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PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

A heavy fire caused by an unattended grill at 8336 Circle Road in Berlin Monday afternoon has left a family of seven homeless.

Fire leaves seven people homeless

Unattended barbecue grill identified as cause of blaze that leveled family's home

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Firefighters from Berlin, Showell, Bishopville and Willards responded to a fire on Monday at 3:45 p.m. at 8336 Circle Road in

Berlin that left seven people homeless. The single-story home was owned by Burley Collins.

The seven occupants have been temporarily relocated by the American Red Cross.

Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Matthew Owens said no injuries were reported and no other structures were involved or damaged.

Through its investigation, the

Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office has determined the fire was accidental and blamed on the improper use of a barbecue grill. The grill was located on a deck adjacent to the house and left unattended.

Unfortunately, the family did lose its pet rabbit in the fire.

For more information, contact Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Matt Owens at 410-632-5666 Ext. 2.

County billing Comcast for OP water woe

Subcontractor broke lines during cable installation

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) After multiple disruptions of water service in Ocean Pines caused by Comcast subcontractors drilling into underground

pipes while laying cable underground, Worcester County officials are looking to recoup the associated repair costs.

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino said after sending an initial bill



Chip Bertino

several months ago, additional mishaps have driven the cost higher.

"We are going to be holding Comcast responsible for the challenges and the problems that we've experienced because of their subcontractors," he said.

Bertino said the county sent Comcast a bill for \$94,000 roughly two months ago to cover the cost of labor, equipment and supplies to make repairs to the water lines.

"Their subcontractors were not following the law with regard to how See COUNTY Page 8

Filing deadline passes, Berlin election set

Five candidates on ballot for mayor, with contests for council dist. 3 and at-large

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The ballot is set for the Berlin municipal election on Oct. 6, with the passing of the candidate filing deadline last Friday at 5 p.m.

The race for mayor has five can-

didates: Jennifer Allen, Ron Bireley, Bill Todd, Zack Tyndall and incumbent Gee Williams.

Jack Orris is seeking the District 2 council seat unopposed, while Shaneka Nichols and Dan Packey are vying for the District 3 seat.

Jay Knerr and Tony Weeg are running to fill Thom Gulyas' atlarge council seat when he retires after the Sept. 28 mayor and council meeting because his family is moving outside the town limits.

Sept. 4 was also the deadline for voter registration.

Voters will have the opportunity to learn more about candidates' views on issues during virtual question-and-answer sessions hosted by The Dispatch on Sept. 15 and Sept. 22.

Amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, all eligible voters are being encouraged to vote by absentee ballot.

Voters no longer have to provide

a reason, such as illness or travel, to obtain an absentee ballot application.

Applications to vote absentee in the municipal election are being accepted by mail until Sept. 29 at 5 p.m.

Absentee voting applications will be accepted in person at Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, until 5 p.m. on Oct. 2.

The deadlines for withdrawal of See BERLIN Page 8



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Second candidate files for Berlin District 3

By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Shaneka Nichols, a Flower Street resident, filed for the District 3 Berlin Town Council seat last Wednesday and will face Dan Packey in the nonpartisan election.

"Public office wasn't something I ever saw myself doing, However, when it was brought to my attention that my predecessor, Mr. Brittingham, was considering retirement and that representation for our district was questionable at that point as to who was going to follow ... a couple people had said, 'Well, we thought you might be a great person to [succeed] him," Nichols said. "And to think that your neighbors, the people within your community, see you as someone that they would have faith in representing them and standing up and speaking on their behalf – being that voice for the community - was something that made me feel that you'd have to set yourself aside and look at what your community is asking for."

After 32 years as a town council member, Elroy Brittingham will not seek another four-year term.

"I feel that Mr. Brittingham has done a phenomenal job representing this district during his time in office," Nichols said. "I have a great deal of re-

trict.'



Nichols added that if elected for the council seat, she hopes she can represent the district as

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well as Brittingham did. Nichols works at Berlin Intermediate School as an educational assistant for inschool suspension.

"Because I do work in the education system, I do strongly believe that for any community to grow, you have to invest in your future," Nichols said. "We need to as a town, as a whole, need to invest in our children ... allow them to be stakeholders in the Town of Berlin. Give them something that they can take pride in, say a community center."

Nichols believes the multi-purpose building on Flower Street would be an ideal location for a community center for the children. "Worcester County Public Schools is doing great things for our children right now, and to be able to foster that outside of school with the community center would only [decrease] the divide between our lower income children and families and those that aren't in the same economic standing," Nichols said. "That's where my passion truly is — in bridging the gap."

Nichols, 45, is a mother to six children, ranging from 8 years old to 24 years old. She is also a grandmother to a 10-month-old boy.

As a relative of the Burdell lineage, Nichols has deep roots in the community, and she grew up on Flower Street.

"Berlin has been a part of me for centuries even before I came to be," she said. "I might be the 10th generation in my family."

With a focus on family, Nichols hopes the community center would encourage foster grandparents to assist families in need and draw the cooperation of educators and business owners.

"My other thought is ... bridging that gap, literally bridging the connection between the east side of Berlin and Main Street Berlin, or the west side of Berlin," Nichols said. "It really and truly is that highway that divides us."

Nichols added that her goal is to make the highway only a physical divide and not a socioeconomic barrier between the different communities in Berlin.

"Berlin doesn't stop on the west side of [Route] 113," she said. "There's a rich culture and heritage, and even a new culture that is sprouting up in the last decade right here in Berlin, which is our Latino community.

"I'd like for there to be a 'we' as far as Berlin goes. All of us, we are Berlin, all of us," she continued.

One of Nichols' objectives is to host more cultural events on the east side of Berlin in the future to help foster empathy among the town's residents.

In addition, Nichols said taxes are a major concern for the entire town.

"I'd like to get a better understanding of how we got where we are with finances and be able to explain in plain English to the people in our district how we got here and work together with the mayor and council, so in the future we're not hit with such a drastic increase [in taxes] further coming," she said.

OPA revises mask policy, staff tests positive

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Ocean Pines Association, which announced last week another employee had tested positive for coronavirus, was contacted by the Worcester Health Department regarding health safety guidelines during board meetings.

OPA Board member Steve Tuttle said a resident emailed her concerns about masks after witnessing several members remove face coverings during a director's meeting in mid-August. "In her email, she made reference to the fact that even though we were socially distancing we were not wearing our masks," he said. "She was concerned about that."

OPA President Larry Perrone said in addition to the resident's email, the Worcester County Health Department also received an anonymous complaint.

"We received a letter from the county health department last week advising us even though we're socially distancing during the meeting, if we're indoors we have to wear masks," he said. Perrone said despite trying to adopt appropriate health safety measures, the board was not in full compliance.

"We all had our masks on and then when we sat down at our chairs some of us removed our masks," he said. "Going forward we will correct our behavior."

Tuttle, who wore a face shield during the board meeting last month, has since learned even that measure was not sufficient.

"The requirement in Maryland per the governor is even inside buildings," he said. "Even with social distancing, it is my understanding now that we are to wear our masks."

Coinciding with the health department guidance for covid prevention, the OPA announced last Thursday that another employee had tested positive.

General Manager John Viola said an aquatics department member who contracted the virus would not return to work until deemed safe in accordance with CDC guidelines.

"We notified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials," Viola said.

Viola went on to say the employee was not in close contact with residents or visitors and had only minimal interactions with staff.

"We do not believe this employee had See HEALTH Page 3



Health dept. notes 97 percent recovery rate

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contact with the employee testing positive for COVID-19 earlier this month," he said.

The latest case raises the number of OPA employees testing positive for coronavirus to four, including another aquatics staff member and one occurrence each among public works and golf maintenance crews.

Tuttle said Viola has seen that appropriate steps, including contract tracing, are followed in each instance of an OPA employee testing positive.

"That's really an operational thing from my perspective," he said. "That's not something the board should get involved in."

Last week, the health department announced the positivity rate in Worcester County was nearly three times the state average.

In a related press release, the health department attributed the higher percentage of tests finding infections to the summer season population spike, noting that more people mean more potential cases.

"We know that positivity rates tend to ebb and flow from week-to-week," the statement read. "One of our primary focuses is to make sure that our hospital infrastructure and ICU capacity isn't overtaxed."

To this point, county officials feel confident health facilities are prepared to handle the increased rate of infection.

"Our contact tracing and isolation/quarantine teams work around the clock to track the spread of covid-19 ... and to support individuals who are either in quarantine or isolation to limit that spread," the statement said.

For now, county health officials report hospitals remain below capacity.

"We we are releasing residents from isolation and quarantine daily. In fact, we have released 1,691 people from monitoring as of this morning, and we have a recovery rate of 97 percent," the statement said.

Tuttle said the pandemic shows few signs of subsiding anytime soon and regardless of personal sentiments, community members should maintain vigilance and adhere to state and federal safety guidelines.

"You can get into the politics of 'do we wear masks or don't we wear masks" and that's not really the issue," he said. "The issue is the governor and the CDC guidelines say we should wear masks.



Parks Commission in Berlin reviews equipment styles

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Berlin Parks Commission at its Sept. 1 meeting reviewed bench, picnic table and bike rack styles for its commemorative program.

Individuals, families or organizations who wish to honor the memory of loved ones or memorialize a significant event can make a donation through the price of the bench, picnic table or bike rack plus a \$200 maintenance fee.

"The [benches] at Stephen Decatur Park I think are 12 feet long, so they have concrete on either end and then a concrete in the middle," said Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen.

Bohlen directed the commission to bench styles similar to the benches in the park on Tripoli Street. She also asked the commission members for their opinions on recycled products.

"I like recycled products ... but it would be nice to still have a historic look just because of the age of the town," said commission member Laura Stearns.

The commission agreed on the Heritage Recycled Plastic Park Benches.

"I think that looks like it will fit into our parks," said commission member Patricia Dufendach.

The commission also discussed bench options for spectators near the basketball courts at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

When evaluating the options for picnic tables, Dufendach said she prefers those that are welded rather than bolted.

"The composite has its drawbacks," Bohlen added. "It can be very heavy. That could be a good thing, but it can also tend to warp."





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The Berlin Parks Commission reviewed examples of benches, picnic tables and bike racks for the commemorative program in the parks during its meeting on Sept. 1.

As for bike racks, Bohlen said she opposes the ground loop style because it is a tripping hazard.

"Another alternative—what the city of Salisbury did, and this would be on obviously a very case-by-case basis—if the donor wanted to commission an artist to make one, we could certainly consider that," Bohlen said. Bohlen said the pictures that were

Bohlen said the pictures that were presented for the benches, picnic tables and bike racks were style examples.

"When an actual request is made, we will review what is on the market at that time," she said.

In addition, Bohlen provided the commission a copy of the grant appli-

cation to install permanent restrooms at Stephen Decatur Park.

"I will tell you that the restrooms at Henry Park cost a considerable amount of money to maintain in the years since then," Bohlen said. "We've had to replace doors, we've had to alter the locks on the doors, we've had fires set. Public restrooms are very costly."

At this time, Fall Just Walk is still scheduled for Nov. 7, but Bohlen said she would contact the commission members if there are any changes.

The next Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov.

Pines Chamber of Commerce marks nationwide event

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is hoping to highlight the services it provides for community members and businesses during National Chamber of Commerce Week.

President/CEO Kerrie Bunting said the nationwide celebration this week serves as an outreach effort for chamber of commerce membership groups across the U.S.

"Right now, so many people are questioning, 'Well, my money is really tight so why should I give you my money?" she said. "What's the chamber doing for my business [and] ... for the community?"

Bunting said chamber of commerce entities help both in the long run.

"They support the entire community, because if businesses fall, communities are going to fall," she said.

Chamber groups strive to support smart economic growth and connect potential customers with products and services, Bunting said.

"We've got businesses that need consumers and they sometimes need a conduit to reach those residents and visitors to the area," she said.

Print publications are one tool employed by the Ocean Pines Chamber.

"Our annul business directory comes in handy for visitors, as well as residents," she said.

When unexpected house repairs surface, such as a leaky roof, the Ocean Pines Chamber can provide unbiased guidance to find assistance and help consumers avoid a scenario where one disaster leads to another.

"We can provide you trusted local businesses that will get the job done," she said.

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Chief Massey keeps busy in familiar space as instructor

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) After retiring at the start of August, former Ocean Pines Police Chief Dave Massey recently returned for a pair of recognition ceremonies but appears far from finished in the law enforcement arena.

Following a small-scale retirement celebration for Massey On Aug. 27 at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse that was limited in scope due to covid-19 restrictions, a slightly expanded outdoor event was held last Friday at the White Horse Park Pavilion.

Speaking prior to the second shindig, Massey said the outside gathering would compensate for the limited invitation event the week prior.

"Friday is more open and it's going to be for the employees and some other people who want to come," he said. "People who weren't able to make the small ceremony can come to the larger one."

Massey said the initial ceremony felt gratifying after serving as a peacekeeper for close to a half-century and as the Ocean Pines police chief starting in 2003.

"It was a good time," he said. "Several of my officers came [and] my family came."

Massey said there were some unan-

ticipated faces.

"I was very flattered the first [OPA] General Manager that hired me, Dave Ferguson, came back all the way from New Jersey," he said.

Among the list of dignitaries speaking during the Golf Clubhouse event last week were current OPA GM John Viola See MASSEY Page 6

PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola, left, awards recently retired Police Chief Dave Massey a plague honoring his 17 years in the role during a small-scale celebration on Aug. 27 at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse.



Helping small businesses survive

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The covid-19 pandemic, which has created financial hurdles for many industries, has proven especially challenging for chamber groups.

"We are a nonprofit 501c6, which means we are not eligible for a lot of the government assistance programs for covid," she said. "We still have to keep our doors open so we can help everybody else keep their doors open."

Bunting said the Ocean Pines Cham-



Kerrie Bunting

ber has proven a valuable resource for a number of area businesses struggling to remain profitable during the ongoing pandemic. "It has come in really

"It has come in really handy for the smaller retailers, bars and

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restaurants because they don't necessarily have a marketing person of marketing plan," she said. "We help you get that message out to potential consumers."

Bunting said the public often has little understanding of the how chamber groups function as a middleman between business and consumers.

"Through this covid we've really been able to expand the voice of so many of our mom-and-pop shops, which are the ones that are the foundation of our community," she said. "As much chaos as 2020 has brought, I really think this is when chambers have shined."

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Massey transitions to educator

Continued from Page 5 and President Larry Perrone, along with Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino and Maryland Sen. Mary

Beth Carozza (R-38). "I got a governor's citation, a commendation from the Worcester County Commissioners [and] a very nice thank you and plaque from Ocean Pines," he said. "Several [OPA] Board members were there."

The dignitaries repeated the process to a few more faces under the White Horse Park Pavilion last Friday.

Regardless of accolades for past decades of service, Massey is far from resting on his laurels.

"I'm slowly easing into retirement [but] I've got a lot of work to do," he said.

Although stepping away from the streets, Massey continues to instruct at Wor-Wic Community College's Police Academy in Salisbury.

"I'm teaching two classes at Wor-Wic," he said.

The instructional offerings include police administration, which Massey has previously taught, and criminology.

"Criminology is a new class, so I had to do lesson plans," he said. "It's been several hours a day."

Other "retirement" activities Massey has on tap include conducting first-line police administration seminars and helping revise a co-authored college textbook.

"I helped publish a policing textbook for college kids," he said. "It's called "Introduction to Policing" by Sage Publishing.'

Regardless of future pursuits, Massey said he was "blessed" to have spent his lengthy law enforcement career in a pair of tremendous communities.

'It's been a long journey," he said.

Massey kicked off his on-duty service clock as a seasonal officer in Ocean City before ascending to chief in that jurisdiction, followed by serving the past 17 years as the top law enforcement official in Ocean Pines.

"I couldn't ask for two more different communities and two great communities," he said. "One is the second largest city in the state of Maryland for [sev-

eral] months a year ... and then Ocean Pines is a smaller residential community."

Moving from running a police department in a tourist area to a more residential environment was a big change, Massev said.

"You always want to go from something super busy to something less busy," he said. "You never want to go the other way from slow to busy.'

Massey said the script flip has proven beneficial for instructional efforts.

"It gives me greater diversity in my police career [so] I can talk about big departments [and] ... small departments," he said.

Among Massey's proudest law enforcement accomplishments are handing the reins to familiar faces when leaving top posts in Ocean City and Ocean Pines.

"I'm happy that in both places I was chief of police I trained my successor,' he said.

Former Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, who is now the Sarasota, Florida police chief, took over when Massey stepped down from his Ocean City post in 2003. Current Ocean Pines Police Chief Leo Ehrisman inherited that role on Massey's retirement from that department.

"They both were on my command staff," he said. "I guess they liked what I was doing because they allowed people that came up under me to take my place.

"The good thing is once you retire," he added, "you always miss the people, but you've pretty much done the job and got it out of your system. Now it's time to move on to something different."

In his instance, Massey it will be teaching in the trenches.

'I was trained in college to be a teacher so it kind of worked in seamlessly," he said.

In fact, Massey spent the larger part of his years in uniform teaching at the Wor-Wic Police Academy.

"You've got to keep your mind active [and] have a purpose to life," he said. "My purpose is to bring these young men and women along and that's what I enjoy."

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Berlin BZA OKs variance for deck and stairs

By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer (Sept. 10, 2020) The Berlin Board

of Zoning Appeals last Wednesday approved a variance request that will allow a deck to be added to a home on 203 Broad Street.

Jill Gray, the owner of the property asked for a variance from the required rear yard setback of 35 feet in the R-1 Residence District to build an attached nine-foot deck and three-foot stairs to the rear of the new home, which is currently under construction.

Gray and Steven Green's mother, Patsy Bell, will be living in the property.

"We talked about having a patio instead of the deck, but we really prefer to have the elevated surface," said Green, who represented his mother at the meeting.

The deck and stairs would advance 12 feet past the platted building restricted line.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart recommended granting the variance because there would be minimal negative impact on the adjoining property to the rear.

"I don't think, unless you're directly behind the home, that you'd know the deck was there when you're on Broad Street," Engelhart said.

In addition, the lot is an unusual shape, more like a trapezoid, which allows for a variance to be requested, according to town code.

"It's a unique piece of property that was subdivided years ago," Green said.

He stated that he supports the variance request, which will mostly affect his home at 1 Harrison Avenue.

Suzanne and Doug Parks of 115 Broad Street, Mary and Danny Moore of 218 Broad Street and Linda Palmer of 107 Henrys Mill Drive also stated no objection to endorsing the variance re-



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The Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously approved a variance request to build a deck and stairs on a house at 203 Broad Street during its meeting on Sept. 2.

quest.

The homeowners to the west of the property offered no statements.

In the event that the homeowner wishes to expand the deck, that would require seeking another variance.

River Rally goes virtual; track miles on apps

(Sept. 10, 2020) Join Lower Shore Land Trust as it celebrate 30 years for the first-ever VIRTUAL 30 miles on the water and on the trails for River Rally 2020.

Together, the group hopes to raise funds to conserve and restore wildlife habitat, protect working lands and build a resilient lower shore today and for the next generation.

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Registration is \$30 per person or \$45 for families. Participants can kayak, paddleboard, canoe, hike, bike, or a combination of all of the above.

This event can be completed on a



river, creek, bay, trail, or even biking the Viewtrail 100. Log miles anytime between Friday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 27.

All ages, abilities and fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Regis-

trants will receive a T-shirt and interactive map loaded with places to paddle, hike and bike.

Participants can use one of the many apps available to track their miles or enter their experiences in a downloadable form.

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County seeks repair costs from Comcast

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they should determine where the utilities are," he said. "As a result, they were cutting into our water lines on a regular basis, sometimes five or six times a day."

Bertino said in addition to inconveniencing residents, the recurring water service disturbances also taxed Worcester Public Works and Water/Wastewater staff.

"The contract that the Ocean Pines Association signed with Comcast states implicitly that they are to be held accountable for any problems that occur with putting in the new infrastructure," he said.

Bertino said the matter was first addressed months ago after Assistant Public Works Director John Ross met with Comcast representa-

tives.

"Comcast did a very good job in working towards correcting the problem," he said.

Subsequent to Ross advising Comcast of the situation, Bertino contacted public works and Assistant Finance Officer Jessica Wilson to confirm the repair costs would not burden Ocean Pines ratepayers.

"They were already on it," he said. Since that time, the number of incidents has been reduced, but they do still occur.

Bertino estimates another \$10,000 in repairs have been incurred since the bill was sent to Comcast. That does not include the 10-inch water main break from last Monday.

"The county expects Comcast to

pay for those breaks, because if they don't, the ratepayers of Ocean Pines are going to be required to pay for that and that is not fair," he said.

Water and wastewater are not paid out of the county general fund, with unbudgeted costs falling on the users.

"Water and wastewater are an enterprise fund," he said. "It is funded by the rates that are paid by the ratepayers."

Bertino said county officials establish an annual budget for water service based on prior year numbers and approved capital improvements.

Bertino raise the issue at last week's meeting of the county commissioners.

Bertino said the community's aggravation was evident during the

water service disturbance last Monday.

"My phone was very busy during those five hours from people calling me wanting to know what was going on," he said. "Our guys did yeoman's duty in addressing it."

Although the county has yet to receive payment from Comcast for the earlier incidents, Bertino believes the matter would be resolved satisfactorily.

"I have no reason to think Comcast will not, especially since once this project is done they're going to be looking for business in Ocean Pines," he said. "If they don't make good for this, I don't think it's going to leave a good taste in the mouth of the people they're trying to attract as customers."

Berlin sees five-way contest in mayor's race

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candidacy and write-in candidate filing are also Sept. 29 at 5 p.m.

Write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot.

On Election Day, polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters in Districts 1 and 2 will vote at

Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 20 S. Main Street, and voters in Districts 3 and 4 will vote at the Berlin Police Department at 129 Decatur Street

The Berlin Board of Supervisors of Elections assures those who decide to vote at the polls that appropriate measures will be taken to enforce social distancing, face coverings and other safety precautions for interactions between poll workers and voters.

With the statewide shortage of election judges, Berlin is also accepting applications to serve as poll workers until Sept. 18.

For more information about the Berlin municipal election, contact Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or by email at mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.

The Berlin municipal election is independent of any county, state or national election, Bohlen said.



Martial arts grand master sets world record in Pines

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Grand Master Sunil Shakya, head instructor at Chesapeake Martial Arts in Ocean Pines, set a world record for longest tai chi performance last month after notching a comparable achievement earlier this summer.

"I am a multi-martial artist and master of 10 different styles of martial arts," he said.

Born in Kathmandu, Nepal, Shakya, 43, relocated to the U.S. in 2008, three decades after beginning a lifelong study of traditional Asian forms of self-defense, including kung fu, wushu, taekwondo, tai chi, kickboxing, Krav Maga, jeet kune do, close-combat weapons, pankration and kenjutsu.

"I started teaching martial arts back in 2000 all over Nepal, India, Europe," he said. "I came here for martial arts seminars in New Jersey."

Although recent record-setting endeavors had to be judged remotely due to covid-19 considerations, on Aug. 21 Shakya qualified for the longest performance of tai chi in the High Range Book of World Records after hitting the two-hour mark.

"Actually, I wanted to go to Guinness World Records but the process was so long," he said.

This was the second entry in the High Range Book of World Records for Shakya, who also made the pages after performing seven different styles of martial arts back to back on June 30.

Both feats were accomplished at Chesapeake Martial Arts with High Range officials viewing a live stream and nary a spectator, save for Shakya's wife, Susmita Lama, and 7-year-old son, Syalwon.

"Just me and my family," he said. Although only a witness last month, Syalwon Shakya is following in his father's discipline.

"He's also a martial artist learning kung fu and taekwondo with me," he said. Since beginning martial arts instruction at age 4, Syalwon Shakya quickly ex-

celled and more recently has begun echoing some of his father's achievements, which have included stints competing, coaching and judging national, international and world championships.

"Last year in 2019, he got a lot of trophies," he said. "This year we had planned to go to a championship in Virginia but they're all cancelled, so maybe next year."

While proud to speak about his son's recent achievements, Shakya also took first place for taekwondo, kung fu and weapons competitions during the 2019 Mid Atlantic Martial Arts championship in Delaware.

The father and son also placed second in taekwondo team forms and took home a martial arts champion family award.

In lieu of in-person events, the Shakyas continued their winning traditions virtually in 2020.

"This year we did the team forms for an online championship," he said. "We got first place."

Sunil Shakya, who was certified by the World United Martial Arts Federation as an eighth-degree Black Belt in March, also took top honors for kung fu, taekwondo and tai chi during the World Martial Arts E-Championship this June.

"Every championship, fortunately at the age of 40-plus, I'm still winning," he said.

PHOTO COURTESY SUNIL SHAKYA Grand Master Sunil Shakya demonstrates kenjitsu, the Japanese art of the sword, during a recent world record-setting performance at Chesapeake Martial Arts in Ocean Pines.



PHOTO COURTESY SUNIL SHAKYA

Sunil Shakya displays a world record award for longest performance of tai chi bestowed by the High Range Book of World Records after hitting the two-hour mark last month at Chesapeake Martial Arts in Ocean Pines.







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Historic District Commission OKs Harvest Guitar Shop sign

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By Ally Lanasa

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Berlin Historic District Commission voted unanimously last Wednesday to approve the proposed sign for Harvest Guitar Shop, a new business located at 16 S. Main Street #E.

The sign is a composite material identical to the sandwich board sign currently on the sidewalk out front of the business, said town Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

Harvest Guitar Shop is a familyowned musical instrument store, featuring custom handmade guitars. Each guitar is made from locally sourced old growth wood.

Harvest Guitar Shop, which opened in downtown Berlin in August, also provides repairs and luthier services.

According to its Facebook page, the shop sells strings, straps, accessories, boutique pedals, and used tube amps as well.

During the 2nd Friday festivities on Sept. 11, Harvest Guitar Shop is hosting a grand opening party at the Berlin Welcome Center parking lot from 6-8 p.m.



The Berlin Historic District Commission unanimously approved the proposed sign for Harvest Guitar Shop, an instrument store on South Main Street behind the Berlin Welcome Center, during its meeting on Sept. 2.

For more information, call 443-614-2256 or email harvestguitars@gmail.com.

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(Sept. 10, 2020) The Town of Berlin announced last Friday that limited public attendance will be permitted at mayor and council, board and commission meetings beginning on Sept. 14.

The announcement comes after Gov. Larry Hogan's most recent executive orders regarding the covid-19 pandemic that state that up to 50 percent capacity is allowed for indoor venues, with appropriate social distancing and face coverings for all attendees.

"In addition to town officials and staff, up to 16 seats will be available to presenters, members of the public and the press," said Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen. Bohlen added that doors will be opened 15 minutes before the designated start time of the meeting and seating will be first-come, firstserved.

At the start of the meeting, or when capacity has been reached, the doors will be locked to entry from the outside.

Until full capacity is restored, questions and comments pertaining to the meeting agenda will continue to be accepted until noon the day of the meeting and the town will continue to broadcast meetings live via Facebook.

more information, visit For www.berlinmd.gov or call 410-641-2770.

OP Fluid Golf helps with injuries

New aquatics offering uses water therapy for practice prior to returning to greens

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Ocean Pines Aquatics new "Fluid Golf class" is a water-based personal training program that helps golfers recover from injuries or recent surgeries.

Ocean Pines Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips said the concept came to light this spring while researching potential new offerings during the covid-19 pandemic.

"I learned that 70 percent of people that play golf have some sort of injury they have sustained not from golf," she said.

Phillips said the idea behind Fluid Golf is to hit the pool before the course if nagging injuries are making the pursuit unduly challenging.

'As we age, we find ourselves with injuries to our backs or shoulders,' she said.

Swinging a club or driver incorporates player's knees, waist, and shoulders, with Fluid Golf focused on helping sufferers of such injuries recover faster and to minimize subsequent ailments, Phillips said.

"We start slow by doing exercises in the pool to strengthen the area that has been bothering them," she said

After obtaining personalized training lessons at the Sports Core Pool, Fluid Golf participants can eventually perform the exercises without assistance, Phillips said.

"It's one-on-one and it has to be scheduled," she said.



The cost for 30minute sessions is \$25 for Ocean Pines swim and golf members, \$30 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

Phillips said as an introduction for the

curious, but uncertain, free 15minute sessions are available.

"If you take a golf club and you swing it in the pool, you're using that resistance and working on those muscles," she said. "Aquatic therapy in general is amazing for your body.'

The training regimen involves exercises beyond lining up a long shot under water.

"It's not just with a golf club in the pool," she said. "We'll show you exercises that you can do depending on the nature of where you're trying to get better and then you can come do it on your own."

Phillips said the physical impact on a person is significantly reduced when workouts are performed in water.

"On land, it's so much harder," she said. "In the water you're getting that same mobility but you have the resistance of the water and the buoyancy ... so you don't have the impact you would have on land."

Fluid Golf is the latest training course from Ocean Pines Aquatics, which also offers "Aqua Jog" classes and "Hydrorider Water Cycling."

"There are people who can't ride a bike on land or take a spin class because they have bad knees," she said. "They come take our hydro-cycle class in the water and they can do it because there's no pressure on the joints, but it's building the muscles."

Phillips said Fluid Golf should improve flexibility, stamina and balance to allow golfers to play longer and stronger. She added, however, that the program is to help players who have "tweaked something and just want to strengthen those muscles," and not for more serious problems. "We're not a physical therapist," she said.

To learn more or register call the Sports Core at 410-641-5255.



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Colby Phillips

Two Pines Golf Committee members resign over course

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Ocean Pines President Larry Perrone questioned the perspective of former OPA Golf Committee Chairman Larry Davies, who recently resigned his post, along with fellow member Olga Novy, over what they said were frustrations with substandard course

conditions. Perrone said

despite persistent challenges, i m m e n s e progress has been made in the past year to improve playing conditions.

"The general



Larry Perrone

manager [John Viola] and the golf maintenance group have been working extremely hard since last year to improve several things at the course," he said.

During this past offseason, the focus was on improving greens and reducing water retention.

"A lot of work was done over the winter and drainage was improved in several places," he said.

Perrone said in addition to erect-

ing the new golf clubhouse over the past year, numerous rough patches along the cart path were repaired.

Other changes were enacted to improve airflow and reduce often soggy course conditions.

"We removed a lot of trees throughout the course also," he said. Perrone said from his viewpoint,

the Ocean Pines Golf Course is greatly improved.

"From my own personal experience, the course has not been in as good a shape as I have seen in at least the last 10 years," he said. "The fairways are much improved and the greens were excellent until just recently."

Speaking on Monday, Perrone said during a weekly meeting with General Manager of Golf Operations John Malinowski that morning, which included Viola and OPA Vice President Colette Horn, updates were provided on current efforts to address subpar conditions on four green sections.

Perrone said the concerns expressed by Davies have been brought forward for several years.

"I wholeheartedly disagree with his opinion," he said. "There's been tremendous progress on the course."



PHOTO COURTESY MOGAN FAMILY

The Denny Mogan ALS Fundraiser at Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin on Saturday aims to relieve the financial burden of medical expenses on the family. Pictured, from left, are Kateryna, Jack, 5, Michael, 8, and Denny, who has been battling Bulbar Onset ALS since March.

Fundraiser to benefit family afflicted by Bulbar Onset ALS

By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin will hold a fundraiser on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. to support Denny Mogan and his family, following his terminal Lou Gehrig's disease diagnosis.

Mogan, 40, was diagnosed with Bulbar Onset Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), the most aggressive form of the nervous system disease, during the first week of March.

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Proceeds to relieve medical costs

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According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, individuals with Bulbar Onset usually notice speech or swallowing problems first.

Mogan reportedly began slurring his speech in November 2019 at an event at his restaurant, Mogan's Oyster House on East Main Street in Salisbury.

He grew up in Salisbury and still lives there today with his wife, Kateryna, who teaches English as a second language in Worcester County public schools in Snow Hill.

They share two sons, ages 5 and 8.

Jayme Clarke, a close family friend who is organizing the fundraiser, said Mogan has a strong background in the hospitality industry, including stints at Harborside Bar & Grill on Harbor Road and Brass Balls Saloon on the Boardwalk in Ocean City.

He also served for years as a beer representative in Ocean City and Berlin for Evolution Craft Brewing Company.

The fundraiser at Burley Oak Brewing Company is part of a series of events primarily in Salisbury called Downtown for Denny to raise funds for medical expenses, their children's educational funds and any other immediate or future needs.

"With this being a terminal disease, there's no surviving it," Clarke said. "So, knowing that and knowing that [Kateryna's] a school teacher that will become a single mom, we're doing all the fundraising to really help them financially as much as we can."

Mogan's family and friends invite people to enjoy locally brewed beers, Uno Mas Tacos, fresh-shucked oysters from Shell & Barrel, a live auction and live music by Jack Bannon during the event.

J. L. Cropper Auctions from Ocean City will host the live auction, which will feature prizes from Sunset Grille, Seacrets and Fager's Island, from 2-4 p.m.

Twenty percent of beer and food sales from Uno Mas Tacos will benefit the Mogan Family Fundraiser. All proceeds from the oyster sales will go toward the family as well.

Berlin-based George's Mixes is donating products to every fundraising event, so 100 percent of proceeds will go to the Mogan family.

In addition, all proceeds from the Mogan Strong apparel sales will benefit the Mogans.

"The whole point of this fundraiser outside of Salisbury is to connect with all the people that really know the Mogans from the Ocean City area that haven't had a chance to really be a part of anything," Clarke said.

With limited space available, participants are being encouraged to reserve tables by calling Burley Oak Brewing Company at 443-513-4647.

As of Monday, only 14 tables were left. Tables seat up to six people.



PHOTO COURTESY JAYME CLARKE

All are invited to leave messages for Denny Mogan on oysters through "The Drawings for Denny" program at Mogan's Oyster House in Salisbury or at fundraisers like the one on Saturday in Berlin.

With the ongoing pandemic, tables will be spaced properly, and all participants must wear face coverings.

Anyone who is not comfortable with attending the event because of coronavirus concerns or cannot stay long, may order carryout beer and food to support the Mogans.

The next fundraiser to support Mogan and his family is scheduled for Sept. 20 from 1-5 p.m. at Brew River Restaurant and Bar on West Main Street in Salisbury.

People can also support the family directly by donating to their Go-FundMe account: https://www.gofundme.com/f/denny-mogan-family-a l s l o u - g e h r i g s disease?sharetype=teams&member=3 933136&utm_medium=copy_link&ut m_source=customer&utm_camp a i g n = p _ n a + s h a r e sheet&rcid=oa6a485f19de4232b54bd a6422d91b3c.

Worcester County sheriff appoints two lieutenants

By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Lt. Bethany Ramey was appointed as the Administrative Services Division Commander on the command staff at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office on Aug. 24.

"Lt. Ramey really brings a lot of knowledge and leadership to the rank of lieutenant on our command team," said Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli.

Ramey has been with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for 19 years. Since 2001, she has worked her way up the ranks from deputy to deputy first class to corporal and then to sergeant until her appointment to the command staff last week.

"I'm honored to be appointed to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office command staff," said Lt. Ramey, who is originally from Bishopville.

Ramey graduated from Stephen Decatur in 1997, then obtained a bachelor of arts from Salisbury University in 2002. In 2008, she obtained her master of science degree in administration of Justice-Leadership and Administration from Wilmington University. Ramey also went to FBI-LEEDA for training, education and networking See LT. Page 15

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Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.



The ballot for Berlin's Oct. 6 municipal election is set, and what a contest this is going to be, assuming that all the candidates will be actively campaigning for a seat in local government.

The five-candidate race for mayor, obviously, is the focal point of this year's contest and a fair number of voters are probably focusing on two things: taxes and personality.

That's unfortunate, considering there's much more to being mayor than encouraging the council to work on taxes and other fees paid by residents. As to the personal side of the equation, that doesn't count for much, depending on what residents and taxpayers want of their local government.

More important than matters of style and personality is whether a candidate can deliver what the voting majority wants. And that is the question. What do voters want? Further, is it achievable and if it is, by what means?

It is one thing for a candidate to say he or she is for something, but it's another for a candidate to offer details on how it can happen. This is hardly a local situation, as it sometimes seems as if it's standard operating procedure for many candidates here, there and everywhere to proclaim their support for platforms and proposals without having any real idea how or if any of them will work.

That's what Berlin voters will need to think about as they consider this quintet of mayoral candidates. Voters need to know not just what the contestants say they will do, but also how they will do it and what the effects of their approaches might be.

Inevitably, it all comes down to money, how much something is going to cost and who will be paying the bill. As these candidates make their rounds, these are the questions voters should be asking before pledging their support.

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Md. encourages mail-in ballot voting

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Maryland State Board of Elections announced this week that applications for mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 general election were mailed to eligible voters in each of the state's counties as well as Baltimore City.

The applications come with a postage-paid return envelope to make it easy and free for voters to request ballots.

While there are multiple ways to participate in the 2020 Presidential Election, because of the covid-19 pandemic the Maryland State Board of Elections is encouraging all eligible Marylanders to cast mail-in ballots.

Voting by mail is a safe and secure way of voting.

To cast mail-in ballots, Maryland residents must request a mail-in ballot from the State Board of Elections or their local board of elections.

The Maryland State Board of Elections has mailed eligible voters an application for a mail-in ballot by first-class U.S. Mail.

Some voters who requested a ballot prior to Aug. 6 may still receive a ballot application in the mail. This may happen if a voter's request was not processed before Aug.

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These voters should go online to verify their application has been processed. It is not necessary to send in two ballot requests.

Mail-in ballot applications began shipping by first-class U.S. Mail on Aug. 24 and Aug. 25 to eligible voters in all counties and Baltimore City.

Eligible voters in every Maryland jurisdiction should begin receiving ballot applications in coming days, if they haven't already.

Any eligible voter who does not automatically receive a ballot application by mail may request a ballot online or by printing and returning by mail or fax the request form on the State Board of Elections' website.

All requests for a mail-in ballot must be received by Oct. 20.

When requesting a ballot by mail, voters should leave at least five business days for the United States Postal Service to deliver the application to the local board of elections.

Mail-in ballots will be sent via first-class mail to the address the voter provides on the ballot request.

The Maryland State Board of Elections is encouraging el-

igible residents who have not yet registered to vote in the Nov. 3 general election to do so online.

The board is also urging those who have already registered to go online to confirm that their mailing address and other registration information is up to date.

The deadline to register to vote in the general election and to verify voter registration information online is Oct. 13.

Voters wishing to register to vote or to check their registration status should visit

https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/Instruc tionsStep1.

"It is essential that all eligible Maryland residents have the opportunity to participate in the general election being held Nov. 3," said Maryland State Board of Elections Administrator Linda Lamone. "For those who have not yet registered to vote, we strongly encourage you to do so. If you have already registered, please take this opportunity to review your voter registration information online and make any necessary updates. This will help ensure you have a seamless voting experience."

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Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli has appointed two lieutenants, **Bethany Ramey,** left, and Katie Edgar, to his command staff at the Worcester **County Sheriff's Office this** summer. PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Lt. Ramey to oversee court security

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among police professionals. Crisafulli added that she has been a

K-9 supervisor for years. Ramey is stationed at the Worcester

County Sheriff's Office in Snow Hill. "She's going to be commanding my Administrative Services Division, which oversees court security, our civil paper service, our administrative assistance, prisoner transportation and booking," Crisafulli said. "So, under the Maryland Constitution for the office of the sheriff, the primary responsibility in a sheriff's office is court security ... She is going to be commanding a very important division that keeps our courts flowing smoothly."

Ramey will also oversee the security of transporting prisoners to and from court and to other counties.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office has four other divisions: Investiga-Animal tive Services, Control, Professional Standards and Field Services.

Ramey will be working closely with the other two lieutenants on the command staff, Lt. Brian Cardamone and Lt. Katie Edgar.

On June 15, Edgar was appointed as the Field Services Division Commander.

Edgar began her career with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in the Patrol Division in July 2003 and has worked each of the patrol shifts during her 17 years and many of them with one of her three K-9 partners.

"Lt. Edgar is also a phenomenal leader that has garnered the respect of our Field Services Division during her 17-year career with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office," Crisafulli said.

Field Services consists of road patrol, special operations, school safety, D.A.R.E. and community policing.

"These appointments are critical for the growth and forward movement of a law enforcement agency because management is a constantly changing philosophy, and we're always looking for new innovative and fresh perspectives," Crisafulli said.



Arnold Downing

Some of the stolen objects have been

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found on Washington Street, residents said.

Berlin Police chief

instructs residents

to secure all items

(Sept. 10, 2020) Berlin residents

have complained that bicycles, wag-

ons, skateboards and surfboards have

been stolen from Burley and Bay

"With bicycles, sometimes people take them because they see them in

By Ally Lanasa

Streets recently.

Staff Writer

Downing said the Berlin Police Department received reports of the theft of three bicycles, one fishing rod and three surfboards between June and September from Burley Street, Westminster Drive and Powellton Avenue.

"The individual on Westminster was arrested," Downing said.

He added that the stolen items were not placed in secure sheds.

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By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) Wagging tongues and wet fur will be in abundance on Saturday at the Mumford's Landing Pool during Ocean Pines Aquatics annual Doggie Swim fundraiser.

Ocean Pines Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips said the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a \$6 registration fee that will support the Worcester County Humane Society

"The doggie swim is \$6 per dog and human companions are free, she said.

In light of pandemic considerations, participants will be permitted within state-mandated capacity counts for pool facilities.

"There's no pre-registration but obviously, once we reach capacity, we'll have to do a wait list," she said.

To accommodate canines of varying sizes, the initial hour is reserved for pups weighing less than 20 pounds.

"They get so excited and they're all over the place, so the first hour is for smaller dogs," she said.

Phillips said the charitable event tends to draw a large contingent of water-friendly breeds, such as Labradors and golden retrievers.

The pooch-centric gathering also serves as a summer season closing event for the Mumford's Landing facility.

Dog handlers must be 18 or older and a registered adult must accompany children.

Phillips said despite the challenging times, since pools were approved to operate during the pandemic, the decision was made to hold the annual event, which was established in 2009.

"It's a wonderful cause," she said. "We saw no reason we still couldn't have the event, because 100 percent of the proceeds go to the Humane Society.'

Phillips said the event being greenlighted came as a pleasant surprise to a cohort who volunteers with the Worcester County Humane Society.

"She said, 'Everything else has been canceled," Phillips said. "I'm glad that we're still able to do this because a lot has been cancelled for people this summer."

Mumford's Landing Pool is located at 7351 Yacht Club Drive. For more information contact Ocean Pines Aquatics at 410-641-5255.

Report stolen items to police

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"The biggest thing is to go ahead and secure [items]. That means go ahead and put a lock on their sheds and to go ahead and close the garage," Downing said. "When people ride past garages, and they see the item, it's very inviting. So, not only is it not secure, they are looking right at it."

He added that Berlin residents should not leave surfboards on top of their vehicles in the evening unattended.

'It's best to bring the boards in or put them inside the shed," Downing said.

Another tip Downing had was to check sheds and garages regularly to ensure they are locked and to take inventory of what items are inside.

"If you wait two months to go and check on things, it becomes a little bit more difficult to range when it might have occurred," he said.

Additionally, Downing suggested installing lighting above sheds to deter people from stealing valuable items such as lawn mowers and tools.

Regardless of the value, the police advise residents to take everything out of their cars, from spare change to phone chargers, to prevent their vehicles being broken into.

Downing encourages residents to report all stolen items by calling the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1333.

'Our dispatcher's always available 24/7," he said. "They can also go ahead and direct you to a supervisor or officer that can go exactly on the scene and might be able to collect any evidence or talk to your neighbors in reference to seeing anything.

"It's very important to go ahead and report it ... the value itself might not be very big, but again it might solve a case that is big," Downing continued.

Other items that have been stolen in the past include laptops, purses and bank bags that were left in vehicles over night, he said.

When residents or visitors ride bikes downtown to eat or shop, Downing reminds them to secure their bikes on bike racks throughout the area rather than on lampposts in town.

Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director, said there are bike racks next to the Berlin Welcome Center, across the street from Baked Dessert Café, by the Worcester County Arts Council and at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

Motherhood Walk to benefit center

By Ally Lanasa Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health is hosting a fundraiser, "Motherhood Walk," in Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street in Berlin on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Grace Center on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin provides services such as prenatal and postpartum group and individual classes, parenting and relationship skills, ultrasound examinations, support groups, which include addictions and postpartum depression counseling, and an avenue to earn a Maryland high school diploma.

At least \$500 in services is provided to every client during the course of a year.

The center employs paid professionals and relieves heavily on volunteers to serve its clients.

According to its website, the Grace Center's operations and outreach are funded through donations from the public through fundraising events, donations from businesses, donations from local churches and grants.

"We will not be charging for registration," said Dori Magee, director of support services at the center. "We will accept a donation of any amount, but certainly not required for walking."



PHOTO COURTESY THE GRACE CENTER FOR MATERNAL & WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Grace Center for Maternal & Women's Health, located at 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd Unit 2 in Berlin, is hosting a Motherhood Walk on Saturday in Stephen Decatur Park to raise funds to continue its services to women in the community.

Interested participants can call to register or sign up in the day of the event, she added.

Families are invited to walk and shop throughout the park during the event, which was postponed from Mother's Day.

will include hula hoops, sidewalk chalk art and a scavenger hunt.

Activities and contests for children

In addition, there will be enter-

tainment, pre-packaged snacks and drinks for sale and raffle items.

All participants must follow the CDC's guidelines for covid-19, including wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing.

Hand sanitizer and wipes will also be available throughout the event.

For more information, call 443-513-4124 or email info@gracematernalhealth.org.

Annual OP Health Fair at community center canceled

Indoor restrictions for this year's event led to decision

(Sept. 10, 2020) The annual Ocean Pines Health Fair will not be held this year, because of concerns related to the covid-19 pandemic, the Ocean Pines Association announced this week.

The health fair is traditionally held each October in the Ocean Pines Community Center, with free health education and screenings from Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

Indoor event restrictions and social distancing concerns were a factor in the cancelation.

"After much thought and discussion on how we can make this possible, it just doesn't seem as though we will be able to facilitate the Health Fair this year," Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said. "We just would not be able to offer the same type of event that people are used to, and I would hate to cut back on things and it not be the same as we have always produced.

"I look forward to having this event in 2021," she said.

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Stealing Savannah Duo, 8-11:30 p.m. Sept. 13: Full Circle Duo, 4-8 p.m. Sept. 17: John McNutt Duo, 4-8 p.m.



The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club stage a group photo during the Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic in 2019.

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Pickleball Pink Ribbon event set for Oct. 2

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Sept. 10, 2020) The third annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic scheduled for Oct. 2 at the Manklin Meadows Sports Complex in Ocean Pines will take place as planned but without spectators.

Pines Pickleball Club member Chris Shook said roughly two dozen slots remain open for the American Cancer Society fundraiser as the Sept. 28 registration deadline inches closer.

"We're asking players to bring their own chairs and obviously wear a mask," she said.

Each of the 70-plus registered players pays \$35 to compete, with lunch and prize drawings also on the agenda.

"There will be a lunch but this year they'll be a box lunch, where in the past you walked around a buffet," she said.

Shook said to this point lunch sponsors include Chick-fil-A, Southside Deli and Wockenfuss Candies.

"So far that's the line up but we're still working on stuff," she said.

Pickleball, which was created in the late 1960s in Washington State, incorporates rules comparable to tennis and is played on a badminton-sized court.

The pastime was introduced as a drop-in sport in Ocean Pines in 2011 and has gained immense popularity since that time.

Shook said while attendance this year is limited to players, interested parties are still encouraged to lend financial backing to help defeat breast cancer.

"If people want to give a donation, obviously it is for the American Cancer Society," she said. Continuing the tradition from past

events, a special guest speaker is on tap, Shook said.

"We're going to have a speaker, which is going to be different this year," she said.

The guest presenter will provide a unique take on the fight against breast cancer.

"It will be a survivor with a different perspective," she said. "We're going to open some eves."

Shook said the speaker is likely to give

a fresh outlook on the cancer struggle even for those not previously affected.

The pickleball event is one segment of the Pink Ribbon Classic, which began with the annual Pink Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament started in 1996.

Also taking place this year is the new Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Car Parade on Oct. 24 in Ocean City. The month-long Pamper Yourself For Charity Raffle will wrap on Nov. 2 at A Perfect Face Day Spa in West Ocean City.

To register for the pickleball competition, contact Shook at 443-614-1504 or email cshooko9 @yahoo.com. To learn more about the American Cancer Society, visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-227-2345.

Community Briefs

Graduates awarded



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The Marlin Club Crew of OC recently awarded five Worcester County 2020 graduates \$1,000 each from its annual student assistance program.

Brandon Manuel, a graduate of Stephen Decatur, will attend McDaniel College where he will be pursuing a degree in forensic chemistry. He would like to work for the FBI and to be a firstgeneration college graduate.

Caroline Gardner, also a Stephen Decatur graduate, will attend University of Maryland College Park, where she will major in mechanical engineering. She wants to become a Disney Imagineer.

Snow Hill graduate Chloe Goddard, will attend University of Maryland Baltimore County, where she will be pursuing a degree in emergency health services with a paramedic certification. Damiana Colley, a graduate of Worcester Prep, is headed to University of Maryland College Park. She will major in criminology and hopes to discover new breakthroughs in her field.

Worcester Prep graduate Kurt Leinemann, will study agriculture technology and science at the University of Maryland College Park. He is looking forward to learning more about the field of hydroponics.

College funds

Mountaire Farms, the nation's sixth largest chicken producer, recently awarded 32 students with \$2,500 scholarships to help them pay for college.

Children and grandchildren of employees, growers and grain suppliers were eligible for the scholarships.

Two recipients are Worcester County residents.

Thelma Godinez Gault of Bishopville, is a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

Her mother. Maria Gault, works as the

further processing superintendent at the Selbyville processing plant. She attends Salisbury University.

Nancy Tran is a graduate of Pocomoke High School from Princess Anne. Her father, Linh, is a grower for Mountaire of Delmarva. She will be attending University of Maryland College Park

Bike ride

The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League will host the first Semper Fi Bike Ride on the Ocean City Boardwalk, Sunday, Oct 18.

It is open to individual riders, family groups and teams. Participants can bring their own bike or reserve a rental bike or classic surrey from Bike World.

Check-in time is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Riders will be staggered, starting at 10 a.m. Participants will ride the length of Boardwalk to 27th Street and return to the finish line at the inlet.

The event will benefit the "Semper Fi Fund," which provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

Register by sending a text to 410-353-0033 or visiting the Marines at First State Detachment Facebook page.

For more information or become a sponsor, visit www.firststatemarines.org email websergeant@firstor statemarines.org.

Honors

Jude Al-Hamad of Berlin was one of 13 Salisbury University students named UN Millennium Fellows.

More than 15,000 students from nearly 1,500 university and college campuses across 135 nations applied for the fellowships. Just 1,438 were awarded, including each Salisbury University student who advanced past the second round of review.

Dean's List

Jenna Miller and Jamie Ditzel, both of Berlin, were named to spring 2020 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland. To qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must achieve a minimum GPA of at least 3.5 for the term, provided that, in the term they have successfully completed courses totaling a minimum of 15 credits.

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Olivia Mitra Framke, of Jersey City, N.J., is an academic adviser at the New School's College of Performing Arts in Manhattan. She describes herself as a flutist, dog lover and "all-around gaming nerd" (video games, board games, role-playing games, you nai it). This is her seventh crossword for The Times, including her third Sunday. Like her previous Sunday puzzles, this one has a nent. - W.S. ACROSS

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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., Sept. 10

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CLASSES

Held 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, the series of three, three-hour sessions will address diabetes self-management skills. A family member is invited to attend. Advance registration and a referral from a primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required. This class is a Medicare benefit and also covered by most insurances. Classes will be held Sept. 10, 17 and 24 via Zoom. Register: 410-208-9761.

NEA BIG READ: CREATIVE WRITING WITH NANCY MITCHELL

Offered via Zoom at 2:00 PM, these multi-course workshops focus on fear, survival and the human spirit. Held Sept. 10, 17 and 24. Register: https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/eve nt/6934342

HOPE IN BLOOM! VIRTUAL EVENT

Free virtual breast health event, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Discussion about early detection, treatment and survivorship with area experts via Video Call (Zoom). Free to the community. Registration required: Genie Blake, gblake2atlanticgeneral.org or 410-641-9268 by Sept. 9.

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., 7:00 PM. Music provided by "Bayside Worship Team & Friends," featuring gospel music. Pack a picnic, bring lawn chairs and practice safe social distancing. The CDC requires a list of attendees. Email your name and phone number to karah@pocomokemd.gov if you plan to attend. 410-957-1333, Ext. 111, http://DowntownPocomoke.com

Fri., Sept. 11

REGISTRATION SIGN UP

Changing Palette, 104 W. Green St., 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. This event is held in conjecture with a Fried Fish fundraiser sponsored by Hilltop. Remember that in Maryland, if you have been convicted of a felony and have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, you are eligible to vote, but must re-register. Absentee ballot information will also be available. Info: NAACP President Ivory Smith, 443-944-6701.

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: "BORN A CRIME" BY TREVOR NOAH

Join the group, via Zoom, each month for a lively book discussion, 2:00 PM. Copies of books are available at the Ocean Pines branch and on Libby. Register:

https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/eve

nt/6934426.

A NIGHT OF STORYTELLING

Enjoy performances from regional actors, writers, toastmasters and storytellers, 7:00 PM. This is a free event. Donations and sponsorships are appreciated upon event viewership. All proceeds benefit Relay for Life. Learn more by visiting

nightofstorytellingzoom.eventbrite.com. Recorded Zoom showings available Sept. 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 13

and 20 at 2 p.m.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8:00 PM. Featuring "Courageous." Bring snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, lawn chairs/blankets. Sit in your own family pod. Movies are free, but donations welcomed. Check for updates at Facebook.com/ccaop.

Sat., Sept. 12

DELMARVA MORE THAN PINK WALK

We're going virtual! You're invited to join us for this year's Komen Delmarva Virtual MORE THAN PINK WALK, because the women and men facing breast cancer need our support now, as much as ever. Although we can't be physically together, we'll be together in spirit and in strength. Join us on Sept. 12 for a variety of online engaging events while we WALK WHERE WE ARE. Log miles in your neighborhood, in a park, on the beach or even indoors on treadmill!, Emily Greco, egreco@nevinspr.com, 443-686-1331,-http://maryland.infokomen.org/site/TR?fr_id=8329&pg=en trv

O'NEILL EAST COAST FROM TOUR

36th Street Beach. Featuring a progressive contest program for surfers that want to have fun, meet new friends and win some cool prizes. See website for more details:

www.eastcoastgromtour.com. 843-455-2705

MOTHERHOOD WALK & SHOP IN THE PARK

Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, 9:00 AM. Featuring music, vendors, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, scavenger hunt and raffle. Snacks available for purchase. Donations accepted. Participants must wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Presented by The Grace Center for Maternal & Women's Health.

KIDS WRITERS LIVE! SUSAN MUADDI DARRAJ

Meet the author of Farah Rocks the first book series to feature a Palestine Ameircan character - Farah Hajjar, 2:00 PM. Join the group via Zoom for a rock painting activity while the author reads her book. Register: https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6977868.

TAKE AWAY DINNER

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans and roll for \$15. Preorders recommended by calling 410-641-2186 (leave a message).

MOVIE ON THE LAWN: IN THE HEART OF THE SEA

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. A viewing of Nathaniel Philbrick's book about the Whaleship Essex to kickoff the NEA Big Read program. Social distancing protocols will be in effect. Limit 100. Rain date Sept. 19. Elena Coelho, 443-783-6164

Sun., Sept. 13

BAY TO BOARDWALK STREET CLEAN-UP

The event takes place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and will focus on Ocean City's side streets from the Inlet to 27th Street. Meet at City Hall parking lot. Gloves and bags will be provided. Face masks are required.

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT - BOWL MAKING

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Bowl-making session using raw clay where you can shape and imprint your own design. No experience is necessary, and all materials are included in a \$25 fee. Proceeds benefit the Diakonia food bank and the programs of the Ocean City Art League.

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT - BOWL DECORATING

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Decorating session where you embellish an already-made bowl hand-produced on the wheel by Robbie Johnson. No experience is necessary, and all materials are included in a \$25 fee. Proceeds benefit the Diakonia food bank and the programs of the Ocean City Art League.

ROCK AND RIDE ORIGINAL LIVE MUSIC

Trimper Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave, 7-9 PM. TrimperRides presents ROCK_N RIDE Original Live Music every Sunday. Jessica Bauer,

Jessica@Trimperrides.com, 410-289-8617, http://TrimperRides.com

Mon., Sept. 14

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

Tues., Sept. 15

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH AND NO SENIOR EATS ALONE DAY CELEBRATION

Stephen Decatur Park, 17 Burley St., 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Enjoy friends, food and fun.

Wed., Sept. 16

THE WITTY FIBER FRIENDS

Join via Zoom for a combined group and yards of fun while knitting, crocheting and embroidering, 10:00 AM. All levels are welcome Register: https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6940299

ZOOM WITH YOUR BABY (YOUTH)

Join the group on Zoom for songs, rhymes and stories, 10:30 AM. For children under 2 years old. https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/event/6934152

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP (ADULT)

Beginning at 11:00 AM, the workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. https://worcesterlibrary.libcal.com/eve nt/6940158

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via video call, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

ONGOING EVENTS

CONFERENCE CALL BINGO

Held every third, fourth and fifth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Call 410-632-1277 (access code 0151394#)

50PLUS BOOK BUS

Every Wednesday, the bus rotates between north and south Worcester County, with books, puzzles, auto tapes and Census 2020 help. Check Facebook.com/wor50plus for additional details.

CURBSIDE BINGO

Every first (400 Walnut St.) and second (Stephen Decatur Park) Thursdays of each month. Info: 410-632-1277.

PROGRAM TO GO KITS

Featuring crafts and STEM. A new kit each week in September. Pick up your kit at any branch of the Worcester County Library, while supplies last. For youth. September 10, 2020

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