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The Berlin Mayor and Town Council take their seats on the panel in Town Hall after three councilmembers — Steve Green, Dean Burrell and Jay Knerr — were sworn in. Pictured, from left, are Green, Jack Orris, Burrell, Mayor Zack Tyndall and Knerr. Shaneka Nichols is not pictured.

## Elections Committee walks away

All members resign after vote count miscalculation

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) After an association-alarming slip-up and a month-plus of questions, accusations and all-around turmoil, the entire Ocean Pines Election Committee resigned from their positions on Oct. 5, the OPA announced.

The resignations come a week after the committee recertified the results of the August Board of Directors election — but with 940 fewer votes. Both the association and the committee have been dogged by criticism for how online voting and multi-lot voting were handled and the association leadership's handling of the situation in the weeks after the election.

News first slipped out from the association last week that several members had resigned, but it soon materialized through a press release that the entire volunteer committee walked away.

"Unfortunately, the board has received resignations from several (sic) members of the Elections Committee," OPA President Doug Parks said in a statement. "The decision from each committee member to resign was their own decision alone. We are saddened that these volunteers chose to resign their position, as the work they have done and the time they have spent supporting the community has been commendable. The board thanks them for their volunteer spirit and their willingness to step up

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— Doug Parks**

## Knerr, Burrell, Green sworn in

Berlin council members set priorities on what's needed now and in years ahead

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) The new Berlin Town Council is in.

Incumbents Dean Burrell and Jay Knerr and newcomer Steve Green took their oaths of office at the beginning of the mayor and Town Council meeting on Tuesday, which should solidify the panel on the second floor of the Town Hall for the next two years.

Burrell was the only one of the three who faced competition, but edged challenger Tony Weeg by just two votes. Both Knerr and Green ran

unopposed.

Green, the new guy on the block, said he's excited to finally be representing the people of Berlin's District 1. He received the endorsement of former Councilmember Troy Purnell, whose seat he assumed. Purnell had long said that he wouldn't seek re-election if Green decided he wanted to run.

"I am looking forward to carrying out my campaign promise of being informed, accessible and committed," Green said in an email. "This is how I live my life and I think I can bring these traits to public office. I possess an intimate familiarity with the town's past challenges and successes and present achievements and rise in popularity and prominence. I look forward to being involved in policy-

making and shaping the future direction of the town I love."

Some of the issues he's looking forward to as he starts his freshman term are whether to sell a large portion of Heron Park, conducting an employee pay study and bringing the state's Law Enforcement Officer Pension System (LEOPS) to the Berlin Police Department.

Knerr had positive words for his new colleague.

"I think (Green) is a great asset to the council," he said last week. "I think he will do a fantastic job and bring a nice perspective to the meetings."

Knerr, while not a newcomer, is heading into his first four-year term after being elected to his seat two

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# Purnell officially steps aside after 12 years as councilman

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) Troy Purnell could be found where he's usually found every other week two nights ago, at the Berlin Mayor and Town Council Meeting. But instead of sitting on the panel of elected officials at the front of the room, he was in the crowd, for the first time in 12 years.

The former councilmember for Berlin's District 1 decided earlier this year not to run for reelection. On Tuesday, first-time councilmember Steve Green took over his long-time friend's seat.

"I've done my time," Purnell said heading into the meeting. "Steve and I are pretty good friends and I thought he'd be a really good fit. People suggested running to him and I said if he did, I won't. I couldn't think of a better person to hop in my shoes."

Purnell was first elected in 2008, taking over for Gee Williams, who was assuming the role of mayor after former Mayor Tom Cardinale died in office.

When asked about his accomplishments and effectiveness as a councilmember, Purnell kept his response modest and reached back to his first year when a sidewalk was approved and installed on Broad Street.

He brought up an ongoing "struggle" as well — monitoring any potential new taxes.

Others, however, highlighted the know-how he brought to the council and the way he looked out for town employees.

"Troy definitely brought a level of experience, or type, that was a little different," town administrator Mary Bohlen said. "He had considerably more knowledge in the development and construction fields which afforded the council a different perspective. He had knowledge that was valuable to town projects and he was often able to confirm or identify potential ways to approach things differently."



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
**Troy Purnell, left, accepts a Mayor's Citation from Mayor Zack Tyndall at the Berlin Mayor and Town Council meeting on Tuesday.**

Green praised Purnell for supporting incremental property tax increases to fund annual employee raises, fund infrastructure repairs and establish a rainy day fund. He cited Purnell's vote against last year's budget on the grounds that an employee raise of 5 percent wasn't enough.

"(He believed) 10 percent ... was necessary," Green wrote in an email. "I respect that position and his willingness to stand on his own. I will need to learn much more about the budget to determine whether his opposition was the right call, but I have always admired his support for the town employees and seeing the big picture as far as the expenses necessary to manage and operate our historic town. I'm excited to switch positions with Troy, and I suspect he won't be shy about expressing his concerns with me as they arise, just as I hope all constituents will be."

As for his future, the Ocean City-based Realtor said it'll be business as usual in his professional life, but that he'll continue to attend Town Council meetings.

"I'll just be enjoying my time and enjoying the people we work with in Berlin," he said. "I'll still be keeping an on it."

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# Committee to be filled soon so it can return to its work

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and serve the association.”

When asked for his reaction to the resignations, Parks said it wasn’t something he felt was necessary for the committee to do.

“I didn’t expect it,” Parks said. “I was sad. One of the things I’ve learned in the many years I’ve been involved in high-level volunteer organizations is you never turn down a volunteer. Volunteers are very precious. The fact that we lost volunteers is upsetting.”

“I respect any criteria they used to make their decisions. I certainly didn’t want this to happen and at the very least I was hoping we could move forward and look into (the miscount) a little bit further, but I accept and respect what they did and we just have to move forward.”

Parks wouldn’t commit to a timeline for reestablishing the committee, but said, “obviously, the sooner the better.”

“There are no requirements in our governing documents that say a committee can be without members for ‘X’ amount of time. Certainly, we’re working on getting somebody to fill these positions because the sooner we can get that committee together, the sooner they can continue their work and be prepared for the next election.”

Search Committee chair Tom Piatti said he’s already submitted an application to chair the committee and expects it to be on the agenda for the regular board meeting scheduled for Oct. 22.

Piatti is a former Elections Committee appointee. While he doesn’t want to make assumptions about who and how the board votes on applicants, he said he’s given much thought to how the committee has been run in recent years.


“(We’ve had) two years covid, delays in postage and the Elections Committee thought they could improve that with internet voting and it didn’t seem to work out that bad (all things considered),” Piatti said. “We just need to get back to the basics.”

If assigned to the committee, he said he’d also like to work more closely with the ballot-counting contractor, Berlin-based ACE Printing and Mailing.

Former Elections Committee chair Carol Ludwig and former committee member Jeannie Pennington did not return calls for this story. Former committee member Joe Peloso declined to comment.



Tom Piatti



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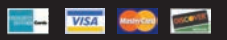


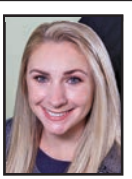
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# Council members list their priorities for years ahead

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years ago to replace Thom Gulyas, who relocated out of town.

“As far as what we need to work on, we definitely need to work on stormwater management,” Knerr said. “There are several people who consistently have flooding. It’s a major problem in Berlin. Time, money and resources need to be utilized to start seriously working on it and getting the issue corrected.”

Knerr also referenced moving the new community center project on Flower Street along and upgrading other infrastructure such as water mains.

“I’m looking forward to a good year in Berlin,” he said.

Burrell is entering his 28th year on the dais and said he’s looking forward to improving traffic concerns around Flower Street and Atlantic General Hospital — plus other projects.

“I’m looking forward to progress on both the skate park and the community center,” he said. “I’m looking forward to working with the council and fire department concerning equitable funding for fire and EMS.”

“I’m just going to do my best to

represent the folks of District 4 and the town in general.”

Though he lost by fewer votes than there are people per Berlin household, Weeg was upbeat and optimistic when asked about his plans for the present and future.

“My only plans moving forward are to break ground on a skate park sometime soon. Besides that, I’m fully focused on my family, the non-profit (We Heart Berlin) and that’s about it,” Weeg said. “I will absolutely be entertaining all future elections in the town of Berlin. I’ll see what happens here in the next two years. There’ll be a mayoral election (and I think) a shakeup on council. I’m going to wait and see. If something opens up then, I think I’ll find myself in (an elected position.)”

Weeg added that after seeing less than 75 voters turnout of District 4’s 700-plus eligible voters, he’d like to see the town address a “sleepy electorate.”

“That has to change,” he said. “We must figure out how to invigorate our people when election season comes around. I’d like to see us advertise elections like we do Oktoberfest.”



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# Fyzical Therapy putting VR into PT

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) Virtual reality, once upon a time a far-off and futuristic concept, can now augment real life in a variety of ways — video games, mobile games, live entertainment and even just hanging out with friends.

Over in Ocean Pines, Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers are using virtual reality in the form of Virtualis VR to treat all sorts of patients.

“It’s been a real game changer,” said Ed Weeks, Fyzical’s director of sales and marketing. “It’s changing the rehab scope. It allows us to put people in different situations (that benefit their recovery).”

Weeks said Fyzical uses Virtualis — a product offered by French developers — to enhance many therapeutic methods, including physical therapy for limbs and cervical, thoracic and spinal issues. It can be used to improve balance and motion sickness and for various neurological ailments. Those recovering from concussions and strokes can benefit too.

“This is something you typically see only at university medical centers or major hospital facilities,” Weeks said. “We can utilize it to treat just about every issue that we might encounter.”

The proof of success is in the clientele, which Weeks said come from as far as two hours away.

On the lower Eastern Shore, Virtualis is especially useful in treatment for those suffering from Parkinson’s disease. According to Weeks, this area has one of the highest rates of the degenerative disorder per capita in the United States.

“At one point, it was (around) nine percent higher (than the national average),” Weeks said. “Virtualis can pretty much deal with any patient dealing with ... any type of neurological issues.”

Fyzical, located at 11204 Racetrack Road, has been in business for 11 years. It started as Apex Physical Therapy, but over the years owner Scott Gardner wanted his business to be more connected in the physical therapy community, Weeks said,



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The staff at Fyzical Therapy is excited to tell the community about their new technology, Virtualis, which brings physical therapy into the world of virtual reality. It’s especially affective in the treatment of Parkinson’s disease, a degenerative neurological disorder that is prevalent on the lower Eastern Shore, Fyzical’s Ed Weeks said.

leading to the decision to franchise with the Florida-based Fyzical.

“(With Fyzical), we can talk to other practitioners about various patients and health issues, which doesn’t occur around here (with other physical therapy practices),” Weeks said. “It’s very strange.”

For more information about Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers or Virtualis VR, call 410-208-1525 or visit <https://www.fyzical.com/ocean-pines-md>.

## Md. Coastal Bays 3rd Marine Debris Plunder this Sun.

(Oct. 13, 2022) Due to Hurricane Ian, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program postponed the third annual Marine Debris Plunder to Sunday, Oct. 16.

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](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org), or call Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297, ext. 106 to sign up by phone.

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# Berlin Oktoberfest back to normal after two covid years

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) The Berlin Oktoberfest and Sidewalk Sale are back in full swing Saturday, after two years marked by covid precautions.

“It’s on,” said Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said. “It’s on. It’s Oktoberfest in Berlin just as you remember.”

The fall beer festival kicks off at 11 a.m. and wraps at 4 p.m. in downtown Berlin and features local merchant stands and racks, German-style cuisine, children’s arts and crafts, two stages for live music — one for the Edelweiss Band in front of the Atlantic Hotel and the other by Sterling Tavern for local outfit The Dunehounds — and, of course, plenty of beer. The two bands anchored the event last year as well.

The Edelweiss Band’s set is sponsored by Burley Oak Brewery while Sterling Tavern sponsors The Dunehounds’ set.

Most of the merchants at the event are local businesses setting up shop on the sidewalk in front of their stores but food and drink vendors

will be lined up too.

“All of your favorite Berlin merchants will have tables outside,” Wells added.

Food on-hand will include brats, knockwurst, pretzels, German chocolate cake and more. Mead will be available as well.

Wells mentioned that Island Creamery will feature a German chocolate cake-flavored ice cream.

This year will feature Scales and Tails, the locally famous animal exhibit from Assateague State Park.

Face painting and the children’s arts and crafts are back in-person, too. Last year, event organizers elected to limit many of the more hands-on activities because of the continuing pandemic.

Individual beers will be available for purchase via \$5 tickets.

Parking is available at the Berlin Intermediate School, with a shuttle sponsored by Ocean Downs Casino busing patrons to and from the event from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

“It’s Oktoberfest in Berlin,” Wells said. “Where else could you possibly want to celebrate Oktoberfest?”

## Help MCBP pick up trash Sun.

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ronmental 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.

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.md-coastalbays.org](http://www.md-coastalbays.org) or contact [mcbp@md-coastalbays.org](mailto:mcbp@md-coastalbays.org).



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Joshua Alton, 17, who was diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Ewing Sarcoma in July 2021, was named Stephen Decatur High School's Homecoming King. He is pictured with Queen Daniya Smith and Principal Tom Sites during halftime of Decatur's homecoming game against the North Carolina Bulldogs on Oct. 7.

# Alton chosen to be Stephen Decatur's homecoming king

**By Susan Canfora**  
Contributing Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) Cheers erupted last Friday night when Joshua Alton was named Stephen Decatur High School's Homecoming King.

Alton, 17, who was diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Ewing Sarcoma in July 2021, beamed as he sat in his wheelchair on the football field the evening of Oct. 7, flanked by Decatur Principal Tom Sites and Superintendent Lou Taylor.

Dressed in tan slacks, a blue shirt and bowtie – his father taught him how to tie it – Alton listened as shouts of happiness rose from the crowd after the announcer said, "Your 2022 Stephen Decatur High School homecoming king is Josh Alton" during halftime of Decatur's homecoming game against the North Carolina Bulldogs.

Decatur won in the final minutes, 16-14.

Daniya Smith was chosen as Homecoming Queen.

The same evening, 5-year-old Lake-lyn Draheim, who is battling a highly aggressive brain tumor, was designated Homecoming Princess. Her older brother is a member of the Decatur football team.

"It's absolutely wonderful," a jubilant Taylor told *Ocean City Today/Bayside Gazette* afterward.

"The kids voted for Joshua. After they announced he was Homecoming King, the entire student body started chanting his name," Taylor said. "It was very heartwarming, just a good feeling. It just shows the quality of our student body at Stephen Decatur High School and their priority in making choices.

"Josh deserves that, and it gives me

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## Draheim receives princess honor

hope that this generation is making good decisions. To see the gleam in his eye and the smile,” Taylor added.

At first, Alton wasn’t too sure about being nominated. He had been out of school so long he thought his classmates wouldn’t remember him, his mother, Tara Alton, said.

“When they announced his name to introduce the court, the entire senior class stood up. That moment was so special. The smile on his face was priceless,” she said.

“Then when they called his name, I’m not sure he knew whether to smile or cry. You could tell that he truly felt loved and encouraged by his classmates. The Class of 2023 really came through for him,” she said.

In recent days, Alton has been feeling tired and has some pain but he seems to be a little stronger, his mother said.

In the past eight weeks, the cancer has spread aggressively, so he won’t be receiving any more treatments.

“We are focusing on quality of life and making his next several weeks or months as special and life-giving as possible. We continue to hope and pray for a miracle and that God will heal his body,” Tara Alton said.

In a recent Facebook post, Mrs. Alton wrote, “Medicine says he doesn’t have much longer, but Jesus is much stronger. We are still going to keep praying for a miracle ... I pray for that every day, every hour.”

She added a photograph of her son as a boy, carefree and running over piles of leaves with his older sister on a fall day, his jacket open.

More than 160 comments promised prayer and support for the young man who, in August, celebrated an early Christmas with dozens of friends and neighbors at their Ocean Pines home.

Santa Claus arrived, riding in an Ocean Pines fire engine and Alton had the magical look of Christmas in his eyes as he watched the jolly elf get out of the truck, carrying a stack of neatly

wrapped presents, and walk toward him as friends and family, gathered around, clapping.

In the front yard of the Alton home stood a giant inflatable snowman. Christmas carols played. A tub of freshly baked cookies was passed around, flavorful snowballs were courtesy of The Snowball Stand and wreaths and strings of lights hung on the house. Inside, there was a 9-foot tree.

“This is really fun,” Alton said, telling a guest Christmas is his favorite holiday and explaining during the summer of 2021, he starting having back pain. He was working at Baja Amusements near Ocean City and started losing his balance.

By August, doctors had decided not to continue chemotherapy, his mother said, “as there is nothing more they can do with it.”

“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,” she wrote in a Facebook update.

“Either way, we know God is in this 100 percent and that He holds Joshua ever so close,” she added.

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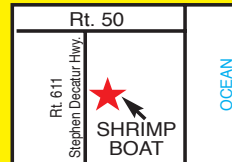
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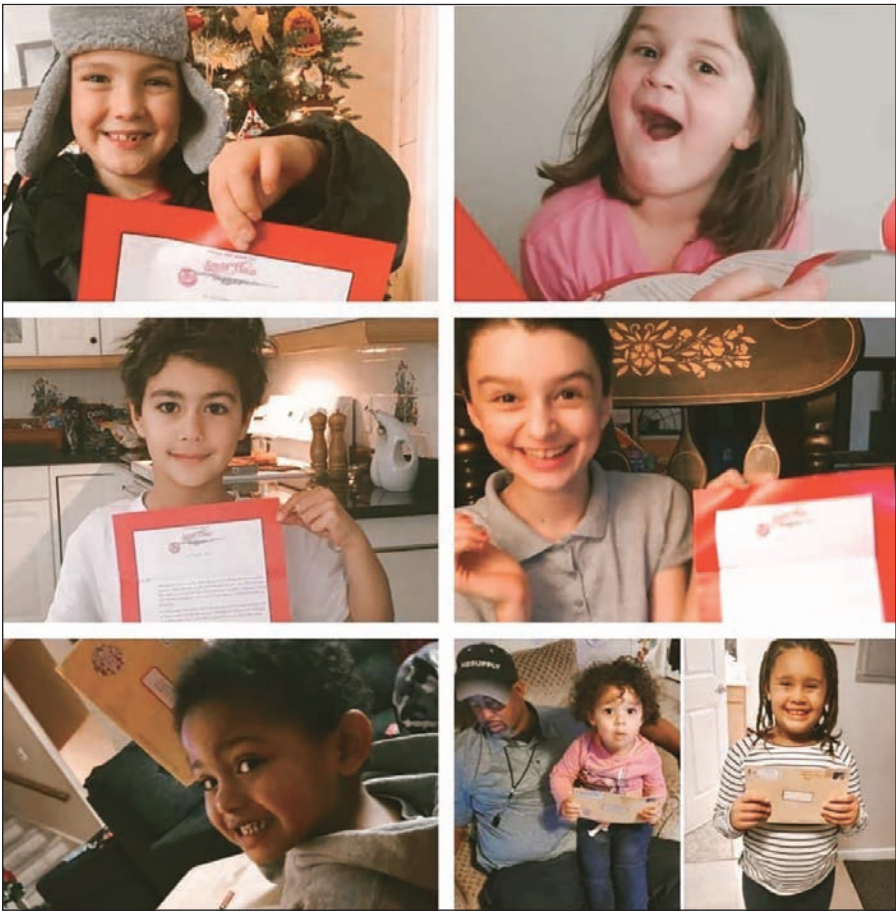


PHOTO COURTESY COLBY PHILLIPS  
Founder and organizer Colby Phillips is bringing back “Letters from Santa” for its 11th year and has announced that the letters will be expanding even more after last year introduced Santa’s newest reindeer, Peppermint. This year, coloring books will feature Gumdrop the elf.

# New character for ‘Letters from Santa’ on way this year

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer  
(Oct. 13, 2022) As the year winds down and the time until Christmas season draws near, Berlin resident Colby Phillips is firing up the prep work for an 11th round of “Letters from Santa.”  
After the addition of a coloring book dedicated to Peppermint, Santa’s newest reindeer, went over so well in 2021, this year Phillips said this year will focus on Gumdrop the

elf.  
“I try to build up the story every year and add to the excitement so it doesn’t get repetitive,” Phillips said. “The parents look forward to what Peppermint is up to and now, hopefully, it’ll be Gumdrop.”  
Phillips thought up the Christmas-greeting campaign when her daughters were young and, seeing the joy and excitement that letters from Santa Claus brought the girls, she de-  
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# Arts council showcasing two locals in Oct.

(Oct. 13, 2022) During the month of October, the Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit featuring artwork by two Gallery Co-Op Artists: Judy Benton, acrylic and oil paintings, and Jason Giusti, glass sculptures.

The opening reception of this exhibit will be held on Friday, Oct. 14 from 5-7 p.m.

Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Exhibit will on display through Oct. 30.

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org). The Worcester County Arts Coun-

cil is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support, promote, and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

## Elf Gumdrops joins crew of 'Letters from Santa' in 2022

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cided to spread that joy to others.

What started as a small community effort has now ballooned into a nationwide — even transatlantic — holiday tradition.

"The furthest I've sent a letter so far is to England, but we've sent letters all over the United States — but 60 percent of the recipients are still in this area," Phillips said.

Ace Printing and Mailing in Berlin handles the coloring books and, because of the help of community donations, much of what Phillips does now is guide the process.

"It's become kind of this community thing," she said. "People donate funds to help with stamps, products, envelopes, labels, stickers, glitter (and more). That's why we start now.

It takes a while to get everything together."

Over the years the target audience has grown — an adult can get a letter, too.

"I don't leave anybody out," Phillips said.

Looking toward the future, Phillips said she would love the opportunity to put Peppermint and Gumdrops into a children's book.

"We could donate (the proceeds) to a local children's charity," she said. "That's my ultimate goal."

The support of the local area certainly helps.

"I want to thank the community as a whole because with the help ... I usually don't put in a dime," she said. "It's just my time, because of the donations and people donating funds to help with the project. I thank everybody for that."

Anyone interested in a coloring book sent to a loved one, from Santa Claus, can email Phillips at [santaphillips@yahoo.com](mailto:santaphillips@yahoo.com). Phillips asks that requests be sent by Nov. 15.

Donations can be sent to Ace Printing, made out to Santa Phillips. There is a Venmo account set up for the project, [@santaphillips](https://venmo.com/santaphillips).



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Berlin resident Colby Phillips is firing up the prep work for an 11th round of "Letters from Santa."

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Beginning Oct. 12, the Life of the Marsh Trail and Life of the Forest Trail at Assateague Island National Seashore will be closed for construction.

## Life of Marsh, Life of Forest trails closing for construction

(Oct. 13, 2022) Beginning Oct. 12, the Life of the Marsh Trail and Life of the Forest Trail at Assateague Island National Seashore will be closed for construction.

The closings will affect both the nature trail and parking in each area. Trails and parking lots will be closed to vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

This project is necessary to reconstruct the deteriorating sections of each trail and both overlooks. These trails were severely damaged when Hurricane Sandy passed off the coast in October 2012.

While the boardwalks were replaced and elevated, the overlooks were not. These structures have continued to age and the trails no longer meet current ADA specifications.

The new trail construction will provide additional seating and wheelchair access with improved observation areas.

This project was funded by park entrance and pass fees.

Eighty percent of all revenue from Assateague Island National Park Entrance fees or the local sales of the various Federal Interagency Passes stays right here in the park to fund this type of visitor related project.

The other 20 percent goes into a fund which can be used by parks with no entrance fee or very low fee revenues.

Examples of projects funded in the last year are the new boardwalk at the Maryland Visitor Center, renovation of Well #1 on the island, design of a

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# AGH announces new patient care VP and chief of nursing

(Oct. 13, 2022) Atlantic General Hospital and Health System officials have announced that Mandy Bounds, DNP, MSN, RN, CPQH, CCRN, will join the organization Oct. 31 to serve as the new chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services.



Mandy Bounds

Bounds has more than 16 years of experience in healthcare, with a background in nursing administration; hospital quality, safety and patient experience; and nursing education.

Most recently, she has overseen acute and critical care services, infection prevention, patient safety and patient experience initiatives in various roles at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health.

Bounds started her nursing career as a licensed practical nurse in long term care after completing the certificate program at Wor-Wic Community College.

Nine months later, she joined UM Shore Regional Health as a bedside critical care registered nurse after earning an associate degree in nursing at Wor-Wic.

In 2010, she earned her BSN from Wilmington University and transi-

tioned to the clinical coordinator role for its Critical Care Unit.

She continued her education as she gained progressive management experience, earning her Master of Science in Nursing and then a terminal degree in nursing practice from Wilmington University.

Bounds served as director of patient safety, experience and high reliability at UM Shore Regional Health for nearly two years before becoming their director of acute and critical care services in March.

Bounds strives for excellence in patient care, with a focus on quality, safety and patient experience, and is committed to building a strong workforce.

She is well-versed in Magnet recognition programs, Leapfrog Safety Grades, Joint Commission accreditation, and shared governance programs.

Bounds is a visiting professor for Chamberlain University's doctoral nursing practice (DNP) program and is an adjunct faculty member for the nursing programs at Wilmington University, where she strives to inspire and empower nurse leaders to have a strong impact on healthcare delivery.

She has lived on the Eastern Shore, where she met her husband and started her family, since 2004.

## Trails closing for construction

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new freshwater distribution system for the island, reconstruction of the state line fence, and replacement of the entrance sign at the visitor center.

The Old Ferry Landing recreation area is undergoing reconstruction

that began in September.

The length of the closure is difficult to predict at this time, as construction is weather dependent.

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## Ocean Pines puts out survey on Rec. and Parks amenity

(Oct. 13, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short customer satisfaction survey about the Recreation and Parks amenity. The survey should take about four minutes to complete. This is the latest of several surveys planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to gather input on the development of a strategic plan for Ocean Pines. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous. To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QH57HTZ>.

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## Worcester County residents earn collegiate accolades

(Oct. 13, 2022) More than 30 Worcester County residents completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past summer. **Berlin:** Cole D. Bennett, AAS, Criminal Justice; Tierra N. Bratten, AAS, Criminal Justice; Austin C. Buchiane, AAS, Computer Studies; Amy L. Cannon, CT, Nursing; Gionna Marie DePasquale, AS, Nursing; Michael Ryan Glick, AS, Nursing; Ramona Gray, AAS, Education; Tashica N. Hilliard, CT, Nursing; Eunice Huesca, AAT, Edu-

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## Farm-to-Library by support group to take place Oct. 20

(Oct. 13, 2022) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will present a Farm-To-Library event as part of the organization's semi-annual membership meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20. Local farmers will share their stories: how they got started farming, what products they sell, and the challenges and benefits of operating their own farm. This event is open to the public and refreshments will be served. The membership meeting begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Farm-To-Library event at 11 a.m. The general public is welcome and there is no charge. Guest speakers include: Matthew Harhai, Goat Plum Tree Farm; Nancie Corbett, Bluebird Farms; and Carol Cross, Cross Farms, all of Berlin. Worcester County Library is hosting several programs related to nutrition and wellness as part of its Farm-To-Library series. More details are available at [worcesterlibrary.org](http://worcesterlibrary.org). The initiative is in partnership with the Worcester County Health Department, a recipient of a grant from CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield to launch a diabetes prevention program for the community.

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# School recognized for use of tech to enhance learning

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) Berlin Intermediate School was recognized on Oct. 3 as an Apple Distinguished School for its use of technology to enhance a student's learning experience.

More specifically, the school uses computer technology to create meaningful and real-world learning opportunities.

Apple Distinguished Schools use Apple technology to inspire collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking for students and teachers in a school environment and have a reputation of earning positive results in academic accomplishments.

"At Berlin Intermediate School, we strive to provide a rigorous educational program for all students that is sensitive to individual needs," Principal Amy Gallagher said. "Technology should always enhance our efforts to personalize learning and engage students with the curriculum."

To be selected as an Apple Distinguished School, schools need to show success as an innovator along with a compelling learning environment that engages students. With that, the school must also provide tangible ev-



Faculty and staff members of Berlin Intermediate School were surprised to learn last week that the campus has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for its use of technology to enhance a student's learning experience. Pictured, from left, are State Del. Wayne Hartman, Worcester County Board of Education President Elena McComas, Board Member Dr. Jon Andes, BIS Principal Dr. Amy Gallagher, BIS Teacher Michael Anne Bunting, Showell Principal Ryan Cowder, BIS Teacher Ellen Masters, Superintendent of Schools Louis Taylor, and Board Member Bill Gordy.

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idence of academic achievement.

BIS was able to demonstrate how its experimental and experiential models were enhanced with Apple technology, amplifying the student's learning experience.

In a press release, the district said the daily use of iPads empowered teachers to demonstrate, create, showcase, and inspire students while also unlocking the creativity of stu-

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## Worcester County Commissioner Briefs

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) When the Worcester County Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 4, they discussed everything from vehicle repair expenditures to hotel requests from the board of elections.

### Park funds

Director of Recreation and Parks Kelly Rados told the commissioners her department was awarded \$1 million in Local Parks and Playground Infrastructure funding for FY23 from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

The plan for the money includes putting \$75,000 toward a batting cage at the Worcester County Recreation Center, \$450,000 toward bleachers at the Worcester County Recreation Center, \$225,000 toward a playground at Bishopville Park, \$200,000 toward Newark Park Playground, and \$50,000 toward the replacement of the volleyball court at Newtown Park.

The commissioners approved the projects unanimously.

### Elections hotel request

County Election Director Patricia Jackson asked the commissioners to approve hotel accommodations in Ocean City from Oct. 27 through Nov.

3, for her and Teresa Riffin.

Jackson told the commissioners early voting will take place at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street in Ocean City. The hours for voting, she said, are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, and staff are required to be there at 5:45 a.m. to open the equipment, complete reports, and prepare for voter arrival at 7 a.m.

When voting closes, she said, she and Riffin will be required to be on site until at least 9 p.m., or possibly later.

While the county does not normally pay for accommodations for meetings within the county, she requested on hotel room be paid for at \$99.22 per night, or \$992 for the entire stay.

The commissioners unanimously approved the request.

### Vehicle repairs

In a unanimous, but questioned vote, the commissioners agreed to pay \$5,002 to repair a county-owned vehicle that was involved in a motor vehicle accident.

According to a memo from Bob Mitchell, the director of environmental programs for the county, the accident was the fault of the other driver, and the insurance companies were unable to settle the case. As a result, the county was responsible for paying for the repairs.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom questioned the repair bill and why the other party was not paying it. He then moved to approve the expenditure but seek legal action against the other

party, and the motion passed.

### Forklift parts

In a sweeping approval of many of the consent agenda items on Tuesday, the commissioners agreed to use \$14,410 from the FY23 budget to pay for new clamps on a county-owned forklift in the recycling department.

The budget originally earmarked \$17,000 as part of a five-year lease payment for a new forklift – totaling \$85,000 – but after discussions, the staff agreed to replace the clamps because everything else on the vehicle was working fine.

As a result of the decision, the county will save \$70,590 by replacing just the clamps.

## Faculty applauds Apple distinction

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dents when it came to creating, collaborating, and communicating with their peers and teachers.

“We are incredibly proud that the innovative learning practices at Berlin Intermediate School has garnered this national recognition,” Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said. “As I look back on the investment that our board of education,

county commissioners, and our community have made to ensure our schools are outfitted with advanced instructional technology to enhance and create new learning opportunities for students, today’s announcement is a demonstration of how sound this continued focus and investment truly is.”

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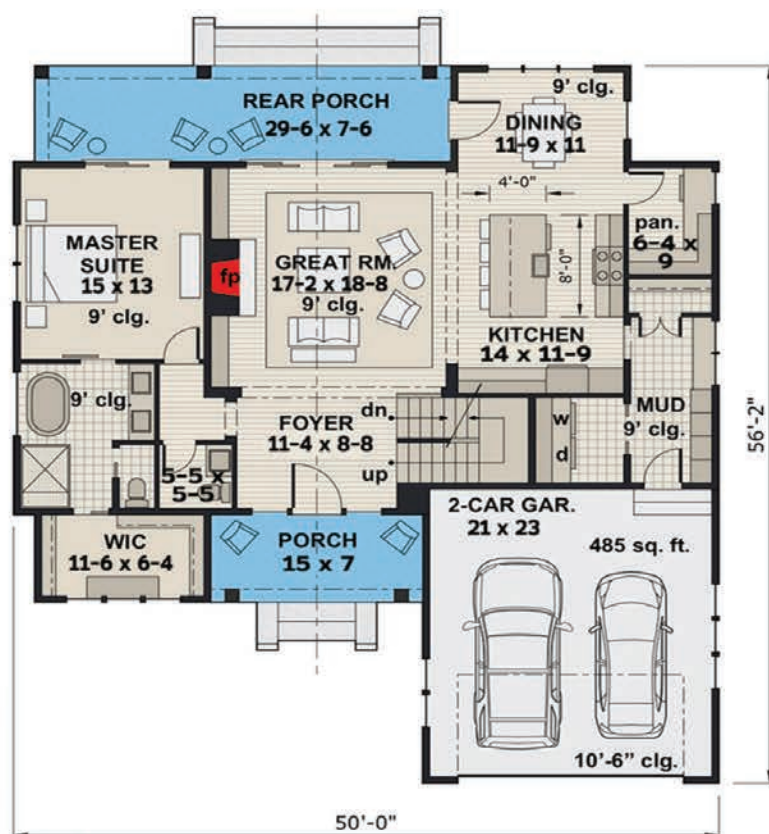
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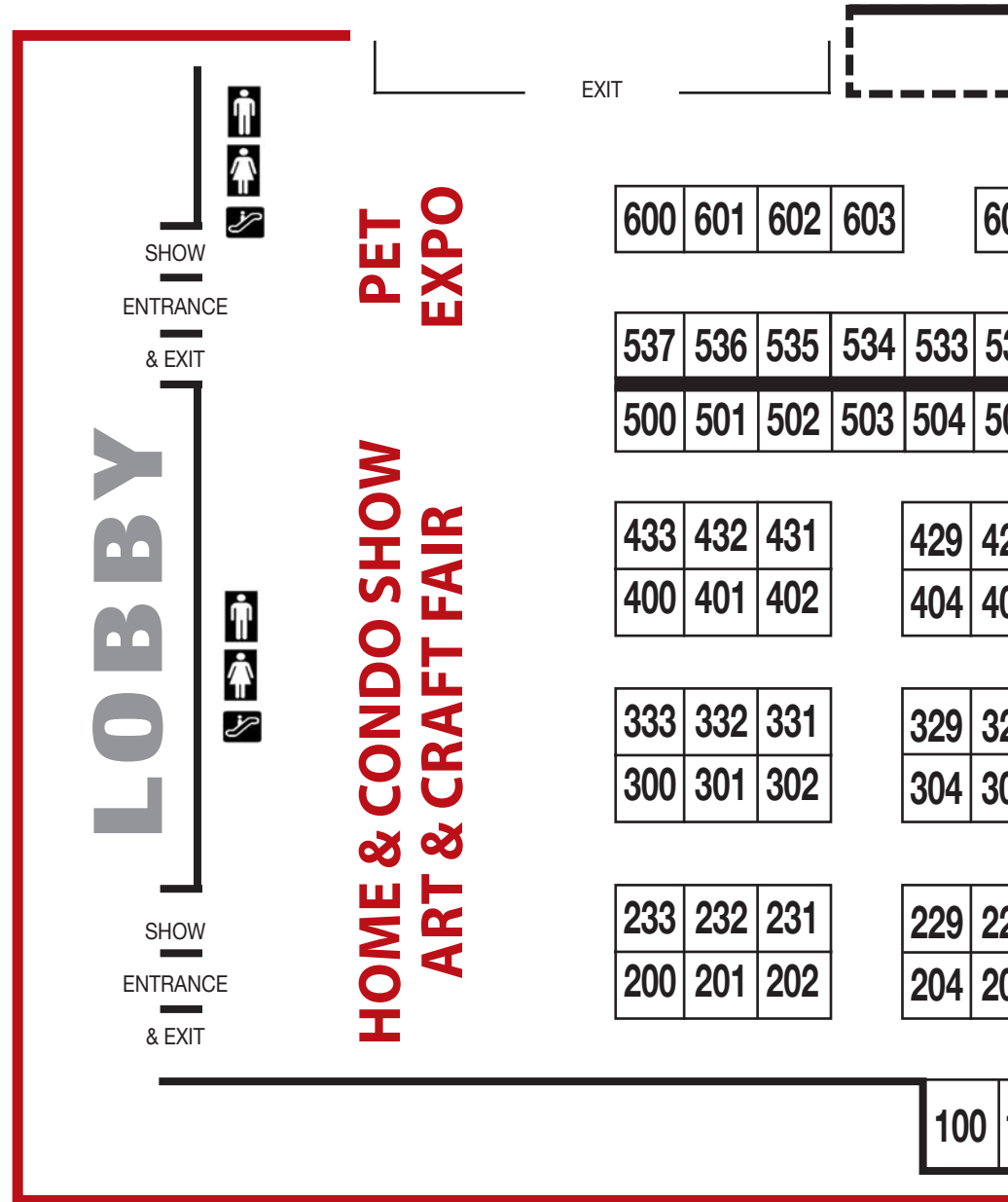
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Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each

project is unique.

**Resurfacing.** According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

**Resealing.** Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by "cutting-in" by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.



**Repaving.** A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading when doing work. The construction blog Main Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.



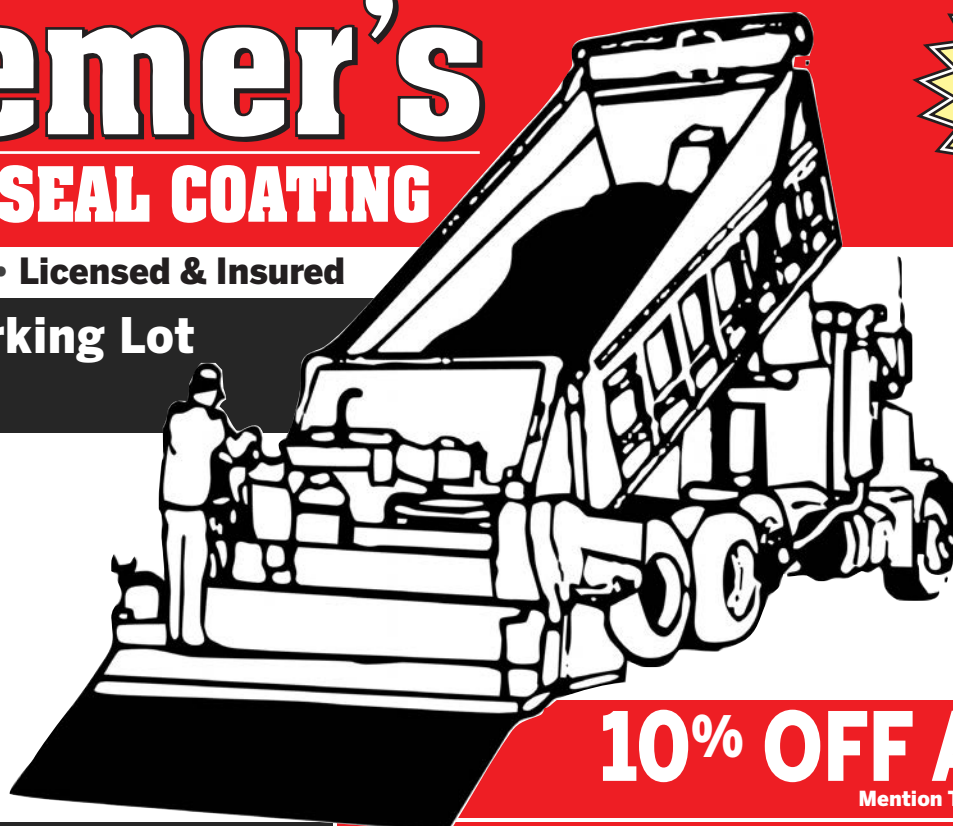
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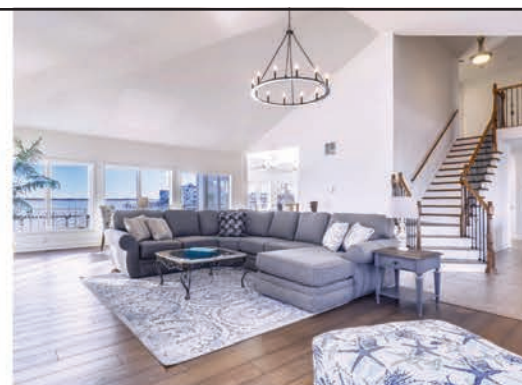




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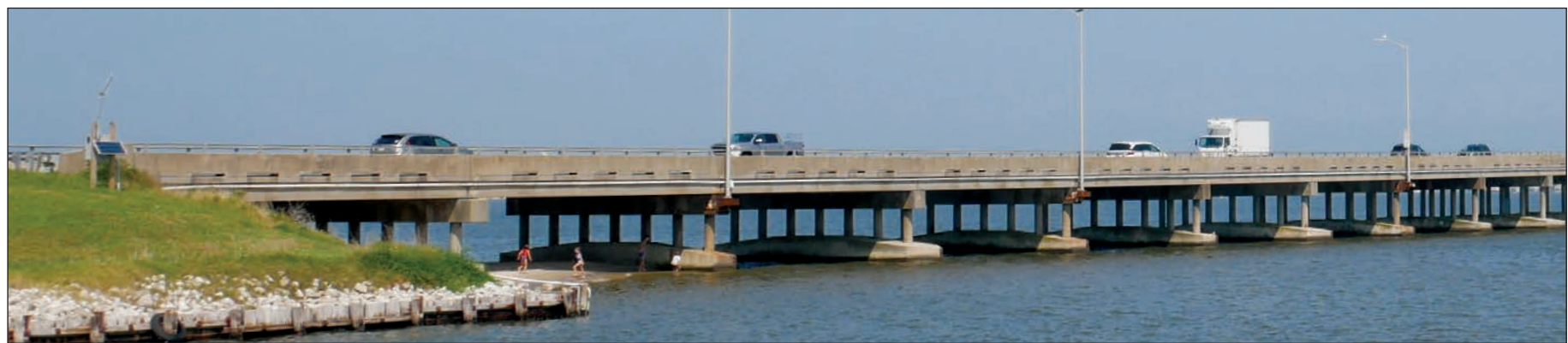


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# Commissioners flustered on stalled Route 589 progress

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) Once again, Maryland highway officials have no immediate plans to widen or expand Route 589, the Worcester County Commissioners were told last week by state transportation department representatives.

That news was given to the commissioners during a meeting with state officials on Oct. 4 to discuss the state's transportation plans and what effects they would and would not have on Worcester.

State Transportation Secretary Jim Port led the discussion on MDOT's \$19.9 billion six-year Consolidated Transportation Program for FY 23-28.

Though still in draft form, the \$19.9 billion budget represents a \$2.2 billion increase over the final number of the preceding five-year program and utilizes \$1.3 billion in additional federal funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by Congress last fall. It also includes post-pandemic revenue estimates and an increased share of state corporate income tax revenue allocated to MDOT.

The nearly \$2 billion is expected to go toward replacing and repairing aging infrastructure, expanding transit opportunities, supporting Maryland's economic recovery, and preserving and expanding the state's transportation network.

Port told the commissioners the goal is to advance one priority project in every county of the state.

In Worcester County, the plan includes funds for the planning and design of the Route 90 corridor between Route 50 and Coastal Highway in

Ocean City. Through the "MD90 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study," the highway administration is working to identify needs associated with traffic operations, safety, pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, emergency evacuation, economic development, and capacity.

The SHA has a few preliminary concepts that could increase capacity and safety along Route 90 with the addition of travel lanes. The concepts maybe seen on the study's portal, at <https://mdot-sha-md90-us50-to-md528-wo782b11-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/>. The concepts are expected to be available until the end of October and the results of the study will be published in December.

SHA Administrator Tim Smith told the commissioners his agency is working to maintain and expand the highway network for current and future needs.

In Worcester, he said, SHA wrapped up construction of the Route 376 improvements in Berlin over the summer. That project included an additional lane from Route 113 to Flower Street, as well as a longer left turn lane on Southbound 113 to help improve traffic flow and safety on one of the main roads to Asateague.

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked Smith whether there were plans included in the plan to expand Route 589 and was told no, despite previous discussions over the past 20 years.

Bertino, who said he was on a committee 20 years ago, explained to Smith and Port it was frustrating when people have been looking for a solution to traffic congestion along the link between Routes 50 and 90.

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State transportation officials met with the Worcester County Commissioners on Oct. 4 to discuss a six-year plan worth \$20 billion, that will go toward transportation improvements across the state. In the county, the dualization of Route 90 remains a top priority, as does the replacement of the Route 50 bridge. What was not listed as a priority this time around was dualizing Route 589, the link between Routes 90 and 50.

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## NEW ROLE

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's year starts Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30. On Sept. 28 at the last meeting for President Tim Lund, right, he passed the gavel to incoming President Bob Wolfig.

## WINNER

Worcester County Garden Club member Jackie Davies recently received two awards at the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1 "Harvest Highlights" Flower Show in Wye Mills. Her floral arrangement won first place in the "Harvest Dance" class for American traditional line mass design using fresh plant materials. It also received the tri-color award for the "Autumn Traditions" section comprised of three classes with four entries each. Davies, a National Garden Club Flower Show judge and Floral Design instructor, joined the Worcester County Garden Club after moving to Ocean Pines from Pennsylvania last October.

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## CHAIR DONATION

The Ocean City Lions Club recently presented an electric wheelchair to Mindy Lupiwok of West Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Lions President Norm Cathell, Treasurer Greg Cathell, Lupiwok and her husband, Mike. The Ocean City Lions loan medical equipment free of charge to the community. For information, contact [oceancitylionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:oceancitylionsclub@gmail.com).

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Worcester County received a nearly \$380,000 grant from Gov. Larry Hogan's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to help cover costs associated with implementing a body camera program.

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## Worcester County nets \$380K grant for body cameras

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 13, 2022) The Worcester County Sheriff's Office will have help covering the cost of body-worn cameras via a \$379,904 grant from Gov. Larry Hogan's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant.

The Worcester County Commissioners on Oct. 4 agreed to enter a contract with Axon, an Arizona-based company that specializes in body-worn cameras, Tasers, and accompanying data storage in a deal worth nearly \$2 million. In addition to the \$1.42 million going toward the body camera system, the company included in-car cameras for an additional \$572,400.

State legislators passed a law in early 2021 requiring all police agencies in Maryland to employ body cameras by 2025, except for State Police, which must have them in place by 2023. Since the measure's passing, state legislators have yet to put a funding mechanism in place for the cameras.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Chip Bertino asked the county's senior budget accountant, Kim Reynolds if the \$379,904 was budgeted, and she said the money was budgeted and would be coming back to the general fund.

With no further discussion on the matter, Bertino moved to accept the grant, which was seconded by Commissioner Josh Nordstrom and unanimously passed.

# Obituary

**WILLIAM F. MCBRIDE JR.**  
Berlin

William (Bill) F. McBride Jr. of Berlin, Maryland, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at the age of 72.

He was the loving husband of Lisa (Stanwick) McBride. They celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2022.

He was the son of the late William Sr. and Beatrice McBride of Warminster, Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by his twin brother, Jack McBride, and sister, Patricia McBride Hare Seese.



W. McBride Jr.

Surviving with his wife are his two daughters, Megan Dandrow (Matt) and Alison McBride (Kory); and two grandsons, Hayden Dandrow and Simon Fast; step-grandson, Dorian Dandrow; and many much loved nieces and nephews.

He worked for Prudential 18 years and then started a new career at Lowes and Home Depot.

He retired from Home Depot in 2016 and enjoyed fishing, boating

and happy hours with friends and family.

If you asked Bill how he was doing, he always answered "Fantastic, living a dream!"

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

A private celebration of life to be determined.

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# Opinion

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## Committee members fall victim to bad info

The members of Ocean Pines Association’s Election Committee didn’t have to resign last week, and as far as is publicly known, no one expected them to after the board of directors and some of the candidates in the summer’s election realized that the vote totals didn’t add up.

How it turned out that more votes were counted in the initial official tally than were in the follow-up hand recount more than a month later remains a mystery, but one thing association members should understand is that the Election Committee members are innocent.

The problem had to involve the association’s voting system of apportioning voting power according to the number of properties owned, the online voting mechanisms, voter confusion or some combination of all three. But most assuredly the committee members were victims of bad information.

Had that not been the case, the voting totals produced during the recount would not have broken between the candidates the way they did, with the margins of victory being roughly the same.

As association President Doug Parks said in his announcement of the committee’s resignation, finding volunteers sincerely committed to serving the community is difficult, and no one can doubt the level of commitment of these committee members.

Had they not held themselves to high standards, they would not have resigned in the wake of the recount.

Still, determining exactly what went wrong and explaining it to the public is of paramount importance, and the best people to dive in and sort out the precise cause of this miscount have stood down, one would assume, as a matter of honor.

That’s unfortunate, since these are the people most qualified to examine the problem and report on it. Were they amenable to undertaking this task, let them do it and then, if they want to resign and turn over the committee’s responsibility to others, fine. But in the meantime, the job isn’t finished and they should be the ones to finish it.



The Snowball Stand Stays!

## Letters

### Urging voters look at sportsplex deal

Editor,

We have all heard the expression, “the devil is in the details.” Now and until Nov. 8, Worcester County residents are going to be asked a ballot question.

Question A will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot as well as the mail-in ballots people are starting to receive.

Question A titled, “Local Referendum by Petition Bond Issuance for Design and Construction Costs of a Worcester County Sports Complex.”

It will read, “The purpose of this question is to determine whether the County Commissioners may finance a portion of the costs of designing and constructing a Worcester County Sports Complex by issuing a bond.” Then, for or against.

Doesn’t this sound so reasonable? Why not some will ask, we need a sports complex in our county, a place where our children can safely play. Well let’s look at some of the details surrounding this sports complex.

1) Our children will not be

allowed to go there to play at will. Its purpose is to host teams competing from out of town.

2) The use of public funds to build a fantastically expensive project at the northern part of our county is wrong-headed. The northern part of our county is congested enough. It should be built in the southern end whose economy needs a boost.

3) The 95 acres just off Flower Street will cost taxpayers \$75,000 an acre or \$7.1 million. Land is available in other parts of the county far, far cheaper.

4) This sports complex located next to the high school will benefit the hotels and restaurants in Ocean City and West Ocean City greatly.

5) Once again, a project being considered and approved by the same four commissioners with no business plan, no total transparency reminiscent of the Black-Eyed Susan River Boat fiasco in Snow Hill.

6) It is estimated that a government-owned sports complex requires approximately 25 percent subsidy to operate, not including debt service and capital reserve

funding. Where is that money coming from?

A tax hike will be probable.

7) Efforts to obtain total costs for a sports complex from our County Commissioners have been unsuccessful. Why, could it be they do not know?

8) This is a fast-tracked sports complex that never appeared in our County Capital Improvement Plan until less than a year ago.

9) Given the current economic situation, is this the right time to be building a major capital project?

Vote against or “NO” on question A.

Dennis W Evans  
Berlin

### Sports complex vote yays and nays

Editor,

Worcester County voters who have requested mail-in ballots may start to receive them any day. I encourage all those voting by mail, as well as those voting in person and by absentee ballot to vote against Question A.

Vote against:

• The use of public funds

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# Letters

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for the construction and operation of a Sports Complex in the north end of the county.

- Traffic congestion.
- A facility with no business plan.
- The disrespect conveyed to the people of Berlin.
- The oversaturation of sports facilities in the mid-Atlantic region.
- A project in which participation rates in most sports have shown a decline.
- A fast tracked sports complex that never appeared in our County Capital Improvement Plan until less than a year ago.

Vote against Question A! Thank you.

Vincent dePaul Gisriel Jr.  
Ocean City

## Supporting sportsplex and one voter's reasons

Editor,

I am writing to express my support, and encourage others, in voting yes to question A for the proposed sports complex in Worcester County.

A number of years ago, I was involved in amateur soccer organizations. First in the Baltimore metro area, and then statewide in Maryland, and then nationwide with the United

States Soccer Federation.

In my travels to various meetings and conventions across the country, I have met numerous organizations that have complexes built in their areas.

These facilities have proven to be very successful in providing safe and convenient areas for competition, while being a source of fundraising for their communities.

The fact that this complex would be closely located to Ocean City, a popular family destination, and the area nearby, should help in its overall success and sustainability, and would attract teams and competitions from various areas of the country.

I certainly understand concerns such as startup costs and traffic. Any project this large will have an initial price tag that gets your attention.

However, to be as successful as possible, a plan like this must be large in scale. As far as logistics such as traffic concerns, these can be worked upon and, with proper scheduling, can be minimized.

I truly feel this project would be a huge asset, financially and sports accessibility, to our area. Again, I encourage my fellow voters to vote yes to question A. Thank you for your attention.

Martin Branagan  
Ocean City

## Worcester pushes for 589 work

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"Unfortunately, \$19.9 billion is not enough for all the needs and all the wants in the state," Port told Bertino, adding that the projects are prioritize as state projects, then regional projects, and finally local projects.

When the projects are ranked, Port added, a state-mandated process is followed.

County Chief Administrator Weston Young told the commissioners the two biggest "hail Mary" projects in the county are dualizing Route 90 and replacing the Route 50 drawbridge. When it comes to widening Route 589, though, right of way requirements need to be established, as does a plan.

Young also said the county could wait until the state ranks the Route 589 project higher so funding could be provided, though it is unknown how long that will take.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom said when the state approved the Ocean Downs Casino, traffic was expected to increase and the 589 project should have been on the list. From what he was hearing, he said, it still has not made the list.

State Senator Mary Beth Carozza commended the transportation team

for widening Route 113 but pushed for more to be done in the area.

"I've always thought of them as a combined priority," Carozza said of Routes 90 and 589.

She added that the county should continue to press to get action taken on Route 589 as soon as possible to get it listed as a priority.

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# Cuisine

## Ceviche, tostones and mango coulis recipe

I know I said I was done with teaching, but the university made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

And just like my last job, fall semester means that I get to teach our way through the foods of this great country of ours.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

We start in New England, where we discover the fruits of cold weather: lobster, clams, cod, squash, pumpkin et al.

As we move down the coast and specifically into Eastern Shore cooking and Southern cooking (two of my absolute favorites), the buf-fets become noticeably more

beige in theme.

The frying of already brown food makes for a fairly dull appearance on the plate, but one that can quickly be elevated by adding some vine-ripened tomatoes, sweet corn and other wonderful local products.

The south is where we see greens cooked to oblivion, usually sugared and piqued with a splash of vinegar, and pies and more fried foods.

Throw in some country ham for an addition of the week's supply of salt and you have a winner. In fact, every time I eat greens from Georgia to Florida, I relish in the fact that they are properly done, or overdone as it were.

And then we have Florida's cuisine, a fusion of Latin, Caribbean and mainland foods.

Seafood is of great importance to Florida as it is surrounded by the ocean on more than one side (True, one may be a "Gulf" but you get the gist), and there is no single dish more symbolic of this cuisine than ceviche, that magical rawish-seafood dish that is bright, vibrant and delicious.

Since we have come to the end of summer, this can serve to remind us of the dog days of summer, or maybe act as a motivation to make it through another cold winter on the shore.

People are still catching their limit in sea bass, which is fantastic in this dish, as can be the mahi and tuna that some friends are still catching up in the Wilmington Canyon. So, whether you find yourself ready to utilize the late season catch, or to remind you of the season that recently ended, it will taste stupendous.

And now that I'm writing about Florida, I realize that I miss it. I haven't been there in a month, and it will be due time soon.

I will make sure to stop in all of the locals-restaurants that I can and sample their wares, comparing them to what I made today. It's a good day. It's a Florida kind of day. I can write it off as another part of teaching.

### Ceviche

*Serves 5 for pre-meal*

- 1/2 # large shrimp
- 1/2 # Seabass or mahi, cut into strips or diced
- 1 ea. Red bell pepper, roasted and peeled
- 1 ea. Yellow bell pepper, roasted and peeled
- 1 ea. Fresh Jalapeno or serrano, finely diced
- Juice of 3 limes



- Juice of 1 sour orange
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1/2 tsp. Cumin (optional because I disdain cumin)
- 1/4 c. Chopped cilantro
- 20 ea. Tostones (recipe follows)
- Mango Mojo (recipe follows)
  - Peel shrimp if necessary, removing the tail.
  - Split down the back so that you are left with even, flat halves of shrimp.
  - Combine ingredients from shrimp to cilantro and refrigerate for two hours. The acid in the juices will 'cook' the protein in the shrimp. If you don't prefer raw ceviche, par-cook the shrimp briefly to get some doneness in them before marinating in the acid.
  - When the seafood has had sufficient time to cook in the acid, place in a bowl and serve with the tostones and mojo. A salsa cruda would also work here as well; just make sure to balance the sour flavors from the juices with some sweet flavors somewhere in the dish.

### Tostones

- 3 ea. Ripe plantains
- Oil for frying
- 1 Tbsp. Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. Black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. Sugar
  - Combine the dry ingredients and store until needed. This blend also works great on fried yucca root
  - Peel and cut the plantains on the bias into 3/4 inch chunks

- Smash them between two pans or with a tortilla press until they are quarter-inch thick.
- Remove and if you want to clean them up, cut with a circle cutter to make more uniform. Otherwise just leave them au natural.
- Fry them in hot oil (350F) until they are brown but not too dark and remove to cool.
- When ready to serve, deep fry again in 360F oil until golden and crispy. As soon as you remove them, sprinkle with the cinnamon-salt-sugar mixture.

### Mango Coulis

*Makes 2 cups*

- 1 Mango, pureed
- Citrus juice, as needed
- 1 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1/2 ea. Red onion, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-inch ginger stem, peeled and finely minced
- 2 tsp. Brown sugar
- Cilantro, to taste
  - Combine the puree and juice and set aside.
  - In a fry pan, heat the oil to medium and add the onion, garlic and ginger and cook for about six minutes. Cool.
  - Combine all ingredients well and check for seasoning, adjusting as necessary.
  - Allow to sit for at least an hour for flavors to mesh and check for seasoning again, adjusting as necessary.
  - Run it through your Vitamix/ blender for a nice smooth consistency.

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., Oct. 13

**RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in any time during the day 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

**STORY TIME ‘IN THE CITY’**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**BOOK SIGNING WITH MABEL ROGERS AND HARRY WENZEL**  
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. To learn more about the authors, visit [ocmuseum.org](http://ocmuseum.org). Free event. [www.ocmuseum.org/history-month](http://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month)

**READER’S THEATER**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Kelley Rouse teaches reading/acting skills for Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure” while also providing context for the play. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

**ZUMBA FOR ALL**  
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

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

## Fri., Oct. 14

**AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR AND OC PET EXPO**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Home vendors, artists, crafters and pet vendors. Also pony rides. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to children 13 years and younger and Military, Police and Fire with ID. <https://oceanpromotions.info>, 410-289-8090

**WE’VE BEEN SEW BUSY! QUILT SHOW**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Quilters by the Sea Guild of Ocean Pines presents their 2022 Quilt Show. Vote for your favorites, shop the bou-

tique, buy a raffle quilt ticket.

**OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: “WHAT’S MINE AND YOURS” BY NAIMA COSTER**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join the group for this community read. Books are available at the branch. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER**  
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for a 1-crab-cake sandwich platter, \$25, 2-crab-cake platter and \$10 for crab cake sandwiches. Patters include green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw. Carry out available. Bake table sale.

## Sat., Oct. 15

**AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR AND OC PET EXPO**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Home vendors, artists, crafters and pet vendors. Also pony rides. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to children 13 years and younger and Military, Police and Fire with ID. <https://oceanpromotions.info>, 410-289-8090

**HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS**  
O.C. Fisherman’s Marina, 12806 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Festival celebrates the rich history, culture and heritage of both the sport and commercial fishing industries. Free admission. [www.harbordayoc.com](http://www.harbordayoc.com), 410-632-2144 - 2505, [tkeiser@marylandscoast.org](mailto:tkeiser@marylandscoast.org).

**BERLIN OKTOBERFEST AND SIDEWALK SALE**  
Downtown Berlin, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring local merchant stands and racks, German-style cuisine, children’s arts and crafts, two stages for live music and plenty of beer. Shuttle service available from the Berlin Intermediate School.

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**16TH ANNUAL CRUIZERS FOR CHRIST CAR/BIKE SHOW**  
Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, Whaleysville, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Entry fee is \$12. Trophies will be given to the Top 20 and “Best in Show.” Vendors, silent auction, gospel music and food for purchase including scrapple sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked goods.

**FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC**  
James G. Barrett Medical Office Building Parking Lot, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 8 a.m.-noon. Open to those 13 years and older. No appointment is required. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358), [www.agh.care/flu](http://www.agh.care/flu).

**WALK WITH A DOC**  
Worcester County. 9 a.m. Location is TBD. There will be a brief discussion about an important health topic, then the group will go for a morning walk. First 10 participants to arrive will receive Wal-Mart gift cards.

**MOVEMENT AROUND THE WORLD**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about different cultures around the world through a yogic movement story and craft with Lizy Maratea. For ages 6-10 years and families. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**  
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7348 New Hope Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Includes vegetables, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults. Carry out available. 410-543-8244, 410-713-2468.

**SOUP COOK-OFF**  
2 Artisans Way, Berlin, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person to taste/judge soups. Live music. Also \$5 to make a scarecrow, \$5 corn hole contest and drop ticket raffle. A fundraiser to benefit Dress Ministry. Barbara, 410-641-0415

**WORLD SINGING DAY 2022**  
White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pine,. 12 p.m. Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to come and just sing for World Singing Day. <https://worldsingingday.org>

**DELMARVA LEGENDS PROGRAM**  
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. Learn about different legends that have haunted the Peninsula. Guests will receive a map of spooky areas to visit. <https://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org/event>

**CRAFTY SATURDAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-2 p.m. Adults can come alone or bring the

whole family for a Halloween craft party. This outdoor event will take place weather permitting. Registration required: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN MOBILE HEADQUARTERS**  
In Front of Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, 11932 Ocean Gateway, 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.

**GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF CHARLES ALBERT TINDLEY**  
Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 1:30-4 p.m. Featuring live music, storytelling and historical contexts of his music, food vendors, health vendors and voter registration. Free and open to the public. [Germantownschool@gmail.com](mailto:Germantownschool@gmail.com), 410-641-0638

**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](mailto:oppaddle2020@gmail.com) or 516-508-0313.

## Sun., Oct. 16

**AUTUMN HOME & CONDO SHOW WITH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR AND OC PET EXPO**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Home vendors, artists, crafters and pet vendors. Also pony rides. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to children 13 years and younger and Military, Police and Fire with ID. <https://oceanpromotions.info>, 410-289-8090

**3RD ANNUAL SEMPER FI BIKE, RUN & WALK FUNDRAISER**  
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-noon. Participants can run, walk or ride a bike. Friendly dogs welcome. A staggered start begins at 10 a.m. Registration: [www.firststatemarines.org/bike-ride.html](http://www.firststatemarines.org/bike-ride.html). [bobb@namarketinginc.com](mailto:bobb@namarketinginc.com), 410-353-0033

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS CEREMONY**  
Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal - Parking Lot, 10001 Coastal Highway, Continued on Page 23



# Puzzles

LE PUZZLE

BY KATHY BLOOMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Kathy Bloomer, of Seattle, is a retired hospital pediatrician. Constructing crosswords developed out of her love for solving diagramless puzzles, which involve a similar logic. This is her second Times crossword, after her debut in 2018. She had lots of attempts that didn't quite make it. Kathy says, "I am working on a book I am going to call 'Best Puzzles Rejected by The New York Times.'" — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Complete jerk

7 Experience equanimity

15 Word with ghost or pirate

19 Inventor Tesla

20 Champion

21 Old-fashioned trial transcriber

22 "When will the leaky faucet get fixed?" e.g.?

24 "\_\_\_\_ Speaks!" (Marx brother autobiography)

25 Equinox mo.

26 PC key

27 Actor Astin

28 Spam generator

29 Gridiron gains: Abbr.

30 Bygone theater chain

33 Lithe

36 Spam containers

37 Opposed to, in dialect

39 Song from back in the day

41 German physicist with an eponymous law

42 Focal points

43 Worldly

45 Hoot

46 Part of a how-to manual

47 Oklahoma city named for a character in a Tennyson poem

48 Curt summons

49 Remarks further

50 It may be unlimited in a phone plan

51 One-named singer whose last name is Adkins

52 Faulkner's "As \_\_\_\_\_ Dying"

53 Setting for a classic Agatha Christie novel

54 Opt for "deluxe," say

56 Baby louse

57 The brother in 24-Across, for one

58 Harvester of the future

59 Potentially offensive, say

62 Easy pill to swallow?

64 Candy bar whose name is an exclamation

66 2015 inductee into the World Golf Hall of Fame

68 Bloke

69 Covers, as the bill

70 Labneh go-with

72 Most popular dog breed in the U.S., familiarly

73 Gives a whirl

75 Without: Lat.

76 A bunch of

77 Common stain on a baseball uniform

80 Adversaries

81 Bit of spice, figuratively

82 Writers not likely to win literary prizes

83 Floppy features of basset hounds

84 Asset

85 Possible cause for road rage

86 Boos

87 Editorial override

88 Word before crow or dirt

89 Prop for a painter

90 Former attorney general Holder

91 Salty droplet

92 Home to the University of Georgia

94 Begins giving solid food, say

96 Green-lights

99 Floating

101 Whip

103 Imitate

104 Country bordering Oman, for short

105 Versatile neutral shade

106 Where you'd find sap for syrup?

111 Sam the \_\_\_\_\_ (patriotic Muppet)

112 Condition treated with insulin

113 Rang

114 Wedding invitation enclosure, in brief

115 The other you

116 Protests, in a way

4 Post \_\_\_\_\_ (occurring after the event)

5 Basic

6 Brewski

7 Help-page initialism

8 URL ender

9 Times outside office hours, in personals

10 Goes berserk

11 About 6.5 inches, on a standard piano

12 Virginia senator Tim

13 From \_\_\_\_\_ Z

14 Currency that features "The Tale of Genji" on one of its bank notes

15 Show up naked, perhaps?

16 Emma Watson's role in the Harry Potter films

17 Not marked permanently, say

18 Lounge chair location

21 "Yellowjackets" airer, for short

23 Summer abroad

28 Plant fiber used to make some jewelry

31 M \_ U \_ H?

32 It's a slippery slope

34 Loss of the winning ticket?

35 A layoff, crudely

38 Like venison

40 Salon specialties

43 Exploiting

44 Kind of map

46 Leo with the 1977 No. 1 hit "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing"

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49 Cornhole player's asset

50 New beginnings

51 It may be vegetal or fruity

53 Lightly bite, as a pup might

54 Sappho and Mirabai

55 Certain fed. security

57 Alternatives to shakes

58 Drinks that are "slammed"

60 King and queen?

61 Exhibiting the effects of too little sleep, say

63 The three R's?

65 Stays optimistic

67 Bottomless void

71 Quill go-with

74 Note in the C minor scale

75 Raw power

76 Salon job, informally

77 Develops, as an idea

78 Like some high-quality bonds

79 They might tie the room together

81 Bout enders, for short

82 Caballero, e.g.

84 Bog contents

85 Hosts

86 Nag

89 Dress for graduation

93 Razzle-dazzle

95 Contented sigh

97 Superman's birth name

98 A pomegranate can contain a few hundred of these

100 Corkage \_\_\_\_\_

102 Name of either brother in a classic Nickelodeon sitcom

106 Computing pioneer Lovelace

107 Teeny

108 Rule, informally

109 Menu eponym

110 Pint contents

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HARD - 21

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

3	7	8	6	5	1	4	2	9
4	9	6	7	3	2	1	8	5
2	5	1	8	9	4	6	7	3
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5	6	9	1	7	3	2	4	8

TWERK

HAVE IT

ELECTRIC

YES I CAN

TACH

LIBERIA

ADO

GEOLOGIST

ATOZ

WAS

USERNAME

SNLSKIT

ABA

NONPC

EXTERMINATOR

AAA

DRIBBLES

WEARS

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RAZOR

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LOAD

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TENORS

RANBY



# Calendar

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Ocean City, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners’ control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. Photos of de-parted pets or stuffed animals also wel-come. 410-723-1973.

**3RD ANNUAL MARINE DEBRIS PLUNDER**  
West Ocean City Boat Ramp, 12-4 p.m. Volunteers can start anytime and are asked to pre-register and pickup supplies in ad-vance. Then bring your loot to the weigh-in between 12-4 p.m. Register: www.md-coastalbays.org, 410-213-2297 - 106.

**DELMARVA LEGENDS PROGRAM**  
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. Learn about different legends that have haunted the Peninsula. Guests will re-ceive a map of spooky areas to visit. <https://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org/event>.

**JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING**  
*Sundays* - Berlin Congregation of Jeho-vah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

## Mon., Oct. 17

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY; COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Main meet-ing room, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Coffee and conversation, 9:30 a.m., regular monthly meeting, 10 a.m. Featured speaker is Nanci Osborne who will give and overview of the organization. New and prospective members are welcome. 410-207-3418

**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 admis-sion. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

**GREATEST SPORTS MOVIES**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Each monthly selection depicts human strug-gles and come-from-behind victories, proving that sport is life. Check to see what’s playing at [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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 an essay by philosopher David Hume called “An En-quiry Concerning Human Understand-ing.” [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**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

**HERBAL FIRST AID**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Learn about common herbs and “weeds” that can help soothe and heal everyday wounds, bruises and scrapes. Attendees receive a topical healing salve. Registration required: [www.worcesterli-brary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

**ROMANCE BOOK CLUB AT THE BUZZED WORD: “PAYBACK’S A WITCH”**  
The Buzzed Word, 11805 Coastal High-way, Unit C, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Join the group or an afternoon of Queer Romance and Wine. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**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. 18

**NATURE WALK AND CRAFTS**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Come explore Berlin’s newest nature trail. Indoor nature games will be held in the event of inclement weather. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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.worcesterli-brary.org](http://www.worcesterli-brary.org), 410-632-2600

**CANDLE MAKING**  
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1-3 p.m. Make a natural soy-based candle with Natalie Blanton, owner of Honey Water Candles, all while learning about early Ocean City, Mary-land. Cost is \$25. [www.ocmuseum.org/history-month](http://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month)

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

**TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY “FALL AWAY SUMMER, HALLOWEEN COME SOON”**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Test your knowledge with this fall themed trivia contest. Prizes awarded to the top three teams. Refreshments pro-vided. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**CHEERS TO 50 YEARS - CLEAN WATER ACT CELEBRATION**  
Tequila Mockingbird, 12919 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Join As-sateague Coastkeeper and Assateague Coastal Trust to celebrate the 50th An-niversary of the Clean Water Act. Enjoy Taco Tuesday specials, extended happy hour, special door prizes and giveaways.

**NINTENDO SWITCH GAME NIGHT**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5 p.m. Play the Nintendo switch on the large projector. For ages 10 years and older and families. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**‘LOVING THE MOSAIC THAT IS YOU’ FREE LECTURE**  
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7 p.m. Dr. Judy Pierson will discuss “Lov-ing the Mosaic That Is You”; in a free lec-ture. [www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org), 410-524-9433

**BEACH HEROES-OC**  
*Tuesdays* - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves pro-vided. Check the Facebook page “Beach Heroes-OC” for weekly meeting loca-tions. 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 Jeho-vah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY**  
*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health De-partment, 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 High-way, 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 part-ner required. Info: [TangobytheBeach.com](http://TangobytheBeach.com).

## Wed., Oct. 19

**CHICAGO THE MUSICAL**  
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$85, \$75 and \$65. Tickets: [https://ocmdperformin-gartscenter.com/upcoming-](https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-)

[events/chicago\\_the\\_musical](https://chicago_the_musical.events/chicago_the_musical).

**BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets the third and fourth Wednesday of each month for surgical patients. At-lantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

**STORY TIME “PUMPKINS EVERYWHERE”**  
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