



Doug Parks ... back as OPA president.

## Parks returns as president

Unanimous vote gives seat back to former OPA leader during board reorganization

By Susan Canfora

Contributing Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors is beginning a new year with longtime board member Doug Parks back in the president's seat.

Parks, 67, a native of Pennsylvania

who, for 30 years, worked in the information technology sector, was again selected as president by unanimous vote of fellow board members during the reorganization meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25.

He previously served as board president from 2017-2019.

Other officers, also selected by unanimous vote, are Rick Farr, vice president; Stuart Lakernick, secretary; and Monica Rakowski, treasurer.

Linda Martin was voted in as assistant secretary and Steve Phillips as assistant treasurer.

Lerch Early and Brewer will be retained as legal counsel.

It was determined board meetings will be at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month with the locations to be determined.

Meeting dates are Sept. 24, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17

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## Worcester kids back to school

Summer ends as classes resume for 7,300 students

By Greg Wehner

Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) Nobody ever wants to be the bearer of bad news, so, kids, if you're reading, it's time to look away. Parents on the other hand, get ready for next week because you're about to get that time back into your lives.

A total of 6,851 students will be returning to Worcester County's 14 public schools on Tuesday, Sept. 6, which will mark the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Lou Taylor, the superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools, met with all the district teachers at the Performing Arts Center in the convention center on 40th Street in Ocean City on Tuesday morning, where the district held its annual teacher kick-off party.

During his talk, Taylor gave the faculty encouraging words to get through the school year while also boasting about the district's strong

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Josh Alton, confined to a wheelchair because of his cancer, celebrates Christmas in August with family, friends and fans.

## An early present for Josh

Youth's incurable cancer makes Christmas special

By Susan Canfora

Contributing Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) Josh Alton was beaming as an Ocean Pines fire engine, following a police car with lights flashing, made its way down Sandyhook Road Saturday evening.

And what to Josh's wondering eyes did appear but Santa Claus, descending from the passenger seat of the fire engine, carrying an armload of brightly wrapped gifts to the teen who, as guests joined in a chorus of "Jingle Bells," looked up at the merry elf from his wheelchair, the magic of Christmas in his eyes.

"Are you Josh? I've been looking for you. It's a long way from the North Pole," Santa said, handing the gifts to the 17-year-old who was diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Ewing Sarcoma last July, after doctors discovered a

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# New fire station a probability

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and July 15.

Parks said there will also be at least two town hall meetings. Topics will be determined, as will the times, dates and locations of those meetings.

Parks, who was appointed to the board in 2016, was elected in 2017 and again for a second, three-year term in 2020.

Asked before one election to define his skills, he said he has years of corporate leadership ability, having been a chief information officer and a technology business leader at several high-profile companies.

“Business acumen is another skill I bring as in my professional life, I have negotiated many contracts, prepared fiscal budgets and managed professional staffs at the corporate level. Additionally, I have consulted on business, technical, and staffing issues throughout my career.

“I focus on the aspect of teamwork and getting folks to interact in an open and professional manner in addressing an issue. Different perspectives and viewpoints are one of the most important aspects of my decision making and I strive to ensure that team concept is maintained as we conduct business and address issues.

“I enjoy the role of mediator and have done so on many occasions with the intent of acknowledging that differing points of view are valid and that with commitment a consensus can be reached. These skills and talents are paramount to being a director on the board of OPA,” Parks said at the time.

Board members may serve two, consecutive three-year terms, then must be off the board at least one year before running again. Parks said he doubts he will run for the board again.

“Prior to my first year on the board, I also chaired the By-Laws and Resolutions Committee. I have been on the board eight years, by design and by desire, and I’m very glad I did that. I love sharing my experience and helping the community. I might

look at a committee position next year,” he said this week.

“I have a lot of energy, so I have to use it up somehow. There are only so many projects around the house you can do, painting and things like that. So, my first inclination next year is looking at a committee position,” he said.

While being a board member takes considerable time and dedication, Parks said it has gotten easier over the years “knowing which issues require immediate attention and which issues require careful thought and planning, which have to be on front burner.”

An effective board president is a good listener, first, and, secondly, “aware your fellow board members bring value to the board and you should ensure you leverage them as resources,” said Parks, who, with his wife, Stevie, has a son and daughter and three grandchildren.

“The president has no more authority than anybody on the board, except, he or she would sign a contract, for example. It’s important to recognize the rest of the board members bring value and as president I need to recognize that value,” he said.

In the coming year, he said it’s important to him to concentrate on upgrades, and probably replacement of, the fire station in South Ocean Pines.

“I think it’s going to take longer than a year. I want to make sure we are doing all we can to prepare to put ourselves in a position for that project to be a success. It looks like that is where we are going to go, to build a new one, but it is early in the process.

“There is no finality to it but over the years they have fixed things — upgrades, minor upgrades — and they sort of realized there is no return on that investment. The only way to ensure they have functionality in the future, is to build a new building,” he said.

Early cost estimates are in the \$8.3 million range and Ocean Pines has a commitment of \$1.3 million in state funding, Parks said, crediting Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and Delegate Wayne Hartman.



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# Josh Alton gets early Christmas

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baseball-sized tumor crushing his spine. It's a cancer doctors won't be able to cure, his mother wrote on the GoFundMe page, created to raise \$50,000 to help the family with expenses.

But the prognosis didn't dampen the young man's spirits at Christmas in August on that evening of Aug. 27, as about 100 friends, relatives and neighbors, many wearing Santa hats, most dressed in red, arrived at the Alton home, decorated with lights and wreaths, courtesy of Kendall's Christmas Lights in Ocean City.

A giant inflatable snowman was in the front yard and the family earlier put up a 9-foot tree indoors.

Mrs. Alton mentioned to her friend, Melissa Esham, that she'd like to have a small celebration, since Christmas is her son's favorite holiday and since he's been ill and burdened by testing and treatments.

Once Esham told Colby Phillips, an Ocean Pines resident known for her community involvement, it grew into a festivity, with the Ocean Pines Fire Department quickly agreeing to transport Santa, portrayed to perfection by Bill Ettinger.

When Esham contacted Phillips, "I said, 'Absolutely.' I don't know the Altons. I just met them through this event but we have a lot of close mutual friends," said Phillips, who got Kendall's Christmas Lights involved, saw that there were freshly baked cookies and gifts and that Danielle Pohland, owner of The Snowball Stand, was there in her truck, handing out free snowballs in a variety of flavors.

"There was a lot of emotion," Phillips said the next day.

"This was about giving Josh and his family a moment to put aside the pain and the hurt of the struggles they are going through and feel the love," Phillips said.

"One of the things I love about this community and being involved in so many different events like this, or fund raisers or gifts for kids or after fires we have had is, this community, without even thinking, just jumps to help. I think a lot of times people want to help but they don't know how to help. For me, it's that strength in organizing and communication," Phillips said.

"It got bigger than it was intended it to be," a smiling Mrs. Alton said, as she stood by her son's wheelchair, watching the crowd grow larger, spilling into the family's driveway and onto the street.

Pohland was busy inside the truck, making snowballs. "Merry Christmas from The Snowball Stand" was neatly printed on the window, with white snowflakes around the words.

Santa ordered a polar punch snowball. "It seems appropriate because this coat is not as cool as you may think it is," he said with a laugh as children stood at his feet, gazing up at him and he told them, "I'll see you at Christmas."

"This is really fun," Josh said, telling

a guest he felt pretty well that evening, that he had taken a nap and was ready for what he calls "peopling."

His favorite snowball flavors are watermelon with ice cream and sour apple, he said, as his 21-year-old sister, Jayden, walked over with a Santa cap for her brother.

"We are really close," Alton said about Jayden who stood behind him, smoothed his hair that he said has grown back after he lost it due to chemotherapy, and pulled the cap onto his head.

At Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., he had spinal surgery to release pressure on his spine but hasn't regained use of his legs.

Josh was working at Baja Amusements near Ocean City. He had been having back pain for weeks, but at work started losing his balance. He called his mother, who took him to the hospital. Doctors transferred him to Children's.

On Aug. 18, Tara Alton posted on the GoFundMe page that doctors would not continue chemotherapy "as there is nothing more they can do with it."

"There are things we can try to prolong life (including trials) after these infections clear up and only if he decides ... we are planning to live life to the fullest for him and with him. We are heartbroken and crushed, but clinging to the little mustard seed of faith we have that God can heal and is still in the business of performing miracles.

"Either way, we know God is in this 100 percent and that the holds Joshua ever so close," Mrs. Alton wrote.

The community is, too.

"Hi, Josh. I'm Theresa. Do you like my antlers?" a woman said, walking up to Josh's wheelchair and extending her hand.

"They're my dog's. She looked at me funny when I left," she said, referring to the antler headband she was wearing and making Josh, casual in blue shorts, running shoes and A Christmas Story T-shirt, laugh, too.

All day on Christmas Day, that movie plays in their house, his father, Jason, said.

"It's just funny," Josh said, looking down at his shirt, printed with the words "I triple dog dare you," a line from the 1983 film.

A little later, a small circle of friends and family gathered around Josh to pray for him and he began to cry. His mother pressed his head against hers to comfort him.

As evening fell and clouds from an earlier rainfall parted, guests quietly sang "Silent Night."

Josh's dog, Chewy, ran to his wheelchair and a man turned to the woman beside him and, in a tender moment, said, "Peace by with you."

Phillips called for everyone to make a circle for group prayer, a plea for serenity during a confusing and difficult time.

"We love you, buddy" someone called.

"We can do this. We love you."



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Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp recently received major renovation including a new gangway, bumpers and boards put into the structure about a month ago.

## Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp gets major renovation

(Sept. 1, 2022) Improvements to the Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp are earning good reviews.

Public Works Manager Nobie Violante said a new gangway, bumpers and boards were put into the structure about a month ago.

"We put new walkways from the top of the fixed dock to the floating dock. They used to be wood, and we replaced them with galvanized aluminum so they will hold up better," he said. "We also put new boards on the floating part and new bumpers all the way around it."

He said Marina Dockmaster Ron Fisher added throw rings for safety, in case someone falls into the water.

"The walkway was pretty shaky before, so we basically rebuilt it," Violante said. "All in all, our maintenance team worked on it for about a month."

After the work was finished, Violante said Fisher sent a note letting him know how pleased everyone was with the finished product.

"Everyone has been really happy with it," Violante said. "It took a little longer than we anticipated to get the materials, but other than that everything went well."

John Latham from the Marine Activities Advisory Committee said his group conducted a community survey earlier this year, asking for input on various projects and needs, and the Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp was a major concern.

"[There] was a safety concern at the Mumford's Boat Ramp regarding the hand railings, pier walkway, side rub rails, and lack of safety ring," Latham said. "Our committee shared the findings with [General Manager] John Viola, and he reviewed and worked with his leadership team to gain the proper approvals to upgrade and make needed repairs."

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# Utility rate hikes take effect Sept. 1

Customers in Berlin to see price jump for water, sewer and stormwater services

By Maddy Lauria  
Contributing Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) Utility customers in Berlin will see the Sept. 1 rate increases for water, sewer and stormwater services take effect on their October billing statements.

In July, the Berlin Town Council voted to increase water and sewer capital service fees and double the town's stormwater fees to cover future expenses.

Water capital service fees were set at \$5 for residential properties and \$10 for commercial properties, while sewer capital service fees were set at \$14.50 for residential properties and \$29.50 for commercial properties. That makes the total increase for water and sewer bills \$19.50 for residential customers and



Natalie Saleh

\$39.50 for commercial.

"It's going to be set aside as the capital reserve for those two funds for future capital projects and unforeseen repairs to the water and wastewater plant," said Finance Director Natalie Saleh.

As for stormwater, residential rates were raised from \$50 to \$100 annually and the commercial annual fee increased to \$35 per ERU (equivalent residential unit), with a minimum of \$100.

The price hikes are expected to bring in an additional \$75,400 from residences and \$48,000 from businesses, as the Bayside Gazette has previously reported.

Saleh said the stormwater increases are also to cover future infrastructure and unexpected costs. She said many projects in this fiscal year are supported by funding from the

American Rescue Plan Act, so once that money runs out, the town will need funding to continue work.

She mentioned that the town's wastewater infrastructure is aging, and that wells and piping will be in need of repairs.

Berlin's Water Resources Department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the town's water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure, which includes ditches, drains, ponds, pipes, pump stations, water treatment (for drinking water and wastewater) and water towers (for storage). Treated wastewater is sprayed onto two wooded irrigation sites outside of town limits, according to the town's website.

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# New gangway, bumpers and boards

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Latham said he and the other committee members were also happy with the results.

"The project was recently com-

pleted, and it is a very nice improvement for our community," he said. "Our committee will continue to encourage community owners to share ideas and we will work to help make

recommendations to the OPA Board. The committee remains very excited to help make recommendations for the betterment of the entire community."



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# Enrollment rises from last year

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reputation in the state when it comes to academics.

“We work in the greatest school district in the country,” he said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the number of students expected to fill the halls this year is up by 62 over the 6,789 students who attended county schools last year.

The school year consists of 180 days of classroom time for students and teachers are expected to work 188 days.

The additional eight days teachers must work include professional workdays, which require them to report for a full-day’s pay.

For students, the professional workdays are time off.

The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for June 13, but that could change if the district uses up any of the three days set aside for inclement weather. On the school calendar, the make-up days are slated for June 14-16.

“I have seen first-hand the investment that this community makes into our young people,” Taylor said. “I, myself, am a product of that support, so I feel humbled and so fortunate that our community continues to put that trust in me and our leaders, teachers, and staff each year.”

Students who attend Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin began their return to classes on Monday, Aug. 29.

The private school currently has more than 485 students enrolled for the 2022-23 school year, with several grades running wait lists.

According to administrators at the school, enrollment grew by over 90 students between the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.

“We feel very positive about the growth we have had over the past several years,” Head of School Dr. John McDonald said. “We are reaching capacity and families are still reaching

out with interest.”

Like the public schools, Worcester Prep has a roughly 9-month school year.

Students in the upper school began classes on Tuesday, the middle school began on Wednesday, and the lower school began on Thursday.

Worcester Prep’s graduation is scheduled to take place on May 27, though students in the Lower School and Middle-Upper schools will step out of the school for summer on Jun 9 and June 13, respectively.

McDonald offered advice to students entering the school for the first time, saying they will need to hit the ground running to prevent falling behind.

“They should take advantage of the resources we have to support them and not be afraid to ask for help,” he said. “Seniors should work closely with our college counselor to meet application deadlines for colleges and scholarships as they prepare for the final year here at Worcester Prep.”

Along with getting encouraging words from Taylor during Tuesday’s pep rally, the keynote speaker of the morning was Kim Strobel, a motivational speaker who spoke about being happy and changing the mindset when working in a classroom.

According to Strobel, the human brain is 31 percent more productive when it experiences happiness over negativity. The brain is also three times more creative, she added.

When she was finished talking, Strobel invited all the teachers in the center to stand or join her on stage for a dance party that included songs liked Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believin’,” Naughty By Nature’s, “O.P.P.,” and Def Leopard’s, “Pour Some Sugar on Me.”

“It’s happiness that creates success,” Strobel said after lifting the spirits of many staff members as they head into the school year.

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The chief deputy fire marshal for Worcester County said a fire at the Hotel Atlantic in Berlin was attributed to a hotel employee's cigarette that was resting on the window.

# Employee cigarette sparks fire at historic Berlin hotel

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) The historic Hotel Atlantic in Berlin sustained damage last week after an employee's cigarette sparked a fire near the kitchen of the Victorian structure.

The Berlin Volunteer Fire Company responded to reports of smoke at the three-story building at 3:53 p.m.

When crews arrived, they reported smoke and fire coming from the

kitchen area, but was contained to an area just below a window.

Rob Korb, the chief deputy fire marshal for Worcester County said on Tuesday that the fire was attributed to an employee's cigarette that was resting on the window.

Korb said the hotel reopened two days after the fire, and the structure sustained approximately \$20,000 worth of damage.

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# Police continue investigation into week-old home invasion

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation is still on the lookout for a man wanted for breaking into a home in Berlin on Aug. 21 and brandishing a weapon before fleeing on foot.

Detectives have not released a description of the man, who at 11 p.m. that night forced his way into the home through a window.

When the man got into the home, residents inside were alerted and got into a scuffle with him. According to a statement from police, the man brandished a weapon while inside the home – though a description of that weapon was not provided – before taking off on foot.

By the time officers from the Berlin Police Department arrived on the scene, the suspect was long gone. The case has since been handed over to the county Bureau of Investigation.

Additional agencies including the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, State Police Crime Scene Unit, and Pocomoke City Police Department K9 Division responded to the scene.

Anyone with information about the home invasion who may have seen anything suspicious in the area during the evening hours are encouraged to contact detectives with the County Bureau of Investigation at 410-632-1111 or the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1333.

# Hotel reopened after two days

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sisted by crews from Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Showell and Newark.

The hotel occupants, according to a release, were displaced for about an hour, or until the fire was under control.

The release also said the restaurant would remain closed for repairs, and the incident was referred to the Worcester County Department of Environmental Health for further action.

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# Jolley gets four consecutive life sentences plus 75 years



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**Cody Jolley**

(Sept. 1, 2022) Cody Jolley, 32, of Snow Hill, was sentenced on Aug. 25 to four consecutive life sentences plus 75 years in the Division of Correc-



**Cody Jolley**

He was found guilty by a jury after trial in the Worcester County Circuit Court on May 18.

The Honorable William Jones of the Dorchester County Circuit Court presided over the case and imposed the sentence, ordering Jolley to serve a total of 105 years of active incarceration, with 60 of those years as a mandatory minimum sentence with no parole eligibility.

If released, Jolley must register as a lifetime sex offender, have no contact with minor children, submit a DNA sample and will be monitored by special offender supervision.

The charges stem from a complaint of sexual abuse made by a

third-grade student and reported to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in May 2021.

A forensic interview of the child was conducted by a social worker at the CRICKET Center, Worcester County's Child Advocacy Center. Further investigation by detectives revealed Jolley had abused the child for over a year and resulted in Jolley being placed under arrest and indicted on multiple sex offenses.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser commended the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, the CRICKET Center, the Department of Social Services, and Det. Martin for their tireless investigation and thanked Assistant State's Attorneys Pamela Correa and Kathryn Gravely for prosecuting this difficult case.

The mission of the Cricket Center is to create a community response in which abusers are held accountable and children and families experience hope and healing.

The multidisciplinary team is made up of law enforcement officers, child protective service personnel, prosecutors, advocates, mental health therapists and medical personnel.

To learn more, or to report suspected child abuse, please contact 410-641-0097.





# Board of Education Briefs

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Aug. 16 and discussed things such as staffing for the special education department to ensure students with disabilities get the best opportunity to learn, a waiver of the procurement process with regards to funds for improving a district-wide antenna system, and the hiring of several new staff members.

## Special Education

Windy Phillips, the supervisor of special education services, presented a staffing plan for the department to the board of education on Aug. 16 that ensures each student with a disability gets the necessary resources to learn in the least restrictive environment.

The plan, which can be found attached to the board of education meeting agenda, includes public input and staffing patterns of service providers who specialize in special education and other related services.

Also included in the plan is the number and type of service providers needed in the school district, how the plan will be used to monitor the assignment of personnel to ensure students are being pro-

vided with free appropriate public education, or FAPE, in the least restrictive environment, or LRE.

The plan also goes over the number of vacancies in the district and how FAPE is included when vacancies occur.

## Procurement waiver

Worcester Public Schools was awarded two Maryland Emergency Education Relief grants in June, and the money is intended to go toward the expansion of the district's Distributed Antenna System to improve cellular coverage in school buildings and the immediate surrounding areas.

Brian Cook, the grants manager for the school district, asked the board to waive the conventional bidding process because of grant requirements that place a stringent timeline on using the funds.

Board Member Todd Ferrante moved to allow the competitive process to be waived, which was seconded by board members Nate Passwaters. The motion carried with a unanimous vote from the board.

## Staffing

Board members accepted the resignations of nine employees while hiring 19 others and promoting one.

Some of the roles that saw turnover included educational assistants, cafeteria staffing, custodians, social workers, and teachers.



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# Pine Tones Chorus set to start weekly rehearsals Sept. 8

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Pine Tones Chorus will begin its weekly rehearsals at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 1 p.m.

The chorus welcomes potential new members to come and join the singing any Thursday in September starting on the 8th. Both ladies and gentlemen of all parts, soprano, alto, tenor and bass, are invited.

The chorus will be singing a variety of songs, preparing for the fall and Christmas holiday season.

The Pine Tones have been presenting concerts in the spring and in December for more than 35 years.

This year's Christmas holiday concert will be on Friday, Dec. 9, at Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City.

The chorus also sings at various community events such as Arbor Day and Worcester Veterans Memorial ceremonies.

For additional information, call Dave Holloway at 610-213-7472 or June Todd, 443-880-3922.

Funding for chorus activities comes from patrons as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. These organizations are dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.



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# Teachers all hired up for 2022-23

Despite national educator shortage, WCPS fills 100 percent of instructor jobs

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) Heading into the 2022-23 school year, the Worcester County Public Schools system is nearly 100 percent staffed, and that's despite the teacher shortage that is affecting the rest of the country.

Many, including teachers, are blaming the shortage on pay, added responsibilities from the covid-19 pandemic, and a lack of backing from administrators to teachers when it comes to instruction.

"There's certainly a teacher shortage across the nation," Dr. Dwayne Abt, the chief operations and human relations officer for Worcester Schools said last week. "It's getting worse all the time."

But in this county, he said, the district has been able to fill all the certified positions for the upcoming school year. These positions include teachers, principals, additional administrators and other personnel.

In terms of service providers – positions like social workers and speech pathologists – the district has less than a handful of positions open.

Abt said there is a social worker position that the district pays for using a grant that still needs to be filled as well as a speech pathologist position that opened over the summer, or as he said, a little late in the game for the upcoming school year.

Abt and the district are a bit lucky compared to neighboring counties like Wicomico and Somerset because it has a few things working in their favor.

For example, Worcester Public Schools is one of the highest performing school districts in the state. When people check out the job openings and



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Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor addresses the crowd of new teachers on their first day of Worcester's New Teacher Orientation on Aug. 15.

investigate the district's reputation, Abt explained, they will see all the schools are high performing, from the north end to the south on the lower shore.

Also working in the district's favor is it only takes 16 steps, or years, for a teacher to reach the highest earning potential, not including cost-of-living adjustments.

The neighboring counties have 19, 20, and 25-step pay scales, though when it comes to salary, all three districts are competitive with no more than a \$2,000 difference between positions, Abt said.

The final piece that makes Worcester attractive for teachers is the beach, Abt said.

"Lately, a lot of folks have been coming from the Baltimore area who have second homes here," he said. "They're to the point in their career that they want to get out of the city and to the beach."

In March, the district gets an early start in recruiting for the following school year. The push kicks off with a

job fair, though the school district maintains good relationships with all the area universities to get an idea of how many students are in the education program.

Along with those relationships, the district offers those college students internships, or student teaching opportunities.

There is also a program at Worcester Technical High School that students can enroll in as early as sixth grade and complete a series of classes in the teaching field. When they graduate, they walk with several college credits toward teaching programs.

With a teacher shortage affecting the rest of the country, it is only a matter of time that it could come to Worcester County. School officials are aware of that but continue to put proactive procedures in place for recruiting and retaining staff.

"I've got everybody except one here in Worcester County Schools," Abt said of this upcoming school year. "We are very blessed here."

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## COLLEGE PREP

Rising Worcester Prep seniors recently attended a four-day College Application Workshop in the Guerrieri Library, hosted by the school's Office of College Counseling. Sophia Spadaro, left, and Kathy Zhang are pictured during the workshop.



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## BOOK DONATION

The Worcester County Garden Club recently hosted Story Time at all five Worcester County Library branches during which the National Garden Clubs, Inc. book, "Network with Nature," was read to local children. Members also involved the children in a butterfly art activity. The books were presented in honor of honorary lifetime member Sue Hommel for her many years of dedicated service to the Worcester County Garden Club. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Garden Club members Pat Arata and Christina Hulslander presenting the National Garden Clubs, Inc. book to Worcester County Library Youth Services Manager Sara Wheatley and Snow Hill branch librarian Rachel Jones.



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## APPRECIATION

Pat Winkelmayer, longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, recently received her "Appreciation Award" for being named the July Kiwanian of the Month from President Tim Lund. She has been the cashier for most all the "Dawg Team" events and is also the club's recording secretary.



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## PINE STEPPERS

Recent graduates of the Ocean Pines Pine Steppers Square Dance Club, from left, are Melanie Walker of Ocean Pines, Annie Berger of Millville and Dick and Sandy Robinson of Salisbury. Four free Wednesday Square Dance lessons start Sept. 14, 7-8:45 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Singles and couples welcome. Call 908-229-8799 for more information.



# BOE split on sex education policy changes from state

**By Greg Wehner**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Worcester County Board of Education met on Tuesday, Aug. 16 for a regular scheduled meeting, where they accepted several policy revisions.

Dr. Annette Wallace, the chief safety and academic officer for the school district, told board members many of the policies were reformatted over the past two years and reviewed by department coordinators.

The policies brought forward were just some of the revisions and more are expected to be submitted for review at a later date.



Annette Wallace

Some of the policies approved pertained to adult education programs, physical education, and athletic programs for students with disabilities, and family life and sex education.

**Sex education**

A modification to the family life and sexual health education programs mandated by the state was approved by the board, though not unanimously.

Wallace introduced the policy, and to be transparent said, the revisions were being mandated by the state and were not brought forward by board members because they thought it was a good idea to make a change.

Worcester Schools provides family life and sex education to students in grades 5-9 and is intended to represent all students regardless of ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, according to the policy.

Parents may have their children opt out of family life and sex education, the policy states, though menstruation must be taught in an alternative setting.

According to Wallace, the parents can only opt out of the menstruation portion for reasons approved by the

State.

Another modification to the policy is that anyone who teaches family life or sex education must be health certified. In the past, the two courses were taught by physical education teachers, which according to Wallace, is different from being health certified.

Board President Elena McComas questioned the details and wanted to know if parents could opt out at any time.

When it came to a vote, McComas and Board Member Nate Passwaters voted against the policy revisions. Still, the changes passed.

The policy revisions can be found on the district's website at <https://www.worcesterk12.org/> under the meeting agenda.

**Adult education programs**

In 2009, adult learning and the division of workforce development were transferred from the Maryland State Department of Education to the Department of Labor.

Now, 13 years later, the district is updating its policy to reflect the change with regards to who manages the program.

Board members unanimously approved the revised policy.

**P.E. for disabled students**

A school policy that ensures all students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in physical education programs and try out for athletic programs was modified slightly to address adaptive physical education programs.

According to the definition provided in the new policy, adaptive physical education refers to the idea that the delivery of service is adopted while behaviors are adaptive. So, a physical education program can be adaptive to meet the needs of a student with a disability through modifications and accommodations. Also, adaptive physical

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# Hospital actively recruiting nurses

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2022) People who have been on the beach recently have probably seen a large banner flapping behind an airplane making its way over the ocean advertising “90K” salaries for nurses.

It looks appealing, and those with nursing degrees or aspirations of entering the field may have had their interest sparked.

But there’s a problem: the banner is not local and it is exacerbating an ongoing nursing shortage at Atlantic General Hospital.

Bob Yocubik, the hospital’s interim vice president of patient care, knows all about the banner, which he said is the product of a traveling nurse agency trying to poach from the local talent pool.

“The travel nursing industry has made it very challenging for us because it becomes a very competitive situation,” Yocubik said recently. “And we’re competing with hospitals in California where the cost of living is very high and the salaries are very high. That’s part of what was on the sign — we’ll pay you \$90,000 in a place that’s very high cost of living.”

Even without the enticement of a \$90,000 starting salary — which is nearly \$30,000 more than AGH pays on average — Yocubik said the hospital has experienced staffing challenges for a while.

“We’re definitely seeing issues with critical staffing shortages. And part of that is because we’ve seen a significant increase in patients,” he said. “We’re usually very busy in the summer but the patients are coming

in and they’re very sick, so we have high acuity patients with staffing challenges. And that’s specific to nursing and certified nursing assistants. And also our emergency room technicians. Those are areas we have challenges with.”

While covid bumped up patient numbers at the height of the pandemic, Yocubik said patients are coming in now with a variety of illnesses.

“Some of it could have been related to past covid. [But] often it’s just we have an older population here,” he said.

The struggles are not specific to this area, either.

According to a recent report from the Maryland Hospital Association, state hospitals are facing “the most critical staffing shortage in recent



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**Kristi Trader, a registered nurse at Atlantic General Hospital, smiles under her protective gear during a shift.**

memory, with one in every four nurse positions vacant.”

The report attributed the low numbers primarily to high staff turnover, shifting care delivery models, and an insufficient talent pipeline.

Yocubik, who in his interim position is tasked to encourage and inspire nurses to come work at Atlantic General, said the hospital has faced similar challenges.

“Some of the key factors were we have an aging workforce, a lot of the nurses are close to 50 years old, and we have a limited supply of new nurses coming out of the pipeline from the schools,” Yocubik said.

To remedy the situation, the hospital has partnered with various educational institutions, such as Wor Wic, Salisbury University and Delaware Tech, as well as a regional high school to recruit new nurses.

“We’re trying to take advantage of those different partnerships,” Yocubik said. “I’m trying to get more involved with the schools every day, talk to students individually when they’re here, just to give them an idea of what we have to offer.”

Atlantic General also offers a nursing residency program, which Yocubik said has been successful.

“The nurse residency programs support nurses in their first year. They have weekly meetings and education sessions,” he explained. “That See LEVEL Page 17

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## Board modifies several policies

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education is not a setting, but instead is a service.

It is the responsibility of the student’s Individualized Education Program, or IEP, team to determine the student’s needs, according to the policy.

The board voted in favor of the slight modification.



# Level of care remains positive

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has been very positive and well received by the new nurses.”

But even with the efforts, the number of people who want to enter the nursing field is still low, which Yocubik attributed not only to covid, but also to the availability of other, more enticing job opportunities.

“There’s a calling to nursing ... there are individuals out there that are still seeking that calling. But I think that you’ll find that those numbers are down,” he said. “They are down as opposed to previous years. And I think covid may have had an impact on that.”

Even with the lower number of nurses at the local hospital, Yocubik said the level of care has not changed.

“The quality of care remains high but we’re having to use our clinical managers to kick in and help.”

The directors are out there helping take care of patients, he said.

“So, in a very small independent hospital ... we don’t have a lot of extra nurses, if you will, or bench strength, if you will, to support the nurses that are out there. So, we’re having managers, directors, leadership out in those roles and over time that is wearing us down.”

Yocubik said the medical surgery unit is currently short three or four nurses, while the ICU is down several

as well.  
To cope, the hospital is offering monetary incentives to nurses and other support staff to take on extra shifts. But those efforts will not work forever.

“We’re incentivizing them with increased pay, but over time for the health care industry that’s not going to be sustainable. We just can’t continue to do this,” Yocubik said. “So what we’re trying to do is we’re trying to get out in front of that and get high quality nurses in here from other regions, from out of nursing school. We are trying to get them in here and teach them the AGH way. In general, how we do things and how we prioritize safety and patient care.”

Yocubik added that all things considered, Atlantic General is regarded highly for its level of care, and when people want to be in the health care field, the local hospital has positive offerings, like low nurse-to-patient ratios and an overall caring atmosphere.

“It’s just Atlantic General Hospital is a very friendly, family-oriented place ... And I think that’s why a lot of people want to work here,” he said. “We’re a small, independent hospital. There are ... very few small, independent hospitals across the country. And we’ve succeeded in that model just by being that small, friendly, caring hospital.”

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# Local students to benefit from Back to School Bash

(Sept. 1, 2022) More than 160 backpacks, plus a large amount of school supplies, were collected during the inaugural Back to School Bash held last Saturday in Ocean Pines.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said about 150 people attended the event, which included games, water slides and moon bounces for children.

The backpacks and supplies will be donated to local schools through non-profit Worcester County GOLD, which collected the items on Saturday.

Recreation Program Supervisor Kyle Jarmon organized the Back to School Bash on behalf of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

“The event went very well, and I thought we had a great turnout,” he said. “For a first-time event, it was nice to see so many people come out, drop off supplies, and just have fun.”

Jarmon said 169 backpacks were donated, along with scores of loose school supplies.

“That was a lot more than I expected. Being a first-time event, it’s hard to have a good gauge on how it’s going to go, so it was nice to have this be the result. There’s going to be a lot of kids getting a lot of good stuff,” he said.

“Honestly, my mind is blown by the whole thing,” Jarmon continued. “I didn’t expect it to be that big of a turnout. And I can’t wait to see what kind of improvements we can make in the future, to make it even bigger next year.”

Donahue said she was grateful to everyone who attended the event, and especially to those who donated supplies.

“We’re very happy to have supported such a worthy cause, and we know Worcester County GOLD will put those supplies to good use,” she said. “For our first event, this was very successful.”

Worcester County GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford said

the increased cost of basic needs, including school supplies, continues to squeeze Worcester County residents. Because of that, annual donation drives are vital to the success of at-risk students in the county.

“We are so thankful for the incredible amount of school supplies the Ocean Pines community donated to support this event and its mission to prepare local children for the school year and reduce the burden on families with low income,” Cranford said.

“Thanks to supporters like those who contributed to this event, GOLD is providing school and grade-specific supplies for over 400 local students identified as needing a helping hand. Together, we’ve helped these students toward equitable education and allowed them to blend in with their peers.”

Along with annual school supply donation drives, Worcester County GOLD provides financial aid for housing, utilities and food insecurity, and items for children and vulnerable adults through its Emergency Financial Assistance Program.

Worcester County GOLD’s “VAULT” stores basic items for children (diapers, wipes, clothing, and infant items) and vulnerable adults (hygiene bags, food bags, and clothing).

Housing assistance is applied to prevent eviction, secure a rental, or for emergency shelter. Utility assistance is applied to prevent the disconnection of, or reconnect utility services like water, gas, oil, and electricity.

Additional programs include summer activities for at-risk youth, Thanksgiving turkey meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays.

Cranford said all requests for help come from trained social workers on the front lines of community needs. Worcester County GOLD partners with the Worcester County offices of Social Services, Board of Education, Health Department, and Maryland Access Point.



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More than 160 backpacks, plus a large amount of school supplies, were collected during the inaugural Back to School Bash held last Saturday in Ocean Pines. Pictured, from left, are Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue, Derek Jarmon, Sr. and Recreation Program Supervisor Kyle Jarmon.

GOLD also provides immediate aid while the partnering agency works to establish long-term solutions to prevent future emergencies.

Worcester County GOLD is currently seeking businesses and organizations to sponsor the upcoming 25th Anniversary Gala scheduled for Oct. 7 at the Ocean City

Fontainebleau Resort.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.Worcester-GOLD.org](http://www.Worcester-GOLD.org).

For more information on Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks programs, visit [www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks](http://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks) or call 410-641-7052.

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# Opinion

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## Directors should see calmer seas ahead

The Ocean Pines Association should see relatively calm seas in the year ahead, if the last tenure of Doug Parks as president in 2019 is any indication.

Judging from his performance then, most people would conclude that Parks' last go-round in the OPA's top post will take a decidedly moderate approach.

And why shouldn't it? Unlike when he was appointed to the board of directors in 2016 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Renaud, the association is in excellent financial shape. It also has an established game plan to follow and a solid general manager in John Viola to administer it.

Of course, things can always go wrong, given the balancing act the directors must perform when weighing constituents' needs versus their wants, and reconciling that with the budgetary restraints the association members demand.

But even in volatile circumstances, Parks has shown that he's averse to conflict and clearly prefers to talk things out rather than engage in the bomb-throwing exercise for which various other boards were known. Some might argue that he could be a little more aggressive in certain circumstances, but that just isn't his style and, backed up as he is by what appears to be a majority of the directors, there's no real need for that to change.

The one truly interesting aspect of this new board is that two board members who had a tough time even getting elected this year now have leadership roles. Vice President Rick Farr battled the previous board in court for months over its assertion that he wasn't even eligible to run for office before a judge ordered an end to that straw-grasping exercise in January.

Board Secretary Stuart Lakernick also had to endure all manner of blatant smears of his household to prevail in this summer's election.

But those struggles are over now and the job at hand requires putting aside any lingering grievances and going to work for the community. If Parks presides the way he has in the past, there's no reason that won't happen.



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## OP Chamber to host car show, Sat.

(Sept. 1, 2022) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its eighth annual car show on Saturday, Sept. 3.

The car show will be held at Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads. Several food trucks will be there as well as Radio Ocean City for entertainment.

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registering for the car show or becoming a vendor, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or stop in the office at 11047 Racetrack Road Berlin, Maryland 21811.

The car show will begin around 10 a.m. and trophies will be awarded by 1 p.m.

There will be trophies awarded in these categories: Classic, Antique, Hot Rod,

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## Anniversary celebration set for Oct. 7

(Sept. 1, 2022) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will host its 25th anniversary gala at the Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort on Oct. 7.

Honorees include past and present GOLD board members; Community Impact Award recipient Worcester County Bar Association; Volunteer Engagement Award winner the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City; and Excellence in Service Award

recipient Lillian Wilkinson.

"For 25 years, GOLD has worked alongside numerous community partners to bring dignity to Worcester County residents," said Shannon Wright, GOLD Board of Directors president. "This gala will not only celebrate how far GOLD has come and the people who have made it possible, but also all that is still to be done to achieve GOLD's mission. On behalf of GOLD, we would like to invite everyone who has been involved, in any capacity, with GOLD to join us for

this milestone celebration at the 25th anniversary gala on Oct. 7."

Tickets cost \$125 per person and include a cocktail hour with open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, three-course plated meal and silent auction.

GOLD is seeking event sponsors and items to be utilized in the silent auction. All proceeds benefit Worcester County GOLD. Visit [WorcesterGOLD.org](http://WorcesterGOLD.org) for event details, sponsorship opportunities, and to purchase tickets.





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The Ocean Pines Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to buy three new vehicles for \$158,000 that will jump-start a “take-home vehicle” program.

# New ‘take-home vehicle’ prog.

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neighborhood.

He said county police are getting about five-to-six years on take-home cars, which is longer than shared vehicles that can see three shifts each day.

“The issue today is the cost, the opportunity, and the timing .... does it have to be done today? My opinion is ‘yes,’” Ehrisman said. “If this passes ... it fulfills my obligation to be able to implement” the take-home policy.

“There’s not a police agency I’m aware of that does not offer a take-home policy ... so this is huge for us,” he added.

General Manager John Viola said the money for the purchase would come out of replacement reserves and would help spread out mileage and extend the life of other vehicles in the police fleet.

Asked by Director Doug Parks what impact the purchase would have on the overall reserve percentage, Viola said it would only be a fractional impact.

“It shouldn’t move the needle from where we’re at,” Viola said.

Director Rick Farr asked why the purchase wasn’t part of the last budget, and Ehrisman said there were two reasons.

One, he budgeted conservatively because of looming state mandates requiring body cameras for police, and two, many other agencies “upped their game” last December and January with offers of bonuses and take-home cars.

Asked about the disparities between Ocean Pines Police and other agencies, Viola said Ocean Pines officers receive 401k benefits and he has been working to close the gap in pay between neighboring agencies.

The association does not qualify for the federal Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System, also known as LEOPS, because it is not a municipality.

Director Stuart Lakernick called for the board to make “an actual commitment that we will do better by our police department” in the future.

“The car is one aspect, but the pay is the big aspect,” he said. “You want a career cop, make a career commitment to them.”

Association President Colette Horn said that would likely be part of the next budget process.

“I think we all agree that retention and recruitment is a huge challenge, and this board has an opportunity to impact that,” she said.

Board members voted 6-0 in favor of a motion to purchase the vehicles. One Board member, Frank Daly, was not present.

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# Obituaries

## RICHARD BYRD TAYLOR

Berlin

Richard Byrd (Dick) Taylor, 91, passed peacefully away on Aug. 19, 2022.

Born Dec. 29, 1930, Dick was raised in Quantico, Maryland. He was the son of the late Clifford Augustus Taylor, Sr., and Sadie Holt Taylor.

Dick graduated from Wicomico High School, where he was a standout athlete especially in football.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps, becoming a Korean War veteran, shortly after graduation and attended college at the University of Florida, proudly becoming a "Gator."

In later years, he was a deputy sheriff in Wicomico County. After 30 years of working as a building inspector for the Town of Ocean City Dick retired.

He enjoyed daily jogs on the Boardwalk and walking his beloved Chesapeake Retriever who was named Taylor. Sadly, he lost his beloved Taylor a couple of months ago.

Dick was a member of the Masonic Lodge; he was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, especially waterfowl. He always had interesting stories about his hunting experiences.

Whenever you saw Richard, you were always met with a firm handshake, slap on the back, beautiful smile and he always said he "felt like a million dollars," no matter how he really felt.

He is survived by his children, Richard "Ricky" Taylor Hardy (Marilyn), Robert "Bobby" Taylor and Patty Lou Adams; stepchildren, Ken, Cynthia, Donna and Andrew and Teri Hardy.

He is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews as well as his very special friend and companion, Pasty Stewart and her children.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Elizabeth "Liz" German Taylor; the mother of his children, Patricia "Pat" Schoonover Taylor Hardy; his siblings, Clifford Augustus Taylor, Jr. (Esther), Orlando "Bunk" Taylor (Jeannette), Eleanor Taylor Horsey "Ernie," Margaret "Peggy" Sterling (T.R.), Emilyne Taylor Couch "Joe;" and his niece, Terri Taylor.

A memorial service will be held at Holloway Funeral Home, Salisbury, Maryland, on Sept. 4, 2022, at noon with a visitation one hour prior.



Richard Taylor

## DOROTHY LEE HASTINGS

Berlin

Dorothy Lee Hastings, age 83, died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury.

Born in Snow Hill, she was the daughter of the late Clayton Moore and Edna (Webb) Moore.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen "Sonny" Hastings; and brothers, Floyd and Freddy Moore.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori Hastings and Tina Donaway.

There are four grandchildren, Breeanna Popp (Roy Dill), Jessica Donaway, Rachel Donaway and Lane Jones; two stepgrandchildren, Colin Jones and RJ Jones; and one great-grandchild, Arianna Wells, and several nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is her brother, Clayton Moore; good friend, Evelyn Hartzell; and caregiver, Mackensie.

Dorothy had been a devoted mother and homemaker. She was also a poultry grower and farmer who loved Orioles baseball, NASCAR, and enjoyed feeding the squirrels and the birds.

Cremation followed her death. No formal services are planned at this time.

Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

# OP Association hears from legal reps and auditing firm

(Sept. 1, 2022) The 2022 annual meeting of the Ocean Pines Association included yearly reports from Ocean Pines' legal representation and auditing firm.

On the legal front, Jeremy Tucker of Lerch, Early & Brewer said his firm has worked with the association since 2016.

In looking at the association's recent accomplishments, Tucker said, "From my perspective, I think this has been an extraordinarily produc-

tive year."

Among the key accomplishments were the passage of 28 amendments to Ocean Pines bylaws, and the implementation of electronic voting.

"I think approximately 1,000 members voted electronically ... that is a great number for the first year out," he said. "In my experience, that means more and more people over the years will start voting, and that's a wonderful thing."

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# Cuisine

## Al Pastor easy to prepare and satisfying

*Reprint from Sept. 7, 2017*  
St. Augustine of Hippo wrote quite some time ago – paraphrased – that people can’t help “but to watch a man crushed under a cart’s wheel, knowing the outcome, but not able to stare away nonetheless.”



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3  
I remember having a senior honors class on the dude at Loyola back in the 90s, and that was the one thing that I took away from all of those readings.

Nowadays we coin this human phenomenon “train wreck,” something that kids first say when they open their mouth full of food to show off to their friends on the other side of the ubiquitous octagonal lunch table.

It progresses from there to full-on train wrecks, whether they be the drama between friends and foes, reality TV or the silly things we see on local news.

The evening hours are creeping up on me, and I’m getting ready to watch “La Femme Nikita” – the original French version with subtitles, with the inimitable Anne Parillaud.

I’m excited, as I haven’t seen it in years and it puts Bridget Fonda’s redo [“Point of No Return”] to shame. It is a movie that is brutally raw and exciting, invoking inner emotions of ire, vengeance and justice.

But no, I stumble across an American series-remake with a cast I am assuming are leftover members from “Dawson’s Creek,” “Baywatch” and “Beverly Hills, 90210;” and I can’t stop watching it, it’s so bad.

It’s sensationalistic drama at its finest, complete with Jim Carey-esque overacting and “NCIS” Mark Harmon melodrama that would make Mlle.

Parillaud blush in shame and horror at having the franchise named after her famous film.

This is my train wreck and I cannot look away. It is now 2:30 in the morning and I must be up at 6 a.m., but darn these producers, the cast of pretty-people-playing-bad-guys has me enthralled for no other reason than I just want to find out “what happens next.” They are good at the hook, I’ll give them that.

Luckily, I sit and ponder this travesty with a bottle of Montepulciano

and a belly full of al pastor tacos that I had thrown on the rotisserie for dinner.

There’s no need to snack, as I’m feeling good and satiated from our last cookout of summer. Have no fear, though, I cookout all year long, but this is just technically the last hurrah before the kids and I are back in school. But back to the dish.

Al Pastor is a pork preparation that I get when I can from taquerias around the area, and the dish is so easy to make – and satisfying – that I can’t help but smile as I run to the fridge to nosh a little more on the leftovers (I lied; I am going to snack my way through this).

Al pastor is a taco that is made from pork that is based loosely on a shawarma-type apparatus.

The dish has some pineapple incorporated, but I honestly cannot tell you when that step in the process was introduced. All I can tell you is that fire-roasting this on a skewer over open hardwood charcoal, and then shaving the meat off, will take you right back to the street carts in Baja or on the mainland.

In the picture, you will probably notice that I used pork loin and I don’t recommend this, but it’s what I had in the icebox at the time.

Pork shoulder and Boston butt are the preferred cuts for this, but you will need to marinate them longer, as the enzymes in the pineapple and other ingredients will help to tenderize the meat over time.

I went uber-simple on the recipe, even throwing some of you a bone (those of you who often tell me that I overcomplicate things in this column).

You can buy Sazon Goya spice packets that will have everything you need for the marinade.

In the end, at least you know there won’t be any drama in the making of your al pastor tacos – a meal that would make even St. Augustine proud.

### Cheater al Pastor

enough for about 20 tacos

- 2 pounds Pork butt
- 2 packets Sazon Goya\*
- 4 oz. Pineapple juice
- 1/4 c. Olive oil
- Salt & Pepper, only if needed
- 1 pineapple, skinned

1. Cut the pineapple into large chunks that won’t fall apart when you skewer them

2. Combine everything but the pineapple in a bowl, tossing well



3. Marinate in the refrigerator overnight or for at least four hours

4. This dish is best prepared over an open flame, and a lot of people have rotisseries on their grills, so that’s what I would suggest. Otherwise, you can roast this and it will be good ... just not the same

5. Skewer the pineapple and the pork, alternating as you go

6. Fire-roast this bad boy until the pork is done and getting slightly charred. The smoky flavor with the char and the sweet from the pineapple will literally cause a flavor explosion as you eat

7. When you are ready to serve, use corn tortillas (I’m a stickler), avocado

and/or guacamole, diced tomato, diced red onion, chilies if you prefer and some crème fraîche

8. Simply shave the pineapple and pork off the skewer in a slicing fashion to make small bits and make your tacos

9. And have a beer to celebrate the kids being back in school. Go ahead, you deserve it

\*get the Sazon with cumin and anatto

— Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering.  
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# Tennis, pickleball courts update

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Tucker said online voting helps cut costs and increase participation.

“And it’s very easy to use,” he said. “For those who did vote by electronic transmission, thank you. We hope to see [online voting] continue to grow over the years.”

Tuckers said tennis and pickleball court renovations and the introduction of a water taxi service were also positive additions that involved the work of the firm.

“All of these things have been very practical [and] productive ... for the community,” he said. “Sometimes people can’t see the tangible things and those are absolutely tangible achievements.”

On collections, Tucker said the current and previous boards approved an “aggressive, diligent pursuit of unpaid assessments” that has continued to be effective.

That includes \$74,000 in unpaid assessments this year and \$929,737.28 in total, since 2016.

“That is a wonderful number that we’re pleased to inform you of. It also means that’s how big the delinquency had gotten,” Tucker said, adding he would like to avoid similar large numbers in the future.

“The problem is, those who do pay have to cover the cost of those who don’t,” he said. “So, it is very important that everybody pays. That’s your lifeblood that pays many of the bills, pays staff [and] pays for turning the lights on here ... we think that that’s an important thing to continue to do.”

Tucker said he could not comment on pending litigation but noted the insurance company “picked up coverage of that” and appointed a separate legal counsel to handle the case.

“Overall, we believe that this has been a pretty positive year,” Tucker said. “I think the Board has ... worked hard together and achieved a lot.

“It has been our pleasure to work with the Board [and] we’re excited to work with the new Board,” he added.

As for the association’s auditor, Chris Hall of UHY LLP, formerly

the TGM Group, said his firm is hired to audit and render an opinion on the Association’s financial statements, which are made available online each year.

To view the 2022 report, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/103786/OPA+Financials+FY22+-+Final.pdf>.

Hall said the most important part of that document is the audit report, which can be found on the first three pages.

“The very first paragraph talks about our opinion, and it says, ‘In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects.’ That’s a clean, unmodified opinion [and] that’s the highest level of assurance that any independent accounting firm can give on a financial statement,” he said.

“As auditors, we’re required to assess risks, document our understanding of internal controls, and ... test procedures to render an opinion on the set of financial statements that are presented,” he said.

Hall said the review process starts each April with a test of internal controls, including sample counts of inventory onsite in Ocean Pines.

In late May and early June balance sheets and income statements are tested, and in July financial statements are prepared and reviewed.

“All of that leads up to preparing a set of financial statements that we render an opinion on that gets presented at the annual meeting today,” he said. “Congratulations to the board, to staff and everyone – the association is in a very healthy position.”

For questions about the presentation, email [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org).

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

To view video of the legal report, visit <https://youtu.be/LjvWd-VTeRc?t=660>.

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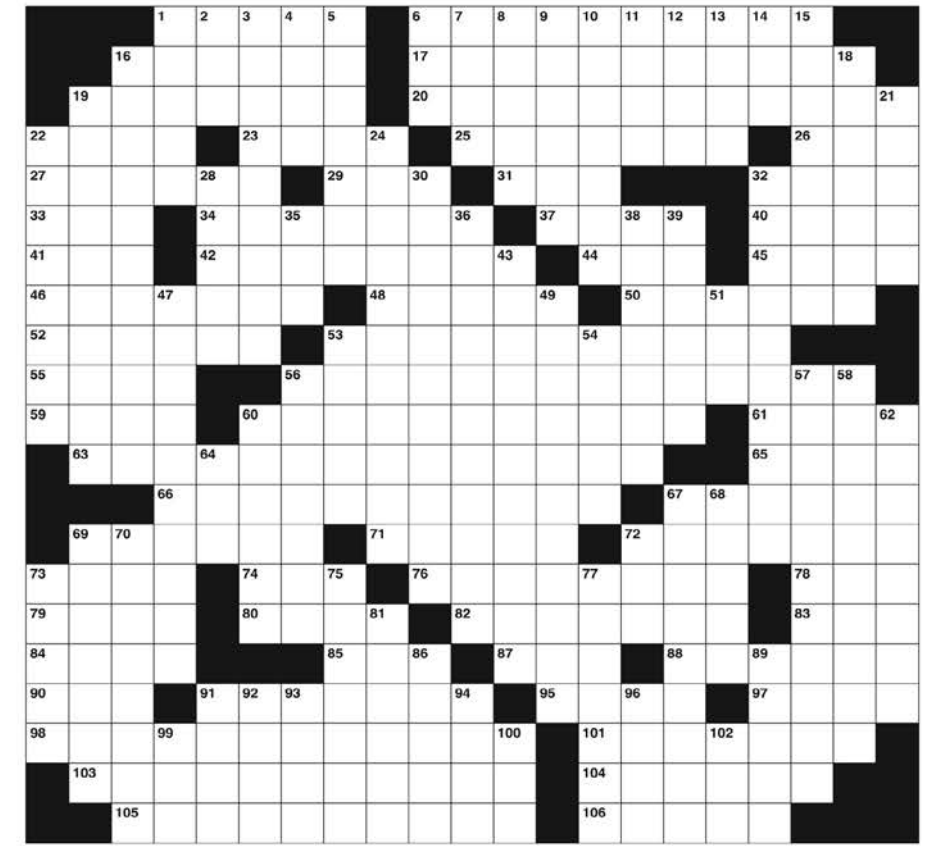
# Puzzles

## STACKING UP

BY BROOKE HUSIC AND WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Brooke Husic is a postdoctoral student in biophysics, theoretical chemistry, statistics and linguistics at Princeton. Will Nediger is a professional crossword constructor in London, Ontario. They are both regular crossword contributors to The Times. This unthemed puzzle has 120 answers (versus the usual 138-140 in a typical themed Sunday puzzle), affording longer and fresher vocabulary: Seventeen answers, or about 14 percent of the entire grid, have never appeared in a Times crossword before. — W.S.

- ACROSS**  
1 Farm cry  
6 Singer Celia Cruz or actress Rosie Perez  
16 Second-least-populous state capital, after Montpelier  
17 Like fire drills and dress rehearsals  
19 It may give a bowler a hook  
20 “We must wait to see what happens”  
22 Pause, in music  
23 Legal profession?  
25 Embarrassing miss  
26 \_\_\_\_ culpa  
27 Gently enter  
29 Fifth-century nomad of Central Asia  
31 “\_\_\_\_ Te Ching”  
32 Needing another dryer cycle, say  
33 Org. that regulates pet food and false eyelashes  
34 Design, as software  
37 Showcase for a first chair in an orchestra  
40 Some Minecraft blocks  
41 Only sch. to have a gold-medal-winning athlete in every Summer Olympics since 1912
- 42 Nuclear model named for a physicist  
44 Actress Dennings  
45 Symbol of longevity in Chinese numerology  
46 “We don’t need to hear the details!”  
48 Carpentry peg  
50 Attack, Quixote-style  
52 Specialized vocabularies  
53 Indicators of status in Maori culture  
55 Disney girl who fosters an alien  
56 J.G. Ballard dystopia about a man stranded between motorways  
59 Huff  
60 Agreement  
61 Has an understanding  
63 Where many people walk out?  
65 Juan \_\_\_\_, baseball star nicknamed “Childish Bambino”  
66 Seattle team  
67 Pressed (down)  
69 Sci. class with dissections  
71 E.C. \_\_\_\_, creator of Popeye  
72 Pharmaceutical company whose Nasdaq symbol is MRNA  
73 Kind of high-fat diet used as an epilepsy therapy
- 74 “The Marvelous \_\_\_\_ Maisel”  
76 Set aside  
78 Like Plan B, for short  
79 Fromage base  
80 Royal house on the Arabian Peninsula  
82 It’s back on Broadway  
83 “Candyman” director DaCosta  
84 Online shopping site for handicrafts  
85 Vanilla unit  
87 Kangaroo \_\_\_\_  
88 Mermaid’s home, maybe  
90 Connections  
91 Like many a dinner function  
95 Orpheus’s instrument  
97 They’ve taken the veil  
98 Its falls are quite dramatic  
101 Freeway dividers  
103 Dillydallying  
104 “We’re all \_\_\_\_ here”  
105 Informal favor request  
106 Some bishops
- DOWN**  
1 Response to “Danke”  
2 “If we must die, O \_\_\_\_ us nobly die”: Claude McKay  
3 Like the concept of a flat Earth  
4 Side-by-side calculation  
5 Certain chew toy  
6 Fitting  
7 Cold, as agua  
8 Word on an invoice  
9 What the musicals “Beggars’ Holiday” and “Rent” are based on  
10 Compendium of case reports  
11 Met highlight  
12 Like one on stilts  
13 “C’mon, \_\_\_\_ be fun”  
14 Small fault  
15 Words before “gratia plena, Dominus tecum”  
16 Italian dance form from the Spanish for “walk in the street”  
18 Erbium, terbium or ytterbium  
19 Dance move that resembles a front flip  
21 Momentary slip  
22 Negative responses  
24 Performers wearing pa’us and malos  
28 “Seems likely”  
30 Having free time  
32 “That’s enough lip out of you!”  
35 Kind of tape  
36 “Mighty Morphin” TV character  
38 Crystalline structure  
39 Useless  
43 Utility-company professional



- 47 Descriptor for IHOP’s Fresh ‘N Fruity pancakes  
49 Result of a delay  
51 Twitter titter  
53 Actress/activist Jane  
54 Minds  
56 Portuguese city with a historic university founded in 1290  
57 They don’t express gender
- 58 After-school activities one wouldn’t list on a college app  
60 Really wallops  
62 Noisemakers dangling below a “Just Married” sign  
64 Keystone State airport code  
67 Tallied  
68 Journalist/screenwriter \_\_\_\_ Rogers St. Johns
- 69 Bongo-playing 1950s stereotype  
70 Introduction to an adage  
72 Dirk Nowitzki, for 21 seasons, in brief  
73 Designer Anne  
75 High-speed races with gates  
77 Guide outside a bus station, often  
81 Triangular snack chip  
86 New Jersey athlete
- 89 Cloud on a summer day  
91 Like suboptimal kite-flying weather  
92 Singer with the album “Voyage to India”  
93 Ethiopia’s Lake \_\_\_\_  
94 Kind of bra cup  
96 Overhaul  
99 Day-\_\_\_\_  
100 Word with hot or headed  
102 Bit of land in la mer

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**Answers to last week’s puzzles**

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# Hogan announces new Lower Shore coalition

Network to target higher instances of gang-related crime as well as trafficking

(Sept. 1, 2022) Gov. Larry Hogan was joined by federal, state and local law enforcement leaders on Aug. 18 at the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack, to announce a new Lower Shore coalition of the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN), a coordinated criminal justice network to target higher instances of gang-related crime, in addition to drug, firearm, and human trafficking.

Established in 2017, network is reporting a record increase in the program’s role in the disruption of criminal activity statewide, including illegal cash, asset, drug and firearm seizures. Earlier this year, the network facilitated the largest drug bust ever on the Eastern Shore, including the seizure of enough heroin and fentanyl to kill more than 250,000 people.

“Today, we are announcing the creation of a new Maryland Intelligence Network Lower Shore Coalition, with the addition of Worcester County, Somerset County, along with Dorchester’s existing operation, in order to strengthen allied law en-

forcement capacity on the lower shore, and to target criminal operations throughout the Delmarva Peninsula,” Hogan saod. “I can assure you that we are going to continue to use every tool at our disposal to make our neighborhoods safer, and we will not stop pursuing these criminal gangs who have been terrorizing our communities.”

Network coalitions are active in 16 Maryland jurisdictions: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George’s, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, in addition to Baltimore City.

For FY 2023, Maryland State Police added Somerset and Worcester counties to Dorchester’s existing MCIN operation to create the lower shore coalition. Howard County has instituted a new MCIN program led by the Howard County Police Department.

An additional \$6.5 million in funding will support the program expansion, bringing total statewide intelligence network funding to \$25 million.

Data for 2022 show that through July 1, these coalitions disrupted or dismantled more than 400 criminal



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organizations, including 68 local gangs, 26 multi-state gangs, 43 international gangs, 197 local drug trafficking organizations and 39 multi-state drug trafficking organizations.

Firearms trafficking operations were brought to a halt as well, as the effort resulted in a record 97 percent increase in criminal organizations disrupted or dismantled year-to-year.

Current mid-year data also shows more than \$8.2 million in cash and asset seizures

“I am confident that the expansion of MCIN to the lower Eastern Shore will improve our ability to keep our communities safe,” said Worcester County State’s Attorney Kristin Heiser. “We will be better prepared to rise to whatever challenges we face moving forward together.”

# 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., Sept. 1

### CPAP MASK FITTING

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Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in to use your imagination and build using the rigamajig STEM building kit. For ages 4 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the group for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### MERRY MAKERS - DIY BLING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. The library will supply jewelry kits to

fashion something fun and creative. All material provided. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under “Events” or call 410-208-4014.

### POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: ‘RUN ROSE RUN’ BY DOLLY PARTON AND JAMES PATTERSON

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Join the group for their monthly discussion. Books are available at the library. [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

## Fri., Sept. 2

### STORY TIME ‘BACK TO SCHOOL!’

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Stick around for a fun craft.

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

### HOBBIES CLUB ‘TABLE TOP GAMES’

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Come play some classic board games, card games and more. Bring some of your own from home or use the library’s games. For ages 6 years and older. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

## Sat., Sept. 3

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins welcome. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### CRAFTY SATURDAY ‘BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS’

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. It’s back to school season. Come make some fun and creative crafts to celebrate the start of the new school year. For ages 4 years and older.

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

### 8TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded by 1 p.m. Several food trucks and Radio Ocean City for entertainment. Pre-register for \$15 at [www.OceanPinesChamber.org](http://www.OceanPinesChamber.org) or register at event for \$20 at 8:30-10 a.m. 410-641-5306

### 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. For all ages. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

### COMPUTER BASICS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skills: email, uploading/downloading documents, Internet searches and how to use the library’s wireless printing service. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600



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Classifieds appear in Ocean City Today & Bayside Gazette each week and online at [oceancitytoday.com](http://oceancitytoday.com) & [baysideoc.com](http://baysideoc.com)

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**SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m., Music by "Controversy Band" (Prince tribute). Free activities and entertainment for kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic and beach chairs. Fireworks may or may not occur. 410-250-0125

## Mon., Sept. 5

**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

## Tues., Sept. 6

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

**OC KNITTING GROUP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC WITH GINNY ROSENKRANZ**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. A talk about all things plants. Bring any questions and feel free to show your plants as well. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**BABY TIME**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Bring a song you are working on. All genres welcome. Present works in progress or talk through composition issues with other songwriters. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on Books One and Two of "The Deptford Trilogy" by Robertson Davies. The group meets twice a month. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**STORY TIME 'COMMUNITY HELPERS'**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m., Stories, songs and fun. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

## Wed., Sept. 7

**PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB: 'HOLES' BY LOUIS SACHAR**  
Meeting via Zoom, 1 p.m. New book club. Find out if you prefer the book or the movie. Books are available at the library and on Libby. For ages 9-12 years. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**BABY TIME 'SENSORY EXPLORATION'**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. The group will be exploring their five senses, so it may get a bit messy. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. www.worcesterli-

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**STORY TIME 'BACK TO SCHOOL'**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, books and games to celebrate the beginning of the school year. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

**BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets the first and second Wednesday of each month for non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The group provides discussion, education and a speaker on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

## ONGOING EVENTS

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September 1 - September 8

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Fri-Mon, 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Friday, 10am-12pm	13009 Bowline Lane Unit 3, Ocean City	4BR/3BA/1HBA	Condo	\$785,000	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday, 1-3pm	305 S. Heron Gull Ct., Ocean City	6BR/6BA/2HBA	Single Family	\$2,599,000	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday, 10am-12pm	305 S. Heron Gull Ct., Ocean City	6BR/6BA/2HBA	Single Family	\$2,599,000	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday, 10am-12pm	13009 Bowline Lane Unit 3, Ocean City	4BR/3BA/1HBA	Condo	\$785,000	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty

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