



## Ceremonies, parades set for Mem. Day

Communities will honor freedom's fallen defenders

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) After two years tarnished by the covid-19 pandemic, folks living in and visiting Worcester County are ready to get back to normal. For some, the upcoming Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the summer season along the 10-miles of beaches in Ocean City, but for others, the weekend is for honoring those who died while serving the United States.

Those honored include soldiers, firefighters, and police officers, and more recently, nurses.

Several Memorial Day activities are scheduled to take place around the county, ranging from ceremonies to parades.

Here are a few events planned this weekend.

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Volunteers organize referendum ballots in the Ocean Pines Administration Building Friday morning. The results of the vote were supposed to be announced later that day, but a software malfunctioned delayed the results, which were hand-counted, until Tuesday. All questions passed.

## Pines residents debate disc golf's appeal, location

Course at Bainbridge Park a tryout for growing sport

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) There's a project roiling some Worcester County residents over its location and notions that not enough has been done to bring to the table the people it will affect the most — the disc golf course at Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines.

The Ocean Pines Association held a town hall Monday evening to allow supporters and opponents of the disc golf course to voice their opinion.

A panel consisting of Ocean Pines  
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## All referendum questions pass

Software problem leaves election officials no choice but to hand-count ballots

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The 28 proposed amendments to the Ocean Pines Association bylaws were overwhelmingly approved by Ocean Pines voters this week, although getting to that finally tally involved counting votes the old-fashioned way.

The vote count on the Ocean Pines bylaws referendum was supposed to have been done last Friday,

but uncooperative software made that impossible. Election officials had to go analog and resort to hand-counting the ballots cast Tuesday morning. With 28 total items, vote totals varied from one point to the next, but they typically amounted to around 1,700 per item.

"I'm not a computer expert but from what I understand, the software was having difficulty reading the small blocks on the ballot forms," said Elections Committee liaison Larry Perrone. "Testing was done. However, I guess we didn't test it using all of the blocks and it was recording, the way it looked to me, some of the votes but not all of

the votes." Originally, homeowners were being presented with 28 potential changes to bylaws, with ballots due back by May 19 at 4 p.m.

At 10 a.m. Friday the live-streamed ballot count commenced with plans to announce the results later that day, but in the afternoon the association announced that the results would not be in that day.

Ocean Pines Association President Colette Horn said in a Friday statement that the ballots would be stored at the Ocean Pines Police Department "under lock and key and 24-hour surveillance" until the vote  
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# OP committee looking at South Pond improvements

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Committee is looking at ways to increase the buffers and native plantings along the South Pond.

The committee invited Billy Weiland, communications manager for Assateague Coastal Trust, to speak to them last Wednesday about realistic options and best practices for completing the project.

“We have a lot of erosion and it’s going to have to be addressed at some point — if not now, soon,” said committee chair Sharon Santacroce. “He had a presentation that helped us to visualize and see what native plantings we could utilize around the pond that would suffice and help deter the erosion and be attractive at the same time.”

“Our goal is ... also to deter wildlife. If we have plantings around the ponds that are 12 inches or taller, then the geese just don’t feel comfortable walking through them because a predator could be lurking somewhere.”

As for native plantings, Santacroce said they haven’t made any selections yet. The committee was preparing a presentation to give to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

“We have to get their approval to move forward on this project,” Santacroce said. “We haven’t spent time making selections of indigenous plantings yet until we get the go-ahead. Once we get the green light, we’ll start making selections.”

The committee also discussed plastic bag contamination, which Santacroce said largely deals with old newspapers that aren’t picked up off yards and driveways.

“It’s a discussion we’re having,” Santacroce said. “We’re trying to do some research on that as well to find out if we can eliminate the plastic bags that are filling up our ditches. There are a lot of people who are here part-time and the papers just pile up and get blown away. We’re trying to come up with a better plan than just having the newspapers thrown into the driveways where they wind up in the ditches.”

Bay Day, which occurred on May 15, was a “real success,” Santacroce said. Attendance was high and several committee members participated prominently in the annual event held in partnership with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

“We were just delighted with the turnout and the information and questions that people were asking,”



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The “Keep Wildlife Wild” signs are intended to deter residents and visitors to Ocean Pines parks from feeding, and thus emboldening, the area fauna.

she said.

The committee is also keeping tabs on its “Keep Our Wildlife Wild” signs, which the Ocean Pines Public Works Department told them is working on installing around the ponds. The department has been behind in all their projects due to covid, Santacroce said, but expects to have them installed by Memorial Day.

The signs will deal with reasons why wildlife shouldn’t be fed.

“Waterfowl want to hang out here because it’s a beautiful place and they’re well-fed,” Santacroce said.

The Environment and Natural Assets Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 13.

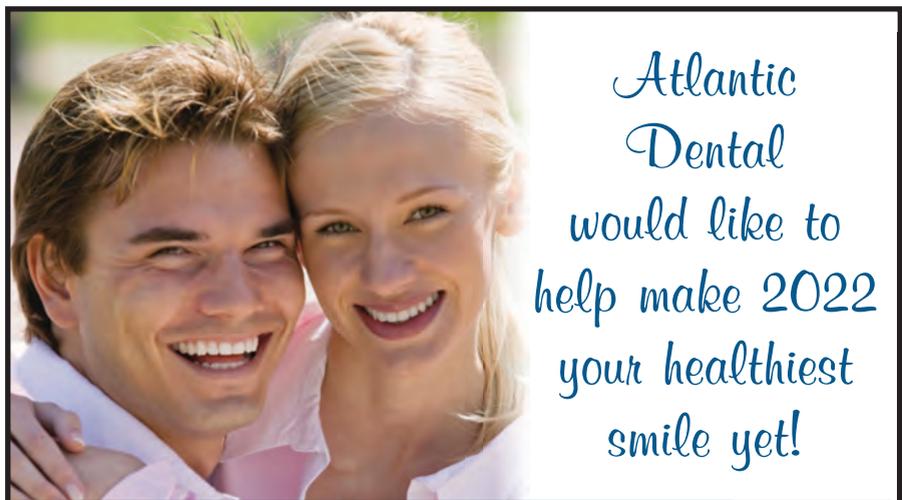
## Fishing Derby this Sat. in Pocomoke at Newtown Park

(May 26, 2022) Join Worcester County Recreation and Parks for a Fishing Derby at Newtown Park pond on Saturday, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This event is free to youth ages 15 and under. Families are asked to pre-register online at [www.playmarylandscoast.org](http://www.playmarylandscoast.org). After the event, winners will receive trophies and awards. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.

A parent or guardian should be present to assist children.

For more information, contact Trudy Gebhardt at 410-632-2144 x2514 or email [tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org](mailto:tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org). To view other upcoming special events, visit [www.playmarylandscoast.org](http://www.playmarylandscoast.org).



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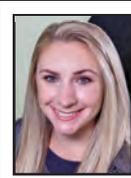
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# Disc golf at Bainbridge Park on trial basis

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General Manager John Viola, Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue, and Brian Dean, a representative from Eastbound Disc Golf, anchored the town hall.

Eastbound Disc Golf installed the 10-hole disc golf course earlier this month.

According to an OPA statement, the idea for the course came up when Donahue approached Dean to help plan an ultimate frisbee league as part of Ocean Pines' Recreation and Parks programming.

The 90-minute town hall drew both supporters and opponents.

Some opponents brought up the playground at the park and how it appears that the disc golf course is taking precedence over plans to improve it.

"One of the reasons it's taking a lot longer for the Bainbridge playground project to be completed is it's going to be an inclusive playground," Donahue said. "A lot of pieces have to come together to make it an ADA-compliant playground for everyone to be able to use."

"I have to go through the design, figure out how much space I have. I have to go through all of the steps to be taken before I can determine how much it's going to cost or how much

time it's going to take."

Viola told residents that the disc golf course and playground project aren't linear priorities in any way — and if they were, the playground would have the higher priority. The disc golf course is on a "trial basis"

"Let's see what happens," Viola said. "This is part of that process and to me, the process seems to be working. If it came down to the playground equipment or this, it'd be the playground equipment. One wasn't done because of the other or vice versa ... at the end of the day hopefully, we have both of these (projects)."

Resident Nicolas Aquino called into question how quickly the course was put together.

"I'm questioning the transparency (of this project)," Aquino said. "I understand that many of these things need to be approved by the board. When I ask that question (when and why was the disc golf course built) the board also didn't know anything about it ... You cannot make this decision for our community."

Others thought the idea wasn't necessarily bad, but Bainbridge Park just isn't the right spot.

"My concern is that Bainbridge Park ... just doesn't have the facilities you need to have a good course," said



Hole 9 of the 10-hole disc golf course on Bainbridge Park is one of a few that are directly on the park's pond. Some Pines residents are opposing the course. JACK CHAVEZ/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

resident Carol Pomeroy, who added she walks the park every day.

"I think there are better places in the Pines where a course can go, where there's more room ... If the park is being underutilized I think there are better things we can put in there for (residents) to enjoy it."

She also added that discs flying at "60 to 70 miles per hour" are a safety hazard.

Dean responded to that assertion, saying that such speeds are commonplace for "long-distance shots" on much larger courses. The Bainbridge Park course, however, is a short-distance course where the average throw would be 20 to 30 miles per hour.

Dean also claimed that Shoemaker Pond in Salisbury, which contains a nine-acre course, hasn't seen a single "significant incident" of a disc striking a bystander.

Regardless, added Viola, Ocean Pines is covered when it comes to liability.

Other concerns dealt with the environmental impact of a disc golf course, which Dean said would be minimal.

"I walked the course with (former executive director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program Dave Wilson), and his conclusion at that time was that there is zero to no impact on the surrounding wetlands and the surrounding environment that would be a cause from this park," Dean said.

The disc golf course does have its supporters in the community, especially parents who see an exciting opportunity to introduce their children to a new sport.

"I think there are plenty of people around the park who have young kids and this is an opportunity to give them another thing to try," one resident said. "(And) there's a big common sense factor with this. I'm not going to be out there aiming at anyone."

Added resident Dave McGregor, "It's something that complements the environment, it doesn't harm it. The people who play it are very conscientious. I look forward to sharing this court with others and teaching my grandchildren."

Board of Directors member Amy Peck also spoke up and compared the disc golf course to one she lived near in Baltimore County in similar circumstances — in a school zone and near wetlands.

"In 24 years there have been zero incidents," Peck said. "In all those years I walked my dog there daily. A disc golf course attracts players who are environmentally conscious and like being outside. And there is an extreme etiquette ... I think a lot of your concerns are not reality. I don't think they'll come to pass."

"In trying economic times, this is something for families to do ... The kids can get out there."

## Elections Committee seeks candidates forum questions

(May 26, 2022) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will conduct two forums for Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates in June.

The first will take place at 6 p.m. on June 22, and the second will begin at 10 a.m. on June 25. Both forums will be held in the Clubhouse Meeting Room on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

Ocean Pines Association members may participate by submitting forum questions ahead of time. The Elections Committee will consider all questions sent by association members.

Questions may be emailed to elections@oceanpines.org or left on the Elections Committee voicemail at 410-208-3989.

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# County Commissioners find solution to budget shortage

Fix includes income tax and casino revenue, plus use of FY22 fund balance

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) After whittling down an \$11.3 million revenue shortage in next fiscal year's budget, the Worcester County Commissioners have agreed to cover the remaining \$4 million using the FY22 fund balance.

The commissioners met for more than four hours on May 10 to discuss the budget during a work session.

At the beginning of the meeting, county Chief Administrator Weston Young filled the commissioners in with significant changes that were the

result of committees reviewing their budget worksheets.

He said the state indicated there will be increased income tax revenue that will cover \$3.5 million of the \$11.3 million variance between income and spending.

The county's share of funds generated by Ocean Down Casino help pay for capital projects with \$610,000, and nearly \$3 million in reductions were made by the county department heads.

Still, there was \$5 million shortfall that was worked out during the work session last week.

The commissioners went through several departments during the meeting, including the county jail. The jail currently has 15 vacancies, according to Commissioner Diana Purnell, who was in favor of filling those positions if the department needed them.

What Purnell was not willing to do, though, was decide based on money.

She said the board needed to look at the reduction of \$5 million coming from ICE and the reduction in officers to determine how to fix the issue.

"I would not want to go in there and try to change a thing," Purnell said, unless she went in there herself and explained why changes needed to be made. "We are so hard core on money."

Commissioner Ted Elder also weighed in on the jail shortage, stressing the importance of the facility.

He said he thought it was a good idea that five positions were eliminated and of the 15 vacancies, they can start looking for more. Elder also said with inflation rates going up, a proposal to split \$84,000 across 24 officers is a good way to show the county appreciates them.

Commissioner Madison Bunting did not see it the same way and said if there was a 50 percent reduction in revenue coming in and fewer inmates, he saw no reason to go beyond the 15 vacancies.

After a discussion, the commissioners agreed they needed to get a report from jail personnel on where the facility plans to do in the future before filling the 15 vacancies.

The commissioners continued to look at areas where spending reductions were possible, but they still found themselves short \$3,998,421.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic proposed using FY22's fund balance to balance the rest of the budget, and the board voted unanimously in agreement.

As a result, the second budget workshop scheduled for May 17 was canceled.

The commissioners will meet again on June 7 to vote on the final budget.

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BusPatrol, a company that installs monitoring systems on buses that capture traffic violations like passing a big yellow vehicle when its stop arm is out, proposed putting the camera-based units on school buses in Worcester County. The for-profit company would take 60 percent of the money that comes in from citations after a \$150 per bus technology fee is collected each month, and the county would get the remaining 40 percent.

## Commissioners not yet convinced on bus cam idea

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) A plan to outfit school buses with monitors to catch and penalize drivers who break the law by passing the big yellow vehicles when they are stopped with their lights flashing has a way to go before it satisfies the Worcester County Commissioners.

On May 17, the commissioners were introduced to potential legislation being sought by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and the Worcester County Board of Education that would allow school buses to be outfitted with monitoring systems designed to reduce the illegal passing of school buses. The systems are also intended to increase the safety of students.

Once equipped, the monitors will activate as soon as the stop sign arm of the bus comes out.

Commissioner Ted Elder, a former bus driver himself, said putting monitors like this on school buses is something he and his colleagues have wanted for years.

His concern, though, was BusPatrol, the company providing the systems, would connect to the law enforcement side of the equation, not the transportation providers side.

When a violation is captured by the bus monitoring system, it is sent to the sheriff's office to review. Once the sheriff's office verifies a violation took place, BusPatrol would issue the citation, acting on behalf of the sheriff's office.

Elder said as desperately as he wanted a monitoring system on his bus, getting a private company involved in law enforcement "goes

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# County not sold on bus cam idea

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against the grain.”

State law governs programs like red light cameras and bus monitoring systems, according to County Attorney Roscoe Leslie, but the counties must approve their implementation.

Several counties across the state use bus monitoring systems, including Montgomery and Somerset.

The proposal presented to the commissioners would cost the county nothing.

Anyone cited for a violation would be charged \$250. Each bus outfitted with a camera would be assessed a \$150 monthly technology fee, according to the proposal, and the remaining amount of money collected would be split 60/40, with 60 percent going to BusPatrol and the other 40 percent going to the county. Of that 40 percent, 20 percent would go to the Worcester County Public Schools and

20 percent would go to the county general fund.

None of the money would go to bus contractors, which Elder said out of frustration was “typical.”

If the school district has 100 buses, hypothetically, and each bus captures one violation in a month, the amount in fines collected would be \$25,000. Of that money, \$15,000 would go toward the technology fee for 100 buses, \$6,000 would go to the company, and \$4,000 would go to the county.

But the buses only capture a combined 20 violations, the amount in fines collected would be \$5,000. At that point, the technology fees would still be \$15,000, or \$10,000 short.

While the company states it would be no cost to the county, the \$10,000 shortage would continue to grow until the buses capture enough violations to pay it off.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said

the proposal needed to be worked on a little more.

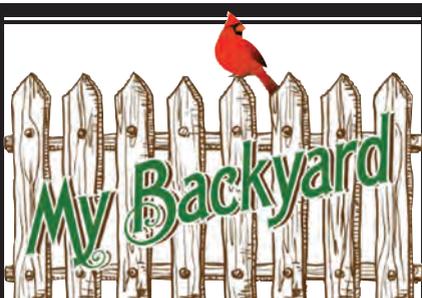
“There’s no way this can work for the company,” he said

If every bus, every month fails to make the \$150, it will roll to the next month and continue to grow.

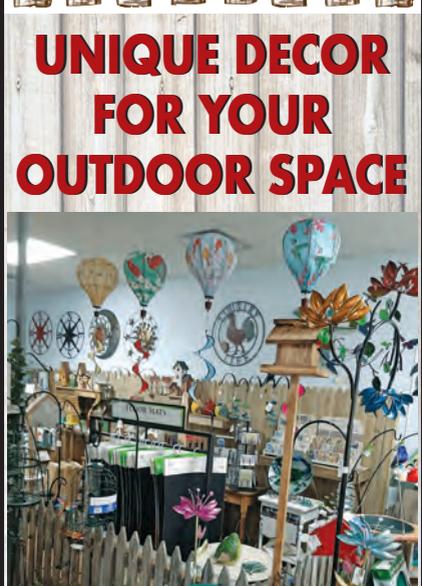
Elder said if one bus gets one violation, though, it is paid for. He added that there will be dozens per bus per month, and despite the citations being issued by a private company, he would still support the measure.

Still, Mitrecic said he once got a red ticket in Gaithersburg, Maryland even though he was in Snow Hill attending a county commissioner’s meeting at the time. He added that he has serious concerns about the technology, but the issue will be brought back for further review.

No action was taken on the proposal.



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# Referendum vote amends bylaws

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counting could resume.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, a subcommittee and the board of directors developed the language changes under consideration in the referendum after more than a year of consideration and discussion.

“We believe these changes are necessary to clear up some inconsistencies in the bylaws and to help protect the association from future litigation,” Horn said in April.

Perrone said that the ballot counting mishap was not on the agenda for Wednesday’s Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting, but that it would certainly be looked into further in the near future.

The bylaws changes and the votes for and against were:

Voting totals for each question were as follows:

Question #1: (Definition of Owner of Record) Yes: 1386 / No: 401

Question #2: (Definition of Who is Eligible to Vote) Yes: 1408 / No: 321

Question #3: (Confirmation of Eligible to Vote) Yes: 1417 / No: 307

Question #4: (Special Meeting by Petition Requirements) Yes: 1382 / No: 342

Question #5: (Notice of Meetings) Yes: 1366 / No: 346

Question #6: (Submission of Certified or Rejected Petition) Yes: 1370 / No: 345

Question #7: (Petition Signature Requirements) Yes: 1376 / No: 347

Question #8: (Referendum Approval Requirement) Yes: 1303 / No: 428

Question #9: (Board Member Qualification – Owner of Record) Yes: 1352 / No: 365

Question #10: (Candidate Eligibility – Family Member Serving on the Board) Yes: 1344 / No: 380

Question #11: (Candidate Eligibility – Involved in Litigation with OPA) Yes: 1277 / No: 453

Question #12: (Candidate Eligibility – OPA Employee Prohibition) Yes: 1328 / No: 402

Question #13: (Candidate Eligibility – Corporate Entity Ownership) Yes: 1354 / No: 370

Question #14: (Candidate Eligibility – Payment of Annual Charges) Yes: 1429 / No: 297

Question #15: (Candidate Eligibility - Felony Conviction) Yes: 1366 / No: 356

Question #16: (Search Committee) Yes: 1339 / No: 387

Question #17: (Candidate Applications) Yes: 1377 / No: 342

Question #18: (Candidate Eligibility Determination) Yes: 1312 / No: 415

Question #19: (Appointed Director Qualification) Yes: 1405 / No: 327

Question #20: (Board Decisions Outside of a Board Meeting) Yes: 1334 / No: 393

Question #21: (Board Compensation – Family Membership) Yes: 1331 / No: 392

Question #22: (Removal of a Director for Cause - Felony Conviction) Yes: 1366 / No: 367

Question #23: (Approval of Sale, Mortgage or Development of Property) Yes: 1343 / No: 368

Question #24: (Check and Contracting and Fund Withdrawal Authority) Yes: 1421 / No: 310

Question #25: (Clarification of the Secretary’s Review of Petitions) Yes: 1402 / No: 314

Question #26: (Secretary Resignation if Running for the Board) Yes: 1418 / No: 301

Question #27: (Transfer of Budget Items Procedure) Yes: 1392 / No: 333

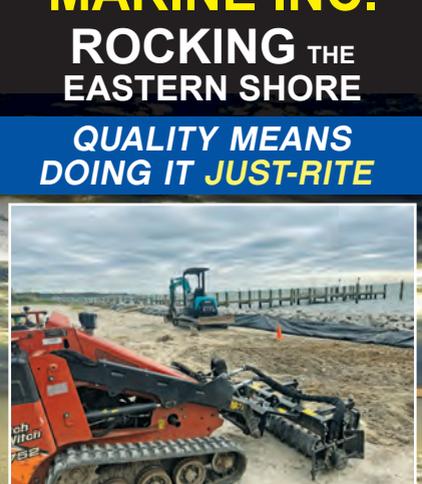
Question #28: (Personnel Policy Clarification) Yes: 1411 / No: 287



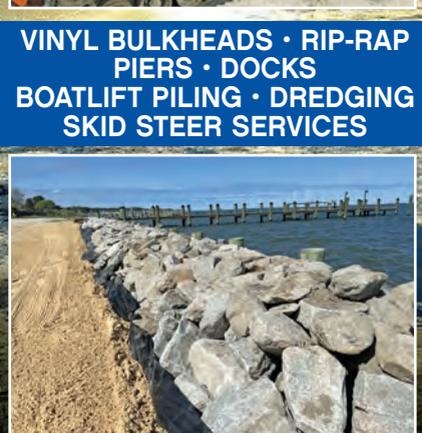
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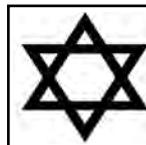
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Attendees patriotically wave flags during the Memorial Day service in Ocean Pines last year.

# Communities will remember freedom's fallen defenders

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## Ocean Pines

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday.

“Memorial Day honors all who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our county,” Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. “This year’s ceremony, as those before it, will honor the brave men and women who served our country and lost their lives in doing so.”

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Route 589 near the South Gate.

This year’s keynote speaker will be retired U.S. Navy Commander Joseph Parker, who is also the current director of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The ceremony will also honor Gold Star families, a designation that originates to World War I, when families would fly flags or banners with a blue star for every family member serving in combat.

If one of the family members died, the blue star would be replaced with a gold star.

Ex-POW Walter Webster will place a wreath on the memorial in honor of all current and former prisoners of war, and music from Randy Lee Ashcraft and Frank Nanna and the WWIIunes will perform the “Armed Forces Medley,” honoring all five branches of the military.

The program is expected to run for one hour.

Just before the ceremony, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will hold a special dedication for the “Panel West 30” of “The Wall that Heals.”

In 2021, a traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial exhibit stopped in

Ocean Pines and gifted a panel from the exhibit to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C.

“It is an honor to have been given this extraordinary, special gift, and it will soon be permanently installed at our memorial for all to see,” Gilmore said.

Parking will be available at the memorial and seating will be limited during the ceremony.

Organizers encourage guests to bring chairs.

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center and be announced on the [www.oceanpines.org](http://www.oceanpines.org) and [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org) websites and on social media.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org) or [www.facebook.com/Worcester-CountyVeteransMemorial](http://www.facebook.com/Worcester-CountyVeteransMemorial).

## Berlin

America’s “Coolest Small Town,” will host the return of the Memorial Day Parade on Flower Street on Monday, kicking off at 11 a.m.

The procession will begin at the corner of Seahawk Road and Flower Street and conclude at Dr. William Edward Henry Park.

The theme for this year’s parade is “Hometown Heroes,” and was chosen to honor U.S. military members who died serving the country. It was also chosen to celebrate essential workers in the community who worked the frontlines during the covid-19 pandemic.

Organizers encourage community members to visit Dr. William Edward Henry Park and Multipurpose Building property to grab a bite to eat, shop local vendor tables, and participate in additional activities.

# Memorial Day ceremonies, parades to mark occasion

Free parking will be available at the Berlin Intermediate School with shuttles going between the parking lot and parade from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Berlin Community Improvement Association President DJ Lockwood at 443-497-3242 or djlockwood334@gmail.com.

## Ocean City

The Dunes Manor Hotel on 28th Street and Baltimore Avenue will host the American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 and joint Color Guard processions oceanside, starting at 8 a.m. on Monday.

During the event, members of the U.S. Coast Guard on a cutter off the coast of the resort, will place a wreath in the ocean to honor those lost at sea during times of war.

On the beach, American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 member Ed Pinto said, a color guard will render colors and Chaplain Ben Dawson and First Vice Commander Pat Sharkey will speak, taps will be played, and a firing squad will salute the fallen.

After the ceremony, the Dunes Manor hotel will offer breakfast to attendees.

For more information, call the Dunes Manor Hotel at 1-800-523-2888.

The American Legion Post 166 will host an Armed Forces Day commemoration at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Armed Forces Day pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the U.S. military.

American Legion Post #166 will host a Memorial Day service at 5 p.m. on Monday at its facility on 24th Street.

Representatives from Unit #166 American Legion Auxiliary, Chapter #166 American Legion Riders, American Legion Post #166 Color Guard, and more will participate in the event, as will members of Scout troops 261 and 621 and Cub Scout Pack 261.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony, which is free and open to the public.

Ocean City will mark the official start of the beach season with a ceremony on the beach on Friday at 11 a.m. This year's event will feature two sky jumpers delivering the American and Ocean City flags to the beach, as well as more than 40 beach umbrellas arranged so when viewed from above, they spell out "Enjoy," the resort's new tagline.

Each year as a tradition, Mayor Rick Meehan hosts the ceremony and season with the official opening of a beach umbrella. Joining him this year will be City Council members, representatives from the Ocean City police and fire departments, and members of the beach patrol.

For more information visit [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).

## Pocomoke City

Downtown Pocomoke will celebrate Memorial Day at the Fourth Friday Street Festival on Friday evening.

The block party-style event will be held within the two blocks of Market Street between Front Street and Second Street.

Local craftsmen, vendors, and artists will fill the sidewalks of Market Street to sell their work, which includes things like paintings, jewelry, photographs, home decor, fashion apparel, and produce.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, including beer and wine.

Beautiful Disaster will provide live music, and once the sun goes down, a Memorial Day fireworks display will illuminate the sky.

In the event of rain, Fourth Friday will be canceled and will resume on June 24, 2022.

For more information about the event, visit the "Downtown Pocomoke Association" Facebook page, [www.downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com), or call Pocomoke City Hall at 410-957-1333, extension 111.

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# Berlin modifies, renames couple ARPA items

Moves intended to secure more funding for projects considered as high priority

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Berlin Town Council on Monday made a couple of rearrangements to its plans for the \$4.8 million the town will get in American Rescue Plan Act money, including beefing up stormwater project funding and protecting the Berlin Fire Company from losing funds.

On twin 5-0 votes, the council approved an amendment to increase the funding line "Projects TBD" — for stormwater projects that have not yet been determined — from \$250,000 to \$428,000 and change the funding line "Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)" to read "Capital projects to be determined."

The money going into future stormwater projects comes from \$124,000 earmarked for portable radios for "Police, Public Works, Water Resources, Electric" and \$54,000 from grants to businesses. The shift reduces the former funding line to \$11,500 and completely eliminates the latter.

A representative from EA Engineering stated the company's case for

prioritizing stormwater to the council.

"Rather than using that chunk of change for one project, this way we can piece off some of that (money) to do something else, maybe straight-forward infrastructure projects that we need," he said. "Those projects are typically less likely to apply to a grant."



Zach Tyndall

"The grant funding cycle is really ... fall. And they're due December-January timeframe, so right now is a great time to plan this, get some concepts together and get a really polished grant application and plan together. We contact them now ... and show them (what we're striving for.) They're not unfamiliar with the town of Berlin. They've been here many times and know these projects. Some of them are easy to do."

The future stormwater project funding amount is the fourth-largest chunk of the spending plan, after \$1 million apiece for sewer treatment plant upgrades and the Broad Street Lift Station funding and \$754,990 for smart water meters.

After that approval, Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald pointed out from the crowd that the

current language for the SCBA equipment could be seen as "supplanting funds," which would lead to those funds being lost.

"We can leverage (funding) if the same verbiage is used (as what you just decided for stormwater," Fitzgerald said. "I talked to FEMA today to change the verbiage to something similar to what you have for stormwater, to say this expenditure will be used to fund Berlin Fire Company capital expenses."

"If you list specifically that (SCBA) product and we receive that grant, they will look at this as supplanting of funds, because you approved in your budgets specifically funding for those items. That could reduce the \$440,000 grant that we all told you

that we've applied (for with) the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. So I urge you to do the same thing you just heard with stormwater management. If you change that verbiage, we could possibly leverage those grant funds of \$220,000 to another grant."

Tyndall pointed out that that means the funding, totaling \$220,000, would be directly locked to council approval for any future projects, to which Fitzgerald said he understood.

The town has already received \$2.4 million of the ARPA funding. It expects to see the remaining \$2.4 million in the last quarter of FY22, which is underway and concludes on June 30.

## Berlin Council passes FY23 budget as submitted Monday

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Berlin Town Council voted 4-1 to approve the FY2023 budget on Monday, with Councilmember Troy Purnell voting against it and Councilmember Dean Burrell absent.

Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald spoke to the council about the necessity of changing how fire and EMS services are funded. Fitzgerald pointed out that the "flat funding" that has been the protocol since 2008 has led to substantial funding losses and has left the services in the dust compared to other town departments.

"If you put these large developments (in other areas into the budget), we need to be at the table," Fitzgerald said. "We'll do the best we can ... But we cannot continue operationally to have a flat budget."

"This may be a shock to you, but since 2008 ... we've lost \$1,168,500 (in funding)."

Tyndall pointed out that funding overall has increased for the fire company, especially \$125,000 that's earmarked to give it leeway to hire additional staffing.

The approved budget also included language identical to changes the council made in its Recovery Act spending plan.

"(I would like to) make the same motion from the ARPA plan to include the reduction in the mobile radios by \$124,000, the text amendment for the fire (company) to (state) 'capital projects to be determined by the council,' the reduction of the \$54,000 grant to businesses, and we did not have the stormwater in there because it's projected to be determined, so those funds would be just removed from (the budget)," Tyndall said.

FY23 will start on July 1.

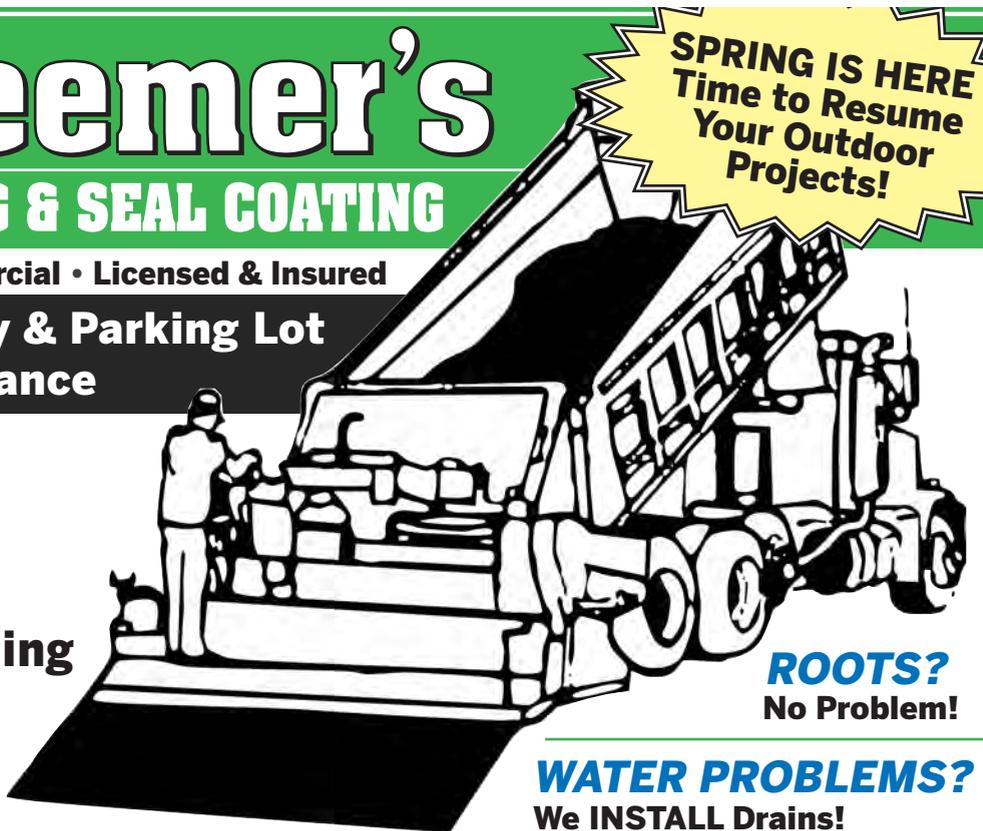
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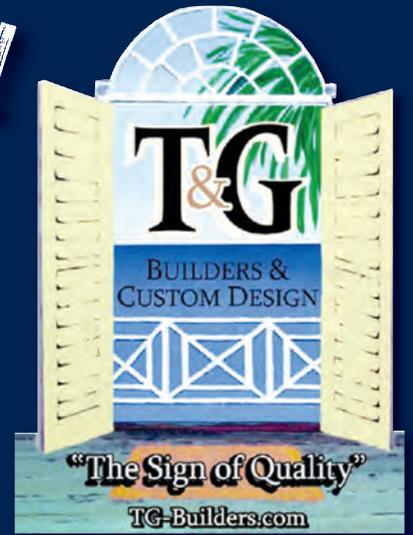
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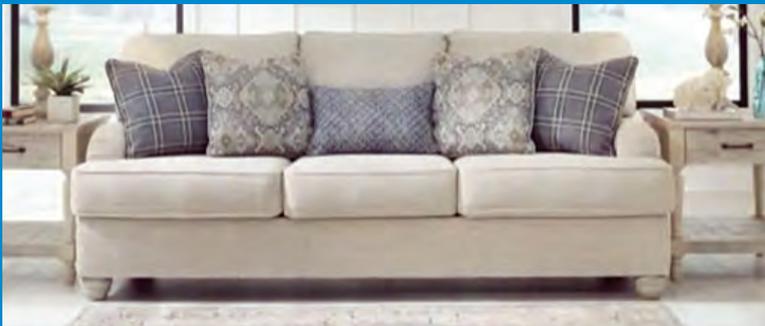
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# Committee promotes OPA meeting

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Ocean Pines Communications Committee is looking at different ways to encourage residents to attend the annual meeting of the Ocean Pines Association in August.

“We have had such poor attendance in the last number of years,” committee chair Cheryl Jacobs said at the committee’s meeting last Thursday. “We’ve learned that (this year) we will be having the annual meeting both (virtually) and in-person. We have to have at least 100 property owners to have a quorum. It makes it much easier to meet that number when you have a hybrid meeting.”

Thus, Jacobs added, there will not be a corresponding Family Fun Day for the meeting.

“We no longer need to have a Family Fun Day,” she said. “Not to say we won’t in the future, because it’s still a good idea. But it won’t be necessary to have in conjunction with the annual meeting.”

The annual meeting of the OPA is held on the second Saturday in August, which this year is Aug. 13.

Jacobs said the committee is looking at other means to reward people for attending. For instance, committee member Diana Snyder runs a

fundraiser every year for the Worcester County Humane Society that incorporates a raffle where people can buy chances from limited number tickets.

“We’re going to do something similar to that with some kind of gifts for the first 100 people who attend and remain in attendance at the annual meeting,” Jacobs said. “We haven’t figured out all the logistics yet. They’ll either be assigned a number as they attend or allowed to select one. In any case, there will be prizes and that’ll be a perk of attendance.”

The committee also discussed electronic signs that would be used to display community news and information. The committee had hit some snags in the plan’s implementation that they’ve now worked out.

At one point, Jacobs said, a representative from the sign company insinuated that all other signs would have to be removed as soon as the first electronic sign went up. With help from Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, who represents Ocean Pines, they were able to resolve that issue and prevent that sign removal from happening.

The signs will be used “for safety

perspective and things associated with amenities and Ocean Pines in general, nothing commercial,” Jacobs said.

The committee is also continuing to request and collect contact information for chairpersons of other social committees in Ocean Pines “as a way of having a mechanism to get more information out, which is one of the missions of our committee,” Jacobs said.

There has been confusion with what the committee is asking, Jacobs said, and they’re in the process of ironing it out.

The board is also looking at ways to motivate residents to vote in the upcoming Ocean Pines Board of Directors elections next month.

“Last year we had signs printed up to encourage people to not only vote but also attend the annual (OPA) meeting,” Jacobs said. “(But those signs) were date-specific and we (discussed) whether a tape or sticker of some sort could be created with new dates so signs could be re-used.”

“It is so hard to get people to participate in things. It seems like it’s always the same small number of people. But that’s the way it goes.”

The Ocean Pines Communications Committee next meets on June 16.



Cheryl Jacobs

# Ocean Pines Public Works yard to close for summer

(May 26, 2022) The Ocean Pines Public Works yard will be open to Ocean Pines residents through May 28, before closing for the summer.

The yard will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Yard debris may be dropped off during this time.

Only loose yard debris, such as leaves and limbs, will be 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.

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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.

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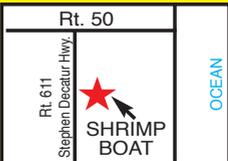
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## Berlin Briefs

**By Jack Chavez**  
 Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Berlin Town Council discussed the following at its meeting on Monday:

### Housing surveys

The Eastern Shore Regional GIS (Geographic Information System) Co-operative will be conducting surveys from June 1 until July 15 that will analyze the physical state of various properties in Berlin, which in turn could be used to apply for funding assistance.

“This data collection effort aims to identify contributing factors leading to property degradation,” stated a memo from the cooperative. “Student interns will be walking around town with tablets using a customized digital survey application to collect data on property structure conditions. They will be measuring a variety of risk variables leading to property degradation, including infrastructure damage, property accessibility for emergency services, and various site attributes and conditions such as estimated foundation heights.”

The initiative was first applied to the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County in 2016. Since then, the town has been awarded \$1.7 million for housing improvements, thanks in large part to the data collected, according to the memo.

The Tri-County Council, the Rural Maryland Council and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund will provide funding for the Berlin survey.

### Pollinator Week

Mayor Zack Tyndall officially proclaimed the week of June 20-26 as National Pollinator Week, as an official affiliate of Bee City, USA. The week is intended to celebrate and bring awareness to the insects that contribute greatly to local food sources and healthy, vibrant environments, especially in the vicinity of Berlin.

### Façade funding

The Town Council voted 5-0 to approve Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells’ request to apply for additional funding for façade improvements that will benefit new businesses in downtown Berlin.

Wells said that grant money from two years ago is “close to being depleted” and that the move would come at “zero cost” to the town.

“The process is we apply to Department of Housing and Community Development, they give us the grant, then we facilitate the grant process — they apply to the town, we send their application to DHCD, who reviews it with Maryland Historic Trust, they get it back to us, we OK the grant, there’s

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# Commissioners enter round two on sports facility talks

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The disagreement between two Worcester County Commissioners regarding discussions about the proposed sports complex in Berlin continued on May 17, with a third member of the board telling them he was tired of listening to the back and forth.

At the end of the Tuesday morning county commissioners meeting, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, who represents Ocean City, called out Ocean Pines representative Commissioner Chip Bertino for meeting with constituents about the sportsplex last week.

At the beginning of the month, Bertino did the same to Mitrecic after the latter and the county's chief ad-

ministrative officer, Weston Young, met with a private investor about the sports complex.

At the time, Bertino said it was concerning that meetings were taking place with potential sponsors without the rest of the board being informed.

On May 17, Mitrecic said he was surprised to hear about several private meetings between Bertino and his constituents.

Bertino backed it up, though, saying he only had positive meetings to report on to the commissioners. One meeting was with the Town of Berlin Planning Commission where they discussed whether they wanted to have the complex in Berlin.

During the meeting, Bertino said, See COMMISSIONER Page 18



Chip Bertino



Joe Mitrecic

## Berlin Briefs

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a variety of paperwork, we issue the reimbursement and I put the paperwork in to get the reimbursement from DHCD," Wells told the council.

down to the finer points of an agreement that would have to be approved publicly."

### Lot area

The Town Council voted 5-0 to approve a zoning code amendment that expands the maximum sizes for fee simple townhomes in the R-4 residential district, following a public hearing. The ordinance was first read during the May 9th town council meeting.

Among other changes, the ordinance chiefly 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 at 50 feet.

The amendment allows developers to build larger lots for each townhome, if they so choose, while not increasing the number of townhomes in a development.

### Heron Park

The Town Council voted 5-0 to approve an extended negotiation period with Gillis Gilkerson over the purchase of the parcels of land that comprise Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

"Based on our last meeting we had when we heard from each group, there was one particular entity (Gillis Gilkerson) that was more Berlin than the other and the better fit for the surrounding community," Tyndall said at the meeting. "What I'm asking is that ... we would enter into an extended negotiation period with Gillis Gilkerson as it relates to those parcels. It's not selling them, but it allows us to meet with them more and whittle



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# St. Martins by the Bay eyes OP water connection funds

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners May 17 session was full of public hearings, with the county having hearings on improving the water at St. Martins by the Bay, applying for Community Development Block Grant funds, and changes to the Capital Improvement Plan.

## St. Martins water

Residents at St. Martins by the Bay have a situation: their water comes from a well and sometimes that means letting consumers know their water must be boiled before they can drink it.

During the meeting, the Worcester County Commissioners held a public

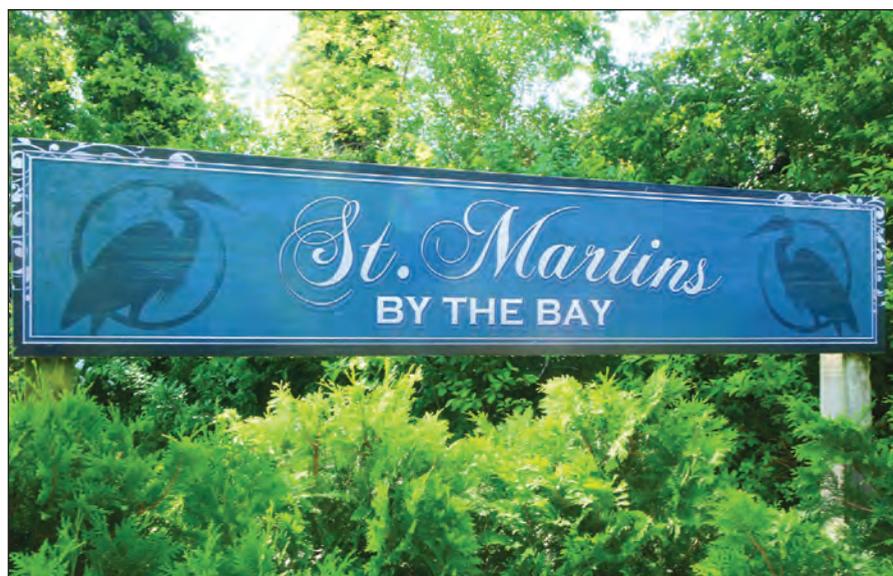
hearing on applying for a state grant to help cover the costs of connecting the community to the Ocean Pines Water System.

A total of 58 residents would be served if an eight-inch water main is extended to the system down Beauchamp Road to St. Martins Parkway and into the community.

The estimated cost for the project in November 2021 was \$1,545,991, which included the design and construction. But with the costs of materials increasing, the Public Works Department recommended raising the estimated price to \$2 million.

The commissioners unanimously agreed to apply for the grant.

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GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Residents in St. Martins by the Bay are currently on well water systems and are looking to connect to the Ocean Pines water system.

# Commissioner tired of bickering

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he told the commission at this point nobody had standing to be able to speak about it other than the commissioners and that he was unaware of any relationships transpiring between the county, Ocean City, and Berlin.

Bertino also attended a meeting in Ocean Pines last week that was open to the public.

The meeting was called to discuss pursuing a referendum on the sports complex in an upcoming election.

Ocean City Councilman John Gehrig was at the meeting, Bertino said, and spoke in favor of the sports complex.

"He's a real advocate for the sports complex," Bertino said of Gehrig, but again, he added, "Ocean City has no place at the table."

Also at the meeting was Ocean City resident Vince Gisriel, who has been a staunch opponent of the sportsplex, and Ocean City Director of Tourism and Business Development Tom Per-

lozzo.

According to Bertino, Perlozzo became "belligerent" and stormed out of the room after people argued with him and questioned his efforts for the sportsplex.

Bertino said there has been no discussion with Ocean City at this point and the meetings he attended over the past week were good because they were open to the public.

He also told Mitrecic that because the meetings were open to the public, he should have been there.

Commissioner Ted Elder told both Mitrecic and Bertino he was tired of exchange, and the rest of the board did not need a back-and-forth about meeting with constituents.

"I hope this is a touché, and it's over with," he said.

As far as the sportsplex is concerned, Young told the commissioners he has reached out to two firms regarding a site assessment, though no decision has been made on who will conduct the study and when.



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# Ocean Pines Yacht Club wins 2022 'Couples' Choice award

(May 26, 2022) WeddingWire, a wedding vendor marketplace, has declared the Ocean Pines Yacht Club as a winner of its 2022 WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards recognizing top vendors and venues.

The award is based on ratings of quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism reviewed by couples on WeddingWire. The Yacht Club currently has a 4.7 out of 5 rating.

"To determine these distinguished wedding professionals, WeddingWire analyzed reviews within its Vendor Directory across more than 20 service categories – from venues and caterers to florists and photographers – to find the most- and highest-rated vendors of the year. The winners exhibit superior professionalism, responsiveness, service, and quality when interacting with the millions of couples who turn to WeddingWire to help with their wedding planning

process each month," WeddingWire said in a release.

Officials from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club said they are honored to be named one of the top venues.

"We're so excited to be a Couple's Choice award winner. We sincerely appreciate all of our couples' reviews and truly enjoy being a part of their special day," Lia Isel, who oversees event bookings in Ocean Pines, said.

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club is a waterfront wedding venue in Ocean Pines, Maryland that features views of the Isle of Wight Bay and the Ocean City skyline. The Yacht Club can accommodate up to 225 guests in the three different spaces.

Couples can also book weddings and other functions at the oceanfront Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City, or the Golf Club in Ocean Pine.

# Grants sought for improvements

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## Community Development Block Grant

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program is federally funded and designed to help municipalities improve neighborhoods with revitalization efforts, economic development, and improved community facilities and services.

This year, over \$7 million is up for grabs, and a public hearing on whether to apply for the grant was held during the meeting on Tuesday.

The commissioners agreed to apply for CDBG in the amount of

\$500,000 to help fund the county-wide owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. The vote was unanimous.

## Capital improvements

The commissioners held a public hearing to amend the five-year capital improvement plan for FY 23 through FY 27.

The biggest changes to the plan include removing the \$3.25 million set aside for Ocean Pines Spray Irrigation and update the Ocean Pines Belt Filter Press from \$3.55 million to \$4.6 million.

The commissioners unanimously approved the amendments.



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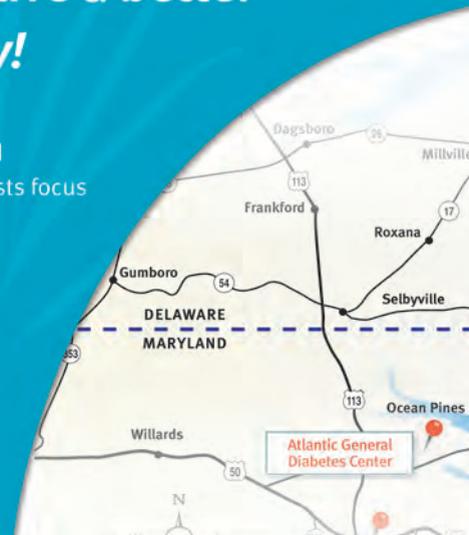
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Starting on May 31, Ocean Pines residents can utilize a new water taxi service that will carry passengers between the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and multiple Ocean City and West Ocean City places.

## Water taxi service in Ocean Pines to start this Tuesday

(May 26, 2022) Starting on Tuesday, May 31, Ocean Pines residents can take advantage of a new water taxi service carrying passengers between Ocean Pines and Ocean City.

Thanks to a collaboration with OC Bay Hopper, riders can leave from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club to one of three stops in Ocean City: 118th Street, 48th Street, and the West Ocean City Harbor.

The water taxi is scheduled to travel from Ocean Pines to 48th Street each day at 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Boats will return to Ocean Pines heading north at 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

One-way passes will cost \$15 and round-trip tickets will run \$25.

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said he sees the water taxi as both a service for residents and a potential benefit for yacht club business.

Ralph DeAngelus, co-owner of the Matt Ortt Companies that manages

the Yacht Club, said he believes the strong live music at the Yacht Club will be enough to pull some visitors from Ocean City to Ocean Pines.

OC Bay Hopper will also offer a special sightseeing trip from Ocean Pines to Assateague on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

"Our plan is to pick riders up at the docks in Ocean Pines at 9 a.m. and whisk them down to Assateague for a tour of the island by water," OC Bay Hopper Co-owner Steve Butz said. "They'll get an amazing view of the wildlife and then return to the Yacht Club at about 11:15 a.m., just in time for lunch."

Launched in 2018, OC Bay Hopper transported roughly 8,000 riders last summer.

Starting this summer, Butz said each of the three Bay Hopper boats would carry an Ocean Pines Yacht Club placard, and that OC Bay Hopper staff would help promote Ocean Pines as a new destination.



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The owner of the Dusk to Dawn charter boat, Marc Spagnola, was granted a special-use permit by the Worcester County Commissioners last week that allows him to launch his boat from the South Point public boat ramp for the next year. Spagnola initially sought a three-year permit, but that was reduced to one to give the county time to figure out how to deal with commercial enterprises benefiting from taxpayer facilities.

# Charter gets one-year dock permit

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners granted a charter boat captain a one-year permit to use a recreational boat ramp in South Point, despite pleas to do otherwise from nearby neighbors.

Marc Spagnola owns and operates the 20-foot Sea Ark and 24-foot Dusk to Dawn fishing charters, and for the last year, he has been able to operate the former from the South Point boat ramp per a one-year special-use permit issued to him last year.

That permit will soon expire, and Spagnola is looking to charter the bigger boat out of South Point because of the comfort it provides his clients, but also because the West Ocean City Boat Ramp is getting busier, and parking is harder to come by.

Spagnola's attorney, Mark Cropper, initially asked the commissioners on May 17 to approve a three-year term for the permit, but when the request was introduced to the board on Tuesday, Commissioner Bud Church moved to approve it for one year, with Commissioner Chip Bertino seconding the motion.

Commissioner Madison Bunting said he was not against issuing a special-use permit to the charter captain for one year, but said a policy needed to be developed for situations in which commercial businesses want to use county-owned facilities intended for recreational purposes.

Commissioner Joe Mitreic replied that when the permit was approved last year, the request was made to the recreation department to develop a formula for future cases.

He said he had no problem approving the permit, but said if it comes back to the commissioners next year, the commissioners would need a policy in place on how to deal

with special-use permits for county-owned docks.

Two neighbors of the ramp told the commissioners that Spagnola has multiple boats and accused the charter captain of launching boats that were not covered under the current permit.

One neighbor also raised concerns that the dock was in place for recre-

ational use and if the county is going to allow commercial fishermen to operate their businesses from there, the county should capitalize on it.

As it stands currently, Spagnola is allowed to use up to four unspecified parking spaces. If the public fills the lot before Spagnola arrives, he will not have a place to park his trailer.

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# Pocomoke City man guilty of nine counts of animal cruelty

By Greg Wehner  
 Staff Writer

(May 26, 2022) A Pocomoke City man was found guilty of nine counts related to animal cruelty last week for incidents stemming back to July 2021.

On May 20, Michael Louis Parrett, 65, was charged with three counts of animal cruelty and six counts of animal cruelty for failing to provide the necessary healthy living conditions – things like nutritious food, necessary veterinary care, space, shelter, and protection for weather.

All nine counts carry 90-day jail sentences, though a Worcester County judge in Snow Hill suspended all but 10 of the 810 days Parrett faced.

Parrett was also given three years of unsupervised probation.

As a private dog breeder, Parrett focused on breeding Australian Shepherds.

County officials became aware of Parrett after neighbors complained that a hoarder was residing at 2844 Byrd Road in Pocomoke City. When the officials went to investigate, they found a barren parcel of land with more than 30 dogs, some of which were sick.

According to Worcester County Commissioner Josh Nordstrom, who



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**Michael Louis Parrett of Pocomoke City, a dog breeder who specialized in Australian Shepherds, was found guilty of animal cruelty.**

represents Pocomoke City, the scene was so bad that after the agencies and officials checked the property, they wanted to find a way to get Parrett to stop breeding dogs.

The commissioner also explained that Parrett did the bare minimum when it came to getting the dogs the shots they needed, but what he did was within the law.

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# Shed fire extends to occupied travel trailer

## Fire Marshal's Office finds household trash ignited, then spread, to structure

(May 26, 2022) The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office investigated a fire involving a shed and travel trailer last Thursday in Berlin.

The Berlin Volunteer Fire Company was alerted of an outside fire at 8:47 a.m. at 9614 Mary Road in Berlin.

Upon arrival of firefighters, it was determined a 10-foot square shed behind the residence was completely involved in fire and had extended to a nearby travel trailer with an occupant still located inside.

A neighbor who noticed the fire had become out of control alerted the residents of the property and person sleeping in the travel trailer of the situation.

After becoming aware of the fire, the occupant was able to escape un-

harmed. Berlin was assisted by the Ocean City Fire Department and crews quickly extinguished the fire.

An investigation determined a 55-gallon drum containing household trash was ignited on fire behind the shed prior to it extending out of the container.

"The observation and quick actions taken by the neighbor(s) today certainly saved the life of the person who resided in the trailer, the outcome could have been terribly different had they [reporting party] not been at the right place and the right time," said Fire Marshal Matthew Owens. "They

should be commended for their heroic acts."

The Fire Marshal's Office reminded residents burn "trash" barrels should be placed well away from structures and should always be attended while burning with a way to extinguish should it get out of control.



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The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office investigated a shed and travel trailer fire that occurred on May 19, at 9614 Mary Road in Berlin. A neighbor who noticed the fire alerted the authorities.

## Laws to regulate animal breeders

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Nordstrom and the other commissioners enacted a series of county laws in August 2021 that changed the standards.

For instance, the new laws have criteria for hold times for strays, dictates who can operate kennels, sets standards for the upkeep of kennels and what's considered suitable shelter, puts vaccination and mental state requirements in place for adoptions, and defined animal control terms for things like "commercial kennel," and "dog."

## Residents plea to deny permit

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Cropper maintained on Tuesday that Spagnola never had conflicts with any of the neighbors and has tried to be a good neighbor himself.

The attorney also said his client wants to be able to launch either of his boats from South Point, though the larger one offers better safety for his passengers.

Bunting said he would support the one-year permit, but like Mitreic, said a policy needs to be drafted.

"It's gotten out of hand," he told Kelly Rados, the county's director of recreation and parks. "You've got one year to get this mess straightened out."

When it came to a vote, the commissioners unanimously agreed to grant Spagnola the one-year permit.

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# Nearly \$85K awarded to area nonprofit orgs

(May 26, 2022) A total of \$84,827 has been granted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to 19 local nonprofits.

The CFES Community Needs Grants are available to nonprofits serving Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties. Nonprofits received a mix of operational support and funding for programs spanning health, youth, disabilities, education, human services, and animal welfare, among others.

"Local nonprofits see first-hand what needs to be done to lift up the Lower Shore," said Erica Joseph, Community Foundation president. "This grant program allows us to meet a wide range of local needs and create a positive impact in our community."

Applicants must be 501c3 nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations providing non-sectarian programs, or eligible programs within government agencies serving citizens on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The next Community Needs cycle will open Jan. 1, with a grant maximum of \$10,000.

The following nonprofits received funding for programs and operations:

Atlantic General Hospital Foundation will train additional nurses to fill a staffing shortage in the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc. will expand outreach to

recruit much needed mentors to pair with little brothers and sisters.

Child & Family Foundation Inc. (1 Year to Empowerment) provides adolescent girls with safe and meaningful activities that promote self-esteem, teach life skills, and improve socialization.

Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum Inc. will provide educational exhibits, public events, and fun activities for the community focused on the history and ecosystem of the Delmarva Peninsula.

Eastern Correctional Institution will produce a new in-house literary publication comprised of creative works submitted by inmates.

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore is a nonprofit, community-based health organization dedicated to increasing the independence of children and adults with disabilities or other special needs.

Epoch Dream Center provides free after-school and summer programs for under-resourced youth.

Friends of Assateague State Park will install locking food storage boxes under picnic tables to promote horse safety on the island and improve interactions between visitors and wildlife.

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc. will upgrade technology and restore internet access in their Sal-

isbury office so they can fully reopen and use the facility.

Humane Society of Somerset County will cover medical and food costs for rescued animals that come to the shelter sick or injured.

Leveling the Playing Field, Inc. will host pop-up events at Lower Eastern Shore schools to distribute free sporting equipment to physical education departments.

Lower Shore Clinic/Go-Getters will provide basic necessities and remediation services for clients with physical or psychiatric illnesses in transitional housing or moving into a new home.

Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center will make needed repairs to the roof of the historic Pocomoke theatre that offers \$5 movie showings and live performances.

Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation, Inc. will host an environmental retreat for high school students to provide hands-on environmental education experience and introduce them to environmental careers.

Salisbury Urban Ministries' grant will support its Kids Café program, which provides meals, homework assistance, field trips, and basic necessities to under-resourced youth from East Salisbury and Beaver Run Elementary Schools.

Somerset County Local Management Board will provide parenting resources

to improve the life circumstances, safety, and nutrition of families in the Lower Shore Shelter.

The Haitian Development Center of Delmarva, Inc. will provide financial assistance and immigration resources to refugee families in need.

Wicomico Public Library will purchase children's literature to stock the shelves of the new Storybook Room at the Centre Branch.

Worcester County GOLD will provide emergency funds for housing, utility assistance, clothing, and food through their Emergency Financial Assistance program.

As leaders, grant makers, and stewards of philanthropy, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the Lower Eastern Shore.

It is a 501c3 nonprofit with an inspiring history of fostering charitable endeavors, and has provided \$94 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984.

It collaborates with individuals, families and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthen local nonprofits through grants and resources.

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# Jam, jelly maker preserves tradition at farmers market

### Kovacic brings more than a decade with her to Ocean Pines in spring, summer

(May 26, 2022) Dora Kovacic's award-winning jams and jellies have been a fixture of the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market for more than a decade, but her story goes back several generations.

The inspiration for We Jam 4U started with Kovacic's grandmother, Molly, who made her own jams and jellies. Her mother, Joanne, and sisters, Lisa and Debbie, also took up the trade.

"As kids, we enjoyed picking local fruits and making jam with mama and, of course, eating them too," Kovacic said. "Our business was born when my sister, Lisa, realized that her love for making jam from local fruits was providing her family and friends with more jam than they could possibly eat. So, mama suggested that she could sell it at the flea market."

Kovacic, with her mother and sisters, became a regular vendor at farmers markets in Chincoteague and Onancock in Virginia.

"Our dad, Danny, got in the act too," Kovacic said. "When he played

his trumpet at the markets, mama would say with a wink and a smile, 'He's got his way of jammin' and I've got mine.'"

Kovacic also brought the family business to the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, putting her own creative spin on homemade jams, while preserving the tradition and authenticity of three generations.

In addition to single-fruit flavors like blackberry jam and tangerine marmalade, Kovacic create flavor combinations like black forest and French apple.

In May, when strawberries are abundant in the fields of local farms, Kovacic's home kitchen is filled with the scent of those berries being cooked into sweet jam.

We Jam 4U also offers marmalades, fruit butters, and fruit and pepper jellies.

The small batch fruit and pepper jellies are made from ingredients obtained from local growers.

We Jam 4U can be found at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market year-round on Saturday mornings.

The market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.



Dora Kovacic has been participating in the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans market for more than a decade.

PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

## Business Briefs

### Joins bank

Pam Bromley has joined Taylor Bank as mortgage underwriter.

Bromley comes to Taylor Bank with more than 20 years of experience in residential mortgage lending at both large banks and community banks on the Eastern Shore, serving the last nine years at Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit. In this role, Bromley will report directly to Douglass Cook, EVP, chief lending officer of Taylor Bank. She will be responsible for evaluating and verifying loan documentation and ensuring that all documentation complies with governmental regulations.



Pam Bromley

Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, the bank subsidiary of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. (OTCQX: TYCB), founded in 1890, offers a wide range of loan, deposit, and ancillary banking services through both physical and digital delivery channels.

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# Snapshots



## SHREK THE MUSICAL

The Worcester Preparatory School Art Department recently presented "Shrek the Musical" in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center.

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## TOP ESSAY

Berlin Intermediate School student Ara Kang, placed third in the Elks Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. She wrote an essay that addressed the different ways that one can show love of their country. Her essay will go on to compete at the state level. Principal Ryan Cowder, left, along with Allen and Gretchen Meyer of the Ocean City Elks Lodge were on hand to present her with the award.



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## DONATION

At a recent meeting of the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary members, Tina Rogers and Krista Radena presented a check for \$15,000 to Gary McCabe, the BVFD's current treasurer. These funds were collected during fundraisers that the Ladies Auxiliary held during 2021. To assist the auxiliary in its fundraising efforts, call 619-922-9950 to volunteer.



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## OFFERING SUPPORT

Quilters by the Sea Guild has joined with Serendipity Quilt Shop of Dagsboro, Delaware, in supporting the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Members donated during the month of January and February, new women's and children's underwear, socks, diapers, laundry detergent and toiletries, along with craft supplies and children's DVDs. This donation will support local domestic violence shelters. Pictured, from left, are Marlene Passero, Jacqui Santangelo, Jenni Compston, Shirley Schaefer, Patsy Taylor and Cathy Good. For more information about donating or joining Quilters by the Sea, email qbsopemail@gmail.com, attend any volunteer day (first Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) in the Ocean Pines Community Room.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**WAVING FLAGS**

Flags are set up to honor American veterans at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.

# Volunteers needed for turtle count

(May 26, 2022) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is seeking volunteers to participate in the Annual Diamondback Terrapin count beginning May 31 through June 11.

The surveys take place in the coastal bays including its creeks of brackish water throughout the designated week. Counts will take place both on water and on land. From motorboats, kayaks, and SUPs, all are encouraged to participate.

In addition to being the Maryland state reptile and University of Maryland mascot, the diamondback terrapin is the symbol for healthy and productive coastal bays. This turtle is comfortable on both land and in the water, and calls local marshes, beaches and bays home.

Terrapins are perfectly suited for the coastal bays ecosystem. Not only do they have long nails that they can use for digging or climbing on land, but they also have webbed feet that allow them to swim and dive for food. Because terrapins spend most of their time in the water hunting for food, they have evolved the ability to hold their breath for a long period of time since they do not possess gills; a mature terrapin can hold its breath anywhere from 45 minutes to five hours.

These surveys have been occurring after Memorial Day for the past 11 years as this is the time period when

terrapins are highly active and are aggregating in clusters after emerging from hibernation.

Terrapins are the only turtle occupying brackish water, but other turtles, such as snapping turtles, could venture into more brackish water, so it is important to be able to identify the correct species.

There is a training link provided on the Coastal Bays Program website that includes turtle identification, protocol for conducting a survey, data sheets and survey locations.

One of the biggest problems facing terrapin populations in the local bays are crab pots — especially “ghost pots,” which are crab pots that are no longer attached to a marker or float so they will never get hauled in and collected. Crab pots are dangerous for terrapins, especially the smaller males and immature terrapins, be-

cause they are lured into the pots by the crab bait, get stuck and then drown in the traps because they need to surface to breathe.

The best way to solve this problem is to equip all crab pots with Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs). BRDs are orange plastic and wire rectangles that are large enough to let crabs through but small enough to block terrapins from getting into the pots and getting stuck.

For them to work they need to be about 1 3/4 inches wide and 4 3/4 inches long. Some crab pots sold today already have BRDs installed. Buying a pot without one doesn't mean it can't be fixed. Directors on how to do that are available on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website <https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/documents/TerrapinBrochure.pdf>



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Every June the Maryland Coastal Bays Program conducts a volunteer-driven terrapin survey to count and assess the local population.

People interested in participating in the survey can register online at <https://mdcoastalbays.org/the-programs/outreach/diamondback-terrapin-surveys/>

For more information, contact Sandi Smith at [sandis@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:sandis@mdcoastalbays.org) or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.



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# Opinion

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## They died for us, and we're still the same

The dead can't speak for themselves, but intelligent people might wonder what the fallen defenders of this country's freedoms would say if asked, given our current national circumstances, whether their sacrifice has paid off.

To be sure, Americans have been bitterly divided before, the Civil War being the most obvious example. But that was hardly the only threat to the union over the past 246 years.

Other periods of extreme social and political discord have come close to breaking up the union, going back to the late 1700s when even George Washington was accused by his opposition of debauching the nation.

The political battles of that period between the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans were such that even in 1798, according to UShistory.org, "most people believed that their political enemies would destroy the nation if allowed to hold power."

Which brings us to our current state of affairs where "the good of the country" continues to mean "the good of the country ... as we see it, whether you like it or not."

That's a sorry situation indeed, when hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen have died defending the principles of a democratic republic that we don't seem to appreciate or want. They sacrificed everything, and we ... well, not so much.

The truth is we want what we've always wanted: to hold power over the people with whom we disagree. And we'll say and do just about anything to get it. We really ought to be ashamed of ourselves for not having come any farther than that over the last two-and-a-half centuries.

On this Memorial Day, we should reflect on what the fallen have done for us and how we have responded. Maybe that's the problem — maybe those we lost and those we honor this one weekend of the year were the best of us.

If that's so, the least we could do is show our respect to them by respecting the institutions they died defending.

And maybe we could do a better job. That would be the memorial they truly deserve, and one that is perhaps even worth dying for.



## Hospital earns Gold Seal of Approval

(May 26, 2022) Atlantic General Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Atlantic General Hospital underwent a rigorous, unannounced four-day onsite review, starting Feb. 8. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with hospital stan-

dards spanning several areas including environment of care, emergency management, infection prevention and control, performance improvement and medication management.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"As a private accreditor,

The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," said Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Atlantic General Hospital for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

"We can't thank our medical staff and associates See AGH Page 29

## G.O.L.D. annual event coming in June

(May 26, 2022) Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) announces the return of its annual event, "GOLD on the Green," on June 15.

The seventh annual charity golf tournament will take place on the waterfront Newport Bay Course at Ocean City Golf Club. Registration begins at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Registration, which costs

\$700 for a foursome (\$1,000 for team and sponsor package) includes 18 holes, cart rental, lunch, drink tickets, gift bags, side-games, prizes and an awards dinner.

"We're really excited to build on the success from last year," said Nicholas Cranford, Worcester G.O.L.D executive director. "I know how meaningful this funding is for our neighbors who are truly suffering right now."

Proceeds benefit the a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which provides emergency financial assistance and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living with low-income.

G.O.L.D. is seeking teams of golfers, sponsors, and donors to make this fundraiser a success. Call 410-235-6525 or visit [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org) to access additional information and purchase tickets.

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# AGH takes home Seal of Approval

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 enough for their continued support, dedication and commitment to high quality patient care,” said Ann Bergey, vice president, quality and medical staff services. “The four surveyors scrutinized over 250 Joint Commission Standards, which contain 1,514 elements of performance, including 11 National Patient Safety Goals. In addition, there were 35 tracers conducted during the survey. Despite the strain and worry of the pandemic, we achieved a 99 percent compliance rate. We are extremely proud of our associates and the medical staff.”

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

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital’s state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines compassion and expertise with the latest in technology and services.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 25 primary care provider and specialist offices, care for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org).

# Hundreds attend Spring Cruisers

Berlin event sees close to 200 cars roll into town

(May 26, 2022) Nearly 200 cars were on display last Saturday during the annual Berlin Spring Cruisers event.

The winners were:

**Color award** — Dale Simpkins — ‘41 Willy’s Coupe

**Survivor** — Tony Helley — ‘74 Plymouth Duster

**Unclassified** — Terry Heinze — ‘68 VW Bug — All Electric

**People’s Choice** — Zach Stranix — ‘62 Dodge Lancer

**Judges Award** (presented in honor of Mike Heisman) — David Bell — ‘66 Olds 442

**Best Story** — Mike/Bob — ‘29 Chevy Truck (referred to as Beverly Hillbilly truck)

**Best Truck** — Julie Gummer — ‘69 Chevy C10

**Best Pony** — Scott Close — ‘67 Chevy Camaro

**Best Muscle Car** — Jeff & Robyn Thomas — ‘70 Chevy Camaro

**Best Hot Rod** — David Busse — ‘40 LaSalle

**Best Classic** — Jim Gosnell — ‘59 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible

**Best Rat Rod** — Paul Neil — ‘63 GMC Truck

**Best in Show** — Kevin Blades — ‘72 Chevy Blazer K5



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Car enthusiasts pop their hoods and show off their rides at the 2022 Berlin Spring Cruisers Classic Car Show last Saturday.

## Community Briefs

### Joins board

The Wor-Wic Community College Foundation recently welcomed Matt Powell of Berlin to its board of directors.

Powell is a commercial banker with Bank of America in Salisbury and serves on the boards of Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Salisbury-Wicomico Economic Development and the Greater Salisbury



Matt Powell

Committee.

He is a member of Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City.

Powell received his bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington and his master’s in business administration from Salisbury University.



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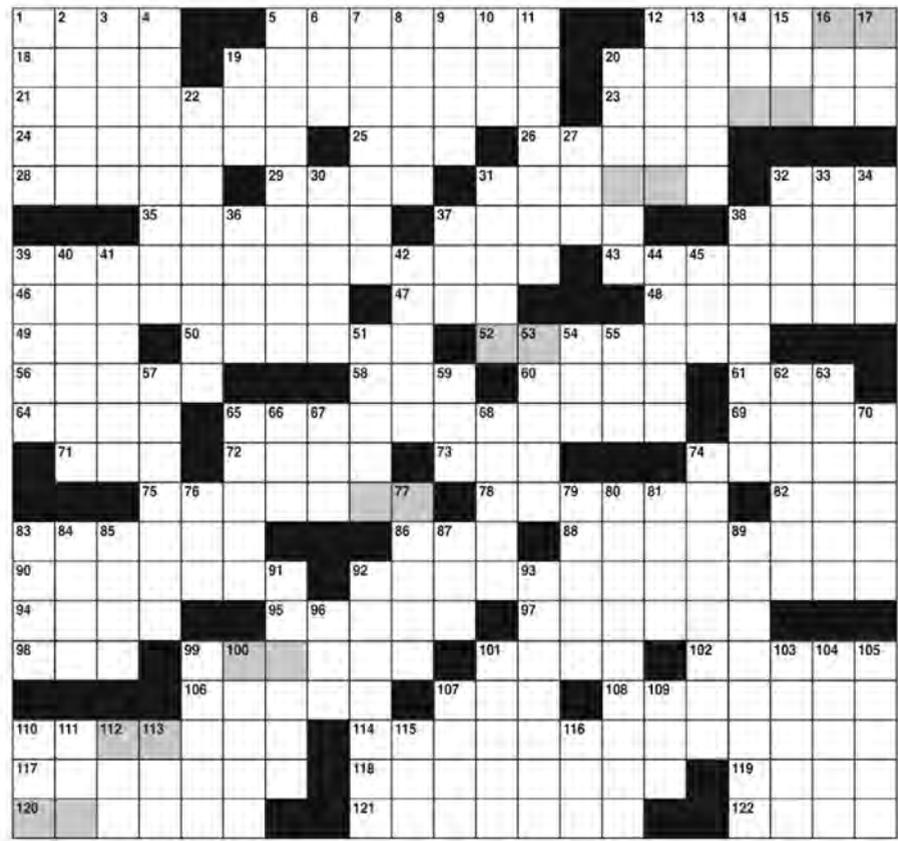
# Puzzles

## WAY OUT WEST

BY DANIEL MAUER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Daniel Mauer is a software engineer in Massachusetts. He started solving crosswords with his father when he was growing up and began making them six years ago. Two favorite activities of Daniel and his wife, Sandy, are solving the Times crossword, which they do first thing every morning, and taking road trips. The latter was the inspiration for this puzzle. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Meet the \_\_\_\_\_" (baseball fight song)
  - 5 Pertaining to any of five Italian popes
  - 12 Small rodent
  - 18 To be, in France
  - 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Jay Hawkins, rock pioneer who wrote "I Put a Spell on You"
  - 20 Hardly a team player?
  - 21 Nickname for 114-Across coined by John Steinbeck
  - 23 Large rodents
  - 24 Corpse \_\_\_\_\_ (morning-after cocktail)
  - 25 German surname part
  - 26 One of the Guccis
  - 28 At the top
  - 29 Skip or drop
  - 31 Down-to-earth
  - 32 Cool
  - 35 Opposite of a breeze
  - 37 Instruction for some Thanksgiving cooking
  - 38 "Downton Abbey" countess
  - 39 Colorful natural attraction along 114-Across
  - 43 An awful state to live in
  - 46 Twitch user, perhaps
  - 47 Spanish : -ando or -iendo :: English : \_\_\_\_\_
- DOWN**
- 48 Attempt to grasp, as a complicated situation
  - 49 Car-pooling inits.
  - 50 Cuisine that includes gochujang paste
  - 52 "Go ahead and ask"
  - 56 Pastis flavorer
  - 58 Peridot, for one
  - 60 Smart, say
  - 61 Bad stat for a QB; Abbr.
  - 64 Left
  - 65 Tall, curved attraction along 114-Across
  - 69 Gear for gondoliers
  - 71 Trafficker trackers, for short
  - 72 Legend
  - 73 Animal in the genus Bos
  - 74 Following along
  - 75 Roux ingredient?
  - 78 B3, nutritionally
  - 82 Beverage with a "New England" variety
  - 83 Gone to press?
  - 86 Booked it
  - 88 Phrase one might yell at the screen during a horror film
  - 90 What roots are, to powers
  - 92 Graffitied artistic attraction along 114-Across
  - 94 Summers in la cité
  - 95 \_\_\_\_\_ Austin, Biden's secretary of defense
  - 97 Bugs
  - 98 Jazz bassist Carter, who has appeared on more than 2,200 recordings
  - 99 Being treated, in a way
  - 101 A whole can of worms?
  - 102 Mamas' mamas
  - 106 Bug
  - 107 Bad review
  - 108 Component of lacquer thinner
  - 110 More far out
  - 114 Theme of this puzzle, which winds its way nearly 2,500 miles through all the shaded squares herein
  - 117 Wishy-washy response
  - 118 Captivate
  - 119 The Panthers of the N.C.A.A., familiarly
  - 120 Art in the Television Hall of Fame
  - 121 Dislikes and then some
  - 122 Things sometimes named after presidents
  - 123 TV 6-year-old who attends Little Dipper School
  - 14 Lead-in to "com"
  - 15 Bit of writing on Twitter or Tinder
  - 16 Natural conclusion?
  - 17 Some mil. officers
  - 19 Abbr. on many streets in Quebec
  - 20 "Holy \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - 22 Pass
  - 27 Not mainstream, for short
  - 30 Sierra \_\_\_\_\_
  - 31 1990s film with a famous wood chipper scene
  - 32 Word with a wave in Oaxaca
  - 33 Classic Camaro
  - 34 Grant \_\_\_\_\_, northeast terminus of 114-Across
  - 36 Kind of tape
  - 37 \$100 bill, slangily
  - 38 Underwriting?
  - 39 "What malarkey!"
  - 40 Paid penance
  - 41 Site of a U.C. in the O.C.
  - 42 Muscle-bone connector
  - 44 Verb in Poe's "The Raven"
  - 45 Trece menos doce
  - 51 Many a Hollywood worker
  - 53 Brownish-yellow hue
  - 54 Big \_\_\_\_\_
  - 55 Monogram in the 2016 presidential election
  - 57 Puts away
  - 59 Suffragist and abolitionist Abby \_\_\_\_\_ Alcott
  - 62 Georgia, e.g.
  - 63 One of two circling the earth
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  - 68 One-named New Age musician
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**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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# BOE confirms appointments and transfers

## New assignments to take effect July 1; some moves due to various retirements

(May 26, 2022) During the May 17 Worcester County Board of Education meeting, several administrative appointments and transfers were announced. The new assignments are effective July 1.

Joining the Central Office instructional team is Showell Elementary School Principal Diane Shorts, who will bring over 21 years of elementary experience to the role of coordinator of Early Childhood Education following the retirement of C. Todd Hall.

Dr. Brian Phillips, current assistant principal at Snow Hill High School, will succeed Diane Stulz as coordinator of Career Technology Education (CTE) and World Languages following her retirement in June.

Bess Cropper will become coordinator of special education following the previously announced promotion of Windy Phillips (reference below).

Ryan Cowder, current principal of Berlin Intermediate School, will transfer to helm Showell Elementary School, and Dr. Amy Gallagher, the school system's current coordinator of Accountability and Assessment, will return to Berlin Intermediate

School as a newly appointed principal. Gallagher previously served as an assistant principal at the school from 2016-2018.

Several changes at the assistant principal level were also announced: Snow Hill Middle School Assistant Principal Jonathan Kehl will transfer to Snow Hill High School.

Worcester Technical High School counselor Jennifer Howard was appointed to become assistant principal at Snow Hill Middle School.

Pocomoke Middle School Assistant Principal Joseph Stigler will transfer to Pocomoke High School, following the retirement of Bryan Perry.

Pocomoke Middle School's Reading and Math Interventionist Danielle Jackson was appointed to be the school's assistant principal.

The announcements follow the appointments previously announced at the Board of Education's April meeting. Succeeding Rae Record following her retirement as supervisor of Special Education is Windy Phillips, who has served as coordinator of special education since 2017.

Following the retirement of H. Stephen Price as manager of School Safety and Security is Cpl. Shawn Goddard, who has years of dedicated service protecting our schools as a valued member of the Worcester

County Sheriff's Office.

"These changes continue the positive trajectory for our school system," said Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor. "We continue to have a deep pool of incredibly talented educational leaders here in Worcester County. I am confident that these changes will lead to greater educational opportunities for our students. Congratulations to them all, and I thank them for their commitment to bring their best to these new roles."

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Carrie N. Sterrs at 410.632.5092 or email at cnsterrs@worcesterk12.org.

# Pine Tones Spring Concert, June 5

## Peace, hope and joy theme of show, scheduled to take place at Community Church

(May 26, 2022) The Pine Tones Chorus will present its Spring Concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$15 payable at the

door. The church is located off Route 589 and Beauchamp Road.

The concert theme is peace, hope and joy, featuring songs such as "Brotherhood of Man" and "Joy in the Morning".

The show's title song, "I Dream a World," poetically suggests – "a world . . . where love will bless the earth."

The Irving Berlin traditional favorite, "Blue Skies," also expresses

optimism.

Guest soprano soloist, Jennifer Hope Wills, is slated to sing "I Could Have Danced All Night."

She is known for performing on Broadway, with nearly four years starring in the role of Christine in "Phantom of the Opera."

The driving rhythm of four-handed duets on the piano will be

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# Introducing OPPD Officer Jon Marton-Rollins

### New York native worked for OCPD summer before he joined Ocean Pines in '20

(May 26, 2022) Jon Marton-Rollins grew up dreaming of being a police officer, but he never expected to start his career during a once-in-a-century pandemic.

Originally from Westchester, New York, Marton-Rollins worked as a seasonal officer in Ocean City in 2019 and joined the Ocean Pines Police force the following year. He joked that he picked the area because "somebody told me it was warm."

In July 2020, he entered the police academy and started working for the Ocean Pines Police Department, which at the time was headquartered in trailers behind the administration building. The new police station would open a few months later.

"I never knew the old building at all, but I heard a lot of interesting stories. It didn't sound like there was a lot of space," he said with a laugh. "But, coming in, I graduated from the academy and then we moved into the new building, and that was a very nice transition."

Ocean Pines Police "have to do a little bit of everything," Marton-Rollins said. That includes using his

prior training as an emergency medical technician, where he's spent 12 years as a volunteer, including almost a year as an EMS associate with the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

"My focus was on tactical emergency medicine, because I've wanted to be a police officer since I was 6. I really enjoy being able to integrate that into what we do," he said.

"A lot of working in the backs of ambulances is talking to people, so I'm very comfortable with my people skills and walking people through their problems, Marton-Rollins continued. "Ocean Pines is kind of a cool environment because, most of the time, if EMS is called to something, I'll actually be on the scene well before they are, just because I'm already out on the road."

On a daily basis, Marton-Rollins said police duties can range from basic traffic enforcement to "whatever they need us to do." It's a balancing act that keeps officers on their toes.

"What I tell everybody about Ocean Pines is that it's just like every other town or city. You're going to see a little bit of everything that goes on, wherever you get a population of people together," he said. That includes everything from theft and drug use

to occasional violent crime or domestic disturbances.

"We see a lot of family matters, because there are a lot of families around here. What we have to remind ourselves is that we see people on their worst day," he said. "Nobody likes calling 911. A huge responsibility as a police officer is just understanding that. They're calling you because they don't have any other options and it's our job. No matter how serious or mild, we have to help that person get to a place where they're comfortable and they no longer feel in extremis."

What was unusual, Marton-Rollins said, was starting police work in 2020. While going through the academy, he said, "it was abundantly clear that our lives as police officers were going to be very different."

"It was wild. 2020 was such a crazy time to be a police officer that it's almost hard to articulate," he said. "In 2019, people were a little more willing to talk to police in general. When 2020 happened, we came in with masks and with people rioting in other parts of the country. A lot of

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## Pine Tones concert next Sunday

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performed by Pete and Jenny Anderson. These selections are "I'll Fly Away" and the whimsical Beatles song, "Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da."

The Pine Tones Chorus includes about 45 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. June Todd and Anderson are the group's co-directors.

Guest musicians will include Joe Ciuffo playing clarinet, Tom Baione the string bass, and Bryan Castillo on drums.

The chorus has been entertaining

local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than 30 years.

For additional information, call Dave Holloway at 410-641-5672, or Todd at 443-880-3922.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities has been from admissions and patrons, as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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# New OPPD officer started during pandemic

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people would see me in uniform and automatically assume things about me, and that personally breaks my heart, because I've wanted to be a cop for as long as I could remember."

"I grew up with a sense that police are here to help, and I'm here to try to help as many people as I can. And for people to truly, deeply believe that police officers are here to do anything other than help, sometimes it's tough," he added.

Marton-Rollins said he was working for emergency medical services in Westchester County during the off-season in 2020, when COVID first arrived. The area was among the first in the nation to experience the pandemic.

"I was there when we were first figuring out what COVID was – we had no idea," he said. "We were told, 'Here, we have this new respiratory virus running around. And, oh, by the way, we're running out of masks and we don't have anything for you guys.'"

He remembers calling a friend who was working as a nurse in New York City, and finding her in tears.

"She was actually crying and said, 'I don't know what I'm doing anymore. We don't have ventilators. I have people dying all the time and I don't know why I'm in this career right now,'" he said.

Along with the obvious safety risks, policing during a pandemic is difficult because body language is a key part of investigation, Marton-Rollins said. He remembers a conversation with Det. Sgt. Joseph Bailey, one of his mentors in Ocean Pines.

"He has law enforcement experience all over the place and he's an absolutely incredible investigator. And he turned to me and said, 'How in the world are we supposed to do an investigation with masks on? Half of what you see about a person is their facial expressions and having an interaction with somebody.'" Marton-Rollins said. "There are a lot of challenges, and it's just a learning curve."

Marton-Rollins said the Ocean Pines community has largely been very supportive of police, something for which he is grateful.

"As a police officer, you're not allowed to have a bad day. No matter what your opinions or views or emotions, or any fights you've had with your significant other or family member, you have to check that at the

door, because when you put on the gun and the badge you are the objective party now," he said. "That by itself is an incredibly stressful role. Add, on top of that, what we respond to. When that call comes in, we have to expect the worst, so it's constant stress.

"But the public for the most part has been very supportive, organizations like Worcester Backs the Blue have been out in force. They've done cookouts and things like that, and it really helps," he continued. "They make our lives a lot easier."

For those on the other end of the call, Marton-Rollins said it's best to try and remain calm and to give police accurate information.

"A huge part of what we do is communication. We understand that you are having an emergency. We will try to get to you as quickly as possible. But we need the best information that we can get at that moment, so we know what we're responding to," he said. "Getting the best information to our dispatchers so they can pass it onto us is probably the biggest thing."

Statistically, Ocean Pines has been one of the safest communities in Maryland and in the United States for many years. Marton-Rollins said that's because the department "does a very good job at utilizing the re-

sources that we have and creating a visible police force."

"I think, in Ocean Pines, people like seeing the police. I think doing proactive things like patrolling around and making ourselves known at events helps deter crime," he said. "A lot of times that determines what police are able to do, and I think we do that well here."

Marton-Rollins said he cannot predict what his future in law enforcement will bring, but his present focus is on learning as much as possible.

"The police world is so crazy, and you don't know what tomorrow brings," he said. "Right now, I'm just trying to soak up all the experience that I have around me."

"You don't have the opportunity to work side by side with a detective in Ocean City," he continued. "Being able to pick their brain and see how they operate and learn from them – you're really not going to find that anywhere except for a place like Ocean Pines. Det. Sgt. Bailey has been a wealth of information and I've loved working with him."

Marton-Rollins said he also enjoys the community policing approach of working in Ocean Pines, which means interacting with people each day.



Jon Marton-Rollins

"They're genuinely lovely people here," he said. "And everyone is stressed out right now with the pandemic and everything else that's going on, but I don't want people to think that Ocean Pines Police are here to do anything but help."

"I work with a lot of great, young officers just starting out their careers here. They want to have that honorable, respectable career in law enforcement, and they're using Ocean Pines as that building block," he continued. "So, we get that opportunity to foster that really cool relationship. It's a cool place."

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# Cuisine

## Tuna sashimi and beets in ponzu sauce

It certainly did not feel like 95 degrees on Chin-coteague, that is until around 8 o'clock when my body all but gave out. It was then that I also noticed that the rest of my crew went into survival slow-down mode.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

The magnificent breeze hid the fact that our bodies were slowly and unwittingly succumbing to the heat. Our feeble minds were plugging along during an outdoor catering job, our bodies replete with jeans, chef jackets and aprons.

Mother Nature had it in her devious mind to deceive

and torture us.

Luckily for me and the crew, I had water and electrolytes to keep us hydrated. Had I not done this we would have been in serious trouble, or at least I would have been.

Truth be told, it is rather difficult for me to speak for anyone else, but I digress.

Somewhere around 8 in the evening, when there was still plenty of physical labor to be done, it was as though I had been hit by a bus that was simultaneously rear-ended by a train that was being T-boned by an 18-wheeler.

As I age, and oh how I'm aging, I notice that my eyesight gets blurrier as my exhaustion sets in. Add heat to the pot and my mental sauce gets burnt to a crisp.

Here I was, hauling the trailer behind my hawk-buck truck on pitch-black backroads, grateful that I had my specs with me. It would have been unfortunate had I been flying blind on the way home.

Waking up to muscle spasms in my arm Sunday morning, I felt hungover to say the least.

As I haven't had a drink in months, it was fairly elementary to deduce that natural dehydration was the cause of my newfound ailment. Fortunately, a couple days of consistent water intake should do the trick and then I will be right as rain.

Working my way through this conundrum, I also pondered proper sustenance for my condition, realizing what would work for my body at the moment: raw fish and roasted beets.

The former because it is so tasty and healthy with Omega-3 oils, and the latter because of all the antioxidant goodness contained within. It was time to get to work.

Turning back the cards in my mental Rolodex, I pulled this one out as it is one of my favorite summertime dishes.

There is something about beets that I absolutely love (but, please do not forget that you ate beets the night prior. It may shock you and think that you're dying: If you know, you know). The antioxidants, folate and all that health gobbledygook make them uber-great for a body in recovery.

Adding some nice, fresh and raw tuna is also a no-brainer as it is high in Omega-3 oils and another great source of recovery for the old battle tank. You could certainly cook the tuna if you are diametrically opposed to raw fish, or you can even sear it, Tataki-style, but for me raw sashimi style is the way to go.



Served with a glorious bottle of mineral water and lime, it was rejuvenating and satiating all at once.

So, go my underlings, get yourself some heat exhaustion, and then repair thyself with this gift. You will not regret it.

### Tuna Sashimi, Roasted Beets

*serves 4*

1# Fresh no. 1 tuna (or 2 if you can't swing the 1)  
2 ea. Large beets, of any color  
1/2 c. Ponzu sauce (recipe follows)  
1 scallion, cut into chiffonade (little ribbons)  
Fried shallots as a garnish  
Toasted sesame seeds as garnish  
Wakame (seaweed salad) as garnish

- Gently salt the piece of tuna and let sit in the refrigerator for about two hours. Remove and rinse off, patting dry and keeping chilled until service.

- Clean the beets and lightly cover with olive oil and salt.

- Wrap in foil and roast at 375F until fork tender.

- Cool until able to handle.

- Please wear gloves, as I don't want any hate mail about how this stained your hands. I will not entertain such complaints.

- Peel the beets with a paring knife and your gloved hands and cut in half.

- Cut into half-moons and set aside until ready to assemble.

- Cut the tuna into logs that are close in size to the tuna.

- Slice the tuna to somewhat match the slices of beets.

- Toss them with the ponzu, and then arrange them on the plates, shingled alternatively.

- Garnish with the seaweed salad, sesame seeds and fried shallots, which add a delightful crunch.

### Ponzu Sauce

*makes about 2 cups; great on so many things!*

1 3/4 c. Light soy sauce  
3 Tbsp. Yuzu juice\*  
1 Tbsp. Toasted sesame oil  
1 tsp. Korean or other mild chili flakes  
2 Tbsp. Mirin  
1 small piece kombu  
2 Tbsp. Bonito flakes

- Combine all ingredients in a jar or bowl, cover and shake well. Let it sit refrigerated overnight, shaking when you think of it.

- Strain the solids out, which you could use to flavor other dishes, but if you are not so inclined, discard.

- Keep sauce refrigerated until needed. This will keep for quite some time.

\*Yuzu juice can be pricey, so buy some, use what you need, and then freeze the rest in an ice cube tray. Then, as you need it, pull a chunk out and you're golden.

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# Calendar

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

## Thurs., May 26

### REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 Saint Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 10:30 a.m. The Maryland Gubernatorial candidates have been invited to speak. Members and their guests welcome. Register: [www.gopwomenofworcester.org](http://www.gopwomenofworcester.org).

### STORY TIME 'UNDER THE SEA'

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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### STORY TIME: OCEAN THEME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Hear some great stories all about the ocean. Take home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### FEEL-GOOD MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Monthly movies that prove the human spirit can prevail despite overwhelming odds. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STEM POWERED FUN STRAWBERRY DNA EXTRACTION

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. An Experiment about strawberry DNA and learn the basics of DNA through fun games and crafts. All materials provided. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### 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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under "Events." 410-632-2600

### BEACH SINGLES-55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 3-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., May 27

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CEREMONY

Ocean City Boardwalk Arch, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City. 11 a.m. Featuring two sky jumpers delivering the American and Ocean City flags, 40 beach umbrellas arranged to spell out "Enjoy," the official opening of the beach umbrella and speakers honoring Memorial Day.

### 4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

Downtown Pocomoke, Market Street & Front Street, 5-8 p.m. "Baby You're A Fire-

work" will feature artists, vendors, activities and entertainment by Beautiful Disaster. Food and drinks available. Fireworks at dark. [www.downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com)

## Sat., May 28

### BATTLE AT THE BEACH & BOARDWALK BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Youth Basketball Tournament featuring more than 150 teams from many different states. 631-926-5942, <https://premier1events.com/events/battle-at-the-beach-boardwalk/>

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleyville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7-10 a.m. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

### FISHING DERBY IN POCOMOKE

Newtown Park Pond, Groton Road, Pocomoke City, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For ages 15 years and younger. Pre-register online: [www.playmarylandscoast.org](http://www.playmarylandscoast.org). Trophies & awards. Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m. Trudy Gebhardt, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2514 or [tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org](mailto:tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org)

### 2ND ANNUAL KIWANIS CAR SHOW

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration: 9 a.m. to noon, \$15. Judged classes, trophies and awards. Food for sale. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Club of OP-OC Youth & Scholarship Programs. Open to all. Rain date is June 4.

### 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.

### FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS

Saturdays - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. [oppad-dle2020@gmail.com](mailto:oppad-dle2020@gmail.com) or 516-508-0313.

### FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Saturdays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each week provides a different project to complete. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

## Sun., May 29

### BATTLE AT THE BEACH & BOARDWALK BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City.



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### TOPS DONATION

During the months of January and February, the members of TOPS #0169 (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) collected items for the Baby Boutique at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin. Group representative Raye Simpson dropped off the items. She is pictured with new Grace Center Executive Director Joann Manole.

Youth Basketball Tournament featuring more than 150 teams from many different states. 631-926-5942, <https://premier1events.com/events/battle-at-the-beach-boardwalk/>

### YOUTHS JOINING FORCES FOR AWARENESS

Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fundraiser to raise awareness of Worcester Goes Purple. Youths from Buckingham Presbyterian and Temple Bat Yam will have a car wash, a bake sale and a "Socks & Sweats" collection. 410-641-0234

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

### FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

## Mon., May 30

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-noon. Featuring music, demonstrations and public speakers honoring U.S. Military who have lost their lives in service. Special dedication for new "The Wall That Heals" panel also scheduled. [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org)

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON FLOWER STREET

Flower Street, Berlin, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Beginning at the corner of Seahawk Road

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*Tuesdays* - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, '70s and more. A \$5 donation benefits Veterans and local charities. All are welcome. Charlie, 410-465-0445

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*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Berlin Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. Use the south side door and knock hard. Patty Lockett, 410-289-4725

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**ENTRY DEADLINE FOR SUMMER CLASSIC PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines. Ocean Pines Pickleball Club members' tournament held June 11-12. Register by June 1: <https://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OPPC+Tournament+2022+Registration+form+and+Self+Rating+Guide.pdf>.

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**STORY TIME: LEAPING FROGS**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, books and dances all about frogs. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Babies under 2 years and their caregivers join in for songs, rhymes and stories.

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**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The group provides discussion, education and a speaker on the topic off diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, [djameson@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:djameson@atlanticgeneral.org).

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Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., June 1-Aug. 31. Learn about the aquarium animals while watching them eat their morning meal. Free program. 410-289-4991, [www.oc-museum.org](http://www.oc-museum.org)

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**JOB SEARCH HELP**

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**RIDDLE OF THE DAY**

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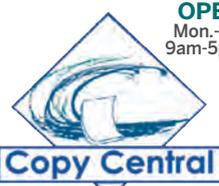
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