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RAINY FESTIVAL

Jaime Windon, CEO and founder of Lyon Rum, the flagship spirit of Windon Distilling Company in St. Michaels, presents samples to guests attending the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews festival on Main Street last Saturday. Despite the rain, many attended the event.

Berlin budget now headed for final round

Initial phase over, \$8.4M plan goes to vote May 23

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Berlin Town Council held the first reading of its FY23 budget ordinance Monday night, setting the stage for the second and final hearing on its proposed financial package on May 23.

The budget as presented features a general fund that totals roughly \$8.44 million and contains a five percent salary increase for all of the town's staff.

The town has an American Rescues Plan Act grant totaling \$4.8 million which includes spending items such as \$754,990 for smart water meters, \$54,000 for grants to busi-



Zack Tyndall

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Gospel pioneer Tindley mural OK'd

Historic Dist. Commission endorses plan to honor town's musical native son

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Berlin Historic District Commission has approved a mural for one of the town's own, Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley, that will be featured on the side of the Bruder Hill boutique on Commerce Street.

Lisa Challenger, director of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council, along with representatives from the Calvin B. Taylor House, German-town School Community Heritage Center, and Tindley's descendants spoke to the commission last Thursday about realizing their goal to es-

tablish Berlin as Tindley's birthplace.

Tindley's Berlin heritage has always been somewhat of a tidbit — he's more easily recognized as a Philadelphian, where he spent most of his adult years.

"They really celebrate him up in Philadelphia where he spent the majority of his adult life, but we'd like to claim him here as his birthplace. It's been a very exciting project," Challenger told the commission.

"Many towns big and small are doing murals as a way to express who they are, to tell a story, to allow citizens who feel pride in their community and this idea came about under a larger umbrella of an African American heritage tourism project."

The mural will be painted on the

side of the Bruder Hill boutique, against its parking lot.

Even those who have never heard of Tindley likely have heard his work. He composed many renowned civil rights hymns such as "We Shall Overcome" and "Stand By Me."

Born in 1851, Tindley moved to Philadelphia following the Civil War, where his career flourished.

Tindley died in 1933 at 82 years old.

"It was brought to us that there was an effort afoot to want some kind of dedication and very public art exhibit of the reverend," Challenger said in August. "We just thought this mural would be so large and captivating and a lot of eyeballs would see it because the Town of Berlin has just

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Reggae Play Day from Ocean 98 back on Main St.

After two-year layoff, celebration returns

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) Reggae Play Day is back after a two-year hiatus with reggae music plus beer, wine and food on May 14 on Main Street.

The annual event, sponsored every year by Ocean 98, hasn't been scheduled since 2019 due to covid-19.

"We're an arts and entertainment district and we're always

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Berlin Parks Commission Briefs

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Berlin Parks Commission discussed the following during its May 3 meeting:

Playground report

The commission reviewed the 2022 Playground Inspection report.

"It's a lot of the same stuff (like) painting and tightening the bolts, that type of thing, that public works go through and takes care of," Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said during the meeting.

The report was completed in April by Playground Guardian, a park and playground inspection agency.

Mary Bohlen

While the report returned no issues that alarmed the commission, members discussed focusing on addressing the recommendations in the report for the FY24 budget year, with the town's FY23 budget already all but confirmed.

"The kind of grant programs that we used in the past to buy a lot of this equipment either no longer exists or they've shifted," Bohlen said. "Not to say it's not possible to get grants, but hopefully in some cases, there's stuff that the mayor and Town Council will be able to see funding directly rather than waiting for a grant. All we can do is look into it and see what we can see."

Tree giveaway

The Backyard Buffer Tree Giveaway "was a raging success," Bohlen told the commission but pointed out that "quite a few people" signed up but did not come on the date to pick up their trees. Every bundle was nonetheless given away.

Some options for the event in the future will include possibly splitting bundles to accommodate people who may not want trees but do want the shrubs, or vice versa, Bohlen said.

"This program is intended particularly for people who live on water-

ways," Bohlen said. "The point of it is to create those natural buffers to help with erosion, as well as wildlife habitat, food, that sort of thing. So they're really not meant to be planted 'in town,' but we don't discourage anyone who wants them."

Clean-up day

Bohlen said that numbers are "a little down from previous years" for the 15-year April tradition Clean-Up Berlin Day when volunteers take a few hours on a Saturday to give Berlin's parks and neighborhoods a "spring cleaning."

"We've gone into it kind of saying if they don't show up maybe this would be the last year that we did it," Bohlen said. "I feel like we've had enough people come that we don't want to call it yet. This is just how it is everywhere where volunteers are needed. Numbers are just dwindling."

Tree planting

Bohlen broached the idea of establishing what she described as a "tree plan" for the town, but that such a thing would likely be something bigger than what the Parks Commission might handle by itself.

"It's probably something that the Beautification Committee can weigh in on and maybe then others who we pull in to talk about it," she said. "I think it's worth looking into it."

Doing so could help Berlin become a Tree City USA town, an Arbor Day Foundation program that celebrates cities and towns committed to growing their urban canopy.

"A lot of it is stuff that we've already done and haven't really documented," Bohlen told the commission. "We're not going to get too deeply into it tonight but think about it, think about what resources we might have, how we might start down this road."

The Park Commission's next meeting is scheduled for July 5.

Pruitt looking good as mayor of Snow Hill before count

(May 12, 2022) Mike Pruitt will be the new mayor of Snow Hill, providing his vote count holds when elections officials do the formal tally of ballots case during the May 3 contest.

The unofficial results show Pruitt outdistancing opponent Rob Hall 214 votes to 93.

In the contest for the Town Council seat for the Eastern District, Janet Simpson defeated Dave Burt 73 votes to 31.

Per the charter, the official results will be determined on May 25, when the Snow Hill Board of Elections will

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OP Strategic Planning hones in on goals after workshop

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee continued developing long-term strategies during its May 5 meeting, setting its sights on goals to outline.

“When compared to similar HOA’s, Ocean Pines has had minimal growth and lower household income. Ocean Pines also has more amenities and waterfront property, with a fair HOA fee,” stated a PowerPoint presentation given by Committee Chair Bernie McGorry. “OPA should continue to invest in the community and control expenses.”

The committee, seeing that Ocean Pines is the largest community in Worcester County, contends that it should thus use its greater voting power with the county to assure a “fair share of funding and political support,” McGorry wrote.

Other goals are to continue to pro-

mote diversity and inclusion for anyone, especially seeing as the community is among the least diverse demographically and by average age in the county. Community safety, as well, should be a priority.

Ultimately, Ocean Pines is best served by investing in itself, the committee concluded.

The shortlist of defined long-term goals includes maintaining “five-star” amenities, customer service, infrastructure focus and transparency.

Goals will be evaluated on a four-point criterion that includes alignment to station analysis, possible overlap and duplication, seen as achieving what the committee sets out to, and its realisticness and significance. “Maintaining profitability,” is the only one McGorry’s presentation says meets every criteria point.

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on May 26, when they expect to have a third goal-crafting work session.

Berlin mulls update to code for lot size in townhome area

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Berlin Town Council conducted the first reading of an ordinance that would amend the zoning code for fee simple townhomes in the R-4 residential district during its May 9 meeting.

The ordinance features amendments to allow additional requirements that may be permanent, including minimum lot area square footage for all dwellings and public utilities set at 5,000 square feet and minimum lot widths 50 feet.

Other amendments in the ordinance include 5,000 square feet of

lot area per family for all dwellings and for both, all dwellings and public utilities: front yard depth of 25 feet, side yard minimum width of six feet with a total sum of 15 feet and rear yard depth of 35 feet. All other permitted uses would be same as outlined in the R-3 residential district zoning code.

A public hearing is scheduled for May 23 at the next town council meeting.

“Surrounding areas in within the county and other towns have the fee simple lots for a townhouse development instead of all the common area — if there are 30 units, being divided by 30,” Town Planning Director Dave Engelhart said. “They can have a larger lot for each townhome, if they choose to design it that way.”


Pruitt leads Hall big in mayor race

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meet and count all absentee ballots received that were postmarked by or before May 3. The board also will vet provisional ballots.

The new town officials will be sworn in at the mayor and council’s June 14 meeting and will serve two-year terms.

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Private sportsplex talk protested

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) A meeting between Worcester County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young, and a private investor about the proposed sports complex has some commissioners wondering how the public knew about the gathering before they did.

Commissioner Chip Bertino said it was concerning that meetings were taking place with potential sponsors without all seven commissioners being informed. He said it really did not matter if nothing came of the meeting, but suggested it was the principle.

“Other people around the county seem to know more than the county commissioners as to what is being said, with whom conversations are being had, and what is being offered. I don’t think that’s right,” Bertino told the other commissioners. “I would ask moving forward, that if anybody in the county is having meetings with regard to naming rights, what is out there, I think it’s responsible that the commissioners, all of us, be informed that either a



Joe Mitrecic



Chip Bertino

meeting took place, what was discussed, who was there, etc. I don’t think it’s fair I had to find out by reading the newspapers, what’s going on for the county when I’m responsible, or one of the responsible people for the county.”

The commissioner’s concerns came just two weeks after a public hearing on purchasing a 95.6-acre property just west of Stephen Decatur High School along Route 50 for \$7.15 million. The money will come out of the \$11.2 million in bonds earmarked for financing a portion of the costs associated with engineering, designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a potential sports complex.

After the public hearing, the commissioners voted 4-3 in favor of the purchase, with Bertino and Commissioners Jim Bunting and Ted Elder voting against it.

On Tuesday, Bertino said he was aware that a petition to go to referendum was in the works and declared that he was not part of that effort. If successful, the public would vote on the purchase of the property.

At the moment, the county is the

only entity on the hook for the facility despite conversations taking place in Ocean City and Berlin.

Young told Bertino the county has not put out plans for the sportsplex, but Ocean City has and is looking at having a “very large” indoor facility constructed on the property.

“Only the county is involved in this, and nobody should be speaking for the county except this board and you,” Bertino told Young, who responded by saying the only part of the project the county is working on at the moment is an environmental site assessment.

Mitrecic told Bertino he was on the radio last week and reiterated that the county was only at “Step A,” which is to purchase the property.

He also said he and Young met with a private investor before the property was under contract, but that it was a preliminary meeting.

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Berlin Town Council Briefs

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) The Berlin Town Council discussed the following at its May 9 meeting:

Billboard

The Berlin Town Council approved the design of a billboard to be erected along Route 611 that will promote the town to passing motorists. The current iteration of the billboard reads “Berlin Historic Quaint Quirky” with an arrow pointing toward the town. The original design was submitted to the town by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Board appointment

Mayor Zack Tyndall swore in the officers of the Board of Supervisors of Elections. On the board are Linda Bowen, Tony Bowen and Gina Velong.

Basketball Tourney

The council approved the special use permit for the Memorial Day Basketball Tournament at Dr. William Henry Park on May 29.

Sewage pump

The council approved a request to field proposals for the demolition of the Williams Street drywall sewage pump station and the installation of an above-grade duplex packaged pump station, the cleaning and repair of an existing wet well, the furnishing and installation of cured-in-place and pre-cast concrete structures, and the installation of controls and conduit, according to a town draft memo.



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Reggae Play Day back after two-year layoff

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looking to increase and add to (our offerings)," said Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells. "It's cool because it gives people a chance to go outside and enjoy live music all day in Berlin. The Berlin Chamber of Commerce will be there, there'll be beer and wine. Sterling Tavern will have a variety of food. Boxcar on Main will offer Jamaican fish stew. Everyone can come out and enjoy."

The main act this year is national touring artist Joe Sambo.

"He's really looking forward to playing here and it gives Berlin a chance to have an actual act featured in downtown," Wells said.

The event is free to attend, parking

is free and it is friendly to leashed pets. Attendees can bring their own chairs, but no outside coolers are allowed.

Reggae Play Day is used to be the May Day Play Day event that Ocean 98 produced, Wells said. The shift from May Day to Reggae simply occurred by a desire for reggae music.

May Day Play Day featured several local bands playing live music but when the music changed to reggae the crowd response doubled.

The event is from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the radio station's contest, visit <https://ocean98.com> or <https://berlinmainstreet.com/reggae-play-day/>.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Reggae Play Day is back in business after the Ocean 98-sponsored event had to skip the last two years due to covid-19. Festivities kick off from Main Street at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Berlin budget questioned, heads toward vote

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nesses, \$220,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus request by the Berlin Fire Department and \$135,500 for radios requested by the Berlin Police Department and 20 portable radios for daily operations and emergency preparedness requested. It also includes \$1 million apiece for funding to improve and update the Broad Streetlight station and improvement of the town's wastewater treatment plant.

"I just want to go on record ... the two things I'd object to would be the radios and the \$135,000," Councilman Jay Knerr said. "I know (Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing) requested the radios, we should fund that. But the rest of it I disagree with it. Don't think it's necessary. The other item is the business grant. Businesses received money, we received the taxi grant for \$194,000, which was allocated to the businesses ... I think the minimum amount was they got \$1,000, plus they're also coming off the best year they ever had last year. So they're not asking for it, it's not necessary. I'd rather see both

those funds allocated to other projects.

One project Knerr proposed for the funds instead was stormwater treatment funding.

Councilman Jack Orris pointed out that the spending plan only features one stormwater item.

"If the council decides to remove the radios and the grants to businesses, I'd like to see that ... dedicated to stormwater townwide," Orris concurred. "I know District 2 has a lot of stormwater concerns ... I think stormwater really needs to be addressed."

Mayor Zack Tyndall pushed back on the idea of dropping or reducing the number of radios to be purchased.

"The request originally from the police department for operational purposes. What they need is a mobile unit for a vehicle and a portable unit," Tyndall said. "The 20 radios would replace the 15 that the police department has currently, to give them all new radios, and acquire five additional. The reason we go to that number, if you look operational, it still

doesn't cover all the radios that would be needed. Reducing it to 10 would not accomplish anything, really."

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols questioned \$50,000 earmarked for audio and visual system improvements in the council chambers which enable the public to tune into various

meetings remotely.

"It's not that I don't want people to have access to what goes on here, because I do. But upgrading to that system I feel it can be waited on a little longer. The same with the radios," Nichols said.

The council will vote on the budget after the public hearing on May 23.

Commission OKs Tindley mural

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gotten so crowded and crazy, which is a good thing."

Challenger added that the hope is the mural will also inspire more people to check out the rest of the county, from Berlin to Pocomoke City.

"He's a nationally recognized fig-

ure as the father of gospel music," Challenger said. "It's pretty cool that he was born right here in Berlin. Philadelphia really grabbed the opportunity to say 'Hey, he lived here and we're going to celebrate him,' and now we want to say 'We're going to celebrate him too.'"

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Worcester County Commissioners Jim Bunting and Ted Elder participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Tuesday for the start of Talkie's project to install 30 miles of fiber-optic cable in Bishopville.

Bishopville project start celebrated

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) Broadband vendor Talkie celebrated the start of a project to install 30 miles of fiber-optic-cable in Bishopville with a ribbon cutting last week even though the company failed to obtain a grant that was expected to cover the project's cost.

The price tag on the installation of fiber in Bishopville is \$77,000 per mile, or approximately \$2.3 million, and once finished, the network will offer internet with speeds up to 1 gigabyte per second, phone service, and home security to residences.

Talkie owners Andrew and Andre DeMattia had hoped to obtain the NTIA grant of \$18 million but found out on Feb. 25 that they were not going to win it. In fact, Maryland did not win any portion of the grant.

The NTIA grant that Talkie hoped to win was expected to pay for the Bishopville project, which is now unfunded.

Adding insult to injury, the DeMattias told commissioners that applying for these grants is expensive. The company shelled out \$120,000 just to apply for the NTIA grant, a portion of which was paid for by the state.

Talkie has been working with Worcester County to address areas that lack broadband internet. Along with the Bishopville project, the company has been working to install broadband in the Pocomoke City and Snow Hill areas.

But funds are running thin, according to company representatives who met with the commissioners on May 3, and the materials needed to

install the service are going up in price, nearly doubling what they were before the pandemic began.

Talkie did win a grant for \$3 million over 10 years, and another for \$3.6 million. It has also applied for a \$2 million grant which should be awarded sometime this month, and an infrastructure grant of \$20 million, which requires a 10-percent match and is offered by the state. The match of \$2 million would come from a grant derived from the American Rescue Plan Act.

County will begin job of balancing income, expenses

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) Worcester County officials anticipate being \$11.3 million short of covering the \$229.6 million spending budget proposed for FY23, versus \$218.3 million in revenue being projected next year.

Chief Administrator Weston Young presented the budget to the county commissioners on May 3, just before a public hearing on a proposed increase in real property taxes.

According to a notice that was posted, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.9 percent from \$16.5 billion to \$16.8 billion, and if the county maintains its current tax rate of \$0.845 per See BUDGET Page 7

Commissioners spar on complex

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Young piggybacked on Mitrecic's comment, adding that there were discussions previously about private entities putting money forward as a match and that naming rights are on the table for the property.

"This meeting was requested with me and Mr. Young directly, and this person is in my district," Mitrecic told Bertino. "Just as you have meetings with people in your district ... nothing, absolutely nothing came of it."

Bertino said the concern is that they hear things on the radio or at council meetings that the other com-

missioners were not a part of, and it's especially concerning when the county is the only entity on the line.

He told Mitrecic if there are meetings with anyone, the other commissioners have a right to know.

"I'll expect the same from you," Mitrecic said, to which Bertino responded by saying he was not talking about constituent meetings.

Mitrecic said that's all it was: a meeting with one of his constituents.

Still, Bertino held the line, and requested any discussions with outside sponsors should be reported to the commissioners.

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Local hospital prepares for yearly fundraiser

(May 12, 2022) Atlantic General Hospital Foundation is preparing to present one of its largest fundraising events, the annual anniversary celebration.

Bob Kelly, president of Bil-Jac Foods, also known as Kelly Foods Corporation, finds great value in donating to the community hospital and has signed on to be title sponsor again this year.

The continued endorsement has been important to him and his family for years. This year marks Kelly Food's 18th consecutive year as Legacy Sponsor.

Kelly Foods and the Kelly family have contributed more than \$216,000 to Atlantic General Hospi-
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This year marks Kelly Food's 18th consecutive as Legacy Sponsor of Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual celebration. Pictured, from left, are Kam LaBrunda, AGH Foundation grants and operations officer; Sally Dowling, MD, AGH co-interim CEO; Robert Garner, Kelly Foods plant manager; Emily Tunis, 29th anniversary celebration co-chair; Steve Green, AGH Foundation chair; Toni Keiser, AGH vice president of Public Relations; and Sam Widgeon, AGH Foundation event coordinator.

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Budget discussions start \$11 million short

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\$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.9 percent, or \$2.6 million of new real property tax revenues.

The notice said the rate could be reduced to \$0.8294, the constant yield tax rate, to offset the increasing assessments, though the county is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset them.

Instead, the county is proposing to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.845 per \$100 of assessment, which is 1.9 percent higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$2.6 million in additional property tax revenues.

The county gets 92.5 percent of its revenue from three sources: property taxes, income taxes, and recordation and transfers.

While this year the county is expected to generate close to \$2 million more in revenue than last year, the county will still be \$11.3 million short of the \$218.3 it plans to spend in FY23.

To reconcile the shortage, the county will make reductions in requested expenditures, create additional revenues, or a combination of both.

Education accounts for 50.6 percent of the budget, according to Young, and the school district is expected to get a \$4.2 million boost from what it received last year.

The budget also helps fund Wor-Wic Community College, which did not seek an increase in funds this year, and public safety, which will get nearly \$2 million more in FY23 than FY22 because of new programs such as police body cameras.

It also helps fund the State's Attorney's department, health and libraries, recreation, parks, tourism, economic development, and every other aspect of the county government to allow it to function.

The county's income tax rate of 2.25 percent is the lowest in the state, Young said, and the \$0.845 property tax rate it is proposing is the second lowest on the Eastern Shore, and third lowest in the state.

Young said during his presentation that a real property tax rate of \$0.9076 would fully fund the revenue shortfall, but the county plans to maintain the \$0.845 rate.

When the floor was opened for the public to chime in on the property tax rate increase, nobody spoke on it specifically.

Instead, many people, including Worcester Public Schools Superin-

tendent Lou Taylor, thanked the commissioners for providing the funds the district needs to educate the students with the latest technology while maintaining small classrooms.

Others asked the commissioners and school district officials to take another look at getting bus contractors more money, especially as the cost of fuel continues to rise and the operators themselves do not get the same benefits as district employees.

Two budget work sessions will be held at the county government center in Snow Hill. The first took place on May 10, and the second is scheduled on May 17 at 1 p.m.

On June 7, the commissioners are expected to vote on and adopt the budget and tax rate.

For more information about the budget, call 410-632-1194 or visit www.co.worcester.md.us.

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Pooch Palooza returns to Frontier Town in Berlin this Saturday, with activities including a costume contest, lure chasing, competitive dock diving, a tennis ball lottery and a pie-eating contest.
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Frontier Town hosts seventh annual Pooch Palooza, Sat.

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(May 12, 2022) Dog owners looking for something fun to do this weekend with their furry pals can head to Frontier Town, off Route 611 in Berlin, Saturday for Pooch Palooza.

The event, sponsored by Grand Living Magazine, is dubbed, “The games of the Seventh Pooch Palooza,” and will feature vendors, games and treats for the pups.

“This is a dog festival designed from a dog’s perspective,” organizer Sandy Phillips said.

Phillips explained that like festivals that humans attend, Pooch Palooza will have tents set up by vendors whole will be offering dog things for dogs to do.

For example, the festivities will include a pie-eating contest where the dogs will get the opportunity to chow down pies made of sweet potato, pumpkin, and homemade whipped cream. All the ingredients are whipped together, and according to Phillips, are very fluffy.

The pie-eating contest is the most popular event of the festival and anyone who plans to have their dogs participate will need to sign up for the event when they arrive.

Another event taking place is the lure chase, where dogs chase a lure tied to a string. The event’s site, <https://grandlivingpublishing.com/pooch-palooza>, says lure chasing is irresistible to dogs and offers fun in a safe environment. The cost to participate in the lure chase is \$10 per run, and tickets can be purchase in advance or at the festival.

In addition to the pie-eating and

lure chasing, there will be seminars and demonstrations on caring for, and training dogs, a costume contest and dock diving, when owners get to learn about the sport and give their dogs a chance to try it out.

The event also features every “fetchoholic’s” dream of having tennis balls fall from the sky in the Tennis Ball Lottery. The ball drop takes place at noon.

There will be several other activities taking place at Pooch Palooza, which can be found on the event’s website.

Whether the dog is small like a Yorkshire Terrier or big like a St. Bernard, organizers said there will be something for all of them. The dogs will be separated into classes by size for the competitions.

Before the covid-19 pandemic, Phillips said, approximately 2,000 humans and 1,000 dog attended. When the event returned last year, the numbers were not what they had been in the past, but this year they hope to rebound back to having 1,000 dogs.

Pooch Palooza will take place inside Frontier Town’s western theme park from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the festival can be purchased in advance for \$12 on www.grandlivingpublishing.com/pooch-palooza, up until noon on Friday. After that, tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the gate.

“It’s a great day to get out with your dog,” Phillips said, adding that the money raised will go directly to U.S. Kennels. “They take the dogs out of our area shelters and pair them with our veterans, before training them to be service dogs.”



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DONATION
The Ocean City Lioness Lions Club President Bev Topfer presented a check to the Mid-Atlantic Shockers Club represented by Tanner Edleman and his mother, Monica.

Event offers sponsorship levels

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tal since 2004, with plans to continue the family tradition of giving to the local community hospital as an annual sponsor of Atlantic General Hospital’s Anniversary Celebration.

Kelly’s father always believed it was very important to give back to the community and he demonstrated this by contributing financially, in addition to volunteering his time to serve the local hospital in their hometown of Medina, Ohio.

“When I moved to the Eastern Shore in the 1970s, I remember what it was like when there was no hospital in Worcester County. A local community hospital is not something that should be taken for granted,” Kelly said. “I encourage our community members to help support our local hospital in any way possible, especially during such trying times.”

Bob Kelly’s father, Bill, and Bill’s brother, Jack founded Bil-Jac Foods in 1947 based on their passion to help dogs thrive by improving their nutrition through the best combination of ingredients, vitamins and minerals. Although the Kelly Foods headquarters is located in Medina, Ohio, they

also have a presence in Berlin with their pet food plant that is located half a mile from Atlantic General Hospital.

Additional event sponsorships are available. Several sponsorship levels include a number of complimentary admissions to the celebration hosted by Kevin Myers and his family at their beautiful home in Berlin.

Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire for the outdoor event that will take place, rain or shine, during the evening of Thursday, May 19, from 6-10 p.m.

Features of the gala include an abundance of hors d’oeuvres catered by Taste Events, an array of cocktails provided by local establishments, and live music performed by Jellyroll.

Visit www.agh.care/agh29 to submit sponsorships or purchase admissions. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, and all gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

For more information, contact Sam Widgeon, event coordinator, at swidgeon@atlanticgeneral.org or by calling the foundation office at 410-641-9671.

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Ocean Pines Bay Day event at White Horse Park, Sun.

(May 12, 2022) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Ocean Pines Association will present their third Bay Day event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

Bay Day, according to its organizers, is a collaborative conservation effort aimed to help improve the health of the waterways along the shores of Ocean Pines. The free event is designed to capture the interest of all age groups through activities, free boat tours, live music, food trucks and live animal exhibits.

“We are excited to be bringing Bay Day back this year after a brief hiatus due to covid-19. Bay Day is a great way for community members to learn more about how they can make small changes that over time have a strong positive impact on our coastal bays,” said the program’s Education Coordinator, Liz Wist. “We are thrilled to collaborate with Ocean Pines for a third year on this event. People should feel welcome to stay all day. They can learn from environmental organizations, take a boat tour of the St. Martin, eat lunch and listen to music, pick up a native plant, and participate in various hands-on activities.”

Altogether, 30 conservation part-

ners will be participating, including Go Green OC, Ocean City Surf Club, Assateague State Park, Pocomoke River State Park, Assateague Coastal Trust and Lower Shore Land Trust. The first 400 attendees will receive a canvas bag that was hand-painted by a student from the Worcester County Public Schools system.

Go Green OC will be collecting compostable material and the bays program will be collecting plastic bottle caps, plastic grocery bags and batteries for recycling. A secondhand book exchange will also take place at the Caprichos Books exhibit booth.

Organizers said Ocean Pines Bay Day will continue to serve as a catalyst to a year-long campaign to raise awareness and educate residents on environmentally friendly practices that could enhance the quality of local waterways.

For more information and daily updates be sure to check out the Facebook event page titled Bay Day in Ocean Pines 2022.

Worcester Youth’s 12th annual Pirate Party set for Friday

(May 12, 2022) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will host its 12th annual Pirate Party fundraiser on Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City.

Attendees are encouraged to join the fun by coming dressed in their best pirate garb, although it is not required. A \$65 admission ticket includes a light fare buffet, a pirate-inspired rum drink voucher, live entertainment, raffles, and games. Tickets can be purchased in advance online by going to gowoyo.org.

This is Worcester Youth & Family’s biggest fundraising event of the year. All proceeds go directly to support the organization’s youth programs, which have a huge impact on the lives of Worcester County’s most vulnerable residents.

The programs help to engage residents in healthy, structured social activities in addition to working with them in therapeutic environments to improve their lives. Any donations made will support the organization’s youth enrichment programs and Lower Shore CASA program, which advocates for neglected and abused children in the child welfare system.

Local businesses and individuals continue to support this annual event, including Ayers Creek Adventures, Bergey & Company, Cards Technology, Duckaneer, Sunset

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First OP fun run and walk, Saturday

OP Public Works yard open in May for debris dropoff

(May 12, 2022) Families are invited to take part in a day of fitness and fun on Saturday at the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's first 1-mile fun run/walk at Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10 a.m.

The event, which will include a 1-mile walk or run around the South Gate Pond and a variety of other activities, is designed to encourage families to exercise together, according to event supervisor Katie Goetzinger.

"Recreation and Parks wanted to hold an event where the whole family could participate and get active," Goetzinger said. "The South Gate Pond is a great place to both get exercise and enjoy the beautiful scenery our neighborhood has to offer."

The after-walk party at the park will last until 2 p.m. and will feature moon bounces, face-painting, music, vendors and giveaways, all of which are included in the registration fee. Food will also be available for purchase.

The cost to participate is \$10 per person before the event, and \$15 on the day of the event, beginning at 9 a.m. Participants who pre-register are guaranteed an event T-shirt, and all participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a new bicycle.

"Event vendors will include the Get Baked food trolley and Ray's Wraps, which offers sand art, hair wraps and

airbrush tattoos. Recreation and Parks will also have a concession stand with snacks and drinks for sale," Goetzinger said.

Sponsors are needed for this family-friendly event. Sponsorship levels range from \$50-\$200 and include race entries, promotion on event t-shirts and recognition in event publicity and banners. Businesses interested in sponsorships should contact Goetzinger at kgoetzinger@oceanpines.org or at 410-641-7052.

This program is open to the public and pre-registration is suggested. For more information or to register, call at 410-641-7052.

(May 2, 2022) The Ocean Pines Public Works yard will be open to Ocean Pines residents May 2-28 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Yard debris may be dropped off during this time.

Only loose yard debris, such as leaves and limbs, is accepted. Debris may also be placed in paper bags. Plastic bags are not allowed.

Republic Services customers may place up to four additional bags of leaves or yard debris curbside for each scheduled pickup. Republic will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 50 pounds.

Trash collection days for residents south of Route 90 are Tuesday and Friday. For residents north of Route 90, the collection days are Monday and Thursday.

The Public Works yard is located at 1 Firehouse Lane, next to the Public Works Department. For more information, contact Public Works at 410-641-7425.

Pirate Party at Sunset Grille, Friday

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Grille, Harborside Grill, First Shore Federal Bank, and Delmarva Power. However, additional sponsors are still being sought.

Individuals can also support the fundraiser by becoming a pirate, who are asked to raise funds leading up to the event, or donate to financially support a specific pirate. Friends, family and colleagues can help pirates meet their financial goals by vis-

siting the Worcester Youth website at www.gowoyo.org and donating to "their" specific pirate.

The party rain date is May 20. Contact Worcester Youth at 410-641-4598 for more information.

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Arts Council presenting local work

(May 12, 2022) During the month of May, the Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit showcasing artwork by two of its gallery co-op artists.

Mary Ainsworth's handcrafted jewelry and Jeanne Woodward's photography will be featured.

The opening reception of this exhibit will be held on Friday, May 13, from 5-7 p.m. Come meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Exhibit on display through May 31. Selected pieces of artwork, donated by featured artists, are available for bidding during the silent auction to benefit the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program.

Visit the Arts Council's Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, Tuesday through Sunday, 11a.m. to 3 p.m. to view the exhibits and place a bid.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, new artwork created by 30 artists and members of the co-op gallery are on display and available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts

Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

Williams reps to 'Give Where They Live' for RED Day

(May 12, 2022) Keller Williams Realty Delmarva associates and chose to "Give Where They Live" as part of RED Day, Keller Williams' annual day of service today (Thursday).

As part of RED Day (Renewing, Energizing and Donating) Keller Williams Realty Delmarva associates and staff will spend the day with Worcester County Habitat for Humanity at their ReStore in Berlin, and Wicomico County Habitat for Humanity at a local build site on Barclay Street in Salisbury.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester and Wicomico counties believes that all people deserve a decent, safe place to lay their heads. They help to provide the dream of first-time homeownership to hardworking families in the communities and provide critical home repairs for existing homeowners.

Families always pay back the cost to build or repair their homes. Habitat provides the opportunity and helps them to do so affordably.

"RED Day is built on the belief that people can and should come together to achieve extraordinary things to help others," said Brigit Taylor, general manager, Keller Williams Realty Delmarva.

"This year, we are donating time to help at the ReStore for Worcester County Habitat for Humanity and also working on a build for Wicomico County Habitat for Humanity."

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. ReStores are independently owned and operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter in local communities and around the world.

Foundation hosting paint night

(May 12, 2022) The Worcester County Library Foundation is hosting a fundraiser paint night at the Berlin Library on Thursday, May 19 from 6-8 p.m.

All proceeds will support the annual Klein Leister - John Staley Scholarship Program.

Tickets cost \$40 and include all painting supplies and library refreshments. No painting experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome.

Calvin from Paint Time will guide participants step-by-step in painting

a colorful wildflower scene that can be taken home that night. Call Amy to register at 410-632-2600.

Cash or check (payable to Worcester County Library Foundation) required to reserve spot.

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County’s draft budget follows usual pattern

A preliminary budget that’s higher on the expense side than the income side has become something of an annual ritual for Worcester County government, just as the reaction by the public has usually involved some handwringing.

Looking at the history of the county budget process, however, this theoretical financial conundrum appears to be worse than it actually is.

Different governments assemble their budgets in different ways, and that’s especially so for the county, which is the biggest source of income for the public school system, a major source of income for numerous nonprofit organizations and a significant source of income to community-level governments and fire companies. And, of course, it has to take care of its own operations.

Local governments, such as Berlin, Ocean Pines and Ocean City, do a great deal of preliminary work on their financial packages because their operations are more contained.

As a result, the initial proposals that their decision-makers receive comes as close to a finished product as possible. That’s the way their presiding officials like it — a few refinements here, a few philosophical points argued there, and the package is all but done.

The county can’t do it that way because it has less control over some of its budget’s beneficiaries, whose requests can’t be preliminarily massaged into shape as easily by county staff. Consequently, the commissioners frequently find themselves having to play the hand they’re dealt.

At this stage, the commissioner’s draft budget for next year is just another example of county government’s partners and subordinate beneficiaries asking for as much as they can justify while hoping to get something close to that.

As of a couple of weeks ago, the county’s budget was roughly \$11 million short of what it needed. That sounds like trouble, but if the county’s budgeting history is any indication, chances are it will all work out in the end.



WPS students continue fundraising

(May 12, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has scheduled a special meeting for tomorrow (Friday) to elect a new association secretary to replace Director Josette Wheatley, who is running for election this year.

“Director [Josette] Wheatley submitted her application for election to the Board of Directors and resigned her officer position, to remove any conflict between her candidacy and her duties as secretary of the association,” association President Colette Horn said.

“The special meeting will be held to fill this vacancy.”

Horn said the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with seating available in the Clubhouse Meeting Room on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

To join the meeting remotely, use the Microsoft Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NDJLZDCoMGItZmNjOCooODNiLWEwNTItZmUwNjlmNzNjODlj%40thread.v2/o?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22ObjectId%22%3a%225fa869f5-01ad-476a-9570-540fe1ce4736%22%7d.

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To view the agenda and meeting packet, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/53744/5-13-22+Special+Board+Meeting+Agenda.pdf>.

Following the meeting, the video will be posted to the Association YouTube channel and links will be announced on the Ocean Pines website, www.oceanpines.org.

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Safe boating at OP Library this Sat.

(May 12, 2022) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a one-day Maryland Safe Boating Course on May 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Rd.

A Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972, and is awarded after successful completion of the course.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland.

The class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues, updated Maryland regulations, and common marine maintenance.

The cost is \$20 to cover the course and materials.

Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email cgauxoc@gmail.com.

Checks should be made payable to: USCGAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682 Berlin, Maryland 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

The 2022 course schedule: June 8-10, July 12-14, Aug. 6 (one day), Sept 13-15, Oct. 11-13 and Nov 8-10.

Pines, MCBP partner for plunder

(May 12, 2022) The Ocean Pines community and Maryland Coastal Bays Program have scheduled a “marine debris plunder” from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, when boaters and landlubbers will collect trash from the shorelines and the streets that lead to them.

The idea, according to a statement from organizers, is to pick up debris that has been discarded in the bays, beaches, and streets, and then deposit the haul at the White Horse Park boat ramp for a weigh-in.

Organizers said “Capt. Jack Sparrow” along with his pirate crew will assist with the weigh-in and properly dispose of the debris.

Participants must preregister for this event either online at the Maryland Coastal Bays Program website www.mdcoastalbays.org, or call Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297, ext. 106, and register by phone. There will be no registration at the event.

Courtesy of a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and with the support of Worcester County government, supplies will be provided for participants who pre-register (while they last). Supply packets can be picked up at Pure Lure in the West Ocean City Harbor at a pre-arranged date.

When participants bring their loot to the weigh-in, the pirate crew will grab their trash and present them with an event T-shirt (while supplies last).

Organizers said all participants will be asked to fill out collection data sheets that will be used for an outreach campaign next year reminding visitors the importance of keeping the waterways clean.

Boaters pursuing debris in the water will receive specific instructions as to what is marine debris and

what is a live trap — crabbing season is in effect. It is illegal to tamper with live traps. Low tide for this day is at 1:38 p.m.

The Natural Resource Police will be present to answer participants’ questions about what is and what is not considered marine debris.

Boaters will be encouraged to pursue abandoned crab pots, especially derelict crab pots that have been abandoned and are sitting in shallow water and marshes. Every year crabbers lose their pots to careless boaters who run over crab pot floats that identify the pots’ locations.

Once these floats are cut, the pot becomes untraceable until it washes into shallow water or on top of a marsh, where these “ghost pots” can trap and kill anything that fits inside. This would include terrapins, otters and fish.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Town of Berlin Public Notices



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING of the Berlin Mayor and Council

Pursuant to the Berlin, Md Code Sections 108-214 and 108-215, the Berlin Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider a recommendation of the Berlin Planning Commission for a Text Amendment to Code Section 108-403, “Lot Area, width and yard requirements” during the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting to be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD.

The proposed Text Amendment reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, MARYLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 108 ENTITLED ZONING, ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5, SECTION 108-403, ENTITLED LOT AREA, WIDTH AND YARD REQUIREMENTS.

Sec. 108-403. - Lot area, width and yard requirements.

The following minimum requirements shall be observed, subject to the requirements in article IV of this chapter:

Use	Minimum Lot Area (square feet)	Minimum Lot Width (feet)	Lot Area per Family (square feet)	Front Yard Depth ¹ (feet)	Side Yard Width		Rear Yard Depth (feet)
					Least Width (feet)	Sum of Widths (feet)	
All dwellings	5,000	50	5,000	25	6	15	35
Public utilities	5,000	50	—	25	6	15	35
Other permitted uses	Same as specified in R-3 District						

FEE SIMPLE TOWNHOUSE DWELLINGS MAY BE PERMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM LOT AND AREA REQUIREMENTS:

1. MINIMUM LOT SIZE – 2,000 SQUARE FEET;
2. MINIMUM LOT WIDTH – 18 FEET;
3. FRONT YARD SETBACK – 20 FEET;

4. REAR YARD SETBACK – 25 FEET; AND
5. SIDE YARD SETBACK – 0 FEET ALONG THE PARTY WALL AND 8 FEET ON THE END UNITS

IF A TOWNHOUSE PROJECT IS DEVELOPED AS ALLOWED HEREIN, THE DENSITY SHALL REMAIN CALCULATED AS SET FORTH FOR “ALL DWELLINGS” (MINIMUM LOT AREA (SQUARE FEET) IS 5,000).

Notes:

1. For narrow streets, see section 108-706; for built-up frontage, see section 108-243.
- (Code 1977, § 107-37(D); Ord. No. 2000-10, 9-25-2000; Ord. No. 2001-9, 10-22-2001; Ord. No. 2005-8, 7-25-2005)

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Town Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2022 and thereafter a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held and this Ordinance was adopted this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin, Maryland by affirmative vote of ____ in favor, to ____ opposed, with ____ abstaining.

Dean Burrell, Vice-President

Approved on this ____ day of _____, 2022 by the Mayor of the Town of Berlin and was therefore effective twenty (20) calendar days later on the ____ day of _____, 2022.

Zackery Tyndall, Mayor

ATTEST: Mary Bohlen, Deputy Town Administrator

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TOWN OF BERLIN NOTICE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2022-05 APPROVING THE FY 2023 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin will hold a public

hearing on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Berlin Town Hall Council Chambers, 10 William Street, on Ordinance 2022-05. A copy of the proposed Ordinance will be available in the Mayor and Council Packet on the Town website, www.berlinmd.gov or can be emailed or mailed to you upon request, please call 410-641-2770 or email info@berlinmd.gov to request a copy for inspection.

Ordinance 2022-05

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of The Town of Berlin, Maryland approving the FY 2023 Budget as submitted.

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BY BRANDON KOPPY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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OP Players auditioning for family friendly cabaret show

(May 12, 2022) The Ocean Pines Players (OPP) are looking for people aged 8 and up to audition for a fun and family friendly cabaret called “Happy Birthday, USA.” Auditions will run until Saturday, May 14, by appointment only. To schedule an audition, contact Karen Adcock at 703-727-0528 or by email at karenjadcock@gmail.com. The multi-media show, scheduled for June 24 and 25, features solo and group songs, poems and dramatic readings about the USA and Independence Day. Singers should prepare a short upbeat song and a ballad. There will not be an accompanist, so bring a backing track on a phone or data key. Those interested in non-musical performances need not prepare anything in advance. No experience is necessary and the Players value diversity and inclusivity. The auditions are designed to be casual, fun, and stress free. There will be very few cast rehearsals. Because of the limited time available, performers must be willing and able to practice on their own and be available for approximately six cast rehearsals and, if necessary, a few individual or small group rehearsals. Parents of children in the cast should be prepared to help their

children learn their pieces. OPP is a local all-volunteer 501-(c)(3) charitable organization and supported in part by a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council & Maryland State Arts Council. For general information about OPP, visit oceanpinesplayers.org or follow them on Facebook Facebook.com/oceanpinesplayers.

Obituaries

JAMES ARTHUR MCALEER
Berlin
James Arthur McAleer, 63, of Berlin, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Born in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 18, 1958 to John H. and Rose Mary McAleer, he was raised in Wheaton, Maryland, where he learned to run the streets both literally, figuratively and imaginatively. That passion for travel and adventure stayed with him throughout his years, as he spent many in Texas, Tennessee and Minnesota, before settling down in Berlin, Maryland.



James McAleer

Jimmy was predeceased by his parents, John H. and Rose Mary, and sister, Bernadette. He leaves behind sons, Anthony J. Privette and Codty J. Myers, who he loved very much. He also leaves siblings, Kevin, Tommy, Pat, Janet, Andy, Bobby, Michael, Stephen and Katie, along with their spouses and 30 nieces and nephews, who he also loved very much. Jimmy was very artistic and loved to draw picturesque scenes on homemade cards he sent to his loved ones when off on one of his journeys. He also loved photography, writing poetry, sports and was a life-long Redskins fan. There will be a private Christian burial at Gate of Heaven. A Memorial Mass and celebration of his life will be held at a later date in Berlin, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The Joseph House, 401 N. Poplar Hill Ave., Salisbury, Maryland 21801 (https://thejosephhouse.org/the-little-sisters). Arrangements by Cole Funeral Services.

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Thurs., May 12

STORY TIME ‘COLOR & LIGHT’
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

INTERACTIVE STORY TIME: ZOO THEME
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come hear some silly stories about animals found at the zoo. Take home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT JOB FAIR
Worcester County Human Resources, 1 W. Market St., Third Floor Training Room, Snow Hill, 12-3 p.m. Meet with professionals from Human Resources and other departments to discuss career options. Computers will be available for submitting applications onsite.

<https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/>, 410-632-0090

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under “Events.” 410-632-2600

WINE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 5-7 p.m. Organized in partnership with the Buzzed Word, the event will offer wine and refreshments, a book signing and musical performance. The event is free and open to the public.

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Beach Singles join us 55 plus at Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or BeachSingles.org

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‘Spec Tennis’ Friday Family Fun Nights, May 13 and 20

(May 12, 2022) The Spec Tennis Club of Ocean Pines will host a pair of Friday Family Fun Nights on May 13 and May 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. The cost is \$12 per court and includes instruction and equipment for families of up to five players, ages 4 and up. All abilities are welcome, but at least one adult must be present at each court. Organizer Karen Kaplan said Spec Tennis is played on smaller, fenced-in courts. Players use paddles and a low-compression tennis ball. “Spec Tennis is a new paddle sport

that is very easy to learn and play on the small, fenced platform courts,” she said. “It’s a great way for a family to learn and play together and, as it gets dark, we will play under the lights. “If you’re looking for something fun to do with the kids on a Friday night, reserve a Friday Family Fun Night court for May 13 or May 20,” Kaplan said. “For just \$12, up to five family members can learn and play Spec Tennis together.” Reservations are required. To reserve a court, contact the Spec Tennis Club of Ocean Pines at 516-508-0313 or email oppaddle2020@gmail.com.



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OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: ‘HEAVEN’ BY MIEKO KAWAKAMI

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Nancy Mitchell and Kelley Rouse facilitate this novel told in the voice of a 14-year-old student bullied for having a lazy eye. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

IN 3D!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 p.m. Come join the group for a wildly popular 80’s slasher sequel in 3D. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

25TH ANNIVERSARY RIBBON CUTTING

Odyssea Watersports, 5003c Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 3:30 p.m. Lite food and refreshments will be on hand along with free goodies. This will be a weekend-long celebration with special discounts on Jetski rentals (mention ribbon cutting). 410-723-4227.

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$14 for a one-crab-cake platter, \$24 for a two-crab-cake platter and \$10 for a crab cake sandwich. Platters include crab cake sandwiches, green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw. Bake table.

ART EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Featuring art-work by Mary Ainsworth, jewelry, and Jeanne Woodward, photography. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments and silent auction. www.worcestercountycastlearts.org

FINE ART STUDENT EXHIBIT AND SALE

Random Juxtaposition Fine Art Academy, 11941 Industrial Park Road, Unit 4, Bishopville, 5-7 p.m. Presenting the most recent art works from students. Some for sale. Featured artist is Sarah Crosby. The event is free and open to the public. Light fare will be offered. www.livethecolorwheel.com

12TH ANNUAL PIRATE PARTY FUNDRAISER

Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. A \$65 admission ticket includes a light fair buffet, a Pirate-inspired rum drink voucher, live entertainment, raffles. Pirate garb is encouraged. Tickets: gowoyo.org or 410-641-4598. Rain date: May 20.

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LIFE-SIZE CANDYLAND

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 7 p.m. Join the group as they turn the meeting room into a giant version of Candyland. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-957-0878.

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BEACHFEST VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. 16s National, 16s American, 16s Aspire, 17s American. Admission costs \$25 for a two day pass. 410-202-8849, info@webuildyouplay.com, <https://webuildyouplay.com/event/beachfest-tournament/>

MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

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FIGHT THE BITE LYME AWARENESS 5K

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m. Warm up, etc. from 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 day of event. www.fightthebiteoc.org, 410-443-0700.

7TH POOCH PALOOZA DOG FESTIVAL

Sun Outdoors Frontier Town Western Theme Park, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Family-friendly event includes games for the dogs, seminars and demos, costume contest, vendors and more. Dogs need no special skills. 410-726-7334, <http://grandlivingpublishing.com/pooch-palooza>

WSW’S 18TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR AWARENESS

Women Supporting Women Office, 1320 Belmont Ave., Salisbury, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets \$25. Start at WSW Office at 10 a.m. and end at Berlin American Legion Post #123. First 100 registered received event patch. Registration: \$25 rider and

\$10 passenger at <https://wswride.eventbrite.com>. 410-548-7880

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 9:30 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Erik Zlokovitz, Gary Tyler and Steve Doctor will discuss “Fish Maryland Program,” Catch Cards and flounder and sea bass fisheries. All are welcome. Must be fully vaccinated. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

1-MILE FUN RUN/WALK

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Walk or run around the South Gate Pond with other fun activities. After-walk party includes moon bounce, face painting, music, vendors, giveaways. Advance registration is \$10, day of \$15. 410-641-7052.

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FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

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Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. 16s American, 16s Open, 17s National, 18s National. Admission costs \$25 for a two day pass. 410-202-8849, info@webuildyouplay.com, <https://webuildyouplay.com>

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White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring workshop pavilion, native plant giveaway, free bay boat rides, food trucks and exhibitors. Learn how to make a positive impact in our Coastal Bays. mdcoastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 110

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Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Music, entertainment, vendors, prizes and runway fashion show (2:15 p.m.). All brides receive a gift bag. Tickets are available for \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance at www.roxbeachweddings.com.

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JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., May 16

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Karen J. Nelson, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood of Maryland. Members and prospective members welcome.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

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

SUPER POWERED STEM: DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:45 p.m. Come and “build” your own seat for this fun program. Afterwards, the movie will start. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

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

YOGA FOR ALL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30
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Cuisine

Roasted butternut squash for cold May

I guess we should all be thankful that spring has not actually sprung.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Don't throw anything at me; just bear with me for a spell. We were all hopeful last month with a few surprise warm days, but this month has already reminded us to stock the wood-piles for the on-

coming winter storm that I feel like we are destined to get by a strange twist of serendipity. Good Lord, has it been chilly, windy and downright nasty.

Mother Nature, is there any way that we could forego these trials and get right to summer, please?

We have tomato and bean plants to get in the ground, palm trees that need to be procured and planted and many other spring-based tasks needing to be accomplished to get the abode ready for summer.

And what a summer it will be. Unlike last summer, during which there was not much time for the beach or fishing (I did not catch my first fish of 2021 until December 29), I am determined to make the most of the season.

For now, however, it seems as though we need to keep our jackets at the ready, beanies available and scarves at arm's length, just in case we are smacked with yet another cold front, storm front, nor'easter or anything else that the good universe finds compelled to send our way.

But, here is the good news. Short of a little cool weather, what else do we have to complain about?

Now, I'm sure that there is plenty to grumble about, and I myself am good at that on occasion, but in reality this is but a tiny setback for the green thumbs who impatiently wait for the break in the weather.

The leaves abound on the trees, a great many flowers are already blooming, and the banana palms have exited the ground, stretching to the sky with leaves unfolding in their yearning for sunlight and water.

Luckily, as nasty as this last system was, it was just what these little guys needed.

The last of the large palms has broken the surface, a bit late as it has been a chilly spring, and my 12-foot recurring palms will be back again. I am relieved.



But back to why I believe that we should be thankful as we sit huddled in our sweatshirts and slippers 11 days into May.

Yes, it is too chilly for this time of year, but surely, also, it gives us one more opportunity to make all those glorious and hearty one-pot meals: chili, pot roast, sausage & peppers, Shrimp Alfredo.

Of course, I can't exclude one of my absolute favorites, roasted butternut squash soup. This is a classic, and when done right, is unctuous, creamy, sweet, salty and more. The umami from the seeds (garnish) meets well in the middle with the scallion oil that is lightly drizzled on top.

And when it is chilly as it is right now, this soup will warm you to the core. As an aside, you may use chicken stock in place of vegetable stock to make it a touch heartier, but that is completely up to you. This is a vegetarian version of the dish.

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

makes about 1 gallon

- 1 ea. Butternut squash, halved & seeded
- Squash seeds
- 2 ea. Medium carrots, peeled and

- quarteres
- 1 ea. Yellow onion, halved
- 4 ea. Red potatoes
- 2 ea. Fresh shallots, halved
- 1/4 c. olive oil (does not need to be virgin)
- 2 c. Vegetable stock
- 2 c. Heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- a few scrapes of nutmeg
- the same of allspice
- the equivalent of 1 clove, ground
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Scallion oil, as garnish
- Place squash, seeds, carrots, onion, potatoes and shallots in a bowl and toss with oil.
- Place on a baking sheet, spread out and seasoned with a little salt.
- Roast at 375° F until everything is nice and soft.
- Remove when all of the ingredients have nice color to them and are overly tender.
- When you pull them out of the oven, remove the seeds and set aside until service. This is your garnish.
- When cool enough to handle, but still hot, peel what remains to be peeled (should just be the squash, honestly) and place in a good blender, such as a Vitamix.*
- Add the vegetable stock and ever so carefully blend until it is smooth and creamy. The beauty of

the Vitamix is that it will actually heat the soup from friction at higher speeds, so letting this go accomplishes two tasks: a perfectly pureed soup, and one that is hot and ready to serve.

- When everything is perfectly smooth and creamy, add the warming spices and heavy cream.

- Season and taste, adjusting accordingly.

- Serve with toasted seeds and scallion oil as a garnish. Just make sure to squeeze this one in before the weather breaks. You are welcome.

*I know that I write about certain appliances such as KitchenAid and Vitamix, and I just wanted to clarify that I am not sponsored by these companies. I have been sponsored by others, but not these guys. I just like how they perform. If you're serious about your cooking, then seek out these brands and spend the extra money on the higher tier items. You'll thank me later, although your bank account will not.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40 and boxcar on main. Visit him at www.boxcar40.com; www.boxcaronmain.com

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DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS
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Tues., May 17

STORY TIME 'ROSEMARY WELLS STORIES'
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PARACHUTE GAMES
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Play fun and active parachute games. For ages 2-5 years.

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TREE-MENDOUS TREES
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Focus will be on local trees and how to identify them. Learn how to use a tree field guide. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-957-0878. For ages 8 years and older.

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GUEST AUTHOR
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