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An unofficial car parade of vintage Volkswagen vans and bugs travels along Main Street in Berlin on Sunday after driving down Coastal Highway in Ocean City on Saturday on what would have been the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Elections Com. weighs details of referendum

Clock on ballot mailing will start ticking on March 27

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) Sorting out details for an upcoming referendum on whether to limit the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors' spending authority dominated discussions during the Elections Committee meeting last Friday.

The board has scheduled a public hearing on Saturday, March 27 at 9 a.m. related to a petition to amend association bylaws to require membership approval for any capital expenditure costing more than \$1 million.

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Steve Habeger

Pocket park to open in downtown

Flower cart will be part of what would be developed into small garden center

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) The Historic District Commission unanimously approved the concept of a pocket park with fresh landscaping and community seating at 2 Bay St. near Baked Dessert Café during its meeting on March 10.

"I am over the moon about this project," said Carol Rose, who was re-elected as chair of the commission. Robert Poli was also re-elected as vice chairman.

Hunter Smith from Fathom, 14 N. Main St., presented an enclosed portable retail space, called Mother Flowers, in the drive-through section of the former PNC Bank property to

sell locally grown flowers and produce. A flower cart will be made from aluminum and maple wood.

"The exterior of the cart that we have is white, but we're thinking about having terracotta on the white ... and the natural wood border and the greenery of course," Smith said.

The back of the cart will be able to open for fresh air in the limited retail space.

The flower cart will also have four wheels, so it can be moved if necessary.

"I'll have displayed items that can be moveable as well," Smith said.

She added that the plan is to create a garden center in the space, offering pots and soil.

Rose said the flower cart should be approved as a permanent fixture.

"I can't see the need to have you every day bring it back and forth,"

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PHOTO COURTESY BERLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
The Berlin Historic District Commission approved a request from Hunter Smith to create a pocket park at 2 Bay St. with an enclosed portable retail space, called Mother Flowers, to sell locally grown flowers and produce.

Berlin receives \$50K in grants for facade fix-ups

Program has given facelift to numerous businesses

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) Businesses in Berlin's Main Street District will have access to more funding for façade improvements, following the town's receipt last week of a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

"I apply for a community legacy grant through DHCD, and then the

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Ivy Wells



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Referendum countdown will begin March 27

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Next Saturday's hearing stems from a Worcester County Circuit Court ruling supporting past Director Slobodan Trendic's suit against the OPA last fall challenging the directors' rejection of his petition calling for a referendum on spending restrictions.

Trendic filed suit in November 2019 after the board declared that his petition submitted to the directors that August did not meet the required standards.

Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said meeting notices were in the midst of being mailed to association members on Friday.

"They should start to arrive Monday in people's mailboxes," he said.

Habeger said time had nearly evaporated to provide the mandated 15 days for meeting notice.

"Basically, it has to go today," he said.

After the meeting mailing was proofread last week, copy quickly went into production.

"They started printing at 5 a.m. yesterday," he said.

Habeger said the legal notice states that within 30 days after the March 27 hearing the referendum ballots have to be mailed to members.

"On the 27th, we start a 30-day clock to get out the mailing with the return envelope," he said

Referendum ballot mailings will include the proposed amendment, with an explanation from the petitioner, along with a position statement from the board.

"After the public hearing we'll have to send out and then collect back the ballots, count them and report the results," he said.

Habeger said while a 30-day timeframe has been established to mail referendum ballots, the response deadline has yet to be firmed.

"We don't want it to be two days, but we don't want it to be six months," he said.

"With the election ballots, our goal is that people can have them for 30 days," he said. "This is a simpler, straightforward issue."

Committee member Mark Heintz, noting past incidents of late mail, asked when the allotted time would need to be determined.

Habeger expressed optimism the committee would have referendum ballots in transit in less than the 30 days allotted.

"All mail which is posted on the Eastern Shore goes to Baltimore to be postmarked, sorted and sent back to the destination," he said. "Due to Bal-

timore processing, we need to put about a three-day buffer if I'm in Ocean Pines."

Committee member Carol Ludwig asked if there were time restrictions on counting the ballots.

After being told those specifics had yet to be determined, Ludwig suggested allowing one week for materials to arrive and 10 days for members to return replies.

Habeger proposed the committee

schedule a special meeting after the March 27 public hearing to finalize details.

"Let's plan March 31 to figure out the referendum mailing and response time," he said. "We should have the product that needs to go out by then."

In one order of new business, the committee made a motion to accept the sole response for a bid contract for 2021 election printing and mailing services.

Façade grants allow shops to enhance their exteriors

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community legacy grant ... funds the Berlin Main Street façade grants," said Ivy Wells, the town's economic and community development director.

Through the program, downtown shop owners can apply for up to 50 percent of the cost of their improvement project. Funding, which ranges from \$500 to \$10,000, can be used for converting windows into curbside pick-up windows, exterior painting, window replacement, adding ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and for new signs.

Work completed prior to a letter of commitment is not eligible for funding.

The Berlin Façade Grant program continues as long as the money lasts.

"That's what happened two years ago. We received \$30,000 for the façade grant, and we don't have any of that funding left, so that's why I applied for more funding," Wells said. "It's a yearly grant process when I write a community legacy grant. Every year, we make an application."

In the past, Victorian Charm, 100 N. Main St., was awarded funding for new paint for its building and The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, 101 N. Main St., received a new screen door through the grant.

"Jeffrey Auxer applied for grant

funding to add his apartment above his gallery," Wells recalled.

She added that Baked Dessert Café, 4 Bay St., also received funding to enhance its storefront.

"I would say nearly all of our property owners have applied for some type of façade grant funding," Wells said.

Building and/or business owners must attach quotes they have received for the projects and before photos of their buildings.

"If they're getting a new sign, they have to include the design of the sign and what the materials are," Wells added.

Town staff and volunteers will review the grant applications before they are sent to the Maryland Historic Trust.

"[The Maryland Historic Trust has] to approve all façade grant applications first and foremost," she said.

Wells added that the town's use of the money has not gone unnoticed.

"Even over the past few years, we've been noted for having one of the most beautiful downtowns in the country, so I think that those façade grants ... I think that they help," Wells said. "People want a little bit of an incentive to make improvements, and we're happy to be able to offer that."

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Route 90 to close March 22-25 for bridge, road work

(March 18, 2021) The Maryland State Highway Administration will be conducting road and bridge repairs on Route 90 from Monday, March 22, through Thursday, March 25.

The closure will be from Coastal Highway to Route 50 each night from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Motorists should plan for additional travel time and know the alternate routes of travel during the closure time period.

Public meeting will hear pro, con of referendum

(March 18, 2021) The Ocean Pines Board has scheduled a public hearing on March 27 at 9 a.m. in the community center on a proposal submitted in a petition for a referendum.

The association mailed notice of the hearing to homeowners this week.

The following is a copy of the proposal contained in the petition being presented to the members to vote on by referendum and the subject of the hearing:

Should OPA By-Laws Section 5.13.(d)(1) be amended to read "If the total estimated cost, capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of any single capital expenditure exceeds One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the proposed single capital expenditure SHALL require approval of the members by a referendum?"

The ballots, a copy of the proposal in the petition, a brief explanation of the proposal written by the petitioner, and a statement of position by the board of directors will be distributed not later than 30 days after the hearing.

Flower cart won't be open during farmers market

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Rose said.

Dave Engelhart, the town's planning director, added that Mother Flowers will not be open during the hours of the Berlin Farmers Market on Sundays.

"I guess this is more of a permanent farmers market idea," Smith said. "We're going to try to source things from a lot of the local farmers, flower farmers and produce farmers."

In addition, the commission advised Smith to add a surveillance camera to the cart for security.

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Ocean Pines Police seek assistance to identify the woman pictured in connection to cashing a fraudulent check at Taylor Bank in Ocean City.

Pines police seeking theft suspect in surveillance shot

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Police are asking for public assistance to identify a suspect caught on bank surveillance footage cashing a check using a stolen driver's license.

In a March 8 Facebook post, Ocean Pines Police posted pictures of

a woman accused of using a theft victim's Maryland driver's license to fraudulently cash a check at a Taylor Bank branch in Ocean City.

Investigators are still working to identify the person in the surveillance pictures. Anyone with information is asked to contact OP Police Sgt. Christopher Tarr at 410-641-7747.

Ocean Pines prepares parks for pending warmer weather

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) As springtime temperatures begin to visit the region, Ocean Pines Public Works crews have begun work on upgrades and general maintenance of association parks and outdoor recreation areas.

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said public works has already begun demolishing the existing playground at Robin Hood Park.

Speaking last week, Donahue said once public works clears the site, an outside contractor would complete the project.

"River Valley Playground Company will start the install March 25th," she said.

Donahue said setup and assembly would be completed in only a few days.

Project plans include adding playground equipment and repainting the half-basketball court, along with

beautifying the Sherwood Forest-based amenity.

"We will also be upgrading the basketball court at Robin Hood Park," she said.

Preliminary work has also been completed to remedy frequently soggy ground conditions at the Ocean Pines Dog Park.

"Public works cleaned up the park, added fill dirt in the low spots and put back mulch," she said. "They will do this again so that we are taking care of the low spots and hopefully managing the standing water ... better."

Still forthcoming are spruce-up tasks throughout parks and playgrounds.

"We will start our spring upgrades to all of the parks and playgrounds soon [including] mulching, painting [and] clean up," she said. "Walking trails will get cleaned up and stone dust added."

Donahue said the work is on pace for completion in time for warmer weather and the annual influx of property owners and guests.

"All of the parks should be ready for the spring and summer by Memorial Day or earlier," she said.

OPA worker tests positive covid


(March 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola on Thursday announced that a worker had tested positive for covid-19.

"An employee in our Administration Building recently tested positive for covid-19," he said, adding that the employee was last at work on March 10.

"The employee has not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so consistent with CDC protocols. We no-

tified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials. We understand that the employee had no close contact with residents or other employees.

Viola said the administration continues to stress the need to frequently wash hands, maintain six feet of separation between others, and wear masks when indoors or when social distancing is not possible.



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AGH associates discuss impact of covid-19

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) Nettie Widgeon, a Berlin resident and charge nurse in the emergency department at Atlantic General Hospital, told the Berlin mayor and Town Council last Monday how unnerving it was to care for patients in the age of covid-19 last year.

Her presentation was part of the overview Atlantic General Hospital associates gave the mayor and council.

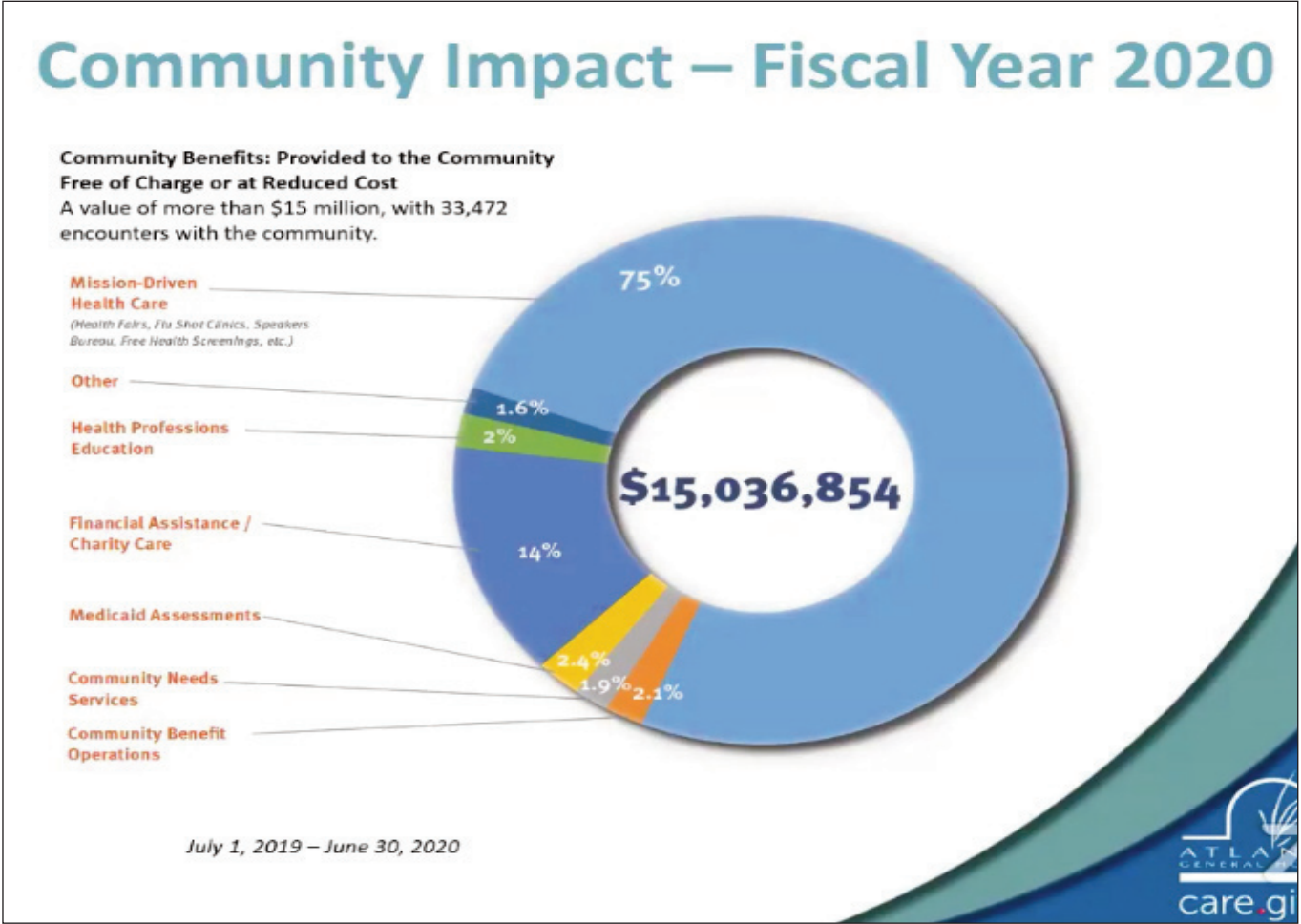
“When covid first started, we were confused and scared,” Widgeon said. “We rearranged our emergency room a million times trying to figure out how do we keep people safe, how do we keep our patients separate, what are we going to do with family members, what are we doing with kids with multiple parents.”

Additionally, the hospital suddenly needed a lot of negative pressure rooms to prevent cross-contamination.

“With the support and resources that we had, we built more negative pressure rooms and we put doors on rooms that would normally have a curtain,” she said. “We separated waiting areas so we could keep patients separate out there. We built an entire room out in our waiting area with a door that’s completely enclosed and also has negative pressure.”

Nurses were also separated, so those

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Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, told the Berlin mayor and Town Council last Monday that more than \$15 million in healthcare services were provided at no cost with 33,472 encounters with the community, including flu and covid-19 vaccination clinics, during FY2020.

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AGH prioritizes health equity in patient care

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who treated non-covid patients we not exposed to those who cared for covid patients.



Michael Franklin

“Through all of this, never one time was I worried or in need of PPE,” Widgeon added. “I always had gloves. I always had masks. I always had an N95. I always had goggles. I always had gowns, and that was another really amazing thing that we were able to do to keep each other and our patients safe.”

Greg Shockley, owner of Shenanigan’s Irish Pub in Ocean City and chairman of the hospital’s Board of Trustees, commended Widgeon and her fellow nurses for the “tremendous job” they did in caring for patients during the pandemic.

Shockley also thanked the council and the public for their support of healthcare professionals.

Then, Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, led an overview of FY2020 and what is to come in FY2021. He said the health system is updating its strategic plan beyond 2020, noting that the Board of Trustees, which includes Councilman Jay Knerr, has redefined the vision,

mission and values stated in the plan.

“We’ve essentially renewed our vows in a way to the community and what it is that we’re going to be doing for the community over the next several years,” Franklin said.

The vision of Atlantic General Hospital is now “to be the leader in caring for people and advancing health for the residents of and visitors to our community,” while the mission statement is “to provide a coordinated care delivery system with access to quality care, personalized service and education to create a healthy community.”

The strategic plan focuses on five principles – the right hospital, the right partners, the right place, the right people and the right care.

“We’ve also been working on creating a care coordination team through our community in conjunction with making sure we’re doing a good job with transitions of care between the hospital and back home with our patients,” Franklin said. “But health equity is another piece of the environment that we need to make sure is created throughout our region, particularly as it relates to access to healthcare services.”

He added that greater efforts in telemedicine as well as health literacy and promotion will take place for increased health equity.

In FY20, Franklin said the hospital

had more patient days of care but fewer patients admitted than the year before, as patients with covid-19 stayed. The average length of stay for patients was four days.

He added that people were staying away from the hospital because they were afraid of contracting the virus there. However, no staff members have been infected with the virus while caring for patients with covid-19.

Atlantic General Hospital billed \$171.94 million in FY20 and received \$132.27 million.

Furthermore, Franklin said patients will be encouraged to return to normal relationships with physicians in the community, especially since vaccines have become available to certain priority groups.

As for community impact during the last fiscal year, Franklin said more than \$15 million in healthcare services were provided at no cost with 33,472 encounters with the community, including flu and covid-19 vaccination clinics.

Atlantic General Hospital also maintains more than 930 positions for residents and a total payroll over \$59 million, which is spent on the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia and in Delaware.

The medical staff of 254 professionals includes anesthesiologists, management, cardiologists, physicians, gastroenterologists, gynecologists, neurologists, pediatricians and radiologists.

“A big part of this is adding new physicians to our community,” Franklin said.

Dr. Jason Smith joined urology, Dr. Bryce Blanton joined psychiatry, Dr. Kanika Trehan joined general surgery, Dr. John Whittaker joined primary care and Dr. Freaw Dejenie joined gastroenterology at the Atlantic General health system. The health system has also expanded access to care through more advanced practice providers, such as nurse practitioners or physician assistants, who can practice independently, he said.

In addition, Franklin said preliminary numbers for Maryland and Atlantic General Hospital showed a disproportionate number of white individuals receiving the covid-19 vaccine compared to people of color.

“We’ve begun to work with our faith-based communities in partnership with us throughout the region and bringing the church leaders and the faith-based community leaders together to help people navigate the technology that’s necessary to get an appointment to go to one of these vaccination clinics because the only way they’re available through the state system is through online technology,” he said.

A focused clinic for faith-based communities of color was held last Saturday.

Lastly, master facility planning to expand healthcare services to Ocean Pines is underway again now that the height of the pandemic is over. Franklin presented renderings for a proposed medical office building. The plan is to offer ambulatory surgery services and expand forms of specialty care.

Registration deadline for baseball program March 31

(March 18, 2021) Registration is open for Little League Challenger, an adaptive baseball program designed to provide individuals with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to participate in a Little League environment structured to their abilities.

With the goal of providing an opportunity for everyone to play, there are two divisions available. Little League Challenger Division is for players ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if the individual is still enrolled in school. Senior League Challenger Division is for players age 15 and above, with no maximum age restriction.

Players from Maryland District 8 (Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties) can register for this program. There is no fee to participate.

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. Typically, games will be played on weekends during May and June in Salisbury at Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex on the newest field.

The program is also looking for Buddies, who are volunteers that protect the Challenger players and assist with batting, fielding and running the bases, but only as needed.

High school students, Boy/Girl Scouts and other athletes make great buddies. Buddies should be at least 9 years of age.

Registration is open for both Buddies and players through March 31. Register online at www.WicomicoRecandParks.org, at the Wicomico Civic Center Box Office (500 Glen Ave., Salisbury, Maryland 21804; Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or at a local Little League.

For more information, contact Brian Workman at 410-548-4900, ext. 105, or email bworkman@wicomicocounty.org.

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Future use of Heron Park in Berlin uncertain

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) The Berlin mayor and Town Council heard a variety of ideas Monday night about the future of Heron Park, with some residents in favor of selling parcels 410 and 57, while others suggested transforming the property into an entertainment venue.

Berlin resident Tony Weeg began the discussion by proposing that the town should conduct a design charrette.

“A design charrette is something where we take a lot of people who can design properties and other civil engineering projects put them in a room for a couple of days, look at this project as a problem and how they would best use this for the town’s benefit,” Weeg said.

He also suggested evaluating the property on Old Ocean City Boulevard as a whole, rather than focusing on selling parcels 410 and 57. He considered leaving the areas with the ponds for Berlin.

“Then, we took the front areas where we typically drive in and re-looked at those areas as areas we could design to be interesting to developers,” Weeg said, adding that a skate park, a dog park or an amphitheater could be built in the front of the property.

However, Weeg was realistic about the financial burden of the park on the town.

“We need to make this less of a drag on the town budget,” he said. “So, I’m all for selling parts of it, the very front parts of it.”

Weeg said he believes the front parcels should be permitted to develop.

Then, Ann McGinnis Hillyer from State Ventures LLC. and Brad Hoffman from LiveWire Media & Events presented themselves to the council as the “Better Berlin Group.” Their concept for Heron Park involved retaining all parcels of the property.

“This is going to become a concert venue to generate revenues and it could start really small. It may not

make much money, but it will contribute some money,” Hillyer said. “It could become the anchor for the north end of Berlin.”

She added that concerts could increase tourism to Berlin and economically benefit local businesses. She also said an event stage at Heron Park could expand existing Berlin events, such as the Fiddler’s Convention, the Christmas Parade and New Year’s Eve celebrations.

“We create these third places for the residents of Berlin. We’d have outdoor recreation space, and we can partner with a lot of different people to get some money and turn this into an environmental showcase as well,” Hillyer said. “We could create buffers around the outside to prevent dangerous situations with kids falling in water. So, there’s all kinds of things we could do from an environmental perspective.”

The Better Berlin Group plans to get the project done iteratively.

“As money comes in, we can do more, but we can start tomorrow doing concerts,” Hillyer said.

She added that grants could be acquired for the bicycle and walking trails.

The Better Berlin Group proposed that the town retain ownership of the site, use the property for its own events and rent it out periodically to generate revenue.

Hoffman added that the town could begin hosting smaller, family-friendly entertainment and evolve into hosting larger, ticketed concerts.

“We’re trying to explore the use of the park as it sits today and look at opportunities to create this natural amphitheater, to utilize the asphalt and the cement areas [and] the parking area to allow the park to be a platform and a canvas for events that we would create, that the town may need to utilize and the big word is working with partners outside that haven’t looked at the venue as an attractive venue for them to come and place an event in,” Hoffman said. “I’m very versed in bringing partners that are good for the town into this site and



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The Better Berlin Group suggested during the public listening session on Monday decorating the former Tyson operating plant on parcel 57 at Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard with artwork until it could be demolished.

making their events happen there.”

He added that the Better Berlin Group could also help the town produce what residents desire to see at the park, such as a skate park, a dog park, additional basketball courts.

“Parks are built for the community to enjoy and for them to benefit from as well as what we’re talking about is bringing economic stimulus in through some of these events that we could create,” Hoffman said.

The Better Berlin Group would maintain the existing entrance to the park and use art projects to enhance the former Tyson chicken plant until it could be demolished.

“The amphitheater would be placed right off of the parking lot. We’d work with a mobile stage, and then we would have a placement of people to put blankets and chairs on the grass,” Hoffman said.

Within the first two years, the town could construct a smaller mobile stage to gather 50 to 1,000 people. After six years, Hoffman suggests a large entertainment stage could bring a crowd of 6,000 to 10,000 people for major concerts.

“When we’re so close to a town like Ocean City, Maryland, that has a lot of visitors, I believe those visitors will come to an event or a concert like this right over in Berlin,” Hoffman said.

Hillyer added that the amphithe-

ater would not have seating similar to Merriweather Post Pavilion in Baltimore. Concertgoers would bring chairs or blankets and sit on the slope, facing the stage, with their backs to the ponds. Also, mobile restrooms could be provided for visitors because there is no water and sewer at the park.

“There is money for municipalities [in the new covid-19 relief package] for water and sewer,” Hillyer said. “If this is something that the town feels is important, there is money out there.”

Hillyer said an open-air pavilion could be used as a community gathering space when concerts are not held or leased to food service, apparel or concessions vendors. It could also be used for events like weddings or family reunions.

“I really think this pavilion would be a centerpiece of the development of the park,” Hoffman added.

Furthermore, Hillyer stated that there are many grant opportunities for the construction of a dog park. The Better Berlin Group suggested selling annual passes to the dog park, or if grant administrators require that the park be free, then donations could be requested from users of the facility. Other income ideas include dog training courses, doggy day care, spa shaggy and a coffee shop/cart

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Berlin Town Council weighs options for parcels at park

that offers treats for dogs.

As for the next steps for the park, the town could establish an official public/private partnership through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Better Berlin Group to move forward with the entertainment ideas. Berlin's elected officials would need to identify the roles for the town and the Better Berlin Group, define shared goals along an achievable timeline and create a draft budget of potential revenue streams.

Hillyer said they would only get paid if they generate revenue for the town.

"I'm just curious to ask, and frankly I have no other way to say this is, where have you been?" asked Councilmember Jack Orris, who served on the Heron Park Advisory Committee.

Hillyer and Hoffman replied that they thought the town was moving toward a plan for the park.

"I think if you sell off either one of those two parcels for development, particularly residential development but really any development, you will shut down your ability to do big things with that park, because as soon as you get residents inside that park, they'll be able to tell you they don't want music or they don't want something that's noisy," Hillyer added. "I think that's why we acted when we did."

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols asked the presenters if their proposals would be an additional cost to the town.

"We are willing to take our assets, our team, our own money and bring our collaborative abilities with sponsors, with grant writing, with naming rights, with all those things and not come to the city with a big ask for money, but to create an MOU where we have the freedom to go do these things," Hoffman replied. "None of this can be done unless the mayor and council ... deem it acceptable, and the community is behind it."

Nichols also expressed concerns about safety. Hoffman and Hillyer said the safe flow of traffic could be determined first with smaller crowds and through a partnership with local law enforcement.

Additionally, Nichols said her constituents were concerned about noise affecting the wildlife at the park. Hillyer said local experts, such as the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, could be consulted to protect existing and future habitats for coyotes, birds and deer.

Berlin resident Marie Velong offered a contradictory perspective, stating that Heron Park creates too many liabilities and expenses for the town and its taxpayers.

She showed images of standing water on parcels 410 and 57 that

would require fill to meet the goals of the Better Berlin Group.

"The debris from the processing plant is throughout this area," Velong said.

Pipes protrude along the walking path of the first pond at the park and abandoned wastewater processing equipment can be found there as well.

"Currently, there is no way to help someone should they somehow roll into the water," she said, adding that the water is not safe for humans. "And no one has talked about the high-tension wires running through [the center of the park]."

Velong also said the lack of accessibility would hinder first responders in the event of a medical emergency. Further, she said the dense tree line could conceal someone intending to prey on a passerby.

In a letter she sent to the mayor and council in support of selling parcels 410 and 57, Velong said, "Both of these parcels would require much more money to accomplish the goals most people have in mind for them. No one's talking about where that money is coming from."

"The area is more commercial or industrial than recreational or park-like," she said. "It is not a favorable place for young children to be without supervision. At this time, I feel it should be posted with 'enter at your own risk.' There is much industrial debris scattered throughout the park."

She added that there are no sidewalks to the park for easy access from other parts of town.

Velong also believes the proximity to Cheers liquor store and Burley Oak Brewing Company is problematic regarding young people and the proposed skate park.

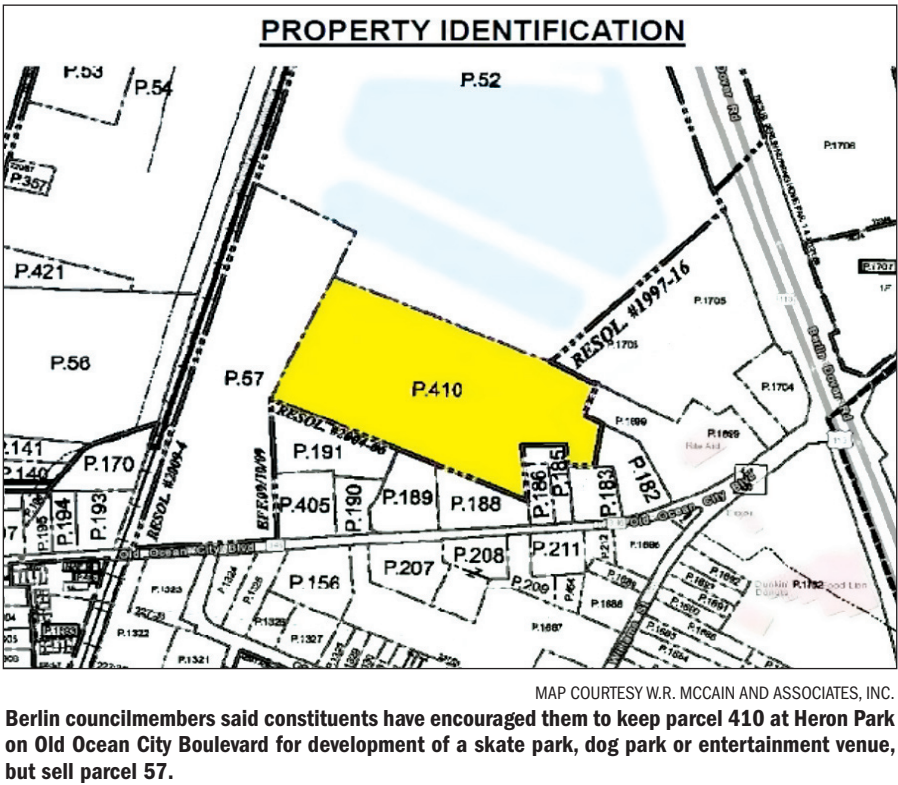
"I am in favor of skate park for the children of Berlin, just not at Heron Park," she said. "We have to ask what age the skate park would be for, something no one has really addressed. Are we doing it to attract the business to the town or to give our children a safe place for them to practice their skateboarding skills? I truly believe there is enough land at Stephen Decatur Park that could house a reasonable skate park for our young people."

Ron Cascio, vice chairman of the Berlin Planning Commission, reminded the town officials about the history of the Tyson operating plant and how the town obtained the land.

"At the time of the purchase, we were told – despite the fact that we had no idea what we were going to do with it – that the purchase was a good deal," Cascio said.

The town is paying \$200,000 a year until 2045 to retire the debt of

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Historic District Commission OKs signs for future Berlin businesses

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) As downtown Berlin prepares to welcome The Mermaid Museum and The Rusty Anchor Seafood Market, the Historic District Commission approved exterior signs for the two new businesses during its meeting on March 10.

Alyssa Maloof, owner of The Mermaid Museum at 4 Jefferson St., presented two choices — a vertical banner with a mermaid that reads “The World’s First Mermaid Museum” and a simpler, horizontal sign in black and white that reads “Mermaid Museum.” She also suggested adding an arrow or finger pointing to the entrance of the museum to the latter design.

“You could put like a hanging sign by the door too, a small hanging sign by the entrance,” said commission member Norman Bunting.

The commission approved the second option of a horizontal sign with the addition of an arrow or finger pointing to direct visitors.

The Mermaid Museum will open on March 27.

The commission also approved a 60-inch by 60-inch wall sign for The Rusty Anchor Seafood Market at 8 Pitts St. made with three-fourths inch exterior plywood, a vinyl overlay and full color artwork. The commission approved a 24-inch by 24-inch hanging sign as well. The hanging sign will have full color artwork on both sides. It will be made with a vinyl overlay.

Dave Engelhart, the town’s planning director, added that owner Barry Krummel has discussed a mural on the side of the building by the alley.

Krummel of the Flying Fish Café and Sushi Bar in Fenwick Island, and Chris Diforte, owner of Rusty Jimmies Seafood Restaurant in Fenwick Island, will be opening the seafood market in Berlin by Memorial Day weekend.

The Rusty Anchor Seafood Market will feature sushi-grade fish, shellfish, take-and-bake items like oysters Rockefeller, clams casino, rockfish imperial, baseball-sized jumbo lump crab cakes, soups and Japanese Bento boxes.



The Berlin Historic District Commission approved this simple, horizontal sign in black and white that reads “Mermaid Museum” with the addition of an arrow or finger pointing to the entrance of the new museum on Jefferson Street. (Right) The Berlin Historic District Commission approved this 60-inch by 60-inch wall sign as well as a 24-inch by 24-inch hanging sign for The Rusty Anchor Seafood Market at 8 Pitts St.



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Residents offer ideas to develop Heron Park

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purchasing the property, so the town does not have the funds to bring ideas from the Heron Park Advisory Committee to fruition and maintain ownership of the whole property, he added.

“Let’s once again look at what best suits the people of Berlin as we contemplate what to do with our own speculative land investment,” Cascio said.

Potential buyers have seen value in parcels 410 and 57, but Cascio said current zoning regulations and the lack of architectural guidelines for that area will leave the town at the mercy of the properties’ buyers.

He suggested selling parcels for mixed use development, similar to Berlin’s Main Street District, to add more commerce and housing.

“We need to imagine a way to create value in this land of ours,” he said. “It starts with developing a compre-

hensive master plan for the entire 63 acres, then focus on designing the parts that we, and the market, decide hold the best development potential. Then, sell those off.”

Cascio added that he would prefer to establish what the parcels may be used for before flipping them.

“This way, we get exactly what we want in what will likely become the entrance to the town’s recreational park. We, as owners, have total control,” he said.

Additionally, Kate Patton from the Lower Shore Trust and the Heron Park Advisory Committee said she was disappointed that the committee had been dissolved during this time of discussion about the future use of the park.

“There seems to be pushback from a very few vocal residents that demand the town sell the whole park, and I find this unreasonable and frankly without merit. There are

many opportunities by keeping the park,” Patton said. “Possibly the sale of [parcel] 57 could be done only with careful consideration.”

Another Berlin resident, Edward Hammond, added that he wished there was more information provided about who the potential buyers are and what they propose doing with the parcels.

Berlin residents Bronwyn and Tyler Betz, the parents of Ewan Betz who is making wood duck boxes for Heron Park, were surprised when the Town Council announced it was considering selling parcels of the park.

“All the council has done is ask for some ideas and there have been all these ideas that have come out, including people who are confident that they could make money,” Tyler Betz said. “They could help the town make money from the place and help bring in a secondary benefit of people com-

ing to a festival or an event and staying at the hotel or staying and eating.”

Betz added that a comprehensive plan about the park should be established with community input, as Cascio and Patton suggested.

He also said that he believes the safety concerns discussed during the session about the areas surrounding the ponds “are finite” and hopes the local law enforcement can produce solutions.

The councilmembers agreed they have much to contemplate before making a decision about any sale.

“This is how town government should work and it certainly did tonight,” said Councilmember Jay Knerr.

Knerr, Councilmember Troy Purnell and Councilmember Dean Burrell added that constituents have told them to sell parcel 57 and keep parcel 410.

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Tennis clinics offered in May at Berlin park

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) Worcester County Recreation and Parks will offer tennis stroke clinics May 11 and May 18 from 6-7 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur Park tennis courts, following approval from the Berlin mayor and Town Council.

Program Manager Kelly Buchanan told the Berlin Parks Commission on March 2 that tennis professional Bruzz Truitt is paid \$150 for leading the clinics.

“Our goal is just to get people out in the spring, go over some tennis skills and go through the fundamentals and, hopefully, encourage people to come out to the tennis courts,” Buchanan said.

Buchanan added that the county will not host any drop-in tennis classes because of low attendance in the past.

“But I want to offer these clinics. Last spring, we had over 18 to 20 people out each night for these clinics, from high school to 70 years old,” she said. “It was very successful.”

The parks commission reviewed the request and unanimously approved recommending the clinics for council approval.

Last Monday, Program Manager Myro Small told the council the clinics are for children 14 years of age or



Worcester County Recreation and Parks will offer tennis stroke clinics for children 14 years and older on May 11 and May 18 from 6-7 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur Park tennis courts in Berlin.

older and cost \$3 per participant.

“In general, we average about 15 participants for the past years that we’ve offered it,” Small said.

For more information about the county’s recreational programs, visit worcesterrecandparks.org or Worcester County Recreation & Parks on Facebook.

High Sheriff Trail road in OP will close for improvements

(March 18, 2021) Drainage improvements on High Sheriff Trail in Ocean Pines will require a temporary road closure, starting on March 22.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said his department would replace failing culvert pipes with larger ones, if nearby utilities allow for it.

“We will have the road blocked off for a couple of days to complete the installation of the new pipes. We should be completed by the end of the week (on March 26), weather permitting,” Wells said.

He added the Association would temporarily move mailboxes in the area to the intersection of the two parts of High Sheriff Trail, rather than at the intersection of High Sheriff Trail and Camelot Circle.

Ocean Pines started work on the Bainbridge Pond drainage improve-

ment project this week, and some road closures will be necessary because of the construction.

The association will provide regular updates on the Ocean Pines website and social media about any closures related to the project.

Work is estimated to continue through June, but construction on weekends is unlikely. Ocean Pines Public Works crews will be on site daily to monitor the situation.

Bainbridge Park will be closed starting today, Monday, March 15, and will remain closed until the project is completed. Upon completion, the association will install a sign at the park with details on how the improvements should impact drainage and water quality in the area.

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OP Yacht Club sets sail for ‘normal’ summer

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) After closing following its New Year’s celebration, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club reopened this past weekend with a slew of pre-St. Patrick’s Day specials in hopes that greener pastures are on the horizon.

Matt Ortt Companies CEO Ralph DeAngelus said the Yacht Club returned to service at noon last Friday.

“It was the first weekend for the Yacht Club since New Year’s Eve,” he said. “We did well [but], it’s all relative.”

DeAngelus said the club will now be open from Thursday through Sunday until May for lunch and dinner service.

“We open at 11 a.m. and we’re open until the last person leaves,” he said.

The Clubhouse Bar and Grille, which remained open Thursday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this winter, will resume seven-day operations starting April 1.

“The clubhouse picked up the slack for late-night dinners during those days the Yacht Club was closed,” he said.

Although sales figures this weekend at the Yacht Club topped last year’s returns, the start of pandemic restrictions also occurred at the same point in 2020.

“We beat last year’s number ... of course, last year was the first week-

end of covid,” he said.

“It was so bad we only did \$300 in sales. Panic had set in and business fell off a cliff.”

Following last year’s “Blarney Stone” festivities, pandemic concerns became heightened.

“After St. Patrick’s Day, I think everyone got spooked and it just fell off the roof,” he said. “The very next day is when Gov. [Larry Hogan] said, ‘We’re closing down the state.’”

DeAngelus said, by contrast, last weekend lacked earlier levels of panic evidenced.

“It was nice this year opening up and feeling normal,” he said. While recently revised state guidelines permit restaurants to operate at full capacity, lighter off-season crowds prevented that mark from being reached at the Yacht Club.

“We didn’t do enough people to get to 100 percent capacity,” he said.

Despite subpar crowds, numerous patrons were able to partake of food and drinks, in many instances opting for outside dining due to mild temperatures.

Looking ahead to tourist season, DeAngelus envisions a continued return to past offerings.

“We’re moving forward with our planning for the summer as if everything is going to be wide open,” he said. “We’ve brought our whole band



The Ocean Pines Yacht Club hopes to regain momentum this summer, although crowd sizes might be smaller than the group pictured prior to coronavirus.

schedule back [and] we started with promotions again.”

Plans are also afoot to stage a luau and pig roast on May 16.

“We’re going to bring back the giant luau with the Hawaiian hula dancers and the flame fire dancing men,” he said. “We haven’t had the luau in two years.”

To staff for full speed later this season, the Yacht Club is holding a job fair April 3 from 2-4 p.m. in the service bar area.

DeAngelus is also looking forward to welcoming back past employees.

“Staffing is always an issue during a pandemic, but we’ve got a bunch of loyal employees who are coming back in droves and looking forward to a good season,” he said.

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Pines Racquet Sports Cmte. bouncing back

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(March 18, 2021) After disbanding in December 2016, the Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Committee is back in action, with the advisory group now meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

In addition to Director Camilla Rogers serving as board liaison, U.S. Tennis Association instructor Terry Underkoffler is also conferring with the Racquet Sports Committee.

“We’ve had two meetings so far and ... it’s went well,” he said.

Looking to improve the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, Underkoffler joined Tim McMullen, who was hired as facilities manager, in late 2019 to bolster operations.

In October, Rogers introduced a motion to reinstate the committee at the Board of Directors’ meeting, at which point Underkoffler pledged to consult with the group when it returned.



T. Underkoffler

Underkoffler said a primary objective as he works with McMullen is to foster unity among various factions of players: tennis, platform tennis, timeless tennis and pickleball.

“We wanted it to be looked at as one place,” he said. “They’re part of one place, so it wasn’t like three sports battling for monies and ... the passions of Ocean Pines.”

Previously, the users of the facility were divided on several subjects.

“I think the Racquet Sports Committee disbanded because they couldn’t find that unity,” he said. “There was too much infighting.”

By including representatives from the user groups, the committee’s intent is to give all camps a voice.

“All those camps can now ask questions and find out about things we’re trying to implement in 2021,” he said.

In addition to reviewing plans to expand court facilities, the committee is also now up to speed on recent maintenance issues, Underkoffler said, including lighting and fencing repairs.

“We had rusty pipes throughout the complex that had to be fixed,” he said.

“We’ve been able to address things that were neglected in the past and we’re heading in a good direction as a site.”

While winter to early spring is not typically the peak season for players, it does provide an ideal window for upkeep and repairs.

“It’s the time we can really get in there and address it,” he said. “Many times the kinds of maintenance ... and repair things that has to happen do occur in these months.”

With advisory committee input once again in the mix, Underkoffler envisions the upward trend continuing at the Manklin Meadows Complex.

“It will likely get stronger by joining forces,” he said. “People now are on board and see the benefits of what we’re trying to do.”

Baker returns home after Hopkins surgery

(March 18, 2021) Following life-saving surgery two weeks at Johns Hopkins Hospital to excise a large internal mass, Ocean Pines resident Dave Baker returned home on March 9 to begin a weeks’-long recovery.

Speaking last Wednesday, Baker said surgeons at Hopkins removed an internal mass identified as pheochromocytoma.

mocytoma, a rare tumor that emanates from the adrenal gland and affects on average two out of one million people.

“I got back yesterday,” he said. “It was a long trip back.”

Baker was initially diagnosed in mid-January when doctors at Atlantic General Hospital located an internal mass that was identified as

pheochromocytoma.

Baker said last week doctors discovered the mass had grown larger than previously thought once the internal surgery got underway.



Dave Baker

“It had gotten bigger so they had to do a little more, but it’s real unclear to me what happened,” he said. “I’m still processing everything.”

Going into the procedure, Baker had been cautioned that blood pressure fluctuations are a principal challenge.

“I know they had trouble keeping my blood pressure where it needed to be,” he said. “That was going to be the big obstacle but they handled it.”

Pheochromocytoma patients are at risk of excessive hormones being released from flair-ups. Blood sugar spikes are also common with the condition.

Upon awakening at the conclusion of the surgery, Baker described being in a dreamlike state.

“When you come out of that, it’s

just hard to tell what you actually remember,” he said. “There’s such a haze.”

After spending a handful of days recovering in the hospital, Baker still faces weeks of recovery at home.

“I’m just so sore right now it’s hard to even do anything,” he said. “They’re saying four to six weeks before I can start to feel a little bit of normal again.”

Although most hospitals lack experience with the rare-disease procedure, Hopkins’ surgeons perform one or two pheochromocytoma removals annually, Baker said.

“They were all very nice and confident, which is good because you want your doctors to be confident,” he said.

To assist with travel expenses and unanticipated costs, a gofundme page has been set up that as of Wednesday was at \$1,739 toward an overall goal of \$6,000.

To learn more visit gofundme.com and search for Dave Baker or visit the link below.

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TRIBE looking to address behavioral health

(March 18, 2021) It has often been said that it “takes a village” to solve some of the greatest challenges facing any community.

On the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, the responsibility of managing and closing existing gaps in crisis care for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises belongs to the TRIBE.

TRIBE is the Tri-County Behavioral Health Engagement. The newly formed collaboration is a regional partnership between TidalHealth Peninsula Regional, Atlantic General Hospital and nine behavioral health community partner agencies.

Their immediate goal is to design behavioral health crisis stabilization centers, or behavioral health urgent care centers.

“TRIBE originated from a community partners group that met monthly for about a year with the mission of working together to identify gaps in behavioral health services in the tri-county area, with the goal of not duplicating services and working together to address unmet needs,” said Katherine Smith, MSW, LCSW-C, executive director of TidalHealth Behavioral Health Services. “A grant opportunity gave TRIBE the ability to establish a regional partnership and obtain the resources to address the community’s biggest identified gaps – namely accessing behavioral health care in a crisis in real time.”

TRIBE’s primary function is a three-county centralized response to reduce emergency department utilization, hospital admissions and readmissions for individuals experiencing behavioral health issues.

In addition, the partnership will increase collaboration with community behavioral health and crisis agencies, including law enforcement, eliminate duplication of services and increase opportunities to help patients experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Currently, individuals who need emergent behavioral health care must either wait for an appointment with a community agency provider or go to their hospital’s local emergency room.

“When opened later this year, individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis will be able to have their needs met in real time, to feel relief sooner and hopefully avoid needing higher levels of care,” said Tina Simmons, MBA, BSN, RN, LSSBBH, director of Nursing for Atlantic General Health System. “These centers will play an integral part in the larger continuum of care of behavioral health services currently in operation in our communities.”

The two crisis centers will essentially serve as behavioral health urgent care centers where individuals can receive crisis respite, observation and intervention in a warm, friendly, home-like community setting.

The primary site, which will be near TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, will be open seven days a week with extended hours and feature a safe,

home-like environment.

A satellite site near Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, will initially welcome patients six days a week, with plans to expand to seven days a week.

A warm and seamless handoff for follow-up care and services with community providers will be arranged that day or the next.

Those community provider partners include Lower Shore Clinic, Resource Recovery Center, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Sante Mobile Crisis, Life Crisis Center, Chesapeake Health Services and the health departments of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

While TidalHealth Peninsula Regional and Atlantic General Hospital are the lead agencies for this endeavor, the nine identified community agencies will be integral to its success, which in

turn could result in additional partners in following years.

Community partners will play an integral role in developing procedures and protocols and operating the centers. They’ll aid in the coordinated response to individuals in crisis by ensuring a seamless warm handoff for continued patient care.

At both locations, behavioral health care providers will seek to relieve immediate crisis symptoms, provide observation, determine levels of care and deflect from unnecessary higher levels of care, like hospital admission. Individuals will be triaged, linked with peer support, and offered brief crisis counseling, medication management services to include psychiatric and substance abuse as appropriate, care navigation and coordination of health needs.

Some of the offered services may be

completed via telehealth as needed to share resources between sites or as necessitated by the ongoing pandemic. Law enforcement and EMS may transport patients to the center, if allowable by state regulations.

The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) Regional Partnership Catalyst Grant program approved five years of funding at just over \$11 million. Work has already started on this project. It’s hoped these centers will be open by late summer/early fall 2021.

To learn more about TRIBE or the services offered by the behavioral health community health partner agencies, visit the TidalHealth and Atlantic General Hospital at <http://www.agh.care/TRIBE> or call the TidalHealth Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic at 410-543-7119.

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CLEANING UP

Restore the Shore, led by Andrew Duley and Andy Blizzard, hosted its first group cleanup in Berlin along Bay Street and Flower Street on March 6.



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MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its general meeting on Feb. 25, at The Dunes Manor in Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Sandy Zitzer, first vice president of RWWC; Jane Brady, guest speaker and director of the Delaware GOP; and Sheriff Matt Crisafulli.



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STUDENT ART

As part of Student Art Month, downtown Berlin shop windows feature the artwork from local students this March. A drawing by Buckingham Elementary student Zy'mere Reynolds is on display at Victorian Charm on Main Street. (Right) A drawing of a penguin by Buckingham Elementary student Claire Hamilton is featured at The Treasure Chest on Main Street.



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SHOE DONATIONS

Ocean City Lions join Hope4Recovery in supporting the Worcester Goes Purple Shoe Campaign, helping to fill over 100 bags with donated footwear. Funds collected will help individuals get into recovery, reduce the stigma of addiction and educate the public. Pictured in front, are Mike Hooper, OC Lions president; Bill Christmas, second vice president; Director Doug Parks; Sam Davis; Barbara McMillan; and Steve McMillan, secretary; and in back, Debbie Smullen, director WGP Against Addiction; Brandon O'Brien, executive director Hope4Recovery; Tish Ottey, Hope4Recovery founder; and John Topfer, past president OC Lions.



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THANK YOU

Sixth grade student Lexi O'Hara recently purchased snacks as a "Thank You" treat for the faculty and staff at Berlin Intermediate School. O'Hara had the gift box delivered to the school as a surprise.

Community Briefs

Candidates

Two Worcester Preparatory School seniors, Daniel Chen and Joseph Schwartz, both of Salisbury, have been selected as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school seniors.



Daniel Chen



Joseph Schwartz

They are two of the top students in the state out of 4,500 candidates nationwide who were identified for their academic achievements and for having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or ACT.

All selected candidates are invited to apply to the program by submitting essays, self-assessments, leadership and service activities, secondary school reports and transcripts to try and advance to become one of the 600 semifinalists.

In April, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars will select up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars finalists from the semifinalists.

Awarded

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has announced that Justin Paul Canakis (DO '21) is the 2021 recipient of the Mason W. Pressly Memorial Medal.

This award is presented to a student for his or her outstanding achievement and service to the college, the community and the osteopathic profession.

Recipients are selected by representatives from across the college community.

"During medical school, I had the opportunity to lead some wonderful organizations and give back to the community. To be recognized for these efforts is humbling and truly an honor," Canakis said.

Canakis has devoted many volunteer hours to the nonprofit Health Career Collaborative, which aims to bring



Justin Canakis

health education and information about healthcare careers to inner-city high schools.

Canakis has participated in this program all four years at PCOM and served as president of the college's chapter during his second year.

During his time at PCOM, Canakis designed and taught curriculum on emergency medicine and public health while also mentoring students on SAT prep and summer camp opportunities.

Upon graduating, Canakis hopes to pursue a career in internal medicine.

Canakis is a native of Ocean City. He completed his bachelor of science degree at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

He is the second Canakis to receive this award. His brother, Andrew, (DO '18), was the 2018 recipient of the Mason W. Pressly Memorial Medal.

Fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is selling hand-crafted masks for \$10 each, or \$25 for three.

Four sizes are available: adult large, medium (for women and teenagers) child (for 7-12 years old) and small child (3-6 years old).

They are made in Maryland with fabric and supplies from other small businesses in the community. The masks come with an adjustable elastic band.

There are a variety of themes to choose from including sports teams, music groups, nautical and animal motifs. Contact Steve Cohen at 301-667-3099 or

stevecohenjd@gmail.com for purchase information.

Dean's List

The following students have been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2020 semester:

Abbie Baker of Berlin; Sierra Eise-

mann of Bishopville, (with the distinction of a 4.0 grade point average); Hunter Morris of Berlin; and Anna Putsch, of Berlin (with the distinction of a 4.0 GPA).

To be eligible, a student must undertake a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn a cumulative semester grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Laila Mirza of Ocean Pines, made the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

Berlin resident Maximilian Huber, a Northeastern University student majoring in computer science, was recently named to the dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career.

In addition, Huber is a member of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched, interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences.

Bishopville resident Parker Brandt, a Northeastern University student majoring in economics/business admin, was also named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Erin Trask of Berlin, was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2020 dean's list. To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Tara Fischer of Berlin, and Justin Bennett of Ocean Pines, were named to the University of Alabama's dean's list, which recognizes students with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).

Corinne Krasner of Berlin was

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Farmers Market in Ocean Pines ready for spring offerings

(March 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market is ready to celebrate the end of winter and roll out the red carpet for springtime.

At the market shop of Longridge Gardens, signs of spring have been popping up for several weeks. Terry Jordan, owner of the floral stand, has begun harvesting blooms from the more than 80,000 daffodil bulbs sown on her Wicomico County homestead.

Jordan gets a head start on spring by filling her market shop with forced seasonal blooms.

“Last fall, we planted thousands of tulips in our greenhouse, so the flowers would be blossoming earlier than those grown in the gardens,” Jordan said.

Craig Brady of Stag Run Farm is also busy pruning branches. He regularly prunes the apple trees on his farm’s orchards during the late winter and early spring, to help keep the trees healthy and prevent overcrowding of the fruit bared later in the summer.



Patrons wait their turn to peruse and purchase fresh produce at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market last Saturday.

Salad greens and herbs will be ready for transplanting into the fields in a few short weeks. The Georgetown, Delaware farm is also the largest grower of asparagus in southern Delaware, and the perennial crop is a sure sign that the local growing season has begun.

“We have seeded our lettuce and basil crops in our propagation green-

house,” Brady said.

Next month, on April 3, the Ocean Pines market will host its annual Easter Holiday market, with many of the market’s bakers, such as Del Vecchio’s, participating.

“We will be taking special orders to ensure everyone can get the items they want for their holiday table,” Jackie McKenzie, who manages the

Del Vecchio’s stand, said.

Through the end of March, the market runs Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its White Horse Park location. The market returns to in-season hours of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on the first Saturday in April.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

Klump Memorial Fund supports education

(March 18, 2021) The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, whose Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program is a leading grassroots outreach effort devoted to enhancing access to mental healthcare and preventing suicide, is making financial support available to healthcare professionals, counselors and educators.

“Over the past four years, we have provided over \$10,000 to enable those who work locally in mental health and education to attend con-

ferences, workshops and continuing education classes,” said Fund President Kim Klump. “We believe that by providing post-graduate support to those already working locally in mental health we can strengthen the resources available to those in our community who need them.”

Funding focuses on professionals with established positions on the lower Eastern Shore, who are working to enhance mental health care, thus helping to prevent suicides.

“The idea is to bring healing and hope to our neighbors who are struggling with depression, PTSD, anxiety, or other mental and behavioral health challenges through new ideas, therapies, the tried and true,” Klump said.

Application for post-graduate funding is open-ended, but funds are limited. The process requires submission of a simple application, and proof that the classes were attended and completed.

Payment will be made directly to

the educational institution.

To learn how application can be made, contact the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund at weremember@jesses-paddle.org. For those interested in all of the programs for suicide prevention, visit www.jessespaddle.org.

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named to James Madison University’s dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester.

Students who earn dean’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Krasner is a musical theatre major.

President’s List

Abigail Yesko, a forensic science major from Berlin, has been named to the Youngstown State University President’s List for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the president’s list, honorees must be full-time undergraduate students with a 4.0 GPA for at least 12 semester hours of classes.

Yesko also earned a spot on the dean’s list, which is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the fall semester.

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Franchot extends state tax filing deadline

Maryland grants additional time until July 15 without interest, penalties applied

(March 18, 2021) Maryland taxpayers will have until July 15 to file their income taxes with the state, Comptroller Peter Franchot announced last week.

In extending the state income tax filing deadline by three months, Franchot said no interest or penalties will be assessed if returns are filed and taxes owed are paid by the new deadline.

The extension, which applies to individual, pass-through, fiduciary and corporate income tax returns, including first and second quarter estimated payments, is due to recent and pending legislation at the state and federal levels that affect 2020 tax filings and provide economic relief for taxpayers harmed by the covid-19 pandemic.

In Maryland, passage of the RELIEF Act in February required extensive revisions to previously released forms and software programs used by

tax filers and tax software vendors.

Legislative veto overrides that took place later than usual prompted additional changes. At the federal level, the passage of a third stimulus package this week necessitates more changes to federal and state forms even as the traditional April 15 tax filing deadline approaches.

"We've never before seen so many changes to the current year's tax code in the midst of the tax filing season," Franchot said. "We're realistic about the burden this puts on taxpayers, tax preparers and our staff, which is why I'm taking this emergency action to extend the tax filing deadline to July 15."

As of now, the Internal Revenue Service has kept its filing and payment deadline at April 15. The Comptroller's Office will notify taxpayers if the IRS makes any adjustments.

Taxpayers who already have filed their state returns and are awaiting the revision of forms to amend their taxes to take advantage of an Unemployment Insurance subtraction should remain patient, Franchot said.

The third federal stimulus bill provides additional Unemployment Insurance ("UI") tax benefits, which requires more updates to both state and federal forms.

Taxpayers who intend to take advantage of the UI subtractions are advised to wait until April 15, when all

state forms will be ready with federal and state legislative changes.

"I know many Marylanders are eager to take advantage of these relief programs that will put more money back in their pocket and our agency is working as fast as possible to make the necessary changes," Franchot said. "Our goal is to streamline this process so taxpayers don't have to file multiple amendments as a result of further federal changes."

Franchot noted that revisions to tax forms usually take several months and occur before the start of tax season. The multiple extensive changes in the midst of the tax season is unprecedented, he noted.

Additionally, Comptroller Franchot is extending the due date of the Tobacco Floor Tax payment from June 13 to July 15.

This floor tax was established by the veto override of House Bill 732 from the 2020 legislative session and the pending passage of Senate Bill 787 from the current session. Tobacco inventory must be taken after the close of business on March 13, but the comptroller is granting taxpayers additional time to remit the floor tax.

Further, due to changes included in the RELIEF Act and the veto override of House Bill 932 from the 2020 session, the deadline for Sales and Use Tax returns also has been revised. Any

SUT returns for sales taking place in March, April and May of 2021 will now be due on July 15.

Affected tax filers will automatically receive this extension and no interest or penalties will be assessed if returns are filed and taxes owed are paid by July 15.

One key provision of the RELIEF Act expanded the state's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for the next three years so that claimants get a larger refund and separate legislation extends eligibility to taxpayers using Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITINs).

On April 1, the comptroller's website will launch a new EITC calculator tool for eligible taxpayers to determine how much they can expect to receive from this enhanced benefit.

Those who claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, which is designed to benefit low-to-moderate income working taxpayers, will have the adjustments automatically made to their filings.

For taxpayers who already have submitted their returns, those refunds will begin to be processed on April 15 with no further action required by the taxpayer.

The Comptroller's Office will notify the public about the availability of revised and new tax forms on its website and social media accounts.

OPA Board seeks members to form Search Committee

(March 18, 2021) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the Search Committee, which each year helps recruit candidates for board elections.

According to Resolution M-09 that governs the Search Committee, "The role of the committee is to stimulate community interest in the forthcoming board election, solicit candidates from a broad spectrum of the Ocean Pines membership, provide information to, or otherwise assist potential candidates with the application process."

The committee should have at least five members, per Ocean Pines bylaws.

For more information or to inquire about volunteering on the Search Committee, email Association President Larry Perrone at lperrone@oceanpines.org.

For more information on Resolution M-09, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/56422/M-09-Revised-11-17.pdf>.

To download a committee application form, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OP+Committee+Application+1-11-21.pdf>.

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Opinion

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Spending referendum wholly unnecessary

Ocean Pines Association members will be asked at some point this spring whether the spending authority of the board of directors should be limited by requiring them to seek voter approval of any expenditure of \$1 million or more.

On the surface, this might not sound that unreasonable. After all, the argument for taking major spending matters to referendum contends that it would ensure fiscal restraint and board accountability.

In some respects, however, it would be like wearing galoshes over your boots ... just in case. In essence, what the pro-referendum argument says about current and future boards of directors, "We trust you enough to elect you to the board, but we don't trust you enough to allow you to make major decisions."

It would seem that if voters routinely elect untrustworthy people, that says as much about the voters as it does about whomever they put in office.

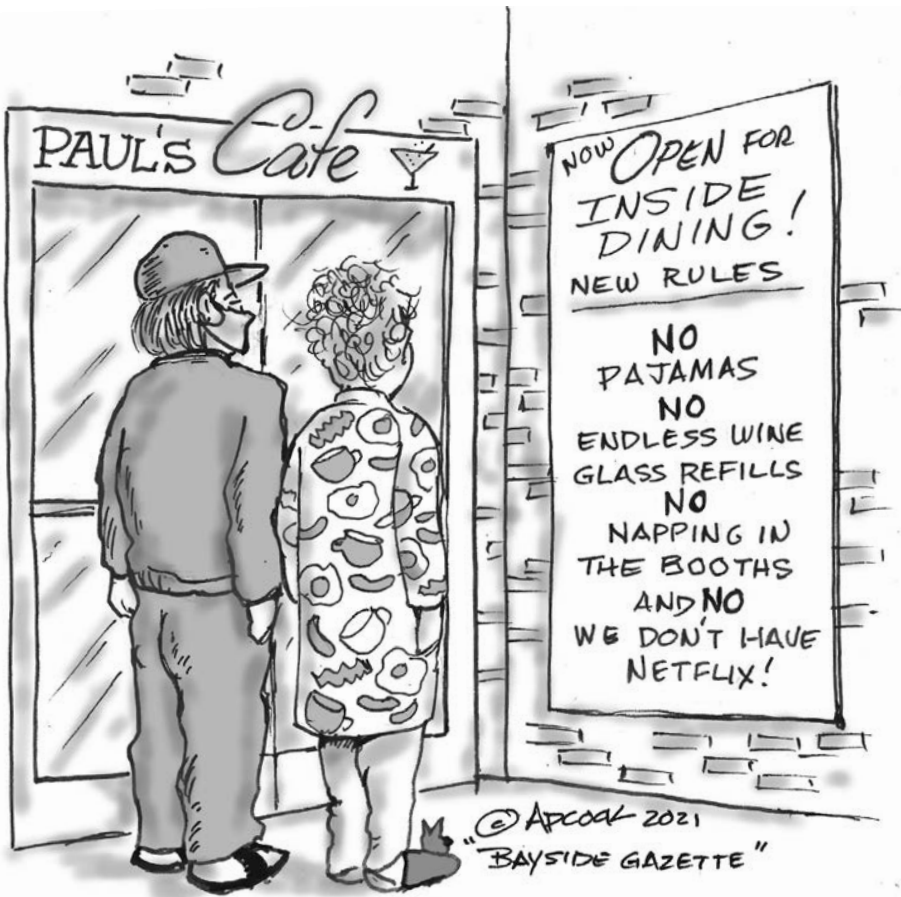
The fact is that the public already has control over board actions and votes, but all too often fails to exercise it by not attending meetings, expressing its opinions, and keeping itself informed of the directors' decisions and discussions.

Because of that, tying spending limits to a referendum proposes to give association members a second chance at informing themselves on a specific issue they should have been aware of before any decision was made.

Although referendums on spending would be an element of representative democracy, it is really a patch to cover over a hole in the process that the public should have been filling all along.

The association structure is complicated enough as it is, with committee after committee studying, planning and recommending this or that action.

Although that approach provides expertise at no cost to members, the downside is that it can be a somewhat cumbersome way of doing things. Adding one more level of community oversight via the spending referendum would unnecessarily complicate the process.



Letters

Praises work to remove litter

Editor

As a volunteer at the Ocean Pines Library, I often take the "back way" from Berlin and use Friendship Road to Cathell Road. Nice countryside drive with little traffic on a two-lane road.

In the last few weeks, I have observed a man and maybe a few helpers gathering litter out of the drainage ditches and alongside the road. Hard to believe the amount of cans, bottles, fast food containers, diapers and other assorted litter that they were collecting into trash bags.

About two weeks ago, there was this gentleman out by himself again picking up trash from the road and ditches. I slowed down, rolled the window down and recognized Andy Blizzard, owner of a local landscape business.

I asked him, "Andy, are you getting paid for this?" His answer was an inspiring one.

"No, when you do good things, good is returned to you." What an unselfish response and fine civic duty given to our area.

I have seen Andy and friends numerous times on Cathell Road retrieving trash and also know that he recently organized a clean-up

on Holly Grove Road near Walmart.

Besides making these areas cleaner and safer, it also eliminates a lot of drainage backup that causes the roads to flood.

Kudos to Andy and his friends and hope that this inspires a few others to do the same. The biggest help will come from the drivers who feel it is OK to throw their garbage out the window.

Let's remember this ... "Don't Pitch ... Pitch In." We can all be a friend to each other and help keep our roads a lot cleaner, safer and looking nicer.

Jim Meckley
Berlin

Chamber's flounder tourney in Aug.

(March 18, 2021) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce has announced its 14th annual Flounder Tournament and Auction will take place on Saturday, Aug. 7. The Ocean Pines Association and Gateway Subaru are the main sponsors this year.

The tournament will have larger cash prizes and cuttass, according to the chamber. Participants must be registered by noon, Friday, Aug. 6. Weigh-in will take place at the Ocean Pines Marina and Yacht Club. Sponsorships are available.

All information and registration can be found at <https://business.ocean-pineschamber.org/events/details/14th-annual-flounder-tournament-12667>, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or email info@oceanpineschamber.org.

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Shore Transit donates pair of buses for SHORE UP! agency

(March 18, 2021) Shore Transit recently donated two buses to SHORE UP!, a Community Action Agency serving seven counties on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Both buses are equipped with a wheelchair lift, two wheelchair seats and seating for eight.

According to Brad Bellacicco, director for the Shore Transit Division, the buses were donated because they had exceeded the Federal Transit Administration’s useable life criteria.

They were provided to SHORE UP! primarily because of the agency’s mission of revitalizing communities and empowering individuals and families to achieve economic security.

Shore Transit, a division of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, is the regional public transportation agency for Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

“SHORE UP! has served the Lower Shore community well,” Bellacicco said. “These buses are in relatively good shape. We are pleased to pass them to SHORE UP! Inc. to support their important mission. Since SHORE UP! is a Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) 5310 grant re-

cipient, we are allowed to pass these surplus buses to them as another MTA approved transportation provider.”

The additional buses will be utilized to serve clients in SHORE UP!’s Adult Day Services program, operating in the Shady Pines Center located in Salisbury. The program offers daily care to individuals with disabilities, ages 16 and up, and the elderly.

Buses will be added to the agency’s current fleet to transport Adult Day Services program participants to and from home and on other occasional local trips, such as the area mall and grocery shopping.

Although the center is currently closed due to covid-19, Executive Director Freddy Mitchell said the buses will be put to good use once the center safely reopens.

For more information on SHORE UP!’s Adult Day Services program, visit www.shoreup.org.

Formed in 1965, SHORE UP! serves low-income and disadvantaged persons. SHORE UP! is an acronym for “Self-Help on Rural Economics and Urban Problems.” The agency’s main focus is to help people reach economic self-sufficiency.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Brad Bellacicco, director of the Shore Transit Division, left, is joined by James Trafton, director of Transportation for SHORE UP! Inc. Shore Transit recently donated two buses to SHORE UP!

Carter Machinery completes Berlin generator installation

(March 18, 2021) In 2020, the Town of Berlin and Carter Machinery have installed a 2MW peaking generator at the William Street power plant.

“Carter Machinery demonstrated through the power plant project that they could deliver a design/build solution that fit our specific needs, so they were an obvious choice when this initiative was identified,” said Jeff Fleetwood, Berlin town administrator.

This installation features panels

installed on a garage and neighboring building off Schoolfield Street. The estimated electricity to be generated is 65 MWh/year.

“While this isn’t a huge source of power, relatively speaking, it plays into our town’s strategy for responsible and sustainable energy management,” said Tim Lawrence, director of electric plant operations for Berlin.

The cost of the project was just over \$122,000. However, the cost of its implementation was covered by a state grant.

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Puzzles

TAKE TWO

BY CELESTE WATTS AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Celeste Watts, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is a retired elementary school teacher. After years of solving puzzles in her spare time, she decided to try making one herself. Her first 14 attempts for The Times were rejected, but she persevered. For this one, she collaborated with Jeff Chen, a writer and professional crossword constructor in Seattle, whom she calls "a gifted, patient mentor." The theme idea is Celeste's. Jeff helped her execute it. Finally, success! "One off my bucket list!" — W.S.

ACROSS

1 After the fact, as a justification

8 Co-star of "The Golden Girls"

17 Knock over, so to speak

20 Quaker fare

21 Go poof

22 Drop the ball

23 ILLUS__RA__ORS

25 What a third wheel might see, in brief

26 Setting for most of "Life of Pi"

27 Tests the weight of

28 One of the Greats?

30 Oscars of the sporting world

33 Good sign for an angel

34 Intl. org. headquartered in Geneva

37 Some bad sentences

39 ACC__L__RATOR

44 Grapple, in dialect

47 Exercise too much, say

48 A as in Arles

49 LUXUR__ACHT

54 "___ Agnus Dei" (Mass phrase)

55 Peak in Turkey mentioned in both the "Iliad" and the "Aeneid"

56 Runner Sebastian who once held the world record for the mile

57 What you might get from a trailer

59 Sport played at British boarding schools

60 Post production?

64 ___ mater, membrane surrounding the brain

65 Popular 90-min. show

66 ENDANGER__EN__

70 Man's name that coincidentally is Latin for "honey"

73 Word with small or fish

74 Weak

75 What may result in a handshake

76 Help to one's destination

82 The Blue Jays, on scoreboards

83 Comeback to a challenge of authority

84 Bitter

85 CONFIG__ATION

90 Actor Somerhalder (Mass phrase)

91 Most in the style of comedian Steven Wright

92 Unfocused

93 POI__T OF __IEW

100 Go all out

101 French fashion inits.

102 "Kinda sorta"

103 Pan-cook, in a way

107 Supermodel Bündchen

109 Pepé ___ (cartoon skunk)

111 Drop off

112 Admit (to)

113 __OTIC__

120 Hit the weed?

121 Have guests over

122 Guest, e.g.

123 Place full of guests

124 Start of a seasonal request

125 Some kitchen utensils

19 Item said to have been burned in protest, once

24 Musical prefix with beat

29 Memphis-to-Nashville dir.

31 Emphatic assent

32 Lively dance genre

34 Hone

35 Contract details

36 Beehive State city

38 Aerodynamic

40 Bishop's jurisdiction

41 Antagonist

42 Hotel-room staples

43 Top-notch

44 Booties

45 Playwright Chekhov

46 Garbage

50 Drink similar to a slushie

51 About 460 inches of rain per year, on Kauai's Mt. Waialeale

52 HBO satire starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus

53 ___ bar

54 Org. that takes the lead on lead?

58 Baby fox

60 How a flirt may act

61 Football stat: Abbr.

62 NaOH

63 Radio broadcaster: Abbr.

66 Legislation that was part of F.D.R.'s New Deal

67 Ethnic group of Rwanda and Burundi

68 Two, for four

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69 Coin with 12 stars

70 "Zoom-Zoom" sloganeer

71 Hollywood composer Bernstein with 14 Oscar nominations

72 Guarded

73 Like pets and parking meters

75 ___ Slam (tennis feat)

76 Julius Caesar's first name

77 Words of hopelessness

78 Mature naturally, in a way

79 ___ Writers' Workshop

80 Electronic Hasbro toy

81 One side of the coin

83 Arias, typically

86 Scottish folk dance

87 Alternative explanation for a lucky guess, in brief

88 Ear: Prefix

89 Letters on some badges

94 "Stillmatic" rapper

95 Seen

96 Kind of skate

97 Brown shade

98 Kids' observation game

99 Hit musical with an "Emerald City Sequence"

104 Yoke

105 HP product

106 Narrowly beats (out)

108 Singer James

109 Drink for un bébé

110 A full moon will do this

112 Life force, in China

114 ___ Majesty

115 Hosp. areas

116 The Jazz, on scoreboards

117 Brown shade

118 Things for happy campers?

119 Picky person's pick?

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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5	1	9	2	6	7	8	4	3
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Calendar

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

Thurs., March 18

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

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of Zumba. This is a webinar style program, meaning you can practice your moves without being seen. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

WOMEN AND ESPIONAGE DURING THE CIVIL WAR
Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 PM. Dr. Kara French of Salisbury University will talk about female spies during the 1860s. Listen to some fascinating stories of espionage and view some artifacts from the Nabb Center. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

TEEN DISCORD HANGOUT
Held via Discord, 7:00 PM. The library's Discord server is a moderated, virtual hangout space for teens, ages 13 to 18, to connect and chat with other teens. Register: <https://worcesterlibrary.libguides.com/discord>.

Fri., March 19

'LIFE IN WATERCOLOR' ART SHOW
Salisbury Art Space, 212 W Main St., Suite 101. "Life in Watercolor: The Works of Katherine Wood Day" is on display, with all works for sale as a fundraiser to Salisbury Art Space and Salisbury A&E District. 410-546-4748, <http://salisburyartspace.org>

BOOK DISCUSSION: 'THE FLIGHT GIRLS' BY NOELLE SALAZAR
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Lively book discussion facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Books are available on Hoopla (hoopladigital.com). Register at worcesterlibrary.org under events.

Sat., March 20

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.

VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC
Join the group for a virtual Walk with a Doc on the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page, 9:00 AM. There will be a

short presentation by Gena Swift on the topic colorectal cancer awareness. Participants can then walk wherever they like and share a selfie on social media with the hashtag #walkedwithagh.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM. Drive thru pick only. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, biscuit and dessert. Cost is \$13. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

'CREATIVE KIDS' FREE ART CLASS
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Lindsey Winters, art teacher at Showell Elementary School, will lead children, ages 6 and older, in a fun art making session using a variety of mixed media. All materials provided. Masks required. Advance registration required: 410-524-9433 or www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org/Classes.

Sun., March 21

VIRTUAL AFRICAN DANCE
Facilitated by Kimberly Clark Shaw, A Masters Peace promoting unity, expression and cultural education and engagement, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM. All ages welcome. No dance experience necessary. Register: Lotoya, 410-641-4598.

Mon., March 22

STORY TIME - 'LET'S VISIT INDIA'
Held via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Join Miss Susan as she shares stories about shopping in India and making one of their popular dishes called Daal. For 2-5 year olds. No registration required.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Meeting via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

Tues., March 23

SPOKEN WORD, THE PERFORMANCE
Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 PM. Students will be working on their personal cadence and stage presentation to become more familiarized with their voices and style. Register at Worcesterlibrary.org under events.

Wed., March 24

LUNCH AND LEARN SALTMARSH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
David Curson, PhD, Audubon Mid-Atlantic, will provide an overview of his Saltmarsh Restoration work, 12:00 PM.



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ROCKIN'
Lead vocalist Dean Clark and guitarist Mark Townsend of the Salisbury-based band Dust N' Bones, play modern and classic rock hits all night long at The Globe on Broad Street in Berlin on Feb. 27. (Right) Aaron Bowers shreds the bass guitar during a set at The Globe.

RSVP: Taylor Party, tcarty@lowershore-landtrust.org or 443-234-5587.

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING
American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., 12:00 PM. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties are welcome to join the group. websergeant@first-statemarines.org, 410-430-7181

PAPER ROLLER COASTERS MEET UP
Meeting via Zoom, 3:30 PM. Request your Paper Roller Coasters Kit at <https://worcesterlibrary.libwizard.com/f/ProgramToGo> then join the meeting to show off your roller coaster or to ask questions about the kit. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. For those 10 years and older.

WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE: DELMARVA DURING THE 1918 PANDEMIC
Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 PM. Historian Michael Dixon examines the impact of the so-called Spanish Influenza Pandemic of 1918. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

ONGOING EVENTS

LIFE CRISIS CENTER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT
The tournament takes place at Glen Middle War Admiral on May 7, starting at 9 a.m. Sponsorships are needed for this event. To become a sponsor go to the special events page on the group's website and click through to the event, email tcarmoli@lifecrisiscenter.org or contact Tina at 410-749-0632 by April 8.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY GOLF & DINNER
The Delmarva Whiskey Club will hold their 7th annual charity golf event on March 20 at the Bayside Resort Golf Club, Selbyville, Del. The event will feature a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. and followed by a sit-down pairing of fine food and high-end Irish whiskey at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Semper K9. Register: <https://www.delmarvawhiskey.com/golf>. To become a tournament sponsor, contact Kevin Clover at 215-815-1706 or kevin@delmarvawhiskey.com.

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AARP FREE TAX PREPARATIONS
AARP will be at Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway on Mondays and Thursdays. Taxpayers will bring their documents in to be scanned so that the councilors can prepare them remotely. The taxpayer will then return the following week to pick up his/her tax return. Make an appointment by calling 443-373-2667 or visit www.mdwebscheduler.com/.

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