



Too many votes cast in Pines election

Board of directors discover more were counted than mathematically possible

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 29, 2022) Barely a month into the 2022-23 term of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, questions of election integrity and ac-

cusations of a clandestine rendezvous of association officials, both employed and elected, are dogging the new administration.

On Tuesday, the OPA announced a formal audit of the 2022 elections and then Wednesday morning, it announced that the Elections Committee will hand count the paper ballots on Friday in the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse.

"The OPA Board of Directors has formally directed the Elections Committee to reconvene as early as possible this week to address a discrepancy in the vote count from the recent election," Board President Doug Parks stated in the Tuesday release.

"The intent is to have the committee audit the votes to reconcile the totals as well as research if the 'weighting' of ballots for association

members with more than one home, or any other condition (affected) the final vote tally for each of the candidates. The meeting will be open to all association members and the date/time/location will be shared as soon as it is available."

At the board meeting Saturday, former director Amy Peck voiced her concerns to the directors and said the

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The Berlin Fiddlers Convention attracted hundreds of bluegrass and country music lovers to Main Street over the weekend for three days of music, food and fun. Pictured are 11-year-old Maxwell Brown and 6-year-old River Brown performing during the Youth Open on Saturday morning.

Single seat at stake in Berlin race

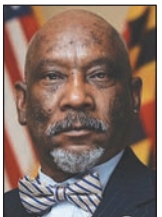
Incumbent Burrell faces challenger Tony Weeg

By Jack Chavez
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(Sept. 29, 2022) The Berlin Town Council elections are just five days away.

Candidates have long been settled, though they were officially confirmed only recently.

No write-in candidates filed before the Sept. 27 deadline, leaving only District 4 up for grabs, where incumbent Dean Burrell looks to fend off a challenge from We Heart Berlin's Tony Weeg.



Dean Burrell

Steve Green is running unopposed for the District 1 seat from which Councilmember Troy Purnell is retiring and incumbent Jay Knerr is running unopposed for the at-large seat. With no write-in candidates opposing them, neither candidate will be on the ballot. Both will be automatically declared as winners.

As such, only District 4 voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, located at the Berlin Police Department at 129 Decatur Street.

Burrell is leaning on his life experi-

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OPA board meetings go back to Sat.

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 29, 2022) Saturday meetings of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors are back and here to stay for the foreseeable future.

About 30 people in person and another 50 online attended the 9 a.m.

meeting in the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center, a healthy-sized turnout that satisfied some of the directors.

"I thought the Saturday meeting was a rousing success," said Director Stuart Lakernick, who made the motion in August to shift the meetings

from Wednesdays. "The coffee and donuts (on hand) gave us a chance to meet everybody in our town and (makes this an inclusive process) where everybody becomes more personable. I think that's what the movement of this new board will do."

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Members of the Ocean Pines Election Committee count ballots in August. Members of the current committee met with OPA President Doug Parks and legal counsel Friday in what some are calling a secret meeting, as it wasn't announced beforehand. Parks maintains that its doors were open the whole time.

OPA vote tally doesn't add up

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number of votes tallied didn't match the number of ballots that were mailed and collected.

"Simply put, we have more votes possible given the number of ballots, anywhere from 450 to over 1,000 'extra votes,'" Peck said.

The number may be even higher.

The Ocean Pines Election Committee's annual elections report, released on Sept. 7, stated that 2,839 ballots — 811 of the electronic variety — were collected out of 7,458 ballots mailed.

This is where the cause for audit arises. With each ballot capped at three choices, no more than 8,517 votes could be counted — an unlikely total in itself as many people don't vote for the maximum allowable number of candidates on a ballot, which significantly drives the vote total down.

The Elections Committee counted 9,053 votes.

From 2018 to 2021, ballots were anywhere from 87.5 percent to 95 percent filled out. Comparing 2022 to those averages, there could be thousands of extra votes.

However, Peck, who was defeated in this summer's contest, has maintained that she does not believe the audit will change the election outcome and that her activism on this issue is not aimed at restoring her to the board but is about ensuring the future of electronic voting in Ocean Pines is not hampered by these same questions.

"My feeling is it's very possible there's (more than) one error. It's not just people who voted twice (or) multiple lot owners, it isn't just ballots being run through the scanner twice. That's why an audit needs to be done. (There are likely) multiple errors. I want to be very clear, being conservative and ethical (in my analysis), I think there's a high percentage that we will recount the votes and they'll come out in exactly the same order," Peck said.

Not helping the board's cause in moving forward are accusations from association members that a secret meeting was held on Friday between Parks, members of the Elections Committee and OPA legal counsel.

Parks does not deny that the meeting took place but in the days after has repeatedly denied that it was a secret. "It was done with the full knowledge of the entire board," Parks said at the board meeting. "It was not a secret meeting. It needed to be done right away based on the availability of the Election Committee folks and the

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About 30 people attended Saturday's meeting of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors in person. An estimated 50 people tuned in online.

OP directors meeting date back to Saturday this term

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Calls for moving the meetings from Wednesday to Saturday have been growing around Ocean Pines for months. Perhaps the most common refrain was the difficulty Wednesday meetings posed for residents who work during the week.

There were some protests against the permanent Saturday move.

Former Director Amy Peck argued for an alternating schedule, in which the meetings would take place on Wednesday in one month and shift to Saturday in the following month. She listed a few reasons why she felt the Saturday-only route was a detriment to the community and association

“(Our way) would not be taking 12 Saturdays from our staff,” she said. “(It would have been for) the staff who don’t want to show up for Saturday meetings. A lot of the staff don’t live in Ocean Pines and they travel here for these meetings. There are extra childcare expenses. It would have been looking out for the employees, and I don’t think (disregarding their feelings) is fair.”

Peck also stressed that the association’s financials don’t come out until the 13th business day of the month, meaning that the bulk of this board’s remaining meetings would occur before they have those numbers to report.

The next 10 meetings are set for the third Saturday of each month. Only two of them will occur before the 13th business day of that month.

“The public is going to be a month behind hearing the actual financials,” Peck said.

Peck also said she is led to believe by data she had seen that Wednesday meetings drew more attendance.

Director Rick Farr explained that it’s more than just attendance, but also engagement.

“We had good conversations with them and it’s something that we’ll continue doing because we want to make sure we still have the engagement of the board as well as the association members,” Farr said. “If

(association members) have any issues or questions, they can come ask us. We’re going to continue to do this because we feel on Saturdays we’re going to get more engagement. You have people who come into town who are part-time residents who now get to participate in person, whereas in the middle of the week they haven’t been able to (unless it’s through Microsoft Teams). So we’re looking to increase the volume of actual participants who come out here and join us live.”

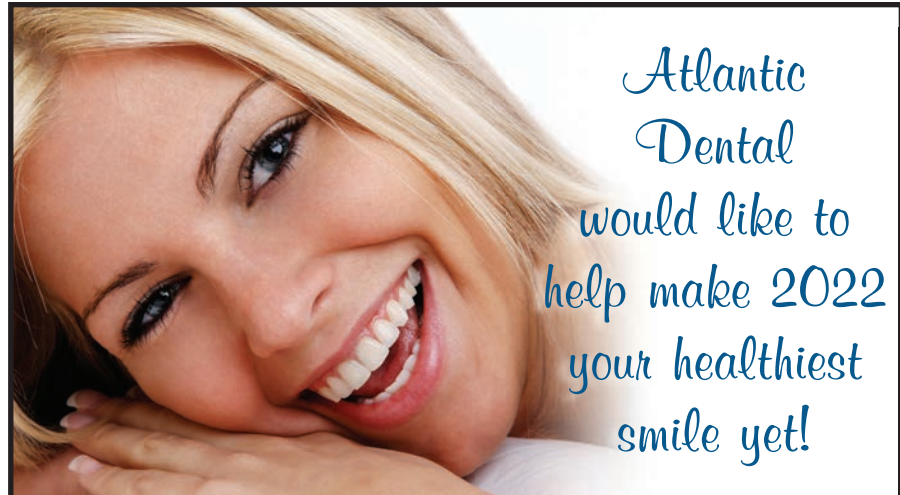
Farr added that he believes the location may change to the Ocean Pines Golf clubhouse.

Board meeting times and locations have changed often over the years and community turnout has fluctuated just as much. The approximately 80 people total people in attendance is a sizable shift from earlier years — sometimes the association struggled to attract even a half-dozen participants if there wasn’t a polarizing topic on the agenda.

“I’ve seen the attendance (in the past) and it’s commensurate with the issues at hand,” OPA President Doug Parks said. “If there’s a very contentious issue, you’re probably going to get more people and it’s been proven. And, when things are going okay, you’re not going to get as much attendance and quite frankly, when I see a meeting that’s not attended by a whole lot of people, that sends a message that things seem to be going right.”

Parks added that he thought he’d see more people in attendance, but understands the importance of the hybrid format, and he doesn’t see the meetings switching back to Wednesday anytime soon.

“I see no need for it,” he said. “I think it’s the consistency of having it on a Saturday. One of the items we were talking about, we were saying we’ll have one on Wednesday, one on Saturday (and alternate) and after discussing it with my colleagues, the idea was that consistency was the best way to go this year.”



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Berlin election race in 4th District

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ences and devotion to protecting Berlin as he eyes another term.

“I would not be in favor of any (development) that I felt threatened (Berlin). I have a vision and that understanding (for the town),” he said. “My motives for running for the council seat of District 4 in the Town of Berlin are not selfish ones. I sit here ready to give myself to ensure the well-being and love of our town.”



Tony Weeg

Weeg has said his background as a computer developer would be a boon for the council.

“I’m a nerd. I know for a fact that on the first day I can bring a technology acumen

that will run circles around most people just because of the careers I’ve been in. I can teach people how to use those technologies for our benefit,” he said. “That is a key feature of a person who’s going to be a councilperson, to not just have ideas but to come up with a plan to make them happen and actually see them through.”



Steve Green

Green is looking forward to being accessible to his constituents.

“As a councilperson — I have it on my signs — I’m informed, accessible and committed,” Green said.

Berlin is small enough that anyone can call me or approach me and I’ll listen to their concerns. We

should be available.”

Knerr will rely on his expertise and track record for seeing projects through as he sizes up his goals for his next term.

“The amount of time I’ve given to this area, the community and boards I’ve been on has given me a resume of skills that enable me to do this job quite effectively,” Knerr said.

There are still two deadlines ahead of the election.

Today, Thursday, is the deadline for mailing absentee ballots out and tomorrow, Friday, is the deadline for submitting absentee applications in person.

The polls open up at 7 a.m. on Tuesday and will remain open until 7 p.m.



Jay Knerr

Parks says meeting open to public

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availability of our attorney, who also attended that meeting. The door was open all the time. It wasn’t secret.”

And on Monday he added: “It was open. There were no actions taken to make it closed (to the public). We needed to do it quickly and that’s that

... It was recounting paper ballots in front of our attorney, three members of the Elections Committee and (administrative assistant) Linda Martin.”

Parks confirmed that those in attendance were himself, Martin, Elections Committee chair Carol Ludwig, committee members Joe Peloso and

Jeannie Pennington, attorney Jeremy Tucker and Ocean Pines Police Lieutenant Greg Schoepf for part of the meeting.

Parks has said that “any reasonable person” can see that there is a discrepancy, but he threw cold water on the idea that an audit could result in overturning the election — albeit not ruling it out entirely.

“The only time a recount can be requested is at the annual meeting. It’s very distinct (in our bylaws and resolutions),” he said. “The chance (for challenging the results) is not zero. They can demand it but it’s not within our governing documents. Everybody needs to be aware that’s an option.”

For now, Parks said his focus is on getting the votes right.

“I think at this point it’s very clear that there was some foul-up somewhere in the count and we’re looking into it, plain and simple,” he said. “People can have a number of different narratives if they want, but we know there’s a problem, a detailed review is required and that’s what happening.”



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Berlin Fire Co. workshopping new emergency services fee

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 29, 2022) It could soon be that a \$50 or \$100 donation to the Berlin Fire Department will mean a cheaper ambulance ride for residents. After the regular council meeting on Monday, officials from the Berlin Fire Department briefed the mayor and Town Council on their new emergency response fee, which is designed to help recoup trip expenses in the face of budget constraints. “We always billed for the emergency medical services and ambulance as we’ve gone out,” Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald told the council. “The fire and rescue billing is something we’ve talked about for at least three, four, five years ... As the funding revenue and

expenses (go), the need for more revenue and part of our county’s strategic planning meetings that we go to ... most of it is covered under insurance anyway.” Fitzgerald pointed out that house fires will get handled by homeowners insurance and motor vehicle accidents by auto insurance. It’s no different for ambulance calls that can be covered by health insurance. “We talked about getting another company to do it but we wanted to be more ... friendly,” he said. “It’s new. Instead of this bill coming from a company, it comes from the fire-house.” The policy is already in place and Fitzgerald added that there have been no major issues with it.

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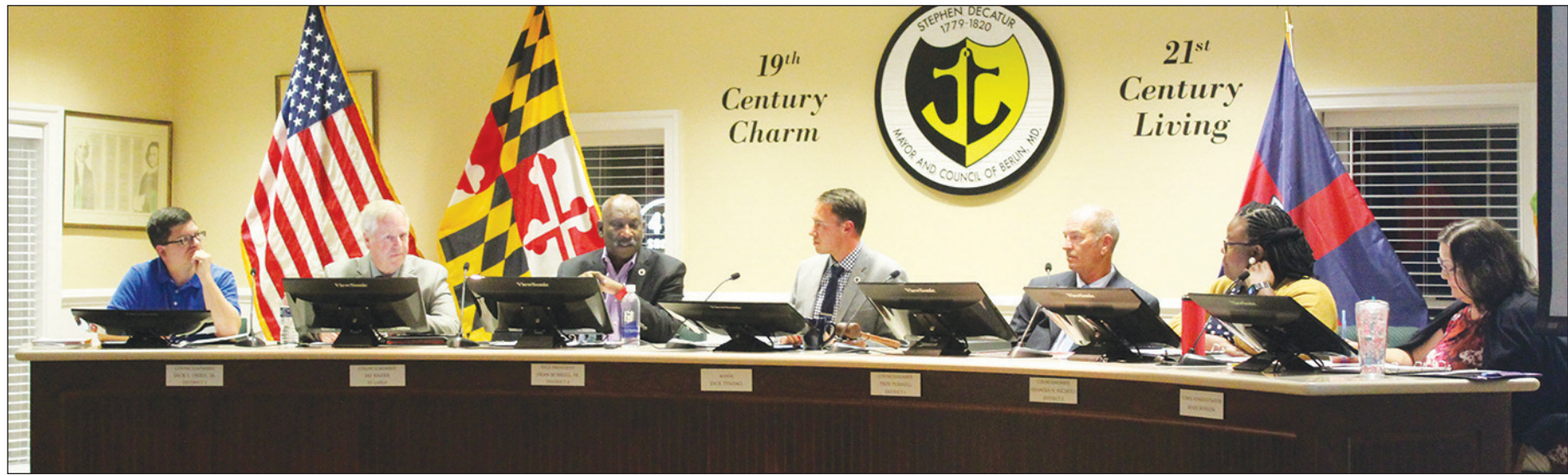
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The Berlin Mayor and Town Council discuss their options to make Berlin a more attractive job destination for law enforcement professionals. They left the meeting on Monday with an agreement to pursue a package of improvements that would add \$75,000 to this fiscal year's budget.

Berlin planning police pay, benefits boost

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 29, 2022) Berlin is finally making moves to solve its police staffing issues.

During the Monday meeting of the mayor and Town Council, Berlin's elected leaders unanimously agreed to pursue a plan that addresses myriad concerns including salary increases, shift differentials, FICA and retirement, pay for field training officers (FTOs), specialty units, K-9 officers, inclement weather and holidays.

"I think that the first thing we need

to let everyone know is the manpower we're working with right now," Police Chief Arnold Downing said. "The staff is allocated for 14 (officers). We have two out on medical and three actual vacancies. Right now ... we're having difficulties getting applicants — people who want to do the job itself. When we look at our numbers, when we put out an advertisement and it's sitting beside the other agencies, we're inferior."

Downing went on to describe how they posted signs at a regional police

academy. Juxtaposing their signs against other agencies like Delmar, Delaware State Police and Maryland State Police clearly illustrated the disparity the town wants to eliminate.

"We definitely need to go ahead and offer a little bit more if we want to go ahead and (attract) the limited number of individuals who are out there for this profession."

The other issue, Downing said, is keeping the officers they already have.

"Retaining the officers you have, that know the citizens and do a good


job every day, should be one of our paramount things," he said. "We have to keep those individuals in mind. Whenever they hear that the mayor and council and the citizens care about them, it goes a long way."

In his report to the council, Downing outlined three options to consider.

The total increase in the budget for the remaining portion of FY23 would be around \$75,000. It is by far the most generous of the three options.

The option selected comes in at a total

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Berlin to invest in police officers

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budgetary impact of \$315,000 per fiscal year compared to \$272,000 and \$240,000 for the other two.

Beginning in July, Downing, Mayor Zack Tyndall, Town Administrator Mary Bohlen and Human Resources Director Kelsey Jensen began holding regular discussions over ways to make the department a more attractive option to potential recruits. Berlin Police Lt. Robert Fisher also came onboard following the initial meeting.

According to a memo from Tyndall to the council, the group discussed changes such as adjusting salaries across the entire department to compensate officers based on experience and service time equitably, creating a field-training-officer shift differential of \$1.75 per hour while a police officer is training a new hire, increasing the town's evening shift differential by 65 cents per hour and the midnight shift by 80 cents per hour to be competitive with other agencies.

In addition, the plan would raise the department's inclement weather rate to 2.5 times the normal rate, add more payments for officers working in specialty areas and making the holiday compensation rate more competitive by paying 1.5 times the normal rate — twice the normal rate on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Councilmember Dean Burrell

asked how these recommendations compare to the other agencies mentioned by Downing.

"In our research, we found out that a lot of the things that other agencies offered we never offered (in the first place)," Downing responded. "When you look at those little things (we outlined), those are things that Berlin officers have never had. So, again, in doing that research and seeing what others are doing, those definitely look good when we fill out that advertisement sheet."

"When a person comes by (their first questions are) how much do I get paid? What days do I get off? And they go from there. Officers who are here and working know those things and the next question is, "Can I retire?" and those sort of things."

Though he won't be on the council when the wheels start to turn on this initiative, departing Councilmember Troy Purnell praised the decision.

"It's earned and it's deserved, and probably for a long time," he said. "I want to see it happen."

After the vote, Councilmember Shaneka Nichols praised the decision.

"Every day that I see a sheriff's deputy or officer from other departments, they always mention, 'Hey listen, you know what you guys should be doing in Berlin?' So now, the word can be, 'Hey listen, you know what they're doing in Berlin?' You guys deserve this," she said.

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GM's report highlights projects done, planned

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 29, 2022) Numerous projects are completed, nearing completion, or ready to get underway, according to the latest report from Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola.

Viola gave his monthly general manager's report during Saturday's Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting and highlighted several projects.



John Viola

The \$46,391 North Gate bridge lighting project was completed earlier this month and Viola said the feedback has been positive on the changes, which include five lights on either side of the bridge.

He added that the association is looking into other ways to "spruce up the bridge" and is working with the Ocean Pines Garden Club, among others, to brainstorm ideas. He invited anyone in the community to email info@oceanpines.org with any ideas.

Approximately three miles of roads are scheduled to be paved, Viola said, as well as roads to be restriped.

After giving his report, the board approved Viola's request to accept a \$363,123 bid from Asphalt Maintenance to handle the paving.

Per the agreement, Asphalt has 90 days from the contract signing to complete the work.

Roads to be paved are Barnacle Court, Beach Court, Birdnest Drive, Fosse Grange, Garrett Drive, Ivanhoe Court, Liberty Bell Court, Little John Court, Moonshell Drive, Rabbit Run Lane, Surfers Way, Watergreen Lane and Willow Way.

The bid for road striping was given

to Alpha Space Control Company.

On the drainage front, Pelican Underground began cured-in-place pipe lining in August.

Phase one, which costs \$187,972, includes pipe work on Juneway Lane, Seagrave Lane, Cannon Drive, Southward Court, Drawbridge Road and Ocean Parkway.

Phase 2, at \$235,400, includes Mumford's Landing Road, Fairway Lane, Whisper Court, Newport Drive and Beaumont Court.

"We doubled up on main pipes that go under main roads," Viola said. "We didn't have to dig up the roads."

Viola also remarked that it's a "proven process" that they're utilizing.

He said that Mumford's Landing Road has been a problem in the past and several years ago bids were submitted in the neighborhood of \$450,000 to \$650,000, whereas the total cost of the current project is just over \$420,000.

"This is way, way favorable to the estimates we got in the past," Viola said. "(We've completed) 30-something major pipes on major roads in the last two years."

The association's aquatics amenities experienced staffing shortages throughout the summer that led to some closures, but overall there were 57,295 guests in 2022 compared to 58,824 in 2021 — including nearly 5,000 more members this year over last.

"It was another successful season as far as I'm concerned," Viola said.

Viola said that his team will be reviewing members-only time during the budget process, which will start soon. He said they're also looking into ways to address the lifeguard shortage that plagued the association — like many communities nationwide — including raising pay.

The pickleball courts at the Ocean

Pines Racquet Center were completed in August and now work is being done on existing courts including power washing and crack repairs, which both began last week. Viola estimated that it will take 15 days, weather permitting, for the work to be completed.

The overall cost of the renovations is around \$75,000 and Viola described it as "badly needed."

"We want to get the infrastructure and maintenance right and make it a good experience for everybody," he said.

Despite being down to two gas pumps this summer because of a leak, Viola said the Ocean Pines Marina was able to meet demand all season.

"I don't believe we lost any customers," he said.

Work still must be done on the gas pump and fuel management system to bring it up to code with the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Renovations at the administration building will be completed by February.

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OP Public Works cleans up bridge

(Sept. 29, 2022) Ocean Pines Public Works worked through the night last Thursday and into Friday morning on a series of improvements at the North Gate Bridge.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said his crew installed additional lights and removed the old lights and light poles.

“And we were finally able to do the repairs from that car accident that happened about a year ago, because those materials finally arrived,” Wells said.

The bridge was also power-washed.

“It just looks cleaner overall,” he said.

Wells said next steps in bridge rehabilitation would include metal guardrails installed at the approaches. The guardrails are required by Maryland State Highway Administration. That will likely be part of the next budget, with construction potentially starting next spring.

General Manager John Viola said the bridge looked “clean, neat, crisp

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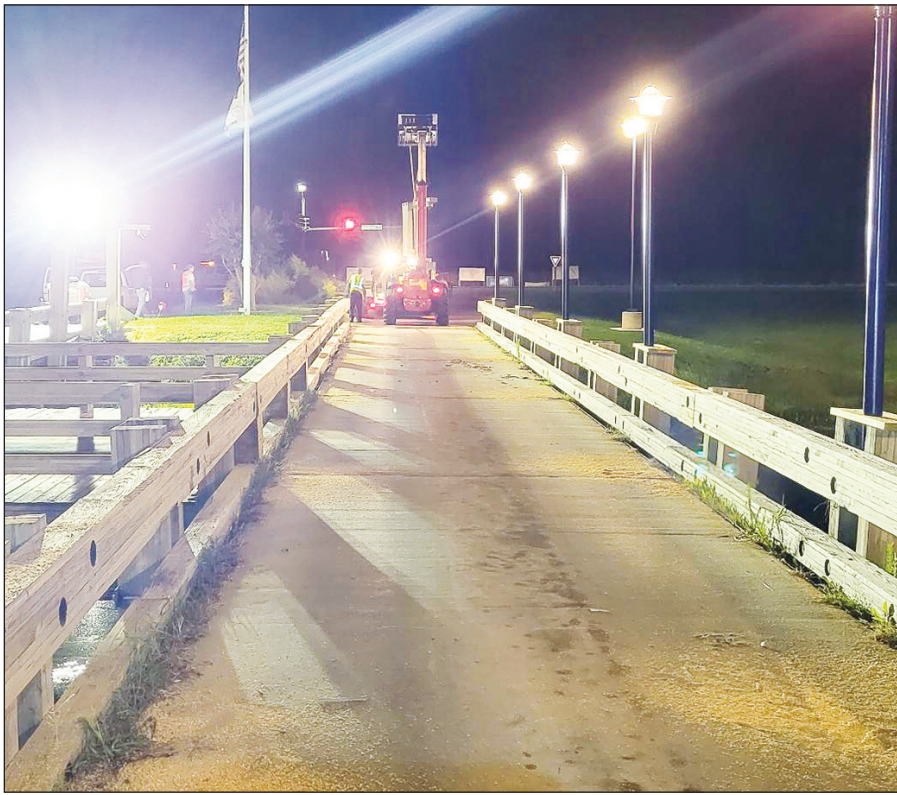


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An Ocean Pines Public Works Department cleaning crew spruced up and upgraded the North Gate Bridge last week, installing new lights, removing old lights and poles, and powerwashing it.

Work group led by Viola looking into OPVFD fundraising

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ary and will cost around \$125,000, Viola said.

“If you’ve been in the admin building outside of the lobby, everything is pretty much up for replacement,” he said. “The HVAC system needs to be replaced as well as the floor, (ceiling and painting).”

A workgroup that Viola spearheaded for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department to find a fundraising company to raise money for the department is prepared to submit a request for proposal to hire a consultant, Viola said.

He explained that to hire such a company, a consultant is needed to help with a feasibility study.

“What I have today is to let everyone know we’re going forward, we’re going to issue an RFP and we’ll respond to the questions around the middle of October,” Viola said. “The proposals are due at the end of October. We’ll do an evaluation. And this is for this feasibility study and this consultant that will help us with the next stage which will be to do an RFP for the fundraising company. I’ll update the board with a recommendation from the team (in November) and there I will ask for approval and we will have three bids that the team recommended.”

Mailbox and pedestal replacement began in July and, to date, 21 pedestals and 11 mailbox clusters have been replaced, Viola said. There are still 56 pedestals and six mailbox clusters to be replaced in high-priority locations.

The Ocean Pines Public Works Department is also cleaning the mailbox locations.

“We’ve made some good progress,” Viola said.

So far, around \$100,000 to \$150,000 has been committed by the board for the project, he said.

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Line painting scheduled on several Ocean Pines streets

(Sept. 29, 2022) Residents are asked not to park along several road-sides in Ocean Pines this week and next, because of anticipated line painting.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said a contractor hired to do the work could start by the end of this week, weather permitting.

Streets scheduled for new line painting are:

Ocean Parkway, Cathell Road (the east side of 589, from the Bank of Ocean City to Ocean Parkway), St. Martins Lane, Mumford's Landing Road, Yacht Club Drive.

Carrollton Lane, Central Parke East and West, Hatteras Street, Federal Hill, Fort Sumter South, Columbia Avenue, Potomac Avenue.

For questions, contact Ocean Pines Public Works at 410-641-7425.

North Gate bridge cleaned up

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and streamlined" after the work.

Viola said he's working on additional bridge rehabilitation ideas with different workgroups, including one with former Ocean Pines Board of Directors member Frank Brown, who owned and operated a contracting business for four decades.


"We will discuss those ideas with the board, to see what they think," Viola said. "But what Public Works has done so far is just awesome. I'm excited. It looks great!"



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Ocean Pines Board of Directors Briefs

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer
(Sept. 29, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors discussed the following at its Sept. 24 meeting:

Treasurer's report

As of Aug. 31, the association had \$18 million in cash: \$15.1 million in Bank of Ocean City insured cash sweep (ICS account); \$1.1 invested in Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service accounts (CDARS); \$1.8 million in the money market and other operating accounts.

In response to increased rates, the association transferred \$10 million of funds in the ICS account to the Bank of Ocean City CDARS.

"(Finance Director) Steve (Phillips) and his team are continually looking for opportunities to improve our rates along with oversight from the Budget and Finance Committee," said OPA Treasurer Monica Rakowski.

Capital requests

The board unanimously approved \$363,000 for three miles of road paving to be completed by Asphalt Maintenance and \$170,000 to Petro Supply. for the replacement of gas lines and fuel dispensers to include a fuel management system on the Ocean Pines Marina's C Dock and

\$125,000 for completing renovations to the administration building, which is being done with in-house contractors.

Golf carts

The board unanimously approved a motion to authorize a change in the contract agreement for the purchase of golf carts. According to updates from the vendor, costs have changed for the price of the new carts as well as the trade-in value of the association's current carts, though ultimately the original purchase value and expenses associated with the contract remain the same. The purchase of the golf carts was approved at the previous board meeting.

Reserve transfer

The board unanimously approved a request for a reserve funds transfer from the realized budget favorability of FY2021-22. The request broke down to \$150,000 for mailbox maintenance and replacement, \$75,000 for renovating existing pickleball courts and \$350,000 for the roads reserve. The request was made by General Manager John Viola.

Ribbon cutting at Decatur Park for reopening Oct. 5

(Sept. 29, 2022) In conjunction with Walk Maryland Day & Scavenger Hunt events being held at several parks in Worcester County, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall will hold a ribbon-cutting on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 4:30 p.m. to officially re-open the Stephen Decatur Park Walking Path.

The mayor and council allocated funding to remove the aging rubberized surface and replace the pathway with a newly paved surface.

The recycled tire pathway was installed in Stephen Decatur Park in 2008 and was fully funded by the Maryland Department of the Environment. The project was the first of its kind in the state.

"Unfortunately, the material used was found to be unsuitable this far north, as we are subject to the ground freezing and thawing during the winter months," Town Administrator Mary Bohlen explained. "The path would buckle and retract during freezing events which caused considerable damage over the years."

Despite efforts to repair and patch the areas with the worst damage, the town finally determined that the rubberized surface was no longer manageable and decided to remove it and replace it with asphalt to ensure a safer and more maintainable walking

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Ocean Pines welcomes new golf professional Beckelman

(Sept. 29, 2022) Ocean Pines Association has announced the hiring of Bob Beckelman as the new golf pro for the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Beckelman grew up in Annapolis and West Chester, Pennsylvania, and studied aerospace engineering at Penn State University.

He's been a Professional Golfers' Association member for 25 years and has lived on the Eastern Shore for the last 35 years.

Beckelman started his professional golf career at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, first from 1992 to 1997, and then returning from 2000 to 2007.

"I was hired here originally as an assistant under Buddy Sass, and then left to help build the Deer Run Golf Club, and then came back as the head golf professional in Ocean Pines," he said.

Beckelman said "a phone call" brought him back to Ocean Pines for a third time.

"Honestly, when I first got into the golf business, I loved it and I enjoyed it so much," he said. "I had been



Bob Beckelman

around Ocean Pines for a while already. When I was in college, I was working summers at the club, and waited tables and I bartended. I just got to know the people and really loved the community, and I had a lot of friends and built a lot of relationships here.

"Once I started at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, I enjoyed the golf community so much, I planned on working my way up the ladder and eventually finishing my career here," Beckelman continued. "There's been some changes along the way, but it's still my plan – I started here, and I want to finish here."

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said he's happy to have Beckelman back.

"I reached out to the Golf Advisory Committee and the golf community, and they all told me this was the right guy for the job," Viola said. "He obviously, knows the club and he knows the community. We're happy to welcome him back and I think he's going to be a great addition to the team."

For more information on the Ocean Pines Golf Club, visit www.oceanpinesgolf.org.

Engel and Völker presenting sponsors for golf tournament

(Sept. 29, 2022) The Coastal Association of Realtors recently announced that Engel and Völker of Ocean City is the presenting sponsor for the 2022 Coastal Association of Realtors Golf Tournament to benefit the Coastal Realtors Foundation on Oct. 13, at the Ocean City Golf Club Seaside Course.

Shotgun start is at 1 p.m., and the tournament is a four-person scramble with all levels of players welcome.

The cost to participate is \$400 per team. Players without a team are welcome to register for \$100 and will be assigned. Teams who also wish to sponsor a tee sign will receive a discount.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and worst scores as well as a variety

of other achievements.

Included in the cost of registration are green fees, golf cart rental, a swag bag, drink tickets, snacks, and a full dinner.

A variety of sponsorships are still available for the tournament, and more information may be found at www.coastalrealtors.org or by calling 410-641-4409.

The Coastal Realtors Foundation is a charitable fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The fund aims to help local real estate professionals support the causes most important to them.

Funding will be accessible to members of Coastal through an application process administered by the

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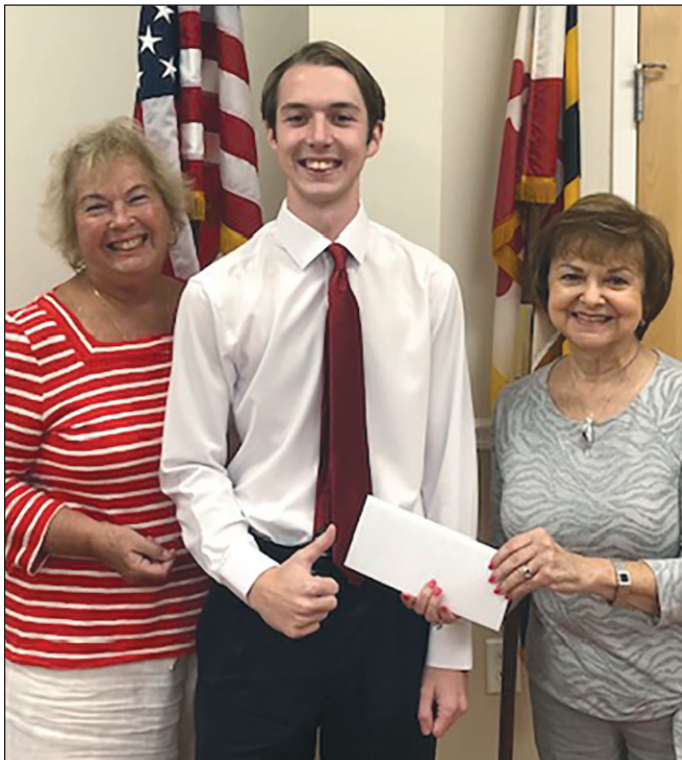
BERLIN FIDDLERS CONVENTION

The Berlin Fiddlers Convention attracted hundreds of music lovers over the weekend. (Left) Folk Villains — consisting of siblings Elijah, Isabel and Guinevere Cockey — perform during the Youth Open. (Right) Vendors and shoppers mingle on Main Street.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Jeremy Goetzinger of Ocean Pines Aquatics presents a \$1,550 check to representatives of the Worcester County Humane Society. Proceeds were raised during the annual Doggie Swim event, held Sept. 10 at the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines. Also pictured are Worcester County Humane Society Manager Jessica Summers, left, dog caregiver Gabrielle Belka, and Moo the dog.

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DONATION

The Republican Women of Worcester County invited the president of the Salisbury University College Republicans, Patrick Kerr, to their board meeting on Sept. 6. RWWC President Sandy Zitzer, right, and 1st Vice President Liz Mumford present him with a \$500 donation to the Salisbury University Republicans group.

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SHRED-IT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin recently hosted a Shred-It event for the community. Pictured, from left, are Susan Wellman, Fr. Carl Mosley, and Helen and Mike Wiley. Tours of the historic church were also available.

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KIWANIS CLUB

Every year the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City awards scholarships to local graduating high school seniors. During the club's Sept. 7 meeting, Mikayla Denault, who was a member of the Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club at Stephen Decatur High School and served as its treasurer, returned to speak to the group. She was awarded a scholarship by the club and is entering her junior year at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where she is majoring in Journalism and Political Science. She is also the author of the children's book, "Two Hens and a Chick," which is available on Amazon.

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Grosskettler | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free | Local author Maria Grosskettler will sign copies of her newest book, "Tracks." In addition to reading a section from her book, she will share her experience researching Berlin's history.

Oct. 13 | Book signing with Mabel Rogers and Harry Wenzel | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free | To learn more about the authors, visit ocmuseum.org.

Oct. 15 | Harbor Days at the Docks | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ocean City Commercial Fishing Harbor | This event will feature artisan exhibits, seafood cooking demonstrations, tales of the sea, children's activities, and much more.

Oct. 18 | Candle Making | 1-3 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | \$25 | Make natural soy-based candle with Natalie Blanton, owner of Honey Water Candles, all while learning about early Ocean City, Maryland.

Oct. 22 | Make Your Own Watercolor Postcard with Artist Joanne Guilfoil | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free, with paid admission | This drop-in program will bring life and color to historic Ocean City line drawings.

Oct. 24 | Preserving the Past | 10:30 a.m. at the Ocean City Library | Free, registration required | A workshop on how to properly preserve and care for a personal photo collection. To register, visit ocmuseum.org.

Oct. 29 | Paranormal Investigation | 7-10 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | \$40 per person, register online | During this immersive investigation, guests will be paired with an actual paranormal investigator for a spooky ghost hunting experience. To register, visit ocmuseum.org.

Oct. 29-31 | Black Cat Scavenger Hunt | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free for children 11 and under | Search the museum for clues that lead to Sabrina the black cat. Each participant will leave with a Halloween prize.

Oct. 31 | Ghost Stories from the Sea | 1-3 p.m. Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Actor Ed Guinan will represent Anton, an 1883 shipwreck victim. Guinan will tell the story of the three-masted, two-decked schooner, Sallie W. Kaye, running aground off the coast of Ocean City, and how one of the eight crew members made a deadly attempt to swim ashore.

All month long | Fall Photo Opportunity | Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free | Grab a family photo in front of a display of fall flowers, pumpkins, and a 2.5-ton anchor. Located on the Boardwalk next to the museum.

Mondays | History of Our Surfman | 1 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free, with paid admission | Meet Keeper Allan and learn about life as an Ocean City Storm Warrior.

Tuesdays | History & Mystery of the American Eel | 1 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free, with paid admission | Delve into the mysterious life of eels.

Wednesdays | Station 4 Historic Tour | 1 p.m. at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum | Free, with paid admission | Walk through Ocean City's once-active 1891 Life Saving Station and take a trip back through time.

Ocean Pines:
All month long | Ocean Pines: An oral history | Virtual event | Free | Go back in time with longtime residents and leaders and learn about Ocean Pines 50-plus years as a community, from its early days of undeveloped lots to its current status as the largest residential community in Worcester County. Visit oceanpines.org.

Berlin:
Oct. 5 | Junior Historians | 4:30 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House | Free | Come for a night of historical fun and learn about the museum's collections. Make a camera obscura and interact with items from the museum's archival collection. Ages 8-15.

Oct. 8 | Homecoming Harvest | 2-5 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House | Free | Guests will celebrate local history, record their own oral history, and join the opening ceremony for

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History events planned throughout October

the new Mary Humphreys Arboretum. Food, music, and photo ops.

Oct. 12 | Clothing & Costume Tour | 5 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House | Free | Take a closer look at the museum's archival collection of textiles from Berlin families. View an 1870s wedding gown, a whalebone corset, a horsehair cloak, and much more.

Oct. 15 (rain date Oct. 29) | Tindley Gospel Sing | 1-4 p.m. at the Germantown School | Free | A day dedicated to the music of Rev. Charles Albert Tindley. Local Gospel Choirs will join to celebrate the music of Rev. Charles Albert Tindley, the father of Gospel music. The Germantown School Museum will also present a brief history of Tindley's musical legacy.

Oct. 19 | Not-So-Spooky Tour | 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House | Free | A candlelight tour of the museum after dark. Hear stories about the lives of people in 1840s Berlin. All ages.

Pocomoke:
Oct. 1-2 | Chessie the Chesapeake Bay Monster Program | 12:30 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | Discover the friendly Chesapeake Bay Monster that sparked mass conservation efforts for the beloved bay. This

friendly sea monster was first reported in the 1930's and has become one of the most famous folklore characters of the region. Hear the story of Chessie and receive a copy of Chessie's coloring book.

Oct. 8-9 | Friend or Foe? | 12:30 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | Learn about the history of native Delmarva animals and how people have viewed them throughout history, starting with the Native Americans and early settlers.

Oct. 15-16 | Delmarva Legends Program | 12:30 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | Learn about different legends that have haunted the Peninsula, from the Selbyville Swamp Monster to the Legend of the Chincoteague Ponies. These spooky tales have haunted the region and helped shape human culture in the region. Guests will receive a map of spooky areas to visit.

Oct. 22-23 | Our haunted Pocomoke Forest Program | 12:30 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | The Pocomoke Forest is known as Maryland's most haunted forest. Having served as a hideout for many during the civil war it's no wonder this forest is full of urban legends, but

where there is legend there is truth. Come find out what lurks in the Cypress Swamp and the role that this forest has played in shaping local history.

Oct. 29-30 | Shore Laddie & Otterly Spooky | 12 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | Delve into the history of River Otters across the world and in the region. Stick around to watch beloved Otters Mac and Tuck receive their special Halloween treat!

All month long | Delmarva Folk-

lore, Myths & Legends Exhibition | Delmarva Discovery Museum | Free, with paid admission | Walk through the Museum and discover the history and legends surrounding each of the museum's creatures. Learn about the most famous legends of the region and journey to new and exciting places to explore on the shore. Fun for guests of all ages.

For more information on Worcester County History Week, visit www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek or www.ocmuseum.org/history-month.

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Opinion

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OP's vote tally trouble comes at tough time

Of all the times to have a problem with vote totals, what with some states creating election integrity units in response to imaginary troubles their own elections officials have repeatedly refuted, the Ocean Pines Association's discovery of a huge vote total disparity in its last election is more than unfortunate.

It's distressing because any number of people will be inclined to think the worst, or at least will become more skeptical of future election outcomes.

There's no telling at this moment how this summer's election saw many more votes cast than is mathematically possible under the association's one property-one vote system.

But whatever occurred, it had to be the result of a malfunction or misunderstanding rather than malfeasance, so voters should hold the Elections Committee and the OPA Board of Directors harmless in all this.

Ocean Pines residents have seen their share of political skullduggery over the years, but this latest misadventure doesn't fall into that category.

Reelect Dean Burrell

Voters in the 4th District will be called upon Tuesday to decide whether incumbent Dean Burrell or challenger Tony Weeg should represent them on the Town Council.

To be sure, community activist Weeg has a ton of energy and a solid resume and his presence on the council would add some electricity to the discussions.

But is that what 4th District voters want? We think they prefer Burrell's way of representing their interests and therefore endorse his return.

As for Weeg, whose ideas are townwide in scope, he can do more for the community overall outside the confines of a single district.



Third annual Marine Debris Plunder

(Sept. 29, 2022) Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program this Sunday, for the third annual Marine Debris Plunder.

Participants will pick up debris that has been discarded in the bays, on the beach and streets, then bring their loot to the West Ocean City Boat Ramp for a weigh-in.

Volunteers can start anytime. Organizers ask those interested to pre-register for the event and pick up supplies in advance, then bring trash to the weigh-in between noon and 4 p.m.

Register online at the Maryland Coastal Bays Program website, www.mdcoastalbays.org, or call Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297, ext. 106 to sign up by phone.

There will be no registration at the event.

Thanks to a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the support of Worcester County, Sandpiper Energy, Ron Jon Surf Shop, Seagull Disposal, Bluewater Properties and Pure Lure, supplies will be provided for those who pre-register (while they last).

Supply packets can be picked up at Pure Lure in the West Ocean City Harbor at a pre-arranged date.

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

The intent of this event is to engage the community in picking up debris in waterways and streets and bringing it to one location where it will be weighed and disposed of properly.

All participants will be asked to fill out data sheets on the debris. This data will be used for an outreach campaign next year reminding visitors the importance of keeping waterways clean.

Boaters pursuing debris in the water will receive specific instructions as to what is marine debris and what is a live trap as crabbing season is in effect. It is illegal to tamper with any live traps.

Low tide for this day is around 7 a.m.

The Natural Resource Police will be available in case participants have any questions as to what is marine debris, and what is not, in case something is unclear to a participant.

Boaters will be encouraged to pursue abandoned crab pots, derelict crab pots that have been clearly abandoned and are sitting in shallow water and marshes.

Every year crabbers lose their pots to careless boaters who do not pay attention and run over crab pot floats. Once these floats are cut, the pot becomes untraceable until it washes into shallow water or on top of a marsh.

Unfortunately, ghost pots continually re-bait as crabs crawl inside, eventually die, and new crabs arrive to eat those.

These ghost pots also trap and kill pretty much anything that will try to climb in to retrieve a free meal, including terrapin, otter and fish.

For event specifics, visit www.mdcoastalbays.org or contact mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org.

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Sept. 29

18TH ANNUAL SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR
Ocean City Area, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour features 10 of the greater Ocean City area's most captivating residences. Five or more will offer in-person tours. All homes available virtually through October. <https://sandcastlehometour.com>, 410-524-9433

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS
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, 410-632-2600

PLAY TIME
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SURVIVAL SPANISH: STUDENT EDITION
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join Miss Morgan for this introductory Spanish program. For ages 7-12 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-

2600
PINE TONES CHORUS: HAVE FUN SINGING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 1 p.m. Inviting new singers, both ladies and gentlemen. 610-213-7472

ROCK LEGENDS SERIES: THE ROLLING STONES
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Martin Scorsese documented a series of the Rolling Stones' 2006 concerts at Manhattan's Beacon Theater. Special guests Buddy Guy, Christina Aguilera and Jack White. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRESIDE CHAT
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A book discussion featuring books participants have read and want to share. Come and find your next great read and future favorites. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BJUICED GRAND OPENING
Bjuiced, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Free samples, resources, great networking. www.bjuiced.com

READER'S THEATRE
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30
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Fall flavors, flowers and plants coming to OP farmers market

(Sept. 29, 2022) It's football season, and Chef Bill Cutis will return to the marketplace kitchen at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.
A huge football fan, Curtis will share a variety of ways to make the classic tailgating favorite, chicken wings.
Curtis graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. His restaurant experience spans more than two decades, including several of the top eateries in Ocean City.
Elsewhere at the market, the bounty of late-summer produce is still abundant and mingling with the

first fruits and vegetables of fall.
"By early fall, ripe bell peppers, okra and eggplant will be abundant. As mid-October approaches, greens like arugula, lettuce, mizuna and Bok choy will start to appear," Market Manager David Bean said.
Bean said butternut squash, kabocha squash and other hard winter squashes should take center stage with the arrival of pumpkins and gourds.
"For those in search of The Great Pumpkin, the market is a great place to find the best variety of jack-o'-lanterns," he said. "From petite boo pumpkins to colorful gourds, the col-
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Prep sophomore named to National Soccer League team

(Sept. 29, 2022) In August, Worcester Preparatory School sophomore Ben McGovern was awarded All-Conference Second Team for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Elite Clubs National Soccer League (ECNL).
McGovern has played for the regional soccer team, Maryland United, for three years.
He travels two hours to practice and games at least three times a week while also maintaining a full academic schedule at Worcester.
He also plays soccer for Worcester, positioned at center attacking mid-field.
McGovern said he is excited to be representing Worcester and hopes to



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Worcester Preparatory School sophomore Ben McGovern is pictured playing for Maryland United over the summer.

help lead the school to another championship this season.

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Cuisine

Suplee: Amazing rendition of meat in dough

When you think of empanadas, do you think of tasty hot pockets?

That was always my assumption, as they were the only “empanadas” I had ever seen, some made with wheat flour and some with masa.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Traveling through Mexico and Costa Rica over the years, they were somewhat ubiquitous, and man were they delicious. Whether made from beef, pork or chicken, there was a resounding theme of, “Oh, you’ve had a few drinks? We have just the thing for you!”

And along comes one of my favorite classes to teach, Latin American, and I get my ear bent on the topic.

For the textbook, I was able to bring in Gran Cocina Latina by Dr. Marisel Presilla, and it is literally the bible of Latin cuisine. It is an amazing book, as evidenced by my copy falling apart.

The beauty of the book is in the details, stories, folklore and techniques of many cultures from Mexico to Central and South America to the Caribbean.

And while I revel in the thought of cooking everything in this book, it is a thick tome and it would take me years to get through it, but we’re getting there.

Many years ago, in fact the first year that I adopted the book, when we hit empanadas, I figured it would be a day of hot pockets and boy was I wrong.

Technically while the below recipe is not the empanada that we think of, Dr. Presilla argues that it could be a empanada due to the fact that it is a meat filling wrapped in dough.

But, if you ask me, this is one of the most glorious pot pies I have ever made, witnessed being made or eaten in my lifetime. This is an amazing rendition of meat in dough.

As you read through this, understand that this is not a copied recipe, although very close. It is a variation on a theme, as I like to put it, but all the credit goes to the book’s author.

And if you are a reader, and you are serious about food, this book needs to be on your bookshelf, nightstand or wherever you may keep your books for easy access.



I have never read a book on the subject so well-researched and understood by the author.

And when you do get down to business and make this, make sure you taste along the way. It is rather amazing how the flavors develop and enrich the finished product.

This is the very definition of layers of flavor on flavor on flavor.

So go make some pie dough and a filling that would put your abuelita to shame.

Dough

serves 8
3 1/2 c. AP flour
1 1/4 tsp. Salt
1/3 c. plus 1 Tbsp. Confectioners’ Sugar
1 1/2 c. Butter
1 large egg yolk beaten with 1 Tbsp. Cold water

- Mix the flour, salt and sugar and cut in the butter.

- When it is at the consistency of cornmeal, add the water and mix well, but do not beat it up.

- Place on a lightly floured surface and knead it just enough to come together.

- Form into a ball, wrap in plastic, and place in the icebox for at least an hour.

Filling/Final Preparation

2# Ground beef, shredded chicken or ground pork, your choice
2 Tbsp. Good unsalted Irish butter
1 med. Yellow onion, finely diced
1 leek, trimmed to the white part and finely diced
4 cloves fresh garlic, diced
1 med. Carrot, diced
1 med. Red bell pepper, diced
8 ea. Roma tomatoes, peeled and diced

4 ea. Serrano chilies, seeds and ribs removed and finely diced
1/2 can tomato paste
1/2 c. Dry white wine
juice of 1 lime
2 Tbsp. Brown sugar
2 tsp. Smoked Hungarian paprika
1 Tbsp. Trimix (Because you can never have too much)
1/4 c. Coarse stone ground mustard

- Make sure that your protein of choice is fully cooked and set aside until you finish the rest of the filling.
- In a large pan, heat the butter and allow to cook until most of the foaming has subsided. This will cook the milk solids and start the dish out with an amazing layer of flavor.

I’m pretty sure the classically trained French chefs among us are shaking their heads in disdain, but

for once just break protocol. Get wild

- Add the onion and leek and cook for about 5 minutes.

- Add the garlic, carrot, bell pepper, roma tomatoes and serranos and cook them down. Your house will smell wonderful at this point.

- Once the liquid has mostly dissipated, add the tomato paste and cook until it takes on a burgundy hue, making sure not to burn anything. It can be a bit of a trapeze act, but I have faith in you.

- Add the wine, lime juice, sugar, paprika, trimix, mustard and your protein of choice and mix well.

- Adjust the seasoning and set aside.

- Cut the dough in half and roll both pieces to overlap a pie pan.

- Place the bottom piece in the pan, pressing it in and then add the filling.

- Top with the final piece and bake in a 375F oven for 35-50 minutes, depending on the oven.

- When the crust is done, this delightful dish is done, as everything is cooked anyways.

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

Obituary

WILLIAM JOHN BURKE
Berlin

William John Burke, “Bill,” age 83, passed away on Sept. 24, 2022 at Atlantic General Hospital.



William Burke

A native of Ireland, Bill came to the United States in 1963 after graduating from St. Patrick’s College, Carroll. He moved to the Eastern Shore in the early 1980’s after spending 17 years in Arizona as a Catholic priest.

He became marketing director for Taylor Bank, where he was also involved in debit card programs and in the bank’s advertising. He remained with the bank for 24 years.

Bill was a member of Holy Savior Catholic Church where he was a lector and member of the choir.

He was past president of the Ocean City Lions Club where he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow and a life member.

He was also past president of Diakonia, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and the Berlin Heritage Foundation. He worked through local nonprofits to provide storage buildings for three homes Habitat for Humanity built in Berlin.

He was a member of the Delmarva Irish-American Club and the A.O.H.

He was named Berlin’s Citizen of the Year for 2007. He also volunteered at the Berlin Visitor’s Center and was on the town’s Ethics Commission.

Bill loved to walk and ride his bike in the early morning on the Boardwalk. One of the joys of his life was to watch the sun rise over the horizon.

Several times a week he spent time having spirited discussions with friends over coffee. Believing laughter is good for the soul he often found humor in

unlikely situations.

Bill was a strong believer in community. He believed that each person has a contribution to make so they can leave the community better than they found it.

He tried to live his life in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. “Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

He believed that each of us has the capacity to be a bridge over troubled waters – we can reach out and help others carry their burdens.

He was the son of the late Richard and Bridget Burke.

He is survived by the love of his life, Donna; stepson, Richard Lawrence (Nikia); and five step-grandchildren.

He is also survived by one sister and one brother who live in Ireland.

He was predeceased by four brothers and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Sept. 30, 2022 at Holy Savior Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Friends may call one hour prior to Mass.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: St. Vincent de Paul Pantry at Holy Savior Catholic Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, Maryland 21842; or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Fall flavors come to Pines market

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ors are just wonderful.”

Fall flavors can also be found at marketplace’s many bake shops. Belinda White of Pies Etcetera features delights made with local apples and pears, including apple crumble, pears with oats and sweet potato bars.

An expanding selection of mums, asters, pansies and other plants for the porch and garden can also be found at the market during the fall months.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park. Offseason hours, 9 a.m. to noon, start on Nov. 5.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

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Puzzles

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BY KATIE HALE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Katie Hale is a stay-at-home mom and an assistant crossword editor in London. This is her fifth Sunday Times crossword since 2021. She works on puzzles when her girls, 6 and 9, are in school or after they've gone to bed. "I like to try and come up with themes during times when I might otherwise be mindlessly staring at my phone, like on the bus," she says. "I think the moments when I'm out in the world, hearing other people talk, but not directly to me, are the best times to find inspiration." — W.S.

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36 Animal that turns white in the winter

37 Large number

38 "I am not what I am" speaker

39 Pioneering sci-fi film that was snubbed for the Best Visual Effects Oscar for its use of computers

40 Road-trip determination

41 Decade in which many in Gen Z were born

42 Main ingredient in poi

47 Kind of diagram

50 In this matter

51 Arose

53 City on the Irtysh River

54 Parcel (out)

56 Elementary particle named for a Greek letter

57 Called a strike, say

58 Like some potato chips and language

59 Part of NATO: Abbr.

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60 Jardins d'enfants, par exemple

61 Tech-and-culture magazine since 1993

62 Has left the office, e.g.

66 Jay-Z and Kanye West song that samples "Try a Little Tenderness"

67 Pigeon coop

68 What a bad dancer is said to have

70 Large number

71 ____ Ledbetter, a.k.a. Lead Belly

73 Newswire co.

76 A4 automaker

78 "____ it!" (informal challenge)

80 Rock used to make ultramarine

81 Pretentious

82 Snack cakes with creamy swirls

83 It might be changed or made up

84 "Look!" in Latin

85 Took to court

91 Miscrchant's record, maybe

92 Like a clear night

93 Rival you kind of like

94 "That's amazing!"

95 Color classification

96 Naval Academy grads

97 Basic personal information

98 "Spill it!"

99 Flow slowly

101 "Not gonna happen!"

102 Counts (on)

104 Tropical vine

109 "Brown ____ Girl"

111 Pool shade

112 Kind of discount

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p.m. Join the group as they read short scripts and improvise the acting. For ages 13 years and older. 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 under “Events”. 410-632-2600

BENEATH THE SHEETS: A DUSTIN PARI PRESENTATION
Held via Zoom, 7 p.m.. Dustin pulls back the curtain, or sheets, to explain why some strange encounters can be rationally explained. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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

Fri., Sept. 30

OCEANS CALLING FESTIVAL
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 12:30-11 p.m. A three day festival in partnership with musicians O.A.R. featuring more than 30 performances on 3 stages, all on the classic Ocean City Boardwalk. www.oceanscallingfestival.com

18TH ANNUAL SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR
Ocean City Area, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour features 10 of the greater Ocean City area’s most captivating residences. Five or more will offer in-person tours. All homes available virtually through October. <https://sandcastlehometour.com>, 410-524-9433

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open to those 13 years and older. No appointment is required. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358), www.agh.care/flu

STORY TIME ‘MR. JACK’S FAVES’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join the group for another of Mr. Jake’s favorite books: “Dragons Love Tacos” by Adam Rubin. Stick around for a fun crafts. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

Sat., Oct. 1

OCEANS CALLING FESTIVAL
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 12:30-11 p.m., A three day festival in partnership with musicians O.A.R. featuring more

than 30 performances on 3 stages, all on the classic Ocean City Boardwalk. www.oceanscallingfestival.com

CHICKEN WING DEMONSTRATION
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. 9 a.m. During the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, Chef Bill Curtis will share a variety of ways to make chicken wings. www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market

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-in welcome. 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. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET
Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36540 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Beverage included with dine-in only. Carry out platters and additional baked goods available for purchase. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children 6 years and older and free to those 5 and younger. 410-835-8340

PROJECT T(W)EEN ‘LIVE MYSTERY GAME!’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. A live, interactive game of “Who Done It?” For ages 11 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CHESSIE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY MONSTER PROGRAM
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. This friendly sea monster has become one of the most famous folklore characters of the region. Hear the story and receive a copy of Chessie’s coloring book. Free with paid admission.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MOBILE HEADQUARTERS
In Front of Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, 11932 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. The mobile headquarters of the Republican Women of Worcester County will be on Route 50 in front of Sherwin Williams. Information on Republican candidates and campaign signs and materials available.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a widely popular family movie about a magical house. Craft included. Families

welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 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. oppaddle2020@gmail.com or 516-508-0313.

FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
Saturdays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each week provides a different project to complete. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sun., Oct. 2

OCEANS CALLING FESTIVAL
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 12:30-10:30 p.m. A three day festival in partnership with musicians O.A.R. featuring more than 30 performances on 3 stages, all on the classic Ocean City Boardwalk. www.oceanscallingfestival.com

3RD ANNUAL MARINE DEBRIS PLUNDER
Remove marine debris by land or by sea. Pre-register, pickup supplies in advance, then bring your loot to the weigh-in at the boat ramp, 12-4 p.m. Register: www.mdcoastalbays.org or Sandi, 410-213-2297, Ext.106.

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BLESSING OF THE PETS
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. 1 p.m. Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier. All are welcome.

CRAB FEAST
Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-5 p.m. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$20 for children 6-10 years and free to those 6 years and younger. Tickets: 410-723-1973 or Monica, 443-235-8942. Bring your own mallet. Dine-in or carry-out.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 3 p.m. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Repertoire: Piano Concerto No. 5 “Emperor”, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Featuring Michael McHale, Piano. Cost is \$50 for general admission. [\[center.com\]\(http://center.com\)](https://ocmdperformingarts-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 2 p.m., Pastor Dale Brown will provide the blessing and all are welcome to bring their animals. 410-641-7662

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

FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

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

Mon., Oct. 3

PRESERVING THE PAST WITH PHOTOGRAPHS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join the library and Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum in learning about the preservation and care of photographs. Follow this with a personal tour at the museum. Register: ocmuseum.org. 410-632-2600

HISTORY OF OUR SURFMAN
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Meet Keeper Allan and learn about life as an Ocean City Storm Warrior. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

MONDAY MUSIC MASTERS
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Join Mr. Jake for an introduction to the world of music. Learn some techniques to help understand and read music. Recommended for ages 9 years and older. 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 Chaucer’s “Pardoner’s Tale.” The group is currently reading selections in Great Conversations, Book 3. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CREATING NAZCA LINES
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 p.m. Learn about the mysterious Nazca Lines and make one for yourself to celebrate Latin Heritage Month. For ages 10 years and older.

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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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Oct. 4

STORY TIME 'APPLES & PUMPKINS'
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fun. For ages 2-5 years. 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. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well.

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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

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

HISTORY & MYSTERY OF THE AMERICAN EEL
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Delve into the mysterious life of eels. Tuesdays during October. Free with paid admission. https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH LECTURE
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Dr. Kara French will examine the ideas of gender and identities within the LGBTQ+ community and how they have changed over time. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you are working on to the open collaborative led by Mikel Campbell. Present works in progress or talk through composition issues with other songwriters. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GAMES OF AUTUMN
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 p.m. Play some traditional Autumn games. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BEACH HEROES-OC
Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING
Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE
Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

Wed., Oct. 5

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP
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COMMUNITY FLU VACCINE CLINIC
Worcester County Government Office, 1 W. Market St., Snow Hill. 9 a.m.-noon.

STEPHEN DECATUR PARK SCAVENGER HUNT AND RIBBON CUTTING
Stephen Decatur Park, Tripoli Street, Berlin, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. During Walk Maryland Day, the Worcester County Health Department Just Walk program will sponsor a scavenger hunt. The Stephen

Decatur Park Walking Path ribbon cutting will be held at 4:30 p.m. 410-632-1100 Ext. 1108

BABY TIME 'MINI-MUSICIANS'
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Help develop little one's fine motor skills with some fun and silly songs. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'LIBRARIAN'S FAVORITE'
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Ms. Savannah will be share her favorite stories, songs and games for a morning full of extra special fun. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STATION 4 HISTORIC TOUR
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Walk through Ocean City's once-active 1891 Life Saving Station and take a trip back through time. Wednesdays during October. Free with paid admission. https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

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

COOKING DEMONSTRATION: SOUPS AND STEWS
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Sample healthy meals featuring in-season ingredients. Also health screenings including weight/body composition, blood pressure, pre-diabetes risk test and general health info. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

JUNIOR HISTORIANS
Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 4:30 p.m. An afternoon of historical discovery. Interact with items from the museum's archival collection and make your own camera obscura. For ages 8-15 years. Free event. https://www.taylorhousemuseum.org

FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN LIBRARY: BOOK EXCHANGE
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6-8 p.m. All are invited to attend the Autumn Friends meeting. Bring a book to trade for another. Refreshments provided. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7-8:45 p.m. Pine Steps Square Dance Club offers 4 free square dance lessons on Wednesdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 5. Beginners welcomed. Learn America's official dance. 908-229-8799

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