



Tyndall cancels DNR meeting about Heron Park

State officials were to tour property, discuss infusion of Open Space money

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Mayor Zach Tyndall's cancellation last week of a meeting with Maryland Department of Natural Resources officials about helping the town with Heron Park has outraged some town officials,

who believed the gathering set for last Friday could have led to the state's participation in the park's development and big relief for the town.

Speaking during the Town Council meeting on Monday, Tyndall confirmed the meeting with state representatives was scheduled on Sept. 10 and that he mailed council members and DNR officials on Sept. 7 to cancel the meeting.

"I also work for Salisbury University and sometimes when I have

something that pops up on the schedule, a meeting has to be moved," he said. "That's happened regularly since I was elected mayor and we move things around so I can attend."

Councilmember Jay Knerr, however, expressed frustration over the meeting being cancelled at the last minute.

"The mayor had picked the date for the Friday meeting," he said.

Knerr said DNR officials had expected to tour Heron Park and to

consider its development options.

"It still could have happened," Knerr said.

Knerr said Tyndall could have been informed about the meeting discussions after the fact.

"There were no decisions that were going to be made, but to get these folks down from Annapolis, it takes a lot of effort," he said.

In addition to talking about a site cleanup, DNR officials also discussed

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Spray irrigation needs board's OK for money to flow

Worcester County ready to pay for system update

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) If the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors agree, the Worcester County Commissioners are prepared to invest over \$3 million to update the Ocean Pines Golf Course irrigation system so it can spray treated wastewater instead of drawing from the freshwater supply.

Worcester County Public Works Director Dallas Baker and Deputy Director John Ross lead a town hall meeting on the topic last Thursday along with General Manager John Viola and Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne.

In January 2020, the Ocean Pines Service Area Water & Wastewater Advisory Board was authorized by the county to explore using highly treated effluent to irrigate greens and fairways.

"Highly treated effluent" is defined as water meeting current Maryland Department of the Environment Bay Restoration standards.

Viola said since the last town hall meeting on the subject in March 2020, Hartshorne has worked with

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Berlin resident Kevin Strayer, 1, and Makenzie Boog, 2, from Delmar, prepare to boot scoot during Berlin's annual "Small Town Thrown Down," on Saturday.

Town Council buys Flower Street property

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Aiming to preserve a piece of land that is historically significant locally, the Berlin Town Council voted unanimously on Monday to spend \$45,000 to buy the

parcel on Flower Street.

Mayor Zach Tyndall introduced a FY22 budget amendment to increase the general fund by transferring \$45,000 from the Community Center Fund reserve account.

Tyndall said the parcel in question

totals just over half an acre.

"We had a couple executive sessions regarding the purchase of property on Flower Street," he said.

Tyndall said parcel, which is less than an acre, was the site of the for-

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County ready to pay for irrigation

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county-hired consultants to assess the irrigation system setup.

Ross said consultants were hired to analyze the irrigation system to ascertain replacement needs and to sketch a plan for updates.

“The big difference here is we now know how many sprinklers heads we’re going to put out there,” he said. “We know how many feet of pipe go in the ground.”

Ross said building the irrigation infrastructure is estimated to cost roughly \$2.8 million, with another \$400,000 needed for piping to transport treated effluent to the golf course.

Additionally, Worcester has budgeted \$3.5 million to replace a belt filter press at the Ocean Pines Waste Water Treatment Plant.

“We’re looking at a total of \$6.8-\$7 million,” he said.

In terms of impacts on water bills, Ross said the \$6.8 million expenditure would add \$16 per quarter for Ocean Pines ratepayers, which would be largely offset by upcoming savings.

“In 2002, we constructed a plant addition down there,” he said. “In 2022, that plant debt service will be paid off ... saving approximately \$12 a quarter.”

The trade off would mean quarterly bills increase about \$5 to pay back the nearly \$7 million project costs.

Outside of monetary considerations, Ross said spraying the wastewater on the course instead of disposing of it elsewhere offers environmental benefits.

On average, 200,000 gallons of ground water are used daily to maintain conditions at the golf course during the summer.

Employing spray irrigation at the course would reduce demand on the



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Worcester County Public Works Deputy Director John Ross and Ocean Pines Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne, pictured, along with General Manager John Viola and Worcester Public Works Director Dallas Baker, hosted a full-capacity town hall meeting last Thursday about spraying treated wastewater at the golf course.

five water supply wells that serve Ocean Pines, he said.

“Those wells are pulling water out of the same aquifer your drinking water comes from,” he said.

Spraying effluent at the golf course would also reduce the amount of nutrients released into the St. Martins River.

Ross said wastewater is treated through a multiphase process.

Primary treatment typically involves a screening process to purge organic and inorganic solids, while the secondary stage comprises biological processes that break down and metabolize complex organic matter for removal.

“It’s discharged out to the river and it’s very clean,” he said.

The Ocean Pines plant tests below maximum effluent concentrations of 3 mg/l of total nitrogen and 0.3 mg/l total phosphorous.

“If you don’t discharge it at all, there’s zero nutrients going out to the river,” he said.

Project costs would likely be paid for with the proceeds of a bond issue Worcester plans for 2022.

“Ultimately we would need a letter of support from the board,” he said. “If we get that, we would immediately look to do some interim financing because bond money wouldn’t be available until next year.”

Ross said the next steps would involve completing the irrigation system’s design and selecting a contractor.

“Ideally, we would do it over the winter because there is less traffic on the golf course,” he said.

Ross said design work could be completed by the end of the year with the project beginning next fall.

Ross said the merits of converting the course to use spray effluent are clear.

“The benefits we get are the nutrient reductions into the river, the conservation of water out of your aquifer and a new golf course irrigation system,” he said.



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Parks Commission inspects Stephen Decatur

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Berlin's Parks Commission gathered at Stephen Decatur Park last Tuesday to review a site inspection report and update proposed projects and events.

Berlin Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen reported on the status of an application for a grant from the Maryland Natural Resources Program Open Space to cover of the installation cost of permanent bathrooms at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street.

In August 2020, the mayor and council applied for Program Open Space funds under the Community Parks and Playgrounds program for an estimated price tag of \$110,000.

At this point, the town continues to await award notification.

"The evidence points to us being approved," she said.

The town has requested grant funds for \$99,000 with a 10 percent local match of \$11,000.

Also discussed were two events proposed by the Worcester County Health Department. Bohlen said the first is for an outdoor, self-guided "scavenger hunt" on Oct. 6.

"People take pics and send them in," she said.

The Health Department has also asked the mayor and Town Council about holding a "glow walk," on Nov. 5.

Bohlen said questions remain regarding an ideal site to stage the autumn walk.

"I'm sure it can be done but I'm not sure how," she said.

Bohlen said using Stephen Decatur Park could prove challenging because it's lack of lighting.

"We would need to inspect the park at night to see if it's feasible," she said.

Bohlen said the town would ask health department officials for more information and would also consider whether the town could employ past pathways used for communitywide fall walks in Berlin.

"Our walks do go down into town so we might just push it that way," she said.

The commission also weighed several concerns about the disc golf course proposed at Stephen Decatur Park.

In May, the parks commission heard a request from local disc golf pros Austin Widdowson and Shawn Johnson to install an 18-hole course at Stephen Decatur Park.

Widdowson and Johnson, both members of Eastbound Disc Golf, later presented preliminary plans to the mayor and council.

Bohlen said the mayor and council are slated to consider accepting equipment donations from course organizers during its meeting the following week.

Commission Chairman Mike Wiley has toured the proposed course layout with Council member Jack Orris.



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Berlin's Parks Commission members joined Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen and Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles, left, for an inspection of Stephen Decatur Park last Tuesday.

In July, the council agreed to allow Eastbound Disc Golf to hold trial run events at Stephen Decatur Park on Aug. 1, 10 and 22.

Wiley said a principal concern fielded from residents was a disc golf hole located adjacent to Route 113.

Bohlen said the town received several emails about the layout of the course after it was proposed, with most of them

objecting to the holes being located around the pond.

Bohlen agreed that the hole near Route 113 needs adjusting.

"The one near the highway should maybe be angled in a way so the discs are never being thrown towards the highway," she said.

Commission members also toured
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OP racquet sports cmte. talks funding deal

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) The Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Committee highlighted a number of upcoming tournaments, considered potential court repairs and discussed a pickleball camp proposal during its meeting last Wednesday.

U.S. Tennis Association instructor Terry Underkoffler said a proposal to repaint lines on eight dedicated pickleball courts took a step forward after Dale Ash offered to pony up \$400 to cover updates on one court.

Underkoffler said the recommended line refresh would involve a darker shade of blue.

“They’re in agreement they want these courts to eventually have the same kind of lines,” he said.

Underkoffler credited Ocean Pines Pickleball Club President Frank Creamer for sparking a new approach for repainting court lines and repairing surface cracks.

“He said the courts could be repaired,” he said. “He was in the paint business.”

Underkoffler said cracks on court 10 are getting worse and need to be repaired.

Creamer suggested the association contact Seal Master to perform patch work to avoid resurfacing and a total repainting

“We wouldn’t have to wait to paint



Racquet Sports Committee members vetted potential future events and reviewed upcoming tournaments during its meeting last Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

lines,” he said.

Underkoffler said the repairs are temperature sensitive and would need to be completed before winter.

“You build tennis courts and they’re going to have cracks,” he said.

Seal Master’s process involves filling cracks with sand before adding a topcoat sealer, he said.

It remains to be seen if the association

would pay for the work.

“Is Ocean Pines willing to pay \$400 more to have it uniform?” he asked.

Creamer recently provided Public Works Director Eddie Wells with contact information and product line details for Seal Master.

“Right now the ball is in public works’ court,” he said.

Underkoffler said the potential exists

for public works crews to learn the crack-fill procedure.

“If it’s something they learn to do in-house, there could be some long-term cost savings,” he said.

Committee Chairman Rhett Parsons proposed asking General Manager John Viola and Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue about the repair rec-

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Parks Commission looks at Stephen Decatur equipment

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playground,” elements with rough initial estimates topping \$800,000.

Inclusive play areas are intended to extend physical activities and social interactions for individuals of all abilities.

Pellinger noted Wicomico County recently completed comparable upgrades at the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex in Salisbury.

In May, the Donnie Williams Inclusive Playground was opened at the athletic complex to accommodate children with disabilities.

Salisbury’s park project cost roughly \$750,000 and includes special offerings such as a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round.

Pellinger noted the revamped site was designed to provide wheelchair access throughout the play areas.

“You can go from the parking lot to the sidewalk and into the playground,” she said.

Pellinger also brought up what she believed were the potential safety hazards of outdated park equipment.

“That caterpillar is a little sketchy,” she said. “I don’t see lot of kids playing on it.”

Bohlen said reproducing something on the scale of what Salisbury did could be too expensive for Berlin, while noting that the principal source of funding has traditionally been through Program Open Space.

Worcester County receives Program Open Space funding from the state and oversees distribution to municipalities.

“In the past, Worcester County gave money to the town [but], we haven’t seen any in several years,” she said.

Berlin has usually had park improvements funded through the Community Parks and Playgrounds program.

Bohlen said the price associated with Tyndall’s initial pitch would probably exceed state grant funding limits.

Converting Stephen Decatur Park playground areas to feature “inclusive,” elements would involve extensive site work beyond equipment costs.

“In order to do the vision, a lot would have to be pulled out, including trees,” she said.

Bohlen said details about potential grant sums available through Program Open Space would need to be clarified.

“That isn’t something I see happening soon because the mayor and council would have to contribute a significant amount,” she said.

Bohlen estimated repairing the walking path through the park could run as much as \$500,000.

“It’s not impossible but there’s a lot more to it than applying for the funding,” she said.

The next parks commission meeting is scheduled on Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m.



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Berlin disc golf gets delayed by Town Council

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Eastbound Disc Golf organizers will return next month to revive discussions with Berlin officials about a proposed 18-hole course at Stephen Decatur Park after the town council voted 4-1 on Monday, with Councilmember Dean Burrell opposed, to table the issue for four weeks.

Local disc golf pro Austin Widdowson said three trial events were staged last month, which were well received by park patrons.

“As a tourist attraction this place is gold,” he said.

While organizers initially envisioned installing 36 baskets to create both advanced and elementary courses, after further assessment an 18-hole configuration was deemed preferable.

With course layout details still to be firmed up, Widdowson proposed a phase-two trial run from October until March.

“We’re not looking to hold a bunch of tournaments,” he said. “We want to install equipment and let people play.”

Widdowson said typical course use would involve groups of under 20 people visiting the site.

“The trial run proved the site handled parking,” he said.

Mayor Zach Tyndall attended the trio of trial events last month.

“I didn’t feel unsafe,” he said.

Tyndall said based on conversations about the course with park users the general opinion was favorable.

Eastbound Disc Golf president Joshua Maxfield said the goal is blending the course layout with other park facilities.

“We know we don’t own the park we just want to be a part of it,” he said.

Widdowson said disc golf baskets are semi-permanent and could be re-located at will.

“We can adjust basket placement in the ground to determine best angles for each to make the most ideal



Eastbound Disc Golf organizers, from left, Joshua Maxfield, Shawn Johnson and Austin Widdowson, suggested a six-month trial run for a proposed course at Stephen Decatur Park during the Town Council meeting on Monday and will return on Oct. 12 to provide addition layout details.

layout for this particular park,” he said.

Burrell said any agreement for the town to accept equipment donations from Eastbound Disc Golf would be dependent on establishing maintenance responsibilities.

Eastbound Disc Golf member Shawn Johnson said the intent is providing a community amenity.

“We’re asking to leave our equipment in the park for anyone to use it,” he said.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood inquired about the value of course equipment, which organizers estimated at \$15,000.

Councilmember Jay Knerr said multiple residents have voiced concerns about the course being adjacent to a pond area, along with one hole bordering Route 113.

Knerr proposed scaling back the course to nine holes with multiple tee pads used to create an 18-hole experience.

Widdowson said limiting the course to nine baskets defeats the point of building the attraction.

“A typical game is 18 holes,” he said.

Widdowson also noted the walking trail around the pond is sparsely used.

“I think the park is underutilized as a whole,” he said.

Maxfield said tourists would be less likely to visit Berlin to play a nine-hole course.

“We’re looking to foster a community,” he said. “We take care of courses and parks.”

Widdowson also stressed the course is primarily intended for residents use with few plans to hold large scale competitions.

“We would seek town approval for any future tournaments,” he said.

Burrell said attracting tourists to the park was less of a priority than maintaining the facility for the community.

Councilmember Troy Purnell voiced support for the course and the proposed six-month trial run.

“In six months we’re going to figure out if we like it,” he said.

Purnell also said equipment donations from Eastbound Disc Golf would be dependent on the town assuming responsibility for long-term maintenance.

“I think everybody’s concern is where are these holes,” he said.

Burrell took exception with approving the disc course project until Eastbound is certified as a tax-exempt 501C3 nonprofit.

Johnson said the group is an established federal nonprofit but is still awaiting 501C3 certification.

“We’re stuck in the que waiting,” he said.

Burrell said the town should refrain from moving forward on the proposal until federal tax status is established.

After Purnell suggested the group return in two weeks, Tyndall recommended extending the period to four weeks to provide sufficient time to develop an agreement with the town and a course layout map.

The council is tentatively set to revisit the matter during its Oct. 12 meeting.

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Jesse's Paddle promotes suicide prevention

(Sept. 16, 2021) After a year's hiatus, friends of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund will gather for the 13th annual Jesse's Paddle on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company in Snow Hill.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. and boats will hit the water by 5 p.m. Support raised at the event funds the nonprofit's suicide prevention outreach mission, mental health education programs, and grants for community needs.

"There will be free canoes and kayaks

for those who raise more than \$30 to participate in Jesse's Poker Paddle," said Jesse Klump Memorial Fund President Kim Klump. "While our missions are very serious, this is a day of fun and celebration, and we expect to put dozens of boats on the Pocomoke River. We will observe all CDC and State of Maryland covid-19 guidance.

"Masks will be required except while our guests are in boats, and we'll be asking our guests to observe social distancing guidelines," she continued. "There will be

masks for those who don't have them and plenty of hand sanitizing stations."

Top fundraisers will be rewarded with prizes. There are also prizes for those holding the best hands in the Jesse's Poker Paddle, plus live music, free hot dogs and beverages.

A surfboard-style standup paddleboard is the Paddle's raffle boat, and there will be a silent auction. Raffle tickets are already available at www.jesses-paddle.org/paddle, and the silent auction is receiving bids at the same website address.

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program travels across the lower Eastern Shore teaching the recognition of suicide's risk factors and warning signs, with the goal of reducing the historically-high suicide rates in local communities.

"A successful Paddle enables us to

offer all training, and all our educational material at absolutely no cost," Fund Officer Ron Pilling said. "Every penny raised at the Paddle is devoted to ending the risk of suicide, making our school programs possible to save young lives, and enabling folks with great ideas to address unmet community needs."

Supporters can make donations by visiting www.jessespaddle.org/paddle and clicking "Our Donor Form." Generous donors can create their own fundraising teams, support an existing team, or make a general donation. Donations will be welcome at the Paddle, and all gifts count toward the \$30 minimum for a free boat for the Poker Paddle.

Canoes, and solo or two-person kayaks can be reserved in advance for Jesse's Poker Paddle. To reserve a boat, call the Pocomoke River Canoe Company at 410-632-3971.

OP racquet sports talks events

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ommendations.

Underkoffler also discussed a possible funding source for staging pickleball camps at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

LevelUp Pickleball Camps, which paid \$2,000 to hold two events in Ocean Pines in recent weeks, reportedly said a proposed three-day event could cover the price tag to erect four new courts under consideration.

"They told me today if we get pickleball membership to agree that they could build those new courts," he said. "It's the top pickleball camp in the country."

All told, the multi-day camp could net the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex \$6,000, Underkoffler said.

"Members could play later in the afternoon for those three days," he said.

Camp participants would finish at 3:30 p.m., with members able to play starting at 4 p.m. for the three-day gathering.

The committee also reviewed a host of upcoming tournaments starting with a tennis doubles event on Sept. 18.

Underkoffler said men's brackets are filled with eight teams registered.

"We had five teams of women and no one else came through," he said.

Due to lower participation on the women's side, Underkoffler recommended participants hold a round robin competition on the morning of Sept. 18.

Parsons has registered to take part in what looks to be a challenging doubles

tournament.

"Men's has got some pretty competitive teams," he said.

Committee member Karen Kaplan said a Platform Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 25 to honor longtime participant Jim Freeman who passed away in March.

"We're working on sponsors," she said.

Kaplan said a marketing push is underway as the event inches closer.

"It gives an opportunity for players and for the larger community to see the sport," she said.

Parsons said a pair of pickleball tournament are slated for next month, starting with the fourth annual Pink Ribbon Classic on Oct. 1.

Also, the "Octoberfest Pickleball Tournament," is set to take place from Oct. 22-24.

"This tournament is probably one of the main fundraisers for the racquet center," he said. "It benefits everybody."

Organizers are hoping to raise at least \$10,000 this year.

Underkoffler said the effort to find sponsors and volunteers would pick up steam over the next three weeks.

"We're looking for volunteers from any [racquet] sport who might want to pitch in a few hours on any of the days of the tournament," he said.

Among other things, volunteers are needed to assist with parking, check-in and court monitoring.

The next Racquet Sports Committee meeting takes place Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.



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County, developers discuss planned Hardee's

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Preliminary plans for a Hardee's fast-food chain at the Ocean Landings shopping center near Berlin were discussed during the Worcester County Technical Review Committee's meeting on Sept. 8.

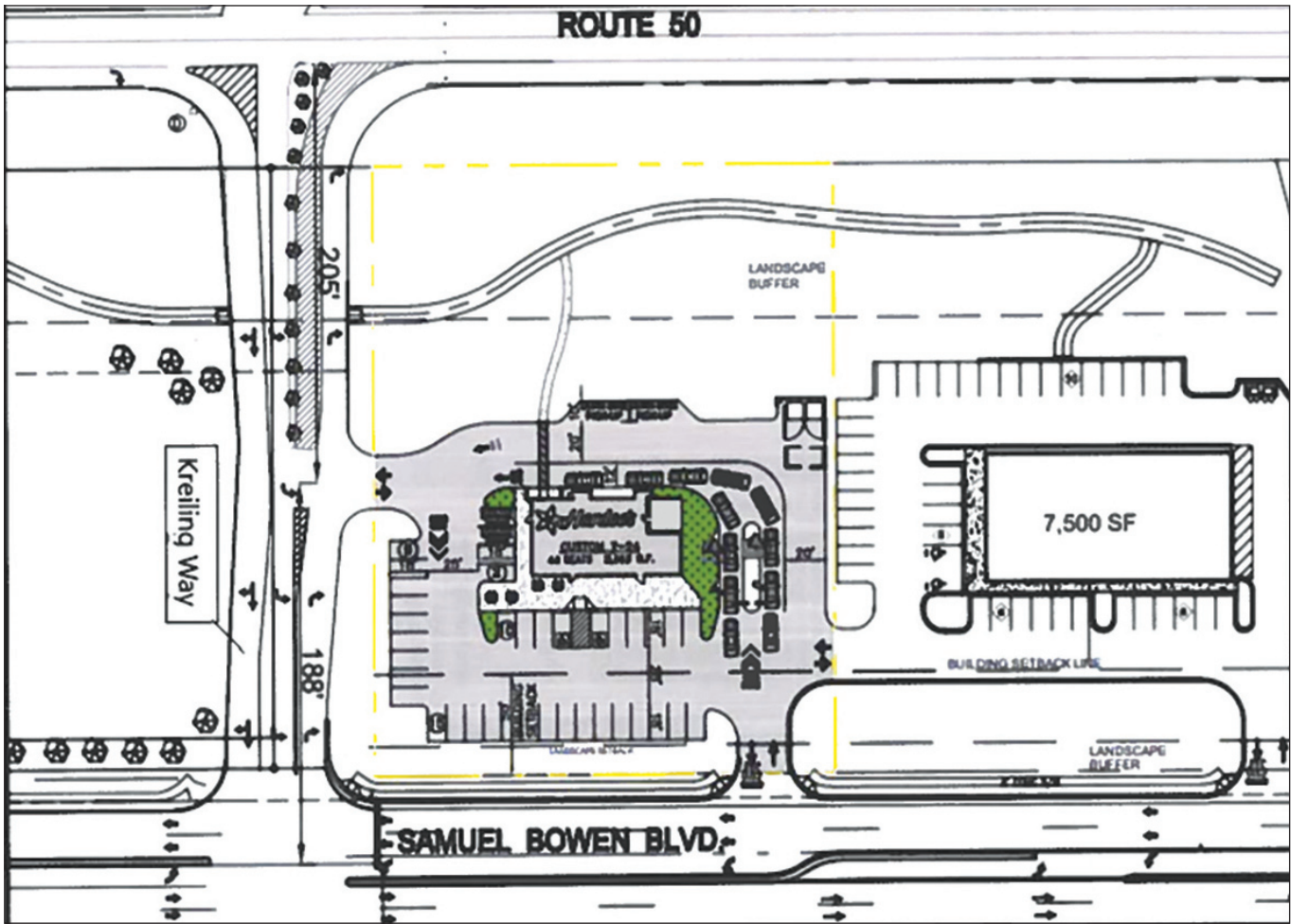
Developers are in the earliest stages of putting together their proposal, which they hope will establish the restaurant's location between Samuel Bowen Boulevard and Route 50, between Taylor Bank and a proposed carwash.

Currently, the developers are dealing with concerns raised by the State Highway Administration that the site is too close to Route 50, according to Fred Mattes, director of physical facilities for OTAC Inc., a Hardee's franchisee.


Mattes added that his team is responding to the SHA's concerns, but asked the committee if they foresee any other potential complications.

"Our comments were pretty general because the site plan was obviously incomplete," TRC staff member Stu White said. "So once you get all that stuff worked out and make your formal submittal (we'll have more of an answer). You're going to need landscaping, you're going to need all these other parts

See HARDEE'S Page 11



RENDERING COURTESY TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
Preliminary plans for a Hardee's fast-food chain at the Ocean Landings shopping center near Berlin were discussed by the Worcester County Technical Review Committee on Sept. 8. The franchisee is currently working to satisfy concerns from the State Highway Administration that the proposed establishment is too close to Route 50.



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County to receive portion of highway safety grant funding

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County government and its subdivisions will be getting a small slice of the \$12 million in federal highway safety grants, announced this week by Gov. Larry Hogan.

“With traffic already back to pre-pandemic levels, it is even more important that we continue working to make our streets and roadways safer and more accessible,” said Hogan said. “This critical funding will help us prevent crashes and fatalities all across the state, and ensure highway safety remains a top priority.”

Among those receiving funds is the Worcester County Health Department (\$3,439.70), Worcester County Sheriff’s Office (\$3,640), Berlin Police Department (\$6,000), Maryland Natural Resources Police (\$2,600), Ocean City Police Department (\$23,892), Ocean Pines Police Department (\$3,000), Maryland State Police - Statewide (\$737,975).

The funds will be dispersed Oct. 1 by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration’s Highway Safety Office.

The highway safety funds will be used to:

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- Prevent impaired, aggressive, and distracted driving;
- Increase safety for pedestrians, motorcyclists, and bicyclists;
- Promote the correct use of child passenger safety seats;
- Support police training for highway safety and traffic enforcement;
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- Increase the efficiency and capability of Maryland’s traffic data systems.

Hardee’s sketch needs revision

Continued from Page 10 that go with it.”

Mattes said the board would have their timeline when their feasibility study is completed.

“We need to know before we commit to the purchase contract that there’s not going to be anything in the permit review (that will impede us from moving forward),” Mattes said. “We just want to make sure there won’t be any roadblocks down the road.”

Mattes also had questions regarding equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) and how many they will need. Staff member Kristi Marsh said an estimate can be provided once an estimate on the Hardee’s square footage is determined.

The application for EDUs will go through the county treasurer. After passing through the TRC, the project will be reviewed by the county’s Planning Commission.

Also discussed during the meeting was Snug Harbor West — a previously proposed 12-lot, single-family subdivision at the intersection Snug Harbor Road and Route 611 in Berlin that has been trimmed down to nine lots.

Mark Cropper, representing the developers, said that despite previous TRC approval, the Worcester County Commissioners did not approve the number of EDUs requested, leading them to take three lots off the proposal.

“Should we be allowed to proceed after today, I’ll make applications for the county commissioners for reconsideration of the required number of EDUs to accommodate the project,” Cropper said.

He added that the commissioners told him they didn’t believe enough EDUs were available to satisfy the original request.

The project will go in front of the commissioners again with the revised EDU request.



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Patricia Ottey with Hope4Recovery, left, and Debbie Smullen with Worcester Goes Purple, request permission to stage a “family fun” 5K run to fundraise for both nonprofits during the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting on Monday.

Berlin Council OKs events, new committee

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) The Berlin Town Council approved two special event requests and the creation of a Beautification Committee during its meeting on Monday.

Local nonprofits Hope4Recovery and Worcester Goes Purple received the go-ahead to hold a 5K run on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Patricia Ottey with Hope4Recovery said the agencies are putting together a “family fun” 5K run that begins and ends in front of the At-

lantic Hotel on Main Street.

Ottey said participants would be encouraged to don “ugly sweaters,” to honor the onset of the Yuletide season.

Ottey said organizers would have a handful of tables where substance-abuse recovery literature would be located, but would not be retailing items.

The event is a fundraiser for both nonprofits.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said organizers have not requested street closures, but assistance would be provided if any participants need help reaching the

finishing line.

“Generally, because they don’t have [road] closures, it doesn’t even come to the council,” he said. “We’ve done over 50 5Ks.”

The council also approved a trio of special Sunday event permits for Boggs Disharoon American Legion Post 123, scheduled for Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and 12.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said Post 123 has previously held Sunday events towards the end of the year.

“This is something Legion 123 has

done historically year after year,” he said.

The council also voted unanimously to establish the Berlin Beautification Committee.

Mayor Zach Tyndall said the committee would be charged with maintaining and enhancing town aesthetics.

The five-member committee would serve two-year terms and be responsible for identifying town-owned spaces that could be beautified with natural plantings.

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Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh updated the mayor and Town Council about FY21 general fund balances on Monday.

Berlin FY21 budget closes with revenues over estimate

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh provided a FY21 overview of the town’s finances that showed revenues coming in better than expected and expenses beating budget estimates.

Saleh reviewed financial details for the year ending on June 30 during the council meeting on Monday.

General fund revenues for FY21, which were budgeted at \$6.5 million, came in at \$7.6 million or 16 percent above estimates.

Saleh said property taxes, which hit \$4.1 million, accounted for 54 percent of town revenues.

Berlin derives general fund revenues from taxes, grants, licenses and permit fees.

Turning to expenses, Saleh said the town beat its spending budget of \$6.5 million by coming in at \$5.8 million, a 12 percent difference.

Public safety accounted for 39 percent of expenses at \$2.2 million, with general government totaling 23 percent at \$1.3 million.

Looking at other fund balances, Saleh said non-spendable totals due to or from other accounts totaled \$1.6 million to end FY21.

Committed funds produced by impact fees totaled \$800,000, with assigned funds at \$931,000 and unassigned funds at \$1.8 million.

Overall fund balances reached \$5.2 million to end FY21.

Saleh said minor adjustments tied to depreciation would alter the numbers slightly.

Berlin aims for beautification

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Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles has been tapped to serve at committee liaison.

Tyndall said the committee would help to promote Berlin’s adopt-a-flower-bed program, help create business support for initiatives and work with Public Works to create projects for local volunteers.

“The committee should take a holistic view, inventorying and develop-

ing a plan for spaces throughout Berlin,” Tyndall said.

Committee task lists include pruning, weeding, planting, mulching and watering.

The mayor and Town Council will receive an annual committee report.

“The goal would be having volunteers helping in these areas and Public Works could come behind and clean up [or] finish the project,” Charles said.

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Adriana “Bubba” Almony hosted a celebrity basketball game and fan fest in Snow Hill at the Worcester County Recreation Center on Aug. 28. The event raised awareness for cancer, bullying prevention and mental health. Almony is an Ocean City native who works as a professional bodyguard. Pictured are members of the Worcester County NAACP presenting a community service award to Almony for his efforts and successful fundraiser.



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PRESENTATION

Jared Parks, a lands program manager with the Lower Shore Land Trust, recently gave a presentation on “Invasive Species in Our Gardens” to the Worcester County Garden Club. Members were also briefed on efforts of the Lower Eastern Shore - Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management. He is pictured with Club President Deb Young.



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NEW TEACHERS

Worcester County Public Schools new teachers pose for a photo prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year.



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Worcester Preparatory School girls' soccer team recently collected new backpacks filled with school supplies to donate to Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View, Delaware. Alum and former teammate, Marissa Grosso (WPS '18) started the tradition nine years ago. Coach Carol Hartnett (pictured) continues the collection every season, coordinating efforts with the WPS Volunteer Club, headed by teacher Linda Bragg.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Worcester Preparatory School seniors Anna Williams, left, and Myranda Beebe, smile for the camera upon arriving on campus for the first day of school.



Artists gather at the Worcester County Arts Council building on Jefferson Street during the 2018 Paint Berlin event, which has been reimagined this year to encompass the wider county region.

‘Paint Worcester County’ next week

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County will be invaded by a wealth of creative types for the plein air event, “Paint Worcester County,” which runs from Sept. 20-24.

The Worcester County Arts Council is sponsoring the artistic competition, which is a reimagined version of its “Paint Berlin,” shindigs.

Worcester County Arts Council Board member Nancy Howard said 42 artists are registered to participate from Sunday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Sept. 23, with a “wet paint,” sale and exhibit held on Sept. 24 at the Berlin Library.

“This is a first because we’re in-

cluding the entire county,” she said.

Howard said, unlike past events limited to the boundaries of Berlin, the upcoming plein air opens any county locale for artistic interpretation.

“It will give other areas of the county a chance to shine,” she said.

Submitted entries will be reviewed with guest judge, and local artist, Lynne Lockhart choosing winning selections.

The Paint Worcester County competition offers \$2,250 in total cash prizes including Maryland Legislators’ Award and Worcester County Commissioners’ Award.

“People love to watch artists paint,” she said.

Howard said the painting competition is not dissimilar to sports events.

“People show up at end to see who’s going to win,” she said.


Howard said art aficionados could purchase “fresh off the easel,” pieces and meet the associated artist during the sale and exhibit at the Berlin Library on Sept. 24 from 1:30-4 p.m.

Sourcing natural scenes outside of a studio setting is the aim of the plein air approach.


“They did it back in the 1800s,” she said. “That’s what created the impressionist movement,” she said.

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The Commission will hold virtual hearings for receipt of comments from members of the public with respect to the Applications as follows:

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., and
Thursday September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Any individual who would like to speak at either hearing should send an e-mail to susan.howard@maryland.gov by no later than **12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021**, requesting to do so. In the subject line of any e-mail to Ms. Howard, please include the phrase “Wind Speaker,” and within the text of the e-mail, indicate your name and the date on which you would like to speak. The virtual meetings will be held through WebEx, and participants will receive an e-mail with a link to the virtual meeting. Additionally, the public comment hearing will be live streamed on the Commission’s YouTube channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC>.

Reasonable accommodations will be made at Public Service Commission proceedings for qualified persons with disabilities if requested five (5) days in advance of any hearing in this proceeding. (Dial 410-767-8000 or 1-800-492-0474 or access the prior numbers through the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-735-2258).

The Application and other pleadings in the above-referenced matter may be viewed or downloaded from the electronic docket file (Case No. 9666) available through the Maryland Public Service Commission’s website, www.psc.state.md.us.

Written public comments in connection with this case may be submitted by **November 19, 2021**. The comments must reference “Case No. 9666.” Written comments submitted via first-class mail shall be addressed to:

Mr. Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6806

Written comments may also be submitted electronically through the Commission’s Public Comment Dropbox, which can be accessed through the Commission’s website at <https://www.psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment>.

County’s initiative seeks to assist at-risk youth, families

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer
(Sept. 16, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners approved the Local Management Board’s community partnership agreement for FY22 during their Sept. 7 meeting, solidifying funding for four programs vital to the board’s Initiative to Preserve Families.

The programs — Building Bridges to Stable Families, the Worcester Connects mentoring program, Worcester Navigation and the hiring of a local care team coordinator — aim to assist families deemed at-risk for a variety of reasons such as mental illness, food insecurity and incarceration of a family’s income earner.

“The Local Management Board is charged with looking at what’s happening in the county that’s impacting children and families,” said Jessica Sexauer, the board’s director. “(We determine) what’s going well for youth and families, what needs to improve ... Through that process and using guidelines from our funder, we put together a plan every year, apply for funds, let the state know how we will use them.”

Funding for FY22, which comes from the Children’s Cabinet — a program run through the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services (CPYVS) — amounts to \$798,165.

The local care team coordinator is the only item of the four that is directly in-house for the board. The other programs work in conjunction with other services.

For Building Bridges, the crime prevention office wanted the county to look more specifically at the impact of incarceration on children and families, Sexauer said.
Two of the four programs, Worcester Connects and Worcester Navigation, are relatively new. With the former starting in 2019 and the latter tentatively scheduled to begin in October.

Building Bridges started offering parent education courses in 2019. Both programs, like any new program the county devises, are date-driven. Worcester Navigation, which focuses on food insecurity, is a prime example of how the county follows the numbers.

“We’re seeing families living in poverty and the kids often don’t move beyond primary education,” Sexauer said. “They may be completing high school but aren’t going past that or maybe struggled with high school. We want to help that population keep moving forward and improve those areas as best we can.”

Sexauer said that new programs, ideally, get three years to assess their long-term efficacy, which was a challenge during the covid-19 pandemic. Worcester Connects seemed to steer through the pandemic well, Sexauer said.

“The three years is a good foundation for establishing a program,” Sexauer said. “First year (it’s) established, the second year implemented, third year (we look at) sustainability, so the program can continue if our data continues to show that support is needed.”

Bertino’s town hall meeting to take place at OP library

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

This will be Commissioner Bertino’s first community meeting since before the pandemic.

“I’m pleased to restart these meetings,” he said. “It will be nice to once again meet personally with residents.”

Commissioner Bertino’s guest speakers are Worcester County Health Officer Rebecca Jones and Su-

perintendent of Worcester County Schools Lou Taylor.

“The two areas about which I received the most questions during the pandemic related to health issues and our schools. I’m glad Mrs. Jones and Superintendent Taylor will be joining me,” Bertino said. “They were a big help to me as I worked with constituents who contacted me with questions related to covid testing sites, vaccination appointments and remote learning issues.”

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

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School supplies provided to kids by Wor. GOLD

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provided over 300 children with backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies during its School Supplies for Students program.

“This would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, donated, or volunteered to ensure local students in need are able to blend in with their peers by being prepared with the necessary supplies.”, said Executive Director Nicholas Cranford.

As teachers and students are returning to in-person learning, GOLD is proud to continue its partnership with local schools, businesses and organizations to support families in need.

To find out more about Worcester County GOLD and how it serves in the community visit www.worcestergold.org.

Worcester County G.O.L.D., Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides financial aid and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living in poverty and low-income circumstances.

It believes no member of the community should suffer without access to basic needs like housing, utilities, food, clothing, and items for children and vulnerable adults.

In addition to emergency services, GOLD offers special programs like Summer Activities for At-Risk Youth, School Supplies for Students, Thanksgiving Turkey Meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays.

For more information, contact Cranford at Nicholas.Cranford@maryland.gov or 410-677-6830.



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TWANG

D.C.-based Americana country stalwarts Ruthie and the Wranglers groove out Main Street in Berlin during the “Small Town Thrown Down” concert on Saturday.

Worcester History Week Oct. 10-16

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County communities from Pocomoke to Ocean City will take part in an expanded History Week event from Oct. 10-16.

History Week started in 2017 in Ocean City, with a tour of historic homes presented by the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum.

This year, organizer Nancy Howard said representatives from the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin approached her about also taking part.

“Of course, we were flattered and encouraged them to proceed,” Howard said. “It dawned on me that we could do this for the whole county, and I approached other museums and organizations and now we have Worcester County History Week.”

Howard, the former president of the Ocean City Museum Society, said her fascination with history started years ago, when she worked for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

“I saw the impact of what the Smithsonian offered, and I think it is no less true of smaller venues,” she said. “I believe the public has a curiosity about what shaped their environment, whether it is where they live

or where they visit.

“Worcester County attracts millions of visitors each year, and History Week will give them an insight into our area and offer curiosity opportunities,” she added.

Along with the Life-Saving Station and the Taylor House, History Week participants this year will include the Worcester County Libraries, Ocean Pines Association, the Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse Museum and Delmarva Discovery Museum in Pocomoke, and the Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill.

Dr. Cindy Byrd, executive director of the Purnell Museum, said the annual “Fiberfest” on Oct. 16 would now become a part of History Week. Along with covering the history of fiber arts, she said the event would highlight the larger history of Worcester County.

“We’re going to put a special focus on Worcester County History, so we’ll bring out a lot of our maps and original deeds and Worcester County artifacts that are part of our collection,” she said. “We have things going back to the 1400s, including Native American artifacts from then all the way through the 20th century.

“We also have historical materials that go across a lot of different ethnic and cultural groups, so we’re able to show a lot of that and we’re able to engage a lot of different groups,” Byrd added.

Also helping to plan History Week is Lisa Challenger, executive director of the Beach to Bay Heritage Area.

“By hosting History Week, we hope it serves up lots of events in an easy to access way, especially for those not familiar with our historic sites and museums,” she said. “I love being involved in this since it aligns so well with the mission of the Beach to Bay Heritage Area.

“It’s so important to find creative, fun and new ways that allow and encourage people to learn about and appreciate our heritage. It’s our hope that this event will do just that,” Challenger continued. “I hope people discover something new that makes them want to take another step further into exploring all of our area’s heritage.”

For more information, including a schedule of upcoming History Week events, visit www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek.







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Worcester County bids farewell as three staff retire

(Sept. 16, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners recognize on Sept. 7 retiring Budget Officer Kathy Whited (23 years), Animal Control Officer Wayne Young (30 years), and Office Assistant Debra Anne Perez (15 years), for their individual contributions to Worcester County Government.

Whited was responsible for preparing and implementing the \$200 million annual Worcester County operating budget and was part of the financial management team whose prudent, fiscal performance secured the county's solid financial standing, resulting in clean opinions from TGM Group, LLC for each annual audit since 1996, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 13 consecutive years, and credit ratings of AA for Fitch, AA+ for Standard and Poor's, and Aa2 for Moody's Investor Services.

Young's expertise and experience with the catching, feeding and care of impounded animals, maintenance of records, and assistance with rabies clinics, quarantines, and other essential duties have been instrumental in the overall management of the Animal Control Division of the Sheriff's Office.

And, Perez provided administrative support, including extensive clerical, financial, and payroll duties. Her expertise and experience have been instrumental in the overall management of recreation and parks.

Community Briefs

SU Dean's List

Some 2,195 students were named to the spring 2021 dean's list at Salisbury University. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of letter-graded coursework during the semester.

Worcester County residents who earned a spot on the list were:

Berlin: Niko Alexander, Jude Al-Hamad, Jason Alton, Matthew Bagrowski, Andrew Baker, Sarah Beesley, Olivia Bescak, Sarah Bianca, Alexis Black, Lindsay Brittingham, Ian Burak, Laura Carpenter, Areyhon Collick, Tyler Cook, Taylor Curran, Liam Deck, Macy Dietrich, George Eppard-Annis, Danee' Erb, Brianna Fleischmann, Alec Foote, Justine Graham, Kirsten Graham, William Groome, Marissa Grosso, Erica Hall, Katelyn Hancock, Jonathon Hanley, Mary Hel-muth, Johnathan Howell, Kaitlyn Jones, Victoria Koslosky, Caroline Kurtz, Kevin Ladd, Jillian Massey, Nathaniel McIntyre, Amelia McKahan, Cara Mumford, Savannah Nilo, Elaina Parsons, Roxanne Parsons, Jonathan Petito, Hailee Phillips, Chase Porter, Allyson Possi-

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Opinion

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Berlin must make up for canceled meeting

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall’s late cancellation of a meeting last Friday with state officials interested in helping the town with its Heron Park financial problems requires a better explanation than he provided.

Citing a scheduling conflict, as he did, fails to answer a question residents and state and other local officials are asking: why couldn’t council members and staff have done the job and kept the meeting?

After all, Berlin government is the mayor *and* council, and does not function exclusively according to the dictates of one office. Nevertheless, that’s how this cancellation comes across, and what a shame that is, considering the stakes were enough Program Open Space money to make Heron Park financially whole and the recreational jewel it was originally intended to be.

As it is, however, state officials were left to fume about what they apparently felt was a “thanks, but no thanks” snub. Further, their willingness to restart the conversation is in doubt now, especially without knowing the extent of the town’s commitment to working with the state to find a solution.

The fact is few people at all know what’s going on behind the scenes in Heron Park discussions, because it’s not being talked about extensively in public.

Meanwhile, the willingness of state Program Open Space administrators to become involved in major local projects is well known.

The DNR plunked down \$4.2 million just last year to convert the former Bay Club golf course and another tract into a passive recreational area. That suggests it has money to spend.

To get some of it, however, will require town officials to make amends quickly for this Heron Park faux pas, if that’s what it was.

As it stands now, the town has come uncomfortably close to looking like there’s more than one plan for the park, with only one aimed at keeping it intact as public space.



Worcester County Library digitizing

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester County Library has committed to digitizing and making accessible genealogy collections and special collections related to Worcester County.

The newest to be digitized is the Ruth Dryden Research Notes collection. This is a collection of 9,910 research notes on wills/probates in Worcester County, based on over 1,000 families from the 1700s - mid 1800s.

Also included are other genealogy related notes such as marriage dates, birth dates, etc.

“Worcester County Library is excited to make these

collections available online, so that everyone in our community and abroad are able to enjoy and appreciate the history of Worcester County, Maryland,” said Local History Librarian Alec Staley.

Over 3,000 photographs and postcards of Worcester County are currently available to be viewed online. Most of the photographs and postcards are of Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin and Ocean City from 1900-1940.

Also available online are oral histories conducted between 1978-1982. These histories are of Worcester County residents’ personal and professional lives from

1900-1930.

These collections can be accessed at WorcesterLibrary.LibGuides.com/Local-History or by going to WorcesterLibrary.org, and clicking on Local History, Special Collections, & Genealogy under the resources tab at the top of the page.

Worcester County Library is accepting donations to add to its special collections. Donations can be dropped off at any branch, but for larger donations, call the Snow Hill Library at 410-632-3495.

For more information, contact Staley at history@worcesterlibrary.org.

State seeks Schaefer award nominees

(Sept. 16, 2021) Comptroller Peter Franchot’s office is accepting nominations for the 2021 William Donald Schaefer Helping People Awards.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Oct. 15.

Established in 2012, the award honors the unparalleled legacy of public service left by the late Schaefer, who served four terms as Baltimore City mayor and two

terms each as Maryland governor and comptroller.

It is presented annually in each of Maryland’s 24 jurisdictions to individuals and organizations with an unwavering commitment to helping others and improving communities.

“This will be the 10th year of presenting the Helping People Awards and it remains just as fulfilling and inspiring now as it did at the outset,” Comptroller Fran-

chot said. “Even after a decade of soliciting nominations, the quality of submissions we receive demonstrate that there are so many Marylanders who spend their lives in service to those in need and making their communities a better place to live. Selecting just one recipient in each jurisdiction has become increasingly difficult, particularly during the last 18 months of the covid-19 pan-

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Big Brother, Sisters summer push

Shore chapter's update on 'Big Moments' campaign

(Sept. 16, 2021) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore (BBB-SES) recently provided an update on its Big Moments summer campaign. On July 1, the organization kicked off the summer with a goal to match 50 Littles by October along with a summer challenge for current and new matches to participate in. This summer activity allows matches the opportunity to enjoy the summer in a fun new way, as well as ignite the interest of prospective mentors across Maryland's Eastern Shore, through social media awareness. Matches and Littles are challenged to complete a variety of activities throughout the summer.

As activities are completed, participants take a photo and share it on social media with the hashtag #Big-Moments, spreading the joys of mentoring far and wide. Since its release on July 1, the campaign has inspired over 30 adult volunteers to sign up to mentor and has attracted the attention of many new community partnerships. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore currently has children in every county – Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester – on the waiting list, with more children inquiring every day. Littles waiting range in age from 6-16 years old, with most of them from Wicomico County and a majority being teenage boys.

Volunteer mentors are enrolled starting at age 18. Mentors commit to mentoring two to three times per month for a least one year (two years if they are a non-local college student). Activities are scheduled with the mentee's guardian when both parties are free. A support specialist is assigned to every match to assist the mentor, child and family. If interested in becoming a volunteer or enrolling a child, inquire at www.shorebiglittle.org, by phone at 410-543-2447, or email info@shorebiglittle.org. To continue following the progress of the Big Moments campaign, follow its social media platforms: Instagram (@esBigs), Facebook (@BBBSES), and TikTok (@esbigs).

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dent, Eli Rush, Kyla Scherlag, Kayla Smith, Taylor Swanson, Michal Szczesny, Zachary Tilton, Jaya Tyre, Vicky Vazquez, Zoe Watson, Amber Whittaker and Zachary Wilson.
Bishopville: Kailey Andrews, Brett Berquist, Shane Cioccio, Zachary Cioccio, Matthew Clark, Theodore Cooper, Kaitlyn Custer, Logan Gordy, Sofia Gordy, Allison Jones, Damian Lockhart, Andre Nieto Jaime, Jacob Orash, Caroline Savage, Hannah Suplee and Mick Taylor.
Ocean City: Julissa Astudillo-Cuevas, Sivan Cohen, William Cordial, Liangliang DiFilippo, John Ford, Diana Grechukhina, Sarah Hancock, Sarah Harding, Menelaos Harris, Megan Hurley, Prakriti Khadgi Shahi, Sibel Lorentz, Jenna McLaurin, Asil Omar, Analynn Redding, Zina Sbih and David Walsh.
Ocean Pines: Joshua Miller.

Deadline Oct. 15 for 'Helping People' honors

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demic that has seen so many heroes shine.” Award recipients will be selected based on their demonstration of:
• Improving the community;
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ment intervention;
• Directly aiding our most vulnerable populations; or,
• Establishing a public/private partnership to improve the lives of fellow Marylanders.

Due to the pandemic, Comptroller Franchot has virtually presented the 2019 and 2020 Schaefer Awards in lieu of the traditional in-person ceremonies. Nominations submitted in previous years but not selected should be re-sent. To submit a nomination,

print out and complete the form, scan and attach it as a pdf to an email, and send to moprey@marylandtaxes.gov. The link to the form is https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDCOMP/2021/07/23/file_attachments/1887027/2021%20WD%20Nomination%20Form.pdf.



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AP honors for Worcester Prep

(Sept. 16, 2021) Worcester Preparatory School students from the classes of 2021-23 received 35 Advanced Placement Honors from the College Board.

AP Scholars with Distinction goes to those who achieved scores of at least 3.5 on all AP tests taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Winners were: Ayush Batra '22, Daniel Chen '21, Waverly Choy '21, Ibrahim Khan '21, Sophia Ludt '21, Marshall Mumford '22, Hannah Perdue '21, Joseph Schwartz '21, Summer Walker '21 and Megan Waller '22.

AP Scholars with Honor who received an average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or

higher on four or more of these exams were: Charles Becker '21, Sydney Lamson-Reich '22, William Lamson-Reich '21, Christine Lizas '21, Kaden Mault '21, Graham McColgan '21, Edward Quillin '21, Riley Schoch '22 and Maddy Warren '21.

AP Scholars with scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams were: Caroline Anderson '21, John Arrington '21, Ryan Brafman '21, Sarah Butler '21, Anna Carpenter '22, Carson Cebula '21, Meredith Cummings '21, Anwen Elliot '21, Grace Hopkins '21, William Mears '21, Riley Moyer '23, Ava Nally '22, Vincent Petrera '21, Sumira Sehgal '22, Jarrett Sofronski '22 and Marika Vasilikos '21.



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Worcester Preparatory School students from the classes of 2021-23 received 35 Advanced Placement Honors from the College Board. Class of 2022 students pictured, in front, from left, are Sydney Lamson-Reich, Sumira Sehgal, Megan Waller, Anna Carpenter and Ava Nally, and in back, Jarrett Sofronski, Marshall Mumford, Riley Moyer, Riley Schoch and Ayush Batra.

OP history during panel discussion Oct. 10

(Sept. 16, 2021) As part of Worcester County History Week, Ocean Pines will host a live “History Panel” discussion about the early days of the community on Sunday, Oct. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Center.

Guest speakers are scheduled to include longtime Ocean Pines residents Sue Adkins, Jack Barnes, Sharyn O’Hare, Gloria Richards, Alta Weiss, and Ed Moran.

The event, organized by the Ocean

Pines Public Relations Department, will expand on the history section of the Ocean Pines Academy, a virtual, self-paced civic education course about the Association.

Jenny Cropper Rines, who previously chaired the 50th Anniversary Committee, will moderate the panel discussion.

“We hosted a similar panel as part of the yearlong 50th anniversary celebration and it was very well received.

However, there was no video of that event and several of our key speakers have since passed away,” she said. “With this new History Panel, we hope to give the live audience a fun and informative view of the early history of Ocean Pines, where they can hear from our guest speakers, but also interact and ask questions.”

For those who cannot attend, the History Panel will be recorded and will become a permanent part of the

Ocean Pines Academy.

The Public Relations Department also recently produced a new Academy video, “Early History of Ocean Pines, with Marlene Ott and John Talbott.”

Ott and Talbott were involved in the real estate business when the community was first developed by Boise Cascade in the late 1960s. To view the video, visit <https://youtu.be/IyFQ3jfoL8o>.

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Live Wire, 10 p.m. to midnight;
DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 18: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.;
Scott Marshall and The Highway Souls,
9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
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Every Wednesday: Bill Dickson, 4-8 p.m.
Every Thursday: Dave Sherman, 4-8 p.m.



Worcester Preparatory School faculty and staff recently participated in CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training. Pictured, from left, are Head of Upper School Mike Grosso, Cpl. Eric Lenz, Head of Lower School Sara Timmons, teachers Madelyn Beebe, Cheryl Marshall and Kim Jankowski, Head of Middle School Megan Wallace, Sgt. Stephen Hallman, Head of School John McDonald, teachers Laura Holmes and Hunter Causey, Sgt. Jason Crowe and Lt. Earl Starner.

Wor. Prep faculty take part in CRASE training

(Sept. 16, 2021) Prior to the students return, Worcester Preparatory School faculty and staff participated in CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training.

Maryland State Police Sgt. Stephen Hallman presented the topic of an active shooter situation, and the ways to increase the chances of surviving such an event, while also protecting students.

Also in attendance was Cpl. Eric Lenz, Sgt. Jason Crowe and Lt. Earl Starner of the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack.

The CRASE course is designed and built around the “Avoid, Deny, Defend” strategy developed by Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT) Center in 2004.

This course provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills.

The CRASE course is an instructor-led, question and answer session

geared toward churches, businesses, and public organizations.

“In order to provide an educational environment conducive to higher learning, safety has to remain our number one priority,” Head of Upper School Mike Grosso said. “Along with the drills that we practice and the codes that we have in place, this was a wonderful opportunity for us to host the event and be more prepared in case of an emergency.”

To learn more about CRASE training, or to schedule a course for a business, organization or community

contact MSP Sgt. Hallman at 410-202-9670 or Lt. Starner at 443-496-0258.

Sgt. Hallman has earned multiple certifications in the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERTT) program based in San Marcos, Texas.

He is a certified instructor for ALERTT’s Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), as well as a certified trainer for Incident Responses to Terrorist Bombings from New Mexico Tech’s Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center.



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Calendar

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

Thurs., Sept. 16

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital’s Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free clinic for those having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment only: Robin Rohlffing, 410-641-9726.

OC BIKEFEST
Events at Ocean City Inlet (wristbands), Ocean City convention center, Arthur Purdue Stadium and Rommel Harley Davidson, Salisbury. See <https://ocbikefest.com> for event schedules, featured musicians.

STORY TIME ‘COOKIES’
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, songs and rhymes. Take-home activity includes. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OUTDOOR/INTERACTIVE STORY TIME - ‘WHAT I LIKE ABOUT ME!’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come hear a story about what makes you so special. Includes an activity with sidewalk chalk. Take home activity included. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-noon. The workshops starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events” or 410-208-4014.

HERBAL DELIGHTS
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 2-3 p.m. Join Therapeutic Herbalist Michaela Eggers for an hour of delights that herbs provide for us. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING EVENT
John H. ‘Jack’ Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Men 50 years and older, those with a family history of the

disease and African American men are at increased risk of developing prostate cancer. Pre-registration required: 410-629-6313.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP’S SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
N. Worcester County MAC Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Masks are required. 443-944-6701.

SNOW HILL FARMER’S MARKET
Thursdays through October - Sturgis Park Pavilion on the Pocomoke River, noon to 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 17

OC BIKEFEST
Venues: Ocean City Inlet (wristbands), Ocean City convention center, Arthur Purdue Stadium and Rommel Harley Davidson, Salisbury. See <https://ocbikefest.com> for event schedules and featured musicians.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-11 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required while moving around inside. 410-524-7994

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: ‘THE BOOK OF DELIGHTS’ BY ROSS GAY
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Join each month for a lively discussion facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Copies of the book are available at the library and on hooplaidigital.com. 410-632-2600

PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Paint a fall sunset scene. No experience. All ages. Tickets cost \$30 and include all materials. Proceeds benefit the Klein Leister - John Staley scholarship fund. Reservations: 410-632-2600.

Sat., Sept. 18

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. 410-289-9340

13TH ANNUAL JESSE’S PADDLE
Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., Snow Hill, 4-11:59 p.m. Featuring Jesse’s Poker Paddle, free hot dogs and beverages, live music, silent auction and standup paddle board raffle. Boat reservations: 410-632-3971. www.jessespaddle.org/paddle

VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC
There will be a short presentation by an AGH provider, 9 a.m. Participants can then walk wherever they’d like and share a selfie on social media with #walked-withagh. 410-641-1100

OC BIKEFEST
Venues: Ocean City Inlet (wristbands), Ocean City convention center, Arthur Purdue Stadium and Rommel Harley Davidson, Salisbury. See <https://ocbikefest.com> for event schedules and featured musicians.

17TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR AWARENESS
Powellville VFW Post #2996, 35481 Mount Hermon Road, Pittsville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets \$25. Beautiful guide ride through Wicomico County to raise funds for Women Supporting Women. 410-548-7880

CRAFTY SATURDAY - MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKLETS
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 10-11 a.m. From graphic novels, to coloring books, to your very own sticker book. While supplies last. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

FISHING FLEA MARKET
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Look for some great deals on fishing tackle. Admission is free. Tables available for \$10. Table reservation: Jerry Letters, 240-427-8929.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Sept. 19

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Downtown Berlin, Pitts Street, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through September - Located in Downtown Berlin. This week the market will feature more than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers, food cultivator and more. 410-973-2051

OC BIKEFEST
Venues include Ocean City convention center, Arthur Purdue Stadium and Rommel Harley Davidson, Salisbury. See <https://ocbikefest.com> for schedules.

Mon., Sept. 20

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center - As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway,

Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-noon. Speaker is Michele Gregory, Democratic candidate for Maryland State Senate, District 38. Current and prospective members welcome. <http://dwcmd.org>

SUPER POWERED STEM: BUILDING CHALLENGE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 4:30-5:30 p.m. All materials and instructions provided. For ages 8 years and older. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

GARDENING DELIGHTS
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 5-6 p.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz will share her expertise about plants and gardening. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (T.O.P.S.) MEETING
Promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Held via conference call, 6-6:30 p.m. Dial 605-472-5789 wait for voice command, then press 944874. Rose Campion, 443-880-8884.

DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Sept. 21

STORY TIME ‘PETE THE CAT STORIES’
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME ‘AUTUMN’
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MEDITATION DELIGHTS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-3 p.m. A guided meditation technique that will offer a song/mantra of thanks in life’s seemingly small delights. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

FREE EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. Those who qualify will
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Puzzles

GO UP IN SMOKE BY GRANT THACKRAY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Grant Thackray (rhymes with "daiquiri") recently moved to Los Angeles from Oregon, "hopefully to find a job in animation — either storyboarding or character design." He started constructing crosswords after seeing the 2006 documentary "Wordplay" and thinking, I could do that. The idea for this one came while he was stocking wood for a campfire. It's Grant's ninth Times puzzle and third Sunday. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Impersonate
6 Bump on a log
11 Get into one's birthday suit
16 Fruit drinks
20 Home of the isle of Tortuga
21 "___ often costs too much": Emerson
22 Word before rock or football
23 Song word repeated after "Que"
24 Charming sort?
26 Olympics projectiles
27 People in charge: Abbr.
28 ___ Lingus
29 Lucy's last name on "I Love Lucy"
31 Like gasoline nowadays
33 30-year host of late-night TV
37 Legal field concerned with long-term care
39 Commotion
40 Televangelist Joel
42 Prima ballerina
46 Some team competitions
49 The "e" in Genoa?
50 With 97-Across, emerge reborn ... or what the ends of five Across answers in this puzzle do?
52 "Gangsta Lovin'" rapper, 2002
53 Yoga-class instruction

DOWN
1 Sounds at a sauna
2 Limit
3 20-20, e.g.
4 Hit TV show created by Donald Glover
5 Something close to a colonel's heart?
6 "Today" competitor, for short
7 —
8 Those against

ACROSS
55 Food packaging reassurance
56 Good "Wheel of Fortune" buy for REVERSE ENGINEER
57 Sold (for)
59 Toward the back
60 Where dominoes were invented
62 Rule
64 Jazz guitarist Montgomery
66 Some U.N. officers, for short
67 Super Bowl LV champ
68 Took a swing, say
70 Basketball box score column
74 Addiction-treatment locale
76 Leadoff selections?
77 Something to file
78 French article
79 Sweet pea
81 Volkswagen model inits.
82 Give wrong information
83 Boring tool
85 Emmy-winning journalist Finch
87 Website with a Seller Handbook
91 "How ___ ..."
92 Encrypted URL component
94 Red-handed, say
96 Make haste
97 See 50-Across
99 Brand that stylizes its name with a lowercase second letter
100 What a button on an armrest may control

DOWN
104 Serenade
105 "___ Pal," early episode of "The Jetsons"
108 Shrinks
109 1980 event in Washington
111 Be completely candid
114 Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw
117 It may be taken in by a traveler
119 Half of sei
120 Treat thought to be stamped with symbols of the Knights Templar
121 "We ___ please"
123 Within arm's reach
128 Something commonly left in an operating room
129 Going by
130 Where the Volta River flows
131 Tea go-with
132 Pull down
133 Those opposite the center and guards, in N.F.L. lingo
134 More teed off
135 Scattered

ACROSS
9 Come back again (again ... again ...)
10 Harp-shaped constellation
11 Got ready to ride, with "up"
12 Vacuum tube type
13 "Hi" follower
14 Rack up, as charges
15 No-hassle
16 Countless
17 —
18 Slips
19 Holder of merit badges on a scout uniform
25 Jon of "Two and a Half Men"
30 —
32 Gone-but-not-forgotten
33 L.L. Bean competitor
34 Plant family that jasmine and lilac are part of
35 Safe space
36 Announcement maker of yore
38 In early 2001, one of its executives notoriously said, "From an accounting standpoint, this will be our easiest year ever"
41 ___ Minella (Muppet)
43 Pot grower's remark?
44 What snakes grow as they age
45 Corrects, as text
47 They used to be a "thing"
48 Floor coverings that feel good on the feet
51 Politician's concern
54 Detective Lupin

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
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ACROSS
55 Present-day saint?
58 Surprise ending
59 Sparkling-wine variety
61 Scolded, as in a library
63 Big name in nail polish
65 —
69 Drive
70 Sets aside
71 Popped in for just a moment, perhaps
72 The Ikea logo shares the colors of its flag

DOWN
73 Lead-in to "of mind" or "of war"
75 Advocate for the better treatment of elves, in Harry Potter
80 Determination from Santa
84 Big tournament news
86 Bare
88 —
89 Spots for window boxes
90 Verbal cringe

ACROSS
93 The St. Lawrence River's misnamed ___ Islands
95 Far from friendly
98 Fatigued over time
99 Set of rules popularized by "How I Met Your Mother"
101 Doctor's orders, maybe
102 Best ___
103 Shaving brand
106 "Let me get this out ..."
107 Lead-in to -scope
110 Small lab bottle

DOWN
112 Loud, as a stadium
113 Former second lady Cheney
114 It often has its kinks
115 Sight from a Seattle ferry
116 Bike ride setting
118 Rides
122 Millennium start
124 See 126-Down
125 Take a ___
126 With 124-Down, feature of van Gogh
127 Get hitched to

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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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	5						4	
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Answers to last week's puzzles

2	3	9	7	1	4	5	6	8
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9	8	3	2	4	7	6	5	1
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FRIED	OPAH	SEA	OTTERS
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	SNOB	LENIN	ARI
IDS	NAPA	ETNA	DEET
FALCON	CARESSED	PEPSIS	
SNEAK	ILYA	LEER	ICKY
OOPS	IE	ANTES	DISDAIN
	THEROUX	INTHET	OWEL
PILES	SON	NORAD	RAMAPO
ETAS	DEED	ARGO	MITER
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MENU	SPIT	MRED	REO
	BIN	APRES	RAIN
GRAVY	TERRAIN	CASTANET	
RECORD	SET	EGGO	ADELE
ACUTE	THUNDER	COLLAPSE	
FARED	EARN	LOOFA	LAIN
PAR	ABEE	SWATS	LES



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

POOCH PALOOZA
Border collie, Luna, shows off her speed during a flyball demonstration at Pooch Palooza at Frontier Town on Saturday.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Barbara Hujsa of Milton, Delaware, and Domingo Bonuz of Snow Hill, assist their dogs, golden retriever, Stella, and Catahoula bulldog, Neptune, during the pie-eating contest at Pooch Palooza.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Labrabull, Whiskey; black lab, Maisie; and Australian cattle dog, Dixie, pose with their owners during a training exercise at Pooch Palooza.

Calendar

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have the opportunity to expunge their Maryland criminal record with the help of an attorney. Register and check qualifications: WorcesterLibrary.org under “Events.” 410-524-1818

DELMARVA HAND DANCE
Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. A picture on your phone of your vaccination card is acceptable. delmarvahanddance@gmail.com, <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

Wed., Sept. 22

BLUES ON THE BAY
Macky’s Bayside Bar & Grill, 54th Street, Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. An evening of live music, cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Benefiting The Macky & Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice.

CRAFT TIME ‘FALL LEAF WREATH’
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Make your own fan wreath using all types and colors of leaves. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12-1

p.m. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
Kids ages 8-11 years join on Zoom for a book discussion, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

SNOW HILL BOOK DISCUSSION: ‘THE BOOK OF DELIGHTS’ BY ROSS GAY
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 5:30-6:30 p.m. A discussion of the One Maryland One Book book talks. Delights abound with this collection of essays. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES
Bus will leave Stevenson United Methodist Church, Berlin at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 and arriving at Sight & Sound at 2:30 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show of “Queen Esther.” Stopping for lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The bus will return to the church at approximately 11 p.m. Info: Jill Gray, 410-713-9139; Kathy Davis, 443-346-6761; or Pat Oltman, 443-614-2518. Checks to be made out to Stevenson Women and can be mailed to: Stevenson Women, 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Precious Paws Animal Hospital vet tech Rebecca Hill interacts with Michelle Seveigny’s German shepherd mix, Ranger. Precious Paws was one of several vendors at Pooch Palooza.

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Please contact Bob at 410-289-6846 for further information or to schedule an interview.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

Agent (position 126581)

University of Maryland Extension seeks 4-H Educator to provide coordination and programmatic support for educational programs for youth, families and communities. This is a non-tenured, continuing contract faculty position housed in Snow Hill, Maryland. The Educator would work with volunteers and youth development agencies to provide experiential learning opportunities for youth, leading to the development of life skills for youth. Educator will be responsible for creating and delivering youth development programs in cooperation with colleagues across Worcester County, Maryland and the Lower Shore cluster. Bachelor's degree in youth development, education, social science or related field is required. MA or MS in youth development or related field is preferred.

All candidates MUST apply online. See the detailed position announcement at <https://ejobs.umd.edu> for position #126581. Apply by September 20, 2021 or until a suitable candidate is selected. EOE



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