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Judge orders ballot counting in OP election

Court strongly criticizes election machinations

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) In a sharp rebuke of the “highly irregular” election machinations executed by an Ocean Pines Board of Directors majority, last Wednesday Circuit Court Judge Sidney Campen blocked the majority’s plan to hold a new election of directors and ordered all ballots from the summer’s disputed contest to be counted publicly.



Richard Farr

That counting, Campen made clear from the bench in Snow Hill, will include ballots cast for Richard Farr, who was disqualified midway through the election by then-association secretary Camilla Rogers.

Farr was deemed an eligible candidate in May at the start of the election but ruled ineligible by Rogers on July 27 after an anonymous phone call questioned his property ownership status through a family trust.

“I don’t want this case to drag out,” the judge said, referring to his pledge in September to fast-track Farr’s legal challenge of his disqualification so the regular election could be concluded.

On Aug. 30, Campen denied Farr’s request for an injunction to prevent the board from proceeding with the election process without him.

Campen ruled then that the board could continue its election work, but added he hoped the directors would do “the right thing.”

Apparently, they did not, in the view of Farr’s attorney, Bruce Bright of Ocean City, who returned to court last Wednesday to ask the judge to reconsider his request for injunctive relief.

“We’re not seeking same injunc-
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Adding a touch of authenticity to Oktoberfest celebrations on Saturday in Berlin, the Edelweiss Band enlivens Main Street with polka-flavored tunes, while attired in Bavarian-themed outfits complete with Alpine-hats.

Heron Park RFP nears completion

Berlin mayor, council refine their request for proposals for sale of two parcels

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) Berlin inched closer to unloading parcels 57 and 410 in Heron Park, along with \$200,00 in associated annual debt service, after fine-tuning a draft request for proposals during its Oct. 12 meeting.

Mayor Zach Tyndall said research was required to craft a document to solicit lease or purchase offers for the combined 16-acre sections of the 63-acre Heron Park.

“I reached out to Mayor Jake Day in Salisbury,” he said.



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Discussing details last week for an RFP to sell or lease parcels 57 and 410 in Heron Park, from left are, Town Council members Jay Knerr and Dean Burrell, and Mayor Zach Tyndall.

Day provided Berlin officials with past RFPs from Salisbury to serve as a basis for producing the document Tyndall presented for Town Council review.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart

raised zoning issues that could limit development proposals due to both park sections being designated R-1 residential.

Short of re-zoning, development of
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Mayor, council seeking sale of pair of Heron Park parcels

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either the six-acre parcel 57 or nearly 10-acre parcel 410, which are the park sections closest to Old Ocean City Boulevard, would be limited mostly to building single-family homes.

“You can’t have a mixed-use building there,” he said. “You can’t have townhouse developments unless a planned unit development was done.”

Engelhart said the zoning code allows just two reasons for rezoning approval, a significant change in the neighborhood or a mistake in existing zoning.

“We zoned [the parcels] R-1 after the purchase of the properties because that’s where parks are allowed in our zoning code,” he said. “We needed to make it R-1 so you could call it a park and not have the previous industrial use.”

Berlin purchased Heron Park for roughly \$2.5 million in 2015 from Berlin Properties North, which counts Councilman Troy Purnell among its ownership.

Berlin is paying \$200,000 annually through 2045 to clear the debt incurred from purchasing the former Tyson operating plant located on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

“The thought was it would be a park regardless of what we did with the building,” he said.

Chicken-processing buildings are located on parcel 57, with parcel 410 consisting of largely green space and outbuildings.

Engelhart said potential bidders could be deterred if given the impression development is restricted to single-family homes.

“People may say, ‘It’s R-1, I don’t want anything to do with it,’” he said. “It would have to be highly contingent on the buyer.”

Procedural steps to re-zone or approve planned-use developments start with a public hearing before the Berlin Planning Commission, which forwards a recommendation to the mayor and council for consideration.

“Any discussion on planned use will have to involve the Planning Commission by town code,” he said.

Councilman Troy Purnell said changing the R-1 status seems inevitable.

“It’s going to have to be rezoned,” he said.

Purnell said either rezoning criteria could apply, with reasonable questions surrounding past designations, besides obvious changes to the character of the neighborhood in recent years.

“I think it was a mistake to build a chicken plant in the middle of town,” he said.

Councilman Jay Knerr questioned

which edits would be appropriate to assure the parcel’s current zoning would not limit proposals.

“What language needs to go in the RFP so we’re not pigeonholed by R-1 zoning?” he said.

Engelhart said a contingency clause should be added.

“You would need to put language in there that says beyond the R-1 permitted uses would require a rezoning or planned-use development,” he said. “That’s all you could do.”

Councilman Dean Burrell said an associated RFP scoring criteria to rank proposals should be applied equally.

“It should be communicated to bidders,” he said.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood recommended adding RFP language to specify developers are responsible for any on site hazardous findings.

“I believe the grounds on parcel 57 are clean. However, there’s a lot underground piping,” he said.

Other environmental issues tied to the spillage of an undisclosed amount of sodium hydroxide, or caustic soda, in June 2019 still linger.

Berlin ponied up more than \$300,000 to address the chemical spill, which shut down the park through May 2020.

“We still have not closed out with the EPA,” he said. “It will happen when they get ready.”

Tyndall raised the issue of ensuring the town retains park access roadways.

“We want to keep the existing roadway,” he said.

Fleetwood proposed including language requiring the town to have standard road access on site.

Engelhart said the town typically avoids having infrastructure or roadways tied to development projects under its purview.

“That’s a sustainability thing,” he said. “We’re trying to make sure we don’t have things to repair and maintain 30 years down the road.”

Town officials are anticipating news by December about a strategic demolition grant to remove the chicken processing structure on parcel 57.

Fleetwood asked if offers could be submitted for only one of the parcels in question.

Tyndall confirmed the RFP would cover both sale contingencies, but preference would be given to acquiring both plots.

“Bidding on both parcels is seen as more favorable than bidding on one,” he said.

Tyndall said RFP language revisions discussed would be completed, with the final draft ready for approval during the next council meeting on Oct. 25.

Bylaws Com. updated on workgroup's efforts

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) The Ocean Pines By-laws and Resolutions Committee discussed work group efforts to update association governing documents, progress on the groups' annual report and possible changes for updates during its meeting last Friday.

Committee Chairman Jim Trummel said because of the recent resignation of Director Camilla Rogers, who

also served as board liaison for the By-laws Committee, Director Colette Horn had been tapped to fill the vacancy.

Trummel also said this would likely be his last year serving as committee chairman, and that members need to begin thinking about who his successor would be.

Trummel then turned to current events affecting the workgroup's efforts.

Besides the lawsuit brought by board candidate Rick Farr over his disqualification as a candidate for a board seat, one challenge the committee faces are its need for members.

Presently the group consists of Trummel, Director Doug Parks, Jenny Cropper-Rines and now-former board member Rogers.

Besides the question of membership changes, Trummel said since the last committee meeting both a status

review and proposals update were amended.

"We are on hold until the work group does something," he said. "We have gone as far with every item as we think we can."

Committee member Keith Kaiser asked if the group could anticipate any added duties tied to the ongoing election litigation.

Trummel said Farr's lawsuit would need to be resolved before any decisions could be made.

"Our involvement would have to come from the board or through the work group," he said.

The committee also reviewed potential updates to Resolution C-01 and annual report requirements.

Annual committee reports are due to the board by Oct. 1 for the year end-

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Trial on election suit set for Nov. 15

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tion as before," Bright told the court, referring to the new election about to get underway.

He said his renewed request followed the board's 4-3 vote on Sept. 30 to stage a new election without Farr on the ballot.

During the same meeting the board also deadlocked 3-3-on counting previous ballots, preventing any action from occurring.

Bright reminded Campen that during the Aug. 30 hearing the judge had expressed interest in the ballot count taking place.

"Expectations were that Ocean Pines would count and hopefully publish the results," he said.

Campen said his earlier denial of the preliminary injunction was to allow the board to count the votes. He then added, "This new election games the system."

Three days after the most recent hearing on Sept. 27, the board convened a special meeting and opted to re-stage the contest, saying its purpose was to avoid disenfranchising voters.

Bright also criticized former Director Rogers, who resigned during the board's Sept. 30 meeting.

"The secretary's disqualification (of Farr) was facially arbitrary," he said. "She looked at three words in the bylaws and disregarded everything else."

Bright said the community's governing documents give precedence in such matters to the homeowner's association's declaration of restrictions.

Bright also said the association was scheduled to mail ballots to property owners for the new election that Friday.

"We are seeking injunctive relief at a minimum," he said.

Campen asked if the bylaws allowed the association secretary to revise candidate eligibility status during the course of an election.

"If she had denied early on, we wouldn't be here," he said.

Campen also said the bylaws include mechanisms to remove duly elected board members through either a two-thirds directors vote or a referendum.

"Instead, they issued a letter in the middle of the election stating [Farr] was ineligible," he said.

Campen also took exception to Director Frank Daly's participation in the majority's vote to hold a new election, in which he would be one of three candidates vying for two open positions.

"It gives him a lock on getting the position," he said.

Campen said the recent courses of action pursued by the board were "highly irregular."

In addition to ordering all ballots counted by the end of this month, Campen scheduled a trial on Nov. 15

to hear arguments on Farr's eligibility and the board's election decisions.

"We need to get this case over so the board can move forward," he said.



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Berlin Planning questions housing project

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) Questions abounded last week from the Berlin Planning Commission regarding a proposed 176-unit townhouse project by the intersection of Routes 818 and 50.

Developer Chris Carbaugh and attorney Mark Cropper presented the latest project revisions for the 24-acre parcel on the north side of Route 50 during the commission meeting on Oct. 13.

In February 2020, based on a request from Carbaugh, the property was altered from M-1 industrial use to B-2 business.

“Back in 2020, we came to the town looking to rezone this entire property to B-2,” he said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said those plans were tied to potential business growth ... “with the thought there might be commercial development there in the future,” he said.

Carbaugh said despite significant interest from commercial entities following the B-2 designation, the subsequent coronavirus pandemic stifled progress.

“Since that time, there’s been substantial interest in residential housing in the Town of Berlin,” he said.

Based on the current housing market, developers now seek to rezone a portion of the land to R-4 to permit multi-family housing.

“The idea would be to keep the corner zoned B-2 and rezone parcel four to allow for the townhouse product,” he said.

Ideally, Carbaugh said a commercial business would inhabit the corner of the property, with parcel four changed to R-4 for housing.

Preliminary layouts call for three-bedroom townhomes with attached garages totaling roughly 2,000 square feet.

Engelhart asked if a HOA would be established for property oversight.

Carbaugh said property management for open spaces and associated amenities would be assured.

“The development group are looking to go as quickly as they can with the market being as good as it is,” he said. “You can’t get these built fast enough.”

Commission member Ron Cascio questioned the proposed housing density.

“This looks like a whole lot of units,” he said.

Carbaugh said despite appearances, the current proposed layout dedicates approximately 40 percent of the site as open space.

“It gives people options to move into Berlin,” he said.

Engelhart acknowledged community impact needs to be considered, but also noted the location is not in Berlin’s Historic District.



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Berlin Planning Commission members raised concerns last week over density issues for a proposed 176-unit townhouse project by the intersection of Routes 818 and 50.

toric District.

“This is not placed right on the edge of downtown,” he said.

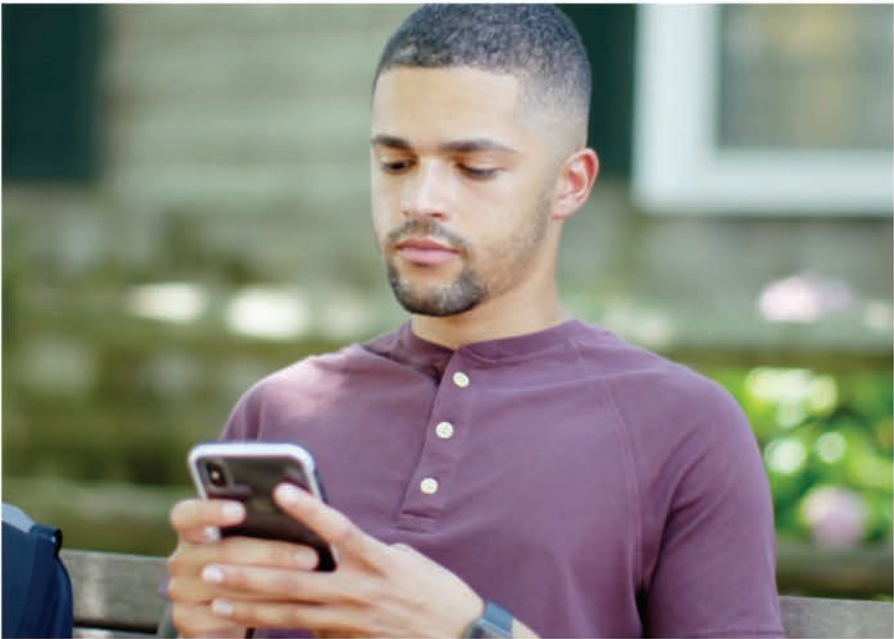
Engelhart said development plans are in accordance with Berlin’s Comprehensive Plan.

“We want development along the corridors to north, east and west of town,” he said.

Cropper said the rezoning request would be based on a mistake in previous See PROPOSAL Page 5

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Ocean Pines updates status of initiatives during meeting

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer
(Oct. 21, 2021) Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola provided updates on a number of ongoing initiatives during the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

Pickleball court
Viola said county and state approvals are still coming for a proposed pickleball court addition at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on Manklin Creek Rd.

“I have received a lot of questions on this,” he said.

Issues currently stymying permitting include the potential requirement of 68 square feet of mitigation, either onsite at the tennis center or at an alternative location. Also, potentially altering bioswale — landscape depressions intended to reduce pollutants from storm water runoff in lieu of piping — which may eliminate impacts to non-tidal wetlands.

“I’m being told that we are close,” he said. “I hope to come forward at the next board meeting with the proposed pickleball court that was approved in the budget.”

DMA study
Viola said progress continues on updating a reserve study, which was revised in 2018 following its creation in 2015 by Richmond-based Design Management Associates.

In 2015, the OPA board paid Design Management \$31,800 to ascertain the level of reserves it should maintain based on assets.

“It’s a very valuable tool,” he said. “I had it as a key objective.”

Viola described the latest reserve study as “DMA Lite,” with costs of roughly \$16,000, or about half of the initial investment in 2015.

Viola said association office manager Linda Martin was assigned lead on the project.



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Ocean Pines office manager Linda Martin updated progress on reserves study during the board meeting on Saturday.

“She’s very coachable and I’m happy to have her on the team,” he said.

Martin has partnered on the reserve study update with Viola, Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips, Accounting Manager Julia Johnson and the Budget and Finance Committee.

Martin said since receiving the first draft of the reserve study in July from DMA, department heads performed document review, with amendments submitted in August.

After the final draft of the reserve study was received last month, copies were distributed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

After reviewing the reserve study, committee members will submit questions prior to a work session on Nov. 10 with DMA officials.

Viola said the reserve study would be

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Proposal faces zoning issues

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determinations, as opposed to a change in the character of the area, which are two criteria permitted under state statute.

Price points remain hazy, with Carbaugh estimating housing costs would top \$300,000.

“What the ultimate price will be I can’t say yet, but it will not be low-end,” he said. “It will be something that will be a good addition to the town.”

Engelhart said the project would provide a boon to the town in the form of real-estate taxes once constructed, along with fees for EDUs (equivalent dwelling unit) for sewage service.

While in agreement about housing needs in Berlin, Commission member Newt Chandler took exception with the proposed density.

“I don’t think it’s a bad location for it, but it’s a lot of people,” he said.

Also questioning density issues was Commission member Pete Cosby, who argued that Berlin officials should devise a means to secure development rights to keep growth in check.

With scant notice prior to the Planning Commission meeting, Engelhart recommended members focus on reviewing the most recent concept plan pitched by Carbaugh.

“When he brought this to me last week, there wasn’t time to announce a public hearing for tonight,” he said.

Following the planning review, Engelhart suggested advertising a public hearing during the Planning Commission meeting slated for Nov. 10.

Engelhart said following that step commission recommendations would be forwarded to the mayor and Town Council for potential approval in December.

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OP financials keep on pace with positive budget figures

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) With fiscal 2021/22 nearing the halfway point, Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola reported last week that the association beat the budget by roughly \$1.2 million through September.

Viola presented a financial breakdown for August and a flash report of estimated numbers in September during the Board of Directors meeting Saturday.

“Revenues, as well as expenses, came in favorable,” he said.

In August, the association’s operating fund closed ahead of budget by \$155,000, which was comprised of revenue figures ending roughly \$138,000 over estimates and total expenses \$17,000 under budget.

Viola also shared a flash report for September figures, which are estimated to close roughly \$176,000 better than the budget.

Looking at year-to-date data through August, the association is trending in the black with a positive operating variance of \$1.12 million. Broken down, revenues topped estimates by \$869,00 and expenses remained under budget by \$253,000.

“It’s across the board revenue and expenses,” he said. “We see ... new growth developed by this team in place ... for all

our amenities.”

Viola highlighted positive financials for golf operations, aquatics and racquet sports, as well as food and beverage services.

“We looked at reallocation and we scrubbed every account,” he said.

Topping the financial returns for August was the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at \$53,200, followed by aquatics at \$41,600 and public works at \$36,600.

Positive departmental year-to-date figures through August include the yacht
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Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola reviewed year-to-date financial data during the board meeting on Saturday.

Pines projects reviewed by board

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presented to the board during its November meeting.

Golf course bulkheads

Viola said work to replace 500-plus feet of bulkhead by the bridge on the third green at the Ocean Pines Golf Course, which commenced on Aug. 16, wrapped up on Oct. 8.

“Those ... are pretty much general bulkheads but just happen to be by the golf course,” he said.

Viola said the board approved the

emergency expenditure from bulkhead reserves, which totaled roughly \$200,000, during its July 21 meeting.

On other bulkhead fronts, Martin said replacement work should be completed within a week at Goldeneye Court, with upcoming repairs slated for Pintail Park and the adjacent Crab Cay Court.

Clubhouse interior doors

To address concerns about noise and distractions at the meeting/banquet room at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse, Viola said new glass doors would

be installed.

“They’re similar to the doors at the front,” he said.

Total material costs are roughly \$7,900, with public works lined up to do framing and installation.

Viola said the double doors would reduce noise when the room is in use and would not interfere with bathroom access for patrons at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille or the Golf Pro Shop.

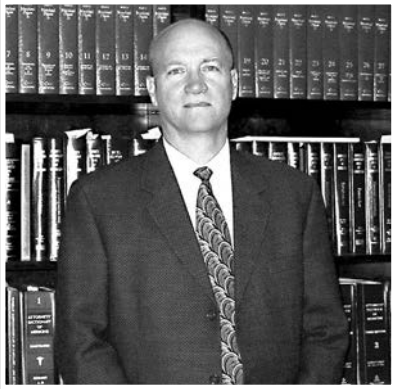
“The feedback was that it was open in there,” he said.

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The exhibition is open to all artists, professional or amateur with work in all media – 2D entries cannot exceed 11 inches in any one direction (including the frame); 3D work cannot exceed 7 inches in any one direction.

All work must be original and completed within the last three years.

Work must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery between Oct. 27-29, 11 a.m to 2 p.m. to be accepted.

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Viola reports year-to-date numbers

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club at \$261,300, closely followed by golf operations at \$221,800, aquatics at \$188,400 and public works at \$163,500.

"The yacht club ... banquets are coming in big time," he said.

Viola said the positive figures for public works and general maintenance are somewhat related to timing and staffing.

"We have had a challenge hiring people," he said.

Viola also highlighted strong revenue at the Ocean Pines Golf Course.

"The place is packed," he said. "We're seeing ... rounds going up."

Viola said maintaining the increased profitability at the golf course was contingent on avoiding funding cuts.

"If you cut \$30,000 from there two years in a row you're probably going to lose \$200,000 in revenue," he said. "You invest that \$30,000 in there you're probably going to make \$200,000."

Viola also cautioned the positive budget numbers could wane when the fiscal year closes at the end of April as revenues typically subside through the winter months.

"We do have expenses coming in," he said.

Also during Saturday's board meeting, Treasurer Doug Parks reviewed the associations' financial standing, investment rates of return, reserve balances and assessment fee collections.

To close out August, the association reported about \$16.8 million in cash and investments, split with \$9.5 million in CDARs (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) and \$7.3 million in money market funds and other operating accounts.

Parks said overall investment rate of return on CDARs was .85 percent.

"It's been consistent for the last several months," he said.

Turning to reserve balances, Parks said through August the overall sum deposited among the five accounts is about \$ 7.8 million.

To close August, the totals include \$5.3 million in replacement funds, \$1.6 million for bulkheads, \$600,000 for drainage and \$300,000 for new capital.

"There was not much change from last month," he said.

The association opened the fiscal year in May with a total reserve balance of \$5.7 million.

"We're still tracking well toward the end of the fiscal year," he said.

Looking at assessment collections, Parks said through the end of September the association had received \$9.23 million or 98.7 percent of the \$9.34 million total due.

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OP Bylaws Committee faces two vacancies

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ing Sept. 30.

“The purpose now is to finalize what goes in to recirculate after our meeting and get it to the board by the end of the month,” he said. “I think we’ve got plenty of time to accomplish that.”

Trummel said the group’s 2021 annual report would reflect the committee’s status moving into the new year.

In terms of significant committee activities this year, Trummel said the list was stunted due to covid-19.

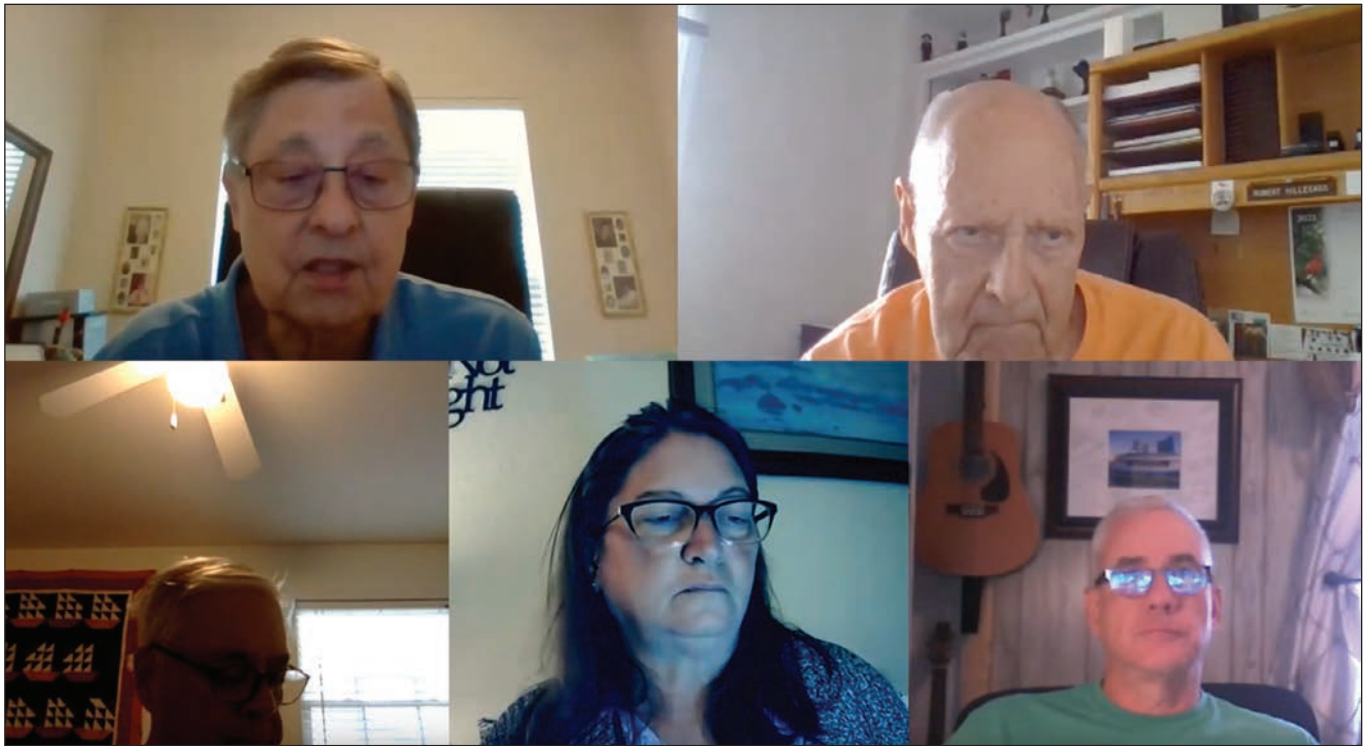
“Our major activity by far is the bylaws workgroup,” he said. “The review schedule had been behind due to covid.”

Trummel said the biggest problems experienced during the most recent reporting period involved meeting restrictions because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“The board should be aware there are two vacancies occurring on the committee by the end of the next reporting period,” he said.

Recommended committee tasks for the 2021-22 reporting period include ongoing support for the bylaws workgroup and ensuring scheduled reviews of the association’s charter and resolutions.

Kaiser asked about procedures to monitor updates to the Maryland HOA Act.



Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members, clockwise from left, Jim Trummel, Bob Hillegass, Stephen Jacobs, Lora Pangratz and Keith Kaiser met virtually last Friday.

“Who is keeping an eye on Maryland HOA law changes to assure we are in compliance?” he said. “I think we need to capture that idea.”

Trummel said resolution amendment procedures assign the role to the committee board liaison.

“The board liaison is in charge of getting the committee proposal to the board on the agenda and then shepherding it from then on,” he said.

Assigning oversight of a governing document review form was also examined.

Committee member Bob Hillegass, now entering his last year with the group, said a transition is needed during the current reporting period.

“I inherited this form five to six years ago when Jim came back on the committee and I first joined,” he said.

Hillegass completed the most recent revisions to definitions and procedures for updating governance documents on Oct. 11.

“We never took the time to document exactly what we were doing with it,” he said. “Since it’s my last year, we want to turn it over.”

Trummel said a direction forward would need to be calculated.

“We need to think about a decision on how to maintain this as part of our operating procedures,” he said.

Hillegass said any enhancements should be done sooner than later.

“I think it’s important to review the document on a timely basis and try to find out if there any noticeable conflicts,” he said. “The form was designed for our committee in order to be able to keep track of all the resolutions.”

Trummel said time frames to execute updates were somewhat flexible.

“We don’t need to finalize it today,” he said.

Prior to the committee’s next meeting Hillegass agreed to complete any additional language tweaks and circulate among members for review.

Trummel also noted resolution M-06 for elections and referendums is set for annual review.

“At the end of the board election and at the annual meeting ... the Elections Committee is to file a report,” he said. “That should be the trigger for there to be a review of that resolution.”

The next virtual Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.



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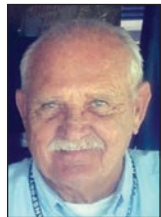
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Obituaries

ROBERT THOMAS STONE
Ocean Pines

July 31, 1937 – Oct. 5, 2021
Bob was born and raised in Lombardee Beach, Maryland.
He graduated from Glen Burnie High School in Baltimore in 1956.



Robert Stone

Bob was a role model husband, father and dadda. He was friendly and kind to everyone. A strong man who never let life get him down. Always positive.

He worked hard through his life to make sure his family was happy and taken care of. He loved all of us so very much.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Jeannie.

He is survived by his daughter, Tracey Despeaux and husband, Darryl; grandfather to Josh Utz and Kerri, Mandy Coble and Matt, Rebecca Despeaux; and great-grandfather to Jacob Utz and Bradley Coble and soon to be Caroline Utz and baby Coble.

He is also survived by his sister, Leota Parsons; brothers, Allen and Richard Stone; sister-in-laws, Charlene, Carolyn and Debbie Stone, Shirley Semone and Janice Shockey.

He was preceded in death by parents, Harry Sr. and Sibylla Stone and Brother Harry Jr.

Bob started working in 1956 at the Key Highway Shipyard. Then in 1961, he was employed with Food Machinery and Chemical (FMC).

He began a career with the federal government in 1966, where he retired from in 1997.

Once retired, they built a new home in Ocean Pines. That's when Bob decided he wanted to continue to work and started at the 74th Street umbrella stand. He worked there for nine years.

Bob knew everyone in the area, and families who vacationed once a year he would call them by name.

He would get up in the morning, put on a bathing suit pack a cooler to include a few Bud Lights and sigh, "oh I guess I gotta go to work today." He loved every minute of working at the beach stand.

Bob moved onto his next career driving the Ocean City bus. He just couldn't get enough of working in Ocean City. He drove the bus until Labor Day weekend this year.

In 2005, Bob and his wife purchased three acres in Pittsville, Maryland, and built another new home where he currently resided.

Bob loved the beach and enjoyed traveling. He purchased a motor home and traveled to 18 states. Many of his favorite places were warm and sunny: Aruba, Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun, Bahamas and Key West Florida.

As much as our family will miss him we know he has joined his wife, Jeannie.

Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at 4 in the afternoon, at Solley United Methodist Church, 7600 Solley Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060.

It will be followed by a Celebration of Life at the Despeaux's residence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the trust fund set up for Bob's great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, a division of Holloway Funeral Home, 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

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CHRISTOPHER EARL PRICE
Ocean City

Christopher Earl Price, age 37, died on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021.

Born in Salisbury, he was the son of Earl "Tim" Price and Mary (Todd) Price of Berlin.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Matthew and Jonathan Price, both of Berlin; sister, Amy Brooks and her husband, David, of Willards; paternal grandmother, Frances D. Price of Selbyville; and



Christopher Price

maternal grandmother, June R. Todd of Ocean City.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Earl Price Sr., and maternal grandfather, Omar W. Todd. Also surviving are several beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Chris leaves behind many good friends and his "Shenanigan's family" which were so very much a part of his life.

Chris was a 2002 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, and had been employed as a waiter in Ocean City. He had a smile that could light up the darkest room. He loved warm weather, skateboarding, surfing, and of course, living at the beach.

An animal lover, especially cats. He wanted to save every cat that came his way.

Cremation followed his death. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

A donation in his memory may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbage-funeralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Berlin Councilman Knerr involved in motorcycle wreck

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) Berlin Councilmen Jay Knerr, longtime proprietor of the Kite Loft in Ocean City, was involved in a serious motorcycle wreck near Girdle-tree involving a pedestrian that sent both parties to Shock Trauma in Baltimore just before 11:30 a.m. Monday



Jay Knerr

Emergency units from volunteer fire departments in Girdle-tree and Snow Hill responded to the scene, where Knerr was reportedly ejected from a motorcycle after striking a pedestrian on the 6100 block of Taylor Landing Road near Boxiron Road.

Due to the severity of injuries, Maryland State Police Aviation Trooper 4 arrived at the Girdle-tree Firehouse landing zone and flew Knerr, who reportedly suffered a broken leg, and the unidentified pedestrian, to shock trauma, with both in serious but stable condition.

Updates will be provided as more information comes to light.

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Ocean Pines Directors, from left, Josette Wheatley, Larry Perrone and Colette Horn, reviewed the unknown direction of the contested 2021 board election during the group's meeting on Saturday.

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Ocean Pines election ballot count slated to occur Wed.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) After plans to redo the 2021 Ocean Pines Board election were thwarted last week by Judge Sidney Campen in Worcester Circuit Court, the Elections Committee was scheduled to hold a ballot count for the contested race on Wednesday.

Due to the court ruling, ballots for all four candidates — Frank Daly, Stuart Lakernick, David Hardy and Rick Farr — were slated to be counted at 10 a.m. at the Golf Clubhouse meeting room.

Anticipated to take several hours, Elections Committee members will announce vote totals after scanning all valid ballots.

During the board meeting Saturday, Association President Larry Perrone commented on the court proceedings.

“The judge ... enjoined Ocean Pines from moving forward with the

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CRAFTER OF THE MONTH

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines named Debbie Jiwa as the October Crafter of the Month. Jiwa moved from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Salisbury in 1989. She and her then husband ran a successful retail jewelry store in Salisbury for 26 years, before closing in 2017. That summer, she started painting rocks and participating in the kindness rocks project, leaving them around town for people to find to brighten their day. Jiwa next began painting on different natural items, such as shells, ostrich eggs and gourds. She is self-taught and takes inspiration from social media such as Pinterest, YouTube and Facebook. Jiwa also owns Finish Line Car Wash in Fruitland, where her two adult sons run the day-to-day business. View Jiwa's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Court mandated vote process

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redo election that we had voted on at the last meeting," he said.

Perrone said Judge Campen had established a Nov. 1 cutoff date for discovery with a hearing date set Nov. 15.

"Allegedly to make a decision on the case at that point," he said.

Despite the recent clarity, Perrone said unknowns still exist.

"The judge did not give us any direction regarding next steps," he said.

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Kiwanis toy, coat drive launches on Oct. 28

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) Looking to replicate strong community support provided last fall, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is holding combined toy and coat drives with weekly collections starting Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Marketing Chairman Dave Landis said Kiwanis-emblazoned vehicles would also be onsite during the same hours the following three Thursdays (Nov. 4, 11 and 18) and on Tuesday Nov. 23.

“It’s another year and another challenge, but the community is the key to it,” he said.

While acknowledging Kiwanis members invest sweat equity to promote the charitable undertaking, Landis said all efforts would be for naught without an outpouring of donations from the community.

“I would like to thank the public in advance because it’s unbelievable how the people in this area, not just Ocean Pines, come out and support us,” he said.

Both drives are intended to back the efforts of a number of area non-profits that are focused on yuletide and cold weather needs.

Unwrapped gifts will be delivered to Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) to aid its annual toy campaign, while winter wear donations will be split between the Joseph House Crisis Center, Little Sisters of Jesus, and St. Mary’s Evangelical and St. Peter’s Lutheran churches.

Landis said the group’s coat drive, which originated in 2014, was originally a separate affair but was lumped in with the Kiwanis toy drive last year due to covid-19 concerns.

Kiwanis member Kitty Wrench will again supervise coat drive collections, with other items sought including sweaters, boots, shoes, gloves, scarves and blankets.

Besides accepting donations, Kiwanis members will also vend lottery tickets during the toy and coat drive.

Kiwanis “Lottery Raffle” tickets are tied to Maryland’s daily evening straight pick-3, with 1,000 tickets numbered from 000-999 available for \$20 each.

“We will have our lottery tickets with us as we did last year just to give people a chance to purchase,” he said.

Kiwanis members have several food-based fundraising ventures planned, starting this Saturday at the Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament.

Landis said club members would be on hand grilling hot dogs and



PHOTO COURTESY DAVE LANDIS
Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City members Sue Wineke and Dave Landis staff the collection vehicle during the toy and coat drives last year.

hamburgers during the middle installment of the three-day tournament at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

“Even though we started as the ‘dog team,’ now it’s hot dogs and hamburgers and sometimes baked goods and snacks,” he said.

Kiwanis food sales will also be held during the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Oct. 30, and the Winter Wonderland Artisan and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6. Both

events take place at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Landis said in 2020 the club shattered previous collection totals for both its toy and coat drives after combining the efforts, which prompted an expansion from four to five weeks this year.

Last fall, roughly 400 coats and four SUV loads of toys were contributed by community members.

“It might need a little more time to try to duplicate what we did last year,” he said.

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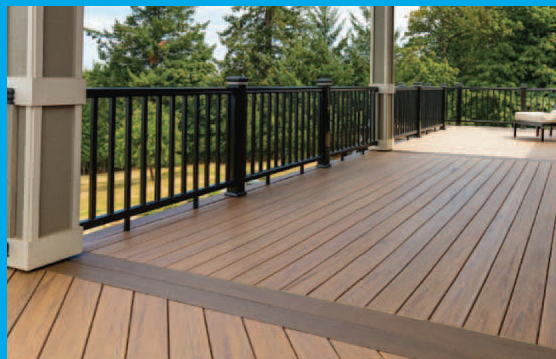
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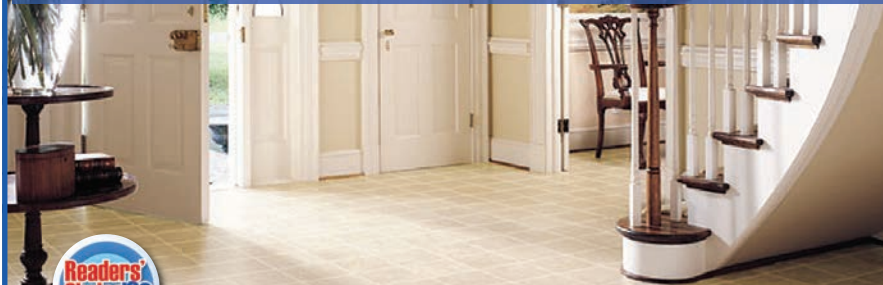
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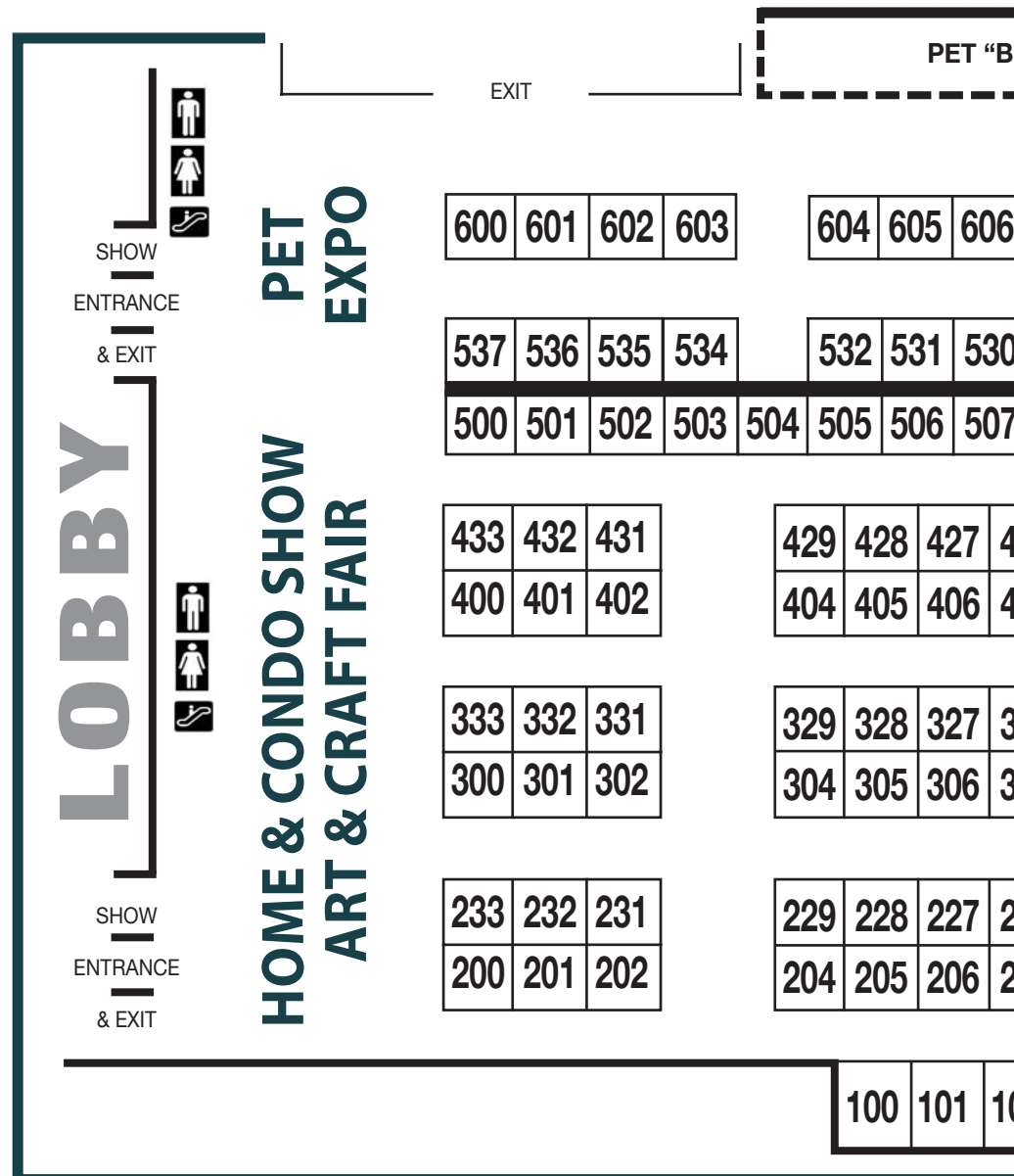
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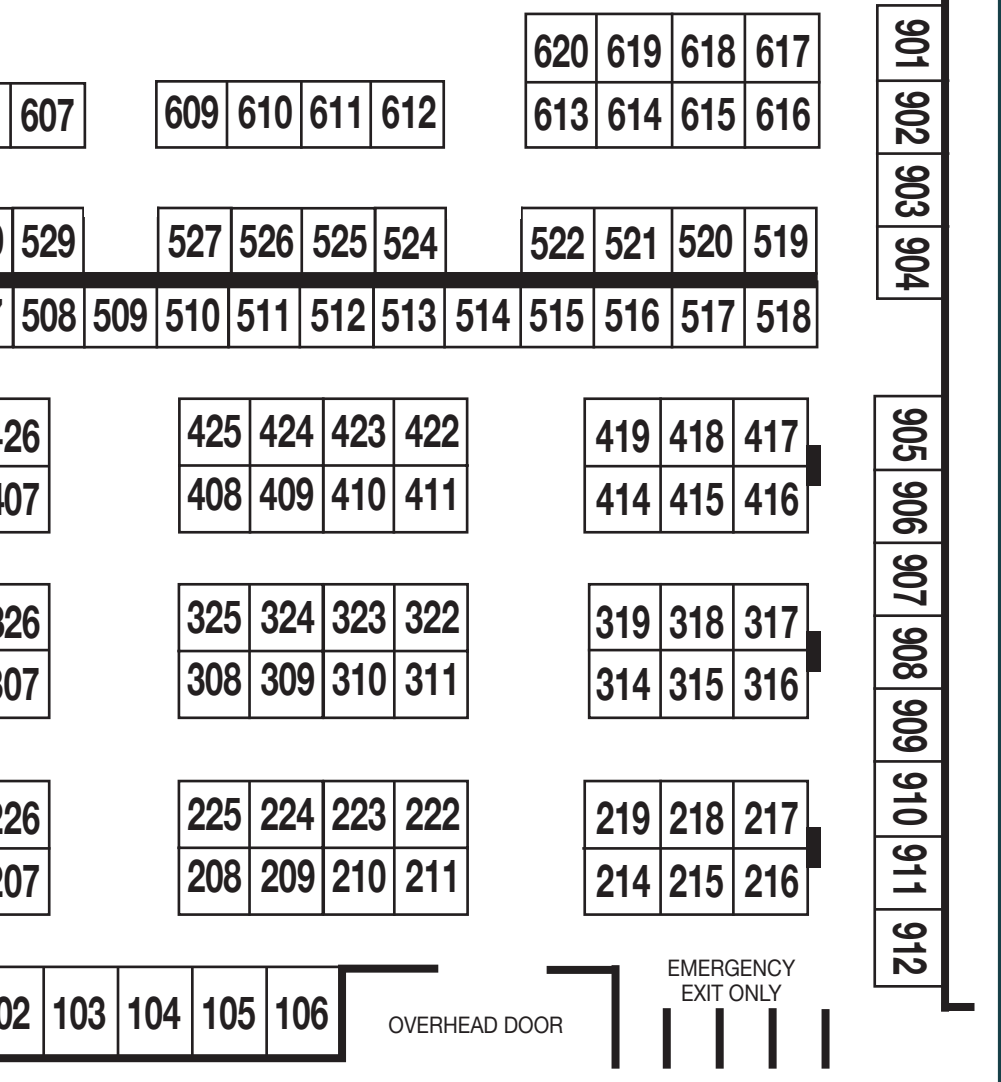


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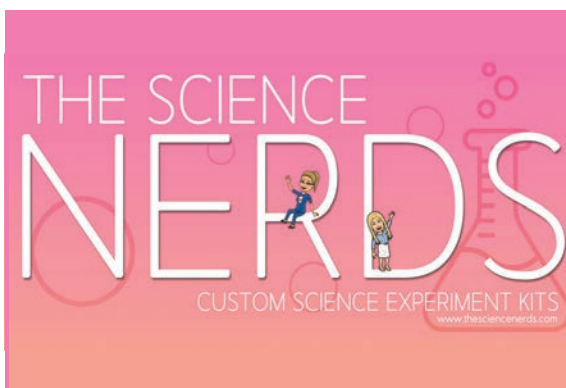
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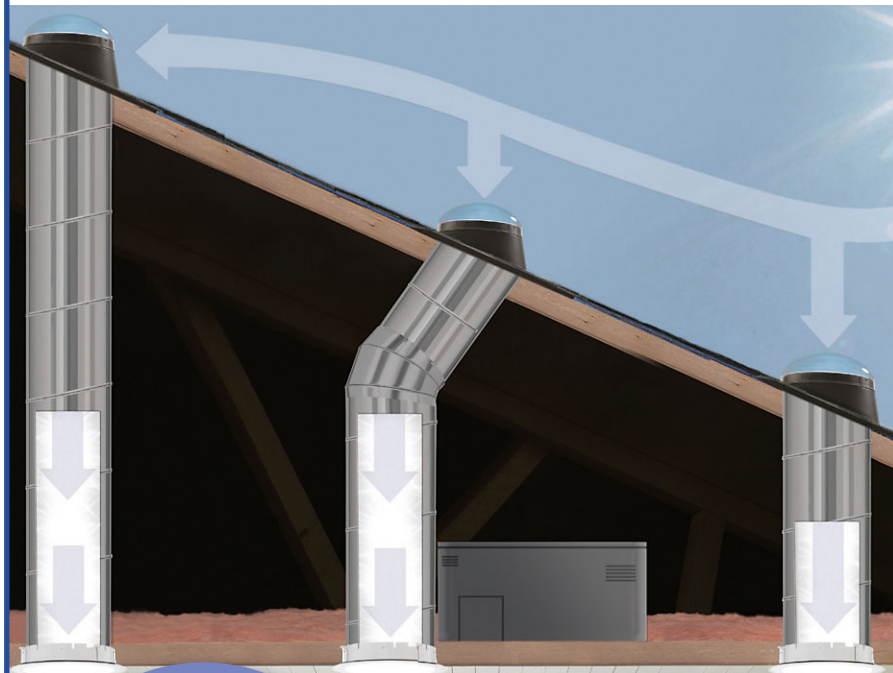
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County approves mobile library vehicle funds

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) A mobile library vehicle that can bring books and Wi-Fi hotspots to underserved areas is coming to Worcester County in the next year.

On Oct. 5, the Worcester County Commissioners approved funding for a “mobile library unit,” as requested in a memo from Libraries Director Jennifer Ranck, using a \$100,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant issued by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, via the Maryland State Library.

“This is more than just a traditional bookmobile,” Ranck said. “It’ll be used at outreach events. We anticipate regu-



Jennifer Ranck

larly taking it places that people are — bringing it to schools, childcare centers, Head Start (childhood programs). We also want to make sure it’s available for, say, a First Friday event, farmers markets, community fairs (et cetera).”

With production line backups caused by the covid-19 pandemic, it’s not likely that the county library’s vision will be realized in the coming weeks or months, but with funding locked in, the biggest hurdle has been cleared.

“It’s something that’s been in our strategic plan for a few years, wanting to have that connection with the community,” Ranck added. “When covid hit, it just became obvious that we wished we had something like this, to have materials outside. It brought this idea to the forefront.”

Ranck envisions a walk-up vehicle instead of one people would board but stressed that designs are not near final. It could end up being a passenger van or a large pickup truck, for instance.

Another key feature Ranck is targeting is making the vehicle Wi-Fi-accessible, allowing the county library to assist

residents who don’t have access to broadband internet.

Serving residents in need of assistance is a key function of the project as a whole, Ranck said. The unit could also help teenagers and adults with services like job searching and online tutoring.

For some, it could help just having a more accessible library.

“For some people, getting to our actual buildings can be difficult,” Ranck said.

“We want to take away that barrier. It puts us out in the community more to tell people about the things the library has for them. Circulating books and Wi-Fi hotspots allows us to get out there.”

WCPS unveils new covid-19 site to track cases, closures

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Oct. 21, 2021) An easy-to-access, efficient online tool now exists to let parents and students know how many covid cases are counted weekly at Worcester County Public Schools.

Last week, Superintendent Lou Taylor released a message to all parents and guardians that unveiled the district’s new covid-19 dashboard. An arm of the 2021-22 return plan, the site publishes the number of new covid-positive cases at each of the county’s 14 schools for a week’s time. It then classifies each school as green, yellow, orange or red based on the numbers.

According to the website, green signifies the school is open with no closures, yellow means it is open with one to two classroom or cohort outbreaks, orange means the school is open but has been classified as having a schoolwide outbreak, and red signifies classroom,


grade, or schoolwide closure or closures.

For Oct. 11-14, which was the most recent data timeline, ten schools were classified as green, two were yellow and two were orange. No schools had red classifications and the numbers improved from last week.

Since opening, the numbers have fluctuated, with no significant numbers or cases at a time and only one closure in a classroom at Showell Elementary the week of Sept. 20-24. The class opened back up the following week.

The site also includes definitions for outbreaks. A classroom or cohort outbreak is defined as at least two covid-19 cases among students, teachers or staff members within a 14-day period who are epidemiologically linked but not household contacts. A schoolwide outbreak is three or more classrooms or cohorts with cases from separate households

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Fr. Barnhill joins Berlin's Holy Trinity

(Oct. 21, 2021) Holy Trinity Cathedral of the Missionary Diocese of all Saints in the Anglican Church in North America, located at 11021 Worcester Hwy., in Berlin, announces the Installation of its new dean, the Very Rev. Fr. Larry Barnhill.

The service of Installation will take place on Sunday Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Fr. Barnhill comes to Holy Trinity from central Florida and the Special Jurisdiction of Chaplains.

Fr. Barnhill was ordained to the Diaconate on Pentecost Sunday in 2012. After several years of leading and teaching on aspects of prayer and spiritual healing, mostly with the Order of St. Luke, Fr. Barnhill felt the call to go back to school and pursue his MDiv and head toward being a chaplain.



Fr. Larry Barnhill

Fr. Barnhill started his MDiv with Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida, before transferring over and completing his MDiv in 2018 at Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando.

Fr. Barnhill was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 2019, by Bishop Mark Nordstrom in Gainesville, Florida.

He grew up as an Army brat and has traveled the world and across many parts of the US.

Fr. Barnhill was born in Germany and is the eldest of three children. He went on to serve in the Army during the early 1990's and later continued to serve the military veterans in the U.S. as a

healthcare professional with the Veterans Administration.

Fr. Barnhill was a spiritual and pastoral resource for many veterans and did work as a chaplain with Transport for Christ Ministries which ministers to the Trucking Industry.

He has a strong passion for pastoral care, healing ministry, and prayer. Fr. Barnhill also does a daily devotional on various social media platforms and a weekly religious podcast that can be found on many podcast platforms (https://www.spreaker.com/show/the_larry_barnhill_show).

Fr. Barnhill and his wife, Christina, were married on June 22 in 2002. They have four children, two of which are adults now, and two that have come to Holy Trinity Cathedral with them, Matthew and Emily.

Dashboard provides weekly data

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that meet the classroom and cohort outbreak definition that occurs within 14 days. Or, 5 percent or more unrelated students, teachers or staff who have confirmed covid-19 within a 14 day period, with a minimum of 10 unrelated.

Taylor said the new dashboard is an

upgrade from the one in place last year, which indicated only if schools were experiencing closures.

"The new and improved dashboard now provides weekly data on the number of new covid-19 cases both county-wide and in each of our schools," Taylor's message said. "The dashboard also illus-

trates school status in a new way. It now shows whether a school has been identified by the Maryland Department of Health as having a cohort outbreak or a school-wide outbreak as well as any closure information."

The dashboard can be accessed at www.worcesterk12.org/cms/One.aspx?

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Opinion

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Pines board election ballot count on Wed.

There’s nothing quite like a hotly contested election to juice up the level of local interest, especially when no one knows whether the final ballot count is truly an election or just a legal exercise to be used as the basis for a court decision.

As this is being written several hours before ballot counting begins for this summer’s Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election, the vote totals are not available, but the mystery of what will happen next remains.

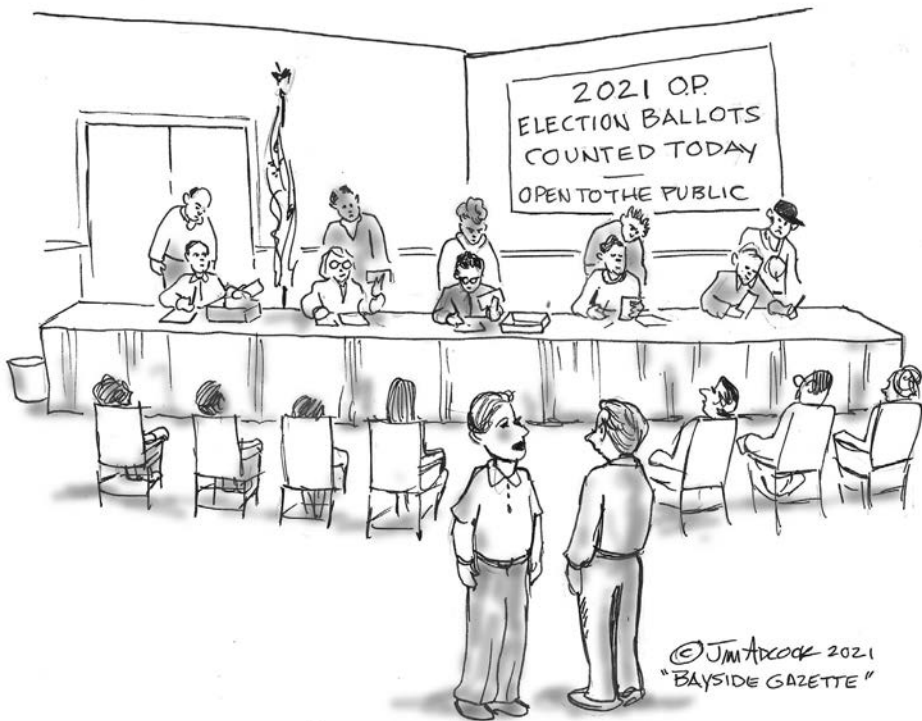
Of the four candidates for election — Frank Daly, Rick Farr, David Hardy and Stuart Lakernick — two will win ... something. Whether that will be a seat on the board or a non-binding popularity contest, however, will have to wait at least until Nov. 15.

That’s when Circuit Court Judge Sidney Campen will hear arguments in Farr’s lawsuit challenging the board of directors’ decision to disqualify him as a candidate midway through the election. He could decide the case shortly thereafter, depending on which way Wednesday’s ballot count goes.

If, for instance, Farr comes in third to Daly and Lakernick, the case becomes mostly moot. With nothing to gain but the satisfaction of winning the eligibility argument, Farr could decide not to pursue the case.

Certainly, the board would be eager to drop it, and Judge Campen might be just as happy to move on to other cases that don’t involve as much chicanery as this one.

But if Farr does earn enough votes to put him in at least second place, Campen will have to resolve the greater issue of candidate eligibility and define for the association what equitable ownership, as written in the Declaration of Restrictions, actually means.



“This may take longer than usual. Some radicals insisted that we have Ballot Counter Watchers and give them the right to examine all the trashcans after the vote ... or else they will say the count may be rigged.”

Beach to Bay Heritage Mini-Grants

Guidelines announced for FY22 funding for nonprofit groups

(Oct. 21, 2021) Beach to Bay Heritage Area announces guidelines and criteria for the FY22 Mini-Grant program. Made possible through financial support from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, BBHA mini-grants assist local heritage-related nonprofit organizations in developing new heritage and preservation-related programs, activities, products and events.

Maximum awards are \$2,500. Visit the Mini Grants page at www.beachsbayswaterways.org for more information.

If an applicant is new to the mini-grant program, a workshop will be offered, which will be a requirement to the grant.

BBHA matching mini-grants program is designed to assist heritage-related sites and organizations, as well as municipalities,

within the certified heritage area to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives that are consistent with the regional themes and activities suggested in the Heritage Area Management Plan.

Mini-grant proposals that include collaborative partnerships and enhance preservation, the stewardship of historical, cultural, and/or natural resources and economic development through heritage tourism are encouraged.

Examples of eligible projects include new heritage tours, maps, interpretive brochures, podcasts, and other heritage-related publications; educational public programs, exhibits, and/or events; and heritage tourism-related website development. Oral history projects are also eligible.

Heritage tourism-related programs for K-12 students, home-schooled students, and/or after-school educational programs, and educational seminars, workshops, and conferences that en-

courage or enhance preservation, revitalization, and interpretation of the area’s natural, cultural and historic resources are also eligible.

BBHA encourages proposals that are consistent with any regional thematic heritage-tourism related initiatives and those that include new technology, foster environmentally-friendly and sustainable practices at heritage sites, foster accessibility for visitors with disabilities, and/or create new heritage-related programming in the arts. Generally, grants will be made as one-time awards, not for ongoing projects or annual activities.

Other types of projects not specifically stated here may be eligible and should be discussed with heritage area director.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the heritage area at info@beachesbayswaterways.org to discuss potential grant projects before they begin the application. Applications are due (submitted via e-mail) no later than Friday, Oct. 29.

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Ocean Breeze Alpacas open house this Sat.

(Oct. 21, 2021) Ocean Breeze Alpacas will have an open house celebrating its 10-year anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The farm, located at 10304 Caleb Road in Berlin, 21811, will be open free to the public for tours, demonstrations, and activities.

Co-owners Nancy and Susan Taylor invite all to come meet their alpacas and visit the “Breezy Barn” farm store of local alpaca goods, yarn, hand-knits and roving. One-of-a-kind hand knits are available just in time for the cooler weather.

“We hope everyone can join us on Saturday when we have invited various fiber artists demonstrating knitting, spinning, rug-hooking, and weaving,” Susan Taylor said. “There will be games, activities, a blacksmithing demonstration, and our popular hayride for the kids and the young at heart. A food truck with sandwiches and ice cream will also be available. It promises to be a fun day on the family farm.”

Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Although Saturday is the bigger day of festivities, the farm will also open to the public on Sunday, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

“Be sure to visit the farm store to see items from Classic Alpaca, the New England Alpaca Fiber Pool, and our local consigners,” Nancy Taylor added. “Our hats, scarves, socks, gloves and stuffed alpaca toys make great gifts. You can get an early start on your holiday shopping with our unique local hand-knit items, or purchase some of our own alpaca yarn to start your own knitted or crocheted project.”

The Taylors started their alpaca farm business 10 years ago with a herd of seven males. Over the years, the herd has grown to as many as 40.

Currently, they have 23 alpacas, including all of the 22 colors the Alpaca Owners Association recognizes. They also have three babies, also known as crias, that are just a year old, and three llamas.

For more information, please contact Susan Taylor, 443-880-7808, or Nancy Taylor at 410-215-0931.

Power Squadron safe boating class

(Oct. 21, 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 if 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. Visit the Ocean City Power Squadron at: ocusps.org.



~ Stanley Franklin Kahn ~

September 20, 2021 marks one year since Stan's death, which was on Rosh Hashanah, 2020. When he died, I could not find the words to announce his death. We had Coastal Hospice with us a week, or maybe just a few days before. My memory about everything is sketchy at best. He died of end-stage renal failure due to Multiple Myeloma caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. He bravely fought this disease for seven years with a brief remission of four months.

Caring Bridge helped make our communication with friends possible.

Stan loved people and they loved him back. It was comforting to hear and read the beautiful memories people had of him. We are grateful for your attention to us as well. You have been with us throughout this journey, as Stan called it, and your support has been an incredible blessing.

The Talmud teaches that even a truly righteous person must eventually die as death is inevitable. God, however, does not want to let the truly righteous leave this world, but, rather wants to cling on to every second of having such a person on earth. When such a person's name is not written in the Book of Life for the next year to come God waits until the very last second until the New Year begins, and only then allows the Angel of Death to descend. Thus a truly righteous person breathes his or her last breath and their soul departs on Rosh Hashanah, the New Year.

Our Gratitude and Love to each and every one of you.

L 'Shanah Tova

Veronica, Paul and Felecia

SNOW HILL

Halloween

October 29

6pm -8pm

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October 30

7pm

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October 31

5pm -8pm

Trick or Treat

TOWN OF SNOW HILL

15 YO & UNDER





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MSP partners with DEA for drug disposal event this Sat.

(Oct. 21, 2021) The Maryland State Police in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration are asking citizens to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 23.

State police barracks throughout Maryland will be participating in the National Drug Take Back Day. Each barrack will act as a collection station giving citizens an opportunity to dispose of all unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

On the ecological side, the collection is aimed more at preventing people from disposing of drugs by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. As the

chemical combinations used to make the drugs begin to break down, they tend to leach into waterways, where they can affect the marine animal reproductive cycle and have adverse affects on plant life.

“Through Operation Medicine Drop, citizens in Worcester County now have a responsible and safe way to dispose of their unwanted medications,” Assateague Coastal Trust’s Coastkeeper, Gabby Ross said.

Drop-off locations in Worcester County are located at the Berlin, Ocean Pines, and Pocomoke Police Departments, the Ocean City Public Safety Building on 65th Street, Worcester County Government Center, and Atlantic General Hospital.

Drop-off boxes are available year round. Liquids are not accepted.

HOMECOMING COURT

Stephen Decatur High School announced its 2021 Homecoming Court. In the running for queen, from left, are seniors Avery Braciszewski, Caroline Taylor, Darby Moore, Bailey Pusey and Georgia Oglesby. King candidates, from left standing, are seniors Khi Reid, Joe Buxbaum and Noah Reho, and seated, Zachery Thornton and Sam Woodley. The Homecoming King will be crowned during the annual pep rally on Friday, Oct. 22. The queen will be crowned during halftime of the football game later that night.

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WELCOME
Worcester Preparatory School Parents' Association hosted a New Parent Coffee event on Sept. 8 to welcome families who are new to the school. Pictured are parents Tiffany and Steve Wisniewski.

Melson's

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Oct. 21

PREORDER DEADLINE FOR BVFD SMOKED CHICKEN OR PORK
Pick up Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m. BBQ smoked 1/2 chicken and cole slaw or pint of smoked pork and cole slaw for \$12 each. Extra pints of pulled pork for \$10. Preorders: 619-922-9250.

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

STORY TIME: “DIA DE LOS MUERTOS” - THE DAY OF THE DEAD
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Learn all about the traditions of “Die de Los Muertos,” a holiday in October celebrated in Mexico. Take home activity included. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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

‘OYSTER SHELL ALLEYS’ AND ‘IRMA’S SEED’ AUTHOR MEET AND GREET
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Dr. Robert M. Craig, author of “Oyster Shell Alleys” and “Irma’s Seed,” shares his coming-of-age stories of summers spend in Ocean City. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY: MOVIES & THEIR MUSIC
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. So you saw the movie, but did you listen to the music? Trivia contest hosted by Jim Meckley. Prizes and refreshments. All ages welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Beach Singles, 45 years and older, meet for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or BeachSingles.org

Fri., Oct. 22

AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW & ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. All things home related. Admission is \$6 for adults, free to children 13 years and younger, and military, police, and fire with ID. Includes admission to O.C. Pet Expo. <https://oceanpromotions.info>, 410-213-8090

OC PET EXPO
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O.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE
North Division Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free event. Maze features wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. <http://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

OYSTER FRITTER SANDWICH
American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 2 p.m. Oyster fritter sandwiches for \$9. Public welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/Berlin-American-Legion-Post123-Boggs-Disharoon-118596634897241/>, 410-641-3760, boggsdisharoon.123@yahoo.com

FRIDAY NIGHT CARRY OUT DINNER
Berlin Fire Co Headquarters - Upstairs Banquet Hall, 214 N. Main St., 4:30-7 p.m. Four pieces of fried chicken (breast, wing, thigh, leg), homemade macaroni and cheese, string beans and a roll for \$12. <http://berlinfire.com>, 410-641-1977

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND DISCUSSION ON ACTIVISM IN THE ARTS
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 7-8 p.m. Led by Bryan Russo and featuring his new song “Mr. Tindley.” Pre-registration: www.artleagueofoceancity.org or 410-524-9433.

Sat., Oct. 23

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OPERATION MEDICINE DROP
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Atlantic General Hospital. No liquids.

THE PARKE GARAGE SALE
The Parke at Ocean Pines, 2 Arcadia Court, Berlin, 7:30 a.m.-noon. Maps will be available at the main entrance of the Parke located at Central Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines. Rain date is Oct. 24. 410-208-4994

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

MAKING STRIDES OF OCEAN CITY
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. Registration/check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Runners will start at 9 a.m. followed by the walkers. https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=100809, 410-726-1893

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OCEAN BREEZE ALPACAS OPEN HOUSE
Ocean Breeze Alpacas, 10304 Caleb Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring tours, demonstrations, various fiber artists, blacksmith, hayrides, games. Alpaca goods, yarn, hand-knits and roving available. Rain date is Oct. 24. Susan, 443-880-7808; Nancy, 410-215-0931

O.C.TOBERFEST SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Featuring local breweries, vendors, live music and food trucks. First hour reserved for VIPs. Rain date is Oct. 24. Tickets: <https://shorecraft-beer.ticketspice.com/6th-annual-october-fest>. 410-703-1970

PLANTATION LAKES TURNS PINK ZUMBA ‘CLASS’
Plantation Lakes Community Center Parking Lot, 29787 Plantation Lakes Blvd., Millsboro, 1-1:45 p.m. Join in on the Zumba class as they dance to fight breast cancer and support the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. Preregistration is \$10 at Judy Duffy, 571-238-4018. Day of registration costs \$15. 973-534-1436

O.C.TOBERFEST HOWL-O-WEEN PET PARADE
North Division Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, 1 p.m. Registration begins at noon. Dress up your pets and compete for prizes and surprises. Participants are encouraged to donate pet supplies or monetary donations. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

TRIMPER’S BARK IN THE PARK
Trimper’s Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 3 p.m. Following the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade, bring your furry friends to Trimpers for more pet-friendly opportunities and vendors. <https://www.trimperrides.com/events/upcoming-events>, 410-289-8617

O.C.TOBERFEST DRIVE & DISGUISE / TRUNK OR TREAT
26th Street & Boardwalk, Ocean City, 3 p.m. Costumed cars parade along the boardwalk, starting at 3 p.m. from 26th Street to the Inlet Parking Lot, where Trunk or Treat will begin at 3:30 p.m. Applications for parade: <https://admin.ococean.com>. 410-250-0125

TRIMPER’S KIDS MONSTER BASH & COSTUME PARTY
Trimper’s Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 4 p.m. Haunted park, hay ride, face painting, hay maze and ride Trimper rides all day for \$20. Prizes for best costumes. <https://www.trimperrides.com/events/upcoming-events>, 410-289-8617

O.C.TOBERFEST DRIVE-IN MOVIE
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Featuring “Casper” on the big LED screen. Audio through speakers and via FM transmission. Guest must pay the Inlet Parking Lot fees (\$3/hour). <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

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. 24

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HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL CHURCH TO INSTALL NEW DEAN
Holy Trinity Cathedral (Anglican), 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m. Installation of the church’s new dean, the Very Rev. Fr. Larry Barnhill. <https://htcanglican.org>.
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Puzzles

'CLUE': THE MOVIE

BY BRANDON KOPPY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Brandon Koppy works for a digital ad agency in Austin, Tex. He started solving crosswords about 20 years ago in college, like those in The Onion and New York Times reprints in the student paper. He got serious about constructing around 2018. The theme for this puzzle occurred to him when he stumbled across an old poster for the movie "Clue" and thought, Hmm, that could work for a puzzle title. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Syllables when you forget the words

4 The universe has an estimated 1,0⁸² of them

9 "A mouse!"

12 Beyoncé chart-topper "Single ____ (Put a Ring on It)"

18 Smile center

19 ____ Lawrence College

20 Magazine co-founded in 1945 by Hélène Gordon Lazareff

22 Similar-sounding phrase, such as "I scream" for "ice cream"

23 *Field of Dreams*

26 *Guys and Dolls*

27 Lucrative and undemanding

28 Ingredient in a McDonald's McFlurry

29 Seasonal winds

31 Fictional brand of rocket-powered roller skates

32 "Cross my heart!"

35 Fam girl

36 Sounds of doubt

38 *Star Trek*

40 Woodworker's tool

42 Some tourist spots in San Francisco

43 Tax pro, for short

45 Ancient work that describes the sacred tree Yggdrasil

46 Trendy home gym purchase

50 *Top Gun*

55 Baseball family name much seen in crosswords

56 Jerkface

59 Tightly affixed

60 Parrot's sound

61 Insurance department

63 "____ for me, thanks"

64 Big no-nos

66 *Letters From Iwo Jima*

67 *The Imitation Game*

69 *The Fifth Element*

73 Perfectly comfortable

75 1930s migrant to California

76 Spirits

77 Sesh on Reddit

80 Speed reader?

81 Gave, as gossip

83 Trimmed parts of green beans

84 *A Man for All Seasons*

87 Matricidal figure of Greek myth

89 Golden-rule word

90 Spanish "Listen!"

91 Dostoyevsky's Prince Myshkin, so the book title declares

93 Cause for switching positions

97 *Scent of a Woman*

104 "____ you decent?"

105 ____ Toy Barn ("Toy Story 2" locale)

106 Small things that you pluck

107 Breakout band for Harry Styles and Zayn Malik, familiarly

108 Overlie

111 Mad magazine cartoonist Drucker

112 Get the juices flowing?

113 *Wayne's World*

114 *Space Jam*

118 Gene variant

119 Denominator in the velocity formula

120 Beam for train tracks

121 Fragrant ring

122 Candy with the slogan "Not sorry"

123 Skosh

124 Main artery

125 Panic button, of a sort

14 Place to develop one's chops

15 Innate

16 Part of a makeup test?

17 Texting tech, briefly

21 "____ es!" ("That's right!": Sp.)

24 "Clueless" protagonist

25 Accept eagerly, with "at"

30 Org. with an annual Codebreaker Challenge

32 Double-crossed and half-baked

33 Embarrassing public episode

34 Restless desire

37 Luxurious

39 Product for one who wonders, "Am I expecting?"

40 Increased into something much more valuable

41 Spy novelist Deighton

44 Weave off the shoulder?

46 Get ready for vacation

47 Civil rights activist Baker

48 It may be forgiven

49 Mystic's board

50 4x World Series winner Martinez

51 [more info below]

52 Ice cream containers

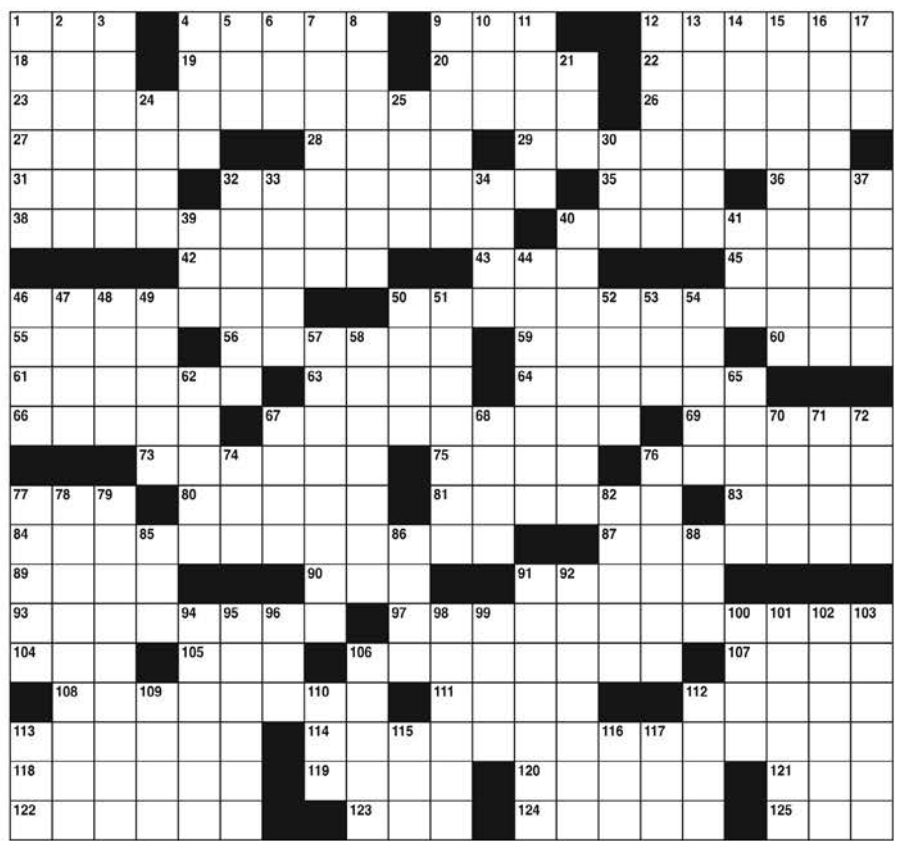
53 ____ compensation (subject of modern debate)

54 Spanish marinade

57 Drawer of shorts, e.g.

58 Cutthroat mentality

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- 62 Cardinal's hat, in Britain

65 Tender areas

67 Pop in the fridge

68 Hershey's chocolate-and-toffee bar

70 Diatribe

71 Quaint sign word

72 Noun-making suffix

74 Fumble for words

76 Dodos

77 City that replaced Lagos as Nigeria's capital
- 78 Cameo

79 Predatory insect living in woodpiles

82 French fabric

85 Caramel or hot fudge, basically

86 Euphemistic exclamation

88 Ike's domain in W.W.II

91 Reason the physicist stayed in bed?

92 "The Shape of Water" director
- 94 Natasha ____, Boris's partner against Rocky and Bullwinkle

95 Some water-park rides

96 Olympics symbol for Madrid's country

98 Sang along when you forgot the words

99 Ingredient in healing gel

100 Latte art medium

101 Arch support

102 Bill killers
- 103 Utopian

106 Like a birthday cake, pre-party

109 "____ All That" (1999 film)

110 Frequently, quaintly

112 Lugosi of horror films

113 Fish with an elongated jaw

115 Singer Sumac

116 Describe in a negative way

117 Toke

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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

5	2	4	9	8	3	7	6	1
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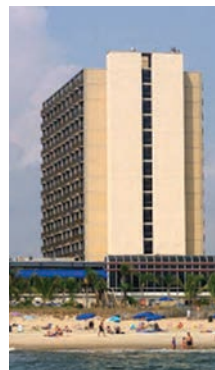
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Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Headquarters, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Something for all ages. Junior fire-fighter challenge, learn CPR, blood pressure checks, give-a-ways, light refreshments, demonstrations and new heavy rescue dedication. 410-289-4346

O.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE
North Division Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free event. Maze features wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. <http://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

O.C.TOBERFEST BIG TOYS ON THE BOARD-WALK
On the Boardwalk near the Amusement Pier, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring construction equipment, emergency vehicles, muscle cars, race boats, a helicopter and more. Kids of all ages welcome. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS CEREMONY
Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. Participants may also bring a photo of a departed pet or a stuffed animal that means a lot. Halloween costumes welcome. 410-723-1973

O.C.TOBERFEST THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE
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p.m. Registration begins at noon. Build your own pumpkin race car and compete in a side-by-side down hill race. Prizes awarded. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-toberfest>, 410-798-6304

HALLOWEEN SPOOK OUT
Northside Park, Ballfield #1, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides, snacks and costume contests. Admission cost is one full bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Volunteer: Kallison@oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125

Mon., Oct 25

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center,

239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Oct. 26

STORY TIME 'NOT SO SPOOKY STORIES'
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCPS SAFE BOATING COURSE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. The three-night class takes place Oct. 26-28. The course is free. Course books are available to borrow or purchase for \$20. Arrive 15 minutes early on first night. ocusps.org

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. 27

HAUNTED BINGO
Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m.-noon. Prizes for creative costumes and

special Bingo prizes. Coffee and donuts provided. 410-250-0125

CRAFT TIME 'PUMPKIN MADNESS'
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Decorate your very own pumpkin to take home. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12-1 p.m. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org

LISTENING SESSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE CRITICAL AREA CODE UPDATE
Worcester County Government Center - First floor meeting room, 1 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 5-7 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. Providing participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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