



## Mayor Tyndall decides 'cool' not that cool

Slogan has 'run its course,' will be eased out of use

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Berlin Mayor Zackery Tyndall is gradually removing the "America's Coolest Small Town" slogan, starting with letter heads and his business cards.



Zackery Tyndall

However, it will remain as part of the town's marketing, said Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood.

"It's still going to be on the front of the [Town Hall] building," Tyndall added.

Berlin won Budget Travel Magazine's America's Coolest Small Town award in 2014.

"I think it's run its course," Tyndall said. "We are America's coolest small town. It's a huge accolade brought by See Tyndall Page 8



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

### HERON ON DUTY

Seemingly oblivious to light rainfall on Sunday afternoon, a great blue heron remains vigilant from its treetop perch while surveying conditions and scouting for food sources along the banks of the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines.

## General election polling changes reflect pandemic

In-person voting will occur at four county locations

By Elizabeth Bonin  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Voters have multiple options for casting their ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 3 or early for the general election. They can vote at one of four voting centers in Worcester County or return their mail-in ballots via mail or a drop box.

Although the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot has already passed, voters can and should turn in their mail ballots as soon as possible. The drop box may be the better option, See EARLY Page 8

## Frank Brown gets director's chair

Budget committee member selected by OPA board to fill balance of Tuttle's term

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Following a brief closed session discussion last Wednesday, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Frank Brown to serve the remainder of departing Director Steve Tuttle's term.

Currently a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, Brown, who was one of several candidates under consideration, will fill Tuttle's seat until the term ends in August 2021.

Tuttle, who stepped down from his elected position at the conclusion of



Frank Brown

the board meeting the previous Saturday, is planning to move from the area next month.

Speaking last Wednesday following the appointment, Brown said he enters the fray without a preconceived agenda, short of continuing to chart the association's current course.

"I'm interested in seeing the continued improvements that we have at Ocean Pines," he said. "Over the last four years or so we've done a tremendous amount of stuff [and] I've been involved in a lot of it."

While now filling in for Tuttle on the board, Brown said the pair previously worked closely in developing building

plans for both the new Golf Clubhouse and renovated Police station.

"Steve Tuttle and I worked on both of them a lot," he said.

The golf clubhouse project, which was approved for an estimated \$1.6 million by the OPA board in April 2019, completed construction this spring for a final tally of \$1.49 million.

Besides being a lifetime member of the Ocean Pines Golf Club, Brown also fit the bill as a "resident expert" in planning both capital projects.

"One of the things I did in my other life, I was a contractor," he said.

Jumping on board to assist local builder Marvin Steen, Brown helped to develop initial design schematics.

"We had our design and we met with the architects," he said. "We

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# OP inches toward reforming racquet sports committee

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors is contemplating reinstating its Racquet Sports Advisory Committee, which was disbanded several years ago.



T. Underkoffler

Board member Camilla Rogers, who introduced a related motion at the group’s meeting on Oct. 17, noted the rapid rate of interest in various racquet sports as a basis for reforming the advisory committee that was disbanded in 2017.

Rogers said racquet sports have been popular in Ocean Pines, with an uptick of activity at tennis facilities in recent years due to the addition of timeless tennis, paddle ball, platform tennis, along with the exploding popularity of pickleball.

Recognizing the need for expanded facilities, the OPA was recently granted approval by Worcester County to launch the permit process to build four additional pickleball courts and a “Net Generation” tennis court used for instructional purposes.

Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex Facilities Manager Tim McMullen is overseeing the proposed court expansion for tennis and pickleball under consideration for inclusion in the next fiscal year operating budget.

Teaming with McMullen to revamp the Manklin Meadows site is licensed U.S. Tennis Association instructor Terry Underkoffler, who said the pair is prepared to work closely with the Racquet Sports Committee when and if it is reinstated.

Underkoffler said past tensions existed between various racquet sports factions.

“In that time period I believe the three groups saw themselves as totally separate entities and didn’t see the importance of being in one complex,” he said.

In the last few years the camps have mixed a bit more.

“Since that time you’ve had more people come to the complex and crossover and want to play more than one sport,” he said. “Now you have people that play a mixture of platform tennis and pickleball.”

Underkoffler said the varying factions have started to recognize the importance of working in unison to address maintenance issues at the increasingly popular racquet sports facility.

“Because of the growing number of people that are coming on site, and the growth of the sport, I think they

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The Berlin Mayor and Council agreed to allocate Royal Farms, at 10633 Ocean Gateway, two additional equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) on Monday.

# EDUs purchased for Route 50 Royal Farms

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The Berlin Mayor and Council approved the allocation of two more equivalent dwelling units

(EDUs) at the Royal Farms on the corner of Route 50 and Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin during its meeting on Tuesday.

An equivalent dwelling unit is a stan-

dard of measurement by which a user is charged for sewer or water services.

The commercial building at 10633 Ocean Gateway consists of 5,329 square feet and requires five EDUs equal to 12,500 gallons per day. The property already has three EDUs equal to 750 gallons per day.

Two Farms Inc. paid the town

\$33,372 on Oct. 2 for the additional EDUs.

Each EDU costs \$16,686.

Jamey Latchum, the stormwater and wastewater superintendent, said the cost of EDUs are determined by cost of maintaining it, replacing parts at the treatment plant and infrastruc-

## OP racquet sports committee

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all see that unity is a better option,” he said.

As colder weather seeps into the region and racquet players lose interest in some pursuits due to frigid conditions, other avenues grow more attractive.

“You’ll see more people playing platform tennis in the colder months than they do in the warmer months,” he said.

Underkoffler said platform tennis gained an audience in the Pines as an option when regular courts weren’t open.

“It also grew out of people that wanted to play more challenging racquet sports with different rules in an enclosed environment,” he said.

Platform tennis uses an enclosed court, a soft sponge rubber ball and a perforated paddle.

“The court is smaller and it doesn’t freeze over as easily as a har tru court

would,” he said. “The ball bounces without problems in the colder weather versus a tennis ball.”

Among the committee functions highlighted by Rogers are advising the Board of Directors regarding promotional activities, as well as policy and operations, to improve racquet sports and the Manklin Meadows complex.

The committee would provide input for budget proposals for programs, facilities and staff, while also recommending rules related to conduct and dress code.

The committee is required to have at least three but not more than nine members, with board appointments reflecting a balance of tennis, paddle board and pickleball players.

The motion to reinstate the Racquet Sports Committee still requires a second reading and a majority board vote at a subsequent meeting to pass.



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# Councilmembers learn about Berlin depts.

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The newly elected Berlin councilmembers were introduced to town department heads and were brought up to date on the council’s goals during a work session last Wednesday.

David Gaskill, who has been the town attorney for 14 years, gives legal advice to the mayor and council as well as Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood, drafts ordinances and reviews contracts and leases.

JoAnn Unger, the mayor’s assistant, has also been working for the town 14 years and has assisted three mayors now.

Unger is responsible for setting the mayor’s calendar, taking calls and anything that comes into the mayor’s office.

She also supports Fleetwood and the rest of the town staff when necessary.

To request the mayor’s presence at an event, contact Unger at [junger@berlinmd.gov](mailto:junger@berlinmd.gov).

“We created a new role about a year ago,” Fleetwood said. “Kelsey Jensen was hired here as an administrative assistant, and she became by title a town clerk. And then with the restructure once I assumed the town administrator role, we have not filled the administrative role. It’s kind of been absorbed by, a big chunk of it by Kelsey, but her role

has changed. She now serves as the administrative manager.”

Jensen, who was employed with the town in 2016, works with open enrollment, prepares the mayor and council packets, processes payroll and handles the Public Information Act request forms for town documents. She also fulfills the human resources aspect for employees.

“I do want to get certified through SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) and become a certified human resources person,” she said.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen has been with the town since 1991. She is primarily in charge of the municipal election process, but she also oversees the website and the parks commission, handles CodeRED and conducts some grant administration.

“I was a big part of having the town code recodified,” she added. It had been in the same format for many, many years.”

Bohlen also encouraged the new councilmembers to ask questions.

“You’re probably very slowly realizing there’s a lot more to this than maybe you had thought,” Bohlen said. “Just ask questions, please, for all of us.”

Fleetwood followed by informing the councilmembers that Gaskill, Unger, Jensen and Bohlen do not have subordinates.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh oversees five employees in the finance department: Senior Accountant Rondell Wise, Fiscal Specialist Shirley White, Utility Billing Supervisor Melissa Coffey, Customer Service Supervisor Michelle Townsend and Customer Service Representative Blakely Shord.

Currently, Shord is on maternity leave.

“We work closely with each department individual, and of course, trying to assist everybody as needed with any questions, processing the checks weekly ... accepting all the payments downstairs, reading the meters, but I can give you all the details later,” Saleh said.

She added that the financial statements have been clean and compliant according to an independent auditor’s report for the past five years.

Saleh’s goal is to receive an award for the town’s balanced budget.

“Also, we have implemented a big brain, Tyler software, I believe five years ago,” Saleh said. “It’s unlimited opportunities for expansion, so I would like to keep going and growing with the software.”

Arnold Downing, who has worked for the town for 29 years with 18 of those years serving as police chief, said the Berlin Police Department is staffed with 14 officers when it is at full capacity.

He added that the once small department had to grow as a result of the hospital, schools and medical offices developing in town.

Currently, the primary issue the local police department faces is the same problem faced by police departments across the country — recruiting new officers.

“The climate of the world, of the country definitely makes that job more difficult,” he said.

Of the recent seven hires, Downing said five of those officers took pay cuts to come to Berlin.

“We have to go ahead and sell ourselves. We have to go ahead and sell the town,” he said.

To attract officers to Berlin rather than Ocean City, Downing added that he offers flexible schedules and educational opportunities to his recruits.

As for retention, Downing stressed that the town needs to offer competitive salaries to prevent losing officers to larger police departments.

“A police department means nothing if you don’t have anybody in it and you don’t have the equipment to do the job,” Downing said.

Downing also reminded the elected officials and residents watching the livestream that the police department station was purchased with the town’s share of casino revenues, not taxes.

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Berlin’s elected officials get  
lesson on audit, FY21 budget

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh provided a budget lesson to the newly elected council members last Wednesday, explaining during a work session that the annual budget book contains a balanced budget for each fund.

The budget is broken down into five independent funds: general, electric, water fund, sewer and stormwater.

“Each fund operates individually on its own set of revenues,” Saleh said. “The enterprise funds, if you think about it, they act as a business. They’re utility funds. General fund operates on the revenues received from the taxpayers, grants and inter-fund transfers.”

According to the FY19 audited financial statements, the general fund includes nonspendable funds, restricted funds, committed funds, assigned funds and unassigned funds.

“Monthly, you will receive a profit and loss report from me,” she said.

Saleh added that the mayor and council will also receive quarterly reports with her input about the budget.

“Sometimes emergencies happen, especially in winter. Pipes busted and we spend a lot more than what was projected to be spent,” Saleh said.

Six months into the fiscal year, Saleh will also give a presentation to the mayor and council about the budget.

Town staff must follow purchasing policies, which were revised and adopted around 2015.

“Requisition is initiation for a purchase,” Saleh said. “Before you even think about it, you have to decide ‘Ok, can I buy it? Is it within my purchasing powers? It is necessary?’”

Each department has limits for purchases. A person who is authorized to make purchases is allowed \$1,500, department heads are allowed \$5,000 and Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood is allowed \$10,000.

“Anything above that it is out of the ordinary, meaning that it is not an established contract with a repetitive vendor or something [that had been] approved already at the beginning of the year would have to go in front of you for discussion and approval,” Saleh said.

After a requisition is created, the department has the right to make the purchase or request a service, she added.

“A purchase order will be attached to the invoice and processed for payment,” Saleh said.

Furthermore, departments have the right to request to move funds from one line item to another line item as long as the total budget remains balanced, Saleh said.

Then, Saleh reviewed the audited financial statements through FY19 with the mayor and council. She said FY20 audited financial statements will be presented in December.

Berlin works with public accountants from PKS & Company and an independent auditor to annually review the town’s financial statements. Saleh said within the last decade, the town has not received any negative comments.

“Going in the packets this week is a change to the way we’ve done business over the last few years,” Fleetwood said. “Mayor Tyndall has asked that—and I’m going to make it simple—the check register will be in the packet for you all and the general public as well.”

Saleh added that she also emails the detailed check registry report to the mayor and council weekly or bi-weekly.

“Basically, the check register is a weekly summary of the expenses, what we paid out from the town,” she said.

Mayor Zackery Tyndall offered a tip to better understand the town’s financial documents.

“The budget looks forward at where we would like to go, and then the audited financial statements look

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# Town staff shares goals for future of Berlin

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He then brought up capital spending, which has been decreased in recent years. He said if vehicles and equipment are not regularly replaced, they will have to be replaced all at once, resulting in a large expense for the town. “We’re going to have to catch up,” he said.

In addition, Downing encouraged better direct communication between elected officials and town staff.

“If you have a question or concern, I shouldn’t hear it from the dais,” he said. “I should hear it at three o’clock in the afternoon when it becomes an issue.”

Downing added that if officials approached him when a concern arises, he will be more capable of addressing it immediately or prepared to do any necessary research.

“If you go ahead and surprise me here [in council chambers], it’s not going to be good,” he said. “If you surprise anyone else, it’s not going to be good. Because the answer’s not going to be something that you want to hear all the time ... if it’s a true concern, we wouldn’t wait two weeks to address it.”

Dave Wheaton, the superintendent of the public works and trash department, said his goals include continuing repair on facilities and buildings, implementing better equipment and providing more services for the citizens of Berlin.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart encouraged officials to be transparent with constituents about their limited knowledge.

“If I don’t know it, my favorite thing to say is, ‘I don’t know, but I will get back to you,’” he said. “Please do the same. If you have questions or constituents asking you in your districts or anywhere, on the street [or] on the phone, get in touch with me, and we’ll try to get them a clear answer.”

Engelhart added that his goal is to continue with any permitting or building residentially or commercially for the best interest of the town.

Directors of the town’s electric and water resources departments invited officials to tour their facilities to gain a better understanding of the town’s infrastructure. Tim Lawrence, the electric utility director, said he was hired in 2010 to increase the reliability of electric in town and lower the rates. With the addition of a natural gas engine at the town’s power plant on William Street, Lawrence hopes to replace the other diesel engines that are down to natural gas in the coming years.

“They burn cleaner, they’re better on the environment and each one of [those] engines will save the town about \$200,000 a year,” Lawrence added.

The water resources department, like the electric department, does a lot of underground work.

“My most important goal is every employee goes home safely to their families,” said Jamey Latchum, the town’s stormwater and wastewater superintendent.

The town’s water resources department operates the largest spray irrigation system in Maryland.

“It would really be beneficial if you see the town’s infrastructure and what we do [on a] day to day basis,” said Latchum, who began working for Berlin in 2000 and was promoted about a year and a half ago.

Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director, is located at the Berlin Welcome Center on South Main Street.

“To me, it’s not just a job. I live here. Berlin is my home. I’m a taxpayer,” Wells said. “So, everything that I do in my job actually affects myself and my friends and neighbors and everyone who lives here.”

Wells, who began in 2014, is responsible for finding grants, keeping commercial spaces occupied and promoting Berlin as a travel destination.

“Since I’ve been here in the last six years, I’ve helped 35 businesses open, and that’s just the downtown area,” she said.

Wells also helped enhance the town’s social media and search engine presence.

“I think social media became the

new town square,” she said.

The new councilmembers thanked the town staff for the insight to the town’s functions.

“I’m very excited for the new responsibilities and opportunity here as a newly elected councilmember,” said District 2 Councilmember Jack Orris. “We’re all in this together to serve the residents and the people of Berlin.”

At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr added that he was inspired by the teamwork he saw among the town staff.

“This is one outstanding team. The town is very fortunate to have all of you as part of the staff here,” he said. “I look forward to working with you.”

District 3 Councilmember Shaneka Nichols said she was trying to absorb as much information about the municipality as she could to serve her constituents well in her new role.

“Knowledge is power as far as I’m concerned,” Nichols said.

Tyndall, who has served on the council for the last four years, said he benefited from visiting the town’s facilities, especially when it came time to evaluate budgets.

“Yes, you run in a district, but once you’re elected, you represent the whole town,” he added. “The decisions you make affect people that live in all the districts. Take some time, learn from one another, spend some time in different districts and just have fun with it.”

## Finances discussed with council

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backward at where we’ve been,” he said.

Saleh ended the lesson by urging the new councilmembers not to imply any promises regarding utility billing.


“Please defer all of the citizens to the billing department first to resolve

the issue,” she said. “It is the duty of the staff to resolve this issue.”

Fleetwood also said the electric utility rates are regulated by the state.


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The mail-in ballots are postage paid. The ballots can be mailed or returned to a ballot drop-off box at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street or the county elections building in Snow Hill, 201 Belt Street Suite C.

According to the Worcester County Board of Elections, the voting centers in-person voting next Tuesday are the Pocomoke Community Center, 1410

Market Street in Pocomoke City, Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourn Lane in Snow Hill, Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road in Berlin, and the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

There were originally going to be 16 polling places, but a shortage of poll workers helped shift to four voting centers so fewer workers would be needed. As opposed to a polling place, a voter can cast his or her ballot at any of the voting centers.

In-person voting on Election Day will be available 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Although the early voting site is typically the Gull Creek senior living facility in Berlin, that was unavailable because of the coronavirus pandemic. By law, the early voting center must be within 10 miles of 50 percent of registered voters.

The early voting site for Worcester is the Ocean City convention center. Early voting started on Monday, Oct. 26 and will run through Monday, Nov. 2. The times for early voting will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

According to Elections Director Patti Jackson, elections judges will be

wearing masks and gloves. Booths will be cleaned after each voter for covid-19 precautions.

There will be Plexiglass shields and Clorox wipes at the judge stations, as well as hand sanitizer available.

Anyone entering the building must undergo a temperature check.

Jackson said that there will be a separate voting booth in the convention center foyer for those with a temperature of 100.4 and over and for those who refuse to wear a mask.

The canvas of the votes will be live-streamed only.

# Brown sees directors working well together

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ended up with a design that we were all happy with.”

After architectural firm Davis, Bowen and Friedel added final tweaks, the Whayland Company began construction of the 7,400-square-foot clubhouse last October.

“It was a cooperative group,” he said. “A lot of people contributed to putting all that together.”

Based on past involvements Brown now joins a board group comprised of largely familiar faces.

“I have relationships with just about all of them,” he said. “I think we can all work together quite well.”

Brown began settling into Ocean Pines in 2005.

“We bought a little place in Teal Bay 15 years ago,” he said.

Formerly living outside Annapolis on the Magothy River, Brown retired a dozen years back and became a full-time Ocean Pines resident.

“We built our new home over in Terns Landing,” he said. “It’s the one we expect to be in for the rest of our lives.”

Besides building know-how and business savvy, Brown also brings teaching experience to the board.

“I’ve always been in numbers,” he said. “Besides owning a contractor business, I was a teacher for 30 years.”

Brown stepped down from his position as a physics teacher at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 2004.

“I kept running my building business for 10 years after that and then we totally retired down here in 2014,”

he said.

Looking ahead, Brown remains undecided about becoming a candidate for the 2021 OPA Board election at the conclusion of the interim role.

“That depends on my wife, number one, and how things go over the next nine months,” he said. “If it seems to be a fit, then I might consider that. If not, I’m glad to be someone to substitute for Steve because I knew him quite well.”

# Tyndall says it’s time to move on

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the people of Berlin, the administration, everybody who works here, the council at the time. So, I think it needed its homage. We needed to have that opportunity to celebrate it, but now it’s time to let that move on.”

Being financially conscious, Tyndall said there is no additional expense to the town that would not normally occur with the change in office. The letter heads and business cards have to be adjusted for the elected officials anyway.

The mayor added that the slogan is slowly transitioning back to just “the town of Berlin.”

“As we move forward, if we pur-

chase a new sign out front it will probably just say ‘town hall’ [or] ‘town of Berlin,’” Tyndall said. “But we’ve got some time.”

The decision did not go before the council, said At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr. Nor did Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director, know about the change.

Fleetwood said the mayor has the authority to make that decision without input from the council.

Fleetwood added on Tuesday morning that Tyndall has apologized for the oversight of not informing the councilmembers and is communicating with them accordingly.



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# Berlin Mayor and Council Briefs

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The following took place during the Berlin Mayor and Council meeting on Monday:

## Holiday schedule

The mayor and council approved the holiday schedule for 2021, which includes the following dates:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 18, 2021
- Presidents Day – Feb. 15, 2021
- Good Friday – April 2, 2021
- Memorial Day – May 31, 2021
- Independence Day – July 5, 2021
- Labor Day – Sept. 6, 2021
- Columbus Day – Oct. 11, 2021
- Veterans Day – Nov. 11, 2021
- Thanksgiving – Nov. 25-26, 2021
- Christmas – Dec. 23, 2021 (half day), Dec. 24, 2021
- New Year Holiday -Dec. 30, 2021 (half day), Dec. 31, 2021

## Halloween 2020

Mayor Zackery Tyndall is not endorsing any Halloween activities for Saturday.

“We’re in the middle of a pandemic, so I am strongly discouraging anyone from trick or treating in Berlin,” he said.

Typically, candy x-raying takes place at Town Hall on William Street on Halloween, but it has been canceled.

In addition, the downtown streets will not be closed for pedestrian traffic.

“The town administrator has met with residents on Washington Street and Burbage Funeral Home. The consensus is they will not be handing out candy and having a huge holiday event like normal,” Tyndall said.

## Water tower

The water tower on Route 346 is currently being repainted, said Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood. It will be put back on line in a few weeks after the paint cures.

## Bulk waste collection

Fleetwood announced that the fall bulk waste collection for Tuesday and Wednesday customers will occur on Nov. 4. The collection for Thursday customers will take place on Nov. 18.

Residents must contact the town no later than noon on Monday, Nov. 2, or Monday, Nov. 16, depending on their collection date above.

A form is available online at [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) under “Departments/Public Works” or call 410-641-2770, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A maximum of four items will be collected. All fabric items must be bagged or wrapped in plastic and

sealed; bags for large items such as mattresses are available at local re-tailers and a limited supply is available at Town Hall.

Additional regulations may apply; details are available online or may be emailed or picked up at Town Hall prior to collection day.

According to a recent press release, there are also several holidays in November that will impact regular trash or recycling collection:

Town offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Trash collection will be postponed to Thursday, Nov. 12, along with regularly scheduled Thursday collection.

Town offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

For Thursday and Friday trash collection customers, trash will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 25, along with regular Wednesday collection.

There will be no recycling collection on Friday, Nov. 27.

Fall yard waste collections will be scheduled for December. For more information about special collections, visit the town website at [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) and go to the Public Works page under Departments.

## Ditch

The Berlin Public Works Department has finished cutting the ditch

that runs parallel to West Street. Parts of the ditch are owned by homeowners, the town and the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company.

“We have reached an agreement with Maryland-Delaware Railroad. We have a written maintenance plan for that ditch,” Fleetwood said. “The railroad is going to maintain that entire stretch of ditch from approximately Washington [Street] all the way down to the county line on Evans Road.”

In that maintenance plan, the railroad company will expand its vegetation growth plan and will inspect all culverts quarterly for blockages or necessary repairs.

## Prayer

Vice President and District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell questioned why the regular session did not begin with the Lord’s Prayer.

“[Fleetwood and I] were running through the flow and the topic came up of the Lord’s Prayer, and I’ve always grown up saying the Lord’s Prayer in most establishments that I’ve been a part of, but I also recognized during my time as a councilmember that not everybody saw things the way I see things,” Tyndall replied. “We’re representatives of the entire town of Berlin, not just specific people within the town of Berlin. So, the town administrator and I had a

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# Berlin Fire Co. gives budget report for July through Sept.

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald presented the quarterly report from July 1 to Sept. 30 to the Berlin Mayor and Council on Monday.

Between July 1 and Sept. 30, the fire company responded to 40 in-town fire and rescue calls, making up almost 34 percent of total calls.

Fitzgerald said the number of in-town calls is slightly lower than usual because there were fewer events in Berlin amid the pandemic.

According to the report, the busiest days this quarter were Tuesday, then Friday and Saturday. The busiest times of day were noon to 2 p.m.

The calculated response time for this period was 3.45 minutes. The county response time standard is six minutes, and the Matrix report states the response should be nine minutes or less, Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald also provided budget highlights for the first quarter of the FY21 budget.

He said the fire company received \$8,000 more in donations than was budgeted.

"However, we still are down overall from the past year," he said. "We estimated a 20 percent decrease because of covid and what have you, and we didn't take that full 20 percent hit, so that's a good thing. But we still are down from previous years."

The fire company was not able to hold any fundraisers because of covid-19 and restrictions on gathering sizes.

Normally, the fire company hosts chicken barbecues during the first quarter out of the second station on Stephen Decatur Highway.

Responding to Councilman Jay Knerr, Fitzgerald said fund-raising can bring in \$5,000 to \$60,000 a year.

Fitzgerald added that the company

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## Berlin Mayor and Council Briefs

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discussion, and despite our personal beliefs, we felt that it was the time to become more inclusive. Many more people call Berlin home now than they ever have in the past."

Burrell said he has never heard any complaints about the prayer at the beginning of meetings.

"I would have thought that change in operation or decision would have been presented to this group before it was changed and possibly for public comment," he added.

### Resilience element

At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr asked Fleetwood what hurdles are in the process of adopting the resilience element.

"The hurdles that we encountered were no different than what happened at Worcester County with their resilience element," Fleetwood replied.

He added that it was just not ac-

cepted by the Berlin Planning Commission on Oct. 14.

"Whatever recommendation the planning commission comes up with is subject to a public hearing," said Planning Director Dave Engelhart. "It will get advertised twice, legally advertised. Once they make that recommendation at a public hearing, then I have to advertise it twice again for your consideration in a public hearing. So, there will be a recommendation coming from them about it, and then that will come to you for a motion at a public hearing to adopt it or add it to the comprehensive plan."

Although the resilience element is a guideline, Fleetwood said there has been a lot of concern about it being too much regulation.

"It's what we should aspire to do with our eye on the future," Engelhart said. "How do we make sure that when these emergencies come up – and they will in the future – we're ready or we budgeted for it even?"



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# White Horse Park campus finishing touches

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) With the razing of the old Ocean Pines craft building last week, the finishing details are being applied at the White Horse Park campus beautification project.

Director of Recreation and Parks Debbie Donahue said public work crews removed the abandoned building with plans to use the area for parking.

“The new craft building was built with the vision of the old one coming down,” she said.

Donahue is working with Public Works & CPI Director Eddie Wells on several projects at the White Horse Park campus, which in addition to expanded parking, include landscaping and replacing the front entrance sign.

“It’s separate pieces, but all something that we wanted to do at the same time,” she said.

The precise number of spaces gained after removing the old craft building will be determined after final reconfigurations are calculated.

“Right now the diagram we had done last year looks like we’re going to get approximately 18-20 parking spaces,” she

said.

The true count will be revealed after Wells and public works crews determine the required reduction to an adjacent land mass.

“We have to do some narrowing of the island where the marquee is and make sure we can get all the spaces in,” she said.

The minor land trimming is needed to provide adequate room for spaces.

“We’ve got to cut parts of it off to add some where the parking spaces will be because they have to be 20 foot long,” she said.

Donahue said Wells anticipates having the final measurements figured out by next week.

“The traffic pattern will change a little bit,” she said. “It’s still going to be in on the right out on the left.”

The former craft building location will eventually yield two rows of lined spots with improved accessibility.

“You will definitely be able to see where and how to park,” she said. “It’s going to be two sets of parking spaces so you’ll have a drive in between those two sets.”

Although pricing is still being sought,



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Demolition crews prepare to raze the old craft building in White Horse Park on Oct. 19 with plans afoot to repurpose the area for additional parking spaces.

plans are being made to update the White Horse Park wooden entrance sign.

“We’re working on the front signage to the park because it definitely needs a beatification,” she said.

Donahue and Wells are researching material options for a replacement sign that would require minimal maintenance.

“We’re hoping to do it where it won’t have to be painted all the time,” she said. “It will be about the same size and probably not too far off in looks.”

Plans are also being formulated for landscape improvements, including leveling of grounds.

“We’re getting it ready for the spring,” she said. “Hopefully, we’ll be back to somewhat of a normal lifestyle by then and things around here will look pretty good.”

## Ocean Pines plans ahead to prepare for springtime work

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Using a few pilot locations at the golf course as a starting point, Ocean Pines is looking to link public works with volunteers to maintain flowerbeds throughout the area next year.

General Manager John Viola said the idea will be tested first with several spots at the Ocean Pines Golf Course, including around the leader board and the 10th tee box.

“That was the example we were using to see how it worked out,” he said.

Viola noted the latter location is near the Clubhouse Bar and Grille



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Enhanced landscaping at the Ocean Pines Golf Course could prove a precursor to a larger slate of beautification efforts next spring.

with enhanced landscaping intended to bring additional ambiance for patrons.

“We plan to do other spots in Ocean Pines,” he said.

Viola said plans are underway for the expanded effort next spring.

“We’re jumpstarting the garden club and kind of combining with our general landscape maintenance to see how we can balance the two,” he said.

Viola is consulting with Anne Shockley, Anita Miller and Susan Morris to serve as liaisons with public works crews.

“We’re going to meet with the volunteers and come up with a game

plan,” he said.

Input would be solicited from various players, Viola said.

“I’ve talked to them about their own ideas,” he said.

While assembling the team and charting a course is being worked on,

the hope is that next year garden club members would take the reins after public works completes landscaping and planting various spots.

“They’ll maintain them and use their garden expertise to put their stamp on it,” he said.

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# Fire Co. lacks capital budget for equipment

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has not received any hall rentals either because of capacity restrictions during the pandemic.

In addition, the fire company has received 50 percent of its funds from county as per charter and 50 percent of its funds from Berlin as per contract.

The fire company experienced some unexpected expenditures this quarter, including the replacement of two computers. "And then we have our annual inspections and maintenance in progress," Fitzgerald said. We just wrote a lot of checks yesterday for our annual vehicle maintenance. So, that is a large expense, and that will be in our next quarterly report."

He added that there were some unanticipated vehicle repairs.

As for capital budget updates, Fitzgerald said the fire company has not had a capital budget for a few years.

"As we presented during budget time, we do have a large expenditure looking at us over the next few years and we have to plan for and that's our breathing apparatus," Fitzgerald said.

He added that it will likely be a \$3,000 expenditure to replace the current inventory. Grant funding may cover part of the cost.

"We cannot phase that in. We have to purchase these all at one time for an operational issue," Fitzgerald said. "It's the best operation if they get replaced all at one time so they are the same model [and] have the same options."

In addition, reduced state aid funds could be seen in the next budget.

"We don't know what our next year's state aid funds will be like, but we took a

26 percent cut in the budget this year and a 10 percent cut next year," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald also provided a quarterly update for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the Berlin Fire Co.

Between July 1 and Sept. 30, the EMS staff responded to 239 in-town calls, making up 47.9 percent of total calls, and 249 calls outside of town.

The EMS staff also conducted 152 transports and 75 non-transports in town during the first quarter.

The busiest days for EMS were Monday and Tuesday. The busiest times of day were noon to 2 p.m.

"The busiest block of 12 hours is 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and why we monitor that is it helps with our staffing," Fitzgerald said.

The average response time of the EMS staff is nearly one and half minutes, which includes the second and third run calls that may be full volunteer response from home.

The review of random staffed EMS calls meet the 60-second standard for response times.

"We do have one career staff there 24 hours a day," Fitzgerald said.

Donation requests for EMS will be mailed Nov. 30.

"Our invoices are down seven percent," Fitzgerald said, which is caused by a decrease in transports.

He also said all the county funds have been received for operating and ambulance replacement.

Per the contract with the town, the EMS has received 50 percent of funds.

As for expense budget highlights, the payroll is slightly over the expected 25 percent.

"We're on track with our payroll, just

unfortunately we've cut the staff," Fitzgerald said.

The staffing cuts complied with the town's 27 percent budget cuts.

All other accounts are within budget for this quarter, Fitzgerald said.

There are no capital funds for ambulance replacements.

Fitzgerald said the third ambulance was replaced with a loan, and the loan payment has been paid through county funds. The town did not provide funds.

"We did work with a local bank to finance that," he added. "We try to keep the money local when we can."

Worcester County has received CARES Act funding, but it has not been dispersed among the local fire companies for additional expenses such as cleaning supplies and PPE.

Fitzgerald expects funding from the county.

"If they do not reimburse us through CARES, we will apply to FEMA for what they call 'Part B Emergency Protective Measures.' There's a \$3,300 threshold," Fitzgerald said.

He added that they have spent about \$4,000.

"Now, we have received two automatic payments. Anybody who billed Medicare received automatic payments, and those are in an escrow contingency fund because the federal government still has not told you how you can spend those funds," Fitzgerald said. "We've been told keep those separate, do not spend those until you get the guidance."

Mayor Zackery Tyndall and District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell requested that any grants received for covid, any shortfall in funding and any operational changes because of covid be included in the next quarterly report.

## Worcester Prep to host 49th holiday bazaar online this yr.

(Oct. 29, 2020) Worcester Preparatory School's 49th annual Holiday Bazaar will be moved online this year, where shoppers can support the event from the comfort of their home.

All are invited to buy or bid in the virtual bazaar when the webpage: [www.worcesterprep.org/bazaar](http://www.worcesterprep.org/bazaar) goes live from Nov. 2 through Dec. 4.

The virtual showcase will include the popular Peloton Bike+ Raffle, ticket and silent auctions, wreaths and greenery sale, WPS Spirit Store, and an online vendor marketplace featuring local businesses and artisans.

While WPS is unable to host the annual event in person, organizers hope everyone will participate online to help raise funds for future school upgrades and improvements.

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# Board of Edu. to fill district seats on Nov. 3

**By Ally Lanasa**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Worcester County voters will elect three members of the Worcester County Board of Education in the general election next Tuesday.

On the ballot will be candidates for school board District 2, District 3 and District 5.

Rodney Bailey and Donald Smack Sr. are vying for the District 2 seat that had been held by Barry Brittingham Sr.

Smack encourages voters to stay safe while voting.

“God bless them,” he added.

In District 3, former county school superintendent Dr. Jon Andes and Anjali “Angie” Phukan-Chantelle are competing for the seat held by Sara Thompson, who is retiring in December.

“As a product of a rural public-school system, I personally and deeply understand the incredible value and essential role that public schools play in a rural community. The public-school system is the talent incubator of rural communities” Andes said. “In Worcester County, we take great pride in our schools. Our daughter and son are both graduates of Stephen Decatur High School. Our graduates continue to make significant contributions to our region, state and nation.

“We have incredibly talented students and staff,” he continued. As a member of the board of education, I will devote my time, energy and experience to work with our school system leadership and our community to make sure that each student achieves and succeeds. I will listen, ask the right questions, seek innovative solutions and make sure that the investment of tax dollars is spent to address student needs. By working together,



we can address our challenges and build on our excellence developing the incredible talents of every child.”

As the election approaches, Phukan-Chantelle tells voters, “God-speed [and] thank you for your time.”

Elena McComas, who is running unopposed, is seeking re-election in District 5.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve District 5 on the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education these past four years,” Mc-

Comas said. “It is gratifying to be part of such an excellent school system. And in these unprecedented times, our teachers, administration and staff have risen to heroic levels to help our students continue their education while providing a safe environment to do so. Also many thanks to our community for their patience and support as this unexpected year unfolded.

“As we continue to navigate through uncharted waters over the next year, I will continue to address unexpected situations as they arise and do whatever is best for our kids and our WCPS staff. Hopefully, as we

move through all this to normalcy, we can once again focus on other educational issues, including curriculum and excessive testing. [I am] looking forward to a challenging and exciting year.”

No write-in candidates filed by the Oct. 19 deadline.

The Worcester County Teachers Association recommended Smack for the District 2 seat and Andes for the District 3 seat.

With the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, absentee voting is being encouraged for the general election.

The Maryland State Board of Elections reminds voters to use black ink to fill out the ballot, sign the return envelope, seal the return envelope and send in the ballot using the postage-paid return envelope.

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## Trendic wins lawsuit against Pines

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The Worcester County Circuit Court ruled in favor of Slobodan Trendic last Wednesday in his suit against the Ocean Pines Association over a previously rejected petition drive regarding unauthorized spending limits.

Trendic stepped down as a director after abstaining from a vote on April 6, 2019 to approve expansions of the police and administration building, as well as the golf clubhouse and cart barn, which combined totaled more than \$3 million.

During the OPA homeowners annual meeting that August, Trendic presented a pair of petitions. One called for limiting the board’s unauthorized spending authority, and the other

sought a referendum on the recently begun clubhouse project at the Ocean Pines Golf Course.

Trendic filed suit last November in response to the OPA Board of Directors’ rejection in August of a petition containing more than 800 signatures seeking to amend the OPA bylaws to require the board to conduct a membership vote to approve any single capital expenditure over \$1 million.

The court decision found the board expenditure petition organized by Trendic did meet HOA bylaw requirements and obligated the board to put forth a referendum question.

The summary judgment in favor of

Trendic found the OPA Board “acted improperly, incorrectly and in contravention” of its bylaws when it decided not to act on the petition and advance the question for vote by OPA members.

Attorney Bruce Bright, who represents Trendic, said the court ruling is substantiated by the case details and in line with legal standards related to this, or future, petition drives.

Bright noted the importance of the association abiding its bylaws and governing documents.

Speaking this week, Trendic offered scant comment short of praising Judge Beau Oglesby’s decision to uphold the integrity of the petition process.

The OPA are weighing legal options with President Larry Perrone having no comment on the matter to this point.

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**Aqua Cross Training returns**  
**to Pines Sports Core Pool**

(Oct. 29, 2020) Continuing its tradition of bringing innovative, fun and effective water workouts to the community, Ocean Pines Aquatics has announced the return of Aqua Cross Training to its lineup of fall classes at the indoor Sports Core Pool.

The class makes use of the pool's popular Hydrorider water bikes and aqua trampolines to offer a high-intensity, total-body workout that combines cardio fitness with strength training.

"I'm excited for the 'green light' to continue Aqua Cross Training," said Julie Winterling, a certified Hydrorider, aqua trampoline and aqua cross training instructor who will lead the Ocean Pines class.

"The class offers a natural social distancing experience with camaraderie – which we really need – unique equipment, throwback music and is an excellent way to combat those pandemic pounds," Winterling said.

Aqua Cross Training will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 3

through Dec. 15 from 7 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. A second session will begin Jan. 5.

The cost per six-week session is \$80 for Ocean Pines swim members, \$95 for Ocean Pines residents and \$100 for the public. Drop-ins may be permitted if space allows.

Due to the limited amount of equipment used in the class, registration is limited to 12 people. The use of aqua shoes is required by all participants.

Although covid-19 temporarily interrupted many of Ocean Pines Aquatics' classes during the spring and summer, most have returned to a regular schedule for the fall, with many new sessions starting at the end of October.

Registration for classes, which are open to the public, may be completed by calling 410-641-5255 or visiting the Sports Core Pool at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

Information about additional Ocean Pines aquatic programs is available at OceanPines.org.

**Options proposed for disposition**

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the developer, have the site plan redesigned to make the project fit on the land the developer already owns and lastly a barter to have the developer pave Maple Avenue to Flower Street in return for the land.

Engelhart said Ingerman Inc. has a contract to purchase the property where Wolfe Terrace is located and close the deal in December.

Fleetwood also said one member of the council had asked whether the developer might agree to add 550 to 600 feet of sidewalk from Elizabeth Street to the development.

Vice President and District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell requested the appraisal value as well as the cost

of paving the road and adding the sidewalk before the mayor and council make a decision in November.

A public hearing will not occur regarding the transfer of the 11,000 square-feet of land.

At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr said he does not want the developer to have to change the site plan.

Knerr also asked about the lighting on the property.

Holden said the lights at the entrance will be solar, but the other lights will be more conventional.

Engelhart told Knerr that the lighting and landscaping were part of the site plan approval by the Berlin Planning Commission on Jan. 8.

**Voting options for Election Day**

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Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated drop box by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Putting the ballot in a mailbox on Nov. 3 is not sufficient.

Ballot drop off boxes are located at the Worcester County Board of Elections, 201 Belt St. Suite C in Snow Hill, and the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway in Ocean City.

Early voting is underway until Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ocean City convention center.

Worcester County residents can cast ballots at four voting centers for

the 2020 general election: Pocomoke Community Center, 1410 Market Street in Pocomoke City, Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourne Lane in Snow Hill, Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road in Berlin and the convention center on 40th Street in Ocean City.

Instead of the 16 polling places based on precincts, the voting centers allow voters to cast their vote regardless of where they live in the county.

In-person voting on Election Day will be available 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The elected board members will be sworn in at the regular board meeting on Jan. 19, 2021.



# Temple Bat Yam to take part in event socially distanced

Alzheimer’s Assoc. supports yearly walk for disease cure

(Oct. 29, 2020) Every year the Alzheimer’s Association sponsors a “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” to generate donations that provide funds for finding a cure for the disease that affects millions of people all over the world.

Normally, the local “walk” is conducted in Salisbury.

This year because of covid-19, participants can form teams and each group leader will select a local neighborhood walking route.

So, instead of gathering in Salisbury and everyone walking the same route each team will “walk” a local route right in their own neighborhood.

The Temple Bat Yam team has selected the path around the Ocean Pines pond at South Gate.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, the team will meet at 10 a.m. for a pre-walk, masked, socially distanced, outdoor tailgate party in the parking lot at the Sports Core Pool. The team will begin their “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” at 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to participate. Attend the tailgate party (bring your own drinks and any breakfast food to share), join the walk around the pond or stop by to just make a donation to support the Alzheimer’s Association.

For more information, call Temple Bat Yam at 410-641-4311 or visit [Templebatyam-oc.org](http://Templebatyam-oc.org).

## Town of Berlin Public Notice



### PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Berlin, MD Disposition of Real Property

Pursuant to the Town of Berlin, MD Charter Section C5-1(47), the Berlin Mayor and Council will consider a motion to convey real property in the form of real estate totaling 11,923 square feet, which is a portion of the parcel known as Worcester County Tax Map Number 301, Parcel 860, situated at the southerly end of Maple Avenue, which is considered no longer needed for public use, at its regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting to be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD.

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# Children’s books, novel sold locally

By Ally Lanasa  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) The Greyhound Independent Bookstore and Fine Arts Gallery, 9 S. Main St., welcomed three authors for book signings in conjunction with Oktoberfest on Oct. 17.

Pamella A. Russell, who has lived in Berlin for over 20 years, has released her debut children’s book, “Adventures of the Sací Kids: A New Home.”

Russell lived in São Paulo, Brazil for six years, from the age of 15 to 21 years old. She developed a love for the Brazilian people, culture, language, music and the rich folklore.

Sací-Pererê is one of Brazil’s most popular folk characters.

Sací is a one-legged prankster in a magical red cap, who smells like rotten eggs and travels in a dust tunnel. He was made famous by the renowned Brazilian author Monteiro Lobato (1882-1948).

“He didn’t really invent Sací because Sací was already a product of the slaves ... that the Portuguese brought over from Africa, but he is the one who really made it into a children’s character, and his book became a classic in Brazil,” Russell said.

Her book, which was self-published through Xlibris, redefines family and teaches the importance of love and belonging through four main characters:



Holly, 11, Ethan, 13, Drew, 12, and Ashley, 8.

The children have all been placed in a foster home, where they meet Sací.

“We have so many homeless children in our country,” Russell said. “I came from the foster care system, and so that’s kind of near and dear to my heart as well, that foster children be found in good, happy, healthy homes, where they can feel loved and safe. And I tried to project that a little bit in the foster home these children lived in.”

Russell also hopes her book introduces young American readers to the famous folk character and ignites a joy in multiculturalism.

“There is so much beauty in the stories and the cultures of other countries,” she said.

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(Top) Ocean Pines resident Ellen Krawczak, left, and Berlin resident Pamella Russell sign copies of their children’s books at The Greyhound Independent Bookstore and Fine Arts Gallery during the Oktoberfest celebration on Oct. 17. (Above) The Berlin store also hosted Karen St. James, of Florida, for an author signing of her debut novel, “Ocean Pines.”

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# Opinion

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## Berlin can call itself whatever it wants

Berlin might still be cool to some degree, but apparently it's not as cool as it used to be when it won the title, "America's Coolest Small Town" in 2014. That was almost seven years ago, and now the town wants to become known as ... well ... the town.

Per a directive from Mayor Zack Tyndall, the "Coolest Small Town" motto is being removed in stages from Berlin's marketing materials. It's coming off town stationary destined to be reprinted anyway, while it will remain on Town Hall and signs until they need to be replaced.

Tyndall believes the town can't trade on past glory forever and that Berlin's coolest town declaration has become a little stale. Maybe it has, but when he says it's time to move on, the question that arises is move on to where?

"Visit Berlin, A Town" doesn't have much of a ring to it for marketing purposes, and although visit "Historic Downtown Berlin" has been around for ages, it doesn't necessarily suggest that a good time lies ahead, considering that many communities on the Eastern Shore and beyond advertise themselves as historic.

Besides, a town, county or state can call itself anything it wants for marketing purposes, regardless of awards, competitions or designations granted by some outside authority. Who decided "Virginia is for Lovers" anyway? On the other hand, that's much better than saying, "Virginia is for ... People."

Similarly, Ocean City's "White Marlin Capital of the World" sobriquet was given to the town by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939. Since that time, anglers and captains on the North Carolina coast are inclined to argue where the best fishing truly is.

So, whether Berlin really was and is the coolest small town in America is not the point. For tourism marketing purposes, it is what it says it is. If Pocomoke City can say it's "The Friendliest Town on the Eastern Shore" without having the research to prove it, then Berlin can be the coolest small town in America as long as its residents and businesses want it to be.



## Halloween fun in Snow Hill this Fri.

### Candy distributed to children during free event at rec. center

(Oct. 29, 2020) Track or Treat will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. Children should come dressed in their Halloween

costumes and bring bags to collect goodies. This family fun event is open to youth ages 12 and under. Local vendors will hand out treats to the children. There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Protective masks required for the duration of

the event. Upon entry, all guests must sign in at the main entrance. For more information or to become a vendor, contact Allen Swiger at 410-632-2144, ext. 2520 or [aswiger@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:aswiger@co.worcester.md.us). Learn more about this and other WCRP programs at [www.worcesterrecand-parks.org](http://www.worcesterrecand-parks.org).

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## Change batteries on Daylight Savings

(Oct. 29, 2020) Every six months, Ocean Pines residents hear from the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company, "When you change your clock for Daylight Saving Time, check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms."

It is more than a slogan, as smoke alarms save lives by alerting residents of a home in time to escape a fire quickly.

Nearly two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarm — a number that can easily be reduced with a few simple moments of fire safety precaution and preparation twice a year.

While checking your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is important, many smoke alarms are hard wired to the electric of your home or they have long-life-span batteries — making the need to change the battery obsolete. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do come Daylight Saving Time.

The first step is to make sure you have the most up-to-date alarms. Fire fighters recommend replacing any smoke alarm that is older than 10 years old.

It is also important to have the correct type of smoke alarm. Photoelectric smoke alarms are more ef-

fective at warning of smoke from smoldering fires, while ionization smoke alarms are quicker to inform about free-burning fires. With that in mind, fire fighters recommend installing a combination photoelectric/ionization smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of every bedroom and on each floor of your home.

So, when you change your clock for Daylight Saving Time on Nov. 1, Ocean Pines firefighters encourage you to not only take a few moments to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, but also to take the extra time to practice fire safety in your home.



# Pines Halloween activities features scares

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2020) Despite coronavirus limiting social interactions, an array of Halloween fun and frights are in store this Friday and Saturday in Ocean Pines.

Searching for some sense of normalcy, while also providing annual chocolate and candy allotments for kids, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks staff members conjured up the Trunk or Treat celebration.

Recreation Supervisor Brittany Jarman said Trunk or Treat, which is scheduled for Oct. 30 in White Horse Park starting at 5:30 p.m., would also help to fill the void left by the cancellation of this year's Fall Festival.

"It gives the kids of Ocean Pines something to do and we're doing it the night before Halloween," she said.

During Trunk or Treat the woods in White Horse Park will be filled with spookily decked out vehicles passing out candy.

Jarman said to minimize direct interactions children could collect treats from Halloween-themed car trunks or truck beds.

"Sometimes the candy might not be in the trunk, they might have it on the ground in front," she said. "Whoever decorates their trunk, they do get to stay and dress up in a costume."

Earlier this month Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks sponsored virtual pumpkin carving and Halloween costume contests with entries due by Oct. 25.

"We're going to post all of the stuff up on a Facebook page album and people can vote for their fa-

vorite one by 'liking' the photo," she said.

Votes for both costume and pumpkin entries can be cast from Oct. 26 through Oct. 30 at noon with winners unveiled just prior to the Trunk or Treat celebration.

To avoid having all the fun wrap up before Oct. 31, Ocean Pines is sponsoring a "Build Your Own Scarecrow" contest on Halloween morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

The winning scarecrow will be selected at the end of the event with a bag chock full of autumn goodies awarded to the design team.

The festivities also coincide with the weekly Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, whose vendors will embrace the ghoulish occasion with stand decorations and costumes.

White Horse Park also marks the end point for the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce's inaugural "Spook The Pines" community parade that takes place on Oct. 31 from noon to 2 p.m.

Dozens of frighteningly decorated classic rides and Jeeps, all lead by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department engine, will begin a thrill inducing neighborhood crawl starting at Cathell Road before ending in White Horse Park.

Chamber Executive Director Kerrie Bunting said prizes would be awarded for the best decorated rides.

Covid-19 safety mandates prevent participants from tossing candy or other items out to bystanders.

Bunting also cautioned parade vehicle owners to be aware of the 10-foot clearance at the Route 90 underpass, which would restrict passage for oversized rides or decorations.



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Jordan, 10, and Frankie Bellosi, 2, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wear Halloween costumes to the farmers market at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines last year.

While registration is available on parade day, with the \$15 fee required in cash, organizers encourage sign-up before then.

For more information, visit [oceanpineschamber.org/](http://oceanpineschamber.org/) or call 410-641-5306.

For more information or questions about other events, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052, email [rec@oceanpines.org](mailto:rec@oceanpines.org), or visit [www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks](http://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks).

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## PICKLEBALL

While keeping an eye on the ball and the larger focus on charitable undertakings, a field of 85 competitors raised more than \$8,500 to support the American Cancer Society during the third annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic hosted by the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club on Oct. 2 at the Racquet Center on Manklin Creek Road.



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## TOP PRIZE

Director of “Melvin’s Curse,” Davis Mears, pictured with his dog, Captain, earned first place in the third annual Ocean City Film Challenge.



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## NEW CANOPY

Deshon Purnell, assistant principal of Buckingham Elementary, left, and Roger Pacella, Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club publicity chairman, are joined by some kindergarten students under the playground canopy the club purchased for the school.



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## DONATION

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor, left, accepts a \$10,000 check from Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club President Bill Hickey. The money will be used to purchase hot spots, which will allow students without internet access to learn online. They are joined by, from left, Dee Shorts, chief academic officer for grades Pre-K through 8; Lew Frey, Optimist member; and Annette Wallace, chief operating and academic officer for grades 9-12.



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## FUNDRAISER

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Steve Cohen receives a quick trim from Charity Dudley of Mobile Hair Services during a fundraising event on Saturday, Oct. 17.



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## BOLLARDS ADDED

The Berlin Public Works Department recently installed white and yellow bollards near 115 Broad St. to direct westbound traffic turning from Broad Street onto Harrison Avenue as well as to improve safety and visibility at that corner.



# Author signings during Oktoberfest in Berlin

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"Adventures of the Saci Kids: A New Home" targets children ages 9 to 12 and is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble in paperback for \$14.99, hardcover for \$23.99 and e-book for \$3.99. The Greyhound sells paperback and hardcover copies as well.

Russell added that she plans to give copies to the county libraries in Delaware in Milton, Greenwood and South Coastal in Bethany Beach.

Russell is the former assistant director of the Sussex County Delaware Libraries. She retired in 2005.

"As a librarian, I just want children to read," she added. "As a matter of fact, that's what I write in a lot when I sign the books, 'Read, read and read!'"

Russell plans to do a few sequels and then some translating of multicultural literature.

"I'd love to be able to do more translating than writing," Russell said. "I'd love to be able to get some of these Brazilian children's books and get them translated into English because they have so much to offer."

For more information, visit [www.sackids.com](http://www.sackids.com).

Ocean Pines resident Ellen Krawczak wrote her first book, "Ollie Gives a Hoot," when she was making up stories for her granddaughter.

"It just came to me," Krawczak said. "It just kind of evolved. I wanted something that would be suitable for a child. I didn't set out to do a message, but that's the way it ended up."

The book is about an owl who doesn't want to attend a birthday party. He rather be alone, but gradually he learns how nice it is to have friends, Krawczak said.

She hopes young readers recognize the importance of being a good friend through the narrative.

"Ollie Gives a Hoot," which targets children between 4 and 6 years old, was published in September 2019 by Salt Water Media.

The book is available at The Greyhound, Barnes & Noble and Amazon in paperback for \$10.

"I just hope whoever reads my book finds it fun," Krawczak added.

Krawczak plans to continue writing children's books for her other grandchildren.

"I have another one that should be coming out in December," she said.

Prior to her literary adventure, Krawczak had a varied career as a paralegal, a substitute teacher, and then she worked on real estate settlements.

She retired in 2009 and moved to Ocean Pines.

The Greyhound also hosted Pennsylvania native Karen St. James to promote her book, "Ocean Pines."

"Growing up in a family with seven kids, we really didn't get to go anywhere or do anything," St. James said. "I mean, your whole world was the city you grew up in."

As a teenager, St. James was invited by a friend to go to the beach for the first time, and they stayed in Ocean Pines.

"I loved the quaint town so much that I never forgot it," St. James said. "The book was written years ago as more of a hobby and only recently became available to the public. I am so excited to be launching the book where it started."

St. James wrote "Ocean Pines" over the course of three years while working two jobs and raising a daughter.

"I had to really write at the end of the night, when I would put my daughter to bed," she said.

The women's novel is based in Ocean Pines, where Cassandra Blake returns after the passing of her father.

"I felt like [Ocean Pines] would be a really great place for my main character to have her retreat house," St. James said. "She and her father are very wealthy, but they escaped to Ocean Pines and that was like their world away from the world."

"Ocean Pines," which was published by Triskelion Publishing, is a story of redemption and romance.

In the novel, Blake is the heir to the largest private ownership of newspapers and magazines in the country.

"When the book opens up, she's a little lost. She has all this money and this amazing company, but ... it was handed to her," St. James said. "It was literally

handed to her, and she was expected to carry it through. But that's not the life she wanted for herself."

Although Blake is very well-off financially, St. James believes female readers can connect with her through shared struggles and difficult decision-making.

"I would just hope that my main character shows that through all the hardships and adversity, that you can come out the other side. You can still chase your dreams," she said. "I hope that it would inspire women who sort of look to the future and have a long way to go or feel like they have a long way to go, to feel like whatever their dreams are, whatever their goals are, are attainable."

Paperback copies of the novel are available at The Greyhound and the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Public Library for \$14.95.

The book can also be purchased on [karenstjames.com](http://karenstjames.com) beginning in November.

From her visits for research to her recent book signing, St. James said she always encounters friendly residents near Ocean Pines.

"I find the people in the area to be incredibly gracious. I love the welcoming feeling that you get there of community," St. James said. "Everybody has a lot of pride and love for the area up there. I've often thought about relocating there because I just love the sense of community. So, that's my takeaway. I just feel like it's a home away from home, even though I've never lived there."

Currently, St. James is a freelance writer and teacher in Central Florida. She also has 15 years of public relations experience related to tourism.

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# Cuisine

## Serve beer cheese soup with soft pretzels

I am 52 years old. When I stare longingly into a bowl of Wisconsin beer cheese soup, chock-full of cream, butter, milk and gobs of extra sharp cheddar, I think of three things: deliciousness, heart attacks and constipation. I mean, don't you?



I love Beer-Cheese Soup. It has stood the test of time and is so delicious on a rainy and chilly day. It certainly would not pass my doctor's approved dietary list. However, not being one to listen to my doctor very often (sorry, Doc), this is always a standby for me.

Akin to a good New England Clam Chowder, or a Southern Roasted Corn & Chicken Chowder or even our own Cream of Crab Soup, there is a regional dalliance with creamy, hot soups once the weather takes a turn for the worse. And this is no exception. Served with hot, soft pretzels, there is little to which to compare.

Now, it's important to understand what I'm asking you to do here. As you read the recipe, you will see that you will need to puree a piping hot soup, a truly dangerous task, but one that need not be. I learned this the hard way at the Culinary Institute of America in 2003.

I was the executive chef for Ocean Pines, and I was sitting for a four-day exam, ProChef-2 to be precise. I was eager, precise and (I thought) ready. As we entered our four-hour Healthy Cooking exam, I had my plan laid out. I broke down a whole chicken in 37 seconds, had Tracy clean the English peas and mint, and continued with my mise en place.

Tracy was a senior at the CIA, and she was my assistant/apprentice for the day. She was stellar and stoic as could be, thank the good Lord. I cooked, heated, blanched, poached and prepped my way to the point of pureeing the pea soup studded with mint. This was my first experience with a Vitamix blender.

I put the ingredients in the cup, hit 'go' and steaming-hot crap went everywhere. Luckily, neither one of us was hit with the ubiquitous I Love Lucy scalding splatter. Every sitcom that I watched as a child coursed through my brain. Having learned years earlier to keep my cool, I turned it off, looked at Tracy and said "I'll



clean this up. Please get me some more mise together." She professionally obliged, and I moved onward with my plan.

All seemed well and I perceived that it had gone unnoticed, when the looming European chef (the floor judge) walked up behind me and said quietly enough so that no one else could hear him but me, "Chef, I do not mean to tell you that you do not know what the f\*\*\* you are doing, but you do not know what the f\*\*\* you are doing." And he walked away. I froze, knowing that I had just failed, and wasted six months of arduous training and studying for this moment.

I earned the highest score that day out of the examinees. And, I never made this mistake again.

Please be careful.  
*\*Soup prepared by Bob Dixon*

### Wisconsin Beer Cheese Soup

Makes about 1 gallon  
4 oz. clarified butter  
1/2 medium white onion, finely minced  
2 cloves garlic, smashed  
1 rib celery, finely diced  
1/2 c. Diced carrot

4 oz. AP Flour  
2 c. Chicken stock  
1 bottle Beer (Wisconsin preferred, of course)  
1 qt. Whole milk  
1 qt. Cream  
3 c. Sharp cheddar cheese, shredded and room temperature  
1 c. Diced kielbasa, sauteed in a pan  
Cayenne, to taste  
Salt & Pepper, to taste  
1. Please refer to the story above, as it may save you from some serious burns.  
2. Heat the butter in a soup pot large enough to hold all the ingredients.  
3. Add the onions, garlic, celery and carrot and cook for about four or five minutes, or until they have developed some color and your kitchen starts to smell of Thanksgiving. Of course, if your mom always burns Thanksgiving dinner, then turn the burner down a little bit.  
4. Add the flour and cook for a couple minutes, stirring regularly.  
5. When the raw flavors of the flour have cooked out, add the chicken stock a little at a time. It will thicken instantly. Hold fast and stand strong.  
6. Next, add the beer in little doses

and then add the milk and cream. You should have a nice creamy soup (with vegetable chunks) that is now ready to run through the blender.  
7. Carefully, and if batches if necessary, puree the soup in a high-speed blender or use an immersion blender. Make this bad boy super smooth.  
8. When you are happy with the consistency of the soup, return it to the pan.  
9. Add the cheese, stirring all the while, until it is melted throughout.  
10. If you need to amend the soup with stock or milk, feel free. You want a beautiful, creamy soup that will be viscous enough to warm the soul while not setting as a bowl of Elmer's glue.  
11. Add the cooked kielbasa and finish seasoning. Be careful as you add the salt, as there is also salt in the sausage. Go a little light and let it sit for a bit. Adjust at the very end. Serve with soft pretzels (I mean, home-made ones if you're cool enough).

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40. Visit him at [www.boxcar40.com](http://www.boxcar40.com).



Puzzles

TITLE BASIN'  
BY MIRIAM ESTRIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Miriam Estrin is a native of St. Louis, now living in London. She works for Google as a policy manager dealing with international laws and regulations on access to information. After graduating from Yale Law School, she spent four years at the U.S. State Department. Miriam started constructing crosswords a year ago after reading The Times's online series "How to Make a Crossword Puzzle." This is her second puzzle for the paper and her first Sunday. — W.S.

**ACROSS**

1 Dinosaur in the Mario games

6 Titular film character opposite Harold

11 Something offered in tribute

16 \_\_\_\_ Martin DB5 ("Bondmobile")

17 Knock-down-drag-out fights

21 Nudge

22 Barack, Michelle, Hillary and Bill took them, for short

23 Yann Martel's baking memoir?

24 Have heart eyes for

25 Member of Britain's upper house

26 Tone-\_\_\_\_

27 Shunned, with "out"

29 "Don't get \_\_\_\_!"

30 F. Scott Fitzgerald's chivalric tale?

36 Just like that

38 Zaps, as leftovers

39 Brainstorms

42 Messes (with)

43 Follower of "Je m'appelle"

44 What a figure skate has that a hockey skate lacks

45 "\_\_\_\_ you seeing this?"

46 Voltaire's sweet novel?

50 Scan that excites hydrogen atoms, for short

51 Can't keep one's mouth shut?

54 Alternative to de Gaulle

55 Debussy's "\_\_\_\_ d'Étoiles"

57 Prepare to go next

59 "You're making me blush!"

61 Lived (with)

63 Marcel Proust's kitchen mystery?

70 Trouble

71 I

72 "That's \_\_\_\_!" (director's cry)

73 Halloween vis-à-vis Nov. 1

74 "Yeesh!"

76 One of six parked on the moon

78 Nasty, in a way

79 Author Ferrante

81 Neutral paint color

82 Break

85 Societal problem

86 "When They See Us" director DuVernay

89 Big e-commerce site

90 Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's pet story?

95 Guarantees

97 [Doh!]

100 Semibiographical source for "Citizen Kane"

101 Small trunks

105 Certain red wine

107 Trap

109 Had a friendly relationship (with)

110 "\_\_\_\_ is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it": Einstein

111 "Revenge \_\_\_\_ dish ..."

112 William Shakespeare's historical romance?

115 Gives one's seal of approval

116 Woman's name that's a piece of furniture backward

117 Classical singing venue

118 Beat

119 Call to reserve?

120 The final installment of "The Godfather"

121 Bit of coffee

122 Sierra Nevadas, e.g.

123 Word that can precede or follow "run"

11 What Mrs. Potts and Chip serve in "Beauty and the Beast"

12 Brit's term of affection

13 "Finally!"

14 Resolve, with "out"

15 Precious, to a Brit

17 Goes undercover?

18 Heated accusation

19 Sound effect during a bomb defusing, perhaps

20 "I watched that episode already"

26 Critical time

28 Queen who made Carthage prosper

31 Pittsburgh-to-Buffalo dir.

32 Fair forecast

33 Beat in a boxing match, in a way

34 Corral

35 Command for a right turn, in mushing

36 "It's possible"

37 "You've Got Mail" director Ephron

40 Neutral paint color

41 Sound like a broken record

46 Shoe with holes

47 Top dogs

48 Subject of Rick Steves's travel guides

49 God, in Guadalajara

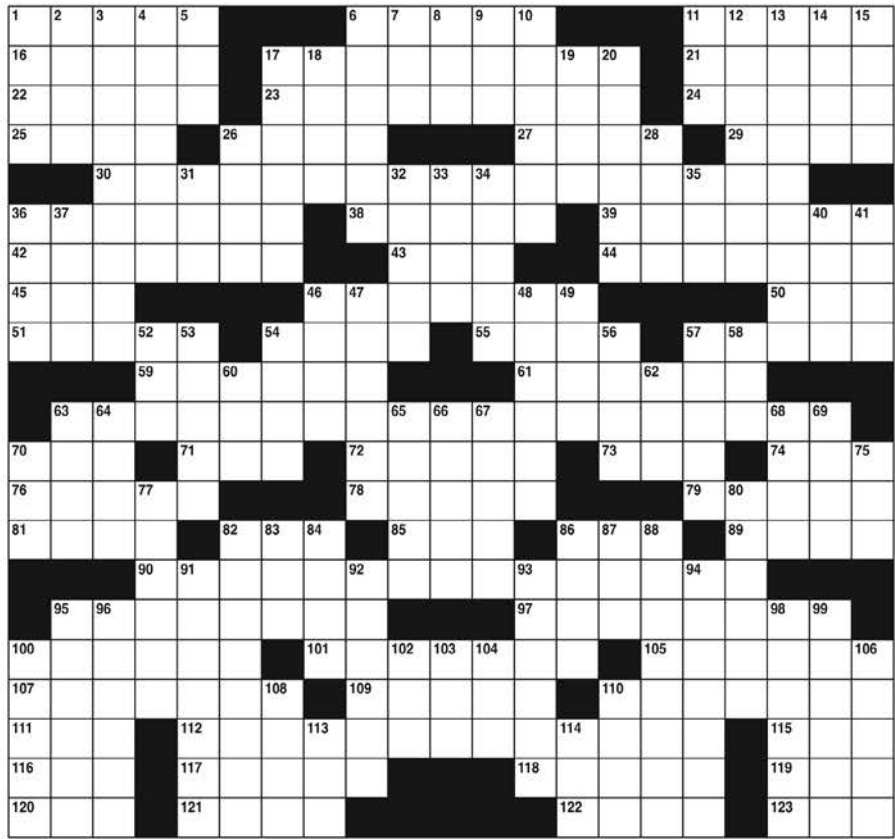
52 Bullet alternatives: Abbr.

53 Utter

54 Como ningún \_\_\_\_ (unique, in Spanish)

56 Pledge-drive gift

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- 57 Giggle

58 Dreyer's ice-cream partner

60 \_\_\_\_ Harbor, first official port of entry to the United States

62 Channel that aired "Daria" and "The Hills"

63 Fan-mail recipient

64 Exploding star

65 Take pride in something

66 Ruffle
- 67 What can take a punch?

68 \_\_\_\_ & Chandon (Champagne)

69 Long periods

70 Little bowwow

75 Wray of "King Kong"

77 Nonresident doctor

80 Lead role on "Parks and Recreation"

82 Writer Stein

83 Green and others

84 Sets (against)

86 The Amazons were the daughter of this god, in myth
- 87 By way of

88 Director's cry

91 Is employed

92 Movie with the line "I feel the need ... the need for speed"

93 Dials

94 Some concert tour merchandise

95 Martial arts master

96 Sushi condiment

98 Traitor in the Revolutionary War

99 Warehouse employee
- 100 "S.N.L." cast member Gardner

102 Lover of Orion, in myth

103 8-Down pilots, in brief

104 Forest grazer

106 Full of spice

108 Where Zeno taught

110 Children's poet Silverstein

113 \_\_\_\_ beam

114 Place for a shvitz

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**HARD - 23**

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.

2	6				1		4
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	9		2				6 3

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

3	8	1	7	4	6	5	9	2
4	9	5	3	8	2	1	6	7
7	6	2	9	5	1	3	4	8
8	7	9	5	3	4	2	1	6
6	1	3	2	9	7	4	8	5
5	2	4	6	1	8	9	7	3
1	4	6	8	2	3	7	5	9
2	5	7	4	6	9	8	3	1
9	3	8	1	7	5	6	2	4





# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Oct. 29

**STORYTIME: CARS**  
Recorded. Songs and stories about cars for ages 2-5 years, 10:00 AM.  
<http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**HALLOWEEN: A HAUNTED HISTORY**  
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. With more than 25 years of experience researching the unknown, Dustin Pari brings exciting lectures about the paranormal across the country.

**10TH ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL**  
Assateague Coastal Trust will live stream the acclaimed Wild & Scenic Film Festival, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The line up of films highlight the importance of community. Tickets are available online at [ActForBays.org/WSFF](http://ActForBays.org/WSFF). Raffle items, boxed food specials courtesy of Shott's Point Charm City in Baltimore and Seacrets in Ocean City, and a 5-day on demand access pass to the full program of 17 films.

## Fri., Oct. 30

**WITTY FIBER FRIENDS**  
Meeting via Zoom, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join the group as they knit, crochet and embroider. All are welcome.  
<http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**2ND ANNUAL AGH PENGUIN SWIM APPRECIATION WEEKEND**  
The Shrimp Boat, 9724 Stephen Decatur Highway, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public for trick-or-treating. All Covid-19 safety protocols and guidelines will be followed. Participating vehicles are asked to supply their own candy to pass out. Individually wrapped candy donations will be accepted at the Ocean Pines Community Center through Oct. 30. Businesses or individuals interested in a space should reach out to Brittany Jarman at [bjarman@oceanpines.org](mailto:bjarman@oceanpines.org). 410-641-7052

**TRIMPER'S THRILLS AND CHILLS OCTOBER WEEKENDS**  
Trimper Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 4:00 PM - 8:45 PM. A Nightmare on Freak Street! Oct. 30-Nov. 1: Zombie Dance Party. Sally Kneavel, [Sally@TrimperRides.com](mailto:Sally@TrimperRides.com), 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

**TRACK OR TREAT**  
Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to come dressed in their Hal-

loween costumes and bring bags to collect their goodies. Local vendors will hand out treats to the children. There is no admission fee, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Upon entry, all guests must sign in at the main entrance. Allen Swiger, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520, <http://www.worcesterrecandparks.org>

**GREEN MARKET**  
*Fridays through Nov. 27* - Trimper Rides under the Ferris Wheel, 600 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Local Farmers Market featuring fresh everything and more from our local farmers. The market is agriculture based only. There will be live music and weekly drawings. Sally Kneavel, [Sally@TrimperRides.com](mailto:Sally@TrimperRides.com), 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

## Sat., Oct. 31

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST**  
Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Masks are required to enter and social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**  
West Ocean City Park and Ride, 12848 Ocean Gateway, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Household hazardous waste, along with computers, servers and laptops, may be dropped off during this event. No other electronics will be accepted. Household hazardous waste includes pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other fuels, oil-base paints, thinners and everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home. This service is open to all Worcester County residents at no charge. Mike McClung, 410-632-3177

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**SWING FOR YOUTH GOLF OPEN**  
Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, 10:00 AM. Price is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per team and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner; beverages on the course; prizes; \$20 gift card to the proshop; raffle tickets; and more. All proceeds go to the OC Recreation Boosters. 410-213-7277, <https://www.eagleslandinggolf.com>

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
The Temple Bat Yam team will be doing their walk around the Ocean Pines pond by the South Gate. The team will meet at 10 a.m. for a pre-walk, masked, outdoor tail-

gate party in the parking lot at the Sports Core Pool. The walk will begin at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to join the festivities. If attending the tailgate party, bring your own drinks and any breakfast food you'd like to share. Donations will be accepted for the Alzheimer's Association. Ed Wirkman, [edbythec@gmail.com](mailto:edbythec@gmail.com), 410-422-3491, <http://Templebatyam-oc.org>

**OP HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
At noon, beginning from the grass lot on Cathell Road, classic cars, Jeep clubs, fire engines and other local spooky vehicles will head north, ending up at White Horse Park. There is a \$15 entrance fee per vehicle. Register: Ocean Pine Chamber, 410-641-5306 or [info@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:info@oceanpineschamber.org).

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**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., Nov. 1

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**ZUMBA FOR THE CURE**  
Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Gym, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM and 11:15 AM. Zumba For The Cure is a fun exciting way to support Relay For Life and Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea. There will be two sessions. Social distancing guidelines adhered to that is why space is limited. \$10 each session or \$15 for both. Raffle, refreshments and door prizes. No need to be a Zumba student. Just want to move and groove so other may live. Joyce, [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com), 410-726-2604

## Mon., Nov. 2

**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 pro-

vided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

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## Tues., Nov. 3

**PIRATE BOOTLEGGIN' BECKER AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING PIRATE PUPPY PIERCE**  
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## Wed., Nov. 4

**FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES**  
Snow Hill Health Department, 6040 Public Landing Road, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The course consists of eight core sessions utilizing the American Lung Association Freedom from Smoking curriculum, which is proven to help smokers quit. Classes are held weekly from Nov. 4 through Dec. 23. Register: Alyssa Rink, [Alyssa.Rink@maryland.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Rink@maryland.gov) or 410-632-1100, Ext. 1102. A health-screening and masks are required.

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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