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New members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, Monica Rakowski and Stuart Lakernick, are pictured with Budget and Finance Committee member, Tom Piatti, right, at the annual meeting Saturday.

## OPA board takes shape

## OP finances post record performance

Three new board members join seven-member panel with election's validation

(Aug. 18, 2022) Three new members officially joined the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday, as Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig announced and validated the voting results during the Ocean Pines Association annual meeting.

The new board members are Steve Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick and

Monica Rakowski. Jacobs led the ticket with 1,867 votes, followed by Lakernick with 1,802 and Rakowski with 1,603.

Falling short in this year's election were incumbent Amy Peck, with 1,451 votes, incumbent Josette Wheatley with 1,303, and Paula Gray with 1,027 votes.

Ludwig recognized Elections Committee members Robert Windsor, Mary Anne Whitcomb, Jeannie Pennington and Joseph Peloso, and said the committee "spent six hours" on Thursday "opening ballots and trying

to make sure every ballot counted."

Along with the traditional paper ballots, it was the first year of online voting in Ocean Pines. Association President Colette Horn declared the hybrid voting approach was a success.

"Congratulations to the new directors – now the work begins," Horn said. "I look forward to working with all of you."

Lora Pangratz, a member of the Bylaws Committee, used the public comment period to thank the current

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(Aug. 18, 2022) General Manager John Viola and Finance Director Steve Phillips teamed up at the Ocean Pines Association's annual meeting Saturday to tell members how the association went from a \$1.6 million deficit in 2018, to record budget favorability in the last three years.

The presentation of the annual financial report to members was one of the highlights of the once-a-year ses-

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OPA’s financial performance sets budget-beating record

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sion, with the main event being the validation of this year’s election and the recognition of three new members of the board of directors.

As Viola and Phillips made evident, the new board will preside over a financially secure organization. In a summary of the audited financial results for fiscal year 2022, Viola said the association’s operating fund came out more than \$1.9 million ahead of budget. He said “organic revenue growth” helped produce that number – a record in Ocean Pines.

In golf, for example, he said growth happened specifically because the association addressed deferred maintenance at the golf course.

He also cited efficiencies in expenses, reallocation of funds, and benchmarking for the overall success, as well as “a constant review by our team.”

“[That] helps me and helps all of us to make decisions, so that we don’t become a runaway train,” he said.

Golf led all amenities with a \$336,610 positive variance, followed by a \$198,777 positive variance for Aquatics, a \$194,547 positive variance for combined food and beverage operations, an \$80,500 positive variance for Beach Parking and a \$37,860 positive variance for the Marinas.

In total, Viola said “almost half” of the overall budget favorability was driven by amenities.

“We are moving forward,” he said. “It’s all because, I believe, of the investments [we’ve made] ... whether it’s an investment in an outside company in Matt Ortt (the company operates the yacht club and other food and beverage venues) or the infrastructure, which we certainly have done and seen at Golf [and] racquet sports, and we will see with the marina.”

Viola also looked at the prior-year results compared to fiscal 2022. Total excess of revenue in fiscal 2021 was almost \$1.45 million compared to \$1.9 million in fiscal 2022, for a \$466,815 positive variance, year over year.

“That’s big,” Viola said. “I can’t guarantee, down the road, that we’ll constantly have that [favorability].

Obviously, there’s a limitation to the capacity in everything that we have with our amenities in Ocean Pines, but we are favorable so far ... for this year.”

In a breakdown of where the annual base assessment went in fiscal 2022, Viola said actual results showed \$239 went to Police, Fire and EMS and \$457 went to all other operating departments. Net amenity profits subtracted \$173 and new capital added \$5. Elsewhere, \$226 was transferred to retained earnings, \$195 went to general replacement reserves, \$25 went to bulkhead reserves and \$21 went to new capital reserves, to make up the \$996 total.

The \$996 number was cut by a record \$100 in the current fiscal year budget, thanks to efficiencies, Viola said.

Phillips detailed the operating fund performance over the last six years, from 2017 to 2022.

That started with back-to-back deficits in fiscal 2017 and 2018 (\$369,539 and \$1.25 million), followed by surpluses of \$115,795 in fiscal 2019, \$481,849 in fiscal 2020, roughly \$1.4 million in fiscal 2021, and \$1.9 million in fiscal 2022.

Phillips said deficits totaled about \$1.6 million before the turnaround.

“You can see, the next four years ... has been certainly a different trend,” he said. “The accumulated operating fund balance ends up being \$3.1 million, and you can see that in the audit report, which is now online [and] available for anybody to access and look at.”

To view that report, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/103786/OPA+Financials+FY22+-+Final.pdf>.

Phillips said operating fund transfers in 2022 included \$650,000 for the assessment reduction, \$350,000 for road reserves and \$60,000 for marina T-docks.

Proposed transfers include \$75,000 for mailbox pedestals, \$75,000 for pickleball court repairs and another \$350,000 for roads.

“We would still have a pretty sizable balance of about \$1.5 million after that,” Phillips said.

Phillips said Ocean Pines has

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# OP GM Viola speaks on community progress

Taking reins meant putting new programs, work groups and enhancements in place

(Aug. 18, 2022) It was a “tale of two Associations” when Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola came on as a volunteer chief financial officer in 2017, when he was called up from his post as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

“I remember thinking ... it was the worst of times, but I truly believed that the best of times were coming,” Viola told association members at the annual meeting Saturday.

At the time of his arrival, the association had a \$1.6 million deficit and numerous other issues, Viola said.

“Our bulkheads, drainage, dredging and road programs needed to be jump-started. [And] we needed to implement a new plan,” he said, adding there was a need for a forensic audit and a compensation study.

He said there was also a call to improve the association’s request for proposal practices to get better bids for big projects, and to outsource food and beverage operations.

All of that has since been accomplished, he said.

Starting in 2019, when Viola took over as general manager, the association formed work groups and restarted the drainage and bulkhead programs, commissioned an employee compensation study, made improvements to board meeting videos, and transitioned to Northstar

management software and a new website.

“After a \$1.2 million budget deficit from the prior year, we closed April 2019 with a \$130,000 positive variance,” Viola said. “You could see back then ... that the ship was starting to turn in a positive way.”

To help offset issues related to the covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the association secured federal Paycheck Protection Program funding, installed communitywide safety protocols, and brought in several major construction projects on time and under budget. These included the new Golf Club, cart barn, and a modernized police station.

In 2021, the association continued to navigate through the pandemic with in improved communication plan and a budget favorability of \$1.275 million. With that success, the prior-year’s deficits were finally erased.

That year also saw new drainage projects, improved golf course maintenance, a jump-started roads program, beautification efforts, the introduction of the virtual Ocean Pines Academy, and the launch of new customer service efforts centered on the [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org) email address.

Food and beverage operations set new records, strategic planning efforts formally began, and a new play-

ground and new craft club building were opened.

In 2022, Ocean Pines produced a record-setting budget favorability and a record-setting \$100 assessment reduction.

New pickleball courts were opened, the golf operation’s fiscal circumstance moved into the black, Aquatics and Recreation and Parks programs thrived, marina slips had a waitlist, and infrastructure improvements and beautification efforts included the North Gate Bridge and mailboxes and pedestals.

The association also debuted online voting and hybrid board meetings and began codifying a strategic plan.

“The team, across the board ... [is] operating on full cylinders,” Viola said.

Viola said current initiatives include installing less expensive and more efficient drainage pipe liners, continuing the bulkhead and dredging programs, landscaping and beautification efforts, improvements to the North Gate Bridge, improvements for hybrid meetings, new T-docks at the Yacht Club Marina, improvements to the Racquet Sports Center, and facility maintenance at the Yacht Club, Golf Club, Swim and Racket Club, and Mumford’s Landing Boat Ramp.

All those efforts, Viola said, were

thanks to a constructive board, a dedicated and dialed in staff, and the expertise of volunteers including committee and other Association members.

He specifically thanked Marvin Steen, Frank Brown, Ted Moroney, Marty Clarke, Joe Reynolds, Pete Gomsak, and members of the Budget and Finance Committee.

“I’ve been very fortunate that they have answered the call,” he said. “They have truly helped me when I reached out to them.

“We’re not just about good financial numbers,” Viola continued. “The team, the association [and] the board, we have achieved projects and initiatives, and they show up in the financials.”

For questions about the presentation, Viola again referred to the [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org) email address for general questions and concerns.

“If anybody has any questions ... send us [an email] after this at [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org) and the team will give you more detail on it,” he said.

To view slides from the presentation, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/217738/2022+Annual+Meeting+Presentation.pptx>.

To view video of the full presentation, visit <https://youtu.be/LjvWd-VTeRcp?t=2566>.



John Viola

## Berlin prepares for unexpected

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would be easier to move and store, she said.

“We frequently close off sections of Main Street for downtown events, so these barricades are intended to assist with that to direct traffic around downtown,” Bohlen said. “The security issue is also there.”

There have been many instances internationally of attacks on public events that have left people wounded or dead, including the deadly attacks in Nice, France, in 2016 and Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017.

Wells said she first noticed the modular barriers the town is now looking for at FedExField, the home of the Washington Commanders football team, and suggested the town should invest in such safety measures after events and public safety-related discussions had already been ongoing.

Bids for both projects are due by Oct. 26 and Wells said she anticipates bids will be awarded some time in November with the projects underway or even complete by the beginning of the year.

Funding for the work will come from a \$76,300 Community Safety Works grant from the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development after discussions between town officials, the police department and the Berlin Main Street Program, Wells said. About \$45,000 of that funding will go toward the security cameras while the rest is allocated for the vehicle barriers.

“We do have a lot of street festivals where we do close the road and want extra protection,” Wells said. “The beer’s gonna taste a lot better when you’re safe drinking it.”

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# Berlin Main Street project remains on track for fall finish

By Susan Canfora  
Contributing Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) A walk along Main Street in Berlin, planned last week for town and State Highway Administration officials to discuss 2.62 miles of roadway that will be repaved, was canceled due to oppressive summer heat and impending rain, but the project remains on schedule and is expected to be completed this fall.

Work is expected to be started and completed this fall by contractor Allan Myers.

Main Street, which has the state designation Maryland 818, will be repaved from Route 113 north of Berlin to Route 113 south of Berlin because “the existing pavement has outlived its useful life,” Shanteé Felix, assistant media relations manager for the SHA, said.

“The initial estimate is \$700,000 but we are still awaiting final pavement recommendations,” she said, adding the state is doing the work under a federally funded contract at no cost to the town.

“We’re happy to have the work done and hopeful to be able to add more crosswalks downtown as part of this project,” Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

“We hope to discuss with the SHA a couple places along Main Street where we want to see crosswalks improved. There are some areas on Main Street where we don’t have crosswalks. We have the pad sites but not the crosswalks. We hope to get them installed to improve safety. I’m not sure if they will be on board with that or not, but it’s one of the things we will be talking to them about,” the mayor said.

He’d also like to see crosswalks marked in the street as well as the outline of a bicycle with two arrows above it, called “sharrow,” an abbreviation for “shared lane bicycle marking.”

Frequency of repaving a state road depends on factors including the number vehicles traveling on it per day, truck traffic, climate and pavement treatment, Felix said, adding Main street was last resurfaced in 2008.

Town and SHA officials haven’t yet rescheduled their joint walk, but when they do, they will go to the War Memorial and back to Town Hall, less than half a mile and discuss “some points the mayor and council have as far as areas that could be improved, like a couple dips in the roadway we want to make the SHA aware of,” the mayor said.

“It will also give the department heads a chance to be sure it’s on their radar. We want to be sure our concerns and our suggestions are heard before paving starts,” he said.



Zack Tyndall



# Horn highlights OP Association’s progress

(Aug. 18, 2022) Ocean Pines Association President Colette Horn highlighted financial success, member engagement, and what she characterized as a forward-looking board of directors during her annual presentation last Saturday.

Horn said the board approved a \$100 assessment reduction this year, along with transfers from retained earnings of \$650,000 for the reduction, \$350,000 for roads reserves, and \$60,000 for new T-docks at the Yacht Club Marina.

Horn said it’s the board’s job to approve large expenditures that are part of each budget. Recently, that has included initiatives related to drainage and beautification, and improvements to the police station, Racquet Sports Center and Golf Club.

Among the most important board duties, Horn said, is employing a general manager.

“Over the last several years, we employed John Viola. We found ourselves in 2019 with a vacancy that needed to be filled and we had a very dire financial situation at that time,” she said.



Colette Horn

Horn said he agreed to a two-and-a-half-year contract in April 2019 and he signed a two-year contract extension last February.

“The results speak to his value as a general manager,” Horn said. “What he brought to the table and what motivated us to seek him out ... are his credentials as a CPA, an MBA, [and] many, many years of financial and business experience.

“What we learned about him as we worked with him is what a wonderful team leader he is, and his effectiveness at bringing our staff together and improving morale. And we also have discovered what a visionary he is,” Horn added.

During the last year, Horn said the board introduced – and membership approved – 28 changes to Ocean Pines bylaws. The changes included clarifications about Board candidate eligibility, petition and referendum requirements, and notice for meetings.

“We also made a decision to do some revisions to the Declarations of Restrictions. We have received the message loud and clear from the membership that they have concerns about the impact of short-term rentals on quality of life in our various sections,” she said.

Horn said the latest batch of

changes would go to membership for a vote, likely in September.

“Again, you will be assisting us in making some revisions that are meant to improve quality of life,” she said.

Speaking of voting, Horn said the introduction of online voting in the 2022 board election was “a very suc-

cessful change to our voting procedure,” bringing the Association into the 21st century.

“We hope that that will improve each year our turnout for voting,” she said.

On the human resources front, Horn said the board for several years

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was “focused on bringing our HR practices and our compensation into compliance and into line with the marketplace.”

“We did authorize the hiring of a consultant to help us with that, and we were able to accomplish that,” she said.

Horn said the Strategic Planning Committee, through the release of a communitywide survey, led an effort to create a new long-term plan.

“That resulted in the top priorities being revealed as safety, maintenance of infrastructure, and community appearance and aesthetics,” she said, adding a formal strategic plan is in the works.

Horn said a major focus as association president was to increase member engagement and improve positive messaging.

During her tenure, the association introduced hybrid meetings “as a way of increasing member access to board meetings.” She also added information to board meeting agendas to “help members participate in the meetings meaningfully.”

Horn said meeting attendance appeared to benefit, equaling the average (mean) attendance of the last decade, and exceeding the median attendance figures.

“The really good news ... is that the hybrid model is yielding very good turnout, overall, at meetings,” she said. “These are people ... who are committed to showing up and getting the facts for themselves, observing for themselves how the board makes their decisions, [and] hearing directly from our general manager each month about our financials affairs and the progress being made on the many initiatives that are being paid for by your assessment dollars.”

“I’m thrilled to see that we are getting more and more member engagement, and that the virtual environment is really helping,” Horn added.

Horn said there was a minor controversy about dates and times for board meetings, but statistics showed that, since 2013, more people on average attended hybrid meetings scheduled during the workday (38) than in-person only meetings scheduled on workdays (24), work nights (13) and weekends (22).

“This is data that I think can be used to make decisions about future meeting scheduling,” she said. “If our goal is to increase member engagement, we want to pay attention to when ... members show up to meetings, and I think this data is valuable for that reason,” she said.

Also on the subject of member engagement, Horn produced weekly “President’s Columns” that ran in a local newspaper and on the association website, social media, and in the weekly e-blast. Subjects have included the history of Ocean Pines; biking, swimming, and golf course safety; the health of area waterways; and Association financials.

“There’s a lot of messaging out there on social media that’s very negative, and I felt most people really experience Ocean Pines as a wonderful place [and] a very positive place,” she said. “Our financial results reflect that, and the business of Ocean Pines is being run very successfully. You get a lot of value for your dollar, and so I felt we really needed to get that message out.”

Horn said challenges the new board will face include new state requirements on reserve contribution levels, Ocean Pines legislation related to restricting membership privileges for continuing violations to restrictive covenants, the South Gate firehouse, and a new strategic plan.

“I congratulate the new directors ... and look forward to working together as a team to address these and the many other initiatives that the board is involved with,” she said.

## Pines updates list of utility contacts to assist owners

(Aug. 18, 2022) Ocean Pines has prepared an updated list of utilities contacts for residents.

The list is meant to help homeowners and residents reach people in local offices, when issues arise.

General Manager John Viola said steps were taken last year to improve customer service, and this list is an extension of that.

“The Ocean Pines team is committed to addressing concerns in a timely and efficient manner, and we continue to take steps to make that happen,” he said.

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# OP Children’s Theater set to cast Jan. ‘Moana’ production

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Ocean Pines Children’s Theater will be casting for its January production of the musical “Moana.”

Auditions will be held at the Ocean Pines Library from 5-6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 for children in grades 3-8, and on Aug. 29 for those in grades 9-12.

Youth auditioning for singing roles should come prepared to perform 16 measures of pre-selected songs from the show. Girls should prepare to sing “How Far I’ll Go,” and boys will perform “You’re Welcome.”

In addition, participants will be asked to recite or read selected monologues that can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/opchildrenstheaterOcean>. Copies of the monologues will be on hand at the auditions as well. As was the case in 2021, all attending the auditions will need to show proof of full vaccination against covid-19. For further information, contact [opchildrenstheater@yahoo.com](mailto:opchildrenstheater@yahoo.com).

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The full list can also be found on the Ocean Pines website: <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/living-here>.

For other general questions, complaints or concerns, homeowners and residents may continue to email [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org), or contact 410-641-7717 during business hours, or 410-641-7747 after business hours and on weekends.

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# Ocean Pines Association releases amenity survey

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short customer satisfaction survey about the Golf Club.

The survey should take about three minutes to complete.

This is the first of several surveys planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to gather input on the development of a strategic plan for Ocean Pines. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXC8ZJ2>.



# Racetrack Road properties ask for commercial zoning

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) Two Berlin property owners along Route 589, or Racetrack Road, are seeking to change the zoning of their parcels to commercial, as the recent development boom along the stretch has changed the nature of the area.

The properties, totaling 31.6 acres in all, are adjacent. One property is 7.41 acres of a 13.78 parcel, located on the west side of Route 589 just north of Ad-

kins Road and approximately 1,200 feet north of Gum Point Road.

Joanne and Frank Lynch Jr. are the applicants and owners of the property, which is currently zoned A-2, or agricultural. According to the county code, parcels zoned A-2 are done so to foster the agricultural heritage and uses of the county, but they can also accommodate compatible uses of commercial nature that requires big tracts of land.

The Lynch's wish to have the prop-

See CHANGE Page 11

## Town of Berlin Public Notices



### Town of Berlin NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTING APPLICATION AVAILABILITY for 2022 Town of Berlin Elections

For the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 for Council seats in Districts 1 and 4 and At-large:

The Town of Berlin Board of Supervisors of Elections will accept applications for Absentee Voting BEGINNING Friday, September 2, 2022. Applications will not be available before that date and must be returned by the appropriate deadline indicated below to be accepted.

Applications must be RECEIVED in the Berlin Town Hall per the following schedule:

By MAIL: No later than 4:00 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

In PERSON: No later than 4:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

For an application or more information please call 410-641-4314 or email [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov).

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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 CONTAINED 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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### Town of Berlin NOTICE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION for 2022 Town of Berlin Elections

For the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 for Council seats in Districts 1 and 4 and At-large:

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the 2020 Town of Berlin Elections is Friday, September 2, 2022.

Eligible voters must be registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections to be able to vote in the Town of Berlin Municipal Elections. Voters qualified to register for Worcester County general elections shall be deemed qualified to vote in Town of Berlin elections, subject to the additional requirement of living within the Town of Berlin.

You may register at the Worcester County Board of Elections at 100 Belt Street in Snow Hill, Maryland, during regular business hours, online at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or you may register by mail, with the proper registration form. Forms can be requested by calling 410-632-1320, or may be picked up from many public locations, including the Berlin Town Hall.

If you are already registered with Worcester County, you must notify the County Board of Elections Office of any changes in your name and address.

Voters not registered with the Worcester County Board of Elections on or before the deadline will NOT be allowed to vote in the Berlin Election on October 4, 2022.

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### Town of Berlin NOTICE CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES for 2022 Town of Berlin Elections

For the Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 for the Council seats in Districts 1 and 4 and At-large:

Notice is hereby given for the following Candidate Filing Deadlines:

1. REGULAR Filing Deadline is 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 2, 2022.
2. WRITE-IN Candidate Filing Deadline is 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Applications for candidacy along

with other required forms may be picked up Monday-Friday at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 William St., Berlin, Maryland between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information please call 410-641-4314 or email [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov). Completed applications must be returned by the deadlines above to be considered for candidacy for the October 4, 2022 Election.

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### TOWN OF BERLIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP # 2023 - 04 Stephen Decatur Park Comfort Station Project

Due Date: Wednesday  
September 28, 2022  
Time: 10:00 AM EST

The Town of Berlin is seeking Proposals for the furnishing and installation of a block ± 170 SF comfort station building consisting of two restrooms, a maintenance room, and associated site work. Scope of work shall include plumbing, mechanical, electric, HVAC, doors, windows, sidewalk, asphalt parking lot transition, and all other work as described in the plans and specifications entitled Stephen Decatur Park Comfort Station, prepared by Davis, Bowen, & Friedel Inc, dated August 2022. There is a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Qualified contractors are encouraged to visit the Town of Berlin website at [berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals/](http://berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals/) or contact Acting Town Administrator Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314/[mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov) for the official RFP. EEO.

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### 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



# Change in character of area justify rezone, owners claim

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erty rezoned to C-2, or general commercial, which provides for “more intense commercial development.”

According to the notes associated with the application, a portion of the Lynch’s property is already zoned for commercial use and contains an office for their surveying business.

Attorney Hugh Cropper IV is representing the Lynch family in their quest to rezone the land, and in a supporting statement, Cropper said the property across Routh 589 was rezoned from A-2 to C-2 in September 2012. The decision was appealed and upheld by the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

Cropper also said a neighboring property across Route 589 was also rezoned from A-2 to C-2 and approved in March 2016 and it was included as part of the Greater Ocean Pines Sanitary Service Area.

The expansion of the Ocean Downs Casino also factored into changes of the

character along Route 589.  
The second swath of land being considered for rezoning is 24.2 acres of a 74.5-acre parcel on the west side of Route 589, just south of Taylorville Lane, and approximately 1,700 feet north of Gum Point Road.

The property owned by W. Todd Hershey, trustee of the W. Todd Hershey Dynasty Trust, is also is zoned A-2, and the owners are asking the county to change that to C-2.

Both applicants are requesting the change of zoning because of a change in the character of the neighborhood since 2009, when the last county did the last comprehensive rezoning.

Last week, Cropper said the applications were postponed and will be back before the Planning Commission at a later date.

If approved, the county commissioners will have the final say in whether the property owners will be granted a change of zoning.

# Planning approves cottage rental development on 611

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) A proposed development on Stephen Decatur Highway calls for 52 rental cottages and a pool being constructed just north of a shop where people can build their own cookie in West Ocean City.

West O.C. Properties LLC is listed as the owner of the 4.6-acre property at 9543 Stephen Decatur Highway and zoned C-2, or commercial district.

Plans submitted to the Worcester County Planning Commission show the existing the property is vacant land on which the developer would construct 52 cottages of 390 square feet each, for a total square footage of 20,280. Along with the cottages, the developer proposed putting a public pool on the property.

The project went before the Worcester County Planning Commission last week after a few revisions with the county’s Technical Review Committee.

The committee first reviewed the project on Jan. 13, 2021, and after

making revisions, it was submitted for review again on July 14, 2022, and then to the commission on July 20, 2022.

According to the code, a hotel or motel is “an establishment for transients consisting of any number of sleeping rooms in permanent buildings, each room or suite of rooms having complete sanitary facilities and separate entrances, including a hotel, motor hotel, motor lodge, tourist park, tourist court, cottage court and similar establishments...”

The plans call for “cottages,” which fits under the definition of a hotel or motel under the code, which means they are subject to the 2018 International Building Code.

The architectural renderings are not approved under the IBC, though, and typically would only be allowed in a “campground,” which this is not.

Last week, local attorney Hugh Cropper IV who represents the LLC, said the commission would approve the plans only if the cottages were

See DEVELOPER Page 12



MAP COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PACKET  
The owner of a 74.5-acre property on the west side of Racetrack Road, just south of Taylorville Road, applied to have 24.2 of those acres rezoned from agricultural to commercial. The plans for the property are still unknown, through the applicants say the change in nature of the area justifies the zoning change.

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Each of the 52 rental cottages proposed for a development along Stephen Decatur Highway, north of the Ocean City Municipal Airport, will be 390 square feet.

# Developer cleared to begin construction of community

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Cropper said his client agreed to do so, and the commission approved the plans.

The buildings on the property will account for 12.75 percent of the land use and the pavement will take up just about 28 percent. There will be a 15,214-square-foot stormwater management pond that takes up 7.5 percent, and 92,506 square feet of open space taking up 45.54 percent of the land.

The county code requires one parking space per room with a maximum of one and one-half parking spaces for hotel and motel establishments. This project has a total of 72 proposed spaces constructed with a pervious paving system to filter runoff.

Public water and sewer will be provided to the property from the county and the expected sewage flow is approximately 5,070 gallons per day.

When the TRC reviewed the proposal, the committee noted there were eight water equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs, issued from the Mystic Harbour Sanitary Service Area for the property. There are also 17 sewer EDUs allocated to the project from the same sanitary service area.

The property has non-tidal wetlands and plans show the required 25-foot buffer to protect those wetlands.

With an approval in hand, the developer now can begin construction.

# Non-compliance means daily fine

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possible. When you have problems, it will be reported to Chief (Arnold) Downing and the police and he hasn't had that many problems with the ones that are already in operation," Engelhart said.

He said he hears anecdotal complaints about excess noise and misbehavior, like renters throwing trash cans into the streets, but repeated police will respond.

If homeowners don't comply with regulations or rent without a license, they will be fined \$600 per day, he said.



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# Planned projects to be discussed

Meeting scheduled by SHA and county government on Sept. 14 at OC Elementary

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) and Worcester County government invite the public to attend a Thursday, Sept. 14 meeting about projects planned for the area.

The public meeting, which will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Ocean City Elementary School, aims to familiarize the audience with the previous and proposed work related to bicycle and pedestrian safety in the West Ocean City area.

Exhibits will be on display and representatives from the state and Worcester County will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given. Organizers said members of the public may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at their own paces.

The reason for the session is because of the growing concern in the community regarding bicycles and pedestrians along Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road as well as along Route 50.

Lighting and signage installations have been completed in the area, and a shared-use path along Route 50 is currently being designed.

The SHA and Worcester County will be answering questions and soliciting comment on projects in those areas, as well as general bicycle and pedestrian safety in the community.

As for what has been completed along Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road, the county wrapped up two projects in to enhance safety for bicycles and pedestrians.

The county completed the installation and update of 21 standard streetlights on the Golf Course Road, Center Drive, and Keyser Point Road loop in June of 2017. Worcester County also installed Share the Road signs in four locations in 2016.

What bicycle and pedestrian project is being designed on US 50? SHA is currently designing a 10-foot-wide shared-use path along Route 50. The path will run from Route 611 (Stephen Decatur Highway), along the south side of Route 50, crossing Route 50 to the north side at Inlet Isle Lane, and connect to the sidewalk over the Harry Kelly Bridge.

As for for bicycle and pedestrian safety, the SHA has completed several projects to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety in and around West Ocean City.

A crosswalk and an accessible/countdown pedestrian sig-

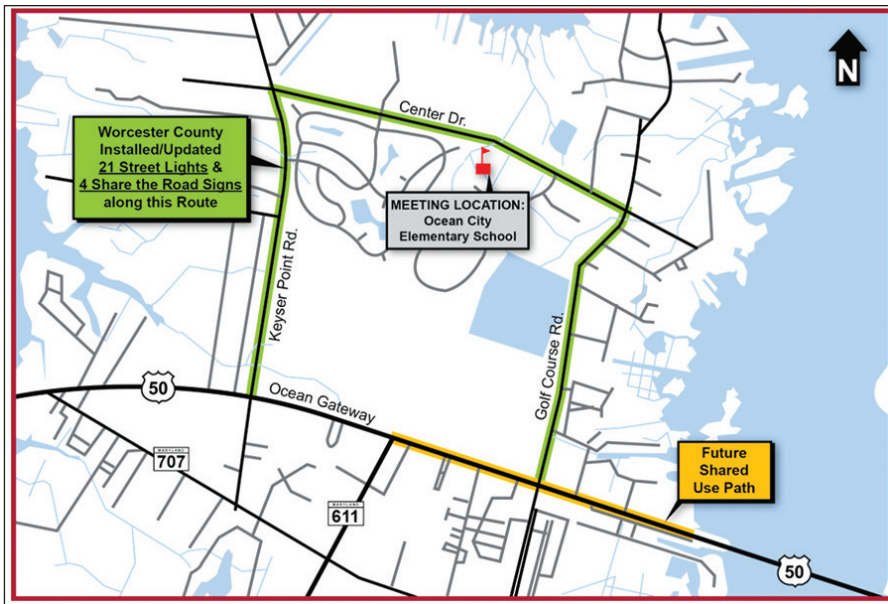


PHOTO COURTESY SHA  
The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration and Worcester County government invite the public to attend a Sept. 14 meeting about projects planned for the area.

nal (APS/CPS) was installed on the east leg at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 611.

Wrong Way bike signs were installed along Route 50 from Route 611 to the Harry Kelly Bridge. The SHA also has a standing Walk Smart Committee and Walk Smart Campaign to provide pedestrian safety public awareness over the past several years.

SHA will be increasing the pres-

ence of this campaign in and around West Ocean City.

For information on other Worcester County projects, visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on Projects, MDOT SHA Projects Page.

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The owners of a 4.5-acre property just east of the Herring Creek bridge on Route 50 were given a favorable recommendation from the Worcester County Planning Commission to rezone a two-acre section of the parcel from residential to commercial. The County Commissioners will give the final decision on the rezoning.

# Planning endorses rezoning of Rt. 50 property on creek

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Worcester County Planning Commission last week gave a unanimous recommendation to the county commissioners that they allow the owner of a parcel on the northeast side of the Herring Creek bridge in West Ocean City to rezone the land for commercial use.

The roughly 2-acre section being looked at for rezoning is currently zoned R-2, which is intended to protect the residential character throughout the county, though it can serve as a transitional area between residential neighborhoods of high and low density.

Property owners Dawn and Jeffery Pruitt of Newark are looking to rezone the property to C-2, or general commercial. The new zoning would allow for commercial development in areas that serve populations of 3,000 or more, according to the county code, within a 10–20-minute travel time.

The Pruitts claim there was a mistake made when the zoning was designated in the county’s most recent comprehensive rezoning done in November 2019, according to the application.

When zoning was established in the 1960s, the area was given an R-2 classification, which it retained in

1978, 1992, and 2009.

Every area east of Herring Creek on Route 50, except for the Pruitt’s property and the Villas at Inlet Isle Townhouse project on the south side of the Harry Kelly Bridge is zoned C-2, and the northern adjacent property is zoned R-2.

Commercial zoning allows for business, light industry, and other compatible uses like retail, warehouses, and civic, according to the code.

The attorney representing the Pruitts, Hugh Cropper IV, said his client plans to construct an office for their business, Pruitt P3 & Company, P.A., on the property.

Gary Pusey, the deputy director of the department of environment programs for the county wrote a memo stating the proposed rezoning is in the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area and is designated as an “Intensely Developed Area” with a 100-foot buffer from the mean high tide line. Any disturbance within the 100-foot buffer cannot be authorized without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Pusey said.

Ultimately, the Planning Commission gave its thumbs-up for the rezoning and the final decision will be made by the county commissioners at a future meeting.



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# Pocomoke gets \$306K grant to purchase new ambulance

(Aug. 18, 2022) Congressman Andy Harris, M.D. (MD-01), the Acting Ranking Member of House Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee, announced this week that the USDA Rural Development is providing a \$306,600 grant to Pocomoke City to purchase a new ambulance and improve access to emergency medical services.

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# Nick Rice named Worcester County procurement officer

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners appointed Nicholas Rice to serve as the procurement officer with Worcester County Government.

On Aug. 15, Rice stepped into this newly-created position, which was approved in the FY23 county government operating budget.



Nick Rice

“The procurement officer position aligns perfectly with our mission to be responsible with tax payer dollars.” Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young said. “Nick is a consummate professional in this field and will oversee the county’s efforts to obtain the best value in all of our purchases, from day-to-day expenses to our multi-million dollar capital projects.”

Rice is certified by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing as a public procurement officer and a professional public buyer.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management

from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and a Master of Business Administration from Salisbury University.

He brings nine years of experience in public procurement to WCG.

From August 2016 to August 2022, Rice served as the purchasing agent for Wicomico County Government. Prior to that time, he worked as a purchasing associate for the Town of Ocean City.

“I am grateful to the commissioners for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Worcester County,” Rice said. “I look forward to applying my knowledge and experience in public procurement in an effort to positively impact the County.”

Rice will work closely with the County Commissioners and staff, as well as other local, state, and regional purchasing cooperatives and associations to leverage spend and utilize economies of scale.

He will represent WCG in sourcing, procurement, contract administration, inventory management, vendor management, and other related duties.

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## BIKE RODEO

Worcester Preparatory School teachers, in partnership with Ocean City Police Cpl. Joe Bushnell, held a Bike Rodeo on May 20, where they conducted classroom sessions and an outdoor obstacle course for grades 1 and 4 to learn bike safety and maintenance. Pictured is Angie Bunting's first grade class with Cpl. Bushnell and Cheryl Marshall.



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## TOP ESSAYS

Three Worcester Preparatory School fourth grade students were recognized by the Maryland Municipal League for placing in its statewide "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. District 1 semifinalists Anna French, left, and Estelle Damouni, right, are joined by Lea Jaoude, center, one of 11 finalists, following a ceremony in Annapolis on May 4.



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## GROUP GATHERING

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its general meeting and luncheon on May 26 at the Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound in Bishopville. Maryland Gubernatorial candidates were invited to speak. Pictured, from left, are candidate Robin Ficker; First Vice President RWWC Liz Mumford; President Sandy Zitser; Diana Waterman, representing candidate Kelly Schulz; and candidate, Del. Dan Cox.



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## WPS PERFORMANCE

Worcester Preparatory School students in grades 6-8 presented a performance of the novel, "A Little Princess," by Frances Hodgson Burnett in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center on May 13. Directed by Upper School Dance/Drama Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, the show was performed in front of parents, friends, and fellow Lower/Middle School students.



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## APPRECIATION

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Tim Lund chose Lynne McAllorum as "Kiwanian of the Month" for June. She has chaired many activities and can be found working behind the scenes volunteering for fundraising events and community service projects.



# Snapshots



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## PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City supports student leadership programs in local schools. On May 11, membership heard report from each of the four Kiwanis Club advisors who interface with the schools and their teacher advisors of each student club. Pictured, from left, are Sarah Walker (Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club), Doreen O'Connor (Berlin Intermediate School Builders Club), Candy Foreman (Showell K-Kids), Roy Foreman (Stephen Decatur High School Key Club) and Kiwanis Club Vice President Bob Wolfing. Each club receives \$500 from the parent club to help fund their projects.



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## GUEST SPEAKERS

Maryland Coastal Bays Executive Director Kevin Smith, left, and Environmental Scientist & Educator Cailyn Joseph were the guest speakers during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City June 1 meeting. They are joined by Kiwanis President-Elect Bob Wolfing.



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## WELCOME

The Bikers Without Borders Foundation welcomes Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza as its newest honorary member. Carozza, center, is pictured with her sister and brother-in-law, Anne Marie and Bradley Pollack.



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## FIELD DAY

Worcester Prep's Lower School celebrated the last day of school with the annual Field Day event on June 9. First-place winners to collect the most sportsmanship points were Abby Harrison's second grade class. Joining Harrison, center back, and her students is PE teacher/soccer coach Carol Hartnett.



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## VISITS CLUB

Mabel Rogers, co-board president of the Ocean City Museum Society, spoke about "Ocean City Before Condominiums" during the Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City May 25 meeting. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club of President Tim Lund.

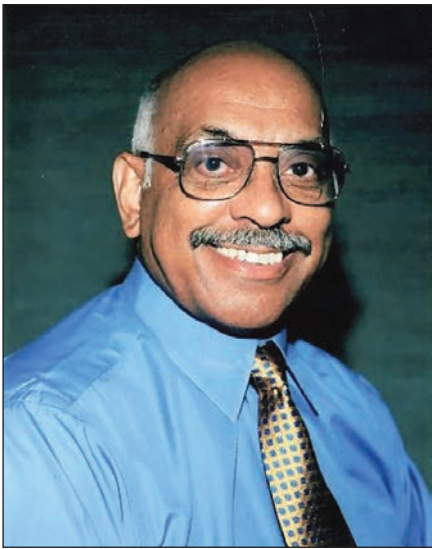


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## D.A.R.E PROGRAM

Worcester Preparatory School fifth graders participated in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program for several weeks, taught by Deputy Jake Howard of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.





Ralph Chinn

# Chinn posthumously recognized

Honor of Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award bestowed by OPRP Director Donahue

(Aug. 18, 2022) Ralph Chinn, an ubiquitous volunteer in Worcester County for many years, was honored posthumously Saturday at the Ocean Pines Association annual meeting. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue recognized Chinn with the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award for 2022.

Chinn was known for his work

with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City-Ocean Pines and with the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

Donahue said Chinn was a dear friend who always helped, and always listened.

"If you needed a volunteer, he was always there," she said. "No matter what I asked him to do, no matter what it was for – if it was cleaning the kitchen, cleaning the flattop, reading a book to my kids – it really didn't matter. He was always in here, helping us doing whatever was needed."

She said Chinn also volunteered in the food pantry at a local church and helped prepare their holiday meals and aided with bingo events.

"For 25 years, Ralph was a proud, active member of Kiwanis," Donahue said. "There, he was involved in running the club and served as president ... he served [on the] board of directors [and] he found time to be an advisor to many club presidents over the years."

Donahue said Chinn volunteered during Kiwanis events that coincided with Ocean Pines Community Center events.

"You could find him all the time making pancakes in the kitchen. And if you never had one of Ralph's pancakes, you missed out," she said. "He

did all of our events – our Breakfast with Santa and our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. He was also at all the hot dog sales, spaghetti dinners, Concerts in the Park, boardwalk car raffles, and Salvation Army [events]."

Donahue said he also made pancakes during a special annual breakfast for Recreation and Parks staff.

"That was just on him – it was not part of the Kiwanis. He wanted to do that for all that we had done for him," she said. "He also made sure that we were in compliance [and] everything was good to go with the health department. He would come in very early in the morning to make sure everything was ready to go."

"And we spent a lot of time sitting in my office talking about a lot of different things," Donahue continued. "He was a very, very dear friend of mine. Unfortunately, Mr. Chinn is not able to be here, because he passed suddenly."

Donahue said the 2022 award was already slated for Chinn, before his passing last August.

"So, we went ahead and decided that, even though he couldn't be with us, we were still going to give it to him," she said, adding she would accept the award on his behalf and make sure his widow, Wilma, received it.

"I loved him dearly," Donahue said.

Since 2003, the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award has recognized local people who dedicate their time and talents to help others.

The award also honors the memory of its namesake, 8-year-old Sam Wilkinson, who died in a water accident in Ocean City.

Sam played soccer in Ocean Pines and his father, Bob, was a volunteer coach for Ocean Pines Recreation programs. The award was established to recognize a volunteer within the Recreation and Parks Department.

## USDA helps rural areas with grant

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"As a physician, I fully understand the need for local government, especially in our rural communities, to have first-rate emergency medical equipment at their disposal," Harris said. "I was pleased to support the application for this grant and know that it will help save lives in Pocomoke City."



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Janice Rooney, left, and her parents, Joan and Jim, are celebrating 20 years of operating Paws & Claws, a pet boutique that sells numerous types of healthy alternative foods for cats and dogs, toys, and a large array of leashes and collars to match anyone's style. Also pictured are their canine pals, Darby, front, and Chase.

# Paw-sionate animal lovers mark 20 years in business

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) A small and locally owned pet supply shop in West Ocean City that caters to people who care about what their little furry friends eat is celebrating 20 years of being in business this week.

Jan Rooney and her parents, Jim and Joan, opened the first Paws & Claws pet boutique in Ocean Pines in 2002.

It operated there for a few years before moving to its current location in Ocean Gateway Plaza on Route 50, between Walmart and Herring Creek.

The idea behind opening the store was to provide healthy food options, Jan said, adding that many of the popular products on the market contain unregulated ingredients from China.

Even products made locally and

sold all over the world contain the Chinese ingredients, according to Jan, and that's a major concern to her and the shop's patrons.

"We cared about our pets so much, that's why we opened," she said, explaining that every product she sells at the store is double-checked to ensure the ingredients are safe for animal consumption.

One product the shop's shelves is Verus, which, according to the product's website, employs a holistic approach when making pet food with whole meats, whole grains, vitamin antioxidants, organic nutrients, live probiotics, and chelated (more easily absorbed) minerals.

Another product sold at the shop is from The Farmer's Dog, a Maryland-based company that uses fresh ingre-

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## Moderate approach new board's style?

Ocean Pines Association members might have a good board of directors on their hands, following the election last week of three people who on the surface at least appear to value a collegial approach to policy-making and protecting the well-run operation they inherited.

Although no one can say how any director — newly elected or veteran member — will respond when the inevitable disagreements arise, it doesn't appear that new directors Steve Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick and Monica Rakowski are entering service with heavy agendas or plans for great changes.

Judging from their campaign comments, this trio seems intent on protecting and improving the status quo, rather than upsetting it in pursuit of personal goals or ambitions.

Certainly, the majority of the past couple of boards is gone, as is its penchant for going too far at times to preserve its authority over board and community affairs.

In that regard, the incoming panel and whatever new voting coalition — if any — emerges out of it seems less inclined to worry as much about majority control as it does about how the association's continued financial success can be applied toward community improvements.

Of course, all this assigns to an untested board an over-riding sense of moderation and responsibility. Maybe it will be guided by these attributes and maybe it won't, but the controversy-free election campaigns that led to this point suggests that calm proficiency will prevail.

A solid majority of voters certainly seems to think so, or has at least overwhelmingly declared that this is what they want and expect from their governing authority.

In the meantime, congratulations to this year's election winners for races well run. Here's hoping that differences of opinion are settled as amicably as possible, that your election goals are realized and that the voters are rewarded for the choices they made.

WELCOME TO THE OCEAN PINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## Presentation to feature Chuck Berry

(Aug. 18, 2022) Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett will present “Chuck Berry: Father of Rock and Roll” at the Ocean Pines Library on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m.

Known for his innovative guitar style and masterful songwriting, Chuck Berry fused elements of the blues and rockabilly to appeal to young audiences of all classes and races in the 1950s.

Fast cars, teenage love, and good times were embod-

ied in his songs, complete with clever puns and driving beats.

“Chuck Berry influences performers to this day,” said DeLuco. “He inspired Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, The Rolling Stones, and The Beatles, and nearly everyone who strapped on a guitar. He’ll never be a forgotten because he was a true pioneer.”

Berry’s hits include “Roll Over Beethoven,” “Johnny B. Goode,” and “No Particu-

lar Place To Go.”

He was a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame’s first class in 1986, and continued performing well into his 80s. He died in 2017 at age 90.

“We’ll talk about what he meant to music and America, we’ll listen to his songs and show footage of his performances—most of all, just have fun,” added Burkett. “That’s what Chuck Berry music is about, lifting your spirit.”

## Terrapins confiscated to be released

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) received two Diamond-back Terrapin turtles last Wednesday from Buffalo, New York, to be released back to their natural habitat.

The turtles were confiscated by the Erie County SPCA earlier this summer from residents who had collected the turtles while on vacation in Ocean City.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reported the turtles’ discovery to Mary-

land’s Department of Natural Resources wildlife division.

The New York residents citizens were issued a written warning by that state and wildlife ecologist Scott Smith arranged for the turtles’ release back where they belong.

In Maryland it is unlawful to take any northern map turtle, bog turtle, spiny soft-shell, wood turtle, spotted turtle, diamond-backed terrapin, or sea turtle. It is also unlawful to sell, barter or trade a wild-caught turtle.

Depending on the period

of the collection of a wild turtle caught and kept in captivity, most surrendered are no longer eligible for release back into the wild.

Resources for re-homing a wild animal are limited and often result in the animal being euthanized, state officials said.

Beyond the collection of wild turtles for domestication, there also is an illegal demand in other countries for turtles to be shipped and sold as pets and as exotic meat and traditional medicinal purposes.

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# Ocean City legend shoots age-less golf score

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 18, 2022) A woodworker with roots in several Ocean City restaurants had the golf game of his life last week after shooting five strokes less than his age of 78.

Maynard Esender, a resident of the South Point community, won his division of the Ocean City Golf Club Championship tournament two weeks ago after taking a 14-stroke lead the first day, when he shot a score of 73.

For the last five years, Esender said, he's been trying to shoot a score in a single-round of golf that is less than his age. One year, Esender said, he came close and missed his age by one stroke.

But to beat his age by five strokes, in a tournament at that, is a phenomenal achievement.

"It was one of those outer body experiences," Esender said.

Going into the second day of the tournament with a 14-stroke lead gave him a nice cushion of separation

between himself and his opponents. Still, the second round did not quite match his level of play the day before.

"During the second round ... I just didn't want to screw up," Esender said, adding that he could not make putts, the wind was blowing 15 knots, and on the second to last hole, he put the ball in the bunker. "I thought I would have to send out for pizza, but finally got out and ended with a 90 for the day."

Buddy Sass, the head golf professional at the Ocean City Golf Club, said he has known Esender since 1987, when the pro worked as an assistant at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Sass described the longtime friend as having a wonderful personality and being a fantastic guy. So, when Esender was shooting a stellar round, Sass said, not a single person called him a sandbagger or anything bad. Instead, they rooted him on, knowing he paid his dues.

"To shoot a 73 is just magic...it's a really fantastic achievement," Sass said. "It's very difficult to do. It's a

round of a lifetime."

He also called Esender a local icon who has been in the Ocean City area since the 1960s.

Esender said he worked at many local bars and restaurants between the '60s and early '80s. In 1968, he and John Fager — in his pre-Fager's Island days — opened the Purple Moose on the Boardwalk.

The offseason was his favorite time to be in Ocean City because of the absence of crowds. But those smaller crowds also meant fewer jobs, and those that were available were not likely to go to people in the food and beverage industry because when spring and summer roll around, they would more than likely go back to tending bar and waiting tables.

Because of the nature of the area, there were two main choices for jobs: commercial fishing or construction, he said.

"Commercial fishing is a tough way to make it, so I got into construction," Esender said. "I stayed in the saloon business as long as my liver could stand it. From there, I went on to become a carpenter, trim carpenter, and cabinet maker."

Today, he owns Frankford Custom Woodworks, formerly Maynard Esender Woodworks.

In the early-to-mid '70s, Esender was on a court-imposed sabbatical



PHOTO COURTESY BUDDY SAAS  
Maynard Esender of Berlin, shot the game of his life recently when his final score on day one of the Ocean City Golf Club Championship was 73, or five strokes less than his age of 78. Esender went on to win his division in the tournament on the second day, despite a tough day.

from Ocean City, as he said, for smoking marijuana on the job and took a bartending gig in Baltimore. It was there that he met a group of golfers who invited him to play his first round of golf.

"I was smitten immediately...terri-  
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## Celebration includes dog treats

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dients said to be tested on humans but made for their dogs.

Before jumping into the pet boutique industry, Jan worked with horses, raising and breeding thoroughbreds for 25 years. The role required her to know everything about horses, including the medical side of things.

When her parents opened the store, Jan was able to get away from the horse industry to focus on the store.

Over the course of 20 years, she has helped countless people find healthy products for their pets. In fact, she even has boards along the walls with pictures of some of her clients and their pets.

She said many of the younger faces on the boards are grown up now and have continued the tradition of purchasing healthy products for their own

pets from Paws & Claws.

"We're the pet store where we actually care about you and your pets," Jan said.

Along with selling pet food, Paws & Claws offers a self-serve dog wash, and if you do not have shampoo, you can purchase it at the store.

The shop also offers seasonal dog training classes, pet toys, a huge array of dog collars and leashes and local delivery of products, among other things.

To celebrate 20 years, Paws & Claws is giving away doggie goodies from Aug. 18-25. This is also the shop's way of saying thanks for everyone's continued support.

"The only way we could have been here so long is with everyone's generous support," Jan said. "We've met a lot of friends over the years doing this. Thanks."

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"They say you can't win the tournament on the first day," Esender said. "You can if you get a big enough lead."



# Realtors present \$4,500 to local charities

(Aug. 18, 2022) The Coastal Association of Realtors (Coastal) has awarded \$4,500 in grants to local charities through the Coastal Realtors Foundation during its latest round of funding.

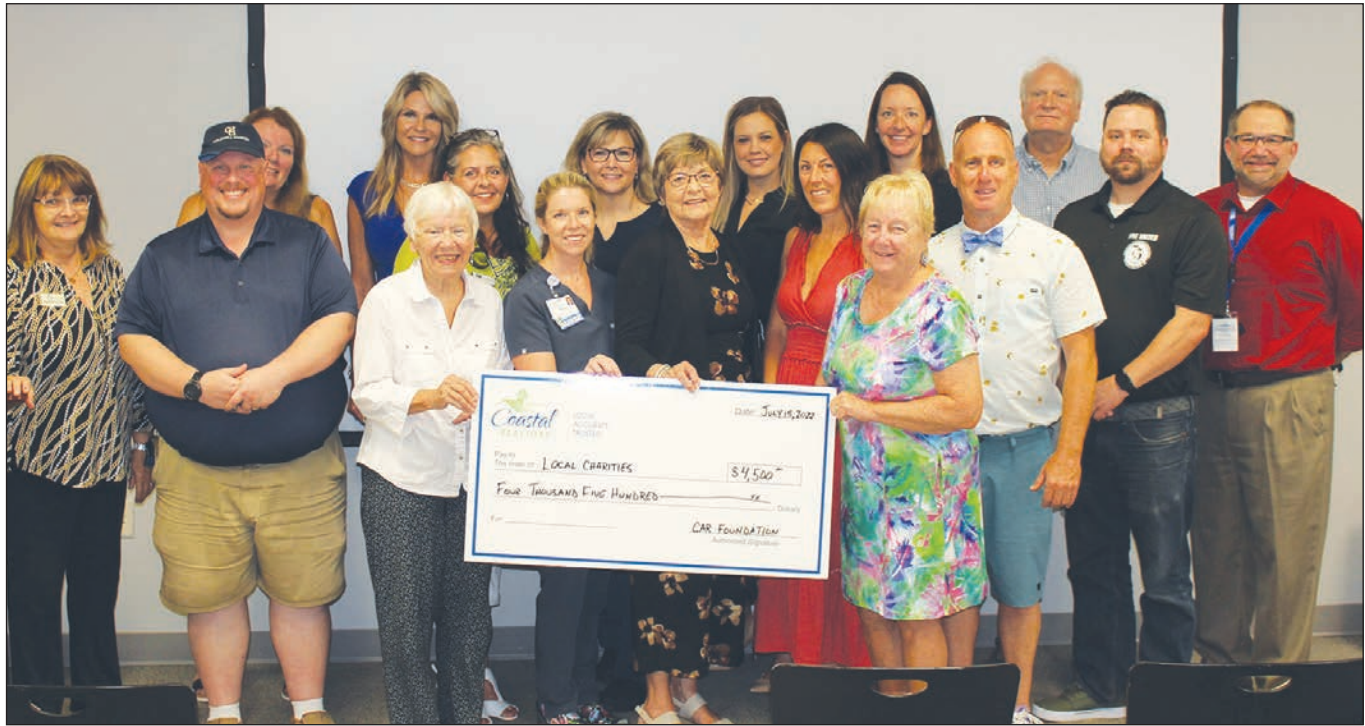
Since 2018 Coastal Realtors Foundation has given more than \$54,000 to local charities in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties.

The following organizations received grants in the Coastal Realtors Foundation's latest round of funding:

Atlantic Club, Atlantic General Hospital Forensic Nurse Examiners, Community Players of Salisbury, Cricket Center, Diakonia, Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Salisbury Neighborhood Housing, United Way of Lower Eastern Shore, and Village of Hope.

The Coastal Realtors Foundation is a charitable fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The association raises money for the fund through an annual charity golf tournament as well as other efforts throughout the year.

The fund is accessible to members of Coastal through an application process administered by the association and reviewed by a committee of members. Grant recipients must be 501(c)3 organizations and must be located in Somerset, Wicomico, or



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Worcester counties.

"Covid has been tough for everyone in our community and that is especially true for nonprofits," said Coastal President Grace Masten. "We are so grateful to be able to support these nonprofits who are championed by our members."

"All year long we raise money for the Coastal Foundation through raffles, our golf tournament held in October, and donations from our members," she continued. "With over 1,000 members in the Lower Shore, Realtors give back countless amounts of their time, money, and expertise to

nonprofits. We are just honored to be able to participate in their hard work in this small way."

Grants are awarded three times a year, and the next deadline is Oct. 15.

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# Cuisine

## Seared mahi on toasted Israeli couscous

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By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Almost as though it was too much to ask for (my apologies for ending an opening statement with a preposition; you'll simply have to bear with me), we suddenly received the cool weather so many people were so desperately seeking out. And my feet, sitting atop the bricks in our tiki bar, are cold. Yes, cold.

It was almost as though the heat waves of July and August were and are mere figments of our imagination, leaving us to wonder whether there will even be any more pool days this year. I know; shudder to think.

I sit here at midnight, looking past the string lights onto the yard filled with banana leaves and hibiscus flowers bigger than my head, and I try to imagine myself back in the islands, with the cool trade winds taking care of any sunburn that I might have gotten in the day.

I am a towhead after all and it doesn't take much for me to go from pink to lobster. In fact, it's rather instantaneous, and it's a trait that I have passed on to some of my offspring. I had hoped for brighter pastures for them, but we can't always pick the tanning chromosomes, can we?

But, back to the task at hand, the trade winds sit still and I do not hear the crushing sounds of waves on lava rock, despite my every effort of pulling in the sound of the 18-wheeler's as they passes by on 113 a mile from our home.

As I put my hoodie on, I realize that "local summer" is only a matter of days away; that brilliant season that we all love when the water is still warm, the storms are brewing off the coast and the beaches are empty.

And the combination of cool sand, warm sun and still-warm water bring me into a mindset of combining of the seasons.

First, with the freshness of the seafood that is still being pulled in, and second from the more roasted and toasted flavors of fall, when heartier foods seem to fit the bill.

I haven't worked with Israeli couscous in a while, and as we make

traditional (smaller) couscous from scratch in our culinary program, Israeli couscous is in a class almost to itself.



With pearls the size of large tapioca, it truly absorbs the flavors of anything that you are cooking it in.

Toasted and served with some fresh mahi, or dolphinfish, and some splendid green beans, you can't go wrong with dish on a chilly night like tonight.

I don't care that I'm 6,000 miles away from "aloha"; it truly is my favorite place on earth.

I will relish in my yard, covered in banana leaves and hibiscus, and I will at least truly enjoy closing out this article at 1 a.m.

But as I finish this, I must ask. "Why can I see my breath?"

### Seared Mahi

*Serves 4*

4 six-ounce portions fresh mahi  
Blackening spice, as needed  
Good oil or clarified butter, as needed

1. Yes, we are really that limited on the ingredient list on this fish. You don't need much to make Dolphinfish taste phenomenal

2. Merely pat the mahi dry and season liberally with the blackening spice. Pat it in

3. Heat a pan (cast iron is my fa-

vorite) and add the oil

4. Add the fish carefully and cook until it has a nice crust on it. As I've seen in the Big Easy many times over, "blackening" does not mean burnt black ... to a crisp. Use your judgment

5. Cook for about two minutes and turn over

6. Cook for another two and remove the pan from the heat. The residual heat will continue cooking the fish and keep it hot

7. Serve on the couscous and green beans

Green Beans like a Boss

1 pound fresh, snapped green beans

Garlic butter of your choice (Come on. You can make that!)

Salt and pepper as needed

1. Heat a pot of water large enough to comfortably accommodate the green beans

2. Adding salt just as the water reaches the boil (adding it earlier can cause the nitrates to cause nasty pitting on the bottom of your pricey pan over time), add the beans

3. Cook until they are just under al dente; meaning, they have a nice bite but will survive the further punishment

4. Drain the beans and shock in ice water if cooking later. If not, proceed with step five

5. Add the garlic butter to the pan

and sauté the green beans until they are done to your liking

6. Season with salt and pepper as usual, and relish in the fact that something so easy can be so damn good

### Toasted Israeli Couscous

2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil  
2 cups Dried Israeli Couscous  
2 baby carrots, diced  
1 stalk celery, diced  
10 Fresh, local grape tomatoes, halved  
2 cloves, Minced garlic  
2 1/2 cups Chicken stock  
Squeeze of lemon juice  
Fresh herbs, as you see fit  
Salt and pepper, as needed

1. Heat the olive oil in a pan and add the couscous, carrots, celery, tomatoes and garlic

2. Heat until the couscous and vegetables get a nice, toasty aroma to them

3. Add stock and cook until absorbed

4. Hit with the lemon juice and season to taste.

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

### Graduates

Justin Keller of Berlin, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Integrative Studies during May commencement ceremonies at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

### Dean's list

Dickinson College in historic Carlisle, Pennsylvania, recently announced students who were named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

James van Kuilenburg, of Berlin, is a senior history and women's, gender & sexuality studies major.

He is a graduate of Governor Thomas Johnson High School and is the son of Marinus van Kuilenburg of Berlin, and Nicola van Kuilenburg of Frederick.

Drew Hauelsen, of Snow Hill, is a junior quantitative economics and mathematics major.

Hauelsen is a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and is the son of Craig and Amy Hauelsen of Snow Hill.

All students earning a position on the dean's list—a recognition of academic excellence—must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester.

Julianna S. Sterling of Berlin, was named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing and Professional Studies

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

### Scholarships

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines awarded \$1,500 scholarships to four seniors from Stephen Decatur High School.

Karin Benton, president of the Women's Club, presented the scholarships to: Morgan Echols, Ethan Simpson Hansford, Kendahl Parsons and Hannah Short in recognition of their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and dedication to their community.

### Recognition

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented DAR bronze ROTC medals to Cadets Shermel Psalm Gordube of Pocomoke High School and Emelia Goddard of Snow Hill High School.

Recipients of this award must be either a junior or senior student in a secondary school JROTC program or a Junior College graduating senior and have demonstrated qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC.

The chapter also presented a silver DAR Outstanding Cadet medal to Brooke Fitzgerald at Stephen Decatur High School.

This medal is awarded to a student for participation in a non-ROTC, military-affiliated cadet program funded by a school or privately and honors a cadet who has distinguished himself or herself through

outstanding leadership, honor, service, courage and patriotism.

In addition, the chapter presented a DAR Youth Citizenship medal to Cadet Jay McCarter at Stephen Decatur High School.

This medal is awarded to a student who best demonstrates the qualities of good citizenship: honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

### Funding support

The Atlantic Club "Recovery at the Beach" has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Allison Milburn from Pocomoke High School and Sidney Kiser from Stephen Decatur High School.

The group also awarded two new scholarships, each for \$1,000, to assist individuals active in recovery. The two recipients include Kristen Jones, attending Wor-Wic Community College, and Sunday Aroh from Salisbury University.

In addition, the club will host its annual Walk for Recovery on Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon on the Ocean City Boardwalk, during National Recovery Month.

For more information, visit [www.atlanticclub.org](http://www.atlanticclub.org).

### Top photo

Jennifer DeGiovanni won the Visit Worcester County Parks Photo Challenge, for her photo capturing the wetlands at Herring Creek Nature Park in West Ocean City.

The contest was hosted by the Worcester County Wellness Committee for Worcester County employees, and photos were judged by Recreation and Parks staff.

The scenic Herring Creek Nature Park, which is open to residents and visitors, features a pavilion that is available for picnics and gatherings, as well as walking/jogging paths and bird watching stations.

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# Puzzles

LETTERPLAY

BY TINA LABADIE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Tina Labadie lives in London, Ontario. This is her first New York Times crossword. It has one of my favorite kinds of themes — one offering many different “aha” moments. The example at 118-Across, at the bottom of the puzzle, is a little different from the others, like the kicker of a joke. As a construction fillip, every letter in the alphabet is used at least once in the completed grid. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Homes that may have butlers

7 Singer Dylan of the Wallflowers

12 Supporting beams

18 Bear or boar

19 Bees, e.g.

21 Gleaming

22 The “C” of AMC Theatres

23 The whole package, colloquially

24 Sevastopol is its largest city

25 Not true?

27 Visitor to a website, in analytics lingo

29 “Time \_\_\_\_\_”

30 Concedes

33 Santa \_\_\_\_\_, Calif.

34 m, to Einstein

35 B.C. neighbor: Abbr.

38 Think creatively

40 XL or 11C

42 Beer named for a founding father

45 W-2, for one

47 W.W. I helmet, informally

51 2004 Will Smith sci-fi film

52 D.S.T. starting time ... or a hint to 42-Across

54 Weightlessness ... or a hint to 118-Across

56 \_\_\_\_\_ Compton, first woman to cover the White House for a TV network

57 Rating unit

60 Libya’s Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_

61 Reporter’s credit

62 TV tavern

64 Mimic

66 “Royal” bird

67 In

68 Top credit rating ... or a hint to 25-Across

71 23rd in a series ... or a hint to 27-Across

73 Trust in

76 Fails to be

78 Keen

79 Google \_\_\_\_\_

83 Holds in high regard

84 Old lab burners

86 Water bird with a haunting call

88 Bit of HI gear?

89 Cops ... or a hint to 115-Across

90 Club for farm kids ... or a hint to 97-Across

91 Pouch on a string

93 Game with L- and T-shaped pieces

96 Locale for a West Coast wine tour

97 Secretive

99 R.&R. settings

101 Crystal-clear

103 “O, \_\_\_\_\_ fortune’s fool!”: Romeo

104 Singer King with the 2014 hit “Ex’s & Oh’s”

108 Body feature of a mammoth

110 Holy \_\_\_\_\_

112 It might be taken to the airport

115 Spelling aid?

118 Baseball announcer’s call on a home run

121 Nigerian city of 3.5+ million

122 Set on the ground

125 “Jeopardy!” fodder

126 This evenin’

127 Video-call glitch

128 “I kid you not!”

129 Rate

130 Like the Xbox One X vis-à-vis the Xbox One

131 Makes some Z’s

9 D.I.Y. buy

10 “Magnum, P.I.” setting

11 Sauvignon \_\_\_\_\_

12 Where one might turn on the jets

13 D&D monster

14 Pelvis bone

15 Gregor \_\_\_\_\_, Kafka protagonist

16 Some genealogical work

17 Pioneering mail-order company

19 Introductory courses

20 Mixes together

26 Not looking good

28 Ctrl + Q

31 First couple of the early 1910s

32 “Shut your trap!”

36 Apply with a Q-tip, say

37 Kerfuffles

39 Wore down

41 RNA polymerase, e.g.

42 Thailand, once

43 River through Tuscany

44 Reaches

46 Bone filler

48 No. 2 on a table

49 Bone-dry

50 A great deal

53 How-to go-to

55 Obtain

58 YouTube or Gmail

59 “Phew!” feeling

61 They’re filled with X’s

63 Engraving instrument

65 Lean against

69 Whirlybird whirlers

70 Like some plants and physicals

72 Personal story, informally

73 One calling a “T”

74 Turnoff

75 Wash up

77 Certain fossil preserve

80 The art of music?

81 Vegetables that make a fitting addition to alphabet soup?

82 [Oh, well]

85 “Tsk, tsk!”

87 Classic soda brand

92 “Oh, I see!”

94 Small-screen entertainers?

95 Ibn \_\_\_\_\_ (former Mideast king)

97 Responsibility of a personnel director

98 Japanese noodle

100 Young salmon

102 Like hawks

104 Hit 1979 musical in which a character’s mistress is one of the main roles

105 University of New Mexico team

106 Bank deals

107 \_\_\_\_\_ Vedder, lead singer of Pearl Jam

109 Garden-variety

111 Some I.R.A.s

113 Licoricelike flavor

114 Rap producers make them

116 The “O’s” of Cheerios

117 Old \_\_\_\_\_, Conn.

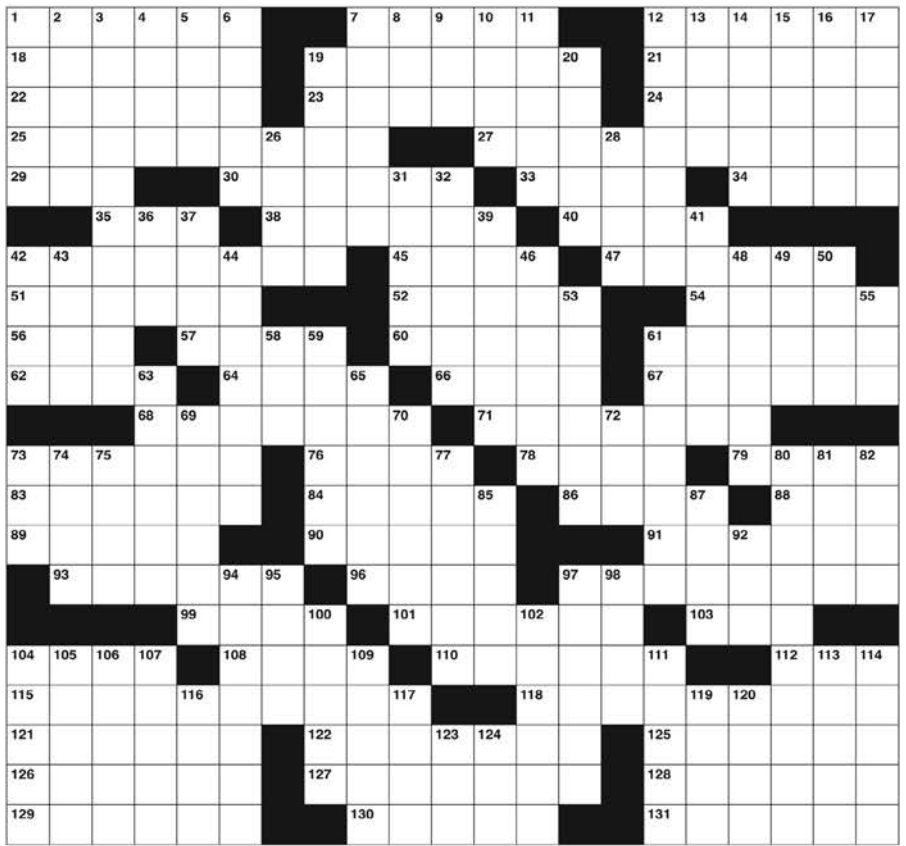
119 Spinach is rich in it

120 El \_\_\_\_\_

123 Drop o’ the mornin’

124 Cheer to a matador

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6 1 3 9

9 2 1

8 9 6

3 9 4 8 7

7 2 9

5 2

4 7 1 6

Answers to last week's puzzles

3 1 5 8 4 6 2 7 9

9 7 8 1 3 2 6 4 5

6 4 2 9 5 7 8 1 3

4 3 9 6 8 5 7 2 1

7 8 6 2 9 1 5 3 4

5 2 1 4 7 3 9 8 6

1 5 3 7 6 8 4 9 2

8 6 4 3 2 9 1 5 7

2 9 7 5 1 4 3 6 8

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P P E C A G E E S C A P E E L U T E

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L I E O N G R I M Y R E A P E R

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T H R E E T I M E S A L A D I G U E S S

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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., Aug. 18

**CPAP MASK FITTING**  
Atlantic General Hospital’s Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. This is a free service but requires an appointment: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726. [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org)

**THE ADVENTURE ENDS**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading at the wrap up party. There will be activities and goodies. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. Bring family information. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**CHUCK BERRY: FATHER OF ROCK AND ROLL**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett to hear the story and sounds of this barrier-breaking pioneer. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**THE ADVENTURE ENDS**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading at the wrap up party. There will be activities and goodies. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**THIRD THURSDAY TRIVIA - I LOVE THE 90S**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 p.m. Join in on a 90s-themed trivia game and win prizes. [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. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under “Events.” 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](http://www.oceancitymd.gov)

**SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS**  
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Full Circle” (modern and classic pop rock). Admission is free, while beverages including beer, are available for purchase. Bring seating. OCDC, 410-289-7739, [www.ocdc.org](http://www.ocdc.org)

**CONCERT IN THE PARK**  
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Featuring “Beautiful Disaster.” Free and open to the public. Pack a picnic and lawn chair. [DowntownPocomoke.com](http://DowntownPocomoke.com), Instagram: @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](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., Aug. 19

**BLESSING OFFER FREE CONCERT**  
Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Blessing Offer’s “Brighter Days” is currently a Top 10 hit on the Billboard Christian Airplay chart. [www.blessingoffer.com](http://www.blessingoffer.com)

## Sat., Aug. 20

**ARTX**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Featuring a variety of artist vendors, children’s activities, free artistic activities for all ages, workshops, chalk art, geocaching, author’s row. Workshop sign up: [www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org). Also featuring Quick Paint Challenge, Salisbury University Sculpture Walk and Ocean City Film Festival showings. Live entertainment, food, beverages, beer and wine available. 410-250-0125

**WALK WITH A DOC**  
An Atlantic General representative will give a brief presentation, then lead the group for a walk. Alyce Marzola, [amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9268, [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org).

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

**COVER THE CRUISER**  
North Division Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, 12-10 p.m. A cruiser will be parked on the Boardwalk at N. Division Street. The donations will go to MD Special Olympics.

**CHICKEN SALAD CARRYOUT**  
Bishopville Volunteer Fire, 10709 Bishopville Road, 12-2 p.m. Cost is \$8 per pint of chicken salad and \$10 per pint of pulled pork. Reserve: 619-922-9950. Benefiting the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. 619-922-9950

**PROJECT T(W)EEN: REVERSE TIE DYE**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 12 p.m. Using water and a very small amount of bleach, the group will be making some awesome tie dye patterns this week. Bring a black or dark colored shirt (100% cotton works best). Ages 12-15 years. 410-632-2600

**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., Aug. 21

**ARTX**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring a variety of artist vendors, children’s activities, free artistic activities for all ages, workshops, chalk art, geocaching, author’s row. Workshop sign up: [www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org). Also featuring Quick Paint Challenge, Salisbury University Sculpture Walk and Ocean City Film Festival showings. Live entertainment, food, beverages, beer and wine available. 410-250-0125

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**SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by “Front Page News” (rock). 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](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, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

**BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**  
*Sundays* - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. [TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com](http://TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com)

## Mon., Aug. 22

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**OCEAN PINES CHILDREN’S THEATER CASTING CALL**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 5-6:30 p.m. For children in grades 3rd through 8th. Selected monologues can be found at [www.facebook.com/opchildrenstheaterOcean](http://www.facebook.com/opchildrenstheaterOcean). Vaccinations required.

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

**OCEAN CITY TOWN HALL PREPAREDNESS MEETING**  
Ocean City Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, 6:30 p.m. Educating the public to be ready with an “All Hazards Approach” to all emergencies with their homes, community and businesses before hurricane season. Also “Know  
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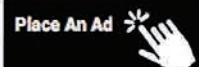
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**DRONE SHOW ON THE BEACH**  
Downtown Ocean City beach, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., 9:30 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's drone show located downtown on the beach on Monday evenings. 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326

**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. 23

**STORY TIME WITH THE WORCESTER COUNTY GARDEN CLUB**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Also held at the Berlin and Ocean City branches. Worcester County Garden Club will present and read, "Network with Nature." Also a butterfly art activ-

ity. For ages 5-10 years. 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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Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

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**OC KNITTING CLUB**  
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## Wed., Aug. 24

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

**STORY TIME ON THE BEACH**  
Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11:30 a.m. The Worcester County Library partners with the Ocean City Beach Patrol for sun, sand and stories. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Beach Patrol Headquarters on Talbot Street. 410-632-2600

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

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

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**OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM PROGRAMS**  
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Monday through Friday, July 4-Aug. 26. All programs are free. Mondays' program is "History of our Surferman;" Tuesdays', "Beach Safety;" Wednesdays', "Knot Tying;" Thursdays', "All About Sharks;" Fridays', "Land, Sky and Sea" with all beginning at 10 a.m. 410-289-4991, www.ocmuseum.org/free-summer-programs

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9923 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin

### Food Lion, Store 658

10138 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin

### Acme, Store 293

9507 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Assateague Market

7643 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin

### Caseys Corner

12523 Ocean Gtwy, Ocean City

### Clarion Resort Fontainebleau

10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Walgreens, Store 11951

11085 Cathell Rd, Berlin

### Dollar General, Store 16880

11234 Five L Dr, Berlin

### Exxon -Shop Kwik

10140 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin

### Food Lion, Store 2614

11007 Manklin Creek Rd, Berlin

### Food Lion, Store 397

9936 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Ocean City

### Island Outfitters-Carousel Hotel

11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### OC Piercing

607 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City

### Pitt Stop Beer & Wine

9040 Worcester Hwy Suite B, Berlin

### Shore Stop, Store 219

11121 Racetrack Rd, Berlin

### Rite Aid, Store 4917

11011 Manklin Creek Rd, Berlin

### Ez Food Market

716 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City

### Mini Market

10900 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### 94th Street Beer & Wine

9213 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Atlantic Beverage Center

5001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Newark Station

7167 Worcester Hwy, Newark

### Cool Topics, Store 2

500 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City

### Cool Topics, Unit 4

107 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City

### Higgins Crab House North

12801 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Minit Market

3107 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City

### Ricks Market

6403 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City

### Pickles Pub

706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City

### Seacrets

117 49th St, Ocean City

### Smoke Rings

5 2nd St, Ocean City

### Sunglass Store

401 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City



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