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White Horse Park residents appeal to BZA

Year-round occupants seek seasonal zoning variance

By Elizabeth Bonin Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The conflict at White Horse Park continues as local attorney Hugh Cropper will take five cases to the Worcester County's Board of Zoning Appeals in an effort to overturn a decision by the Worcester County Commissioners.

After County Commissioner Jim Bunting at a June 18 meeting told full-time residents at the seasonal-occupancy-only White Horse Park that they had to leave the park to comply with zoning regulations, the full-time residents replied with a proposed zoning code amendment.

The amendment, which would have allowed full-time residents as of June 2018 to remain in the park until they die, sell the unit or change residency, was rejected by the county

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A red 1936 Boattail Speedster is on display last Saturday during Fall Cruisers in downtown Berlin.

Berlin Fire Company unveils new station

After nearly 10 years, doors raised on third facility for volunteers

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The Berlin Fire Company officially has a new fire station after formally unveiling Station 3 during a ceremony Sunday afternoon.

The newly built fire station is on a two-acre piece of property on Ocean Gateway, about a mile outside town.

Berlin Fire Company President Fitzgerald thanked the

contractors, engineers and construction managers for making the dream of a new fire station a reality.

That dream was nearly 10 years in the making, according to Fitzgerald, who said that the fire company has been renting a warehouse next door.

"It's great not to have to rent a building, and come to a building that you own, and make it a firehouse, and not a warehouse," Fitzgerald said. "I told people, 'this is a firehouse. That was a warehouse."

The fire station finally



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETT

Members of the Berlin Fire Company, elected officials and area residents smile for a photo on Sunday as a ribbon is cut unveiling the new Station 3 on Ocean Gateway.

came to fruition, but not without some controversy as the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Fire Company were frequently at odds over funding, with town officials con-

cerned about using Berlin tax dollars to help pay for an outof-town facility. The fire company assured them that was not the case.

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Commerce President Kerrie Bunting and Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant emphasized the importance of See BERLIN Page 8

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Berlin commission talks rental policy status

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Berlin Planning Commission Chairman Chris Denny took a moment to inquire about existing policies regarding Airbnb's and short-term rental properties during a meeting last Wednesday.

"We've just touched it. We haven't really done any huge amount of work," said Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

Denny stressed the importance of taking an aggressive approach.

"We need to catch up to not just the 20th century, but the 21st century,"

Denny said.

Denny prompted the discussion after addressing a complaint about an incident during the unsanctioned modified foreign car event last month in Ocean City.

Denny said there were "six or seven of them" "doing burnouts" in a parking lot around 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 22 off Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin. Denny added they were staying at a home that is used as a short-term rental property.

Officials would not provide the homeowner's identity.

"I think we need to be very proactive in this," said Commission Vice-chairman Ron Cascio.

Cascio also referenced instances in Lewes, Delaware, where homeowners are selling and moving away because of the increased car traffic associated with Airbnb's and other online rental companies.

"That's their concern. It could diminish their property values," Engelhart said.

Engelhart said there is language within the town code for owner-occupied bed and breakfasts.

When asked about how many unrelated people can stay in a short-term rental property, Engelhart said the town

code establishes occupancy based on square footage.

Ocean City has revamped its rental license program, and Worcester County is in the process of creating its rules. However, Engelhart said Berlin has an "honor basis" for property owners to get that license.

Engelhart also said he had spoken with then-Town Administrator Laura Allen about updating the policy, but that additional staff members would be required to enforce it.

"We're aware of it. We have to address it," Engelhart said.



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Bylaws balks over resolution review period

Meeting scarcely two days after board discussed pack of compliance rule updates

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The Ocean Pines Bylaws & Resolutions Committee on Oct. 4 agreed that additional time will be required to review proposed revisions for resolutions regarding the lot maintenance violations discussed by the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors two days earlier.

Committee chairman Jim Trummel said the directors had first readings for a trio of resolutions, including a new addition, at the board meeting on Oct.

"One proposal was for M-10, which would effectively replace M-01," he said. "That's the one that in effect tells CPI [Compliance, Permits and Inspections] ... how you take a complaint and process it, [including] sending notice to ... the lot owner."

The proposed M-10 resolution would whittle down the number of required communications with property owners and speed up the process for addressing non-compliance.

"It changes the time frame down to 30 days," he said. "The general manager is authorized to send it to the attorney to get court action against the violator.'

Envisioned as a replacement for compliance procedures outlined in M-01, Trummel said the board discovered the process to swap out M-10 was more involved than suspected.

"The original intent on the agenda was to just to repeal M-01 [but] they said there has to be two readings ... so somebody can talk about it if they want to," he said.

Trummel said after further discussion, board member Frank Daly suggested a method to streamline the approval process.

"He proposed in lieu of repealing M-01, just substitute what you've got for M-10 as a comprehensive replacement of M-01," he said.

Trummel said first reading were also held for two related resolution changes surrounding compliance.

The first would eliminate the need See BYLAWS Page 4

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Bylaws delays debates on multiple resolution changes

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for the Architectural Review Committee to consult with the board prior to the general manager being notified of ongoing violations.

"I don't have a problem with that, it's entirely appropriate," Trummel said.

The other proposal is an amendment to M-04 regarding lot mainte-

Trummel said the sections involved regard cutting tall grass or weeds and picking up debris or trash.

"It wants to delete that second part about the debris or trash," he said.

Trummel said the current language included in M-04 is composed with respect to the declaration of restrictions requirements for the association to legally gain entry to individual lots for addressing deficiencies.

"The debris and tall grass restriction is a special restriction in the listing of 12-15," he said. "They're really two separate, but in retrospect there is really no basis in saying the individual line restriction about tall grass and debris stands apart from the entry on the lot (requiring) a two-thirds vote of the board.'

Prior to the current M-04 language from 2010, Trummel said the legal guidelines for authorized entry on private property stemming from lot maintenance issues was more clearly defined.

"The prior resolution was specially written to give direction because of a two-thirds vote of the board ... to go on the lot to cut the grass and pick up debris," he said.

In his estimation, Trummel said it was an oversight to have M-04 not specify the need for a two-thirds vote to enter private lots.

Putting aside the particulars, Trummel said the committee's immediate quandary boils down to time frames.

"Effectively the originator, Daly said give it to the Bylaws Committee to look at," he said.

Trummel, who attended the board meeting, raised the concern at that point and noted the bulk of the committee would have insufficient time to review the information for subsequent discussion.

Despite having a brief window to peruse the proposals, Trummel said fellow committee members would require comparable allowances, while also noting addressing the topic at the groups next scheduled meeting could be prob-

"The next problem, it's the day before the next board meeting," he said. "Whatever comments we come up with at the next meeting we'll have about 12 hours to get it into the hands of the board. Half of them probably won't see it."

Committee member Jeff Knepper said careful note should be taken of who participated in drafting the resolution revisions to avoid conflicts.

"If we drafted that, or had substantial part in drafting it, we have to be bloody careful about reviewing it because it's our own work," he said.

Trummel also said prior board members Cheryl Jacobs and Tom Terry had earlier worked on an updated version of M-01.

"There is a draft to be considered of a change to M-01 to make it more expeditious," he said.

Regardless of updates from years earlier or more recently, committee member Bob Hillegass said clear direction is lacking.

The bottom line is somebody should give us direction what they want us to do," he said. "They're not doing it and at a meeting they're asking you to review something that we haven't been officially asked to do. There's a real breakdown there."

Knepper said process is crucial for the committee to ascertain if proposed revisions create conflicts within the bylaw provisions.

"The new thing that's proposed needs to be in what somebody considers final form," he said. "Then it's worth looking at.'

Recognizing the time required to properly vet the proposals the committee agreed to hold a special meeting on Oct. 23 to permit sufficient time for the board to review its conclusions.





Berlin's Planning Comm. approves project site plan

Development to consist of retail, apartments in town

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) A proposed housing and retail property in downtown Berlin received an unanimous endorsement of its site plan by the Berlin Planning Commission last Wednesday.

Property owner Ernest Gerardi showed members renderings of his three-story property on 2 Stevenson Lane, with retail shops on the first floor, and three, two-story apartments atop them. He said it would consist of approximately 1,178 square feet.

"I think they will look nice in the neighborhood," Gerardi said. "That's my intent."

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Gerardi added that the two-bedroom apartments would have several amenities including molding, "nice cabinets" and "ample closets for storage."

Gerardi also said the apartments would include parking, but are also within the 300 feet of a large parking lot.

A metal staircase would go up to the apartments on the second floor, according to the renderings. Gerardi also said that the front would be salt-treated, painted and covered with cypress green siding. The roof See TOWN Page 6

Correction

In the Oct. 10 Bayside Gazette article about the restoration of a barn on the Burley Manor property, an error was made that incorrectly identified property owner Edward Hammond III's mother. The correct name of Hammond's mother is Page Smoot Hammond. We apologize for the error.

RENDERING COURTESY TOWN OF BERLIN Renderings showcase the plans owner Ernest Gerardi has for a three-story property on Stevenson Lane in Berlin. The first floor would have retail space, with three, two-story apartments above. Berlin's Planning Commission unanimously approved the site plan during a meeting last Wednesday.





Board ponders new capital reserve

First reading for proposed account vets concept with varying perspectives aired

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Opinions varied about the viability of establishing a new capital reserve account during a first reading of a proposal to amend resolution F-o3 for financial reserves during the most recent OPA Board of Directors meeting.

Board member Larry Perrone introduced a motion during the Oct. 2 meeting after withdrawing a comparable version at the September meet-

"The reserve is for assets with functionality that were never previously owned by OPA," he said.

After pulling back an initial motion in September, Perrone consulted with Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Chairman Jim Trummel to review F-03 and create revisions to establish the new account.

"The changes were done in conjunction with Jim Trummel to make sure the Bylaws Committee would be on board," he said.

Perrone said funding for new capital requests is provided through the operational budget.

The effect of new capital costs are directly added to the annual assessment," he said.

Minimizing increases in annual assessment fees has continued to encourage board members in many instances to forgo new capital purchases, Perrone said.

"A reserve account dedicated to new capital expenditures will allow for better financial planning and control without directly impacting the association yearly assessment," he said. "It will also forgo the tendency to forgo new capital purchases and projects."

Perrone said funding for the proposed account would be obtained from up to 10 percent of annual replacement reserves. Additionally, the account would be capped at \$1 million with a maximum annual spend of \$500,000.

Board member Frank Daly raised concerns about maintaining established target ranges for existing reserve accounts.

"With the exception of the road reserve, we are either at the minimum or approaching the minimum for each of those accounts," he said. "Is that factually correct?'

While acknowledging Daly's assertion was accurate, Perrone said the proposal would not affect the bulkheads or road reserve accounts.

Estimating it would take three years to reach the projected goal of 22-28 percent for the replacement reserve account, which currently sits at 18 percent, Perone said implementing the new account would stretch that mark to four years.

"It's delaying it one year [and] that's if we allocated 10 percent of the incoming reserve dollars," he said. "The motion says we would do up to 10 percent and not a straight 10 percent every year."

The new capital reserve account would gradually increase over the years, Perrone said.

"We're only averaging about \$150,000 a year in new capital expenditures, which does not include the projects that have been requested year after year that were not approved," he said.

Daly questioned the impact of drawing 10 percent from replacement reserves

"Then, as we consistently spend that \$150,000, we're either going to be consistently below our targets, or we're going to have to increase our assessment to cover our reserves," he

Perrone reiterated that fiscal projections indicate the proposal would delay achieving the 22 percent replacement reserve goal by one year.

OPA President Doug Parks questioned the accuracy of estimating annual new capital expenditures at \$150,000.

"We're funding something at a high rate [and] shifting off the reserve account to build something," he said. "Then we're stockpiling at a different rate than we're actually spending."

Parks inquired why 10 percent of reserve funding would be earmarked, "to put something in there that we've traditionally not had that level of spending.'

Planning issues were another area of contention for Parks.

"Do we have a list of things that are upcoming capital asks?" he said. "I, for one, have no interest in putting money into an account without a plan on what we're going to do to use it."

Perrone said planning processes have been included with the proposal.

"We will start keeping a rolling new capital project plan," he said.

Highlighting the importance of further examination, Parks said following the first reading that evening that the matter should be sent to the Budget & Finance Committee, along with the underutilized Strategic Planning Committee.

'Perhaps it's time to get the Strategic Planning Committee to look at it from a more holistic [and] maybe a different perspective," he said. "Then have both committees coordinate to understand what needs to be done over the next 5-10 years."

Town commission endorses property on Stevenson Lane

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would also have lighter colored shingles.

Gerardi also stressed the importance of having a second staircase.

"Frankly, I just feel better having a second egress," he said.

The property would also have a sprinkler system.

As for the first floor storefront, Gerardi said he expects it to have a similar look to DiFebo's Italian Restaurant on 104 N. Main St. in downtown Berlin.

It's unclear what type of store or stores would occupy the space, but Gerardi said he expects to have "one or two stores once we go to market."

Gerardi received approval from the town's historic district commission and the board of zoning appeals earlier this summer.

Gerardi also said there would be a 48-inch walkway to line up with the nearby Palmer's Appliances on Stevenson Lane after obtaining a variance from Berlin's board of zoning appeals in July.

Commission Chairman Chris Denny praised Gerardi's efforts on the project.

"I think it's another great job," Denny said.

However, Commission Vice-Chairman Ron Cascio took issue with the symmetry of the storefront's windows.

"It looks to me something more like Ocean City than Berlin," he said.

Commission member Pete Cosby moved to approve Gerardi's site plan, which Commission member Phyllis Purnell seconded.

"I look forward to another nice project, Mr. Gerardi," Cosby said.

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Fire engines old and new, as well as an emergency medical service vehicle, sit parked outside the new Berlin Fire Company Station 3. The Berlin Fire Company held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new fire station

Berlin Fire Company opens Sta. 3 with ribbon-cutting

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having a state of the art station here.

"It's also an honor to be able to extend the Berlin Fire Company to this area so it can better service our community, and we're very blessed to have this land the whole area here and everybody in support of our fire company," St. Amant said.

Even though the new fire station is



outside of town, Fitzgerald stressed that the volunteers work to serve and protect the entire community.

"People's lives are counting on all of you so I want to thank all of you for your work," said State Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C).

Hartman and State Del. Charles Otto (R-38A) presented a commendation from the state delegation to members of the Berlin Fire Company during the ceremony.

"I'm honored to be here and thank you all for your service and keep up the good work," Otto said.

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) also said the importance of volunteer firefighter organizations couldn't be understated, and said she'd look for ways to "increase volunteerism" for firefighters.

"It's exciting to see some of our young people here today who will hopefully be future cadets and volunteers to join the ranks," she said.

Fitzgerald expressed his gratitude to the Worcester County Commissioners, state elected officials, volunteers, and donors as commemorative plaques were unveiled.

"We can't be a volunteer fire service without community support," Fitzgerald said.

Year-round residents appeal seasonal zoning restrictions

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commissioners. The county then implemented an enforcement plan in which all residents received letters reminding them of the seasonal policy.

Full-time residents received a warning on Oct. 1 that they would begin to receive fines of up to \$1,000 a day if they continued to live at the park beyond what the regulations allow. According to the county administration, residents may only occupy the property for up to 30 consecutive days between Sept. 30 and April 1, or an aggregate of 60 days

Cropper said he hopes to stop those fines on the basis that the county exceeded the statute of limitations. In other words, the county has waited too long to enforce the seasonal policy for the fines to be valid. Cropper hopes that if the five cases win the appeal, it will be applied to all who live in the park yearround, although the county is not required to extend that to those who did not file an appeal.

"That would be patently unfair," Cropper said. "But I think the county's been patently unfair thus far. I'd like to say again, for the record, these people are being asked to leave their homes after five, 10, 20 and 30 years of occupancy. They have mortgages. In many cases, their homes are built to year-round standards. It was required by the county and inspected by the county."

According to Ginny Wycoff, who has owned property in the park since 1999, it would cost her and her husband Tom \$120,000 to stay in the park for four months if the fines are implemented.

"Our homes aren't worth too much more than that," Wycoff said. "And of course, there's so many on the market now that the prices are going down. It makes it impossible to sell at this point. In one season, literally, the county could be taking over the homes if that's what they choose to do."

Wycoff also expressed frustration

that at one point, the county allowed Section 8 recipients, formally known as Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers, to live in White Horse Park

"That means that the county, or the state, whoever was doing this funding, thought that this was a fulltime community and had people living here full time," Wycoff said.

Both Cropper and his White Horse Park clients claim they should not be forced out of their house because many modified their houses to meet accessibility needs. William Rosenbaum, who has lived in the park fulltime for 18 years, said his wife Phyllis is receiving cancer treatment.

"The doctors are very close by, which is convenient," Rosenbaum said. "It takes us 10 minutes to get to the cancer center here for her chemo. She has other doctors that are very important. She lost one kidney and she has bladder cancer. She's starting to wear out."

Another argument Cropper plans to present to the Board of Zoning Appeals is that the county is selective about which regulations it chooses to enforce. For instance, he said he regularly sees homes with sheds in yards, which residents cannot have without a permit.

"Are we going to one day go to everybody in the county and say 'Permit your sheds or move them'?" Cropper said. "Of course not. And this is the same. I could think of 10 more examples of lack of enforcement of the zoning regulations."

He added that the park residents were required to build and maintain their houses to year-round living requirements for the county. The Wycoffs built their full-time cottage in 2015 to those requirements.

"We had a fire marshal there," Tom Wycoff said. "It's got a sprinkler system. We have to keep an eye on the sprinkler system and make sure the pressure stays up. What'd they think? We'd just have a sprinkler system and just let it go?"

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White Horse Park seasonal zoning going to appeal

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tion have expressed worry that the capacity of the sewer and water infrastructure will be exceeded by fulltime use and that adjusting the systems to full-time would be costly.

"Fifty-four elderly people in small homes in February using the sewer treatment plant is not going to overburden the infrastructure," Cropper said. "It hadn't for 30 years."

Bob Raymond claimed that they were initially told the county's only issue with full-timers was making sure that they weren't overflowing the local public schools with kids. Raymond laughed at this notion, as most of the residents, including himself, are retired, disabled or a veteran.

Stan Gibson, who is mobile with a wheelchair and has lost the use of his vocal cords, said that the federal government and county gave him money to renovate his house to his needs, but he won't get that funding again for another house.

Gibson said he had spoken with the county social services department, but they only offered food stamp assistance. He has taken matters into his own hands by creating a GoFundMe page to help pay for lawyer fees and any future residential fines. Betty Raymond said she had attended the meeting at the Ocean Pines Library and has a follow-up meeting with an agent, but couldn't recall many other full-time residents attending.

Worcester County offered the meeting as a way to connect full-time residents to agents from the Department of Social Services, health department and Commission on Aging for relocation assistance.

"It is nothing more than a self-serving, gratuitous gesture," Cropper said. "My clients went to the first scheduled meeting and a department agent told them 'There's nothing we can do for you."

Rosenbaum said he noticed guards at the park taking photos to track who has been living there for how many days. At this point in the season, everyone is still living there legally as 30 consecutive days have not yet passed. After Nov. 1, residents may receive fines.

Cropper expects the cases to be on the agenda for the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting next month. In the meantime, clients are preparing presentations to explain why they should remain at the park full time. If the Board of Zoning Appeals denies the appeal, Cropper intends to take the case to the circuit court.

"Let us die here," Ginny Wycoff said. "We're all old enough. How long do they think we're going to be here?"

Windmill Creek plans reviewed

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The Refuge at Windmill Creek, formerly known as the Evergreen Village Residential Planned Community, passed step two of the master plan review with the county Technical Review Committee.

Copies of the revised master plan and narrative will be resubmitted to the Planning Commission to continue the review process.

Windmill Creek is a 90 single-family development located northwest of Beauchamp Road, north of Racetrack Road. The Technical Review Committee's only comments were that the master plan review still needed forest conservation approval and a site development plan for storm water. Public

Works is still waiting on an equivalent dwelling unit number for sewer and water requirements. The county commissioners will give the final and formal review of the project.

Windmill Creek cleared its first hurdle when the Worcester County Planning Commission passed the step one concept plan in July. It also passed a public hearing at the county commissioner's meeting on Sept. 3. Though there were previously concerns regarding a natural barrier between St. John Neumann Church and the development, Environmental Consultant Chris McCabe assured the parties that a natural barrier would exist, with a forest conservation area consisting of either red cedar or white pine trees.

Chris Larmore, a contractor with

Blue Water, previously stated that the project will end an 11-year drought in Worcester County residential planned communities and give the county a projected \$31 million tax base. He attributed the gap to lack of sewer and water availability and other regulations, particularly concerning sidewalks and roads. The residential development could also add students to the Worcester County public school system.

Since the project is located near the church and the River Run subdivision and golf course, it fits in with an already developed area. Blue Water hopes to begin infrastructure construction in February 2020 and housing construction by late summer or early fall 2020.



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OPA debates recouping legal costs

Board votes 4-3 to reject motion tied to collecting non-compliance court fees

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The OPA Board of Directors voted 4-3 against a motion to have attorneys develop language for collection of legal fees tied to court ac-

tions for non-collection matters after cost-benefit questions were raised during its meeting earlier this month.

The proposal was among a handful of recommendations discussed during the board meeting on Oct. 2, including replacing resolution M-01 with newly crafted M-10 for more timely enforcement of violations for non-compliance with OPA Declaration of Restrictions guidelines.

While providing background for the motion, board member Frank Daly noted numerous declaration of restrictions for individual sections of Ocean Pines do not provide the legal ability to recover costs stemming from court actions to obtain compliance with covenant violations.

While voicing support in principal for recovering legal costs, board member Larry Perrone questioned the upfront investment involved versus the potential return.

"My question is what's this going to cost us?" he said.

Perrone said amending the declaration of restrictions would likely require a majority vote of each impacted section in Ocean Pines.

"There has to be a 50 percent approval rate by each section in the association to approve the declaration of restrictions or to approve this change,' he said. "If in fact that's the case what's that going to cost us and are we really going to recover those fees anyway?"

Daly said based on an opinion from

OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker the amended language would need to be approved by each association section whose declaration of restrictions does not currently allow for collection of attorney fees for non-collection enforce-

An initial review by Tucker found 20 association sections without the legal guidelines included in its specific declaration of restrictions, with a dozen other areas allowing the potential.

"You need an instrument with a signature on it from the majority of people that vote in [a] section [to] incorporate that change in the declaration of restrictions," he said.

Daly conjectured the costs would be on par with conducting an election in the sections in question.

The proposal traces back to a motion approved at the board meeting on June 1 to develop language for changing the declaration of restrictions to authorize a fine schedule for non-compliance violations.

General Manager John Viola established a workgroup to delve into the matter, which also included Daly, Architectural Review Committee chairperson Lisa Schwartz and Dino McCurdy with OPA Compliance, Permits and Inspections.

The group focused on developing methods to obtain compliance with declaration of restrictions when normal processes fail.

The group ended up concluding that fines, while effective in many instances, would not resolve all cases.

The group proposed legal counsel craft wording enabling the association to recoup fees associated with obtaining a court order to force compliance.

OPA President Doug Parks, while highlighting the potential costs involved in developing the legal verbiage, noted earlier in the meeting Daly had estimated only a miniscule number of noncompliance cases reach the court level.

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"Ât what point if we're going to make a fairly large investment in making this happen, if we're only talking about dealing with 0.02 percent of our homeowners is it worth it?" he said.

Conversely, Parks recognized the need for a mechanism to enhance enforcement and proposed sending the matter to the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee for further research.

"How do we make that align with what's in the DRs before we make the investment," he said. "We may find something out based on their expertise and research that may be able to help us control the costs if we decide to move forward."

Board member Dr. Colette Horn cut to the bottom line.

"Do we have any idea what these attorney costs are that we are going to recover per case?" she said.

Daly said the potential costs present a dilemma.

'Counsel in writing said the range of a court order could be up to \$50,000," he said. "They said their experience is normally it is \$12,000-\$18,000."

The final tally is tied to numerous variables, Daly said.

"It depends on number one the degree of fight the violator has," he said. "If they retain an attorney and you go through depositions and ... discovery ... and they decide to fight ... you could get into the upper numbers.

In practice the outcomes are usually far different, Daly said.

"When you get into these situations and you go to the initial court order ... the violators typically want to settle before they get before the judge," he said.

Daly said the matter boils down to an issue of risk.

"Counsel has been asked point blank ... are these numbers wrong and nobody has disputed that we could hit the See OPA Page 15



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The Ocean Pines Association hopes to begin construction on expanding its police building next month. The site plans were reviewed by the Technical Review Committee last Thursday.

County reviews OP police building

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The Ocean Pines Association completed another step in the process of adding to the Ocean Pines Police building by passing through the county's Technical Review Committee. Site plans state that it will be 3,640 square feet located at 239 Ocean Parkway on the west side of Ocean Parkway and 509 feet north of St. Martin's Lane.

Jessica Edwards, customer service representative for the Worcester County Department of Review and Permitting, said her main comments were to remind the OPA to fill out the parking chart to determine how many spots it will require and to draw up a site plan that clearly displays on which side of the administration building the addition will be located. She added that the plan should also illustrate any new lighting. Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc are the project engineers.

The police building is one of three projects that the Ocean Pines Board of Directors approved a combined \$3.185 million for in April. The other two are rebuilding the country club and building a new golf cart barn.

Police Chief David Massey has pre-

viously stated that the undersized police headquarters is becoming a safety hazard. The plans show a connecting hallway between administration offices and police offices, bathrooms at the front of the building, rooms for photos and printing, processing, interviews and training, an armory and space for evidence preparation and storage. OPA hopes construction will begin next month.

Since the project proposal is less than 10,000 square feet, it is considered a minor site plan and the Technical Review Committee has the final say on its approval.

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Bylaws Comm. debates election validation

Precise methodology used to confirm results mulled by group for next contests

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The methods used to confirm election results were discussed during the Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting on Oct. 4.

Committee chairman Jim Trummel said Board of Directors President Doug Parks recently broached the subject of elections validation.

'This doesn't have to be settled in one meeting," he said. "Any urgency really is not there until we approach the annual meeting."

Trummel said the goal is to resolve any uncertainty regarding the meaning of "validate" in the OPA bylaws.

Committee member Jeff Knepper said the validation process is relatively simple and assures a proper election was conducted.

"We have to have a process to review an election and make sure that things were done correctly [and] that the result of the count represents what the election actually said," he said.

After examining election procedures to confirm the contest was conducted above board, the results are validated, in essence, Knepper said.

"When you've gone through that process, you have validated the election process," he said. "The reason we need to do that is to make sure that idiots like me don't run an election on the side and sit back and scream we elected the officers and they're different than the people that are there."

Committee member Audrey Wahl said the recent OPA election results could not be validated at the annual homeowners meeting as prescribed since membership attendance did not comprise a quorum of eligible voters.

Knepper said the OPA governing documents provide an alternative.

'When you don't have a quorum you hold another meeting," he said.

Trummel said if election results are not validated at the annual meeting, the board of directors takes the reins to confirm final outcomes.

The question is what does validate mean and literally how do you do it,' he said. "The thing it boils down to is there a vote taken at the annual meeting.'

Knepper said the term validate is not explicitly defined in the OPA by-

Wahl said confirmation of vote totals would validate results.

"My understanding was once it was announced at the annual meeting, that itself was the validation," she said.

Knepper said post-election results

are largely not referenced in the by-

"The only expression in the bylaws that is post-election results is that the board can entertain and resolve a request for recount," he said.

Wahl asked if a precise definition of validate is required.

Trummel said the process provided for at the annual meeting should suffice to certify vote counts.

"It's the announcement of the results and entry ... into the meeting minutes that is what consists of a validation," he said.

Meeting minutes become part of the OPA official records, Trummel said.

"If you look at the concept of what members can do at the annual meeting in the bylaws, you can't do anything of any consequence unless all the members have the opportunity to literally vote," he said.

At present, the only post-election action the board can exercise involves a recount, and Trummel expressed hesitation with expanding oversight.

"I'm not willing to give an implied or inherent power to the board which could somehow undo those results," he

Trummel suggested the Election Committee could amend resolution M-06, which addresses elections and referendums, to include language mandating election validation results

be filed with meeting minutes.

Committee member Bob Hillegass asked if only 40 percent of eligible voters return ballots does that raise concerns that a portion of the remaining majority never received election mate-

Knepper said the process is being validated not the percentage of participation.

"I don't think that anybody expects that unless 100 percent of the ballots come back the election is void," he said. "There are a few that always go astray.'

Assuring election processes are reasonable and fair is the goal, Knepper

"At the core of it, that's what we're looking at," he said. "Was the election conducted by the right people [and] conducted in reasonable way.

Wahl said added clarity to M-06 seems appropriate.

"It has to be clear you're not validating who won, it's the process," she said.

Knepper agreed that process-related questions are not tied to the candidate pool.

"We should care was the process fair [and] did we send out ballots to all the right people," he said. "Those are process questions and they don't go to who won or lost."

Knepper also echoed Trummel's See BYLAWS Page 14

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Stormwater project resumes in town

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Construction on the submerged gravel wetland project on Graham Avenue is expected to start next week after a months-long lag, according to town officials.

Darl Kolar, a consultant with E.A. Engineering, Science and Technology Inc., said the project aims to treat stormwater runoff and to reduce runoff pollution.

He added that a submerged gravel wetland "acts like a filtration network."

It will be built on a property between Graham Avenue and Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Kolar said the contractor, Goody Hill Groundwork, will also "do some pipework along Nelson [Street]."

Water Resources Director Jamey Latchum project will involve 800 tons of stone, 300 tons of pea gravel and 150 cubic yards of composite planting soil within the submerged gravel wetland.

Kolar added that flowers and shrubs would be planted in the wetland to create an aesthetically pleasing green space.

The town received a \$75,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the project, and "the town committed \$40,000 in stormwater funds as a match," bringing the total budget to \$115,000, according to the staff report.

The project was approved in the fiscal year 2020 adopted budget, according to the staff report.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Darl Kolar, an environmental consultant from E.A. Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., shares the plans for the submerged gravel wetland project on Graham Avenue in Berlin.

"This is a unique approach where the town is able to dedicate staff. Typically it would be all contracted out," Kolar said. "This is a really economical approach to try and get this done."

Latchum and Kolar agree the submerged gravel wetland will work to treat the water.

"We're maximizing the funding available, and the funding programs that we're seeking really like to see their funds go towards water quality," Kolar said. "So that's why ... this project, it's more of a water quality project than a water quantity project."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams praised the efforts of those involved with the project.

"This property will become an area for stormwater to collect from Graham Avenue, and nearby streets, and be filtered before continuing into the Hudson Branch waterway," said a statement from Williams' office. "This will help alleviate some of the flooding experienced in that neighborhood during significant rainfalls, as well as contribute to the overall water quality of the Hudson Branch."

However, Kolar clarified this would help during rain of lesser amounts.

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Plans outlined to construct submerged gravel wetland

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"During sizeable rain events ... it's not going to mitigate the flooding here," he said

The project was vetoed during a June Berlin Town Council meeting when bids for the work came in well above what the town had budgeted. The town would have needed to transfer roughly \$37,500 from the town's water utility fund to the stormwater fund. The project was rejected in a 3-1 vote with Councilmen Thom Gulyas, Troy Purnell and Zack Tyndall in the majority.

Councilman Dean Burrell was absent from that June 27 meeting.

Two months later, the Town Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the project after Frank Piorko of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program offered \$54,500 via the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

"They [the Maryland Coastal Bays Program] came to the rescue, and worked as a good partner, I feel a good partner, because not only did they take the initiative to do that, that was on their own recourse," said Acting Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood. "We didn't solicit them. So that tells you that they're real in what they believe in."

When asked about resident feedback,

Kolar said while people have been mostly receptive, he did acknowledge residents' concerns during the June meeting.

"I can sense the residents asking more questions about where their dollars are going," Kolar said. All agreed that Berlin does have a

All agreed that Berlin does have a flooding problem. Kolar said he's been working with the town for nearly 10 years and has heard accounts from the residents along Nelson Street.

"They've endured it way too long," he said

The project is expected to finish by Dec. 30, 2019, according to the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Berlin and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

"Flooding has been an issue here for as long as folks can remember, but we want to believe that we're moving in the right direction," Fleetwood said. "The goal is obviously to get it so we're not in a flood prone situation."

Several officials agreed that finding ways to reduce the flooding throughout Berlin is a multi-step process that requires money.

"I think ... we need to find the funding to keep on moving forward," Latchum said

Bylaws debates methods to validate election outcomes

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sentiment to propose the Election Committee tweak M-06 to include language concerning validation of results.

"We recommend that the Election Committee consider defining the term validate for insertion into the bylaws at an appropriate time," he said.

Trummel said short of receiving vote totals, the board has limited authority related to elections.

"Unless you look at the board having an inherent authority," he said. "All you're doing is putting it in the official records of the association. That's what I look at the validation to be."

Hillegass concurred the boards election purview is limited.

"The authority of the board is to make sure elections are conducted fairly and equitably," he said.

Knepper suggested the principal language addition required for M-o6 would be defining validation.

"All we need to do with the board is say don't vote ... listen to what's presented to you and smile politely," he said.

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OPA Board weighs motion related to legal fees recoup

Continued from Page 10 upper limit," he said.

Noting the motion was originally targeting 26 cases; Daly said that figure has subsequently been reduced.

"The question is how much risk do we want to take because there are [currently] 17 cases," he said.

Daly estimated each case would cost on average about \$1,000.

Board member Tom Janasek noted out of that small number several cases pre-date the current board membership.

"How much money have we spent so far on attorneys' fees?" he said.

Perrone confirmed those costs are continuing to be tracked and also noted from past experience the viability of recouping court costs is unlikely.

"In my own career I've been involved with hundreds of litigation cases and the reality of it is the majority ... are going to be settled," he said.

In practice, Perrone said the association would likely waive attorney or court fees to obtain homeowner compliance.

"That will happen if the attorney knows what he's doing for the homeowner," he said. "That's what they're going to look for to resolve the case."

Perrone restated his earlier questions about end costs for adopting the language in multiple association sections.

"What's the reality of us recovering any of those fees?" he said.

Daly said the essential question surrounds the boards' appetite for the potential risk of not having legal means to recoup court and attorney costs.

"Let's say we spend \$17,000 to clean up everything and have right now zero cases outstanding," he said. "We've done our job as a homeowners association and ... the 8,452 assessment payers have all contributed [and] that's part of the dues."

The potential fiscal impact of inaction is not without consequence, Daly said.

"Where things will hit the fan is if you have [a case] that goes to the Maryland Court of Appeals and it costs us in six figures," he said. "The legal fees go through the ceiling and we haven't taken the steps necessary to recover the costs if the judge would feel compelled to give them to us."

In his guidance on the topic, Tucker said Maryland adheres to the common law, "American Rule," which generally does not award attorney fees to the prevailing party unless permitted, in this instance, by statute.

Janasek questioned Perrone on the relevancy of past negotiations in his professional career involving waiving fees.

"At this point we can't charge fees [so] we don't have an opportunity to negotiate," he said. "

Westcott welcomed to Wor. GOLD

Prior community relations experience highlighted as key qualifier to join board

(Oct. 17, 2019) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) welcomes the Honorable Terri Westcott to its board.

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Westcott shares in GOLD's mission to provide a "helping hand" to assist families facing crisis situations and those in critical need. GOLD is fortunate to have her as a

new member of the team as she brings empathy and knowledge to the table.

Westcott gained experience in estates and trusts during 14 years of em-



Terri Westcott

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She served as the chief deputy register of wills for over 18 years before being elected and sworn into office as the reg-

ister of wills for Worcester County on Dec. 1, 2018.

Westcott is a member of the Maryland Register of Wills Association, serves on the Maryland Register of Wills Technical Committee, sits on the Worcester County Library Foundation, and is a member of the Worcester County Commission for Women.

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As GOLD works to provide immediate vital assistance for those in crisis, the referring agency works to provide resources to assist these individuals with ongoing support until they are back on the road to self-sufficiency.



Downing advises parking restrictions

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing advised the Town Council Tuesday night to impose parking restrictions on two narrow streets after firefighting apparatus had to negotiate parked cars to respond to a garage fire earlier this summer.

Downing endorsed having no parking on Grace Street and limited parking on Washington Street's south side.

The garage fire on Grace

Street isn't the first time town officials expressed issues with parking.

"We've actually had these concerns even before the fire,' Downing said.

Downing said his department consulted several groups, including residents, public works, fire officials, and town staff when assessing parking on Grace and Washington streets.

Downing also referenced problems on Jefferson Street when parking was restricted to one side of the street on July 12,

Washington Street is 21 feet wide, according to Downing, but when cars are parked on both sides, the width shrinks to 7 feet.

Downing said that "a good reference point is 12 feet," according to the State Highway Administration.

"What we have is a great deficit on that street," Downing

First responders experienced difficulty maneuvering around parked cars to get to property owner Sara Hambury's home on Grace Street on July 30.

"The fire department, they will make it where they need to be even if there's going to be some damage caused to get there," Downing said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall moved to approve Downing's recommendations. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmen Thom Gulyas and Troy Purnell were absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Prost! Berlin to hold seasonal **Oktoberfest day**

By Rachel Ravina Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Prost! Beer lovers can savor a pint during Berlin Oktoberfest this Saturday afternoon in downtown Berlin.

"This is the one day of the year where we spell Berlin with an extra "E": Beerlin," said Ivy Wells, Berlin's community and economic development direc-

Berlin Oktoberfest will take place from 12-5 p.m. on Main Street in Berlin. Admission is

Wells said the town will close a portion of Main Street for the event, as hundreds of people attend the eighth annual festival.

Burley Oak Brewing Company will have a beer truck on site. Wells said beer will cost \$5 each, and the town will provide keepsake cups for the first beer to prevent the use of throwaway plastic cups. Refills will cost \$4.

Also available during the festival will be food vendors and See OKTOBERFEST Page 17

Former admin. severance disclosed

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The firing last month of Town Administrator Laura Allen resulted in a severance package of three months' pay, Acting Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood disclosed at the Tuesday night session of the mayor and Town Council.

'I've wanted to convey to you all [the Town Council], and also the citizens of the town, the cost, if you would, [of] the town

administrator's contract upon her departure," Fleetwood said.

Allen was fired on Sept. 16 following a unanimous vote from the Berlin's Mayor and Council. The circumstances leading up to her departure remain unclear, although multiple reports contended she had been given the opportunity to look for work elsewhere months earlier.

Allen's contract began in January 2017 and was expected to last through June 202, Fleetwood said. The "contract [was] not paid out in its duration," he said.

The value of her severance package was \$68,048.89, which Fleetwood said consisted of three months of regular pay, as well as accrued vacation and sick days.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams then addressed the reasoning for the public disclosure of the terms of Allen's departure.

"Obviously, we had press inquiries, which is fine, but also there were some interesting rumors around town that the severance was \$120,000, over \$200,000," Williams said.

"The sky seemed to be the limit, so we just wanted to make sure everyone knows, not to embarrass anyone, but it's also just hard in many ways, we're trying to be transparent as we can be within the confines and limits of the law."



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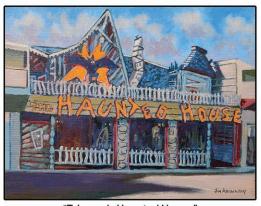
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Oktoberfest to have drinks, live music; fall sidewalk sale

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live music on two stages. The Edelweiss Band and The Dunehounds are slated to perform.

Berlin Oktoberfest also provides entertainment for children. Cascading Carlos will perform juggling demonstrations and Assateague State Park will display several types of animals with its Scales n' Tales presen-

The Burley Inn Tavern will also hold a corn hole tournament, according to event organizers.

"It's a combination of a fall festival for kids and an Oktoberfest for adults," Wells said.

At the same time, several downtown stores will take part in the fall sidewalk sale by placing discounted items on the sidewalk outside.

Wells added that shoppers can get great deals for the holiday shopping season."

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Greyhound celebrates first year on Main St.

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) The last year has been a whirlwind for Greyhound Independent Bookstore co-owner Susan Ayres Wimbrow.

"We want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for being so supportive," she said.

Wimbrow and her husband, Maury, opened the bookstore on 9 Main St. last year. The bookstore caters to independent, local and national authors.

"My husband and I retired to help them market their books," she said.

When asked about the inspiration for starting the business in downtown Berlin, she said she have an affinity for the shops.

"My husband and I just love independent bookstores," Wimbrow said. "We are the indie culture. Always have been"

The couple often goes to independent bookstores on their travels, and wondered why Berlin didn't already have an independent bookstore. She said they saw a void that needed to be filled.

"It just came about and we've never looked back. What a year. What a year," she said.

Wimbrow also said it was easy to settle into Main Street store, which she said fit in well within the fabric of downtown Berlin.

"Berlin is the quintessential Americana town," she said.

She said they chose the name "Greyhound" as a way to pay homage to her two greyhounds, Oliver, 10 and Penelope, 13, who were adopted off the racetrack. She added that the shop's sign was from an Irish pub.

Wimbrow said she strived for historical authenticity with the wall colors when renovating her great-grandfather's general store from 1895. She also decorated the space with items from her Assateague Road cottage.

"So when people come in and say it feels so homey. I feel like I'm walking into a library.' And I'm thinking, 'yes it is. It is our home," Wimbrow said.

Independent authors, works from Eastern Shore writers and the New York Times bestsellers are on the shelves and available for purchase.

Wimbrow is also a published writer. She wrote "Death is My Life" after working in the funeral industry for about 44 years. She added that she also has a selection of books on the grieving process within the Greyhound Independent Bookstore.

She said local authors will sign books most Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While visitors, locals and retirees have patronized her shop, Wimbrow credits much of her store's success to the younger generation.



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The Greyhound, an independent book store on Main Street in downtown Berlin, celebrates its first anniversary.

"The millennials have moved to Berlin. They want to raise their families here," she said. "They are bringing their children in to experience an independent bookstore."

The bookshop also doubles as a fine art gallery.

Lynne Lockhart manages the gallery inside the bookshop and convinced Wimbrow to include art in her store. Wimbrow said that pieces have found homes in Paris, New York, Washington, D.C., and in a Missouri museum.

"[Lockhart] stopped in one day for

coffee as we were remodeling the story, and she said, 'Well have you thought about art?' And I said, 'I think about art every day. I love art.' So she said let's do it," Wimbrow said.

Wimbrow said she doesn't want Greyhound to rest on its laurels, and she'd like to change up the inventory and focus on notable authors for next year.

"It is so rewarding when you are thanked on a daily basis for opening up an independent bookstore," Wimbrow said.









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OP Community Health Fair set for Saturday

Free medical screenings provided at ninth annual event from 8 a.m. to noon

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) A host of free medical screenings are available during the ninth annual Ocean Pines Community Health Fair on Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon at the community center.

The Ocean Pines Association sponsors the event in conjunction with Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center to provide community access to testing services for vital heath issues

Katelynne Hunt, with Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, said skin screenings are one of the most popular services offered, with early detection of melanoma especially critical for beach dwellers.

"People love being seen by the dermatologist," she said.

Among the laundry list of tests to be provided are checks of cholesterol levels, hearing, blood pressure, as well as foot checks and bone-density mini exams.

Hunt said the most sought-after service is typically the no-cost flu shots provided by Atlantic General Hospital.

Burglary suspect in OP reportedly homeless woman

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Oct. 17, 2019) Ocean Pines Police arrested Heather Teal Reece, 42, on Saturday for a series of home robberies in the area, resulting in more than a half dozen counts, including first-, third- and fourth-degree burglary.



Heather Reece

Police allege that Reece, whose last known address was in Tazewell, Tennessee, burglarized four Ocean Pines

Residences and removed minor property from inside and outside the homes.

Police said Reece, who appeared to be homeless, was arrested inside one of the properties, which were reportedly unlocked at the time of entry.

After conducting a warrant check, police discovered Reece was wanted on a felony warrant in New Jersey for suspected auto theft.

After an initial court appearance on Sunday, Reece faces seven counts, including felony first- and third-degree burglary.

Reece is being held without bond with a preliminary hearing scheduled on Nov. 8 in Worcester County District Court.



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In addition to a wealth of free medical screenings, the PRMC Mobile Health Van will be onsite during the ninth annual Ocean Pines Community Health Fair on Saturday to provide information on overall wellbeing and personal safety.

"Flu shots [are] the number one thing people come here for," she said.

Hunt said flu shots are offered for ages 13 or older, with younger parties advised to consult a pediatrician.

Although age restrictions are not involved, Hunt said the health fair generally attracts older adults, with a smattering of people between the ages of 30-40.

"The majority of people are 55 or older,"

she said.

Beyond monitoring precise health matters, the PRMC Mobile Health Van will offer participants information on overall wellbeing and personal safety.

Other screenings include glucose, pulse oximetry, carotid, lipids, with lab work for glucose and lipid panels requiring patients fast 12-hours prior.

Hunt said while exact attendance fig-

ures are not available, based on past years roughly 500 people are anticipated this Saturday.

Door prizes will also be awarded, with further details and entry forms available on Saturday.

For more information contact Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks by emailing rec@oceanpines.org or calling 410-641-7052.

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Opinion

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Zoning enforcement almost honor system

Short-term rentals, seasonal versus year-round occupancy — Worcester County and its communities have full agendas of residential zoning matters that, more often than not, seem to operate according to the honor system.

As zoning becomes more complicated, as it combines the practical, technical and cultural aspects of what can go where, the enforcement contingents of these agencies remain relatively unchanged.

The county has established its regulations on short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods, and Berlin is about to embark on a similar path, but the question remains how effectively either of these governments can respond if property owners decide not to abide by the rules.

Government agents are not, as was pointed out a couple of years ago in Ocean City's rancorous debate over occupancy limits and short-term rentals in single-family districts, going into a residence to conduct a head count.

Further, like Ocean City, they don't have the personnel to investigate or inspect every perceived breach of the code should a change of a property's use quietly occur.

The legal flap between year-round residents at White Horse Park and the county, as well as numerous seasonal residents of that community, is a notable example of what happens when a code conflict goes unnoticed over time.

If, as the year-round residents argue, some of them have been living full-time in these seasonal homes for 30 years, who's to say they couldn't have continued for another 30 years had not the county's attention been drawn to the situation?

The power of zoning is greatest in the planning process, before something is built. After that, enforcement is more complaint-driven than anything else, leaving property owners quite a bit of latitude, as long as they get along with their neighbors.

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Letters

A grateful heart for honoring Anna Foultz

Editor

On behalf of Anna Foultz, and all the people who love and miss her, the immediate family would like to thank everyone for sending us hundreds of cards, letters and flowers.

We especially want to thank all the people who stepped forward to give us an extra hand and hug as we tried to move forward without our loving mother. We take comfort in knowing that she had so many wonderful friends.

We are so proud of her and the ways she inspired and helped so many people. Some of the most heartfelt messages were from people she never got the opportunity to meet.

We are all waiting patiently for Arlington Cemetery to provide us with the date so, together, we will be able to celebrate the lives of Anna and Carl Foultz and reunite them forever here on Earth. Arlington is so backed up it could be a year before our Anna gets her scheduled date because the active and retired military heroes get scheduled before the spouses.

The Ocean Pines Association is having a celebration of life and dedicating a room in the Community Center, The Anna Foultz Room, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 24, for anyone who can come.

We join you in missing our mother, all the wisdom she gave us (whether we wanted it or not) and all the fun times she captured with her trusty old-fashioned camera. We will miss opening the newspaper, not seeing her face and the fun articles and photos of the happy people she met and events she attended.

We are still amazed that she was able to do all her good works with only a phone, fax machine and her friends. We pray that we will always remember the lessons of love and forgiveness that she taught us.

Again, we want to thank each friend and every family member (as our mother would say), "From our hearts, we thank you and from wherever I am, I will love you all!"

Shirley Isbell, daughter of Anna Foultz

Board to hold town hall mtg., Oct. 26

(Oct. 17, 2019) Ocean Pines residents will have the chance to meet with the board of directors and ask questions during a town hall meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Communications Advi-

sory Committee Chairwoman Jennifer Cropper-Rines will emcee the meeting. Residents may send questions in advance to the Communications Committee by emailing town-hall@oceanpines.org.

The submission period will run from now until Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 5

p.m.

"Please send any questions that you may have on issues that you want to hear discussed at the Town Hall meeting," Association President Doug Parks said. "We plan on giving updates on some projects that are going on, and we'll open the floor for general discussion."

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Worcester Prep Select Vocal Ensemble to perform, Sun.

(Oct. 17, 2019) Worcester Preparatory School's Select Vocal Ensemble will perform a selection of "Favorite Songs of Americans" as part of an American Music Concert on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m., at Buckingham Presbyterian Church, at 20 South Main Street in Berlin.

The group will follow the opening performance of "Songs of the Revolution" by renowned soprano Kristin Jones and accompanist Kathleen Rhodes.

A reception will immediately follow in the church C.B. Taylor Hall.

The event is open to the public at no

Contact Worcester Prep founding board member and event chairman, Lynne Taylor Murray at murray476@mchsi.com, with any questions regarding the concert.

Led by Middle/Upper School Choral & Instrumental Music Director Christopher Buzby, the WPS Vocal Ensemble will perform an array of crowd favorites, ranging from Southern American hymns to traditional spirituals and folk songs.

Buzby, a Philadelphia native, attended Germantown Academy in Pennsylvania and grew-up singing with The Philadelphia Boys Choir, performing over the years with musical greats Luciano Pavarotti, Jessye Norman and

Mike Keneally (of Frank Zappa fame).

For the past 28 years, he has also been a performing and recording artist with the world-renowned progressive rock band echolyn.

Following 18 years as instrumental music director at Abington Friends School in Pennsylvania, Buzby relocated to Selbyville, Delaware, to be Worcester Prep's music director in

Jones, a classically trained soprano, and her accompanist, Rhodes, will perform a popular program of songs and folk tunes from the early years of our

In addition to degrees in vocal music and history, Jones studied in New York City with acclaimed vocal coaches, Martha Steiber and Priscilla Hopkins.

She sang in church choirs since the age of 5 and currently is a soloist/choir member at St. Martha's Episcopal Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Also a Bethany Beach resident, Rhodes began her music career at the age of 12 as a volunteer pianist in Sunday school. After college graduation, she began her professional career and served as a church organist for more than 50 years and choir director over

She is a certified music teacher who also plays the handbells and trombone.

cancer funds in OP, Sunday Phillips said she ordered pink noo-

(Oct. 17, 2019) Ocean Pines Operations Director Colby Phillips will teach two classes in October to honor her late grandmother and to raise money for the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer awareness.

"My grandmother, Barbara Kleinfeller, died almost 20 years ago fighting a battle against breast cancer," Phillips said. "And there are several other women I have known in my life who battled cancer, not only from around here in our Ocean Pines community, but also other areas. In honor of them and their courageous fight, I wanted to do something to give back, even if it's just a small

"Cancer sucks, on all levels, no matter the type," she continued. "I definitely pray for the day where the only time we need to discuss the word 'cancer' is when we are giving our horoscope.'

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Phillips will teach a water aerobics class at 3 p.m. and a hydro cycle class at 4 p.m., both at the Sports Core Pool on 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

dles for the occasion, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"The water aerobics class is one I have been teaching in Ocean Pines for 12 years now," she said. "It in-volves all-over cardio and is perfect for all ages. It's low-impact aerobics and easy on the body, but still provides great cardio.

"The hydro cycle class is our oneof-kind, popular, in-the-water spin class. If you have never sweat working out in a pool before, this class is for you," Phillips continued. "It's also easy on those with bad knees and backs, because of the buoyancy of the water.

The fee for each class is \$10, with all proceeds going to the Komen foundation. Unlimited space is available for the aerobics class, but only 12 spots are available for the cycle class. Those wishing to take either class must sign up in advance by calling 410-641-5255

For more information on the Komen foundation, https://ww5.komen.org.





Water courses used to elicit

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PILLOWCASE MINISTRY

The Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Snow Hill, hosted the Pillowcase Ministry seamstresses and a Haitian ministry effort on Aug. 30. Through the efforts of the Pillowcase Ministry, pillowcase dresses, shorts, kitchen and personal hygiene kits, market bags, quilt sleep mats, flip flops and undergarments were given to Beverly and Tom Brumbley for Haitian children.



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STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Members of Worcester Technical High School's SkillsUSA team were recognized during a Worcester County Board of Education meeting last month for their efforts during the national conference earlier this summer.



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KIWANIS REPS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City sent two representatives, Mark Joseph, left, and wife, Laura Allen, to the Kiwanis International yearly conference in Orlando, Florida. They are thanked by club President Dick Clagett for their positive feedback to the members, on Sept. 4



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DOCENTS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution serve as docents at Historic St. Martin's Church. Chapter Chaplain Barbara Rusko, left, is pictured with Librarian Carol Morrison. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams spoke to the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County during its September meeting about environmental issues affecting Berlin and Worcester County. Pictured, from left, are DWC Co-Vice President Harriet Batis, Williams and DWC President Vicky Wallace. The DWC meets the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation; the meeting begins at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 21.

Coastal Hospice day camp for children grieving death

Hope & Healing with Horses isolation. to take place at Holly Ridge Farm in Willards, Oct. 26

(Oct. 17, 2019) Coastal Hospice invites children who have lost a loved one to Hope & Healing with Horses, a free children's bereavement day camp, on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holly Ridge Farm, 36609 Purnell Crossing Road, in Willards.

This event is for children ages 6-14 who live in the four Lower Shore counties and have experienced the death of a parent, grandparent, sibling, or other close loved one in the past two years. It is open to both hospice and non-hospice families.

"Children who have lost someone dear to them grieve in very different ways than adults," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice, which hosts the event. "They may find it harder to express what they are really feeling. Hope & Healing with Horses gives them a chance to connect with other children who have experienced a similar loss.'

Counselors from Coastal Hospice who are trained in grief support guide the children and their families through their feelings, teaching them strategies to express grief and reduce stress and

The day camp uses horses as a tool for emotional growth and learning; the children ride, groom the horses, and talk to them about their losses and feelings.

No previous experience with horses is required. Children should wear closed-toe shoes for riding. Lunch is

This event is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call Melissa at 443-944-5846.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but do not want to be defined by them, and instead want to remain as active and engaged as possible during the final chapter of their

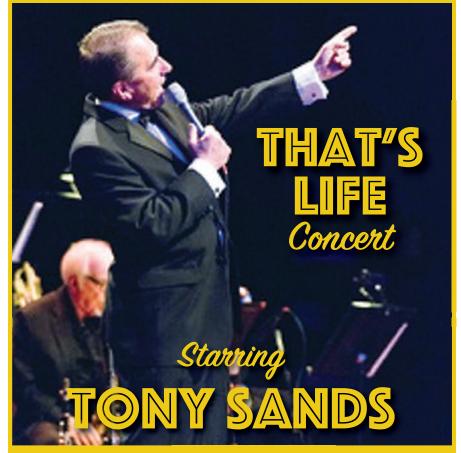
Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their own homes, as well as in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake and the new Stansell House.

The organization also provides "palliative" care, which treats the symptoms and relieve the pain of a terminal illness or injury so that patients can enjoy the time remaining.

Learn more about Coastal Hospice at www.coastalhospice.org and follow on Facebook and Instagram.







Sunday Oct-20-3pm, Ocean City Performing Arts

You'll never get a chance to see Frank Sinatra, or even Frank Sinatra Jr., perform in concert, but some people say that Tony Sands is the next best thing.

Sands will be performing such hits as That's Life, Come Fly With Me, Luck Be A Lady, My Way, New York New York, and many more.

Sands will be accompanied by his Six Piece Band for tickets go on line to Ocean City Performing Arts or call-410-289-2800 Page 24 **Bayside Gazette** October 17, 2019

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VISIT

Dr. Scott McGovern, president of the Maryland Orthopaedic Association, recently met with State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza in Ocean City. In addition to surgeon education, Dr. McGovern expands his role in MOA to enhance patient care through legislative advocacy in Maryland.



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VOLUNTEERS HONORED

The Worcester County Commissioners and Volunteer Services Manager Kelly Brinkley recognized eight individuals and nonprofit organizations during the annual Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County Awards dinner ceremony at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Aug. 21.



September was Literacy Month and the Republican Women of Worcester County gifted \$300 to

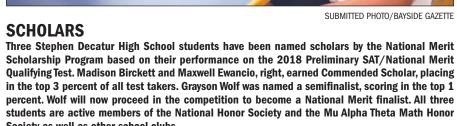
Showell Elementary School to support students. The funds will be used to increase classroom

libraries and support the "100 Book Challenge Reading" program. Pictured, from left, are Kate

McCabe, school library media Specialist; Diane Shorts, principal; and Liz Mumford, RWWC Literacy

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Society as well as other school clubs.





NHS OFFICERS

DONATION

Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society officers pose for a photo on Freshman Seahawk Day. Prior to the start of school, Stephen Decatur opened its doors to all 370 freshmen so that they had the opportunity tour the school. Pictured are Ellie Dutton, Kiley Hamby, NHS President Nicholas Poist, Ella Peters and Mikayla Denault.



SHOWING SUPPORT

Operation We Care was founded in 2007 by Jeff and Diana Merritt, with the purpose of supporting military and first responders through the assistance of many volunteers. They pack over 2,000 care packages a year, which are sent to deployed troops. Pictured are Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Dick Clagett, left, with Merritt. Kiwanis Club members donated items to Operation We Care.

Ortt supports hospice

(Oct. 17, 2019) Representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies and Ocean Pines Yacht Club recently presented a \$600 donation to Coastal Hospice.

Funds came from an Oyster & Bull Bash held at the Yacht Club on Sept. 7.

Coastal Hospice Director of Advancement Heather Duma said the donation would aid the Macky & Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

"We're making history. This is the first-ever hospice residence on the Lower Shore, so to be able to bring this to our community is really special," she said.

According to Duma, the property was previously part of The Pointe community in Ocean Pines. The Stansell House opened in May and includes 12 patient beds, a labyrinth garden for meditation and a library for visitors, among other amenities.

"It's absolutely beautiful there," Duma said. "It's intended for folks toward the end of their life who aren't necessarily able to care for themselves at home or who don't have an

Humane society 'Howl-O-Ween' at Ocean Downs

(Oct. 17, 2019) Worcester County Humane Society will present its first ever "Howl-O-Ween Casino Night" at Ocean Downs Casino, located at 10218 Racetrack Road in Berlin, on Friday, Oct. 18 from 6-9 p.m.

There will be money wheels, prize wheels, money boards, high roller prizes, a Chinese auction and other activities.

A few of the prizes are a two-night stay at Aloft Ocean City, two tickets to the Nov. 2 "We Will Rock You" musical at the Ocean City convention center, club level Ravens tickets, spa package, as well as many other gift cards and prizes.

Bring a donation of canned Friskies cat food or Verus canned dog food (dog food can be purchased at Paws & Claws) to be entered in a chance to win a prize basket.

Tickets for the event cost \$50, which includes \$10 in slot play and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Purchased online at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org, at the Worcester County Humane Society Thrift Store at 12703 Sunset Ave., in West Ocean City, or by calling event co-chair, Diana Snyder at 443-987-2870.

Must be 21 years of age or older. There will be no tickets available at the door.

Your Online Community: www.baysideoc.com able caregiver at home, so it's a really wonderful project."

Matt Ortt Companies Special Events Coordinator Lia Isel said donating to Coastal Hospice was an easy decision.

"At Matt Ortt Companies, we love supporting our local charities, particularly on the Eastern Shore and in Ocean Pines," she said. "The Stansell House is in Ocean Pines, so it's a terrific way to give back to the local community and it's such a great organization."

Isel said the inaugural Oyster & Bull Bash was a success, and the hope is that it will become an annual event that grows each year and earns more money for local charities.

For more information on Coastal Hospice, visit www.coastalhospice.org.

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Representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies and Ocean Pines Yacht Club recently presented a \$600 donation to Coastal Hospice. Beverage Director Kearston Frey, left, and Special Events Coordinator Lia Isel of the Matt Ortt Companies, present a check to Coastal Hospice Director of Advancement Heather Duma, right, at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.



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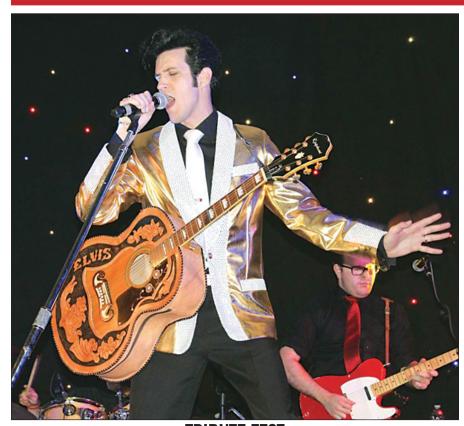
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BJ'S ON THE WATER

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BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, Ocean City, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium 443-664-2896 / www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Oct. 18: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 8 p.m. Oct. 19: Denny & Terry, 7 p.m. Oct. 20: Jack Worthington, 6 p.m. Oct. 21: Just Jay, 5 p.m.

Oct. 23: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.

Oct. 24: Chris Button, 7-11 p.m.

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Oct. 19: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Oct. 20: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m. Oct. 23: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m. Oct. 24: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

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311 Talbot St., Ocean City 410-289-9125 / www.mrducksbar.com Oct. 18: DJ Batman, 3 p.m. Oct. 19: Tranzfusion, 3 p.m.

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101st Street, Ocean City In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 18-19: Tribute Fest, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City 410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com Oct. 18: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m. Oct. 19: Rogue Citizens, 10 p.m. Oct. 20: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m. Oct. 22: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m. Oct. 24: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City 410-289-6953 / www.purplemoosesaloon.com Oct. 18: Lime Green, 10 p.m. Oct. 19: CK the DJ/VJ, 2 p.m.; Lime Green, 10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com Oct. 18: Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-0, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Stellar Mojo, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Oct. 19: Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-0, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Oct. 24: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City 410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com Oct. 18: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m. Oct. 19: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com Oct. 18: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

BJ's Club membership deal in OP

(Oct. 17, 2019) BJ's Wholesale Club is once again offering Ocean Pines Association members a special deal, effective until Oct. 25, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special membership benefits, BJ's will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation.

With this offer, new members receive a 12-month BJ's Inner Circle Membership for \$25 or a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership, which earns 2 percent cash back on most BJ's purchases, for \$50 with BJ's Easy Renewal.

Renewing members can purchase

a 12-month Inner Circle Membership for \$40 or a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership for \$80. Renewing members will also receive one bonus month with the offer.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in April 2020. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer.

BJ's operates over 200 clubs in 15 states from Maine to Florida, including a location in Millsboro, Delaware. The wholesale club offers a large assortment of products for home and business, savings of 25 percent off su-

permarket prices and acceptance of all manufacturers' coupons and BJ's store coupons.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at www.OceanPines.org.

Applications must be returned with payment by Oct. 25. Check and credit card payments will be accepted. Applications may be dropped off at the administration building or mailed to Ocean Pines Association, Attn: Josh Davis, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

For more information, call 410-641-7717.

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OP to provide free car seat checks

(Oct. 17, 2019) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department on 911 Ocean Parkway will offer a free car seat check-up event on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Certified child passenger safety technicians will complete a checklist and provide instruction on how to install and use a car seat correctly. Appointments are expected to take about 45 minutes per car seat.

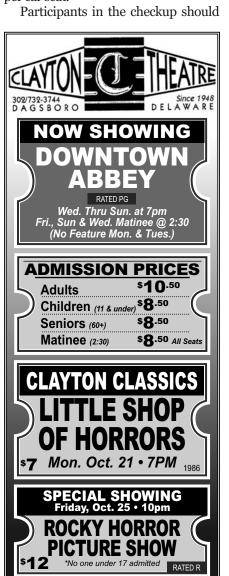
pre-install the seat(s) to the best of their abilities, and bring both the car seat and the vehicle's manuals.

"Keeping your child safe is one of the most important things you do as a parent or caregiver," said program director Susanne Ogaitis-Jones, of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services. "Keeping children safe when riding in vehicles needs to be high on your priority list, as each year thousands of children are killed or injured in car crashes. Use of car seats,

boosters and seat belts is very effective at preventing deaths and injuries, but it does make a difference if you are using the right restraint and using it properly."

To schedule an appointment, visit www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094aa5 a92aa5f49-20197. A limited number of drive-ups may be available, based on demand.

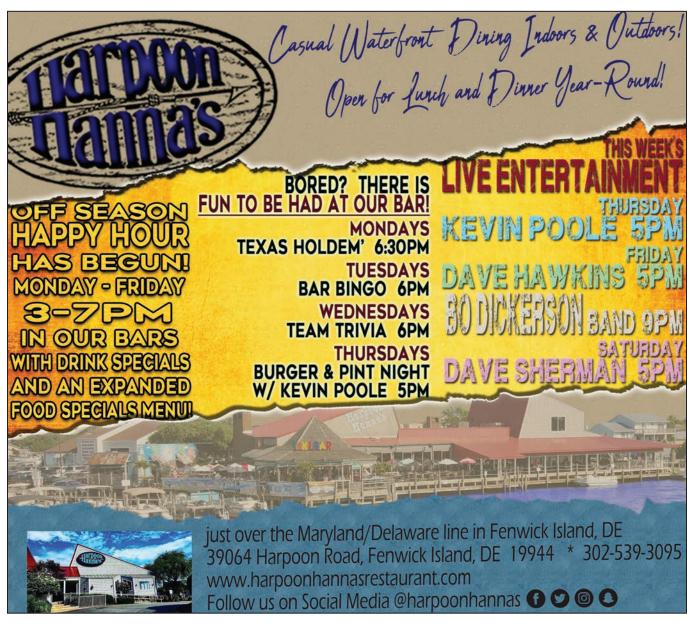
For additional questions, call Maryland Kids in Safety Seats at 410-767-6016 or 800-370-7328.



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Cuisine

Stuffed pork loin with roasted vegetables

Ah, the golden days of autumn. School is in full swing, the kids have their annual stomach bugs, the leaves



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

are falling, and many of us get to leave our house when it's dark, only to return when it's, well, dark again. This time of year does two things for me: It readies me for the bitter cold approaching, a time of year and mind.

that I honestly do not mind. And it also gets me excited, knowing that summer is just around the corner. In fact, on the very first day of school, I am always asked how I'm doing. My stock answer is, "Awesome! It's almost summer!" at which point most people snarl and growl.

The time is upon us to make plans for the holidays, as they are nothing more than a month away. With the box stores having put out their Christmas decorations in August, it is hard to deny that the months just run together in the last quarter of the year.

I have even seen friends post about putting their tree up. No, thank you. I will wait until the Friday after Thanksgiving for that, but I am still strangely comforted by the annual ritualization of that noted shrub. And when it snows (hopefully there will be a mountain of it this winter), the holiday is even more calming and beautiful.

This morning, the smell of bacon permeates the house as I get back to cooking hot breakfast, something that I avoid during the summer months. We find ourselves in a chillier time, where hearty foods rule the day. I guess it is time to pack on the layer of fat to protect us as the blustery winds blow off of the Atlantic Ocean. Top this off with the cord of wood that is already sitting in my driveway, and you can picture that I am getting ready for the season.

I am already getting excited about Thanksgiving, another great and hearty repast, with table upon table of roasted turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and a plethora of other coma-inducing roasted, stewed and braised goods. Is there anything better than Thanksgiving afternoon watching football and the parade? Is there anything better than the thought of family gathering around the table, sharing in the bounty of the year? I think not.

This recipe is astounding in its simplicity but it reminds me of



Thanksgiving nonetheless. With the sweet and tart fruits juxtaposed with the savory pork, it is reminiscent of Thanksgiving. Sitting atop roasted vegetables and served with a simple but rich pan gravy, it marks the opening of hearty food season. Believe me, you will want to kick off your season with this. Just be ready to take a long winter's nap.

Stuffed Loin of Pork

serves 6

1 1/2 # Pork loin

1 c. Dried cherries

1 c. Dried prunes

3 c. Mirepoix, rough chopped (onion, celery, carrots)

2 c. Pan glace (recipe follows)

- 1 1/2 # Roasted vegetable medley (recipe follows)
- 1. Clean the silver skin from the loin
- 2. Carefully butterfly the pork loin so that it rolls flat
 - 3. Season the pork loin
- 4. Place your dried fruits in the middle and roll it up. The moisture from the pork itself will reconstitute the dried fruits.
- 5. Truss the pork loin so that it keeps shape during cooking and so the fruit does not fall out.
- 6. Sear the loin in a hot pan (oven ready) to brown it on all sides.

- 7. Remove from pan and add the mirepoix, cooking until it is halfway
- 8. Place the roast back on the vegetables and roast in a 350F oven until the pork reaches the proper internal temperature.
- 9. Pull out of the oven, remove the roast to a pan and cover with foil or a lid and allow the roast to rest.
- 10. Proceed with the pan sauce in the recipe below.
- 11. Serve your pork loin on the roasted vegetables and the pan glace.

Pan Glace

makes about 2 cups

Pan drippings from the roast

1 c. minced carrot, celery and onion

1 c. Dry white wine

1 tsp. Tomato paste

2 c. Fine chicken stock, or chicken demi if you're that cool.

Roux, as needed

- 1. Once the roast is removed from the pan, add the vegetables and cook for three minutes
- 2. Deglaze the pan with the wine, scraping the bottom to get all of that goodness off there.
- 3. Add the tomato paste and cook for another three minutes
 - 4. Add the stock or demi.
 - 5. If adding demi, merely cook

until at the consistency that you want, and strain and set aside.

6. If using stock, you will need to thicken your sauce with a roux. Do so, and when at the consistency of your liking, strain and set aside, keeping warm until service

Roasted Vegetable Medley

serves 6

8 oz. Potatoes, peeled

8 oz. Turnips, peeled

8 oz. Carrots, peeled

1/2 c. Minced garlic 1 ea. Red onion, julienne

1/2 c. EV Olive oil

1 tsp. Thyme

Salt & Pepper to taste

- 1. Cube the potatoes, turnips and carrots so that they are approximately equal sizes.
- 2. Toss with the remaining ingredients and spread in a single layer on a sheet pan.
- 3. Roast at 375F until vegetables start to brown.
- 4. Toss them carefully and roast until cooked through
 - 5. Keep warm until service.
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Puzzles

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERINGS BY HOWARD BARKIN AND VICTOR BAROCAS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Howard Barkin is a software quality-assurance specialist - and an ace crossword solver - from Hillsborough, N.J. He won the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament in 2016 and is a perennial top-10 finisher. Victor Barocas, who also competes, is a professor of biomedi engineering at the University of Minnesota. The men became acquainted through the tournament when their last names appeared alphabetically adjacent in the results. The idea for this puzzle was Howard's. They worked back and forth by email to make it. — W.S.

- 1 What helicopter rotors do
- _ to Psyche"
- 8 Bartók and Lugosi
- 13 Seven Sisters school that went coed in 1969
- 19 Famous feature of the Florence Cathedral
- 20 Romulus, exempli gratia
- 21 It goes up with alcohol consumption
- 23 Cereal mascot since 1933 24 N.Y.C.-based dance
- troupe
- 25 | Memoirist
- 26 Psalm 63 opening
- 28 Unable to choose 30 Blood drive worker
- 31 On the way
- 32 Many
- 34 Tactless 36 Marsh flora
- 38 Rapper Lil_
- 39 ↓ Journalist and author
- 42 Maui setting: Abbr.
- 44 Downwind
- 45 Mimic
- 46 Quarry, e.g. 47 Raise one's spirits
- 49 Weighed on
- 51 Gangster's gun
- 52 Large print source

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- 54 Org. for the Demon Deacons and Blue Devils
- 55 | Sci-fi author
- 58 Observance on Yom Kippur or during Ramadan
- 61 H.S. class for future engineers, say
- 62 Spoke with a forked tongue
- 63 Guides of a sort
- 64 "From where I sit," briefly
- 65 Increases
- 66 Word appearing on only one current U.S. coin (the nickel)
- 67 Bit
- 68 Yonder
- 72 Medium on display at Brickworld
- 73 ↓ Famed rights advocate
- 75 Agcy. that supports entrepreneurs
- 77 Many a middle
- schooler
- 78 Sounds during a strep
- 79 1976 hit whose title is sung just before the line "Take it easy"
- 84 Buenos
- 85 Sis's sib
- 86 Isn't in the black
- 87 Information on a game box
- 88 The so-called "winter blues," for short
- 89 | Noted politician and orator
- 93 "Honor"-able org.

- 95 Gush
- 97 Largest cell in the human body
- 98 Got by
- 99 Yeats's homeland 101 Brings up
- 103 Award for Best
- Moment, e.g.
- 105 The "1" of 10-1, say
- 106 | American composer and lyricist
- 109 Canyon maker
- 111 Kissers
- 113 "I can't understand this at all"
- 114 Half of a blackjack
- 115 Hideout
- 116 Star of the "Taken" film series
- 117 Wind _
- 118 "Erie Canal" mule
- 119 Certain IDs

DOWN

- 1 MS. units
- 2 Site of the first Ironman race (1978)
- 3 Words accompanying "Uh-oh!"
- 4 Moved, as in a greenhouse
- _ pro nobis
- 6 Factor affecting a bond's rating
- 7 Took by threat
- 8 Actor on Time's list of the 100 most important people of the 20th

- 10 Reclined
- 11 Hex'd
- 12 Playing on both sides
- " (sticker 13 "I message)
- 14 "I'll take that as
- 15 Parts of a portfolio: Abbr.
- 16 Iconic environmental
- book 17 Maker of the
- classic Radarange 18 Concludes one's case
- 22 "Ghosts" playwright
- 27 Forest mother 29 River through
- Dortmund 32 Model of vengeful
- obsession 33 Part of a Swiss
- bank account 35 One good at
- reading emotions 37 Boating hazard
- 40 Something a house might be built on
- 41 Epigrammatic
- 43 Brand in the dessert aisle
- 47 Clue collectors, for short

of criminals?

typeface

57 No longer green, say

- 48 Grow a fondness for
- 50 Grub
- 51 Assoc. 52 Includes
- surreptitiously 53 Melds
- 55 Left on board 56 High percentage
- century
- 9 California's River

59 Truism based on a line by Gertrude Stein

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- **60** Major source of coffee beans
- 61 Mass-produced
- response? 63 Inspiration for
- a horror movie?
- 64 Nobelist Pavlov
- 66 Hammer feature 68 U.K. honours
- 69 Choreographer Twyla
- 58 Popular sans-serif 70 Trio often heard in December

- 71 Northern borders? 74 Can't do without
- 75 Runners support it
- 76 Place of security
- 79 What causes a will-o'the-wisp
- 80 Ann and Andy, notably
- 81 The King of Latin Pop
- 82 Popular sports news website
- 85 Promise

86 Heavy responsibility

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- 89 Comment following an unrepentant
- admission 90 Symbolic
- socioeconomic divider
- 91 Less bumpy
- 92 Suffix with sex or text
- 93 Get the show on the road
- 94 Número de 83 ExxonMobil abroad Maravillas del
 - Mundo Antiguo

96 Get one's hair just right

119

- 100 Bits of work 102 Something a cobbler
- may hold 104 "It's fun to stay at " (1978 hit the
- lyric) 107 Miracle-
- 108 Org. for docs
- 110 Bit of animation 112 About one-quarter of a high school: Abbr.

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HARD - 77

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., Oct. 17

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OCEAN CITY TRIBUTE FESTIVAL

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway. Celebrate the life of the King and his peers. Join us for free events throughout the weekend in the Ocean Club Nightclub: Thursday - Karaoke party, 9 p.m.; Friday - Great ETA Auction, 11 p.m.; Saturday - Spooktacular Halloween Costume Ball, 10 p.m. and Sunday - Wrap Party, 7 p.m.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239
Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments
served at 9:45 a.m. After the board meeting, create fall stamped clothing using real
leaves. Bring whatever you want to stamp
(sweatshirt, T-shirt, tote bag, placemats,
etc.) and plenty of fresh leaves. All are welcomed. Reserve a spot: Carol Quinto, 410208-4317.

'THE DEVASTATING STORM OF 1962'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Listen to the experiences shared by Ocean City locals who lived through this natural disaster. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

PAINTING ON GLASS

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. Learn glass painting techniques by designing on wine glasses with artist, Michael Carmean. Supplies provided. Register: 410-957-0878. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

EVANSTON'S LIVING HISTORY: DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. With filmmaker Craig Dudnick. A story of a community's struggle for justice and the lynching of Abbeville, South Carolina's prominent citizens, Anthony Crawford. Follow the lives of Crawford's descendants and their allies. Learn about Evanston's greatest generation. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

ART QUILT MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Join Dale Ashera-Davis and make a small fabric art piece. All supplies provided. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS (CRASE) TRAINING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:30 PM. The class is free and open to the public. The course will provide strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving

an active shooter event. RSVP requested: Commissioner Chip Bertino, cbertino@co.worcester.md.us or 443-783-3248.

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles, 45 years and older, meet 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

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FALL YARD SALE

Taylorville United Methodist Church, 11252 Adkins Road, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Sale items include furniture, jewelry, linens, glassware, Books, Elvis memorabilia, Harley Davidson motorcycle items. There will be a Christmas room, silent auction, breakfast and lunch available.

FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join this group as they knit, crochet and embroider. All are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, 703-507-0708, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

BRITISH "TEAV"

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Join the group for an afternoon tea and light refreshments as they view the best of British TV comedies. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Featuring "The Women" by T.C. Boyle. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

HOWL-O-WEEN CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. There will be money wheels, prize wheels, money boards, high roller prizes, a Chinese auction and more. Bring a donation of canned Friskies cat food or Vernus canned dog food to be entered to win a prize basket. Tickets cost \$50 and include \$10 in slot play and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased online at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org, WCHS Thrift Store or by calling Diane Snyder, 443-987-2870. Must be 21 years of age or older. There will be no tickets at the door.

FISH FRY

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

Sat., Oct. 19

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FLU CLINIC

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239
Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. During the Health Fair, Atlantic General Hospital/Health System is providing community flu vaccination for ages 13 and older. High dose flu vaccine will not be offered. Donations made during the clinic will help offset the cost of future flu clinics. 410-641-9FLU (9358)

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Bates United Methodist Church, 116 N. Washington St., 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Featuring oyster fritter sandwiches, homemade chicken salad and soups, baked goods, White Elephant and Christmas Tables and local cheese, honey, molasses and produce at the Country Store. There will also be children's entertainment.

OCEAN PINES HEALTH FAIR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Health education and screenings including carotid, blood pressure, skin cancer, hearing, bone density, glucose and cholesterol (requires 12 hour fast) pulse oximetry and more. Free and open to the public. 410-641-7052

WALK WITH A DOC

Meet at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 William 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. Family and pet friendly. Donna, 410-629-6820, http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walkwithadoc

15TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF THE PARTY BREAKFAST

Snow Hill Fire Department, Meeting Center, 4718 Snow Hill Road, 8:30 AM.

Worcester County Democrats welcome keynote speaker Commissioner Josh Nordstrom as well as guest speakers Gary Weber, Mia Mason and Jacob Day. Cost is \$20 for Worcester County Dem Club members and \$25 for non-club guests. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and fruit. Tickets: 410-629-9107.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K RUN/WALK

Boardwalk at the Inlet, 730 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Mary Bellis, mary.bellis@cancer.org, 410-749-1624, http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=94407

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HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS

West Ocean City Commercial Fishing Harbor, 12806 Sunset Avenue, 10:00 AM -5:00 PM. Worcester County Recreation and Parks will host Harbor Day at the Docks, A Maritime Heritage Festival. Harbor Day at the Docks will feature free admission, seafood cooking demonstrations, crab picking contests, fish cleaning demonstrations, local fisherman displays, nautical artisans, educational exhibits, entertainment, food and kids' activities. Free on-site parking is available, as well as complimentary shuttle service from the West Ocean City Park and Ride. The celebration will end with a traditional Blessing of the Fleet at 5 p.m. Visit HarborDayOC.com for additional information. Worcester County Recreation & Parks, 410-632-2144, https://harbordayoc.com/

0.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE

Ocean City beach at North Division Street, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Children of all ages welcome. Maze includes wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. This event is free.

https://specialeventpro.com/octoberfest

'THE SPOOKIEST NIGHT OF YOUR ENTIRE

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 7:00 PM. This 3rd annual Halloween party, fundraiser and short horror film night will feature horror films from the 2019 Film Festival and benefit Ocean City Film Festival's 2020 season. Films are not rated by MPAA and discretion is advised. Halloween snack and a movie-themed costume contest will take place. Admission

Calendar

cost is \$10. Guests wearing costumes receive a discount.

O.C.TOBERFEST HOWL-O-WEEN PET PARADE

Registration begins at noon at North Division Street and the Boardwalk, parade begins at 1 p.m. Dress up your pets and parade the boards. Lots of prizes and surprises will be awarded. While the event is free to participate, donations of pet supplies and monetary donations will be collected for the Worcester County Humane Society. Jacklyn@specialeventpro.com, 410-798-6304, https://specialeventpro.com/octoberfest

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

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

DRIVE IN DISGUISE

The parade will start on the boardwalk from 26th Street and head south to the amusement pier, beginning at 3 p.m. Participants will arrive at 26th Street and Baltimore Avenue by 2:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most unique parade entries. 410-250-0125

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will take place on the boardwalk south of Caroline Street and north of the amusement pier as the Drive in Disguise gets parked and set up at approximately 3:30 p.m. Drive in Disguise participants have the option of participating in this candy and treat give-away. 410-250-0125

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Sun., Oct. 20

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SINATRA'S 'THAT'S LIFE CONCERT'

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Accompanied by his live Big Band, Tony Sands performs hits "That's Life," "Come Fly With Me," "Luck Be A Lady," "My Way," "New York" and many more. Tony Sands, croonersinatra@gmail.com, 410-289-2800, https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events/sinatra-thats life-2019

RUN THE BOARDS LIKE ROB

606 S. Atlantic Ave., 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A 5k fun and 1-mile, fun walk in memory of Rob Schultheis, who was tragically lost while out running. Come support the Salisbury University Alumni Association. Cost is \$30 for the 5K and the fun walk is free. Jason Chance, info@tcreventmanagement.com.

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Ocean City beach at North Division Street, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Children of all ages welcome. Maze includes wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. This event is free.

https://specialeventpro.com/octoberfest

WPS VOCAL ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM

Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., 2:00 PM. Worcester Preparatory School's Select Vocal Ensemble will perform a selection of Favorite Songs of Americans as part of an American Music Concert. They will follow the opening performance of Songs of the Revolution by Kristin Jones and Kathleen Rhodes. A reception will follow. Lynne Taylor, murray476@mchsi.com

WATER AEROBICS CLASS BENEFIT

Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 3:00 PM. Colby Phillips will teach water aerobics at 3 p.m. and a hydro cycle class at 4 p.m. The fee for each class is \$10, with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Sign up: 410-641-5255.

LABYRINTH OF MEDITATION

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Tour the Memorial Prayer Garden and the Labyrinth of Meditation. Labyrinth walking is among the simplest forms of focused walking meditation with demonstrated heath benefits. 410-641-5433

Mon., Oct. 21

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.

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PREVENTIVE HEALTH EVENT

Elk's Lodge #2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Life Line Screening will be offering 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149. (\$139 with member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m.

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Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 PM. Reservations: 410-524-1818. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, 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

YOGA FOR ALL

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Join Yoga instructor Natalie Bennett from Upward Movement Yoga and Dance for a 3-part series. No prior yoga experience required. Mats and props provided. Register: 410-632-3495. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

WORCESTER GOLD GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT

Burley Oak Brewery, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Featuring guest bartenders, raffles including gift basket and gift card tree and DJ entertainment.

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Come and sing. Drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

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ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING **ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Ocean City Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7 p.m. Captain Mark Hoos will be the guest speaker. Hoos charters out of Sunset Marina, teaches seminars at fishing shows and has won multiple fishing tournaments. Open to the public.

PIE BAKING CONTEST

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. Adult contestants may register by calling 410-208-4014. Prizes awarded. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

YOGA WITH SHULI TOR

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 5:00 PM. A class for stretching and relaxation based on yoga and qigong. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

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WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. Knitters, Crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited to join this group for a casual morning of sharing. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

IPAD CHICKS

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

POETRY READING WITH NANCY MITCHELL

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. 2:00 PM. Poet Laureate of the City of Salisbury and 2012 Pushcart Prize recipient will read selected poems from her books The Near Surround, Grief Hut and her most recent The Out-of-Body Shop. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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

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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 in the Delmarva region. Members and guests. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-

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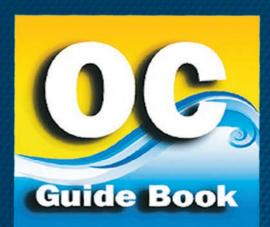
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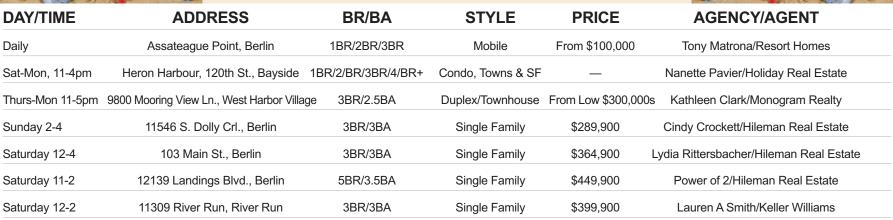
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