] hoping for record breaking crowds,” St. Amant said.

Berlin’s Chamber of Commerce requires competitors adhere to the following parameters when assembling the bathtub vehicles:

- The driver and rider must be 16 years of age or older.
- The wheels can’t be larger than 26 inches.
- Bathtub must have brakes and steering.
- There must be at least one rider in

the bathtub, and they’re required to wear a helmet.

- No more than one person can push, and closed toe shoes are required.
- The bathtub must hold a minimum of two gallons of water.
- The tub must be under control of a pusher at all times, and may not be released until tub has come to a complete stop.
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Project SEARCH celebrates first graduates

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2019) The Project SEARCH program was established at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin last summer so students with disabilities could receive job experience while completing high school courses, and now those students are graduating.

Four students – Deshawn Collick, Bradley Dornes, Toni Dixon and Tyler Howard – graduated from the inaugural Project SEARCH class on Wednesday, June 5 at Atlantic General Hospital.

“Everything we do here is taking care of somebody, and it all ends up taking care of the people in our community who are sick and need our help at the end point,” CEO and President Michael Franklin said. “But in between we take care of each other and make sure we all have what we need.

“And we have four students who were with us this past year who spent time learning how to interact with each other and learning how to interact in a way that’s helpful to each other and being part of a team,” he continued. “That’s really been a big blessing for Atlantic General Hospital, because it helped our team also to understand that we’re more than just taking care of sick people. We’re here for the community. And this is a great way of us giving back to the community.”

Project SEARCH is a high school transition program, with more than 500

locations in the U.S. and 10 countries. Its objective is to secure competitive employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. Worcester is the first county on the Eastern Shore to adopt this program.

The SEARCH Program is a partnership between Atlantic General Hospital, the Worcester County Board of Education, Worcester County Developmental Center and the Maryland Department of Education’s Division of Rehabilitation Services.

During the graduation ceremony, Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor congratulated the students for their hard work and how well they represented themselves and their communities.

“What I tell our educational leaders [is] you need ask three questions of kids when they go out into the public,” Taylor said. “Ask them how well they represent themselves, how well they represent their families and how well they represent Worcester County public schools. And if you get positive answers of those three things, we’ve done our job.

“Today those four [interns] had done those three things,” he continued. “They’ve represented themselves well. They’ve certainly represented their families well by just being who they are, and they’ve represented our school system extremely well. So I am grateful to each of them for how they’ve carried them-



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Carol Beatty, secretary of the Department of Disabilities, congratulates the inaugural Worcester County Project SEARCH graduates, from left, Bradley Dornes, Tyler Howard, Toni Dixon and Deshawn Collick during a ceremony at Atlantic General Hospital on Wednesday, June 5.

selves moving through this program.”

The interns performed several tasks, including sterilizing equipment and patient rooms, escorting patients to surgery, organizing paperwork and labeling medical supplies.

In September, the first class of Project SEARCH interns began their year of on-the-job training at the hospital.

The interns spent six hours a day there, rotating through three different work experiences during the school year. Onsite classroom training focused on employability and life skills provided by a county schoolteacher.

Transition Coordinator Matthew Elburn has noticed the immediate changes in several of his students and is proud of their growth.

“Every single one of them just grew immensely from the beginning of the year,” Elburn said. “[Tyler] is texting. He’s going into another department to talk to the staff. And he didn’t talk before. Deshawn ... he’s had a very good year. A great learning year. He’s always been a good worker. He gets along with others and he can follow directions.”

One intern, Toni Dixon, accepted a full-time job offer at Atlantic General Hospital.

“Atlantic General Hospital is paying for her Wor-Wic CNA (certified nursing assistant) classes,” Elburn said. “They already hired her. She’s working with patients who are staying overnight and might need something.”

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Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Assateague this Saturday

(June 13, 2019) Assateague State Park will host its annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants must be children 16 and under. There is no cost to participate.

Anglers will get the chance to learn fishing techniques from local experts from Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association who will be on hand to instruct in proper fishing methods for the surf.

Fishing equipment will be provided but is limited so participants should bring their own equipment, if possible. A free hot dog lunch will be provided. Participants will also have the chance to win prizes for their catch.

Registration is at the Nature Nook, next to the Day Use parking lot.

For more information, contact Erin Swale at ErinR.Swale@maryland.gov or 410-641-2120.

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Learn more at www.DNR.Maryland.gov.

Intern receives job at hospital

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Dixon is "ecstatic" about her new career and loved her experience as an intern.

"My internship was fantastic. It was so much fun," Dixon said. "I loved meeting the other interns ... it was just really fantastic."

The other interns also enjoyed their experiences as well.

"They treat me like a family," Collick said. "I think I might want to come back here. I do my own thing and help others while I can."

The next group of interns – comprised of four or five girls – will begin their program at the end of the summer.

Bathtub Races in Berlin, Friday

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on the side of the bathtub, according to the chamber's website.

The winner of the race on Friday will receive the "Winner Take All" trophy, bragging rights and a free banner advertisement on the chamber's website, according to the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

Registration costs \$75 for members and \$125 for non-members.

For more information about the event, call 410-641-4775, or visit the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's website, berlinchamber.org/events/bathtub-races/.



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OP Beach Club hires bathroom attendants

(June 13, 2019) Starting Friday, June 14, Ocean Pines will have an attendant stationed at the Beach Club bathrooms from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Guests using the bathroom will need to show their Ocean Pines homeowner ID, wristband from the pool, or receipt from Beach Club purchases.

General Manager John Viola approved a request to hire and place the attendants, after concerns were raised about open access to the Beach Club bathrooms.

“When concerns are brought to our attention, it’s important to the team to address them as quickly and as effectively as we can,” Operations Director Colby Phillips said.

The Beach Club property covers the oceanside block of land between 49th and 50th streets in Ocean City. The three-level cedar shake building includes a snack bar with live entertainment, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available for sale on the central level.

Alcohol may only be purchased by Ocean Pines property owners, residents and their guests. The upper level is available for dining, private parties, weddings and banquets for both residents and non-residents.

The Beach Club also features a spacious outdoor swimming pool with ample deck space, lounge chairs, a full-service restaurant and bar, quick-service food counter, and easy ocean access with umbrella and chair rentals from beach-front vendors. Beach wheelchairs are available upon request.

Additionally, vehicle parking by permit is available in two private lots. Daily passes are available, and annual Beach Club parking and pool passes are \$215 for residents. For additional information on passes, including pricing for nonresidents, visit www.oceanpines.org/amenities/beach-club-2.

The Beach Club pool is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, May 26 through Sept. 3. The Beach Club restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 25 through Sept. 3.

For more information, call 410-524-2957 or visit www.oceanpines.org/amenities/beach-club-2.



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GOOD CITIZENS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized DAR Good Citizens from three Worcester County high schools during a luncheon at Worcester Technical High School. McCammon (Cammie) Mottley, Pocomoke High School; Carley Rew, Snow Hill High School; and Jude Al-Hamad, Stephen Decatur High School, were each awarded a certificate, lapel pin and gift card. Pictured, from left, are Good Citizens Chair Janet Simpson, Mottley, Al-Hamad, Rew and Regent Gail Weldin.



JENKINS HONORED

The Worcester County Commissioners present a commendation to Charles “Buddy” Jenkins, an exemplary citizen engaged in ongoing service to the community, for being selected as the Lower Shore Land Trust’s 2019 Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award recipient for his contributions to private land conservation on the Lower Eastern Shore during their April 16 meeting.

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Outages scheduled in Berlin for essential maintenance

(June 13, 2019) Berlin Electric has scheduled two town-wide outages on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20, both at 12:30 a.m. to make repairs to essential equipment.

"The outages will last approximately two to three hours each," said Town Administrator Laura Allen. "Both outages are weather permitting, so if it rains we'll reschedule them."

The outages were timed to mini-

mize the impact on residential and commercial customers, as well as limit the need for overtime, she added.

"We're making this announcement early to give our electric customers time to plan," Allen said. "We expect to have service back up before everyone heads to work, but our customers should make sure they have a non-electric alarm clock to get them up those mornings."

Survey reports 2.1 million visited Assateague last year

(June 13, 2019) A new National Park Service report shows that 2,136,889 visitors to Assateague Island National Seashore in 2018 spent \$94,476,000 in communities near the park.

That spending supported 1,192 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$105,594,000.

"Assateague Island National Seashore welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world," said Superintendent Debbie Darden. "We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experi-

ences it provides.

“We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers,” she continued. “National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spend-
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Business Briefs

Joins bank

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank has announced that Eureka Herring has joined the bank as electronic services manager.

Herring will oversee the bank's electronic banking functions, including the management of a team that focuses on customer relations and service delivery.

Herring comes to Taylor Bank with over 16 years of banking experience, specializing in branch operations, leadership and customer relationship manage-



Eureka Herring

ment in the Sussex County, Delaware market.

During her banking career, she has served as a teller at County Bank, assistant branch manager of Delaware Federal Credit Union, township banker of Citizens and branch manager of Artisans.

She is working toward her degree in business management from Wilmington University.



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Realtors meet with officials in Washington

(June 13, 2019) During the National Association of Realtors Annual Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo in Washington, D.C., Realtors from across the country, including members from the Coastal Association of Realtors, traveled to Capitol Hill to meet with their federal elected officials.

The purpose of the visits is to share with elected officials NAR’s legislative priorities, which this year include reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), an investment deadline extension for Qualified Opportunity Zones, and passage of The Equality Act to support fair housing.

Since authority for the NFIP to write insurance was set to expire on May 31, NAR members advocated for reauthorization of the program to avoid a lapse.

Flood insurance is required for a federally-related mortgage in more than

20,000 communities across the country.

According to NAR research, 40,000 property sales are delayed or cancelled each month of a program lapse. Realtors support extending the NFIP as Congress continues its bipartisan work toward responsible long-term reauthorization that includes meaningful reforms to strengthen program solvency.

The House voted to extend the NFIP through September, but the measure has not yet been approved by the Senate.

The Qualified Opportunity Zone (QOZ) program has great potential to spur real estate development and investment, creating additional economic opportunities in these designated communities.

Investors are eager to participate, but delays in the process to finalize QOZ rules have stalled the program’s mo-



Realtors from across the country gathered on Capitol Hill to meet with their federal legislators regarding issues that impact the real estate industry. Pictured, from left, are Coastal President-Elect Joe Wilson, Bud and Alyson Church, and Coastal President Bernie Flax.

mentum.

Members advocated for the U.S. Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service to quickly finalize rulemaking, or Congress should act to extend deadlines for certain tax benefits created through

Opportunity Zones to ensure the program’s success.

Fair housing laws improve opportunities to employment, education, and healthy communities, and NAR is proud of its commitment to equal housing policies.

Ten years ago, NAR amended its Code of Ethics to require that Realtors provide equal professional service to the LGBTQ population.

Members advocated for H.R. 5, The Equality Act, which amends the nation’s civil rights laws to ensure the American Dream is available and accessible to all Americans. H.R. 5 was passed by the House on May 17 and awaits a vote in the Senate.

“We always appreciate our elected
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Realtors reach out to Congress about deadlines

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leaders taking time out of their busy schedules to hear about real estate issues,” said Coastal President Bernie Flax. “We provided them with a lot of information, not only on these timely issues, but also on who Realtors are and how they impact the nation’s economy. We hope they will stand with us on these issues to support our industry and the American Dream.”

For more information about CAR, visit www.coastalrealtors.org.

Report shows park generates over \$40 billion for economy

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ing analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Egan Cornachione of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service.

The report shows \$20.2 billion of direct spending by more than 318 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 329,000 jobs nationally; 268,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities.

The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$40.1 billion.

Lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending, about \$6.8 billion in 2018. Food expenses are the second largest spending area and visitors spent \$4 billion in restaurants and bars and another \$1.4 billion at grocery and convenience stores.

Visitor spending on lodging supported more than 58,000 jobs and more than 61,000 jobs in restaurants. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 28,000 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 20,000 jobs.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data.

The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm.

To learn more about national parks in Maryland and Virginia and how the National Park Service works with Maryland and Virginia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Maryland and www.nps.gov/Virginia.

AGH Wound Care Center recognized

(June 13, 2019) The Wound Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital has been named a Center of Excellence for 2018 – the 10th consecutive year to be recognized.

Healogics, the nation’s largest provider of advanced wound care services, bestows the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence Award to those wound care centers that achieve or exceeds clinical and operational benchmarks including: 92 percent patient satisfaction rate; 91 healing rate, in 30 median days or less to heal.

Out of 413 eligible centers, 342 earned the award this year. Atlantic General’s Wound Care Center is the only center in the U.S. to receive the award 10 times.

The Wound Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital is a member of the Healogics network of nearly 700 Wound Care Centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds.

The Wound Care Center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds that have not healed in a reasonable amount of time.

Advanced treatments included negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

“We are fortunate to have such an



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Wound Care Center at Atlantic General Hospital has been named a Center of Excellence for the 10th consecutive year. Pictured, from left, are Sherry Whitt, director of med surg; Geri Rosol, PhD, program director; Mary Mullins, RN, clinical program manager of the Wound Care Center; Colleen Wareing, RN, vice president of Patient Care Services at AGH; Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

amazing resource in our local community. The wound care center is a lifeline for those suffering from chronic wounds,” said Mary Mullins, clinical program manager of the Wound Care Center.

“This award demonstrates Atlantic General Wound Care Center’s continued and consistent commitment to our patients and hospital partners, and a focus on creating an exceptional patient experience,” said David Bassin, Healogics chief executive officer.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties is Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

Built through the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, Atlantic General’s main facility in Berlin combines the warmth of personalized attention with the reassurance of medical expertise and advanced technology.

The not-for-profit hospital provides quality specialty care in oncology, medical and surgical weight loss, orthopedics, and women’s diagnostics among other services.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

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Opinion

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Audit report should be read by Pines voters

The Gross Mendelsohn accounting firm’s report of its forensic audit of Ocean Pines’ food and beverage operation and the public works department should be required reading for all property owners who plan to vote in this summer’s election.

In addition to the report’s compilation of numbers and its explanations of how the Beach Club and Yacht Club became big drains on the budget, its underlying theme is that the results aren’t good when a board distracted by competing agendas is coupled with a freewheeling administration that’s not held to account.

That’s the only explanation for that board majority’s willingness in 2017/18 to buy into illogical budgeting and pie-in-the-sky revenue projections that only compounded the problems that members wanted desperately to fix.

The lack of accountability to the board and more oversight of management by the board were, Gross Mendelsohn found, the root of the problem.

Much of that, however, has been dealt with, and the current board (including members who resigned earlier this year for personal reasons) has stayed on track by agreeing to disagree at times without the level of conflict that bedeviled some of its predecessors.

When members of the board are suspicious of each other, or refuse to compromise in the pursuit of their own agendas, the odds of getting anything done of consequence are diminished.

As Interim General Manager John Viola observed when he agreed to stay on another six months, the current administration — aided by the board — has accomplished a great deal.

That’s what voters should consider as they assess the various candidacies in this year’s elections. There’s no good reason, at this juncture, to change directions or to “shake things up.” What the board needs in its three new members are thoughtful, independent people, who aren’t afraid to speak up, but also willing to accept that no one is right all the time.



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ARBOR DAY
The Ocean Pines Garden Club sponsored its annual Arbor Day Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony on April 11, at Pintail Park in Ocean Pines by planting a Weeping Willow in memory of loved ones who passed away during 2018. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, OPA Board of Directors President Doug Parks, OPGC President Linda Baker, and Arbor Day chairperson Ann Shockley.

Issue of elder abuse recognized in Wor.

Social Services dept. receive proclamation from commissioners

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer
(June 13, 2019) The work being done to protect Worcester County’s vulnerable adults was recognized by the Worcester County Commissioners meeting last Tuesday.

“It’s important to educate the community on elder abuse because it is so under-reported,” Roberta Baldwin, director of Worcester County’s Department of Social Services, told the commissioners.

In issuing a proclamation recognizing the efforts to address the problem, Commissioners’ President Diana Purnell said, “This ... touches all of us, whether it has happened to someone in your family, or someone like me [who] has hit that elderly category, and it could affect me.”

The proclamation declared June 2019 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Worcester County.

“It feels very good to know that our county commissioners and our decision-makers in our community support the work that’s being done to keep seniors safe and able to remain living in their own homes,” Baldwin said.

However, Baldwin added that it does take a village to protect and provide services for the many vulnerable adults in the county.

She added her department also works with the county’s health department and commission on aging for this venture.

“It allows seniors and our vulnerable adults to make one phone call to ask for assistance,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin added the agencies offer services for adults that include personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, medication monitoring, and helping to ensure patients make their doctors’ appointments.

Jamie Manning, assistant director of services for the Department of Social Services, expressed her gratitude for the teamwork as she accepted the proclamation last week.

“We’re very fortunate in

Worcester County to have Maryland access point,” Manning said last week. “You know it’s a multi-agency program, a one-stop shop for adults, and without that partnership with the three agencies, we couldn’t do this alone so we really thank you for all your support.”

Baldwin said vulnerable adults can become victims of physical or sexual abuse, neglect or financial exploitation.

The National Commission on Aging has found that about one in 10 Americans over the age of 60 years old have “experienced some form of elder abuse,” Baldwin said, adding that about 150 cases of elder abuse are reported annually.

“And that for me is a very low number and that’s because I think it does go under reported,” Baldwin said.

She said the victims could be afraid that speaking out could result in them having to leave their homes, or they could lose the assistance they’re receiving if the person responsible for the abuse is administering care.

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June slated as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in county

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“A lot of people sweep elder abuse under the rug and one in six people will be touched by that at some point — an adult will experience elder abuse, neglect or financial exploitation,” Manning said last.

Manning and Baldwin agreed education is paramount in preventing the problem.

“The more that we can make the [public] aware that these types of crimes exist, the more likely we are to protect our seniors from becoming victims of such crimes,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin added it’s important to look for the signs and symptoms of elder abuse.

For instance, with physical abuse,

Baldwin said it’s important to take note of unexplained bruises or bed sores for those bed-bound seniors.

If it’s a financial situation, Baldwin said persons being added to bank accounts is a red flag, as is unusual financial activity or unpaid bills. Baldwin also said the perpetrator is often someone the victim knows.

“So our job, really, is to work with the senior and the non-offending members of the family to put services in place to help that senior reside in their homes but to be safe and well cared for,” Baldwin said.

However, it may seem simple, but Manning said taking action is key.

“If you see something, say something,” Manning said.



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The Worcester County Commissioners join with Jamie Manning, Department of Social Services assistant director of services, and other DSS and Commission on Aging professionals to recognize June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, on June 4.

Updating of Hazard Mitigation Plan

To include unincorporated areas of Worcester County

(June 13, 2019) Worcester County Emergency Services is currently updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mitigation plans identify potential hazards and vulnerabilities, set goals

and establish specific mitigation actions to reduce risk of hazards to people, buildings, infrastructure and the environment.

Local mitigation plans are required under Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as enacted under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 in order to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation grants.

The Worcester County Hazard Mitigation Plan was originally adopted in 2006 and then again in 2014. Comprehensive updates are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The 2019 plan update is multi-jurisdictional in scope. The plan update will include unincorporated areas of Worcester County and the towns of Berlin, City of Pocomoke and Snow

Hill.


The first step in the planning process involves the identification of key stakeholders to serve on the planning committee.

Forty-eight people from various agencies, departments, organizations and municipalities joined Worcester County Emergency Services at the plan development kick-off meeting on May 22 at the Berlin Branch of the Worcester County Library.

The plan will be developed over the summer months. Additional information developed over the course of the planning process will be posted on the county website at www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/emergency.

For more information on the plan development process and how to participate, call WCES Planner Christina Vickers at 410-632-1315.

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Stephen Decatur graduate receives \$1,000 scholarship

(June 13, 2019) Mediacom Communications presented Davina Graybill, a 2019 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, with a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the company's World Class Scholarship Program.

The award recognizes the Bishopville resident for outstanding leadership and academic accomplishments.

Mediacom annually gives \$1,000 scholarships to 55 graduating seniors to provide support for the students' post-secondary education. Mediacom's local tech operations manager, Ken Malone, presented the scholarship to Graybill during the high school's recognition program.

"As a technology company, Mediacom understands how important it is to invest in future leaders like Davina Graybill," Malone said. "I'm proud that my company supports talented local students with scholarship support, and we congratulate Davina



Davina Graybill

on her accomplishments."

This year marks the 18th consecutive year Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas served by the cable and broadband company.

On average, approximately 1,200 students apply for the scholarships each year. Recipients must attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school within the United States.

Mediacom plans to continue funding its World Class Scholarships in all areas where it provides digital cable and broadband services. High school administrators will be notified in the fall of 2019 when scholarship applications become available online for students in the Class of 2020.

Shanholtz will join Envision's Game and Technology Prog.

(June 13, 2019) This summer, Carson Shanholtz, of Berlin, will join high school students from across the nation to take part in an academic and career-oriented development experience, Envision's Game and Technology Program, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Game and Technology Academy is one of the Envision family of programs that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

"I am excited to attend Envision's



Carson Shanholtz

Game and Technology Program because it directly relates to my dream career. This is a rare opportunity and I look forward to learning new ideas," he said. "I look forward to experiencing what it will be like to stay in a dorm for a few weeks and to meet new people that share my passion for gaming and technology."

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Worcester Preparatory School students in grades 6-8 recently performed the musical, “The Magical Land of Oz,” by Tim Kelly in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center. It was directed by WPS Middle School teachers Linda Smith and Lindsey MacWha. Pictured are cast and crew.

Stephen Decatur student will travel to Va. for program

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The 16-year-old who attends Stephen Decatur High School is “very grateful for this opportunity.”

“As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Carson Shanholtz to meet, work, and collaborate with other high-aspiring students from across the country and the globe,” said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. “Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow.”

“Creating that same learning environment is a central focus for all of our programs,” she continued. “At Game and Technology Academy, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel at college and in the workplace. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success.”

Since 1985, Envision programs have served more than 800,000 students in more than 145 countries, with programs designed to help students develop the leadership, scholarship and career skills needed to succeed in today’s competitive college and career landscape.

Group presents another donation

Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have provided over \$10K to AGH since 2008

(June 13, 2019) The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines recently presented a check for \$850 to Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services at Atlantic General Hospital, benefiting the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program.

The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have contributed more than \$10,000 to Atlantic General Hospital's nursing scholarship program since 2008.

For the last 15 years, the Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program has enabled two to four non-nurses to work toward their nursing degrees each year, with full reimbursement of tuition and books.

In 2016, Atlantic General expanded the program to offer three current nurses financial assistance to return to school to become bachelor prepared.

This supports the organization's efforts to have 80 percent of their registered nursing staff bachelor's prepared by 2020.

"At Atlantic General Hospital, we recognize the value of education support to allow our nurses to continu-



The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines recently presented a check for \$850 to Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services at Atlantic General Hospital, benefiting the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program. Pictured, from left, are Joyce Brittan, treasurer; Mary Mullins, RN, scholarship recipient; Elaine Gilgenast, vice president; Jean Beatty, secretary; and Wareing.

ally advance their skills in both leadership and the care of our patients," Wareing said. "Through the support of our community's generous donations, we are able to provide tuition and books to outstanding students desiring to become nurses. This pro-

gram assures an ongoing wealth of grateful and highly qualified nurses for the future at AGH."

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June 17: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
June 18: Dust N’ Bones, 6 p.m.

June 19: Dock Party w/DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
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June 15: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Light Up the Moon, 1-5 p.m.; Innasense, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 16: Bobby-O on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Davie 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 17: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; New Direction, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Crash the Party, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 18: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Rising Sun Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; The Rockets, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
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By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Having been invited by a buddy of mine to fish on the Lucky Duck II out of Sunset Marina on Friday, I quickly changed plans, as I had initially signed up to golf in a charity event for the college. With the tournament fee already paid (by me), it was easy for the three guys left to rebuild the foursome and hit the links without me.

After a very comfortable ride out, we made a quick day of fishing with lines in the water around 6:30 or so. By 11:30 we were packing everything and heading back in with both fish boxes filled to the brim and an iced-down body bag holding another four hundred pounds of tuna. It is safe to say that I have never been part of anything so crazy on a boat in my life.

Those of you who do fish offshore know all too well the rush that you get when a reel explodes. When the first of two bigeye tuna wolfpacks smashed our spread, we had eight reels making that high-pitched scream as hundreds of yards of line went straight down to the bottom of the canyon.

Once in the dock, it was time to celebrate and let the master fish cleaners do their job. And now we are making sure not to waste an ounce of that fresh meat. Whether it went to friends, family or wherever, we made sure to use it.

As I broke down the tuna at my house, I carefully cut steaks and vacuum packed them. I then cubed up the leftovers and made a simple marinade of red wine vinaigrette and some Hawaiian BBQ sauce. Now, I will tell you that it is worth hunting down a chef who can buy this sauce from a seafood broker. That is the only place that I know where to buy this particular brand, and it is very expensive, but believe me when I say that a little goes a long way. So, if you do have the connection in the restaurant world, it is called Taste of Island Legends Hawaiian Barbeque Sauce. And believe me, it is well worth the



hunt.

As I write this, I am on day three of my tuna binge, and I have cut back dramatically. Since I have a commercial vacuum chamber, I can seal it like the pros and it will last a very long time, so there's no need to greatly increase my mercury levels at the moment, thank you.

If you haven't had fresh fish, as in fish the day it was caught, suffice it to say that you need to make it a priority (notwithstanding seafood allergies or deep-loathing of seafood). There is nothing more succulent than a freshly caught fish, or head-on fresh shrimp as compared to the frozen bricks we get in restaurants most of the time. There is a beauty in its freshness.

To top it all off, when I cooked my kids lunch, two of them specifically asked for poke bowls. Maybe they wanted to reminisce our trips to the islands; who knows? Either way, I was thrilled to hear the battle cry, and I'm pretty sure that I delivered. There wasn't a scrap left on either plate.

With the tuna bite surging, I need to get out again. This time, though, I'll cook on the boat. That will make

for one hell of a ride home.

Tuna Poke Bowl

serves 4

- 1# fresh tuna (Find a fishin' buddy)
- 1/2c. Legends Hawaiian BBQ Sauce (Find a chef buddy)
- 4 servings sushi rice (recipe follows)
- 2 c. Seaweed salad
- 1/4c. Pickled ginger
- Black sesame seeds, as needed
- Scallions, as needed

Clean the tuna of all blood line and cartilage, ensuring that it is the straight, tender loin that you are using

Toss the tuna in the BBQ sauce and place on a warm-to-room temperature pile of sushi rice

Garnish with remaining ingredients

So simple, yet so elegant, kind of like me.

Sushi Rice

makes 4 heaping portions

- 3 c. Sushi rice
- 2 c. water
- 1 c. rice wine vinegar, seasoned
- 1/2c. Granulated sugar

1 tsp. Kosher salt

Place the rice in a strainer and rinse with cold water until the water starts to run clear, or at clearer

Combine all of the ingredients in a lidded sauce pan and bring to a boil

Turn down immediately to a simmer and steam for 20-25 minutes (refer to manufacturer's instructions for the nitty gritty)

Remove from the heat when done, uncovered, and tip the pan into a large bowl in which you can spread the rice

Fan the rice and gently toss it. This will help to develop its glutinous (no, this has nothing to do with gluten, the protein) characteristic

Once at the point you are satisfied with, simply cover and keep on the counter

Most of the poke bowls you buy in Hawaii are room temperature to warm rice, but never hot. Think of it as a big, unwrapped sushi roll. Only better

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

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Calendar

Thurs., June 13

AARP MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 10:00 AM. Social time is at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will discuss the Community for Life program. An optional luncheon will follow at a local restaurant. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

STORY TIME ‘THE BODY’

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

STORY TIME ‘SUNSHINE’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 A. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and take-home crafts. For ages 2-5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OCEAN CITY WRITER’S CLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Participants share their poetry/prose each month and, in turn, receive encouraging constructive feedback. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DINE & DONATE NITE

Fins Ale House & Raw Bar, 119 N. Main St., 4:00 PM. Dine and donate with the Assateague Coastal Trust team. Fins will be donating 20 percent of its proceeds to help ACT continue to ensure our coastal watershed is protected and respected.

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or 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., June 14

FIBER FRIENDS

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

ANNUAL FLAG DAY PROGRAM

American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., 1:00 PM. Open to the public. Use the 24th Street entrance. Tom Devaux, tom.devauxdevaux@outlook.com

look.com, 302-500-1681

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE ‘BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Watch the movie and enjoy some snacks. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Maryland crab cake platters cost \$12 and include green beans, baked potato and cole slaw. Maryland crab cake sandwiches cost \$8. Carryouts and bake sale available.

30TH ANNUAL BERLIN BATHTUB RACES

Main Street, Berlin, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Local businesses and sponsors compete in the battle of the bathtubs! Each team builds a rolling bathtub and the winner receives a ducky trophy. Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

BINGO WITH THE KNIGHTS

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m.; bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Paying out more than \$1,000 each week including the \$1,000 big jackpot game. 410-524-7994

Sat., June 15

DELMARVA ESA SURF CONTEST #2

Ocean City beach at, 48th Street. The Eastern Surfing Association is dedicated to amateur competition for surfers of all ages and abilities. Contests are subject to change due to wave and weather conditions. <http://delmarva.surfesa.org>

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘MAURICE SENDAK’

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

WALK WITH A DOC

Meet at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 Willam Street, 9:00 AM. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk at your own pace. Michelle McGowan, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walk-withadoc>

ASSATEAGUE STATE PARK YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., fishing is from 10 a.m. to noon and prizes awarded at 12:30 p.m. Register at the Nature Nook, next to the Day Use parking lot. The event is free and open to participants 16 years and younger. Registered participants will be provided a free hot dog lunch and the chance to win a prize for their catch. A limited amount

of fishing equipment available for use. Erin Swale, ErinR.Swale@maryland.gov, 410-641-2120

SATURDAY STORY TIME ‘ERIC LITWIN/JAMES DEAN’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Books, signing and dancing. Stay to do the Make & Take craft afterward. For ages 2-5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN KICKOFF

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Annual event to celebrate the end of the school year with free food and fun activities. Featuring horse rides, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, a train ride and more. 410-641-0638

CHICKEN BBQ

Willards Volunteer Fire Company, Rt. 346 and Main Street, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Includes a half chicken, 2 sides, roll and a can drink. Cost is \$10. Ticketholder must have chicken picked up by 11:30 a.m. 410-430-1135

OC AIR SHOW

The OC Air Show is free and can be viewed along the beach and boardwalk while centered at 16th Street. Event begins at noon. Premium viewing and VIP tickets are available. Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Info: 321-395-3110. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <https://ocairshow.com>

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring live music, chef demos, children’s activities and other special events. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., June 16

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring more than 20 vendors including fresh fruits and veggies, baked goods, seafood, poultry, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, wood working, beauty products and more. Also enjoy free crafts for kids, a variety of tutorials, a petting zoo and music provided by The Bilenki Duo. Ivy Wells and Allison Early, 410-973-2051

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK

On Sundays during the summer, enjoy free music ranging from country to rock, tribute bands to oldies. Each week children are offered various free activities and entertainment. Also, create your own sundae for a nominal fee. Additional ice cream novelty and beverage options are available for purchase. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs. The night begins at 7 p.m. will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be moved inside the complex.

Mon., June 17

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Featuring a fire service trade show and exhibition. Educational classes and seminars are provided for MSFA members. Free admission. 410-289-2800, <https://www.msfa.org>

LAP TIME

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

LUNCH AND LISTEN STORY TIME FOR ADULTS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Hear a story read aloud by library staff and bring your lunch. Soft drinks will be provided. Featuring everything from classics to contemporary literature. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE ‘A STAR IS BORN’ (2018)

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Light refreshments provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

CALENDAR

Tues., June 18

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Featuring a fire service trade show and exhibition. Educational classes and seminars are provided for MSFA members. Free admission. 410-289-2800, <https://www.msfa.org>

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Join this informal group to discuss library resources including eBooks, databases and the library catalog. Coffee and donuts provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME ‘SUMMER FUN’
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TEEN/TWEEN T-SHIRT TOTES ON TUESDAY
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Make a summer tote out of an old T-shirt. All materials provided, all ages welcome. No sewing required. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME MOVIE ‘SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER VERSE’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The movie will begin at 4:30 p.m. Before, during and after the movie, enjoy crafts and activities related to the movie. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SEAFOOD WITH THE KNIGHTS
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Evening of steamed crabs and seafood entries. To enjoy steamed crabs or shrimp, you must pre-order by calling 410-524-7994 on Monday or Tuesday between 9 a.m. and noon. There will also be a cash bar.

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

‘ASK A MASTER GARDENER’ PLANT CLINIC
Tuesdays through September - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring your photos or bagged plant samples by and let expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Free service.

Wed., June 19

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Featuring a fire service trade show and exhibition. Educational classes and seminars are provided for MSFA members.

Free admission. 410-289-2800, <https://www.msfa.org>

WITTY KNITTERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited and encouraged to join the group for a casual morning of sharing. Work on your favorite patterns and exchange ideas. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PARADE
Parade route is Baltimore Avenue, 15th Street to 30th Street and begins at 1 p.m. Featuring fire apparatus, floats, marching units, majorettes and music groups. <https://www.msfa.org>

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Featuring Mary Poppins Returns. Take a beach chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, the movie may be held inside the hotel. 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING
Wednesdays - Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

ONGOING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, June 17-21, 5-7:15 p.m. The theme is “Roar! Life is wild, God is Good!” Featuring bible stories, games, crafts and food for children 4 years old through high school. A light dinner served each evening. Cost is \$10 each child or \$25 for families with 3 or more children. Register: 410-641-4882.

BUS TRIP TO GLENSTONE MUSEUM



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BEST WITNESS
Stephen Decatur High School junior Jayden Johnstone earned the title of Best Witness during the recent Worcester County Mock Trial Law Day competition.

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring a bus trip to the new Glenstone Museum in Potomac, Md. on June 27. The public is invited. Cost is \$70 and includes the bus, entrance to the museum and water and snacks. Lunch is available at the museum cafe. Info: www.artleagueofoceancity.org or 410-524-9433.

THE DISCOVERY CLUB
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-5 years, will enjoy books, art, singing and movement coordinating with the week’s theme. Caregivers are invited to join in. www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org

FREE ADMISSION TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., May 18 through Sept. 2. The program is available to those currently serving in the United States Military. Must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID (dent ID) or a DD Form 1173-1 ID. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

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

NOW PLAYING

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eted event), 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 20: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; The Freddie Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SHENANIGAN’S IRISH PUB AND GRILLE
309 N. Atlantic Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7181
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June 14-15: Dublin 5, 9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE
66th Street, bayside
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410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
June 14: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.
June 15: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
June 16: David Pruitt, 4-8 p.m.
June 19: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.
June 20: Rick & Lennon LaRicci, 4-8 p.m.

TRADER LEE’S LIVE
9935 Stephen Decatur Highway
West Ocean City
443-614-4119
June 14: The Tins & The Dead Pens, 5 p.m. to benefit OC Art League
June 15: Natalie Davis Band, 8 p.m.
June 16: Sunday Jam Sess, 7 p.m.
June 19: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

WHISKER’S BAR & GRILL
11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
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410-208-3922
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June 14: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

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RENTALS

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2 Office/Retail Spaces & 3 Warehouse Units available in West Ocean City. **Call 443-497-4200.**

SPACE FOR RENT
Steps from the Boardwalk (12th Street) 500 sq. ft. \$8000 for the 2019 season.
Call or text Virginia 443-783-0469

DONATIONS

Do you have an old bicycle not being used? It could mean a world of difference to a hard-working international student. We are looking to get as many bikes as possible. Your donation will be tax-deductible. **Contact Gary at 443-975-3065.**

YARD SALE
HUGE ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE. 224 Windjammer Rd., Ocean Pines, MD. (near end of Windjammer Rd.)
8am, Fri. & Sat., June 14th & 15th. Toys, baby clothes/equipment, beach décor, bikes, LuLaRoe Boutique & more great stuff.
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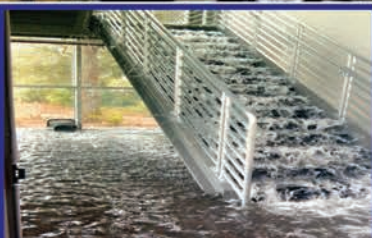
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Monday 12-2	4711 Coastal Hwy., Wight Bay 344 & 446	2BR/2BA	Condos	\$269,000 & \$274,910	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Tuesday 2:30-4:30	502 Lark La. Unit A, Ocean City	3BR/2FB/2HB	Townhome	\$419,900	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Wed. 11:30-1:30	119 Old Landing Rd., Our Place at the Beach #103B	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$295,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
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