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Hundreds, if not thousands, of people attended Berlin's annual Peach Festival last Saturday, held on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

Berlin wraps up FY22 with money to spare

Electric rate study expected in upcoming fiscal year, as power purchases costs rise

By Maddy Lauria

Contributing Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Town of Berlin is on track to end FY2022 with a more than \$3.5 million surplus in its general fund and a healthy \$1.4 million surplus in its sewer fund.

The excess in this year's general fund is due in large part to the \$2.29 million the Town has received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Without that influx, the general fund would still be \$1.3 million healthier than expected, with revenues being higher and expenses being lower than anticipated, according to preliminary numbers as of June 30 as reported by Finance Director Natalie Saleh.

"Seeing that 1.3 (million) as a posi-

tive tells us we have a very good track of staying healthy and the general fund is doing well," said Saleh during her budget presentation at the Aug. 8 meeting of the Berlin Town Council. "That number actually makes me very happy."



Natalie Saleh

The town had budgeted \$7.15 million in revenue, but brought in nearly \$9.56 million thanks to the ARPA grant and increases to nearly all revenue budget lines, such as impact fees, which were up 405 percent for an additional \$121,492.

Nearly all of the town's expenses came in below the expected budget amount, which is expected to balance out the \$7.15 million budgeted in revenue. As of June 30, town government

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Parks plan: playground first

Skatepark requires more consideration, council says

By Maddy Lauria

Contributing Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) Despite years of voicing support for a skatepark in the Town of Berlin, officials say more consideration is needed before moving forward with official plans.

A handful of residents voiced their disappointment in the face of that decision at the Monday, Aug. 8, Town Council meeting when the town's Parks Commission and the council agreed to pursue the grant application for playground equipment upgrades at Stephen Decatur Park first instead as part of the town's Parks Development Plan.

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OPA annual meeting to take place Sat.

Board election winners will be announced, validated... providing quorum shows up

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday in the Assateague Room of the

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, and is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

Members who wish to attend are being asked to come early to sign in, and to bring a valid ID.

Voting for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors' seats wrapped on Wednes-

day and the results will be validated (assuming there is a quorum) during the meeting.

Per Ocean Pines Bylaws, a quorum of members collectively eligible to cast at least 100 votes is required to conduct business.

This year, to make it easy for mem-

bers who cannot be present to attend, the association for the first time will allow hybrid participation during the annual meeting.

Homeowners can take part either in person or online.

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Skatepark backers have to wait

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“Berlin’s been doing this for almost a decade, trying to make this skatepark ... happen,” said We Heart Berlin President and CEO Tony Weeg. “If it was a priority over the last year, we would have had a location study already figured out by the town.”

Officials face an Aug. 24 deadline to apply for project funding through the Community Parks and Playgrounds grant program. Because a grant application is largely underway for the playground equipment upgrades, the town opted to proceed with that request first. Acting Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said officials won’t know until this time next year if their request is approved. Grant details will be available at the next council meeting on Aug. 22, officials said.



Tony Weeg

Parks commission member Patricia Dufendach said some of the equipment at Stephen Decatur Park has been there for decades, with some pieces in distress.

“There’s so much new technology in playground equipment, and we do want to be more inclusive,” she said. The plan is for a more holistic instead of piecemeal replacement of outdated equipment that also addressed flooding issues at the site, Dufendach said.

“[This park] serves a huge number of people in the town and the surrounding community,” she said. “I think it’s a gem in our town and we should keep it as modern, up-to-date and safe as possible.”

Mayor Zack Tyndall and Dufendach noted there are other grant options that could support a skatepark project, not just the funding opportunity with the looming Aug. 24 deadline. The biggest challenge is that a particular site has not yet been chosen.

But Weeg said supporters of the skatepark also have grant funding that’s facing its own timeline. He said the feasibility study that’s already been conducted was comprehensive, and that skateparks themselves are inherently inclusive recreational opportunities, as

well.

“To say one park is more inclusive than the other is sort of a misnomer,” he said, noting that the estimated cost for a largely concrete construction, according to the study, would be around \$750,000 over three phases. He said he expected it would have been closer to \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

More discussion about the skatepark, which officials noted as second on their priority list, is expected to take place during the Tuesday, Sept. 6, Parks Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Jack L. Orris Jr., urged members of the Parks Commission to come to the meeting with three or four “blue sky” ideas for site locations for a skatepark, one of which could include construction on county property.

“This Parks Commission is for a skatepark. We want a skatepark. Why wouldn’t we?” said Parks Commission member Laura Sterns when asked how the group came to the decision of prioritizing one project over the other. “We’re trying to be more fluid. We feel like we can have more than one goal.”

Annual meeting needs quorum

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Online attendees must use their Ocean Pines property address as their login name.

After logging in, users will be asked to show a valid ID on camera. A member of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee will verify the user is eligible to vote.

Members may participate and/or vote as needed, and votes will be tracked by members of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee.

Members who plan to attend should register online or in-person by 8:45 a.m.

Along with being the only gathering for membership, annual meetings generally include presentations from Ocean Pines Association officers, as well as the general manager, auditor, and legal counsel.

A presentation of the Sam Wilkinson Award in recognition of volunteer efforts for Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks programs will also take place during the meeting.

To view the agenda and meeting packet, visit <https://www.oceanpin.es.org/documents/10184/53744/8-13-22+Annual+Meeting+Agenda.pdf>.

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Worcester commissioners seek volunteers for boards

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners are seeking interest from area residents to serve on three new civilian boards being implemented under the Maryland Police Accountability Act. These include the Police Accountability Board, Administrative Charging Committee, and Trial Board.

Effective July 2022, the Maryland Police Accountability Act will replace the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) as the system for police discipline.

The new act replaces the mostly internal discipline system under LEOBR with a multi-tiered system of external civilian boards.

The Police Accountability Board will consist of seven members to serve as the overall governing body of the system.

The Charging Committee will consist of five members who will review complaints and investigations of police misconduct, determine whether an officer should be charged with misconduct, and if charged recommend discipline from the state-created matrix.

The Trial Board will consist of three members, be chaired by a retired or administrative law judge, and will conduct hearings if an officer does not accept the disciplinary measures recommended by the Charging Committee.

Members of the three boards must meet applicable qualifications and will receive mandated training.

Applications to serve on these boards are available at www.co.worcester.md.us/PAB. Send completed application along with a letter of interest and a resume outlining any pertinent experience, to PAB@co.worcester.md.us or Worcester County Administration at One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.

Berlin finishes FY in top shape

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had spent only \$5.97 million, a majority of which has gone to public safety (\$2.19 million) and general government operations (\$1.55 million).

Overall, the Town has spent nearly \$1.19 million less than anticipated so far this fiscal year, although there are still invoices and payments being made that will alter that number, Saleh said. That leaves the total general fund balance, as of June 30, at \$6.45 million, which is about 2.5 percent higher than the same time period in FY21.

"It is a good financial situation for the general fund with those numbers," Saleh said.

Aside from the general fund, the town's sewer funds saw healthy numbers, thanks in large part to a huge jump in hauler fee revenues. But it was a significantly different story for the town's electric fund.

Revenues are down and costs went up significantly, mostly due to the increasing price of purchasing power, driven by rules and regulations and unexpected repairs and maintenance, Saleh said. The electric fund, as of June 30, was operating at a loss of \$345,617. Revenues were down 4 percent, or \$186,521, and expenses were up 3 percent, or \$159,096, compared to the

\$5.32 million originally budgeted for revenues and expenses.

Mayor Zach Tyndall and Saleh said the town will be looking at a rate study in the upcoming fiscal year to try to address the challenges of offsetting those increasing costs and address aging infrastructure.

The general fund balance as of June 30 breaks down as:

- \$1.61 million in nonspendable money, which includes the sewer and stormwater funds.
- \$4,587 in restricted funds, which chiefly includes slot revenues that can only be spent according to guidelines set by higher levels of government.
- \$1.24 million in committed funds, including impact fees that are also restricted by spending guidelines.
- \$2.3 million in assigned, which includes health care and the community center.
- \$1.30 million in unassigned, with is money available for unexpected costs and needs.

Attend meeting or watch online

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Poultry industry proposed transparency rule

If passed would reduce info imbalance between farmers and processors

(Aug. 11, 2022) Worcester County’s poultry farmers could see more of what’s behind their contracts with major producers if the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s proposed transparency rule for the industry. The rule, “Transparency in Poultry Grower Contracting and Tournaments” would reduce the information imbalance between farmers and processors, which would make it easier for small poultry farmers to com-

pete for fair pricing terms, according to Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh. Frosh announced Monday that his office has joined nine other attorneys general in a coalition that submitted a letter of support for the rule’s inclusion in the USDA’s compendium of regulations. Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today joined a bipartisan coalition of 10 attorneys general in fighting for increased transparency in the poultry industry. The coalition submitted a comment letter in support of the USDA’s proposed rule, Transparency in Poul-

try Grower Contracting and Tournaments, to increase transparency and reduce the information imbalance between farmers and processors in the poultry industry, which would make it easier for small poultry farmers to compete for fair pricing terms from large poultry processors. The USDA is proposing the rule under its authority in the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act of 1921, which was enacted to address unfair, deceptive, and anticompetitive practices in meat markets. “This rule will bring them fairer prices and help stop anticompetitive conduct in the poultry industry,”

Frosh said. His office contends that the current poultry system is dominated by contract growing arrangements and a “tournament system.” Contract growing arrangements are created between poultry farmers and processors, guaranteeing the processor will provide and accept poultry from the grower. However, contracts do not stipulate how many birds or what price growers will receive for them, leaving growers unsure of how much money they will make or if they are being treated fairly in comparison to other See FROSH Page 5

OPA general manager, police chief team up

Look into walkability and biking safety on busier roadways in community

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer
(Aug. 11, 2022) Ocean Pines Association’s general manager and police chief will be teaming up to look into what the association can do to improve walkability and biking safety

on busier roadways in the Pines. At the July 27 meeting of the board of directors, resident and biking enthusiast Patti Stevens, speaking in her capacity as chairperson for the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition, urged the board to do whatever it can to ensure that association-owned property along roads like Racetrack road keep up with the work that is starting on state- and county-owned land, such as along

Manklin Creek Road where new sidewalk entrances are underway. “But happens when someone crosses the road (to association property)? There’s nothing on the Ocean Pines property that continues to get them from across the crosswalk onto any other walking place,” Stevens said. “So, they’re either going to walk on the goose pond side and fall in by South Gate, where all the geese hang out, or head across the path, making a goat path on the grass, to get over to some trail at the lake.” “(We need a) good, solid connection that aligns with where people are currently walking and getting across Manklin Creek and Racetrack (roads) on our property.”

Stevens praised the progress on re-striping the main roadways but pointed out that crosswalks on re-striped areas would be a logical complement to that project, specifically at walking-trail intersections. Robin Hood Trail, for example, has five road crossings, Stevens said, with nothing marking them. Ocean Pines Police Chief Leo Ehrisman had no choice but to throw some cold water on the possibilities by explaining where the association is limited in exactly what is within its power to accomplish. For instance, his department fields constant complaints about speeders and not enough room on Ocean Parkway and St. Martins Lane because people are parked in what some per-

ceive to be a bike lane, but is actually an extended shoulder. “The road can’t be made any bigger (and) there’s not a place to put a designated pedestrian lane,” Ehrisman said. “Therefore, we can’t enforce that. We can’t enforce any laws that stop people from going there. We can’t designate it as a bike lane on the parkway. Public Works over the years has expanded the parkway as far as it can.” As for crosswalks, the nature of association roads creates obstacles. “When you designate that as a pedestrian, same as you designate it as a crosswalk, you’re giving the pedestrians permission to walk in the road,” Ehrisman said. “The county won’t put a crosswalk across a street that gives pedestrians right-of-way to walk in the road.” Further, speed bumps and humps can’t be installed on roads with speed limits higher than 25 miles per hour. The primary roads in Ocean Pines have a speed limit of 30 mph. On side streets, the maximum speed limit for speed bumps and humps is 20 mph. But if the speed limit is reduced, then the roads are opened to unlicensed drivers, such as those in golf carts, Ehrisman said. Stevens then asked for the association to act as a liaison to her county committee. Ocean Pines Association President Colette Horn, in turn, instructed John Viola and Ehrisman to work together to explore possible solutions.

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OP Board looking at amenity conduct rule

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors at its July 27 meeting tabled a motion to add to its amenity rules partly as a result of the May confrontation between former director Tom Janasek and current director Josette Wheatley at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The rules would be incorporated into Resolution M-02, which establishes policies for all Ocean Pines amenities to include classification and goals and objectives for the amenities, according to the OPA's website.

"The recent incident at our Yacht Club and the review of M-02 revealed the absence of rules adopted by OPA for our food and beverage vicinities," OPA President Colette Horn said. "This motion is meant to secure board adoption of the attached rules and authorization for them to be included in the book of amenity rules maintained in the GM's office and enforced for resolution M-02, sections 12E and F."

Though no one spoke against the idea outright, a point of contention among the board members emerged over what the scale of punishment should be. Horn suggested punishment that reflects the severity of an incident — a short ban for generally rowdy behavior and a longer ban for physically violent or intimidating behavior, for example — while director Doug Parks thought the board should take a more sanitized approach where punishments increase for repeat offenses.

"I have a problem with section 3 (of the proposal which states,) 'The length of such suspension will be determined based on severity and frequency of the behavior.' I think that's subjective, far too vague," Parks said. "We're creating a rule here that's going to be maintained over many, many years hopefully. So the idea of having some subjective term dictate the length of a suspension to me is not the best way ... Who makes the determination? I would guess it would be the board in conjunction with the general manager but we need to confirm that. But secondly, more along the lines of — and

I'll just use an example — first offense 30 days, next six months, third permanent. Something along those lines so it could never be argued that the subjective application of a length of a suspension based on a situation."



Colette Horn

"(We should) make it far more detailed rather than some vague, interpretive motion."

Director Amy Peck said, and Director Josette Wheatley concurred, that there still must be room for discussion on the severity of an offense, "because it could be the first offense but it's so severe that it warrants a lifetime ban. I think there has to be a combination."

Parks doubled down and said it still opens up a case to subjective analysis.

"What would seem to be an egregious act to one person might not be to someone else," he said. "I want to lose the idea of any kind of interpretation that could lead to any kind of questions about the application of the suspension. That's all. Limiting the risk is the whole point."

Director Frank Daly pointed out that the board has the written policies of the Matt Ortt Companies, which runs the Yacht Club and other Pines amenities, and said that he believed after the first offense they remove you for the day but a second could lead to a suspension of up to a year.

"Their encouragement to us was to not specifically lock it in like with the 30-60-90, give flexibility on doing it," Daly said. "It's a warning after, you know, the first 30 days. For the first time, leave the property tonight, come back tomorrow and have a good time. But if you do it tomorrow, you could be going and going for a long time."

Horn said that she liked Parks's approach, but added that if bodily or property damage is involved, a permanent suspension should be on the table. She said for repeat offenses she could see a scale in suspension days of 30, 90, 180 and 365.

"I would not be in favor of permanent removal unless you go through

an escalation and see repeated behavior or a similar type that are less egregious than bodily or property damage, Doug," she said.

Daly added that the Matt Ortt policy is a year suspension "immediately" if serious physical or property damage is done.

One potential hiccup in making any changes could be Maryland House Bill 615, which is set to go live on Oct. 1.

According to the state legislature's website, the bill alters the procedures for dispute settlement between a council of unit owners or a board of directors and an alleged violator under the Maryland Condominium Act." It

establishes procedures for dispute settlement between a board of directors or other governing body and an alleged violator under the Maryland Homeowners Association Act.

"There's going to be an appeal process so we have to be very aware of that," Parks said. "That's the other thing that leads me to say let's put some limits on this and define them, that way it may or may not invoke the individual to say I'm going to go through the process of filing the complaint, so on and so forth. If it's only going to be 30 days, that's not going to be worth it."

The board will pick the issue back up after it has settled on the rules' wording and receive advice from the association's legal counsel as to whether a trespass order in the rules is feasible.



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Frosh joins in letter of support

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growers, according to Frosh.

The proposed rule will require poultry processors to certify how many birds a grower will receive, what other growers are receiving, and what the market has looked like previously for growers in each tournament.

Providing growers with more information about the tournament system and the contract they are entering into will allow growers to make more informed choices and increase processor accountability in the

poultry industry, Frosh said.

The USDA is expected to issue two more proposed rules that are anticipated to strengthen enforcement of unfair and deceptive practices and to clarify that parties need not demonstrate harm to competition in order to bring legal action against processors.

The other the attorneys general in the coalition represent California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

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Motion to formulate South Station referendum passes

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors at its July 27 meeting agreed to allow the OPA and Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department to complete the activities defined in their 2013 memorandum of understanding (MOU) so they can move along with the South Station renovation project.

The motion defines what must be completed and submitted to the board for it to vote and initiate a referendum.

Director Frank Daly said the motion could help the association's nearly 8,500 members understand that the fire department is independent of the association.

"We have nothing to say in their management and we have no representation on their board," Daly said. "We do have an (MOU) between the association and fire department on how the association can supply funding to them. That (MOU) was last revised with the supplement in 2013, but the most important part of it is that the south fire station was specifically excluded from construction, renovation and it said that to address any (of that) there would be an understanding of a joint capital campaign between the fire department and association to raise funds for such construction. That's the first (part of this)."

Daly continued that the second part would be for the board to go to referendum, which would require it to frame a specific "yes or no" question to voters regarding its proposed expenditure.



Frank Daly

"To do that, there are things we need to know that we don't right now," Daly said. "Specifically, what the cost of that building will be, how much funding is available to cover that, how much shortfall will be financed and who will own the building? Until we get that information, we're not prepared to go to referendum with the basic information."

The board needs to make a statement regarding the referendum as well, Daly added, which is stipulated in the OPA's governing documents.

"(It should say) the board supports this and what we have to say based on the governing documents, to support it, that the (MOU) would have been fulfilled, that we would have a price and we would be able to tell our homeowners what amount of shortfall we'd be covering, how we'd be covering it and the exact impact it would have on their assessment. And none of that information exists," Daly said.

"We of the board quite often have thrown at us that we have 'a fiduciary responsibility' to the community. There is no greater responsibility that we have as a board than public safety. It is our responsibility to make sure all of our first responders ... that they have the best training, equipment and facilities we can supply them with because they're using that to protect us."

Director Doug Parks asked if there is a time limit on using money committed by the state.

"I think we need to keep that in our sphere of consciousness so as we go through this process we are applying the appropriate priorities to get it done," Parks said.

Daly said there is a three-year win-
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OPA looking into Route 90 subcommittee

Taskforce would work with Dept. of Transportation on expansion project

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) Following up on a July 27 board of directors discussion, Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola will be coming up with a proposal for a subcommittee that would assist the Maryland Department of Transportation with the Route 90 expansion project.

The subcommittee, which would exist under the Strategic Planning Committee, would be created with the purpose of “bidirectional collaboration, communication, documentation and advocacy regarding issues and outcomes” related to the project and how it affects the Ocean Pines community, Director Amy Peck said at the meeting.

“I think it’s important to note that the Ocean Pines community act in a unified fashion and has regular engagement with MDOT,” Peck said. “We don’t want to be reactive or behind the curve, nor do we want multiple representatives in a confusing line of communication.”

Some of the issues laid out by the directors involved environmental im-

pacts, traffic, noise and safety.

The board also discussed possibly appointing a liaison on the subcommittee that would report to Strategic Planning chair Bernie McGorry and Peck, the board liaison to the committee.

Director Doug Parks said he was on board with the idea and its coordination, but didn’t see the “need for a liaison to a liaison.”



Amy Peck

“I think it will certainly spur some discussion and good recommendations carrying forward,” Parks said. “I think it’s important we also act unilaterally as a whole organization but don’t need the

extra liaison.”

Peck responded that such a plan would follow the same route of communication other committees use. “This is going to outlive certain terms on the board so it would be nice to have a central voice that will always be involved in the project,” she said. “That was the committee’s feeling for a need behind this.”

Strategic Planning Committee member Rebecca Colt-Ferguson, who was in attendance, said that the board is looking at a project that will likely span five years or longer.

“That is a consideration that I want to throw out to the committee because if we do create this ad hoc committee within SPAC, and those volunteers go off of that committee, is there a way that we can perpetuate that committee so that we have a continuation of information? That’s extremely important in this situation,” she said. “The state will change their minds at the drop of a dime and we may not know about it and then it’s going to be backtracking for those on

the committee, if they are new, to figure it out.”

Horn assured that the staff on the subcommittee would “be more stable than the board and the committees.”

“I think it’s a great idea to have a body and a resource that is willing to do this research and offer some specific expertise and perspective that (mirrors) that of the board and this staff,” Horn said. “But I think there needs to be a home for this committee and this project and I think that would best reside with this staff and perhaps the general manager’s office being the central owner of this type of committee.”

Director Josette Wheatley said that the project right now is just a study, but it would be good to have people talking about it. She also said she had heard that Ocean City is looking at closing one of its Route 90 lanes and putting in a bike lane. She’d like to see someone appointed because there are many questions to be answered.

“Now we’re saying MDOT would

come in and widen our road, bring more traffic in, which would bottleneck down in Ocean City because they’ve reduced a lane for bikes, et cetera,” Wheatley added. “All of that should be in consideration if this project goes through, and it will if the state decides they have the funding. But for bike lanes, et cetera, there should be someone working on it now representing Ocean Pines to better our community, ultimately.”

Board member Frank Daly said that before the directors decided anything, they should have Viola ask the MDOT project manager when he’s expecting movement from the board and “how he’s expecting it,” since the project manager wanted community feedback.

“Tangentially, I’ve only dealt with him twice ... they will take the advice that they want, when they want it, in the form that they want it and act on it when they want to,” Daly said.

Wheatley added that she “would love” to serve on such a subcommittee.

GM to work with staff to provide OPFD assistance

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dow to use the money or lose it. He added there’s no reason to think that will be an issue.

After discussing that motion, the board passed another motion to allow General Manager John Viola to authorize and work with staff to provide technical assistance to the fire department for the appropriation. That would entail securing at least three bids for fundraising and forming a work group to evaluate and select a third-party professional to provide services in support of the project

Viola and OPVFD President Dave VanGasbeck would select the team.

“I spoke to Dave,” Viola said. “He will pick the members and Ocean Pines will supply the technical support he needs — communications or IT or (anything). It’s more us giving technical support and other support.”

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Plans for Tri-County funds solidified

If acquired, money will go toward broadband, water, sewage and bicycle trails

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners last week agreed on a plan to spend \$3.2 million of potential grant money on projects that stimulate economic growth, such as dredging the West Ocean City commercial harbor, providing fast and reliable internet, making modifications to water and sewage infrastructure, and connecting a series of bike paths.

Worcester County Director of Tourism and Economic Development Melanie Pursel first met with the commissioners in July to discuss potential grant money coming to the Tri-County Council, which consists of Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties.

The counties had the option of working together to acquire up to \$10 million for economic development projects that benefit all three, but each county decided to acquire its own slice of the pie to put toward projects in its immediate area.

On Aug. 2, Pursel presented 16 projects that the money could go toward, ranging from dredging the inlet

to rehabilitating water towers, and planning a sports complex in Berlin to connecting bike paths in Snow Hill.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom observed that Pursel's list contained many good projects, with the harbor dredging and installation of broadband internet service being the two most critical.

The supplemental dredging of the harbor has an estimated cost of \$275,000 and will address shoaling that causes issues for vessels, and the connectivity plan, though it comes with an estimated cost of \$1.6 million, would receive \$800,000 of these funds.

Nordstrom also recommended using \$100,000 for a feasibility study into bike paths in Pocomoke City, and an additional \$100,000 for Snow Hill. The latter project has a cost estimate of nearly \$6 million and the initial request was for \$230,000 of the grant money. But Nordstrom modified the \$230,000 down to \$100,000.

Commissioner Jim Bunting told the commissioners he was appalled that bike trails were taking precedent over the welfare of the residents, who need more reliable water and sewage. Nordstrom, on the other hand, said the money was to go toward economic development, not infrastruc-

ture and it was important to use the money toward its greatest benefit.

Bunting referred to several water and sewage projects pertaining to the Riddle Farm wastewater treatment plant, water tower rehabilitation, and Route 50 sewage, improvements to the Ocean Pines water and sewerage plan, and connecting the Riddle Farm and Mystic Harbor water networks.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic asked Bob Mitchell, the director of environmental programs for the county, whether the water and sewage projects would still get done without this funding, and he said it was possible they would not.

Mitchell explained that his department does not have the budget to complete these projects, which are "necessary infrastructure improvements" that businesses need.

The objective down the road, he added, was to be able to circumvent water plants if they must be taken down for any reason, and still provide water to all areas.

Pursel told the commissioners she could make the narrative of the infrastructure improvements fit the guidelines set forth for the grant money.

The commissioners ultimately unanimously agreed to apply for just under \$3.2 million to put toward the sewage and water projects as well as bike trails, West Ocean City commer-



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County officials plan to apply for up to \$3.2 million in Tri-County grant funds to put toward projects like necessary maintenance and repairs to the Riddle Farm Water Treatment Facility on Grays Corner Road in Berlin. The funds are intended to be used for long-term and sustainable economic growth in the region.

cial harbor dredging, and internet connectivity plan.

Pursel has until Aug. 12 to submit the paperwork and the funds could be awarded as early as September.

Eleven residents petition to sell agricultural easements

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) Petitions for 11 properties in Worcester County seeking agricultural easements were approved by the county commissioners last week and will be sent to the state for the ultimate approval.

Each year, the state reviews petitions from property owners who want to sell agricultural easements to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preser-

vation Foundation. If approved, the state buys the easement, and the land is preserved for agricultural purposes in perpetuity.

Over 1,568 acres are under consideration between the 11 properties, located in places like Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin, Stockton, and Newark.

The state generally approves around \$70 million to purchase these
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Town of Berlin prepares for October election

Two seats and At-Large on council up for grabs while reg. deadline approaches

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Town of Berlin will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, Oct. 4, for council seats for districts 1 and 4 and At-Large.

Important deadlines for the 2022 Election are as follows:

- Voter Registration – Deadline is Friday, Sept. 2. Berlin voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections. Berlin does not conduct separate voter registration.
- To register, or to change voter regis-

tration information such as home address, contact the Worcester County Board of Elections at 410-632-1320 or visit vote.org.

- Candidate's Filing – Deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 for regular filing to be a candidate for the Berlin municipal election for council seats for districts 1 and 4 and At-Large.
- Absentee Voting – Applications to vote absentee in Berlin's municipal election will be available on Sept. 1, and will be accepted starting on Friday, Sept. 2.

They must be returned by the appropriate deadline to be eligible. Applications will be on the Berlin website at

berlinmd.gov, under "Government – Municipal Elections" or by contacting mbohlen@berlinmd.gov or calling 410-641-2770.

Electronic forms must be printed, and the original signed application must be submitted.

Absentee Voting application submission deadlines:

- 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, for applications to be received by mail (postmark not accepted).
- 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, for applications to be received in person at Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin.

Write-In Candidate – deadline is 5

p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Note: Write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot.

Election Day – Tuesday, Oct. 4. Polling places open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters in districts 1 and 2 will vote at Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 20 S. Main Street and Voters in districts 3 and 4 will vote at the Berlin Police Department at 129 Decatur Street.

For appropriate forms, or if there are any questions regarding Berlin's municipal elections, contact Acting Town Administrator Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov. Or visit berlinmd.gov/government/ and select "Municipal Elections."

Email scam targets Ocean Pines community

(Aug. 11, 2022) Several residents of Ocean Pines have recently reported receiving scam emails in which the sender asks the recipient for help buying gift cards to donate to a local charity. Some of the emails appear to come from Ocean Pines staff or Board members.

Police Chief Leo Ehrisman said it's important to stay vigilant. Look at the sender's email address. If the address is unfamiliar, call the person to verify they sent the email. If the email is fraudulent, report it to local authorities.

For the last two years, Worcester County's Vulnerable Adult Task Force has promoted a "No-Scam November" initiative based on continued efforts to educate and raise awareness about common fraud schemes. The campaign has targeted similar scams.

According to a release, "In Worcester County, the most common types of fraud currently experienced are gift card scams. Scammers have been targeting victims either by phone or by email, often claiming that there is an

emergency situation the victim must buy gift cards to resolve.

The scammer typically then requests the code on the back of the gift card so they can use it online. The scammer may claim to be the IRS, or claim that a family member of the victim has been arrested and needs bail money.

In another common scam, the victim is told that they have won a contest or prize money, but in order to collect their winnings, they must buy gift cards totaling a small portion of the total prize

they will eventually be sent by the scammer."

To combat these card scams, law enforcement is conducting community outreach efforts and providing local businesses with free signs provided by the Office of the State's Attorney that can be attached to any gift-card display case.

Anyone who receives a suspicious email is asked to report the matter to Ocean Pines Police at 410-641-7747 or lehrisman@oceanpines.org.

State to decide fate of petitions

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easements, as does an agricultural transfer tax collected when land is transferred for non-agricultural purposes.

Once the state receives the petitions, it will review and rank them according to priority, and purchase them until the money runs out.

The commissioners held a public hearing on the petitions, and nobody spoke. Once the hearing closed, the commissioners agreed to forward the list to the state.

The properties under consideration, based on priority, are 80 acres on Davis Road in Snow Hill, 283 acres on Public Landing Road, 250 acres in Pocomoke City, 183 acres in Berlin, 102 acres in Stockton, 50 acres in Pocomoke City, 110 acres in Snow Hill, 96.75 acres on Hall Road, 8- acres on Hillman Road, 144.93 acres in Pocomoke City, and 187.75 acres in Newark.



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ARPA plan includes internet provider match

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) A month after the Worcester County Commissioners decided to put \$7.1 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds toward broadband improvements, the county's top administrator said the three providers will match a portion of the money they received to do the work.

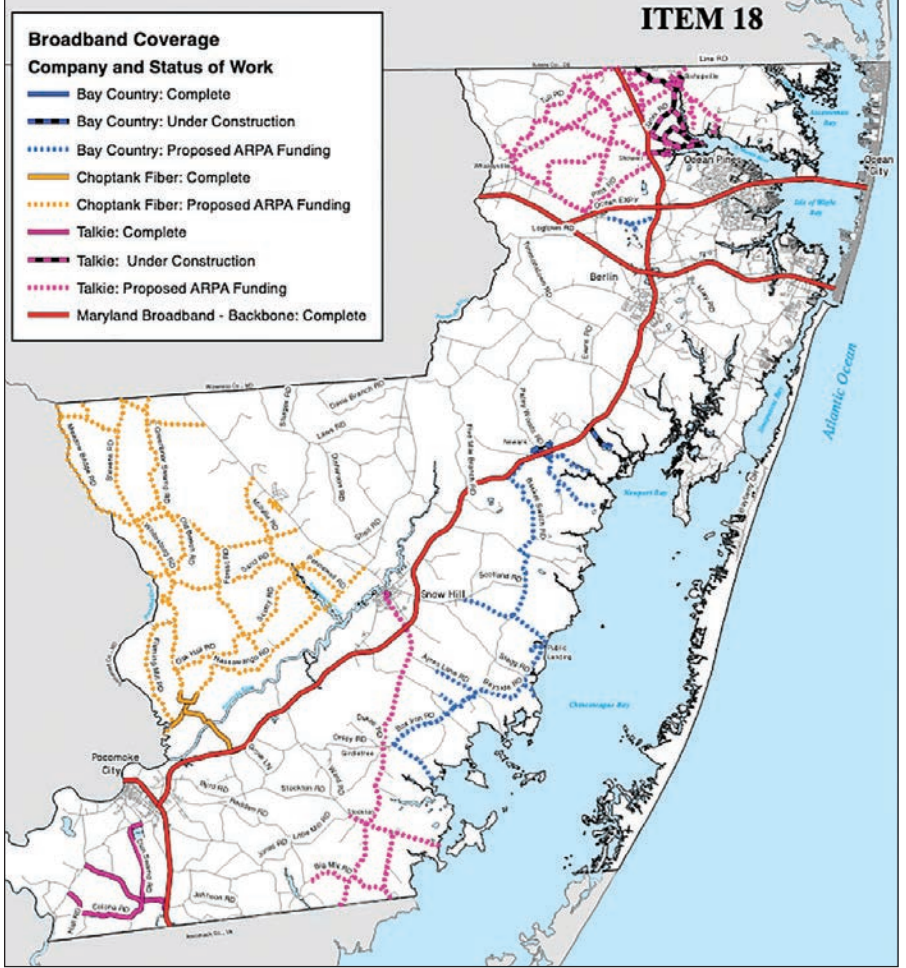
Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young presented a proposal to the commissioners for how the \$7.1 million of ARPA funding could be dispersed.

The three providers working in Worcester County are Bay Country Communications, Choptank Fiber, and Talkie Communications.

The county proposes giving \$1 million of ARPA funding to Bay Country so they can extend service from Newark down to Girdletree. Bay Country agreed to a 15-percent match, increasing the total to cover 31.8 miles at \$37,000 per mile, to \$1,176,600.

Choptank has agreed to a 50-percent match of the \$2.5 million the county plans to give to the company

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MAP COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING PACKET

The Worcester County Commissioners agreed on a proposal to divide \$7.1 million between three high-speed internet providers currently working in the area for the expansion of reliable connections to areas lacking the service.



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Three broadband companies to get slice of Fed. grant

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so they can provide service west of Route 12 and north of the Pocomoke River. The cost to cover approximately 81 miles, according to the proposal, is \$61,000 per mile.

The remaining \$3.5 million of ARPA funds will go to Talkie Communications, which proposed a 42-percent match. As part of the proposal, Talkie will provide service along Route 12 from Snow Hill to the Virginia line, as well as service between Bishopville and Whaleyville.

The cost per mile for Talkie to cover 83 miles is \$73,751.

Whether the companies plan to bury the lines or keep them above ground depends on the type of infrastructure, if any, is in place.

Choptank, for example, will be dependent on whether the power lines they manage are above or below the terrain, according to Young.

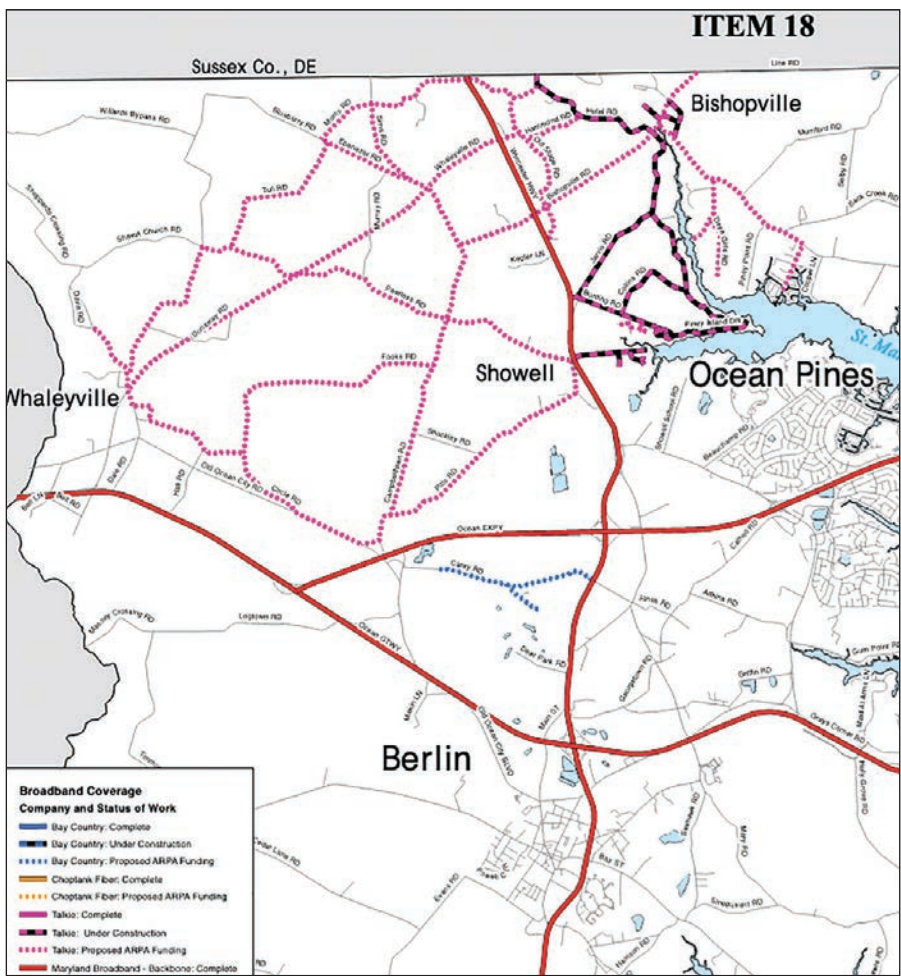
He also said it will take 18 months for the bulk of the work to be completed and the county has until 2026 to spend the ARPA money.

"This will all be formalized in writing," Young said, adding that it will need to be sent to the U.S. Treasury since it is providing the funds.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom said he liked that the three providers plan to provide internet for the whole county.

"I love the plan...it was very well thought out," he said. "What you've come up with here is fantastic."

Young told the commissioners it is his belief the providers will be able to grow organically from the locations



MAP COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING PACKET
A map showing current and proposed broadband coverage in the Bishopville area was presented to the county commissioners last Tuesday along with a drafted agreement to offer three companies installing high-speed internet in the county a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds to expand service into areas lacking reliable connections to the world wide web.

they are expanding to, as it will be easier to run lines out from these areas to others not covered.

Commissioner Ted Elder, who represents an area of the county that lacks good reliable internet, thanked everyone involved. He also encouraged the companies to use their profits to expand service even further, and within a reasonable time, get everyone in the county covered.

"This has been a long time coming," Elder said.

Munitions wash up on AINS forcing temporary closure

(Aug. 11, 2022) Effective 9 a.m., Thursday Aug. 4, the regular Lifeguarded Swimming area at North Ocean Beach in the Maryland District of Assateague Island National Seashore opened as normal.

This area had been closed due to the discovery of fragments of old military munitions on the beach.

During the 1940s this area was used as a test range for US Navy missiles and bombs. Debris from this program was buried on the island in the 1950s and occasionally shows up on the beaches.

Unfortunately, six different pieces washed ashore on Saturday and Sunday of last week, necessitating the closure.

Assateague Island staff has been working closely with the Worcester County Fire Marshal, Ocean City Bomb Squad and the Dover AFB ord-

nance disposal unit over the last few days.

The assistance of all three of these organizations has been greatly appreciated by the National Park Service. All material found on the beach has now been safely disposed of. We have found no new material since Sunday afternoon.

Visitors are reminded to not pick up any unknown metal objects found on the beach or in the surf.

If you find something, please notify the nearest employee of Assateague Island National Seashore or Assateague State Park. Do not pick up or carry any of these objects as they are potentially dangerous due to explosive or propellant residue.

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Berlin memorable stop on walk across U.S.

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) Isaiah Glen Shields was hard to miss traveling around Berlin last week.

Among the typical tourists and residents dressed for the hot summer weather, the 28-year-old U.S. traveler was wearing much more rustic attire as he explored the small-town streets and attractions for a couple of days.

He wore a light button-up shirt, the sleeves rolled up to his elbows, dark pants and solid walking shoes. Accessories included a visor, dark sunglasses, large headphones and fingerless work gloves similar to those one would wear in gymnastics competition on a high bar. Two pens and a wooden toothbrush poked out from the front pocket of his shirt.

But perhaps the most unique element of Shields' getup was the two-wheeled cart he had with him.

From far away, the loaded-up contraption resembles something a vagrant would push around. But closer up, it was clearly something else. And so was Shields.

On May 13, 2021, Shields left the driveway of his home in Utah and set out on a "Walk Across America." His final destination is Maine.

A year-plus later on July 31, he arrived in Berlin. And according to his Facebook page, which grows in followers with each stop he makes, Shields decided to spend a little more time in Berlin and find out the reason behind its moniker as "America's coolest small town."

The first night he stayed on a farm and the next he took up an offer to sleep at the historic Atlantic Hotel. He explored many of the town's attractions, met locals and even got his teeth cleaned.

On Aug. 2, Shields left Berlin, traveled over the Route 50 bridge and arrived on the Ocean City Boardwalk. That afternoon, as he stopped for some shade near Second Street, he talked about why he started his journey.

Fresh off quitting a two-year job in corporate finance, and armed with savings from the stint, he decided to walk from one end of the contiguous United States to the other — for no real solid reason.

"I guess you could probably just peg it to a sense of adventure and curiosity. I really like to learn and to hear stories," Shields said. "I have this really strong sense of like, existentialism I guess you could call it. I wanted to understand I am this one person on this planet, what does that mean? What should I do with my life?"

In his soft-spoken, patient voice, Shields added that he simply wanted to "get out there, see a lot of things, hear a lot of peoples' stories." And he said

overall it's been great.

"I mean there's a lot of struggles involved — weather, people, physical just tiredness, stuff like that," he said. "But the highs are really high and the lows aren't as bad you think they would be."

On first impression, as he had just crossed the bridge 10 minutes earlier, Shields said last week that he liked what he saw in Ocean City.

"It certainly has been endowed with a lot of natural beauty, I can't deny that," he said matter-of-factly while looking out at the beach and ocean.

Shields' visit to the resort was on day 394 of his journey. According to his Facebook page, he stayed in midtown that night at a hotel near Fager's Island after enjoying a meal at the popular dinner spot.

Shields has been diligent about documenting his trip, both on Facebook and through his YouTube channel, "You Do You." His Facebook page had surpassed 13,000 followers by the end of last week-end.

Besides the essentials — such as a tent, water jug and other survival items — Shields' cart is loaded with camera and video equipment that he uses to capture his adventures as clearly and accurately as possible. According to one of his YouTube videos, Shields plans to edit all the footage for a full-length episode when he reaches the end of his journey, which he expects to happen sometime in the next two months.

And unlike people who take similar long treks, for which they collect big sponsorships to try to bring awareness to issues or raise money for charity, Shields' trip is different. There is no charity or cause at the heart, and he has asked for nothing.

He said on Facebook that he has recently begun to garner attention from the social media platform and other sponsors for a little bit of compensation, but for most of the journey he has been on his own, using his savings and living a minimalistic life to make it.

Also, unlike some other adventurers, Shields does not know exactly what he will do when he reaches his destination in Maine. He said all options are on the table, including walking all the way back home on a different route.

In a pinned Facebook post from Aug. 1, Shields said he had walked a little more than 7,100 miles. His route took him through Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Idaho again, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Alabama again, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland.

On Aug. 3, he made it into Delaware and camped at what he did not realize was a state park near Bethany Beach. His journey continued east to



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Isaiah Glen Shields sits on Aug. 1 under a banner hanging inside a storefront in downtown Berlin. Shields set out in May 2021 to walk across the entire United States and stopped last week in both Berlin and Ocean City.

Dewey, Rehoboth and Lewes, and then west to Georgetown, Lincoln, Milford, Harrington, Felton and Dover in Delaware on his way into Pennsylvania.

The attention Shields has received has resulted in people stopping along the way to talk to him, hear his story, and offer him food and other necessities. More people are also reaching out to give him places to stay and advice on where he may be able to camp safely and legally.

Shields said he had to get in a vehicle twice during his journey across the country to go over bridges, as he could not legally walk across them, but everything else has been on foot. His trip was also interrupted at one point so he could return home for a funeral and wedding, but afterward he went right back where he left off in Kansas and kept going.

Those who want to learn more about Shields, and track his journey, can follow him on Facebook, or on Instagram at @igshields27, or subscribe to his YouTube channel, "You do You."

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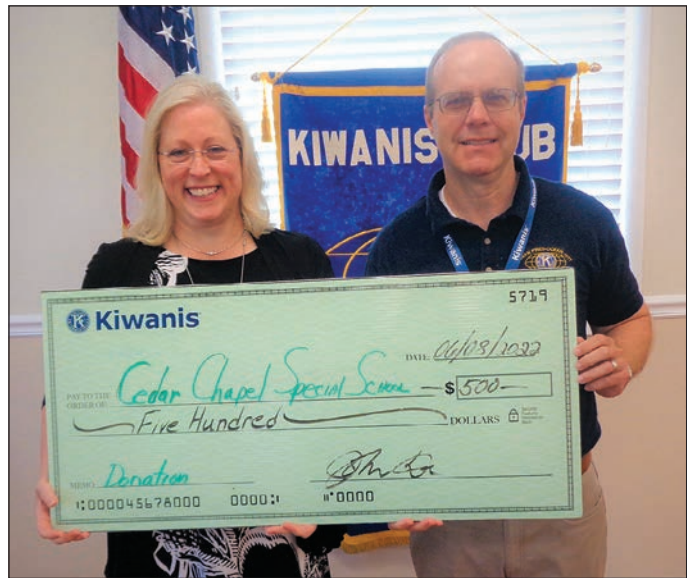
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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club awarded \$32,000 in scholarships to five Stephen Decatur High School students. Pictured, from left, are Madison Lewis, Zoe Rayne, Ethan Hansford, Emma Sperry and Sierra Wakefield.



SCHOOL DONATION
Cedar Chapel Special School Principal Belinda Gulyas receives a \$500 donation from Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Tim Lund at the group's June 8 weekly meeting. The school supports children ages 3-21 who have the "most significant needs."
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GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Commissioners accepted a bid of \$1,163,259 from Brittingham Construction and Landscaping to make needed repairs to over 800 feet of bulkhead at the West Ocean City Commercial Harbor. The work is expected to begin in October and last between six and 12 weeks.

West OC commercial dock work to begin mid-October

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Aug. 11, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners unanimously approved a bid from a Berlin company to repair over 800 feet of bulkhead in the West Ocean City Commercial Harbor.

Parks and Recreation officials presented the lowest bid of \$1,163,259.91 from Brittingham Construction and Landscaping Inc. to the commissioners last week.

Along with the bid, the department asked that \$336,740 of the \$1.5 million designated for the project remain assigned to the project in the event of an unexpected increase in costs.

The work is expected to begin after Oct. 18 and could take between six and 12 weeks to complete, depending on when the materials arrive.

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked if the commercial vessels would be affected by the work and was told they would not, and the crews would coordinate their work with the commercial captains.

Commissioner Bud Church moved to approve the funding, which was seconded by Commissioner Diana Purnell. All seven commissioners voted to award the project.

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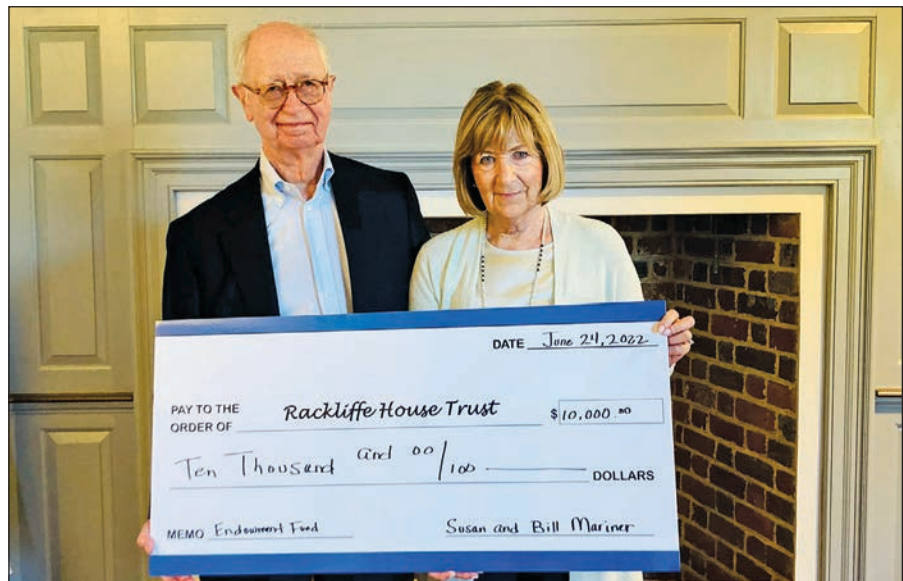
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Bill and Susan Mariner recently presented a \$10,000 donation to the Rackliffe House Trust Endowment Fund. In its time, Rackliffe House in Berlin has witnessed marauding Spanish galleons, Barbary pirate ships, and English men-of-war. The house has stood through the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. Today, thanks to the restoration efforts of the Rackliffe House Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, historic Rackliffe House now serves as a coastal museum that interprets 18th-century life along Maryland's seaside.



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PROCLAMATION

During the 50th anniversary celebration of the organization, State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza presented Charlie Smith of the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club with a proclamation signed by Gov. Larry Hogan making April 30, 2022 Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Day in Maryland.



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NEW MEMBER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City inducted new member Doug Ege on May 25. Ege is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund and his sponsor, Diane Spartzak, who is also the membership chair who inducted him.

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SPRING PRESENTATION

Worcester Preparatory School family and friends gathered for the annual spring music and art presentation, "Bee Happy," presented by Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade students. Lower School music teacher Joanie Brittingham directed a singing and dancing troupe of more than 200 students dressed in an array of insects and arachnoids. Art teacher Rebecca Tittermary worked with her students for months to create the masterpieces that coordinated with the spring theme.

Town of Berlin Public Notices



NOTICE
of a Public Hearing

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin, MD will hold a Public Hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Mayor and Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD to consider a Text Amendment to Ordinance Number 2022-06, Town Code Section 8-30, "Short Term Rental Licensing". A first reading of the Text Amendment will be read at the August 22, 2022 Berlin Mayor and Council meeting at 7:00 PM.

The Amendment replaces the current Section 8-30, (c) with the following section:

(C) ELIGIBLE ZONE. SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS ARE PERMITTED IN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN IN PERMANENT RESIDENCES WITHIN THE R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN. RENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE R-3 APARTMENT DISTRICT, R-4 RESIDENCE DISTRICT B-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICT, B-2 SHOPPING DISTRICT, AND B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ARE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS CON-

TAINED HEREIN. RENTAL UNITS IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DWELLING UNITS CONTAINED IN THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN, CHAPTER 108, "ZONING", AND CHAPTER 6, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS".

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(2) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
RFP #2023-02: SECURITY CAMERAS FOR BERLIN MAIN STREET DISTRICT
RFP #2023-03: MODULAR VEHICLE BARRIERS

Due Date: Wednesday,
October 26, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM EST

The Town of Berlin is seeking (2) SEPARATE Proposals for the Purchase of Outdoor Security Cameras for the Berlin Main Street District and Modular Vehicle Barriers.

Qualified vendors are encouraged to visit the Town of Berlin website at berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals/ or contact Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells at 410-629-1722/iwells@berlinmd.gov for the official RFPs. EEO.

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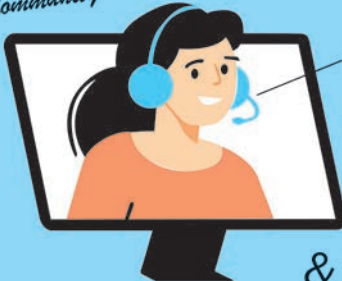


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TRAIN SET DONATION

William Whaley, left, and Tom Pitts show off train cars built by Whaley using 55 gallon plastic barrels at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center in Berlin recently. Whaley has donated one of the train sets to the school.

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


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Opinion

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Meeting attendance tied to transparency

Not all Ocean Pines Association members who demand more transparency from their board of directors may realize it, but they play a critical role in how their governing body operates.

Essentially, their job in ensuring the transparency they say they want to see is to participate in the conduct of government instead of waiting at home to see what happens and commenting after the fact.

That participatory approach certainly applies to Saturday's OPA annual meeting, which must have enough members present to constitute a quorum. Otherwise, the leadership can't legally conduct business, a major part of which is the validation of the this summer's election.

The presence of a quorum at this biggest board meeting of the year would seem to be a given, but that hasn't always been the case. In 2020, the session failed to draw the 100-member audience the bylaws require. As a result, the meeting was suspended, no business was done, and a special meeting had to be scheduled.

That situation, of course, was largely due to the understandable unwillingness of members to risk their health during the covid-19 rampage that summer.

Still, annual meetings have rarely been inundated by hordes of members clamoring for a seat, and some years have been better than others.

The point is, members can hardly expect the directors to keep public accountability in the forefronts of their minds, when there's no great contingent of members present to remind them of their duty.

The basic principles of democratic government require the public's engagement throughout the governing process, because the absence of that implies to officials that they have a freer hand to operate.

That notion, however unfounded it may be, does not translate to more transparency, which only works when someone is watching.



"I can't believe Grandpa was a Flower Child. He seems more like thorny weed."

Story time at Pines farmers market

(Aug. 11, 2022) It's story time at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, as "Mr. Jake" will read books to children on Aug. 13 and 27, and Sept. 10 and 24 at 9 a.m.

Jake "Mr. Jake" Nail is a youth services specialist with the Ocean Pines Library.

"Mr. Jake is planning some exciting story times at the Kids Market Zone," Nail said. "All are welcome, and all are encouraged to be silly."

Parents and grandparents

are invited to bring their children and a blanket to sit on while listening to a series of fun stories.

"Mom can grab her fresh produce for the week and let the kids be entertained," Market Manager David Bean said.

Nail studied theatre performance and creative arts, focusing on special education, at Salisbury University. He has performed on stage since the age of 6.

He has also been a camp counselor, activities director,

preschool and elementary/middle school teacher, outdoor adventure facilitator, academic reinforcement aid, and, most recently, an uncle. His favorite story to read is "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park. For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

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Tax-free shopping in Md. Aug. 14-20

(Aug. 11, 2022) Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week returns Aug. 14-20 and Comptroller Peter Franchot wants consumers to take advantage of big discounts that provide a much-needed sales boost for retailers.

"August's temperatures are sizzling, and so are the savings during Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week," Comptroller Franchot said. "Whether you're looking to freshen up your wardrobe

for the cooler months ahead or need to get your kids the latest styles for the new school year, this end-of-summer tradition is a great time to shop, save and support Maryland businesses."

During the week, any single qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced \$100 or less – regardless of how many items are purchased in the same transaction – will be exempt from the state's six percent sales

tax. The first \$40 of any backpack purchase is also tax free.

Visit the Comptroller's website for a list of tax-exempt items, frequently asked questions, and valuable facts for shoppers and merchants. The Comptroller's social media pages will promote the special savings week, showcasing local retailers and encouraging shoppers to take advantage of the promotion.

Ron Michaels, Marcy Snyder artwork featured at WCAC

(Aug. 11, 2022) During August, the Worcester County Arts Council presents an exhibit featuring artwork by two local artists: Ron Michaels – photography, and Marcy Snyder – watercolor and acrylic painting.

The opening reception of this exhibit will be held on Friday, Aug.12, from 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Exhibit will be on display through Aug. 31.

Selected pieces of artwork, donated by featured artists, are avail-

Worcester GOLD collecting school supplies for youth

(Aug. 11, 2022) Every summer for the past 25 years, Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has run its School Supplies for Students program to provide backpacks filled with grade-appropriate supplies to Worcester County students in need.

“Something as simple as a new backpack can boost a students confidence and make going to school a positive experience,” said Taylor Carty, program coordinator. “The past two years students and teachers have had to adapt to an ever-changing learning environment. Through our work with the local schools, we’ve adapted our program as well to continue to provide the supplies that students need. By tailoring the supplies we provide by the student’s school and grade, GOLD’s School Supplies for Students program ensures that every child has an equal opportunity for success.”

GOLD receives 300-500 student school supply requests from its agency users, the caseworkers, nurses, therapists, and advocates that work directly with families struggling with poverty and low-income circumstances in Worcester County.

To ensure each child has what they need to be successful for the school year, GOLD encourages the community to help by sponsoring a student or by making a donation.

Those interested in sponsoring a student, donating, or learning more about the program, visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org.

able for bidding during the silent auction to benefit the Arts Council’s Arts Scholarship program.

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

In addition to the featured artists’ exhibit, artwork created by 30 artists and members of the Co-Op Gallery is on display and available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

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

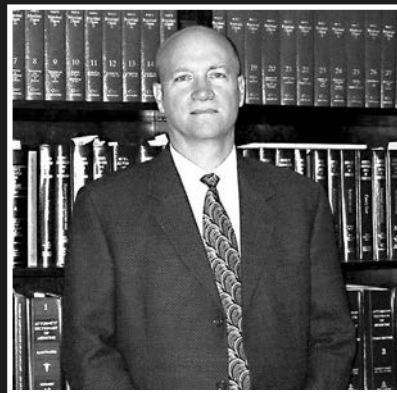
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The speed at which time flies astounds me. I'm not sure what makes me more tired: the actual work of working a lot, or just getting old from all the years that have flown by unsuspectingly.



I start teaching in the University of Maryland System in a few weeks, and once again, how in the name of all that's holy did the summer fly by so fast? It's exhausting just thinking about it.

But here I am, sitting at the Marlin Club and trying to take care of business, knocking this out and, of course, not fishing the tournament for the first time in years.

I just have too much going on, and truth be told, it saves me a nice chunk of money so all in all it's a win-win scenario.

You won't hear a complaint about me sitting in the club and writing, though.

It is a beautiful building and I have enjoyed being a member here. It's just a great place with some fantastic members.

But there I go wandering off again. Sometimes I feel like that '90s show that was a show about nothing. Most days, I feel that is what this column is — a bunch of nothing tied up at the end with few if any proper segues and resolution in the form of a literary punch in the snout at the end.

I go back on a rare occasion and read columns written years ago and they make me laugh. Some are well articulated, while others are pretty much eight hundred words of gibberish pertaining to my dog or cats or kids.

And the very last sentence will say something like "now here's a recipe for lasagna. Go make it." I can't do it all, and as these are often written late at night or well before dawn, I am not always on my game, as it were.

So today I am going to ease you into the recipe at hand. I am going to share with you one of my favorite fish to work with: the bronzino.

Sometimes we get to work with a fish that just makes us happy inside, and the mighty bronzino meets the criteria. In case you are wondering, those criteria are ease of use, taste, texture and smell. Yep, bronzino is



right there at the top. Also on my favorite fish list are golden tile, snakehead, wahoo and bigeye tuna. Yep. I love getting my hands on these when fresh.

The bronzino is a lovely fish because of how delicate it can be. At my Berlin restaurant, we roast it whole, head-on in the brick oven.

At other spots, I like to pan sear / pan roast and grill if the grates are thin and close together. You just want to make sure that it doesn't break up and fall through the grates.

For this dish, an incredibly simple Mediterranean-inspired bean stew makes the perfect base for the fish. I used Gigantes Beans, which are used in Greek cooking quite a bit.

Imagine if a lima bean and a fava bean had a baby, and the flavor was much more resembling of the fava. They are meaty yet light, and delicious to work with.

The beans can be sourced online, and just follow the instructions but if you have cooked any beans, you can master these in an instant.

And when the dust settles from tournament season, and it is time to start eating more meals at home instead of on the run, I will need to

cook this again. Of course, I'll wake up in three years and wonder why I haven't yet, and also where the time has gone.

Pan-roasted Bronzino

- serves 4
- 4 ea. 1# bronzino, or 8 cleaned filets, skin-on
 - Garlic oil, as needed
 - Brown butter, as needed
 - Seasoning blend of your choice, as needed
 - 4 c. Gigantes bean stew (recipe follows)
 - 4 ea. Grilled lemon slices
 - Pat the filets and season. Don't go too far overboard as this is a thin fish. Too much and it will be a salt lick.
 - Heat a 50/50 mix of butter and oil in an oven-safe pan and place the filets in their skin side down.
 - Remove from the heat and place in a 400F oven and cook for about 5 minutes or until done. Every oven is different.
 - While the fish is cooking, reheat the bean stew and keep hot.
 - Simply place a cup of bean stew in each bowl or plate, and top with the fish, garnishing with the lemon slices.

- Drizzle with a touch of brown butter, and serve.

Gigantes Bean Stew

- makes about 1 quart
- 1 c. Dry white wine
 - 1 c. Cooked gigantes beans
 - 1 ea. Heirloom tomato, peeled and seeded
 - 2 c. Good quality seafood stock
 - 2 cloves fresh garlic, smashed
 - fine rind of 1/2 lemon
 - 1 3-inch p piece carrot, small dice
 - 1/4 c. Finely julienne leeks
 - 1 c. Fresh spinach leaves (optional)
 - Place the wine in a hot pan large enough to hold everything else, and reduce by two-thirds.
 - Combine everything else in the pan and allow to cook for at least an hour so the flavors marry.
 - Adjust the seasoning with some salt and freshly cracked pepper.
 - Make sure that the beans are tender, and hold until service.

— Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering.
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Aug. 11

49TH ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN
This fishing tournament attracts anglers from all over the globe, including celebrities, with more than a million dollars in prizes. Open to all anglers. Watch the weigh-ins at Marlin Fest, OC Inlet.

MARLIN FEST
Ocean City Inlet Beach, 1-9 p.m. Watch the White Marlin Open weigh-in on the big screen. Also featuring live entertainment, kid friendly experiences, vendor tents, White Marlin merchandise, food and beverages. Admission is free.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES WITH MUSIC PLAY PATROL
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Explore the depths of the oceans through songs, interactive activities and a musical story about bullying. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA CONCERT
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Join the group for a free family concert and meet Elena Urioste and Tom Poster, as well as other Chamber Music by the Sea Festival musicians. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

JEWELRY, FASHION AND HOME DÉCOR SHOW
Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The public is invited. Sue, 410-382-8489 The Marlin Club Crew of OC raises money to award student scholarships and make donations to other local charities.

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA 2022
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Workshop for young musicians. Free and open to the public. Students who wish to participate should contact Elena Urioste, ebu@comcast.net.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES WITH MUSIC PLAY PATROL
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Explore the depths of the oceans through songs, interactive activities and a musical story about bullying. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FAMILY BEACH GAMES
Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 p.m. Games include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Free event. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Weather permitting.

410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Eclipse” (Journey tribute). Admission is free, while beverages including beer, are available for purchase. Bring seating. OCDC, 410-289-7739, www.ocdc.org

CONCERT IN THE PARK
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7-11:59 p.m. Featuring “Coastal Sound.” Free and open to the public. Pack a picnic and lawn chair. DowntownPocomoke.com, Instagram: [@pocomoke_downtown](https://www.instagram.com/pocomoke_downtown), Facebook: City of Pocomoke.

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

Fri., Aug. 12

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FOLK DEVILS, MORAL PANICS & YOUTH SUBCULTURES: PART 4
Aug 12 — Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 410-632-2600. 2-11:59 p.m., Local history librarian Nate Godfrey offers a look at two different sides of the ‘60s and ‘70s: Hippies and Skinheads. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

IN 3D!
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 p.m. Join in for an early ‘80s haunted house horror movie in 3D. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ARTS COUNCIL OPENING RECEPTION
Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Featuring Ron Michaels and Marcy Snyder. Come meet the artists, enjoy complimentary refreshments and bid on artwork during the silent auction. www.worcestercountycouncil.org

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA 2022
Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S.

Main St., Berlin, 7 p.m. Ticketed concert and reception. An interactive question and answer session with the musicians will follow the concert. Ticket and artist information: www.chambermusicbythesea.com.

BEACH MOVIE & YARD GAMES
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8 p.m. Featuring “Finding Nemo.” Also, entertainment and yard games like corn hole, ladder ball, spike ball, large connect four and more. Weather permitting. Free event. 410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov

Sat., Aug. 13

CHALK ART
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in to create chalk art. Use the supplies in front of the library to decorate the sidewalk. All ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME AT THE FARMERS MARKET
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m. Held during the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market. “Mr. Jake,” a youth services specialist with the Ocean Pines Library, will read books to local children. All are welcome. www.ocean-pines.org

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Local boating columnist Dan Collins will be the guest speaker. His column entitled “Knot & Knots” provides tips on boating and an occasional war story. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY - TISSUE PAPER LANTERNS AND WATERCOLORS
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.-noon. Decorate your own mini tissue paper lantern or paint a watercolor picture. While supplies last. All ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

TABLE TOP GAMES
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop by during the day to enjoy Scrabble, I Spy, Battleship and more. Grab a favorite game from the library’s collection or bring your own. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each

week. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SUMMER MOVIE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Relax and watch the winner of the “Race to the Finish” board. Bring a blanket and enjoy the movie. All ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ANNUAL ‘ARTISTS PAINT OC’ WET PAINT SALE
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CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA 2022
All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 7 p.m. Ticketed concert and reception. An interactive question and answer session with the musicians will follow the concert. Ticket and artist information: www.chamber-musicbythesea.com.

THE ULTIMATE VARIETY SHOW VEGAS TOP IMPERSONATORS & IMPRESSIONISTS
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Hosted by The Edwards Twins from Las Vegas. Anthony and Eddie Edwards bring superstars alive in this show. All live vocals. Tickets starting at \$30. <https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com>

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 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

Sun., Aug. 14

MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP
Gunby United Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, 1520 Snow Hill Road, Stockton. Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church will be holding Worship at Gunby Church in Stockton.

Puzzles

WHY? WELL, WHY NOT?
BY JESSE GOLDBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jesse Goldberg is a software engineer in San Francisco. This is his third crossword for The Times. His most recent one, in July 2021, involved quips from Julia Child. Jesse loves word puzzles. His daily routine includes solving Wordle (followed by checking WordleBot to see how he did), Spelling Bee and then the Times crossword, in that order. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Condiment at a pho shop

9 Got too scared, with “out”

15 Shelf

20 Big picture

21 Author/journalist Welteroth

22 “The ____ Holmes Mysteries” (young-adult detective series)

23 Nationwide competitor

24 Places where some belts are tightened?

26 Longtime surname on late-night TV

27 Rooibos by another name

28 Simpson imp

29 Stephen Crane’s “The Red Badge of Courage,” e.g.?

32 Gave the scoop

35 Its presence on Mars offers a clue to life

38 Growler’s contents

39 Actress Lena

40 Can

41 Medical gloves and N95 masks, for short

42 Pen

44 Andy Dufresne in “The Shawshank Redemption,” e.g.

48 Pear-shaped instrument

49 Buy a lot of, with “on”

51 Lawyer with absurdly exaggerated humor?

54 Where Camus’s “The Plague” is set

56 Circuit-board components

57 Count, e.g.

58 Sleep phase?

60 Coconut-covered cookie

63 It might get the weed out

64 Flagship vehicle line for Mercedes-Benz

65 Encourage

67 Dallas-to-Austin dir.

70 Test, as a new mattress

71 Harvesting machine that needs cleaning?

73 Didn’t just sit there

76 Vouch for, with “to”

79 Mythical weaver

80 Doctor’s description of the birth of triplet sons?

84 “Well, maybe”

85 Connect, as two devices

86 Rhetoric

87 Relax

89 No longer active: Abbr.

90 Golf ball’s path

91 City north of Des Moines

92 Slangy turndown

93 Cinco + uno

94 They might get all over the floor

96 Battle between Tinker Bell and Princess Ozma?

102 Cream

103 “Ready?”

104 Some Guinness records

108 Census-taking of a Midwest capital?

111 Begin

113 Bel ____ (Italian cheese)

114 Charm

115 Become aware of ... or a homophonic description of four letter shifts in this puzzle’s grid

116 Partners of hinds

117 Reaches

118 Comes clean

DOWN

1 Proceeded down a lane, maybe

2 Tick off

3 Without much thought

4 Excise surgically

5 Household robot from Amazon

6 Abyss

7 Like some towels and topics

8 Put away

9 Big name in grills

10 ____ la Cité, home of Notre-Dame

11 Smallest country in the E.U., by area

12 Stacked

13 Musical artist known as the Queen of New Age

14 Interior secretary Haaland

15 Hold in custody

16 ____ nous

17 Server error

18 The Liberty Tree, e.g.

19 Some free housing recipients, for short

25 Longtime surname on late-night TV

27 Fwy. or expy.

30 Clutch, e.g.

31 Name hidden in “global economy”

32 Couleur de l’océan

33 Rhapsodize over

34 Caterpillar alternative

35 Disruption for a poolside sunbather

36 God associated with the moon

37 American ____

39 Marsupial that goes into shock when frightened

42 Kind of parking

43 Each

44 Arab leaders

45 “I spilled ____ remover on my dog. Now he’s gone”: Steven Wright

46 Dancer Charisse of “Singin’ in the Rain”

47 Wizard

48 Sci-fi daughter of Padmé

50 D as in D.C.? Abbr.

52 Some prosecutors, for short

53 Primeval

55 First name in folk

59 Some wide-brimmed hats

61 Killer of the Night King on “Game of Thrones”

62 ____ Day, early collaborator with Prince

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65 “r u 4 real?”

66 Serving with a meze platter

67 It’s a ball

68 Japanese honorific

69 Pries (from)

70 Icky look

71 Boots, helmets, rope, etc.

72 Prefix with puncture

73 For face value

74 One-named entertainer from Spain

75 Hand-held device used by Mr. Spock

77 Lunar New Year

78 General name for a dish?

81 Shade of red

82 Ticks off

83 Like Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts

88 Fish in a poke bowl

91 Unfairly takes advantage of, as a policy

92 WaPo alternative

93 Square figure?

95 Like a tasty cake

96 Ice-cream treat

97 They might hold on to their caps, for short

98 “Failure ____ an option”

99 Back in style

100 You can see right through it

101 Beginning of a toast

103 What concealer might conceal

105 Soaks (up)

106 Co-author of 2016’s “The Book of Joy,” along with the Dalai Lama

107 Break ... or brake

108 Inits. on the road

109 Inits. on the road

110 Darkroom item, in brief

111 Personal-ad abbr.

112 No-win situation

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

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SOMERSET STREET STREETScape PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING

Somerset Street, Ocean City, 2:30 p.m. The Town of Ocean City will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the streetscape project on Somerset Street. On hand will be the mayor, council members, OCDC members and more.

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by "Beatlemania Again" (Beatles tribute). Free activities and entertainment for kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic and beach chairs. Fireworks may or may not occur. 410-250-0125

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

Mon., Aug. 15

SUPERHERO MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Drop by for this week's marvelous movie. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-208-4014

DONNA ABBOTT DEDICATION CEREMONY

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5 p.m. Please join the Ocean City Beautification Committee. the mayor and many others as they honor the memory of Donna Abbott with the dedication of a lovely bench and garden. Located on bayfront.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S. is a weekly support and educational group promoting



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AUTISM AWARENESS

Worcester Preparatory School Surf Club and Volunteer Club presented Surfers Healing of Ocean City with a donation raised by "Wear Blue Worcester Wednesday" in support of Autism Awareness Day. In addition to wearing blue, the Upper School Surf Club collected donations to support the Surfers Healing foundation, who works to enrich lives of people living with autism by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing. Just over \$850 was raised. Pictured, from left, Surfers Healing organizer Dave Leiderman accepts the donation from WPS Surf Club members Drew McCormick, president Dillon Scopp and Brock Brushmiller, as well as, WPS Volunteer Club president Bennett Tinkler and members Anders Taylor, Vanesska Hall and Elaina Erick, and Assistant Head of School/Head of Upper School Mike Grosso.

weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Featuring BK & Chrissy "Radio Ocean City." Free event for all ages. 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326

DRONE SHOW ON THE BEACH

Downtown Ocean City beach, 9:30 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's drone show located downtown on the beach on Monday evenings. 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Aug. 16

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 12 p.m. Celebrating another successful summer reading program. Make your own sundae. All are welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

THE ADVENTURE ENDS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading at the wrap up party. There will be activities and goodies. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Macky & Pam Stansell House Coastal Hospice, 1500 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 3:15-4 p.m. Providing dis-

cussions, mutual support and education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and treatments. Reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Offering an inclusive story time for children ages 3-7 years who have multi-sensory needs or who are on the autism spectrum. Enjoy music and literacy activities. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DELMARVA DANCING

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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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Aug. 17

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the third and fourth Wednesday

of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568, www.atlanticgeneral.org.

THE ADVENTURE ENDS: LUAU OUT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the wrap up of the summer reading program with a luau out with games, songs, stories and snacks to take with you. For ages 2-7 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, bglime@atlanticgeneral.org

BEACH MOVIE & YARD GAMES

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8 p.m. Featuring "Space Jam: A New Legacy." Also, entertainment and yard games and more. Weather permitting. Free event. 410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov

ONGOING EVENTS

GIANT KITE SHOW & FREE SPORT KITE LESSONS

The Kite Loft, Ocean City beach at 5th Street, daily, through Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (wind and weather permitting). Free Sport Kite lessons from 6-9 p.m. <https://kiteloft.com>

CLASSIFIED Marketplace

Classifieds appear in **Ocean City Today & Bayside Gazette** each week and online at oceancitytoday.com & baysideoc.com

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