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# **Commission blocks Tindley mural**

Members unsure how art will work with preservation of Victorian architecture

#### **By Greg Ellison** Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Concerns about

commercialization and facade preservation led Berlin's Historic District Commission to block plans last Wednesday for a downtown buildingside mural honoring native son Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells presented the proposal to paint a mural-size Tindley portrait on the side of a building on the corner of Bay and William Streets.

"We've had several meetings with

prominent members of the local community," she told the commission.

A pioneer of modern gospel music during the post-Civil War era in Philadelphia, Tindley was native to Berlin.

Credited with writing standards such as "Stand By Me," and "We Shall Overcome," Tindley was born in Berlin in 1851 but relocated to Philadelphia with his wife, Daisy, following the Civil War.

Wells said interested persons met with mural artist Jay Coleman at the Berlin Visitor Center on Aug. 24.

The Worcester County Commissioners approved Berlin's request to pursue a grant to help finance the venture at its Aug. 17 meeting.

Wells said initial discussions focused on selecting a prominent location to commemorate Tindley.

"The consensus was a downtown spot where a majority of people would see it," she said.

J.E. Parker, who owns the building on 1 N. Main Street, issued a letter in support of painting a large mural, proposed at 12-feet-wide and potentially twice that height, on the side of the town-center structure.

Wells also gave commission members examples of previous mural projects completed by Coleman in and around the D.C. region.

"He hasn't done the exact design," she said. Before he completed the render-

said.

ing, however, organizers wanted to request commission approval, Wells

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# **Tom Janasek** resigns from **Pines board**

Leaves with sharp words directed at OP leadership

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Threatened with potential removal for a derogatory statement last week aimed at Ocean Pines Board member Colette Horn, Ocean Pines Association Director Tom Janasek jumped the gun and re-

signed during a special meeting on Monday.

"I was going to write it all down, but that's just not me," he said.

Janasek came under fire for questioning Horn's close working relationship with Association President Larry Perrone in

'I could have said it another way. Do I regret sending it? Yeah, but I'm not apologizing for it? **OPA** Director Tom Janasek

an email exchange between board members following a meeting on Sept. 30.

"I could have said it another way," he said of the email that went public soon aftr he sent it. "Do I regret sending it? Yeah, but I'm not apologizing for it."

While acknowledging his comment to Horn was inappropriate, Janasek said his concerns were merited.

"I apologized last time when they tried to throw me off the board because I thought it was good for the community," he said. "A year later, here we go again."

In November 2020, Janasek was nearly removed from the board based on his public criticisms of General Manager John Viola. The issue was resolved after the pair made peace during an open meeting.

"I do make it easy to do it," he said. "The simple fact is that ever since Larry became president, this has See JANASEK Page 4

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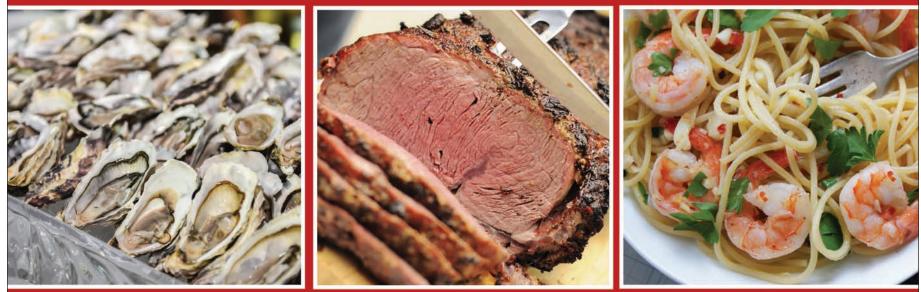
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# **Commission agrees on honors, not location**

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"He's currently working on it," she said.

member Commission Laura Stearns, who was unable to attend the meeting in person, issued a letter opposing the mural plans.

Stearns, while supportive of honoring Rev. Tindley in his hometown, said any commemoration should be done in accordance with the town's Victorian tradition.

"Not painted on brick that has not been touched in a hundred years,' she said.

Sterns suggested alternative concepts should be considered, such as a focal-point statue downtown.

Commission member Mary Moore said Coleman's artistic style feels excessively commercial.

"Berlin is so unique," she said. "When I looked at the packet of the artist's work, Disney World came to mind."

Moore said permitting the mural would establish precedent that could alter the ambiance downtown. "It's got to go a long way until it would get my approval," she said.

Commission member Norman Bunting also took exception with the proposed mural location over concerns about painting on vintage bricks.

"Once its there, it can't be taken off," he said. "Older bricks are harder



Historic District Commission members sent Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells back to the drawing board last week after rejecting the location for a proposed mural of Dr. Charles Albert Tindley.

to remove something because they absorb a little bit more."

Committee Vice-Chairman Robert Poli worried that the mural, however well intended, could detract from the downtown's historic value.

"I'm not ready to see a mural there," he said.

Committee Chairwoman Carol Rose suggested either a new location, or new direction, would be advisable. "Nobody wants to tell you 'no' ... but for tonight I feel we need more information," she said.

Rose proposed the committee issue a continuance on the matter.

"If we vote 'no,' you can't do anything and have to wait for one year to come back," she said.

Wells said regardless of vehicle,

the aim is to honor a Berlin son of significance.

We want something everyone is going to love," she said. "Obviously, it's not this particular project [but] we'll think of something else."

The commission unanimously approved a motion to continue the case and consider alternative ideas to honor Rev. Dr. Tindley.

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**Inside Ocean Pines** South Gate Entrance

# Janasek leaves, but delivers parting shot

Continued from Page 1 been the agenda item."

Janasek admitted the outcome of the special meeting on Sept. 30 to consider either counting ballots for the contested 2021 board election or re-running the contest, raised his ire.

"A month ago we decided we would count all votes but not Rick [Farr]," he said.

Just prior to the resignation of Director Camilla Rogers at the conclusion of the Sept. 30 meeting, the board voted 4-3 to move forward with an election do-over.

"If we count all votes, it's what's good for the community," he said. "The problem is if Rick would have got all the votes, the public would have clamored for him to be in that position of [Camilla Rogers]," he said.

The email exchange between directors came about after Perrone, who did not attend the Sept. 30 meeting in person, was seen raising a toast with Horn on the Golf Clubhouse patio after the session. Perrone attended the meeting virtually, because of what he said was his concern about potential coronavirus exposure.

"I was angry that Mr. Perrone and Ms. Horn were out celebrating a victory of starting a new election," he said. "Really what they were celebrating is rigging an election of Ocean Pines."

Janasek called it a "travesty," that the board opted against counting election ballots for the contested contest.

"I've talked to a lot of people who have been on boards past or present and they've never seen anything like it," he said.

Based on his "pattern of behavior," Janasek said the motion for his removal was essentially a formality.

"This is who I am," he said. "I was elected by more votes than any of the people that are on this board right now because I like to speak my mind."

Janasek said his interest in board membership is not for personal gain.

"I do it because I'm trying hard not to spend money unwisely," he said. "I'm trying hard not to do things that don't benefit the whole community."

Among his accomplishments, Janasek highlighted the Bainbridge Pond drainage project.

"We did a big planting on Monday," he said. "I had a big influence in that."

Janasek also noted being a prime proponent for allowing residents extra time to pay annual dues last vear.

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Director Tom Janasek preempted a motion to consider removal on Monday while board members Colette Horn and Larry Perrone await his departure.

"I was the biggest person to push for pandemic relief for the people of Ocean Pines," he said. "To give them a break through the summer and give them time to make their payments because a lot of people were out of work."

Fiscal concerns tied to attorney fees for Association legal counsel Jeremy Tucker were also raised by Janasek.

"It's almost like, 'Is it going to rain today? I don't know, call Jeremy," he said. "Nothing against Jeremy ... and good for him, he's making bank, but what does he have to be here for."

Janasek thanked both current and former Environmental and Natural Assets Committee members he's worked with over the last eight years.

"I couldn't be prouder of that group," he said.

While he thanked his supporters, Janasek said the current board's composition was not conducive to progress.

"I am not going to stay on the board when I know there is nothing I can do," he said.

After witnessing Director Doug Parks plead positions in opposition to Horn and Perrone, Janasek said the lack of openness for differing perspectives is glaring.

"You're just talking, and nothing is going to happen because this board is run by two people," he said.

Janasek also prophesized the eventual selections to fill two open

seats among the four names proposed, including Jack Collins, Amy Peck, Tom Piatti and Josette Wheatley.

"The minute Cammy [Rogers] quit Josette was already elected to the board," he said. "Once they started going after me Amy [Peck] is coming up next."

Following Janasek's resignation, the earlier motion for removal was rescinded, with the remaining five board members entering closed session to discuss replacements.

"I don't know that we'll be tremendously long," Perrone said.

After a brief period, the board returned to public session and cast secret ballots to each select two names for interim directors.

Horn reported Peck and Wheatley each received four votes, while Piatti netted a pair.

The board also voted to appoint Wheatley as association secretary, to fill the void left by Rogers.

Perrone said the two new interim members would serve until the 2022 election, unless a Worcester Circuit Court issues a contrary ruling on the earlier contest.

A lawsuit filed by former candidate Richard Farr against the board contends that the board was wrong in declaring him ineligible to seek office after it first found him to be qualified. At issue is the question of whether Farr was a property owner at the time of the filing deadline.





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The new rental license fee for bed and breakfast lodging establishments was set to \$200 by the Worcester County Commissioners, half the previous fee. It's now in line with other short-term rentals.

# **Commissioners revise bed and breakfast license fees**

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners unanimously approved lowering the rental license fee for bed and breakfast lodging estab-

lishments in the county from \$400 to \$200 on Oct. 5. In a memo to the commissioners, Director of Development, Review and Permitting Jennifer Keener explained that the rental license free program, in effect since Jan. 1, 2020, processes licenses on a rolling basis, with the individual license requiring a renewal one

year from the date of issuance. "The proposed annual fees were developed with the intent of establishing a self-supporting program and were consistent with fees charged in other jurisdictions for similar services or for other fees that were replaced by this

program," the memo said. Other similar businesses had recently had their fees reduced — shortterm dwelling rentals and mobile home park units from \$400 to \$200 and long-term dwelling rentals from \$100 to \$50 — but bed and breakfasts remained the same.

Initially, Keener had recommended

the fees be reduced to \$250, consistent with the base fee for a hotel, motel and campground use. Commissioner Josh Nordstrom then made a motion in support of that recommendation, but Commissioner Ted Elder pressed for even less.

"Yeah, I don't even believe \$250 that's a little high — I believe it should be \$200 ... for the reason being a bed and breakfast is not like a hotel or motel. They can do quite a bit more business than a bed and breakfast. I think a bed and breakfast should be more in line with a short-term dwelling rental. I'd like to see it at that if (Nordstrom) would change his motion."

Nordstrom obliged the request before the commissioners officially passed the motion.

Though he voted in approval, Commissioner President Joe Mitrecic expressed some skepticism and said that he anticipates this topic will come up again.

"As this program moves forward, we're going to have to assess where we are with it (against) the income we have," he said. "I'll go along with this today, but I think we'll have to look at it again come budget time."



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# **OP Elections Cmte. prepares ballot mailing**

#### **By Greg Ellison** Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) While agreeing to hold off mailing ballots until after a court hearing scheduled this Wednesday for the contested 2021 board election, the Ocean Pines Election Committee convened last Friday to review materials for a re-run election.

On Sept. 30, the board voted 4-3 to re-stage its election, which is currently under litigation in Worcester Circuit Court, without candidate Rick Farr.

Farr was originally deemed eligible for the election in early May, but after property ownership status questions surfaced tied to a family trust, that determination was reversed on July 27.

Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said new election materials had been completed.

Habeger said a statement outlining the specifics of the new election would be uploaded on the association's website and also included in mailings.

"Every eligible voter will receive one," he said.



Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger explains mailing details for the re-do contest approved by the board to members Carol Ludwig and Mark Heintz on Friday.

During a meeting one week earlier, Habeger said the committee agreed to mail packets by this Friday, Oct. 15. We should hold off posting until

after the Oct. 13 hearing," he said.

Habeger said envelopes under production would be tinted to be opaque.

The proposed ballot return deadline would be on Dec. 4 by 4 p.m. with vote counts conducted Dec. 6.

"On Dec. 7, we will be prepared to validate election results," he said.

Concerns regarding the new contest included mail delivery delays. "We're trying to allow six weeks for

this process," he said. In light of the upcoming Oct. 13 court hearing, Habeger opted to hold off planning the next committee meeting and completing the mail process.

"Let's not schedule it now but see what the future holds," he said.

# **Berlin Historic District group** considers multiple requests

#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Berlin Historic District Commission approved several requests during its meeting last Wednesday.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells presented plans for a decorative design to cover up the "No Parking," warning painted on the asphalt by a mural in front of

the Welcome Center at 14 S. Main St. "It's not very pleasant," she said. "When people take pictures in front of the Welcome Center, they are standing right on the 'no parking' sign."

The goal is to make the Welcome

Center front area more welcoming, Wells said.

"It's similar to an old English style walkway," she said. "Instead of like you're standing in a parking lot."

Commission members voted in favor of the proposal.

Wells also pitched plans to spruce up an alley between Gilbert's Provisions at 116 N. Main St. and Island Creamery at 120 N. Main Street.

The alley would be transformed into an entertaining functional sidewalk mural promoting pollinators.

"Since we are Bee City," she said. Plans also include installing a pair

of rain barrel and container gardens. See TOWN Page 7



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Berlin Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles, left, and Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood requested approval last Wednesday from the Historic District Commission to replace windows at Town Hall.





# **Town Hall windows, Sterling Tavern awning get approved**

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"There are two AC units on the roof that drip condensation," she said.

The result is often a slimy mess that at times makes the alley difficult to negotiate.

"We would like to add rain gardens where condensation drips down," she said.

The trough storm water planters, which measure six feet long, would serve as bee pollinator gardens.

Building owner Troy Purnell gave permission for the alley to be reimagined as "Pollinator Way," with an action-oriented mural to educate and entertain children.

Commission members unanimously approved the project.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood and Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles requested approval to replace more than threedozen windows at Town Hall.

Fleetwood said the project includes 38 widows, including one smaller bathroom opening.

"The fact is we need those win-dows replaced," he said.

Charles displayed a sample version of the double-pane Anderson insulated replacement windows

Fleetwood said some fabrication was required to match the building's current design features.

"The end result is the angles and colors will not change," he said.

The commission voted to approve the renovation project at Town Hall.

Ernie Gerardi, who owns the building at 119 N. Main St. operating as the Sterling Tavern, presented a request for a new front awning to provide expanded outdoor service.

Gerardi said Sterling Tavern owners Matt and Brooke Borrelli launched the culinary venture this spring while society was navigating through coronavirus restrictions.

"Outside seating is a premium," he

said. "The new owners wanted this; that is why I'm here."

Project plans incorporate the existing metal roof with posts installed inside metal perimeter fencing.

"It would cover the entire front of the restaurant," he said.

The commission approved the proposal, with Rose noting the seating addition would be an asset.

Ending on a different note, proposed exterior renovations for a building at 16 Pitts St. were sent back to the drawing board.

Samantha Pielstick, representing property owner John Burbage Jr., said the project is intended to freshen up the structure's appearance to look more cohesive with the town.

Rose said the location's current appearance is a disgrace.

The building sat for decades without much work," she said. "It's time for the whole thing to be cleaned up."

Project plans include resurfacing exterior stucco surfacing with new paint added, along with installing brick accent columns and window trim. Also proposed are shutters for upper floor windows and re-facing metal roofing.

"I don't like any of this," Rose said. The design rendering appears more modern than Victorian, with Rose noting the building was originally all brick and did not include shutters.

Rose said historically accurate renovations should be pursued.

"It's not appropriate for the age of that building." "All that stucco is over brick."

Commission member Norman Bunting agreed the site needed the proper attention

"I'm a big brick fan," he said.

Commission members issued a continuance to permit design changes based on their feedback.

"Sorry, it might be a little expensive to make it right," Rose said.

# **Berlin Electric receives AMP** Safety honor at conference

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(Oct. 14, 2021) The Berlin Electric Utility Department was honored for its achievements throughout the past year during the 2021 American Municipal Power (AMP) Annual Conference.

The Berlin Electric Utility Department received an AMP Safety Commendation in the Transmission and Distribution category in recognition of having less than 1 percent time lost due to reportable accidents.

"Safety is a priority at AMP, and

we commend the efforts of our members and wish congratulations to all those awarded," said Michelle Palmer, AMP vice president of technical services and compliance.

The AMP Annual Conference took place Sept. 20-22 in Columbus and offered a virtual option for remote attendees. The organization's event featured presentations and panel discussions by industry experts and speakers from AMP partner organizations.





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# **Pines Rec Parks talks inclusive playgrounds**

#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Attracting new committee members and considering potential projects dominated discussions during the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Committee meeting on Monday.

Committee member Kathi Gottesman gave an update on the current roster of participants, which is anticipated to shrink next year.

Gottesman said members Trey Denk, Joe Pino and Vanessa Alban would soon be leaving the fold.

"I probably will vacate in January," she said.

Next year, Gottesman is planning to relocate closer to her grandchildren.

Under association bylaws, the Recreation and Parks Committee can have between three and nine members.

With five members remaining after the departures, Gottesman said up to four vacancies can be filled.

Committee members agreed a special emphasis should be placed on attracting younger parents to join.

In other business, Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue reported on the installation of kayak racks at the Swim and Racquet Club.

Donahue said kavak racks are slated for installation next spring. Laura

Committee member



Brian Lewis, with playground company Game Time, spoke to the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Committee about inclusive playground options during its meeting on Monday.

Scharle noted the importance of educating the public about cold water safety if racks are made available to use by early spring.

Donahue also previewed several locations under consideration for a recreational pier.

At this juncture, Donahue said General Manager John Viola has proposed three spots, including the Swim and Racquet Club, Wood Duck and the White Horse Park boat ramp. "We're in the beginning stages," she said. Also attending the meeting was

Brian Lewis of the playground company Game Time, who reviewed options for adding inclusive equipment at Bainbridge Park or other Pines facilities.

Donahue said the proposal would be completed no sooner than 2023 to allow sufficient time to secure grants and donations.

"I don't want to just jump in," she said.

Donahue said building inclusive play areas is more involved and costly than traditional children's offerings.

"We need to know the number of pieces and size dimensions," she said.

Lewis said his company specializing in barrier-free playgrounds.

To launch the project design work would need to be completed.

'There are a lot of different things we can go after plan development and then fundraise based on those," he said.

By involving a nonprofit partner in the planning process, more funding channels are available, Lewis said.

"Planning is where success is going to come from," he said.

The goal for design development is considering "whole-child," needs, including physical, social-emotional, sensory, cognitive and communication elements.

Lewis said data studies have shown approximately 85 percent of children ages 3-21 have disabilities in at least one needs area.

Committee Chair Patti Stevens said a development team should be formed to flesh out project details.

Lewis said Game Time is a "turn key," company that could both construct and oversee future maintenance of inclusive playground equipment.

"Game Time is the largest in the business," he said.

Due to the company's nationwide reach and decades of experience, Lewis said project design would be included in project quotes at no additional charge.

"We also have a big reach with manufacturers," he said.

The introduction of an inclusive playground has the potential to attract visitors to the Pines.

"It could be a destination point in the area," he said. "When we build something like this, people are going to come to it."

Lewis said in many instances projects are completed in phases, with equipment and offerings intended to meet diverse community needs.

"All of us have the ability to play," he said.



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# Parker new deputy chief administrative officer

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners named recently retired U.S. Navy Commander Joseph E. Parker, III as the new deputy chief administrative officer (DCAO). He will join Worcester County Administration on Oct. 18.

"I am humbled and excited at the opportunity to join this talented team and to serve the citizens and elected commissioners of Maryland's Coast – Worcester County," Parker said. "Our challenge will be to continue the exceptional legacy and seek to safely navigate our county to a successful future."

Parker, a decorated Naval aviator,



brings 22 years of leadership experience to his new position.

Commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in 1999, he began his career as a pilot and advanced through the ranks to

become the reserve program budget director for the forward deployed U.S. 7th Fleet in Japan and the Office of the Judge Advocate General (JAG).

In addition to providing manpower resources and budgetary oversight, Parker accumulated over 2,800 hours flight time while serving as helicopter aircraft commander, multiengine/fixed-wing flight instructor, and squadron department head for safety and operations.

In Pensacola, he oversaw flight operations for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard helicopter pilots, including leading 60 flight instructors and 200 student Naval aviators at his squadron.

Commander Parker completed four shipboard deployments (two for Operation Iraqi Freedom) onboard warships USS Boone, USS Vicksburg, USS Bataan, and USS Blue Ridge. He spent eight years of his career overseas in the Middle East and forward deployed sea duty in Japan. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Master of Arts in management and leadership from Webster University, and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

He will step into the roll previously held by Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young.

The DCAO is a critical member of county administration and management who oversees independent and broadly-defined missions and special projects and acts on behalf of the CAO in his absence as directed.

Parker was born and raised in Berlin. He and his wife, Jacque, have two children.

# **County approves final FY21 budget transfers, formalities**

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners unanimously approved end-of-year budget transfers and the reserve for encumbrances for FY21 on Oct. 5, two annual audit processes that help close out the fiscal year.

In a memo to the commissioners, Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young totaled the amount to be transferred from the FY21 at \$398,958. There are still savings left over for the county after the transfers are completed.

Among the biggest items on the transfer list were \$24,950 for capital equipment and building improvements from the Department of Corrections; \$30,120 for administrative expense, postage and freight from the Elections Office; \$63,200 for vehicle operating expenses and maintenance from the Sheriff's Office; and \$110,375 for equipment and software maintenance from Emergency Services.

The reserve for encumbrances is another required component of the general fund annual audit, another memo from Young said.

"(It) would set aside or commit funds for contracts and purchase orders that will be fulfilled in a subsequent fiscal period," the memo stated. "At fiscal year-end, encumbrances still open are accounted for as a reservation of fund balance.

About \$2.94 million is sub-totaled for projects that have been committed and are currently underway, including the Environmental Programs water and sewer plan update, Emergency Services CAD to CAD patch and various Parks projects.

About \$259,000 is sub-totaled for items that include a library outreach vehicle — which was approved by the commissioners earlier the same day — and carryover of matching funds for rural legacy and conservation projects.

Any purchase that exceeds \$25,000 must be reviewed and approved by the commissioners before being placed out to bid, the memo said. Expenses under \$10,000 can be made administratively through the requesting department after soliciting estimates in search of the "most favorable cost" to the county.

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# Local lawmakers pursuing more Kirwan reps

Lack of geographic diversity among nominees confirms concerns about original bill

#### By Mallory Panuska Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) The backlash over the lack of geographical diversity among the nine Maryland residents nominated to oversee the disbursement of billions of dollars in state education funding continues among local representatives, but all hope is not lost for better representation.

Lawmakers from rural western Maryland to the Eastern Shore cried foul recently in bipartisan unison when the nominees for the Accountability and Implementation Board appointed to steer the Kirwan education plan were announced — and included individuals from only four of the state's 24 school districts.

And while a news release from the nominating committee issued on Sept. 1 shows that the 43 applications received only came from six districts — none of which were Eastern Shore counties — local representatives are questioning how much effort was put into ensuring a diverse pool.

"In hindsight, there should have been a stronger effort on the front end of the nominations process to put the word out about the importance of this Kirwan oversight board and a better system to ensure that applications were being sought from all parts of the State," Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) said in an emailed statement last week. "For example, if I had been consulted, I would have worked with the Nominating Committee to ensure that information was shared with Eastern Shore constituencies about the AIB nominations process."

The nominating committee chose nine people — all from central Maryland districts in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Montgomery County — to vet for the seven-member AIB. The names will go next to the Senate for confirmation, unless opponents convince nominating committee members to submit a new list.

According to the AIB release, members of the nominating committee announced to more than 40 media outlets that they were accepting the applications for the board, and posted the information on its website.

Eastern Shore Delegation Chairman Del. Steven J. Arentz (R-36), sent a letter on Sept. 23 to nominating board chair Shanaysha Sauls and vice chair Paul Pinskyas expressing local representatives' concerns over the lack of geographic diversity among



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Cynthia Holloway at 410-749-0439 the nominations. The letter also called out the committee members for a "lack of transparency" in reference to the closed-door meetings where they named the individuals.

"Given that ... accountability is the focus of the commission, surely the meetings should be held in full view of the public," the letter said.

Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) also expressed his frustration last week over the lack of representation.

"We advocated once we saw who the nominees were for them to expand the nominations," he said. "I was personally involved in advocating for it to be expanded, not only for geographical reach but for greater diversity."

Hartman — along with most Republican lawmakers, including Gov. Larry Hogan — has opposed the Kirwan bill, known officially as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, since its inception due primarily to the high associated costs. And while reiterating disdain for the original bill last week, Hartman pointed out that the limited list of nominees just proves its "inherent flaws."

He added that, like Carozza, he was not asked to nominate anyone for the AIB.

"I was never asked to put forward any names or anything," Hartman said. "Worcester County was very vocal in their concerns with not being represented. And the whole Eastern Shore ... All these rural areas are not represented. Life is very different and education needs are very different from what's needed in Montgomery County, Baltimore city, Prince George's County, whatever, [than] what's needed in the rural areas."

Ideally, Hartman said he would like to see the Kirwan plan scrapped and for the districts to regain local control, but he knows that likely will not happen. In turn, he hopes ultimately for better representation on the board.

Carozza said she hopes that the outcry from representatives across the state, as well the governor, and groups like the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus — who criticized the lack of Latino representation on the AIB — will send the nominating committee back to the drawing board for applicants.

"The enormous amount of taxpayer dollars spent by the Accounting and Implementation Board, along with its powerful oversight role, demands that there be a true cross-section of Marylanders on the AIB Board," Carozza said. "By raising the issue of the lack of diversity on the current AIB Board, I believe we will see individuals appointed to the new advisory board that will strike a better balance of all Maryland and future appointments that take into account the concerns we raised about geographic and racial diversity."

Carozza promised that no matter who the nominees are, the approval process will be tough.

"We as Senators can question and press to ensure that each nominee has a keen understanding of the unique issues to each jurisdiction and reject any nominee who does not demonstrate a sound familiarity with the different demographics in school systems throughout Maryland," she said.

The Kirwan plan is slated to increase state and county annual education spending by roughly \$3.2 billion per year over 10 years.

Some of the highlights include free preschool for 3-and-4-year-olds living at 300 percent below the poverty level, a pay raise for teachers, collegeand career-readiness standards, vocational education, and allocated funding for counties.

The bill passed through both chambers in 2020 but Hogan vetoed it. He said then that he was not in favor of raising taxes, especially during a pandemic. Lawmakers returned and overrode his veto last session, approving a revised version that still failed to ease opponents' concerns.

Local representatives have never supported the plan, which requires Worcester County to make the largest financial contribution of all counties in the state because of its high tax capacity compared to its small population.



# School's out camps offered through Wor. recreation dept.

(Oct. 14, 2021) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is offering school's out camps throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

The camps will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Families can now register their children for a day of fun where participants will play various sports, games, make crafts, and take part in other activities.

The camp days are as follows: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Jan. 28, April 1, and April 4.

The camp program is open to students in grades kindergarten through eighth. All campers are asked to bring their own lunches. A snack will be provided.

There are two time frames to choose from: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for extended care at \$40 per child and \$35 for each additional child; or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at \$35 per child and \$30 for each additional child.

For more information, contact Derek Jarmon at 410-632-2144, ext. 2509 or

djarmon@marylandscoast.org.

To view other youth programs and one-day events, visit www.playmarylandscoast.org.

# Pines History Panel delves into development's founding

#### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Half a dozen oldschool Ocean Pines residents participated in a "History Panel," discussion on Sunday as part of the larger Worcester County History Week that began that day.

Panel speakers included Sue Adkins, Jack Barnes, Sharyn O'Hare, Gloria Richards, Ed Moran and Alta Weiss.

Weiss and her husband, Fred, purchased property when lots were first made available in 1969 and completed construction on their home in 1971.

"Our road was still dirt when they built it and we were the first house on Sandy Hook Road," she said.

Weiss was invited to sit on the panel for her perspective as an original resident and also for her longtime involvement with publishing the Ocean Pines newsletter.

"I took over for 14 years," she said.

Weiss said during the early era of Ocean Pines the geographic footprint was significantly smaller compared to current times. "It's very different from what the original concept was from developer Boise Cascade," she said.

Weiss said the present day southern end of Ocean Pines was not included in the original land plats.

"They just kept buying," she said. Although eventually a year-round

residence for many property owners, Weiss said marketing plans were different when the community was first established.

"The original concept was vacation homes," she said. "That's what they were selling, and lots were small."

In fact, the home Weiss had constructed was one of the first two-story structures in the Pines.

"The sales people would always come by and show our house," she said.

The community expanded over the decades as residents from nearby cities, such as Baltimore and Philadelphia, descended upon the region.

"We had all sorts of good places to try to get people to come here," she said.

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# **Snow Hill Eagles football game halted by large brawl**

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) A high school football game between Snow Hill and Washington was suspended on Friday following an in-game brawl.

In the third quarter, with Snow Hill leading 21-0, an out-ofbounds hit on an Eagles player led to a back-and-forth between the two teams that eventually turned physical. Referees, coaches and other players involved themselves. Fans were also spotted on the field during the fracas in Snow Hill.

Eventually, referees and school officials cleared the field, but the game was called with 8:55 left in the quarter.

Officials from both Worcester County Public Schools and the Sheriff's Office declined to comment, pending the outcome of investigations into the incident.

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Taking part in the Ocean Pines "History Panel" discussion on Sunday, from left, are Sharyn O'Hare, Gloria Richards, Jenny Cropper Rines, Alta Weiss, Ed Moran and Jack Barnes.

# **OP** History Panel preserved online

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Weiss noted the wide age disparity among initial Pines settlers.

"One of the biggest things was you were either old or young, there wasn't any in between," she said. "It was the young folks like me, Gloria Richards and Sharyn O'Hare starting our families."

The parental camaraderie grew through recurring holiday festivities.

"We were the mothers who had to get together and do Halloween and

Christmas and all those kinds of events in the early days," she said.

Weiss also noted during the beginning years in Ocean Pines the Board Directors was the exclusive of purview of developer Boise Cascade. 'They would fill the board from their own group of people," she said.

"It wasn't open to vote yet." Regardless of government changes and housing expansions over the past half century, Weiss is still content to call the Pines home.

"It's a nice place to live and we've lived in the same house for all these years," she said.

The history panel presentation is slated for inclusion online at the Ocean Pines Academy. To view the visit event oceanpines.org/web/pages/ocean-

pines-academy. For information on Worcester County History Week visit facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek.





# **Obituary**

#### **EDWARD BENZ**

**Ocean Pines** 

On Aug. 11, 2021, we unexpectedly lost our dear father, Edward Benz, 78, of Ocean Pines, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Benz, and is dearly missed by his children, Michelle (Danny) Everett, Edward

(Jill) Benz, Dean Marra and Lori (Tedd) Virnig; grandchildren, Courtney, Colin, Amber, Andrew, Alyssa, Logan and Levi; and greatgrandchildren, Michaela, Greyson Edward Benz and Cendall.



Ed was the son of the late Dr. George and Mary Kreh Benz of Pittsburgh; brother of late George (Joanne) Benz, Joseph (Heidi) Benz, Dr. Henry (Carol) Benz, Trudy (John) Biddle, William (Sharon) Benz, Brenda Benz, James (Sue) Benz, and Dr. Thomas (Renee) Benz; brotherin-law, late Edward Schmidt; and uncle to dozens of nieces and nephews.

Ed thrived as a chemical and nuclear engineer in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Columbus, Ohio, and Washington, DC areas.

He proudly graduated from Carnegie Tech and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant from the US Army following a tour in Vietnam.

Ed, a devout Catholic, read his Bible daily, and was a member of St. John Neumann parish. He enjoyed playing bridge and following the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St John Neumann Catholic Church near Ocean Pines. Interment will be private for the family.



# **Shamrock Realty joins ERA Martin**

(Oct. 14, 2021) ERA Martin Associates, local real estate brokerage in Salisbury, has partnered with Shamrock Realty Group of Ocean Pines to create the Shamrock Division, a branch of ERA Martin Associates.

ERA Martin Associates has been serving Delmarva's real estate needs since 1985.

Originally founded by Bill Martin, the brokerage has stayed locally – and family – owned and operated ever since. The award-winning Realtors at ERA Martin Associates currently serve Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

"We are a traditional real estate company that provides a dedicated staff, innovative resources, industry expertise and local connections with a global reach. We have a teamwork mentality and empower our agents' careers by leveraging each other's strengths," said Joni Williamson, president at ERA Martin Associates. "We are beyond excited to welcome the Realtors at Shamrock Realty Group to Team ERA. They bring a unique set of skills and experiences that we cannot wait to collaborate with."

Much like ERA Martin Associates, Shamrock Realty is an independent real estate company with deep family ties and a tradition of service dating back to its founder and broker, Gary James.

James founded the company in 2006, together with Pam Wadler, vice president and associate broker.

The company has expanded through the years, and currently has approximately 24 affiliated Realtors.

Shamrock Realty Group provides real estate services throughout the lower Eastern Shore, while specializing in the Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin markets.

This partnership will allow both companies to expand their market shares and provide more opportunities for their agents to grow their busi-



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ERA Martin Associates, local real estate brokerage in Salisbury, has partnered with Shamrock Realty Group of Ocean Pines to create the Shamrock Division, a branch of ERA Martin Associates. Pictured are Joni Williamson and Gary James during the acquisition celebration, held at Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Aug.5.

#### nesses.

"The merging of our two brokerages just made sense," James said. "Our group of professionals has been growing. And the booming market since the covid-19 pandemic proved that we needed more resources at our disposal. We are happy to have made such a beneficial relationship with the team at ERA Martin Associates."

"I believe that it will be vastly advantageous to our agents to now have strong connections and a presence in both Worcester and Wicomico counties," said Bill Martin, chairman and founder of ERA Martin Associates. "An exceptional real estate agent is an expert on the area that they serve. Now we'll have almost 90 professionals serving the lower Eastern Shore, dedicated to knowledge, community, and service".

Pam Wadler, vice president, adds, "When we first began talking to Joni [Williamson], it was obvious that we shared the same values and passion for real estate. Despite their growing size, ERA Martin still has that family feeling that we maintain at Shamrock."

"We are all Team ERA. We learn together, collaborate, and share ideas and knowledge. Working in a supportive, non-competitive environment allow us to celebrate each other's successes. We are so excited for all of the future celebrations with the Shamrock Division" Williamson said.

ERA Martin Associates looks forward to continuing to serve home buyers and sellers here on Delmarva. Its resources and support ensure a positive experience for their customers and agents alike.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the ERA Martin Associates Shamrock Division building. The ceremony and celebration will take place from 5-6 p.m. at 11049 Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines.





# Henry Park basketball court party on Sunday

#### By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Adrian Bowen Sr.'s long sought-after refresh for the basketball courts at Henry Park on Flower Street in Berlin has come to fruition with a "Love Day" community celebration planned at the site on Sunday starting at noon.

Berlin native Bowen initially pictured revamping the aging court facilities nearly two years ago and more recently joined forces with Tony Weeg and the nonprofit We Heart Berlin.

Earlier this year the duo connected with Shelton Hawkins, who has completed comparable projects in Easton and Cambridge.

Easton native Hawkins, who teaches art in Charles County, created the "Play in Color," project that is aligned with Project Backboard a national campaign promoted by Go Daddy.

Bowen, who works with Worcester County Parks and Recreation and teaches at Worcester Technical High School, joined Weeg to present plans for the court project to the mayor and Town Council, which approved the request in late July.

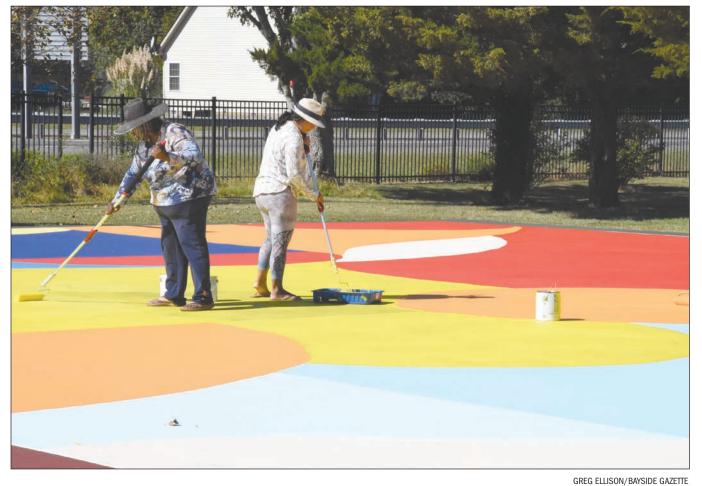
Weeg had invited Bowen to join We Heart Berlin in February when the nonprofit was being formed.

"Adrian Bowen was the original person that wanted to make this project happen," he said.

In mid-September, Hawkins agreed to assist with beautifying court surfaces by adding an array of bright hues to make the site more appealing to players of all ages.

Hawkins and an assistant got the paint plans underway by drawing a chalk-line grid over court surfaces, which were filled with a range of colors by a multitude of volunteers.

"He gave us instructions on how to accomplish it," he said. "Help came



Glendola Bowen, left, and Andrea Weeg add additional coats of paint to the Henry Park basketball courts last Friday.

from every part of the community."

Weeg applauded the contributions of Kimberly Sutton, Glendola Bowen and Andy Blizzard.

"Without their help it wouldn't be finished," he said.

To finance the project, We Heart Berlin received \$9,000 in two equal grant allotments from the Worcester County Arts Council and the Artistree, formerly the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

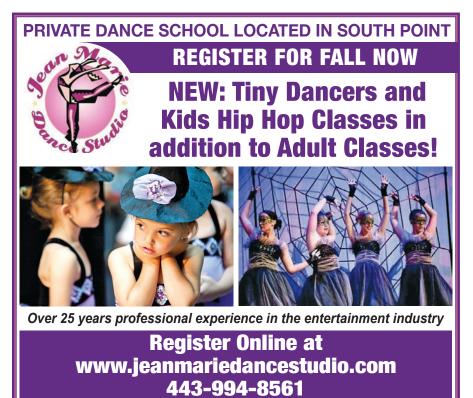
We Heart Berlin also raised roughly \$2,000 for the project through donations from residents. Weeg noted Burley Oak Brewery owner Bryan Brushmiller also stepped up with paint funding.

In addition to adding colors to court playing surfaces, the rehab project involved installing new rims, backboards and pole pads.

Significant backing for equipment purchases was contributed by Bryan LeCompte with Yard Designs and Burn Wood Fired Pizza owner Vincent Sebastian.

Other supporters included James Tingle, Pastor Peggy Briggs, the Berlin Police Department, the Town of Berlin, Serpone's Pizza, Jasmine Bonita Land, Adam Davis, Troy Purnell, Dee Marques, Leah Fuller, Mike and Jennifer Poole, Joan Maloof, Mary Quigley Hedlesky, Kelsey Hall, Shaneka Nichols, Duran Kendall, Dorian Purnell, Jack Orris, Zach Tyndall, Geogianna McElroy, Thomas Johnson, Denee Bowen, Mary Fiore, Jeffrey Smith, Andrea Weeg, Brian Robertson, Tom Simon, Sarah Hambury, Nedra Johnstone, Obn King Dennis and Ethel Sturgis.

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# We Heart Berlin group promotes new look at park

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wouldn't have happened," he said. The now completed court upgrades will be put to use on Sunday during a community event featuring food, music and hoops competitions.

"We're hoping this turns into an annual event," he said. We Heart Berlin member Carol

We Heart Berlin member Carol Rose helped enliven the event after soliciting food donations from all of the area houses of worship.

"Churches are getting together and supplying food," he said.

To add to the festivities, musician Chino Rankin will perform reggaeflavored tunes, while a DJ is slated to pump up the volume during the allday affair.

Celebrations on Sunday will conclude around sunset with an "OG" game featuring area all-stars pitted against each other, which will be preceeded by other hoops competitions.

Numerous dignitaries are antici-

pated to be in attendance on Sunday, including Mayor Zach Tyndall, Town

# **OC Power Squadron to offer safe boating course in Oct.**

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will present a comprehensive Safe Boating course at the Ocean Pines Library, Oct. 26-28, from 6-9 p.m.

There is a \$20 charge for the course book if participants wish to have one for reference, or they may borrow one with a \$20 deposit, which will be refunded it is returned unmarked on the last class night.

Participants should arrive 15 minutes early the first night for registration. Class instruction will be conducted in accordance with prevailing covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

Anyone born after July 1, 1972, is required to satisfactorily complete a

safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal water-craft in Maryland. (Jan. 1, 1978 in Delaware). Successfully completing this class also satisfies state requirements nationwide.

This course covers basic boat handling, rules of the road, navigation, federal and state regulations, aids to navigation, and required equipment, among other topics. It will include a review and exam on the last night.

Statistics show that in 82 percent of boating fatalities, the captain had no formal boating education. The Ocean City Power Squadron encourages all boaters to complete a boating safety class.

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Bright swatches of colors now adorn basketball court surfaces at Henry Park in Berlin after nonprofit We Heart Berlin solicited funding and sweat equity to complete the upgrade that also includes new rims, backboards and pole pads.

ay, Council members and several wn Worcester County Commissioners.

Weeg said the painting took about two weeks to complete, with multiple layers required to properly saturate the surface..

Project organizers previously expressed hope the court improvements at Henry Park would draw attention and help further revitalize the east end of Berlin.

Weeg credited Bowen for envisioning the plan, while also highlighting the importance of wider support.

"Without Adrian, it never would have started and without We Heart Berlin it would have never been finished," he said.





# **Partners tackling** unsafe, unhealthy living conditions

By Mallory Panuska Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Recent statistics show that 10.4 percent of Worcester County residents are living below the poverty level. And for those individuals, basic needs, trickling all the way down to safe and healthy living conditions, are not easy to obtain.

That's why three local agencies have teamed up to help.

The Healthy Homes Initiative – a partnership between Chesapeake Housing Mission, Atlantic General Hospital and the Worcester County Health Department — is a three-pronged approach to reducing the number of unsafe and unhealthy living conditions in low-income Worcester County homes.

"Living in that situation, it's often very difficult to find the funds to do even basic home repairs," said Sally Dowling, the president of medical affairs and interim president of Atlantic General Hospital, during a news conference last Wednesday announcing the partnership.

With this initiative, we aim to increase the awareness of the social determinants of health in our community and focus on improving our population's health by impacting their home



Posing for a photo during a news conference held last Wednesday at Atlantic General Hospital to announce the Healthy Homes Initiative, from left, are Don Taylor, executive director of Chesapeake Housing Mission; Sally Dowling, current vice president of medical affairs and interim president at Atlantic General Hospital; CHM board member Peggy Bradford; CHM board chairman Vernon Rivers; Kim Justice, vice president of planning and operations and interim CEO of AGH; Tracey Age with the Worcester County Health Department; and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38).

living environment," she added.

Through the program, Chesapeake Housing Mission - an organization that provides housing repair services to low-income families in the Chesapeake Region- will provide critical home repair services to county residents living below the poverty level. The contributions include designing, obtaining permits and providing all materials for the projects.

Hospital staff will provide employee work teams to complete projects and reimburse CHM for materials for each project. The Worcester County Health Department will collaborate with CHM to screen vulnerable adults who may be in need of critical home repairs, and work on a training program on home safety and health.

Don Taylor, the executive director of CHM, said last Wednesday that the simple act of initiating this type of partnership has the potential to create significant positive impacts on those who are served.

For example, he said in the 11 years that the housing initiative has been operating, efforts have reduced falls in homes by 95 percent, emergency room admission by 30 percent, and hospital costs by 11 percent.

"You as a taxpayer, you don't want people in the hospital," he said. "It does make sense to keep them in their house a long as we possibly can."

In Worcester County, Dowling said CHM has repaired 91 homes in Worcester County alone over the last six years. However needs still exist.

"It's a huge number but it only translates to 3.8 percent of the need," she said.

With the new partnership, Dowling said she hopes more of these types of gaps are filled.

"Healthy Home Initiative fits perfectly with our longterm for teaching initiative and we are committed to and excited to provide the necessary resources to support our community," she said.

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# **Dinner supports diabetic children**

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) Finding a supportive community after being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes changed Eric Rimel's life.

Now, 12 years later, the 22-yearold and his parents, Katie and Corey Rimel, use an established, annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help give diabetic children in the area the same hope and sense of belonging.

The 10th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Ticket Drop is scheduled for Saturday at the Decatur Diner in West Ocean City.

The event, sponsored by the Eastern Shore T1 Diabetic Support Foundation, donates its proceeds to fund summer sleep-away camp trips for children and college scholarships for high school students.

In the past, the event has been held at St. Peters Lutheran Church on 103rd Street, but with covid-19 canceling the 2020 fundraiser, this year the Rimels got the event back on track by making it a carryout event.

"We'd have about 250 people in (the St. Peters church hall), having good times and raising money for a good cause," Eric Rimel said. "This year we've decided to change it up a little bit, do it covid-style with the times we're in. It's going to be all carryout. People can come in, look at the baskets, buy tickets and pick up their food. If they win, we'll call them that night."

The event includes a raffle for an assortment of large, themed baskets that will be up for grabs, with 25 raffle tickets available for \$20.

Following the event, a silent auction will be held on the foundation's Facebook page starting the week of Oct. 18. Some of the items up for grabs in the raffle baskets and silent auction include Baltimore Ravens and Washington Football Team tickets, jewelry, artwork and a camping trip to Chincoteague, Virginia.

All in all about 15 items will be up for auction, staggered throughout the week, stretching the entire fundraiser to covering nearly two weeks, Katie Rimel said.

The carryout spaghetti dinner runs from 4-7 p.m, divided into three, onehour pickup time slots.

"When you pre-purchase a ticket, we ask you to pick a time so we can control the flow of people in and out," Katie Rimel said. "There are a lot of people who are vaccinated, they're fine with a group setting, but they're still a lot of people who don't want to do group settings. We're trying to do it a little differently so we can still have the spaghetti dinner, we can still have the basket option that we're very known for and they can still enjoy their dinner."

The idea for the spaghetti dinner came to the Rimels a year after their son's diagnosis. Another local family told them about Camp Possibilities, a sleep-away camp for diabetic children run out of Camp Ramblewood in Darlington, Maryland.

Katie Rimel said that the price for the camp was out of the family's range and the other family's advice was to look into fundraising.

Since then, the event has raised around \$100,000 to send children to Camp Possibilities and other diabetic-friendly camps.

"Diabetes is never going to go away," Katie Rimel said. "I know, from a parent's standpoint, I'm not alone in this fight with diabetes. There are a lot of families down here who are dealing with it. I want those parents to know they're not alone, that their kids can have friends by bringing them together in this group and being able to send them to camp."

The value on the people this fundraiser serves can't be measured, Eric Rimel said.

"In a way, it actually saved my life," he said. "I have many times felt down and depressed like I was alone in the world. But through the camp, I've developed a support system and I want other kids going through what I've gone through to be able to have the same experiences and not feel alone."

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# Harbor Day at the Docks back in-person, Sat.

#### Annual maritime festival virtual in 2020, planners excited for return to WOC

**By Jack Chavez** Staff Writer

(Oct. 14, 2021) After returning from a five-year hiatus in 2019, Harbor Day at the Docks ran into some rough seas the following year courtesy of covid-19, but now it's back and ready to get underway.

Harbor Day, hosted by Worcester County Recreation and Parks, is slated for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the West Ocean City Commercial Harbor.

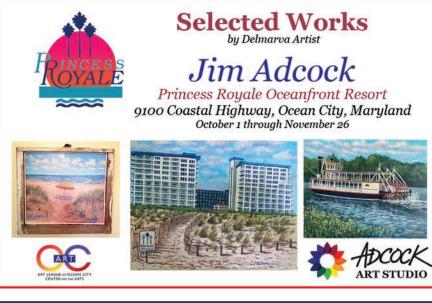
"It's a celebration of maritime culture here on the shore," said Recreation Superintendent Allen Swiger. "As a whole, we like to give free events. There will be boats onsite and people can meet fishermen to learn what they do, what their day-to-day life is.<sup>2</sup>

Swiger touted the festival as a "big education event," with an edu-cation tent greeting visitors as they walk into the venue. Seven hours of presentations and activities are scheduled inside that tent, including some from the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary. There are also presentations on lobster banding,



Harbor Day at the Docks returns to the West Ocean City harbor this Saturday. The maritime festival celebrates the area's waterfaring heritage.

horseshoe crabs and "crabology." The tent's schedule concludes with a crab cake-eating contest.



Harbor Day features three musical acts: the Trinidad & Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra, the Permilla Project, and nationally touring Beach Boys cover band, Still Surfin'.

There will also be about 15 arts and crafts tents, local vendors and virtual fishing simulators onsite.

Additional parking is available at the West Ocean City Park and Ride next to Bad Monkey on Rt. 50 with complimentary shuttle service.

Last year's Harbor Day ended up being virtual, Swiger said, with organizers electing to highlight vendors, sponsors, and other elements the even would have featured.

In 2019, around 2,000 people attended, Swiger said. Hopeful for good weather, he said he could see up to 2,500 showing up this year.

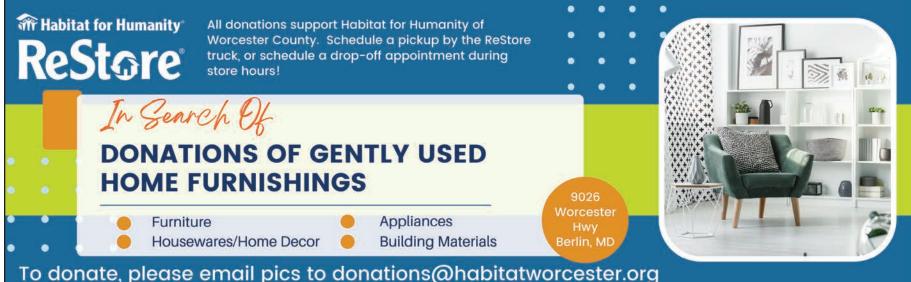
'The only real challenge we had (organizing for this year) was that a lot of our partners were just coming out of covid as well," Swiger said. "Their time and resources and bodies just weren't as available as they were before. Collectively, people stepped up, checked boxes for logistical planning. We appreciate that it is a true community effort to pull this thing off."

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Beside maintaining the festival's relevance, Swiger said reviving Harbor Day is about giving the community something to look forward to.

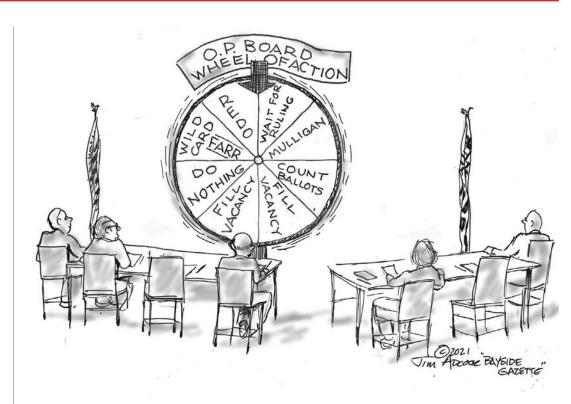
"The reason why we did it was to give something back to the community when other events were canceling," he said. "We felt we owed it to the fishermen and community to keep it, keep them engaged with the event.'

more information, visit For https://harbordayoc.com.



# Opinion

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# **AGH Puppy Penguin Swim on Sunday**

(Oct. 14, 2021) The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation is adding a new event to the festivities leading up to the big Penguin Swim plunge on New Year's Day: the Puppy Penguin Swim and Yappy Hour.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1-3 p.m., dogs will have the opportunity to play in the water at Ocean City's Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane, while the adults partake in Yappy Hour drinks and food.

Entry is \$20 per dog (one per person). Pups will each get a free gift, with a complimentary drink for their adults. Learn more and register at www.agh.care/puppyswim, or call 410-641-9671.

The event is sponsored and hosted by Residence Inn by Marriott. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. Atlantic General Hospital is a 501C3 organization; gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines compassion and expertise with the latest in technology and services. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 25 primary care provider and specialist offices, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

# Seek better means to honor Rev. Tindley

As easy as it might be to conclude that Berlin's Historic District Commission dislikes the idea of having a Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley mural in particular painted on a downtown building, that would be the wrong conclusion.

Remember, this is the same body that warred with then-Mayor Gee Williams years ago over whether the Atlantic Hotel should have installed wood-framed windows instead of vinyl.

Whether people agree with the commission's decisions or think it's too nitpicky at times, the commission is doing what the Town Code requires it do — serve as guardians of the historic zone's authenticity.

The code is clear on that: "The historic district commission shall be *strict* (emphasis added) in its judgment of plans for those structures and sites deemed to be valuable according to studies performed for districts of historic or architectural value."

Building murals, which include some of the finest artwork produced today, were not part of the Victorian design palette. The issue, then, is not whether the Tindley mural fits in with the Victorian style, but whether any mural at all would be appropriate on any building in the historic district.

What this discussion is really about is whether Berlin's historic district itself is worth maintaining. Most people would agree that it is, and with that they also must agree that a nitpicky historic district commission is the only way to protect the Victorian image the town wants to project.

Publicly recognizing the Rev. Tindley as one of Berlin's most influential native sons should have been done years ago. He was more than a great writer of hymns and early gospel music, he was an extraordinary individual whose life story is as inspiring today as it was when he took a small congregation in a little Philadelphia church and built it into the nation's largest Methodist congregation at the time.

The town should honor this remarkable man and his life message in some prominently visible fashion. But it just won't work as a mural in the historic district.

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# **Burley Oak partners to fight cancer**

(Oct. 14, 2021) Burley Oak Brewing Co. this week announced a partnership with Brewing Funds the Cure!, a fundraiser for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

The Berlin brewery unveiled Rising Hope Hazy IPA on Monday in its tap room and will celebrate with a release party and fundraiser on Monday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

All of the proceeds from Rising Hope will be donated to the foundation.

The Brewing Funds the Cure initiative allows the brewing industry nationwide to help fund research in collaboration with the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

The signature program for Brewing Funds the Cure is the annual release of Rising Hope. Now in its third year, the goal of the program is to have one brewery in each state produce the iconic "Rising Hope" IPA.

In the first two years of the release of Rising Hope, craft brewing partners across the country have raised over \$325,000 for pediatric cancer research.

Brew masters from Cigar City Brewing and Florida Avenue Brewing have designed a new recipe each year and Country Malt Group, Yakima Chief Hops, and Amoretti Fruit Puree partners provide free ingredients to each of the Rising Hope breweries.

In addition, Blue Label Packaging Co. has donated labels for canning and Taphandles are providing signature tap handles for all breweries. The signature IPA is being released through September and October.

# **Rotary clubs unify to back hunger prevention**

# District 7630 groups seek volunteers for service day for Meals of Hope program

(Oct. 14, 2021) Rotarians are "People of Action" and more than 1,300 members in Rotary clubs across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore are uniting to fight hunger.

The 39 Rotary clubs in District 7630 are gearing up for an Oct. 16 Day of Service through the Meals of Hope program.

The Lower Eastern Shore Rotary clubs are seeking 120 community and club volunteers to help with the packaging of 60,000 meals on Saturday morning at the Emmanuel Church Salisbury.

On the Lower Eastern Shore, the Rotary Club of Salisbury, the Rotary Club of Wicomico County, the Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Snow Hill, the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club, and the Pocomoke City Rotary Club have raised more than \$15,000 to buy the food from the national Meals of Hope program, at a cost of approximately 25 cents per meal.

Now, the clubs are recruiting volunteers, Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike, to package the meals on Oct. 16. The meals will be provided to The Maryland Food Bank for distribution through its network of partners.

Community members, businesses, religious organizations, and others that would like to support the effort are invited to contribute time as partners in this event. Volunteers will be needed from 8:30 a.m. through noon at the Emmanuel Church, 217 Beaglin Park Drive, near the corner of Business Route 50 and Beaglin Park Drive on the east side of Salisbury.

Volunteers will help package the meals, weigh the packages, seal, label and transfer them to containers to ship to The Maryland Food Bank.

To participate, contact Rotary Club of Salisbury President Bill Satterfield at billsatt@comcast.net with name, e-mail address, and telephone number.

Financial partners are the Choptank Electric Trust, Inc., The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Salisbury Elks Lodge #817, American Legion Synepuxent Post #166, the M & T Charitable Trust, and the local Rotary clubs and their members.

To learn more about the national Meals of Hope program, visit www.mealsofhope.org.

# Wor. critical area public sessions

Environmental hearings set for Oct. 20, 27 in Pines, SH

(Oct. 14, 2021) As part of the Comprehensive Critical Area Code updating process, Worcester County Environmental Programs staff will host two public listening sessions on Oct. 20 and 27.

This draft legislation, which was in-

troduced by the commissioners on Sept. 21, represents a comprehensive rewrite of the existing law.

"The draft bill simply codifies the combination of the two existing programs, Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area program and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area program, and provides updates in accordance with state law changes that are already enforced by staff," Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell said. "It does not address or include any additional regulations over and above that which we already must apply, or have been agreed to in prior local amendments to this code." tunities for Worcester County citizens to ask questions, share ideas, and provide input. All are welcome to attend and participate in the sessions. The sessions will take place at the following locations:

Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Branch Library meeting room at 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 5-7 p.m. in the Worcester County Government Center, 1St Floor meeting room at 1 West Market Street, Snow Hill.



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# Calendar

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# **Thurs., Oct. 14**

#### MUSIC, MOVEMENT & CRAFTS!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The group will be listening to their favorite halloween songs, playing some games and making fall crafts for taking home. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### WRITING WITH RUTH

Local writers share their independent poems, prose, essays and memoirs while they receive encouraging feedback from group participants, 1-3 p.m. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events."410-632-2600

#### HISTORY OF LIBRARIES IN WORCESTER COUNTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2-3 p.m. Some of the libraries in Worcester County date to the early 1900s. Join Local History Librarian Alec Staley in learning about the history of the local libraries. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman. These classes uplift and improve mood. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### ONCE UPON DEATH AND DYING

An exploration of unique customs that pertain to the human transition from life to afterlife throughout various cultures and religious understandings the world over, 5-6 p.m. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

# Fri., Oct. 15

#### FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Events held at the Inlet parking lot and at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel. Show schedule: https://sites.google.com/view/freestatecorvette-club/corvette-weekend/2021-eventschedule.

#### SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Participants play various sports, games, make crafts and more. Choose 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Derek Jarmon, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2509 or djarmon@marylandscoast.org.

#### BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'ABUNDANCE: A NOVEL ON MARIE ANTOINETTE'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 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 Berlin branch.

www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### PARANORMAL EVENT

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 7:30-10:30 p.m. Follow along with the Dead of Night Paranormal Team and experience the spirits that occupy the museum during evening hours. Tickets cost \$30 at www.ocmuseum.org.

# Sat., Oct. 16

#### FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Events held at the Inlet parking lot and at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel. Show schedule: https://sites.google.com/view/ freestate-corvette-club/corvetteweekend/2021-event-schedule.

#### SPARTAN RACE

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Spartan City is a 3-5 km, 20 obstacle race. Includes kids race. Admission is \$105 and up. Early registration discounts. https://race.spartan. com/en/race/detail/7294/over-view

#### HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS

Commercial Fishing Harbor, Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Seafood cooking demos, crab-picking contests, fish-cleaning demos, local angler displays, nautical artisans, entertainment, food and children's activities. www.harbordayoc.com, 410-632-2144 Ext. 2520

#### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Held in the parking lot behind the church.

#### **BERLIN OKTOBERFEST & SIDEWALK SALE**

Main St. Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. German food, beer/mead/wine, mead garden, Scales n Tales Reptile Show, art activities and sidewalk sale. Music by The Edelweiss Band and The Dunehounds. Shuttle from BIS. 410-641-4775

### FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER & RECRUITMENT

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m.-noon. Stop by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's booth and purchase your truck raffle tickets, Green Number Plate Signs and learn about becoming a member of the department. 410-641-8272

#### DAY OF SERVICE - MEALS OF HOPE

Emmanuel Church Salisbury, 217 Beaglin Park Drive, 8:30 a.m.-noon. The Lower Eastern Shore Rotary clubs are seeking 120 community and club volunteers to help with the packaging of 60,000 meals. Contact Bill Satterfield, billsatt@comcast.net with name, email and phone.

#### VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC

Go to the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page, where there will be short presentation by an AGH provider, 9 a.m. Then walk on your own and share your selfie on social media with #walkedwithagh.

### 15TH ANNUAL CRUIZERS FOR CHRIST CAR/BIKE SHOW

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, Whaleyville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Trophies will be given to the top 20 and "Best in Show." There will be vendors, a silent auction, gospel music and food for purchase. Rain date Oct. 23. 410-641-0059

#### FREE FLU CLINIC

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. This free clinic is for those ages 13 and older. No appointment is required. Drivethru. http://www.agh.care/flu, 410-641-9358

#### GERMANTOWN SCHOOL TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The school was built in 1922 and educated African American students prior to integration. See a classroom replication and learn about Rosenwald Schools. 410-641-0638

#### FIBERFEST! TRADITIONAL ARTS AND HISTORY FESTIVAL

Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Discover local fiber and traditional arts, history, and culture. Food trucks, craft vendors, live music, craft demonstrations, animals and more. www.purnellmuseum.org

#### CRAFTY SATURDAY: HALLOWEEN CRAFTS!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10-11 a.m. Come spend a Saturday making some great Halloween crafts. For ages 4 years and older. While supplies last. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7348 New Hope Road, Willards, 11 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, roll and dessert. Cost is \$14 for adults. 410-543-8244, 443-235-0251

#### WORCESTER ON WHEELS FALL FEST

Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourne Lane, 1-3 p.m. Featuring pumpkin painting, trunk or treating, family games, food, book giveaways, music and raffles. Free admission for all Snow Hill residents. CAKurtz@worcesterk12.org

#### **DIY FALL WREATH**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-3 p.m. Make your own fall-inspired wreath using ribbon and other affordable items. All supplies provided. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." or call 410-208-4014. Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1-4 p.m. Ocean Pines Players portray figures from Ocean City's storied past. Meet Zippy Lewis, Ocean City's first doctor and Laughing Sal. Free event. www.ocmuseum.org

### OCEAN PINES PLAYERS PRESENT 'CLARA BARTON'

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin. 2-4 p.m. Performed to coincide with a newly displayed artifact of a letter written by Clara Barton. Free to members and \$10 for nonmembers. www.taylorhousemuseum.org

#### SPAGHETTI DINNER & TICKET DROP

Decatur Diner, 9609 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Carry out only. Holding a ticket drop and a 50/50. Preview for the silent auction held online at a later date. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the door or in advance at 410-251-4793, www.est1d.org.

#### 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., Oct. 17

#### 2ND ANNUAL SEMPER FI BIKE RIDE

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m. Riders can register as late as 11 a.m. There will be prizes including best decorated bike. A 40mile ride and a 63-mile ride available. Register: www.firststatemarines.com. Info: Bob, 410-353-0033.

#### **3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Tequila Mockingbird, 12919 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Raising money for The Robert Dye Scholarship Fund. There will be raffle tickets 50/50, cash bar and snacks. Contact Lynda at 410-430-5089 with raffle and auction donations.

#### PUPPY PENGUIN SWIM AND YAPPY HOUR

Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 1-3 p.m. Entry is \$20 per pup (one pup per person). Pups get a free gift, with a complimentary drink for their adults. Register: www.agh.care/puppyswim or call 410-641-9671.

#### **OPEN HOUSE AND FAREWELL**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 2-4 p.m. Celebrating Fr. Michael Moyer's 22 years of ministry and saying farewell as he prepares to move to Tokyo, Japan. There will be a string quartet and light refreshments.

Mon., Oct. 18

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#### WELCOME

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Worcester Preparatory School Parents' Association hosted a New Parent Coffee event on Sept. 8 to welcome families who are new to the school. Pictured, from left, are parents Andrea McDonald, Alexis Gatti and PA President Mary Beth Herbert.



#### FAMILY FUN DAY

Volunteers with **Grace Center for** Maternal and Women's Health oversee a prize table during the group's "Family Fun Day" event at **Stephen Decatur** Park in Berlin earlier this month. (Right) Berlin resident Lily Moore, 2, reaches for a prize under the watchful gaze of her grandmother. Li Li. GREG ELLISON/ **BAYSIDE GAZETTE** 



# Calendar

#### Continued from Page 21 **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30-11 a.m. Coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. After the meeting there will be a live, memorized telling of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Black Cat" by Matt Bogdan. 410-208-1032

#### **GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-3:30 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### **SUPER POWERED STEM: BUILD & TEST CHALLENGE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come build and test your very own flying machine. Supplies provided. For children ages 8 years and older. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (T.O.P.S.) -**GROUP #169**

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1,9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. A weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157.

#### DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR ADVOCACY MEETING

Meeting to be held Oct. 20 from 10-11:30 via Zoom, RSVP: https://forms.gle/CsVPMKW8E8owP2iZ9 by Oct. 18. 410-641-4598

#### **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.

#### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF

WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Speaker will be Lou Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, Worcester County. Everyone is welcome.

### **Tues., Oct. 19**

#### STORY TIME 'FALLING LEAVES'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### 'OYSTER SHELL ALLEYS' AND 'IRMA'S SEED' **AUTHOR MEET AND GREET**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2-3 p.m. Dr. Robert M. Craig, author of "Oyster Shell Alleys" and "Irma's Seed," shares his coming-ofage stories of summers spend in Ocean City. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### **MOVIE TIME**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City

Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4-6 p.m. Come and join the group for this classic, creepy and colorful '80s horror anthology created by Stephen King and George A. Romero. Rated R. Sign up is required. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### **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., Oct. 20

#### **STEM STORY TIME 'EAT YOUR VEGGIES'**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Focus on healthy eating habits and learn about vegetables. A fun activity involving seed planting is included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

John H. 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

#### AN AFTERNOON WITH NANCY MITCHELL

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2-3 p.m. Poet Laureate Nancy Mitchell will talk about the One Maryland One Book author Ross Gay and read some of her poems. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

#### THE GENERAL LEVIN WINDER CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4-6 p.m. The group will hold a workshop for membership applications and supplemental applications. Register: bdm58oct@comcast.net or 410-213-8238.

#### LISTENING SESSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE **CRITICAL AREA CODE UPDATE**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30-6:30 p.m. An opportunity for Worcester County citizens to ask questions, share ideas, provide input. All are welcome to attend and participate. Jenelle Gerthoffer, jgerthoffer@co.worcester.md.us, 410-632-1220

#### SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR VIEWING PARTY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members and include a Home Tour pass, viewing the tour on big screens, a Happy Hour soirée and culinary offerings. Tickets: ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org. 410-524-9433

#### **OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB FALL MEETING**

Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing and light refreshments, meeting begins at 7 p.m. Lyndsey Odachowski will speak on "Medical Cannabis in Maryland." The public is invited.

#### October 14, 2021

# Puzzles

#### SNOOZEFEST BY TRENTON CHARLSON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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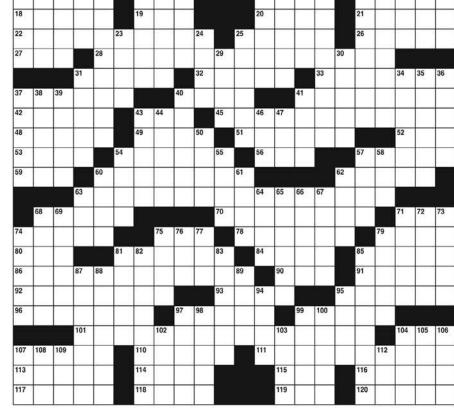
trick

Trenton Charlson, 25, is a full-time crossword constructor in Columbus, Ohio. He loves words with unusual letter combinations, like 63-Across here, which he's been trying to use in a puzzle for years. He says, "I value the sort of 'X-factor' that makes a puzzle feel playfully and distinctly an" - the fill included. With advanced crossword software and databases available now even to first-time constr rs, it takes special effort, like Trenton's, to display a personal style. — W.S.

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- 1950s-'60s TV
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- Rock"
- 21 Tree that Athena gifted to Athens
- 22 Inaptly named bear of a tongue twister
- 25 Spanish rice
- 26 Letter-shaped construction piece
- 27 Endeavor 28 Winter weather
- hazard
- 31 Little black 32 Art of verse
- 33 Jurisdiction of a Catholic church
- official 37 Get closer and closer
- 40 Mapmaker's subj.
- 41 Literary traveler to Lilliput and
- Brobdingnag 42 Transfixed
- 43 Former telecom giant that merged into
- Verizon 45 Ostentatious display
- 48 Kicked back
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- puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles nytimes.com/cr (\$39.95 a year).

- 51 Pre-euro currency 52 National tree of the U.S. 53 Paradise lost 107 Eye shade 54 Scatterbrains 56 Grandma, to Brits 57 Frenzy 59 Rattlesnake's warning 60 Ambrose Bierce defined it as "A 113 Conflagration minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue" 115 Scottish denial 62 Totally over it all 116 Popeye creator 63 Final creature encountered in "Dr. 117 Footnote abbr. Seuss's ABC' 68 Far-right state 70 Buckskin, e.g. 119 Key for getting out, 71 Something stretched out in a yoga class 120 Like May through 74 Has over 75 Go after
- 78 Like varnished wood 79 "Pretty please?"
- 80 Sci-fi travelers 81 Pan-fries
- 84 Violated a code of silence
- 85 Sportscaster Jim with 3 Nickname for Isabelle the classic opening "Hello, friends"
  - 86 Opportunities to win a vacation on "Wheel of Fortune" 90 Stocking stuffer
  - 91 Actress Ana of "Love, 6 What B.B. King was Victor' 92 "Alas ... " 93 Bistro sign word 95 Francis' tenure, e.g.
- 96 Lively, on a score 97 Collect little by little 99 Makes

- 101 "Which Disney Princess Are You?" 12 Many a collaboration between Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald and the like 104 Big Ten powerhouse, 13 "C'est magnifique!" 14 Spanish composer Isaac 110 Basic skateboard 15 "How to
- a (popular Google search) 111 Quick nap ... or a playful description of the 64-Down here 16 One of the Gabor
- sisters 17 Radiation unit 114 Diamond who went 23 Member in the
  - genus Troglodytes, so named for its tendency to enter
    - dark crevices 24 "Jeepers!"
- 118 Icelandic work that 25 Generational divide influenced Tolkien
  - 29 Former queen of Jordan 30 Nintendo princess
  - 31 Order of roses
  - 34 Kilt-wearing Greek infantryman
  - 35 Fixed, as tiling
  - 36 Northern California town once home to the palindromic \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bakery
  - 37 Chain that sells chains 38 "Jeepers!"
  - **39** Levels
  - 40 Old fogy
  - 41 Quiet valley 43 Partner of glamour
  - 44 Comedian Fields
  - garden 46
  - the Gabor sisters
  - 50 Mercedes-
- 9 Members of bevies and 54 Stupor
  - 55 Multitude
    - 57 Pac-Man navigates through one



- 71 Kind of ray 72 Bit of tomfoolery
  - chips
- 77 Electric 79 Kvetches
- 81 Pointy-eared dog
- 82 Big name in car parts
- 85 Reason to hang up 87 Victoria Falls river 88 Uniform adornment 89 Center of L.A., once 94 Sufficient, informally 95 Aphids, to ladybugs

83 Break away

- 97 Beyond cold
- 98 Woman's name meaning "night" in
  - Hebrew and Arabic 99 Pound and others
- 100 Worshiper of the
  - Brown Band rain god Tlaloc 112 In a bad way

102 Took off

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104 Eleven, en français

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107 "The White Lotus"

108 View from Lake

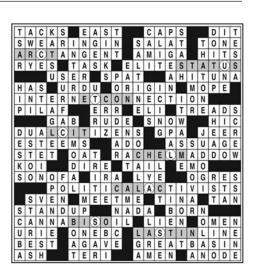
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

#### Answers to last week's puzzles

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- allevs 61 Six-Day War leader Weizman 62 No-nonsense TV judge 63 Unsightly spot 47 When repeated, one of 64 Sleep indicators 65 Counterfeit 66 Spike the Beanie Baby, e.g.
  - or Aleve

- 58 Wood-shaping tool 60 They're taken out in



69 Birthplace of the Franciscan order

73 Nervous state 74 Seven: Prefix 75 Football sideline reporter Kolber 76 Brand of pretzels and

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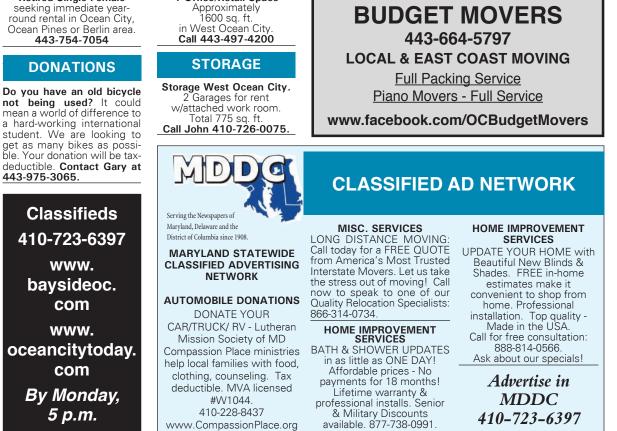
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