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Hogs and Heroes Founder and National President Andrew "Devildoc" Mutchler provides opening remarks, while National Sr. Sgt at Arms Tayvon "Chill" Oliver stands in solidarity, to begin the Roar at the Shore motorcycle rally on Saturday, See story on page 13,

Police face recruiting difficulties

National negativity causes number of job applicants to fall far below usual level

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) The Ocean Pines Police Department is facing mounting recruitment challenges at a time when demands on the department are rising as well.

Police Chief Dave Massey said increased rates of domestic incidents have been evidenced since the pandemic outbreak earlier this year.

"With everyone cooped up, we get more domestic calls, which is maybe being exacerbated by being around each other all the time," he said.

With summer here and pandemic restrictions being eased, an uptick in traffic and travel has been apparent.

"People are coming out and people



are going places," he said. "We've seen an increase in the number of drunk driving and domestics."

For example, on Saturday Ocean Pines Police responded to a single-vehicle accident

at the North Gate Bridge. "We had an accident on the North

Gate Bridge," he said. "They flipped a vehicle [and] were drunk." Massey said between health-safety

issues and national protests against police brutality, the usual challenges of recruiting new officers have intensified.

"The negativity ... it's going to hurt recruitment," he said. "My recruitment is down 50 percent as far as applicants ... in the last few years.³

The continuing spotlighting of bad conduct by police deters potential applicants, Massey said.

"It's really been a detriment but despite that there's still a lot of good people that apply," he said.

Promoting ethical behavior by police officers starts from the top, Massey said.

"It's all about holding people accountable," he said.

Massey stressed the importance of law enforcement leadership clearly defining intolerable policing procedures.

"You lay out boundaries and you fight for what you think is right," he said. "They know the boundaries, and if they step over those ... there's going to be heavy consequences."

Reflecting on more than four decades in law enforcement, Massey recalled addressing police misconduct following the Rodney King beating on March 3, 1991. That incident resulted See MASSEY Page 5

Bertino says enforce regs for **OP** rentals

Then look at new rules for short-term vacation units

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Responding to concerns about an Ocean Pines seasonal rental on Abbyshire Road, Worcester **County Commissioner Chip Bertino** at a special Board of Directors meeting last Tuesday suggested enforcing short-term rental regulations before examining how to tweak the rules.

"It's a problem and it's been a problem for the neighborhood for years," he said. "Now we have a (county) law on the books that requires short-term rental licenses and we also have some teeth in the bill that allows for citations ... if they do not follow the law.'

During the hastily convened meeting, OPA President Doug Parks said all board members recently performed visual inspections of the Abbyshire Road property and agreed the address remains glaringly unkempt. See PROBLEM Page 2

Little League receives grant from Honda

Asks for and receives exact amount for new equipment

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer (July 2, 2020) Berlin Little League was one of 18 Little League programs to receive a grant from the 2020 American Honda Motor Company Little League Grant Program.

Honda is an official sponsor of Little League Baseball and Softball.

Since it was established in 2001, the Little League Honda Grant program has donated more than \$1.7 See LITTLE Page 6

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Problem property spurs OPA rental concerns

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Despite Worcester County requiring rental licenses this summer, board members said the property continues to be advertised online without following regulations.

Bertino said current county rental licensing regulations include a fine structure for noncompliance of \$25 for the first day and \$100 per day after.

"If you're renting a place that's not licensed, you're exposed to that sort of risk," he said. "That could add up quick.

Bertino said Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener has been working with the Abbyshire Road property owner, and the year-round tenant who markets the home for short-term occupancy, to complete licensing procedures.

"First, I'd like to see the Abbyshire Road property brought into compliance by the county and the landlord," he said. "We're working through putting into practical use this law, so that the neighbors there no longer ... feel as if they're being harassed by the great number of people who are occupying the house.'

By all accounts, Bertino said, the online rental regularly caters to occupants approaching double digits.

"I went by there yesterday and it

looks like a pig sty," he said. "I counted 8 or 9 cars there with license plates from New York and Pennsylvania

Bertino said the county licensing process should help reduce occupancy rates.

"One of the things that when they are licensed and ... provide ... a layout of the house, the county and the landlord will be able to determine what the occupancy rate is in accordance to the law," he said. "That has not happened at this point because the property has not been licensed."

Although board deliberations about penalty enforcement during the special meeting last week included either the possibility of expanding OPA declaration of restrictions to enact stricter rental regulations or creating a text amendment to the county law, Bertino said either sentiment could be premature.

"It would be a real uphill push for a DR change because it would have to go through each section of the community," he said. "That would be a heavier lift than doing a text amendment."

The latter solution might not be required.

"Let's see what we can do with the current law before we start tweaking it without knowing what the results



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION

The OPA Board of Directors and Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino are both investigating neighbors ongoing issues with a short-term seasonal rental on Abbyshire Road not currently in compliance with county licensing requirements.

are going to be," he said. Bertino said county staff should be permitted additional time to enforce current legislation to discover any shortcomings with the law as written. "If we do need to make an amendment, we make that ... based on some sort of history or example," he said.

"I'd hate to keep ... knit picking with text amendments and it's only been on the book for six months.'

The board will resume deliberations on the matter during its July 1 meeting, which will be conducted at the Golf Clubhouse with public attendance restricted.



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Todd files for Berlin mayor in 2020 election

Globe general manager first to file for top post, wants to maintain town's integrity

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer (July 2, 2020) William "Bill" Todd, 35, is the first candidate to file for

mayor in the Berlin 2020 election. Todd filed on June 18 for the position that has been held by Mayor Gee Williams for 12 years.

"I want to be mayor of Berlin because I've lived here a long time,"



Todd said. "I've got a tremendous interest in raising a family here, and I just have so much love for this town."

Todd was born and raised in West Ocean City. He said he

learned how to ride a bicycle in Berlin and annually came to town for events growing up.

"It's probably been about 10 years since I've moved here, and I've been thinking about holding public office since I was a kid," Todd said. "My great uncle was involved in politics, and I kind of wanted to follow his footsteps."

Todd became the fourth candidate to file for the town's Oct. 6 municipal election, with the other three seeking a seat on the Town Council. Jack Orris is running for District 2 councilmember and Jay Knerr and Tony Weeg both filed for the at-large being vacated by Councilman Thom Gulyas in September, when he relocates to another part of the county.

Currently, Todd is the general

manager of The Globe. Prior to this position, he worked with Burley Oak Brewing Co. for about nine years.

"[I'm] interested in making sure Berlin remains what it is now," Todd said. "My whole thing is to keep the integrity [and] the beauty of Berlin while keeping an eye towards the future."

Issues Todd plans to address in his campaign are public safety, the budget, the Heron Park project and open communication between residents and elected officials.

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Tyndall files for Berlin race, second candidate for mayor

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Berlin Town Councilman Zackery Tyndall, 30, became the second candidate to file for the Oct. 6 Berlin mayoral election on Tuesday.

"I really think there's a better way forward," Tyndall said. "I have a son. I think that one day if my son is going to be able to continue to call Berlin home as well, that making sure that our town is affordable is one of the big things because I believe that if we're going to continue down the path of the magnitude of the tax increase we faced even just two years ago, it's a huge weight on a lot of people that are looking to try and move or invest in our town."

For the past four years, Tyndall has been the District 2 councilmember. In this position, Tyndall said he helps make decisions that affect the entire town.

"I really think that the decisions being made on the council are affecting the entire town as a whole, so I've been looking at the issues townwide for four years now, actually five, because before I decided to run for council I attended every town council meeting in person for a year so I understood what was going on," Tyndall said.

The decision to run for mayor came with the desire to create and present a balanced budget, Tyndall said.

"I joined the council in 2016, and I enjoyed the work I was doing as a coun-



cilmember, but when the tax increase came through, I kind of disagreed with my colleagues in reference to that," Tyndall said. "That was kind of adefining moment, not really for mayor, but the

Zackery Tyndall

fact that I didn't agree with the direction that we were going."

Tyndall voted against the 20 percent tax increase imposed by the town when it suffered a reversal of fortune because it had kept its water and sewer rates artificially low by subsidizing those enterprise funds with money from the general fund. He is also the only councilmember to vote against the budget for the last two years.

Tyndall said many residents asked him to run after the tax increase.

According to his campaign website, Tyndall will aim to "replenish our depleted reserve funds and encourage growth that does not put a financial strain on the people of Berlin."

Tyndall said his other objectives would be to help the town combat issues of public safety and focus on the town's infrastructure.

One of his greatest public safety concerns is the intersection of Route 50 and Main Street.

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PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES POLICE

CAR FLIP Ocean Pines police responded to an automobile that flipped over at the North Gate bridge entrance on Friday with the driver cited for DUI.

Massey: police misconduct shatters community trust

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in six days of massive rioting in Los Angeles in April 1992 after a jury acquitted several officers captured on video assaulting the 25-year old at the conclusion of a high-speed chase stemming from a drunk driving arrest.

"I ... did a training session on use of force," he said. "I showed them the video and said, 'If I ever see you guys doing any of this stuff you're going to be fired and ... charged criminally."

Massey, who was Ocean City's police chief at that time, highlighted the importance of establishing a no-tolerance approach to brutality and use of excessive force.

"Leaders need to come forward and not be afraid to say, 'we're going to terminate anybody that does this," he said. "I don't care if you have a union or not."

The widely broadcast citizen video of the King beating, and subsequent outpouring of outrage, was a precursor to the digital age and barrage of viral footage documenting police abuses. "I'd love to say we're a perfect profession, but no profession is perfect," he said. "There's always going to be a few who don't live up to the standards."

Massey said police misconduct shatters community trust.

"I've had officers I had to terminate, and they didn't fight it because they knew where I stood," he said. "If you can't trust the police, who the hell can you trust?"

Massey espouses a straightforward policing philosophy.

"You treat everybody with dignity and respect," he said. "You're not always going to get that back, but you have to endure."

In terms of future police recruits, Massey said the best advice for longterm career success is exercising restraint.

"I've been a cop for 46 years and never shot anybody [or] choked anybody," he said. "As long as you walk that straight line, you'll never have a problem as a police officer."

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Little League gets what it asked for in grant

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million to local leagues. This year, Honda invested \$100,000 in donations

Vice President of Baseball Operations Barb Kohut said Berlin Little League received \$4,612.18.

"What was really awesome is what we applied for, they gave us the exact amount to the penny," Kohut said. Grant requests could not exceed

\$5,000.

According to littleleague.org, applications for the grant also had to contain supporting documentation for the league's goals.

Equipment Manager Robert Smith applied for the grant, itemizing the request for updated equipment bags, updated catcher's equipment, new batting helmets, baseballs, bats for Tee-ball teams and pitching machine

teams as well as clay for pitching mounds.

"When you have a Little League season, you give each team a bag of equipment. That way, kids that don't have their own equipment, there's like common equipment that they can utilize," Kohut said.

Kohut added that each team is provided two dozen baseballs.

According to Kohut, nearly 600 children ranging from ages 4 to 16 had registered to play for Tee-ball up to major leagues for the 2020 season. There was a total of 33 rostered

teams for this year, not including the intermediate, junior or senior teams.

'Traditionally, they start later in the season only because a lot of them are in high school and they have high school ball to finish," Kohut said.

The Berlin Little League board of

directors announced the cancellation of the season to protect players and fans on May 31 in a Facebook post.

The post also informed parents and fans that all the paid registrations for the 2020 season will be credited for next year, as well as all paid sponsorships.

"At the time that we had to cancel, we weren't even in Phase Two of the recovery plan," Kohut said.

In addition to CDC guidelines, Berlin Little League had to take direction from the Little League Baseball and Softball international level, the district level and the local level.

"Even in Phase Two, there were extreme restrictions," Kohut said. "Kids had to wear masks in the dugout there, bags needed to be six feet apart, parents basically would have to be in their cars. You couldn't

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utilize the bleachers ... it wasn't going to be, in our opinion, baseball or softball in a fun environment because of the restrictions."

Although it is upsetting to lose an event in the community, Kohut said safety is the highest priority.

"This whole covid thing feels ... like that rain delay that just won't end," she joked.

The board of directors is grateful for Honda's generosity during these unprecedented times.

"Everything's expensive for kids sports, so this can keep us from having to keep raising costs," Kohut said.

Todd wants to see more information given to citizens

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"I know that the town broadcasts their council meetings ... but it seems as if it's the bare minimum," Todd said. "I think a lot of things that happen, people don't find out about it until after the fact, and then they get really upset. I'd like to make sure that if there's a big decision on the table, that everybody knows about it.'

He also wants to put more emphasis on arts and entertainment in the area.

For years, Todd has booked the bands for the Burley Oak Brewing Co.

"I've been very fortunate to work with people and have national acts come through. We've had some amazing acts come through the area," Todd said. "Unfortunately, with the covid-19 –I had so many great things planned for Burley Oak over the summer-I had to cancel every single one of them."

When The Globe reopens, it will feature live entertainment and occasionally national acts.

"Any kind of music you can think of," Todd said. "We're inclusive to everything. If it's good, it's good.'

Within the next few weeks, Todd will announce more details about his objectives for the town.

"I love it here. This is my place, so I want to make sure that it stays what it is," Todd said. "The Berlin charm is something that you really can't put your finger on. You really can't. There's something about this place that makes it so great. It has everything to do with the people here, and I want to make sure that I serve those people to the best of my ability."

For more information about voting and the 2020 municipal election, visit berlinmd.gov.





Rezoning classification of 26-acre property approved

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(July 2,2020) The way has been cleared for the development of a shopping center on a 26-acre wedge of property between Route 50 and Route 818, following the approval of a zoning change at the Berlin mayor and Town Council on June. 22.

The council's decision to allow a change in zoning classification from light industrial to business comes six months after the Planning Commission endorsed Atlantic Group's request in January. But with a succession of meeting cancellations during the height of the novel coronavirus locally, the matter finally landed before the council.

The council agreed with the petitioner that a mistake in zoning had occurred,

and that the suitable designation for the parcel is shopping district.

Christopher Carbaugh of Atlantic Group Associates said the plan is to create a shopping center for restaurants, pharmacies, retail or gift shops.

"We're going to be looking to provide services we think are needed or desired for the community around Berlin," Carbaugh said.

During the public hearing for the rezoning, Carbaugh said water and wastewater services have been extended to the site.

The next step will be to have the proposed uses approved by the Planning Commission and obtain all permits. Then, Atlantic Group can secure tenants.

"We're not looking to propose the classical strip mall. Again, we're trying to



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Berlin Mayor and Town Council approved a zoning change of property between Route 50 and Route 818 for a proposed shopping center at the June 22 meeting.

create a different experience, what I would call a neighborhood shopping



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The Atlantic Group entered into a contract for the property about six months ago, added Carbaugh.

Unlike Downtown Berlin which is zoned as B-1 Town Center District, the shopping center will be B-2.

"B-2 allows a few more uses, but ... the uses say anything you can do in B-1, you can do in B-2 and expands on that," said Planning Director David Engelhart.

District 2 Councilmember Zackery Tyndall asked Engelhart to update the council about a traffic study that is part of the access plan with the Maryland State Highway Association.

The council closed the hearing and approved the resolution to change the zoning classification in a unanimous vote.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov.

Lifelong resident's campaign focuses on safety, budget

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According to his campaign website, the last call Tyndall ran as a paramedic was at that intersection.

Tyndall said he will also address pedestrian and bicycle safety and efforts to control speeding.

As mayor, Tyndall said he will bring with him the experience of council as well as his knowledge of business. Tyndall earned a master's degree from Salisbury University in business administration, and a bachelor's degree in management.

As a lifelong resident of Berlin, Tyndall previously served the community as a paramedic at the Berlin Fire Company.

Currently, he is the acting assistant director at Salisbury University's Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center.

Tyndall is married to his childhood sweetheart, Chelsea, and they have a son named Charlie.

For more information about his campaign, visit www.zacktyndall.com or call 443-366-2371.



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OP Election Cmte does final ballot pass prior to mailing

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) The OPA Board of Directors continued to set the stage for the 2020 board election following final review of ballot materials last Friday.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said the group met on June 26 with Berlin-based Ace Printing owner Thom Guylas to examine mailing materials for last second edits.

"We reviewed the drafts of six products that we need to move forward to go to mailing in early July," he said. "Just like any review process, we caught a typo or two."

Other minutiae discovered included document spacing issues.

"It really helped to have a lot of peoples' eyes," he said. "Everybody saw different things and that's the whole point of group review."

The slate of 2020 OPA board candidates vying for a pair of open seats includes incumbents Doug Parks and Dr. Colette Horn, along with newcomer Stuart Lakernick, who is married to former board member Esther Dill.

Habeger noted the Election Committee is accelerating to maximum speed as its peak season begins.

"We've got to produce documents [and] our objective is to get everything mailed by the week of July 6," he said.

OPA election procedures aim to provide residents eligible to vote 30 days to examine ballots prior to the submission deadline of Aug. 5 by 5 p.m.

Habeger said the drop date for Ace Printing to produce materials is July 3. "We're trying to be fair to the

rinter," he said. "He's very capable, but you've got to be fair and give him a chance to do what he needs to do."

Habeger said prior to the meeting on Friday, Ace Printing produced outgoing and return envelopes that had been previously approved.

Speaking on Friday after the committee meeting, Habeger said ballots would be in final form within days.

"The other documents that have a little more beef to them in the next few



Habeger said the final vetting of election materials was performed with relative ease based on history with Guylas and Ace

Steve Habeger

Printing, who participate in an annual competitive bid process. "They have been the low bidder with

quality product for a number of years," he said.

Habeger said pines residents should anticipate receiving slightly upgraded ballots this month.

"We think it's an improvement [and] there will be a color photo of each candidate," he said. "It's a little bit larger that the old Scranton ballot but it's made to fit right in the return envelope."

Worcester County will close offices over July 4 holiday

(July 2, 2020) Worcester County Government offices, including Recreation and Parks, will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

The Central Landfill and Homeowner Convenience Centers will be closed Saturday, July 4. The Homeowner Convenience Centers will resume standard hours of operation on Sunday, July 5.

The Shore Spirits Retail Liquor Store in Pocomoke will be open during standard hours of operation.

All other Worcester County Government offices, including the Central Landfill, will resume standard hours of operation on Monday, July 6.

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Dolle's Candyland in Berlin opening delayed by covid-19

By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Dolle's Candyland co-owner Anna Dolle Bushnell hopes to expand the business by opening its first Berlin location soon at the former PNC Bank building at 1 S. Main Street Unit B.



Rayne's Reef owner Michael Queen owns the building and is renting to Dolle's. Bushnell, who runs

four Dolle's stores in Ocean City, said she knew instantly when visiting the Berlin

property in December that it would be the future site of the candy shop.

With less than 500 square feet, the shop will not manufacture any products on site.

"It'll be on a much smaller scale, but yes, we'll have all of our top products," Bushnell said.

Popcorn will be sold in tubs, but customers can purchase loose gummies, taffy or chocolates.

The candy apples will only be available at the West Ocean City, Boardwalk and 67th Street locations.

"We also felt that being a 110-yearold candy business with so much cool history behind us that we could build out a store that almost felt like it had been in Berlin forever," Bushnell said.

An opening date has yet to be announced.

"We signed a lease in December, we started to get the permits and everything kind of rolling in February and got to the point ... where our contractors had ordered everything from the floors to the cabinetry and the candy cases," Bushnell said.

Then, the coronavirus brought the project to a standstill.

Before the pandemic, Bushnell had hoped to open in mid-April.

"With covid and everything, we've been really struggling with staffing," Bushnell said. "Not necessarily the

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The first Dolle's Candyland is set to open in Berlin on South Main Street in a small property owned by Michael Queen, owner of Rayne's Reef.

14- and 15-year-olds, but management.'

Bushnell added that she is aiming to hire two to four employees for the Berlin location.

"I fully intend on working the shop myself as well so I can learn the customer base and what people are looking for," she said.

The next step to open the shop is to obtain all necessary permits from the Worcester County Health Department.

"We're working on getting all the proper sinks put in," Bushnell added. She is also planning to build out

shelving. Bushnell said she is not in a hurry to open the store based on the season.

"I believe the reception is going to be great whether I open two weeks from now or whether I open August or September," she said. "I don't want to rush into things, but I think because Berlin is such a neat little market, I think that whenever we open it's going to be good."



Roar at the Shore rally backs police efforts

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Coordinated in under two weeks, the Hogs and Heroes 2020 Roar at the Shore ride held Saturday between Berlin and Ocean City received an outpouring of public support for allied law enforcement agencies, while raising money to support families of fallen police officers.

Hogs and Heroes Foundation Maryland Chapter 8 President Steve Hannon said the inaugural event, which was planned in just 11 days, attracted roughly 300 motorcyclists and about five-dozen participants in Jeeps, cars and trucks.

In addition to a show of support for area law enforcement agencies, Hannon said the vehicular rally was intended to produce financial assistance for the MD C.O.P.S. program that aids surviving family members of fallen officers.

"We raised over \$4,000 that day," he said.

Hannon, who said he was surprised by the participant turnout, expressed gratitude to the Maryland State Police, Worcester County Sheriff's Department, Wicomico County Sheriff's Department and the Ocean City Police Department for providing a flashing red-and-blue escort from Walmart on Route 50 to the Ocean City Convention Center.

Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli, who attended and was hon-

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Wild Bird Seed • Bird Houses Suet • Wind Chimes Bird Baths • Bird Feeders Bat Houses • Garden Flags Local Honey • Natural Soaps ored during the rally on Saturday, said the event provided heart-warming moments and timely memories.

"It was an overwhelming show of support for our law enforcement officers," he said. "It's enlightening to see we have that kind of support from our different foundations."

Hannon said in addition to Hogs and Heroes riders from the national charter and local chapters in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Delaware, the inaugural Roar at the Shore rally also was joined by members of the American Legion Riders, Iron Legacy, Ocean City Jeep Club, Red Knights and Brothers Without Borders.

Hannon also offered kudos to the Snow Hill Fire Department for taking part and delivering ice to keep water supplies cool.

"We really appreciate everyone who showed their support," he said.

Crisafulli was especially grateful to witness the array of sign-waving residents lining the rally route in support of law enforcement on Saturday morning.

"We're trying to provide exceptional law enforcement services to all of the residents in our county," he said. "It's very heartwarming to know that we have that kind of support."

The rally wound down at the Ocean City Convention Center on 41st Street, where Hogs and Heroes national and Maryland Chapter 8 leadership hon-



Hordes of leather-clad bikers rumble out of the Berlin Walmart in a haze of chromed-out twowheeled glory to kick off the Roar at the Shore road rally to support law enforcement on Saturday.

ored both Crisafulli and OCPD Lt. Greg DeGiovanni.

"We gave them each a certificate of appreciation," he said.

OCPD Deputy Communications Manager Ashley Miller said the convergence of chrome and steel during the closing ceremony was therapeutic for law enforcement members in attendance.

"Standing there at the convention center welcoming everyone that took time out of their day to participate was exactly what many of us needed," she said. "To see so many smiling faces, meeting new people and seeing old friends again, the feel of support was overwhelming.

Hoping to continue the effort across the bridge and raise further funds for the MD C.O.P.S. program, Hannon said Hogs and Heroes would hold its "East Coast Thunder" rally July 18-19 at Old Glory Harley Davidson in Laurel.

"That's all raising money for the same cause," he said. "The concerns of police survivors."

For more information contact Hannon via email at seapro813@yahoo.com or call 410-977-5938.



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GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse is now open to provide space for varied community uses, with limited capacity during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.

Pines Golf Clubhouse opens at limited capacity to start

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Aside from serving its obvious purpose, the recently opened Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse is set up to handle all sorts of community functions.

Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks said despite statewide health restrictions to help block the spread of covid-19. an unveiling ceremony was held for the more than 7,000 square-foot Golf Clubhouse on June 17.

"We had a little ceremony the other week," he said.

Approved by the OPA Board of Directors for a maximum cost of \$1.6 million in April 2019, the project broke ground last October and was completed this May and came in nearly 10 percent under budget at roughly \$1.49 million.

From its inception, the new structure was envisioned with more than golf in mind.

"That building was designed to be a multi-use facility," he said. "It's got the pro shop and the golf-related amenities, but you also have a large meeting room, which was part of the original design concept."

Hoping to address a dearth of meeting space for OPA advisory committees and community groups, building plans for the single-story structure included a spacious function room and restaurant facilities, in addition to an outdoor deck and golf pro shop with club-fitting area.

"The staff in Ocean Pines has been very creative with regard to being able to schedule meeting rooms," he said.

Parks said the Elections Committee staged a meeting at the new facility last Friday, adding that the upcoming directors meeting on July 1 would follow suit.

"Important things that go along with that, we have to stay in lock step with the mandates from the governor (Larry Hogan) with regard to covid-19 social-distancing capacity within the building," he said. "We're going to make sure that we follow all those rules to the letter of the law."

Parks said the clubhouse would likely provide sufficient space to accommodate typical meeting turnout, but that precautions are planned to permit limited public attendance during the July 1 board session.

"They're going to set the chairs up so that they are social distanced at least six to eight feet apart, so we can be in compliance with other mandates from the governor," he said.

Looking ahead, Parks said a few acoustical tweaks are in store to optimize sound conditions for meetings held at the clubhouse, which has high ceilings See GOLF Page 16

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Salt Water Media sponsors youth anthology

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) Salt Water Media on Broad Street in Berlin is sponsoring an anthology of young Black and people of color voices called "Enough is Enough" set to release by early fall.

"It was kind of a brainchild between myself and Amber Green," said Salt Water Media founder Stephanie Fowler. "We did a covid anthology because it was timely, why not do an anthology for young Black and people of color writers?"

The anthology is a collaboration between the local publishing company and the Salisbury-based Fenix Youth Project, Inc., which offers programs to educate and empower youth to use their talents for social justice.

"Salt Water Media has been a consistent supporter of young writers [and] young poets," said Amber Green,



Amber Green

partnership in itself will just open so many doors for so many youth, who may not have known that this resource was locally on the shore."

founder of Fenix Youth

Project, Inc. "I think the

In light of the recent Black Lives Matter marches and deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, Fowler and Green hope the anthology will encourage young writers to reflect on their experiences and raise awareness about social injustice in their communities.

"We want it to be for young Black writers, poets, essayists and to find out what are they're feeling," Fowler said. "There is a sea change in our national conversation."

It was important to Fowler and Green



voices and reassure people of color that they are heard. "We just wanted to provide a space for them

to empower young

to heal and deal with the

trauma, but also to turn



it into a tool to actually change their community," Green said.

Green started The Fenix Youth Project, Inc. in 2015, which serves youth who have been affected by poverty, hunger, mental health issues, homelessness and incarceration.

'We encourage youth to use those talents such as dance, poetry, creative writing ... and then we work with them and develop them into leaders to use those talents to bring awareness to issues in the community or different social issues that they want to educate the commu-



nity or different decision makers on," Green said.

The anthology is open nationally, not just for local youth on the Eastern Shore.

"We did get a lot of youth interested in submitting from different areas,' Green said.

Green will serve as the editor and curator of the anthology, while Salt Water Media will provide resources to design and produce the e-book and a possible print version.

"I'm looking for rawness, definitely passion and creativity," Green said. "I think youth have a lot of different ways to find solutions to different problems, and we can find those solutions if we just listen to youth ... I'm also looking for hope for the future in the pieces.

As a writer, Fowler said she understands how the art form serves as a vehicle to understand the world.

"I feel like with what's happening in our world with covid and with social justice ... and LGBT issues that are so prevalent today, I feel like there are young people for whom writing could be a comfort, a cathartic means to get all these difficult topics and different feelings out of their heads and onto the paper," Fowler said.

Each applicant is permitted one submission, either 1-3 poems or prose of 50 to 1,500 words.

Parental or legal guardian consent is required.

'The young writers will retain all rights to their work to publish and republish as they choose," Fowler said.

Submissions are due to Green at ambergreen@fenixyouthproject.org or enough@saltwatermedia.com by July 31.

For more information, visit fenixyouthproject.org or saltwatermedia.com.

Golf clubhouse not just for links

Continued from Page 15 and plenty of open space.

"The folks from Mid South [Audio] have put in the base system but they wanted to come in and take another look at a real-life usage of the room," he said.

Although marketing banquet services for weddings or special events through the newly launched Clubhouse Bar and Grille has been slightly stunted during the coronavirus outbreak, Parks said wedding bookings have begun to trickle in. Matt Ortt Companies CEO and cofounder Ralph DeAngelus said because of the limitations on public gatherings, the Yacht Club is currently marketing "tiny weddings" for groups under 50 people.

"All the amenities that come with a wedding are included," he said.

Parks said as covid-19 restrictions are lifted, the association will strive to market the clubhouse for a wide array of applications.

We really want to promote that room," he said. "It was intended as the community room."





About 200 participants marched from Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street through Main Street in Berlin, chanting "Black lives matter" on Saturday afternoon.

ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin BLM march focuses on universal love

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By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) About 200 marchers chanted "Black lives matter," "I can't breathe," and "No justice, no peace, no racist police" as they marched through Main Street in Downtown Berlin Saturday to protest police brutality and racial injustice.

The march was organized by Rosie Bean, Denise Meade-Cervantes, Dr. Roxie Dennis-Acholonu and Adrian Bowen in response to the reported distribution of Ku Klux Klan literature in

been updated with roof and railings. New windows and

sliders to be installed in Fall 2020.

plastic bags throughout Worcester County.

Bean said the march drew an outpouring from the community with about 200 participants, including residents of Berlin, Salisbury, Pocomoke, Ocean City and Ocean Pines.

"When Black lives are under attack, what do we do?" Participants chanted in response, "Stand up, fight back."

Participants marched from Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street through Main Street, holding signs that read "Get your knees off their necks" and "Why are

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you more outraged by damaged property than by the loss of Black lives?" referring to how Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd by kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

Then, marchers stopped outside of Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main Street.

Guest speakers delivered their messages as water bottles were distributed to the crowd in the 90-degree heat.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing and Berlin Councilmember Elroy Brittingham made reassuring remarks

vinyl coverings for extended porch views. Huge wrap

around deck

about efforts to increase social justice in the town.

Pocomoke City Councilmember Todd Nock followed, telling Berlin residents to pay attention to who came to support the march and thanked Brittingham for representing the mayor and council.

Solid Rock Outreach Ministries Pastor Robert Brooks emphasized that the U.S. has a love problem greater than a racial or legislature problem.

The theme of messages was "love thy neighbor" from the Gospel of Mark.

"Everybody is important," Dr. Roxie Dennis-Acholonu added.

About 70 participants remained for speeches in the park after the march, Bean said.

Nock, Bean, Dennis-Acholonu, Meade-Cervantes, Bowen and his wife, Brianna Bowen, spoke.

Bean added that the African American Coalition of Worcester County hopes this is the start of "bigger and better things for Worcester County."

According to its Facebook page, the coalition will focus on issues such as voting rights and suppression, education, government corruption, racial injustice, police brutality and LGBTQIA and human rights.

Bean said she hopes that the local marches demonstrate how important it is for the community to get involved in the electoral process and social activism.





tile in the shower. New roof installed in August of 2019.

i.g. Burton dealership plan for redevelopment approved

added.

trees.

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously approved the site plan for the redevelopment of the i.g. Burton Chevrolet dealership on Old Ocean City Boulevard on June 24, with just one addition: a tree on the southwest corner of the lot.

The meeting was a continuation from a June 10 session, when the planning commission tabled the site plan because it lacked details about landscaping, lighting and dimensions and sign placement.

Charles Burton, Lisa Divincenzo and MJ Lofland of i.g. Burton, and Tim Metzner of Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. presented the revised site plan to the planning commission.

The nearly 25,000-square-foot building will be made with materials such as corrugated metal above masonry, aluminum composite metal and a stone facade on the front.

MJ Lofland said the showroom will display four vehicles.

The front, facing Old Ocean City Boulevard, will have three garage doors, two for service drive and one for new vehicle delivery drive.

The east side of the building facing the Berlin Shopping Center will feature five full-sized garage doors and one



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The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously approved the site plan for the redevelopment of the i.g. Burton Chevrolet dealership on Old Ocean City Boulevard with the addition of a tree at the June 24 meeting, which was a continuation from a June 10 session.

Worcester County covid-19 grants

(July 2, 2020) Farmers and small business owners impacted by the current health pandemic will be eligible to apply for grant funds through the Workforce Back to Business COVID-19 Assistance Grant Program.

Councilmember Ron Cascio asked

"The more openness that we can

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for a tree of substantial size southwest

corner of the property to provide shade

have to display our merchandise, the

and to round out the design.

better off we are," Lofland said.

Applications will be accepted online at http://chooseworcester.org/ for two weeks, from 8 a.m. on July 8 to 4:30 p.m. on July 22.

Worcester County Economic Development, in cooperation with an independent review board, will award grant funds in increments of \$5,000 to businesses with one to 25 full-time employees, \$10,000 to businesses with 26-50 full-time employees, and \$7,500 to agricultural producers.

Grant funds are limited, and applicants must meet certain criteria to be eligible to apply.

Information about this grant opportunity will be posted online at http://chooseworcester.org/ prior to July 8.

Applicants should thoroughly re-

view eligibility requirements and the Frequently Asked Questions prior to applying. Submitting an incomplete or inaccurate application may render an applicant ineligible for program funding

Federal funds for the Workforce Back to Business COVID-19 Assistance Grant Program in Worcester County were awarded through the State of Marvland under the CARES Act.

For additional information, contact WCED at 410-632-3112.



Pines Comcast installations remain on track

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(July 2, 2020) With two of eight sectors now completed, Comcast is continuing its infrastructure work to provide digital services to Ocean Pines.

Comcast officials announced sectors one and two were completed last month, with properties in those areas now able to sign up for service.

Looking to expand Internet and cable options beyond Mediacom, the OPA in September reached terms to grant Comcast right of way access to perform a multiyear infrastructure build-out project.

Comcast Senior Manager Public Relations Sandy Arnette said the project has progressed as planned to this point.

"Construction to expand our broadband network is complete in sectors 1 and 2 and residents now can order our award-winning Xfinity X1 video, and Xfinity Home, Internet, Mobile and Voice services," she said. "Currently, we are working in sector 3 and expect to have the project completed in Q1 2021." In early December, Comcast Director of Technical Operation Tom Yates presented details on the multi-year infrastructure build-out that was launched just before Thanksgiving.

Yates outlined plans to install fiber optic cable to feed specific nodes, or areas of homes, typically comprising 60 residences.

The hybrid fiber-coax network currently being installed in Ocean Pines consists of 130 nodes divided into eight sections. Yates, who said sections can be activated individually, estimated the entire scope of work would be completed no sooner than early 2021.

Ocean Pines residents can stay abreast of project progress through an overlay map detailing sectional work available online at the OPA website.

For questions about the construction, please let Tony Fox at 270-350-6315 know, or contact Martin Weaver at 267-530-2438 or Marcus Rose at 240-841-4151.

Planning Commission requests another tree

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Lofland said a tree in that location would impede business with sapling and bird droppings and falling branches on the display vehicles.

"The building looks great, but a building looks greater when it is meshed into the environment," Cascio said.

The commission and the presenters ultimately agreed to place an additional

tree on the southwest corner near the boulevard to mirror the opposite corner. Currently, six light poles are on site. Lofland said 12 more will be installed.

As requested by the commission at the previous meeting, a location for the cul de sac was determined on Barrett

Road. Metzner said water and sewer are to connect to existing services on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

There is also a 17-foot easement for future sidewalk connection along the front of the building.

The existing 38-foot Chevy sign at the entrance of Barrett Road will be repaneled in its current location.

Another 26-foot existing sign on the used car lot will be repaneled as well.

"We're asking for a variance on our

signage. According to our knowledge, the permitted amount is 280 square feet, and what we're requesting is, to be factory compliant, is going to put us around 500 square feet," Lofland said.

In the approval, the commission agreed to have Planning Director Dave Engelhart determine if a variance is needed for the aggregated square footage of the signs on site.



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Berlin Youth Club summer camp

(July 2, 2020) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. is offering the free Berlin Youth Club summer camp again this year.

This program is sponsored by the Town of Berlin and has traditionally been a hands-on camp in the community. However, this year due to the restrictions with covid-19, the camp will be held virtually.

The camp is free and available to children aged 6-12 who live in Berlin from July 6 to Aug. 28.

Camp Coordinator Leslie Dixon will facilitate eight weeks of activities designed to keep kids safe, provide entertainment, and offer a social outlet during the summer months.

Children will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer with access to the internet.

For entertainment and enrichment,

the camp will have fun themes for each week. This includes art, team building, fitness, scavenger hunts and dance offs.

Camp participants will be divided into small groups (no more than 10) based on age and interests.

Monday will be the "Agenda and Supply Drop-Off Day" where Dixon will drop off what is needed for camp that week.

The camp will take place on Tuesday through Thursday, with Friday being a "Free Day" to review any of the previous activities.

Participants will be able to communicate with their group teammates throughout the day and can also check in with the camp facilitator during the day with questions, etc.

At the end of the day, Dixon will connect with everyone through a virtual meeting so the kids can share their projects and activities. Children who complete all of the activities will earn a prize. This prize will be delivered on the following Monday with supplies.

An additional bonus is available for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Participants do not have to be enrolled in the Virtual Summer Camp to be eligible.

From July 14 to Aug. 27, Worcester Youth, along with University of Maryland Eastern Shore, will offer a free group chat on Google Classroom every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

This chat will be based upon the

Botvin Lifeskills program, which covers topics like how to handle negative feelings, prevent harmful coping strategies, make good choices and communicate.

Participants will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer with internet access.

Those without internet access, can receive a phone number to call for discussions as well as a workbook to use. Dixon will also participate in this group chat to offer assistance and support.

For questions or to enroll, contact Dixon at 410-641-4598 or ldixon@gowoyo.org.

To enroll in the sixth through eighth grade group chat, contact Debbie Smullen at the same number or dsmullen@gowoyo.org.

ACT to offer day camp July 6-9

(July 2, 2020) Assateague Coastal Trust, the environmental advocacy organization that has fought to protect the



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peninsula's waterways and coastal resources since 1970, will hold a four-day outdoor day camp for teenage students this July.

For 17 years, ACT's youth environmental education program, Coast Kids, has been utilizing the outdoors as a classroom to facilitate science-based activities and exploration.

Since 2014 ACT's Coast Kids program has hosted "Nature Explorers" day camps offering area youth the opportunity to explore the many diverse environments and unique ecosystems across Delmarva.

With covid-19 restrictions in place, the 2020 Nature Explorers Camp will look a little different this year.

"We had to cancel our youngest Nature Explorer camps this summer, but July 6-9, we will host an Aquatic Science Nature Explorers camp for older students and visit four landmark ecosystems: the Bishopville Dam Removal Project, the northern point of Assateague Island National Seashore, the Sinepuxent Bay, and the St. Martin River," Coast Kids Director Verena Chase said.

Led by Chase and ACT's Communications Director and Program Coordinator, Billy Weiland, the 2020 Aquatic Science Nature Explorers camp will focus on students learning the fundamentals of river flow rate and profiling, water quality testing procedures, coastal geology, Assateague Island history and bay ecology.

"We're looking forward to working with this group of teenage students, who will experience hands-on field work and be trained to gather water quality data on the water from the Assateague Coastkeeper boat," Weiland said.

Chase and Weiland are excited for the upcoming camp, despite being modified for the additional preparation that will be required to ensure everyone's safety, and they are pleased to have the opportunity to bring the outdoors and all it has to offer to the small group of students.

The camp is for teens ages 13-16 and runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 6-9. The cost is \$150.

For more info, visit www.ACTfor-Bays.org/summer-camp or call 410-629-1538.

Community Briefs

Induction

Several Worcester County students were recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society at Salisbury University.

They include:

· Zachary Davis, son of Michael and Danielle Davis of Berlin.

Davis is a sophomore majoring in art. He is a Dean's List student and a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin.

 Kyla Taylor, daughter of Scott and Heather Taylor of Berlin.

Taylor is a sophomore majoring in communication arts and English. She is a member of the SU Honors College, Honors Student Association and The Saunterer honors student magazine.

Taylor is a Dean's List student and a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

· Emily Lanehart, daughter of Linda and Steve Lanehart of Berlin.

Lanehart is a sophomore majoring in nursing. She is a member of the SU Honors College.

Lanehart is a recipient of the University Student Academic Research Award for undergraduate research and the Presidential Scholarship.

She is a 2018 graduate of Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville. Zoe Watson, daughter of Dennis and Sharra Watson of Berlin.

Watson is a sophomore majoring in art. She is a Dean's List student and a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

 Kate Carpenter, daughter of Laura Carpenter of Berlin.

Carpenter is a sophomore majoring in theatre. She is a member of the SU Dance Company and has participated in SU's Bobbi Biron Theatre Program.

Carpenter is a recipient of the Worcester County arts council scholarship and the Ocean City Art League scholarship.

She is a Dean's List student and a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

• Justine Graham, daughter of John and Maria Graham of Berlin.

Graham is a sophomore majoring in geography. She is a member of SU Honors College and the Comedy Gulls improv club.

Graham is a Dean's List student and a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

· Gregory Tyndall, son of Michael and Joann Tyndall of Berlin.

Tyndall is a sophomore majoring in history and secondary education. He is a 2014 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

· Anna Adams, daughter of Neil and Shelly Adams of Snow Hill.

Adams is a sophomore and member of the club soccer team. She is a 2018 graduate of Snow Hill High School.

Allyson Possident, daughter of Thomas and Sheryl Possident of Berlin. Possident is a sophomore majoring in

social work. She is a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

Dean's List

Several Worcester County students were named to the Dean's List at their respective colleges.

They are:

Hunter Morris, of Berlin, Frostburg State University; Tara Madden Fischer, of Berlin, University of Alabama; Rebecca Cooper, Berlin and Daniel Moyer, Ocean City, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Cooper Richins, Berlin, Furman University; Meghan Howard and Whitney Van Kirk, both of Ocean City, James Madison University; Madeline Simons, Ocean City, Washington University in St. Louis; Jillian Griggs, Berlin, Adelphi University; Madison Clark, Bishopville, Nazareth College.

President's List

Lauren Ellen Barrett, of Berlin, was named to The University of Alabama President's List for fall 2019. Those receiving honors hold an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Lily Belle Baker of Berlin was named to University of Hartford's President's List, signified by a 3.75 GPA or higher, for fall 2019.

Scholarships

Salisbury University's School of Social Work recently announced \$70,000 in awarded scholarships.

Generated from a revenue-sharing

program, the awards were distributed to 40 graduate and 20 undergraduate candidates and range from \$500-\$2,000.

Scholarship recipients must be social work majors who are currently enrolled, have demonstrated financial need and at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Worcester County recipients include Kyle Joseph and LeAnn Weamer, both of Berlin; and Kristy Mason of Pocomoke.

Honors

Shea Griffin of Berlin, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus in Madison, New Jersey, was inducted into the Phi Zeta Kappa honor society for the fall 2019 semester.

Griffin was also named to the Honors List for the fall 2019 semester.

Initiation

Salisbury University students, John Bunke and Emma Hancock, both of Ocean City, were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Good Citizens

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized DAR Good Citizens from four Worcester County high schools.

Collins, Recipients Meaghan Pocomoke High School; Kristen Riddleberger, Snow Hill High School; Ellie Dutton, Stephen Decatur High School; and Rylie Carey, Worcester Preparatory School, were each awarded a DAR Good Citizens certificate and lapel pin.

According to Janet Simpson, chapter chair for the DAR Good Citizens committee, the program was initiated by the National Society in 1934 to recognize male and female high school seniors who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

It is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their State Boards of Education. United States citizenship is not required.

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Opinion

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Berlin tax questions need clear answers

As the race for mayor of Berlin begins to take shape with two candidates, and no word yet on the intentions of incumbent Gee Williams, the discussion will inevitably turn to property taxes and how they ought to be managed.

Candidates Zack Tyndall and Bill Todd will offer their philosophies on that subject, and Williams, if he seeks reelection, will undoubtedly do so as well. It is, after all, a touchy subject, given the big increase in the tax rate the council found necessary to impose in 2019.

The central question to candidates in this regard, however, is not what they want to do about property taxes, but how they plan to do it. Expressing support for a lower rate or maintaining a stable one for years to come is easier said than done.

Since the tax bill is dependent on the revenue and expense variables, government doesn't have many choices. It either must bring much more money somehow or spend much less, or find some combination of the two, without reducing services taxpayers have come to expect.

The easiest way to increase revenue is through growth, by allowing the town to spread out and building the tax base, as Berlin has been doing for years.

Keeping the town the same and maintaining or lowering taxes is much more difficult, as it requires the town to find new non-tax sources of income while holding down the cost of operations.

The latter isn't easy to do over the long term, as wages and the cost of supplies and services purchased by the town seldom, if ever, retreat.

In addition, housing demand and supply, and their effects on property values, also play a roll in any tax rate discussion, which makes the possibility of an easy answer extremely remote.

As these campaigns for mayor and council pick up speed going into the fall, taxpayers should be aware of that and ask for detailed answers to this complicated question.

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Letters

Follow beach safety rules this summer

Editor,

As someone who spent over 25 years with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, I can say there have been many things I have witnessed and been a part of that to this day I will never forget.

As we approach the start of the busiest time of the summer, I want to share some safety reminders if you head to the beach:

Ten years ago I held the end of an umbrella sticking out of a ladies thigh while the paramedics sawed the top off after it blew down the beach.

Twenty-five years ago I was on scene while the fire/paramedics tried to locate a 12-year-old boy who dug a tunnel in the sand with his friends and it collapsed.

When the boys went for help they forgot where the exact spot was. He died after 45 minutes of being under the sand from suffocation and was found almost 90 minutes later.

I came to the beach too many times the morning after to start my shift when a family on vacation lost their child or husband for swimming when the guards were off duty. I was involved in CPR a few times on someone who dove head first into the ocean and became an instant paraplegic.

I watched the aftermath of a crew chief on our Beach Patrol give CPR to his best friend who was struck by lightning on his four wheeler trying to get people off the beach who wouldn't listen during a storm (he lived thank God).

My post is not to scare anyone. My post is to educate. Please take your umbrella down on a very windy day.

Make sure it is secure in the sand. There is a reason holes on the beach are only allowed to be dug to the smallest person in your groups knees (the story above is just one of many of those types of incidents).

And please fill it in when you leave. When the guards blow you out of the water at 5:25 to let you know they are leaving at 5:30, stay out.

Trust me when I say Mother Nature is stronger than you. (Local surfers thank you for the many rescues you have done before and after hours). Do not run and dive into the ocean, especially without checking the depth of what you are diving into.

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And if there is a bad shore break, don't use a boogie board or body surf. Not sure if the shore break is bad? Ask the lifeguard.

And please, if the guards blow you off the beach for an upcoming storm, leave. And do not sit under your umbrella. An entire family was killed before my guarding days sitting under an umbrella in the inlet. Automatic lightning rod.

Give your children a good identification spot of where you are on the beach.

When they move with the current, that "orange" umbrella looks like everyone else's. Also let them know to go to a lifeguard if they get lost.

One hundred percent of our lost children have been found and located by our awesome beach patrol and police Dept. Remind them to never leave the beach if lost.

Many of the hand signals you see the guards doing with the flags are on lost and found children.

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There are none right now, but if you get a jellyfish sting, rub wet sand on the area. Also guards carry sting kill for those as well as bee stings, band aids, etc.

Oh and wear your sunblock and hydrate.

When in doubt, ask a guard. That's what they are there for.

Thank you for reading and I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

Colby Phillips Former OCBP sergeant

NAACP concerned about KKK literature

Editor,

As president of the Worcester County Branch of the NAACP, I have been contacted by many community members (both Black and White) asking what is the NAACP doing about the "racial flyers" that some Worcester residents found in their driveways.

* What We Know – Several residents in Ocean Pines, Berlin, West Ocean City and Stockton reported finding racist flyers from the Ku Klux Klan on their driveways last week. The Ocean Pines police investigated the incident.

When a reporter called the North Carolina number, listed on the flyer, the phone was answered by a voicemail message from the Loyal White Knights (of the KKK).

* What We Have Done – I have contacted the Ocean Pines Police, the Worcester County Sheriff and the Worcester County State's Attorney. All have expressed their concern for this incident.

Police Chief David Massey, of Ocean Pines PD has been quoted as saying, "The only crime is littering." So, without a way to prove who littered our county with this hate, there is no legal action that can be taken.

* Thoughts - I have spent a great deal of time considering what should be done as a response to these flyers. Sometimes behaviors must be dealt with directly.

Other times the ignorance speaks for itself and the less attention given the better. We do not know who distributed these flyers. If we did, they could be charged.

The content is offensive and has no place in our society. Many believe that these flyers were brought into Worcester County and not distributed by individuals from our county.

I pray that is the case. I believe that the vast majority of the residents of Worcester find this propaganda offensive.

Ironically, the flyers were weighted down by cat litter, a product designed to absorb waste products.

Cat litter was used to distribute a flyer that belongs nowhere but in the trash.

Trash is offensive when it is anywhere, but in the trash can. Let's remove these racists thoughts from our county and the world. Together let's place them permanently where they belong, in the trash.

* The racist flyer invites others to "join our struggle."

Ironically, I continue saying the same thing to all residents of Worcester County.

Join with the NAACP to make it clear that racism has no place in Worcester County (nor our nation or world).

For information about joining the Worcester County Branch of the NAACP you can contact me at ivos4@aol.com. *Ivory P. Smith Sr.*

President Worcester County Branch NAACP

Worcester Co. parks and amenities reopen

(July 2, 2020) Worcester County Recreation and Parks closed to the public on March 13 to follow Gov. Larry Hogan's orders to prevent the spread of covid-19.

In keeping with Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery, Worcester County Recreation and Parks staff announced that all county parks are now open, including the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

"We are so happy to open back up," Program Manager Myro Small said. "Our daily walkers, program participants and community members have been greatly missed. We appreciate everyone's patience during this difficult time, and we cannot wait to see you all very soon."

As of June 15, parks and all amenities have reopened, including fields, playgrounds, pavilions, basketball courts, tennis courts and portable toilets.

All patrons should adhere to the posted signs throughout the parks and social distance accordingly.

The Worcester County Recreation Center will be opening at 50 percent capacity to the public. However, open recreation, including drop-in basketball, will not be offered at this time.

The building hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginning July 6, the Worcester County Recreation Center will resume normal operating hours.

Patrons are invited to utilize the walking track and exercise in the fitness room. Masks should be worn by everyone entering the building, and all individuals should social distance themselves from others.

Beginning the week of July 6, Worcester County Recreation Center fitness classes and summer camp will begin.

For more information on the reopening or specific facility-related questions, contact WCRP staff at 410-632-2144 or by email recandparks@co.worcester.md.us.





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Snapshots



BOAT TRAFFIC

Vessels sporting rods and reels head out from the Ocean Pines Marina seeking prime angling spots on Saturday, June 6.



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COOL TREAT

Paul Wheatley and his son, Javier, from Philadelphia, took a break during their recent visit to Berlin to have refreshments at the Atlantic Hotel.



VOLUNTEER AWARD

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The Ocean City Surf Club presented its 2020 Volunteers of the Year Award to Amella Mehan and Sam Woodley. Pictured with Mehan are OC Surf Club President Tommy Vach, left, and Vice President Rusty Ruzsin.



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FRESH PRODUCE Pat Hastings of Berlin has a farm stand set up in the Shell Gas Station lot on Old Oc

Pat Hastings of Berlin has a farm stand set up in the Shell Gas Station lot on Old Ocean City Boulevard every day.



FEATURED CRAFTER The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines recognized Mary Jo La Fianza as its Crafter of the Month for June.

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NOW PLAYING



THE CHEST PAINS Coconuts Beach Bar and Grill: Tuesday, July 7, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel 37th Street oceanfront, Ocean City 410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com July 3: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; The Rockaholics, 5-9 p.m. July 4: Rick & Regina, noon to 4 p.m.; Stratus Fear, 5-9 p.m. July 5: Cotton Wanderings, noon to 4 p.m.; Lauren Glick Band, 5-9 p.m. July 6: Nate Clendenen Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m. July 7: Mr. Mody, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; The Chest Pains, 3:30-7:30 p.m. July 8: Kevin Poole Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Joe Smooth & John Remy, 4-8 p.m. July 9: Sean Loomis Solo, noon to 3 p.m. ; Chris Sacks Duo, 4-8 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

101st Street, Ocean City In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com July 3-5: New Censation, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. **Lenny's Beach Bar and Grille** July 3-5: On the Edge, 5-10 p.m. July 6-7: First Class, 5-10 p.m. July 8: First Class, 4-9 p.m. July 9-12: First Class, 5-10 p.m.



FIRST CLASS Lenny's Beach Bar and Grille: Monday & Tuesday, July 6-7, 5-10 p.m.; Wednesday, July 8, 4-9 p.m.; Thursday - Sunday, July 9-12, 5-10 p.m.

OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 / www.opyachtclub.org July 3: Tranzfusion, 6-10 p.m. July 4: Eclipse Journey Tribute Band, 6-10 p.m. July 5: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m. July 9: Lauren Glick Band, 6-10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com

July 3: Light Up The Moon Duo, 4-8 p.m.; Shake Shake Shake Duo, 8-11:30 p.m. July 4: Stealing Savannah Duo 4-8 p.m.; Evolution X Duo, 8-11:30 p.m. July 5: Evolution X Duo 4-8 p.m.; Crash the Party Duo, 8-11:30 p.m. July 6: Full Circle, 4-8 p.m. July 7: Opposite Directions, 4-8 p.m. July 8: Full Circle Duo 4-8 p.m.; Benderz 8-11:30 p.m. July 9: John McNutt 4-8 p.m.; Kono Nation Duo 8-11:30 p.m.

Cuisine

Suplee features recipe for lobster bisque

I have a problem; an addiction, as it were. I love lobsters. I have been cooking them since 1984 in Annapo-



lis. On an aside, in 1983 I was not allowed to touch them, as the managers at the Chart House feared my impulsive nature at 15 years old. They knew

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

years old. They knew all too well that I would be sses around the

chasing the waitresses around the dining room with the biggest one I could find.

Be that as it may, any time that a local fisherman like Cap. Sonny throws up the Bat Signal that they have lobsters, I run down to the commercial harbor. And after obtaining 20 or so pounds of these lovely sea spiders from Skilagallee Seafood, I head straight to the restaurant to play.

The problem is that I rarely make any money on the blasted things because I eat most of them over the period of a few days. And therein lies the rub.

Grilled Lobster Amatriciana, Lobster Thermidor, Lobster Salad, Butter-Poached Lobster, Lobster Deviled Eggs, Lobster Bisque, Fried Lobster Tail and so on. Man, I can't get enough of the stuff.

OK, Paul. Settle Down. Breathe.

Breathe.

Lobsters are the pinnacle of seafood for me, and the price dictates that, of course only being rivaled by Dover sole or some expensive caviar, but I don't care too much for those. I digress.

What makes lobster such an expensive commodity is its yield.

Get ready for this, because the yield of usable product on a lobster is a whopping 25 percent. Think about that.

When you think you just got a great deal on lobster at the store when you bought a chick (one pound) for only \$10, you really just paid \$40 per pound for the lobster meat.

This hurts me to the soul when I teach this to my students at Wor-Wic, but it is the truth. This is the way of it, as has been written countless times.

As such, we need to get as much out of the shell as possible, whether it be squeezing the smallest parts of meat from the walking legs, or getting



that priceless lobster stock from those beautiful shells.

We must get everything we can from these pricey arthropods, and it is well worth it in the long haul.

The moral of the story is that I bought a cooler full of lobsters from Sonny and Jeanene and headed back to boxcar40 to play.

Surprisingly, I was able to sell a fair amount ... well, the amount that I have not eaten yet, and it was great to show cooks how to par-cook, shell and pick them. All in all, we were able to put together some delicious dishes.

My favorite, though, was the lobster bisque. This is a classic soup that is rarely matched by any other.

It is rich yet surprisingly manageable on a summer day. Served in a smaller-than-usual portion, you can top if off with lobster meat and even a fried quail egg if you want to be extra Gucci about it. Or is it bougie (boujee)? I think that's what the kids say these days. I don't know.

Now, if you will excuse me, I have to go make a lobster omelet to pair with my lobster salad and lobster quiche before I get ready to go in to work. Seriously, why can't I make any money on these blasted lobsters?

Lobster Bisque

makes about 1 gallon Picked shells from 4 lobsters meat from said lobsters chopped and refrigerated

- 6 Tbsp. Clarified butter
- 1 lg. Red onion, course chunks
- 2 carrots, peeled and chunked
- 4 ribs celery, in chunks
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 c. Dry white wine
- Water or shellfish stock to cover
- 1 qt. Heavy cream
- 12 oz. Roux
- 2 tsp. Thyme leaves 2 tsp. Tarragon
- 1 c. brandy, or to taste

Salt & Pepper, to taste

• Heat the butter and brown the shells for a few minutes.

• Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook until they have some color.

• Add the tomato paste and once again cook it all until it has some color. This is a very important part of the process, as the flavor development is key in the finished product.

• Add the wine and cook for a minute and top it off with the water or shellfish stock. An easy flavor addition here would be to add some

chicken stock, but you need to be aware of your audience. You would not want to serve this to a pescatarian.

• Simmer this concoction for about an hour to an hour and a half.

• Strain the stock and smash the shells to extract any and all flavors. Traditionally, you can mash the shells through a food mill or even run some through a blender which will extract even more flavor and color. This is optional.

• Bring the stock back to a simmer and add the cream, adjusting this as to the amount of liquid that actually came out of the pot.

• Thicken this with the roux and add remaining ingredients. There can be a lot of adjustment at this phase, which is one of my favorite parts of making soup. Natural ingredients vary in flavor and it becomes our task to work accordingly.

• Serve with paprika garnish, or chives or even a quail egg. Top it off with the chopped lobster meat.

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

Puzzles

ANIMAL CROSSINGS BY BYRON AND HARRISON WALDEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Byron Walden is a math and computer science professor at Santa Clara University. Harrison is his 8-year-old son, who, with occasional assistance, has been doing crosswords for more than a year. The jokes in this puzzle's theme are a collaboration between the two. Byron spearheaded the fill — although the top right and lower left corners are completely Harrison's. The two wrote the clues together. — W.S

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

Thurs., July 2

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.

FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Held Thursdays through Aug. 27. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. https://ococean.com/events/familybeach-games2020Hel

THE MAGIC BOX (YOUTH)

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 7:00 PM. Ran D Shine will amaze you and teach you a few tricks in The Magic Box show. Supplies needed are a deck of cards, quarter, dollar bill, 2 same size plastic cups or glasses. See it Drive In style, register to see the show on Zoom or watch the recording on the library's Facebook page from July 3-6. https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6780523

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Grab a bite to eat from the food truck and enjoy music by "Tranzfusion" (classic rock). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to bring your own seating. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800,

https://ococean.com/events/sunsetpark-party-nights020

FREE OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Each week a new DJ hits the Caroline Street Stage where participants can dance under the lights on the beach. The event leads into the fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. https://ococean.com/events/oc-beach-dance-party2 020

THURSDAY'S DOWNTOWN BEACH FIRE-WORKS

Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, https://ococean.com/events/thursday-sdowntown-beach-fireworks

Fri., July 3

FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENING AND HAPPY HOUR

Featuring the 20th Annual Beverly Bassford Memorial Juried Show available for viewing online and in person at the Ocean City Center for the Arts during July. This opening and happy hour moves online with live streaming of the new exhibits on Facebook Live at 5:00 PM. Selected works will also be available to view on the Art League's website at ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org. A new virtual exhibition also opens on Friday in collaboration with the Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore. 410-524-9433

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

27th Street Beach, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "Frozen 2." Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, http://www.oceancitymd.gov

TRIMPER'S GREENMARKET

Trimper's Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The market will include all types of produce including mushrooms, fruits and vegetables as well as flowers and herbs. Farms interested in

DAY'S WORK

Landscape workers in Ocean Pines contemplate auger approaches on the corner of Ocean Parkway and Clubhouse Drive on Thursday, June 4. GREG ELLISON/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



participating can apply online at www.trimperrides.com.

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Sat., July 4

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., July 5

SUNDAES IN THE PARKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM. Featuring free music by "Mike Hines & the Look" (high energy dance music) and various free activities and entertainment for children. Prepackaged ice cream will be available for purchase. Take a picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, https://ococean.com/events

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THE BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through Aug. 30 - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM -1:00 pm. Special senior shopping time from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM. www.berlinmainstreet.com

Mon., July 6

AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dial 978-990-5451, wait for voice command, then press 3753651. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Discussion and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Services, 410-208-9761

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring "Christopher Robin" (104 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car's battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, https://ococean.com/events/drive-in-

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Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be

Tues., July 7

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

The meeting will be held via video call, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Join the Faith Partnership: A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

FREE FAMILY BEACH GAMES

27th Street Beach, 6:30 PM. Held Tuesdays through Aug. 11. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. https://ococean.com/events/family-beach-games20 20Hel

FREE DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Featuring award winning films from the Ocean City Film Festival (107 minutes). Movie audio is via FM radio frequency (monitor your car's battery). Participants are reminded to stay inside their vehicle unless using available amenities. Portable restrooms will be available. All movies subject to weather-related conditions. 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-2800, https://ococean.com/events/drive-in-movies2020

Wed., July 8

SIT 'N STITCH (ADULT)

A virtual afternoon of knitting, crocheting and other needle arts, 3:30 PM. Sit, stitch and share ideas. Registration closes 24 hours before the event begins. Register: https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/even t/6823999.

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FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Sit in the sand and enjoy a free movie. Featuring "The Lion King" (Live Action). Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. All titles are subject to change without notice. All movies are weather permitting. Attendance is at your own risk. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, http://www.oceancitymd.gov



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