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Split council OKs center MOU

Tyndall breaks tie to get community center on track after years of no action

By Gee Williams

Contributing Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) After a lengthy discussion, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) approving the transfer of a parcel of land on Flower Street for a proposed Berlin Community Center passed after a tie-breaking vote by Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall at Berlin's Mayor and Council meeting Nov. 14.

The MOU is between the mayor and council and the nonprofit Berlin Community Improvement Association (BCIA).

The process of reaching an agreement first began during the previous town administration in 2019. The MOU will enable the transfer of a property owned by the BCIA to the Town of Berlin for the purpose of building a public community center on the site.

Tyndall explained the MOU would allow the town to proceed with connecting the properties of the old Flower School Multi-Purpose Building and Shore-Up building to the open BCIA parcel to create enough space for a new community center to be built at the location.

Both the Head Start Program and Shore-Up organizations agreed to the MOU before it was presented to the mayor and council.

The mayor explained the MOU had been vetted by Town Attorney David Gaskill and if the property was not used as a community center by the town it would revert to the BCIA. A discussion followed among council members about the impact of the MOU agreement.

Councilman Steve Green said that because Berlin operates under a

strong mayor form of government, the MOU, "could be an undue burden on the mayor." Councilman Orris added, "the mayor could potentially provide undue influence on the proposed committee."

Councilman Jay Knerr then introduced a motion that in addition to the mayor, the town council add two additional committee members to the group, one each representing Berlin Election Districts 1 and 2. Knerr also proposed in his motion that Councilmember Dean Burrell be appointed chair. A council vote ended in a tie

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"We are 20 years into

getting this done.'

breaking the tie.

Mayor Zack Tyndall,

Janasek, OPA could reach

settlement

Deal said to be topic of closed directors meeting

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association and Tom Janasek are continuing to inch toward putting their major conflict behind them once and for all.

For the second time in a month, the board of directors held a closed meeting to discuss the case, presumably mulling over the details of a potential settlement, which Janasek said he expects.

"Right now we've given them a proposal to settle the whole thing, cover my costs, which I feel is fair See JANASEK Page 3



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Janasek says board gung-ho about reaching settlement

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considering they had no right to do what they did," Janasek said earlier this week. "It was all bad, done on bad faith — (based) on the judge's comments."

If a settlement isn't reached, there will be another follow-up court date in January.

"Right now we're in limbo, waiting to see what the board is willing to do," Janasek said. "Last I heard, they were gung-ho about settling so they can

move on to other things."

He added that he had hoped to have heard from the board by Friday, but as of Monday, nothing.

The judge Janasek referred to is Beau Oglesby of the

Worcester County Circuit Court, who in October ruled in favor of an injunction filed by Janasek to halt his suspension from OPA amenities.

Tom Janasek

The OPA attempted to suspend Janasek from its amenities following a May altercation at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club in which Janasek verbally accosted then-director Josette Wheatley. The scene escalated to the point that Janasek was escorted off the property.

A couple of weeks later, the board moved to suspend Janasek from certain amenities, including the Yacht Club, for 90 days.

Oglesby's ruling was a clean sweep for Janasek, with every factor weighed breaking in his favor.

On whether the board's decision is insulated by the business judgment rule — a case-law doctrine that stipulates that courts defer to the business judgment of corporate executives — Oglesby wrote that the board "acted in bad faith" by enacting the ban.

Oglesby pointed to the fact that Wheatley reached out to her board colleagues for advice on the situation without naming Janasek. Before Janasek was named, Wheatley was advised to file a police report and press charges. But after the other party was revealed to be Janasek, the board held a special meeting — much like the two held this month — where the suspension was voted on and passed.

"The actions of the board, in advising Mrs. Wheatley to report the matter to the police and then moving to suspend Mr. Janasek only after learning he was the other individual involved in the altercation, is sufficient demonstration of bad faith to justify judicial review," Oglesby wrote.

"Mrs. Wheatley's own testimony shows beyond a doubt, that the Board's ban of Mr. Janasek was in bad faith. She made the deliberate decision not to reveal Mr. Janasek's identity to the other Board members when seeking their advice. She wanted their unbiased, unprejudiced opinions."

In weighing the appropriateness of the preliminary injunction meant to prevent the board from enforcing the ban, Oglesby wrote that all determining factors — which include public interest and adverse effects the ban would have on Janasek — weighed in Janasek's favor.

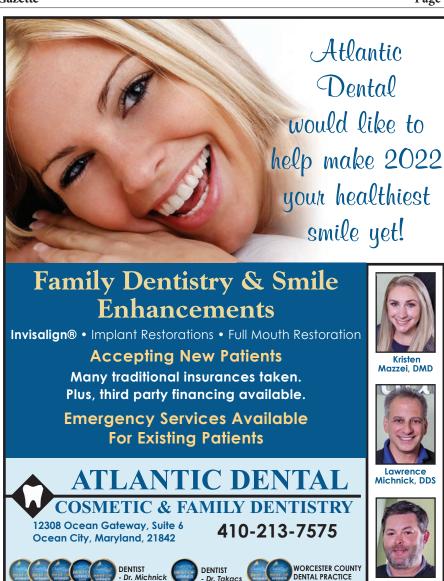
Oglesby wrote that the court wasn't swayed by the board's claim they were trying to maintain a safe and family-friendly environment at its amenities for OPA members and the general public, considering that the ban was restricted only to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Beach Club and Clubhouse Bar and Grill.

"It did not prevent (Janasek) from being around other members of OPA or the general public at the remaining OPA facilities and amenities," Oglesby wrote. "If the Board truly wanted to create a safe environment, it would logically follow that Plaintiff would be banned from all amenities and facilities"

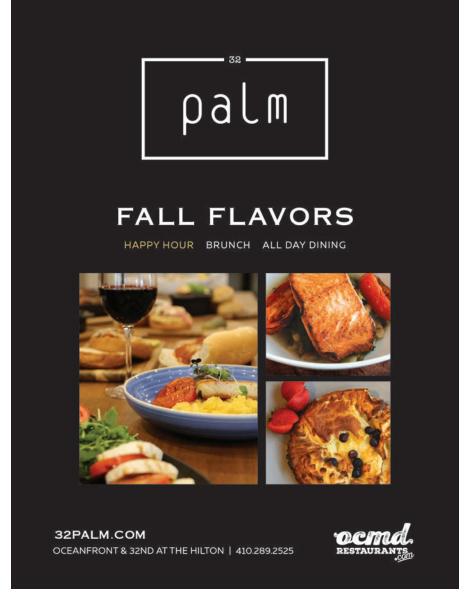
Neither OPA officials nor their attorney was available to comment on this story.







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Marine Activities focuses on helping MCBP

Committee aims at more efforts to clean up local waterways and add oysters

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) The Ocean Pines Marine Activities Committee is looking forward to seeing how it could be of service to Maryland Coastal Bays Program using the grants they receive.

"We understand that there is some grant money available ... for improvements that would address the environment and waterways," said committee Vice Chair Donna McElroy. "We have been asking about it. What we're going to do is reach out to other community resources to find out what we can from them."

McElroy went on to say that grants are available through projects that address waterways and strengthen local economies and foster the use of waterways.

"We're going to be investigating the topic closer and it will be placed on a future agenda," she said.

The committee is hoping to have the coastal bays organization outreach and marketing coordinator Sandi Smith to talk to them in January about their options.

Speaking of the environmental

nonprofit, the annual Marine Debris Plunder was a success, McElroy said. The event helps clear the clutter and junk from local waterways, of which Ocean Pines has plenty.

The committee's oyster restoration project was well received by the public, McElroy said. After spearheading the initial endeavor, Dave Allen, the committee chair, donated mature oysters and procured 150 more seed oysters to start growing them. OPA members along the community's waterways are especially interested in the project, McElroy said.

The committee also is working on issues with the boater showers at the boathouse, but will likely table any fixes until the spring since the showers won't see much use over the next

several months.

"Even though we've asked ... as of our last meeting, it was not repaired," McElroy said.

McElroy added that the issue could be due to a mix-up because the boater showers are directly adjacent to the Yacht Club pool showers, which do work.

McElroy said that told the committee that the bumper on a slip at Pier D had come off and asked to report it. There are other pier matters they're looking into as well.

"One of the members had reported to Public Works about necessary repairs to the pier over by Mumford Landing," McElroy said. "We're going to immediately address it, so it was a good follow-up on that." The committee is asking the board about the status of dredging, something that they would like to relay to the OPA community through articles.

The committee also talked about its annual report, McElroy said, which was submitted to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors. Allen will appear in person at the annual executive meeting next month to report what the committee has done and accomplished over the last year.

McElroy concluded that none of it would have been possible without the committee's former liaison and current OPA President Doug Parks.

Unless a December meeting is deemed necessary, the Marine Activities Committee will next meet on Jan. 17.

Works session focuses on safety

By Gee Williams

Contributing Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) Street safety issues in Berlin dominated the discussion during an open work session on Nov. 9 between the mayor and council and the three state legislators who represent the town in Annapolis.

Attending the meeting were all members of the Berlin Town Council

and Mayor Zack Tyndall. The state legislators were Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Del. Wayne Hartman and Del. Charles Otto.

The town officials sought advice from the state legislators on how Berlin could get more funding for several improvements where state roads intersect town streets.

The first discussion concerned the realignment of Decatur Street in front of the Dollar General in East Berlin. Councilman Dean Burrell said both the town and State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed the intersection of Decatur Street at Bay Street should be realigned so it will be immediately across from Flower Street.

Burrell said the cost to align the streets intersecting Bay Street will be several hundred thousand dollars. "The project is ready to go, we just need the funding," Burrell said.

Tyndall said that SHA is aware of the town's plans and issues regarding this portion of Bay Street. He also noted that both Flower Street and Decatur Street are town roads. The mayor added that the town would not expect the state to pay for the realignment costs.

But Councilman Burrell added that the state also had issues in that area with the current striping of Bay Street because a turn lane at the intersection causes motor vehicle drivers to enter into conflicting traffic.

Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said that SHA is cognitive of the work needed for the two roads intersecting Bay Street. She added that the current configuration on Bay Street, immediately east of US 113, does not meet the state's standards for crosswalks, which everyone agreed were needed.

Council member Shaneka Nichols said, "Lots of children and mothers are trying to cross over Bay Street to get to the Dollar General."

Sen. Carozza added, "We should ask SHA what they propose," to remedy the crosswalk problem on Bay Street.

Nichols then led a discussion about traffic and safety concerns on Flower Street.

"It has become an alternate Route 50. Traffic flies through Flower See STREET Page 6

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Tyndall breaks tie on community center vote

Continued from Page 1 among the four council members in attendance, with Burrell absent from

the meeting.

Tyndall pleaded with the council that it was time to get the MOU resolved. The mayor said, "We are 20 years into getting this done," noting the town has been discussing the need for an upgraded community center on that property for about two decades. Gaskill said the first draft of the MOU now before the town council was written in 2019.

The mayor then voted to approve the MOU as submitted to break the council's tie vote. Town Administrator Mary Bohlen noted this agreement creates an advisory committee for the town and is not a department of the mayor and council.

In another matter, Green said he was concerned the town had received a letter from the Berlin Fire Company (BFC) that claims mayor and council are in breach of contract with the BFC. Green said he needs to see some accountability for the claim. Town Attorney Gaskill said he had received two emails recently from the BFC and would forward them to the council. This stems from the fire company's

announcement that they would start charging fees for answering fire alarm calls.

Natalie Saleh, Berlin's finance director, reminded the council that the town budgets an amount to be granted to the Berlin Fire Company each year. It is currently \$400,000 and then the BFC decides how they will divide the town grant between the fire company and emergency medical services.

"We do not allocate how much goes to the BFC and EMS," Saleh said. "They decide how to split it, we just decide the total grant," she added. Saleh explained that has been the practice of the town for many years.

In other business, the council voted 4-0 to extend the town's moratorium to prohibit tattoo services for the foreseeable future. A three-person citizen's committee on this issue is expected to report back to the mayor and council with recommendations in the next few weeks. It will then be the decision of the town council whether to adopt, amend or reject the committee's recommendations.

The council approved by a vote of 4-0 to award a wage compensation and classification study to the human resources firm Paypoint in the amount of \$32,500. Conducting the study is expected to take about 260 hours spread over 16 weeks. With the approval, Kelsey Jensen, Berlin's administrative assistant, said the study should be completed and the town have the results by March or April.

Tyndall was appointed to the Tri-County Council for another year by a 4-0 vote by the council. Tyndall said the Tri-County Council has a policy of having its chairman serve two years in a row before rotating for another two years to another member. In 2023, Mayor Tyndall will begin serving as the Tri-County Council for a second year.

Tyndall said the organization representing Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties meets four times a year and creates committees to make recommendations to the council. The mayor will report any discussions of the Tri-County Council to Berlin's town council as they occur throughout the year.

The Berlin Council also voted 4-0 to terminate the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit for Heron Park on the recommendation of Jamey Latchum, Berlin's Water Resources Director.

Latchum said he had been in discussions with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and since there is no discharge from the park, he told the town council to, "just let it expire."

Police Chief Arnold Downing led an extended discussion about the opportunity to add speed cameras in some locations on town streets. There are other communities on Maryland's Eastern Shore that already participate in the speed camera program, the chief said. He said this would be much more efficient than the Berlin Police Department temporarily putting a police car and officer on a street to deter speeding by motor vehicle drivers.

Downing said the speed cameras could be used in Maryland municipalities within one-half miles of schools. The chief said within Berlin's town limits there currently are four public schools and one private school. A discussion ensued among council members about the need for slowing motor vehicles near schools, especially to protect pedestrian students and those riding to school on their bikes. "The goal is to get people to abide by the speed limit," the police chief said.

Councilman Jack Orris asked if West Street qualified for a speed camera, but the police chief said that town street does not qualify because there have not been enough speeding vehicles in the past on the road. Downing also said the speed cameras could not be posted on state highways intersecting town limits such as US 50 and US 113.

The chief said he recommended Berlin start by installing speed cameras at Main Street (Buckingham Elementary), William Street (Berlin Intermediate), and Sea Hawk Road (Stephen Decatur High School. Downing said that if needed, the town can add two more locations in the future. All four councilmembers in attendance voted to move forward with the installation of three speed cameras in town.

Tyndall said the town has a good relationship with the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration. The mayor said the town was in contact with SHA daily during the Berlin roadwork and announced, "Main Street repaving is on track to be completed before Thanksgiving."

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Board of directors meeting materials available online

(Nov. 17, 2022) Meeting materials for the Nov. 19 regular OPA Board of Directors meeting are now available online.

The meeting will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with seating available in the Clubhouse Meeting Room on 100 Clubhouse Drive. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

Due to the anticipated number of attendees and the limited seating in the Clubhouse Meeting Room, OPA staff will be checking identification at the door to ensure each attendee is an association member.

Additionally, while attendees can log into the meeting online, as a departure from our normal procedures, we will be unable to take public comments from those attending online.

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The link can also be found on the Ocean Pines website, under both the calendar and news sections.

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Street safety major priority for work session

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Street. It's ridiculous," she said.

Nichols added that although the speed limit is 30 mph, vehicles are regularly clocked traveling 50-55 mph.

Tyndall said, "It's an example of a town road with too much passthrough traffic and speeding.'

Nichols also explained that there were several safety issues for students who walk or bike to the Berlin Intermediate School on Franklin Avenue. There are no crosswalks on that street, she said. Tyndall noted that there are four public schools and one private school in Berlin town limits.

He explained motor vehicle traffic "increases drastically" on work days between Monday and Friday during the non-summer months, which are also school days.

The discussion of street safety also included the intersection of North Main Street (MD 818) and US 50.

The mayor noted that Sonrise Church is north of the intersection.

He added, "A more thorough examination of that area is needed. SHA does not want to put a traffic light at that intersection."

Sen. Carozza responded, "SHA

may want to try other options before putting in a traffic light. It is important to keep giving them an update on the situation."

Tyndall said the town has, "an excellent relationship with SHA and we work well together."

Councilmember Jack Orris added that there are no traffic lights on US 50 between Sixty Foot Road at Pittsville, just east of Salisbury, until motorists reach the Stephen Decatur High School intersection east of Berlin.

The straight shot between the two traffic lights is a distance of about 15 miles.

In other business, everyone agreed the town had made significant strides in restoring commercial properties to their original historic look. Carozza complemented the success of Berlin's Main Street Program over many

The discussion with the state legislators then turned to the need for more façade improvements in Berlin.

Tyndall explained the town had requested doubling the amount of façade grants from the state's Department of Community and Housing Development (DCHD) from \$50,000 grant that it has received in the past,

up to \$100,000.

Such grants require a 50-50 percentage split between the grant amount and each commercial property owner.

The mayor said the Main Street improvements have helped increase property values downtown but has also been told by the state that any increase over a \$50,000 grant is not likely in the foreseeable future.

The mayor added that the town is working to continue to attract visitors to Berlin, especially in the non-summer months.

Carozza complimented the town's efforts and noted that the arts have become an added attraction for visitors to Berlin. She also complimented the Town of Berlin for taking a regional approach to expanding the

Orris led a discussion about how important it is for the town to get more state funding for stormwater management. Carozza said Berlin needs to "really leverage" the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Orris also said he believes the definitions on the towns' share of usages from state casino revenues need to be narrowed. But Burrell responded, "Sometimes broad is good." And the discussion quickly ended.

Tyndall told the state legislators that one of the town's critical issues is the retention of Berlin police offi-

"It is one of our highest priorities," Tyndall said.

Hartman explained that getting an additional distribution of funds from the state is complicated. He added, "This issue will take some time to get passage through the General Assembly."

Councilman Steve Green said that like some midterm election campaigns stated, inflation is a major issue for the town and its citizens.

Tyndall added that rising costs and the need for longer lead times are causing replacements for all kinds of equipment to be much more costly than in the past.

In response, Carozza strongly encouraged the Town of Berlin to work closely with municipal organizations throughout the Eastern Shore on this

The senator added there will be a new governor and whole new administration when the state legislature reconvenes in January 2023. "They will be hitting these and other issues head-on," she said.



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Annual 'Light Up the Pines' outdoor decorating contest

(Nov. 17, 2022) Ocean Pines residents and property owners interested in adding holiday cheer to the community are invited to participate in this year's "Light Up the Pines" outdoor decorating program.

Those who register with the program will be featured on an online Google map, which will include locations of the decorated properties.

Participants will also be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$50 bill credits donated by Choptank Electric Cooperative, which sponsors the program. Additionally, the first 25 registered participants will receive a goody bag, also courtesy of Choptank Electric.

"Choptank Electric Cooperative is pleased to be part of the holiday spirit in Ocean Pines with the 'Light Up the Pines' event," said Valerie Connelly, vice president of government affairs and public relations. "We hope our members enjoy bringing holiday fun to the neighborhood!"

Beginning Nov. 21, households interested in participating should submit a name, address and phone number via email to info@oceanpines.org or by calling 410-641-7717 ext. 3014. Participants are also asked, if possible, to submit a photo of their lighted home for a special holiday video

The initial deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 9, although residents may continue to sign up after this date and through the holiday season to have their homes included on the online map.

The map of participating homes may be viewed at https://www.google.com/maps/d/ed it?mid=1M7GQDNnB4iSocR4zvIRzF TldLK2bLPc&usp=sharing or via the link on the home page at ocean-pines.org.

Berlin Briefs

Berlin energy assistance

A letter asking for Town of Berlin Electric Utility customers to consider making a donation to the Berlin Electric Energy Assistance Program will be received in the mail this week.

This separate solicitation letter for donations will be sent with the town's November utility bills.

The distribution is made possible by the Town of Berlin making a 50 percent match for each private donation. The financial assistance goes out to those in need each winter and summer when electric bills are at their highest.

Since 2009, when the assistance program began, a total of \$100,000 has been distributed to lower income families in the town to help pay for electric utility bills.

Holiday tree lighting

Berlin's annual Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the Hotel Atlantic will he held the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25.

Main Street from the intersections adjacent to the hotel, north to the intersection with Pitts and Commerce Streets, will be closing at 3 n m

The Seaside Dance Academy will begin performing in front of the Hotel Atlantic at 5:45 p.m.

The tree lighting will follow at 6 p.m. and immediately after OC Pipe and Drums will perform at the site. Traditionally, handcrafted ice sculptures are set-up along Main Street that Friday evening and downtown shops will be open late.













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Pines Recreation and Parks Briefs

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association's Recreation and Parks Committee discussed the following during its meeting on Monday:

Route 90 update

Patti Stevens, Recreation and Parks committee member and Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition chair, will share the presentation from the Nov. 2 community meeting regarding the Route 90 bridge project with the Board of Directors on Saturday.

Members

Committee member Martha Arthur resigned from the committee. Past member and former chair Roy Foreman recently passed away. A new committee member is under consideration.

Committee talk

The chairs of three committees — Recreation and Parks, Environment

and Marine Activities — met by phone recently to discuss current affairs and what they plan to focus on. Communication and information sharing will continue as needed.

Annual Report

Committee liaison and OPA President Doug Parks related that advisory committee annual reports "flow to the board members," according to notes provided by Stevens, "then are discussed at an executive council meeting," with budget and action items being in the purview of General Manager John Viola. An executive council meeting should be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Survey

Committee chair Bill Barnard asked for feedback regarding the committee's community survey. The committee was "pleased with the level of participation," according to Stevens' notes. Barnard went on to ask members to review the survey before the next meeting so they can determine focal points.

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Sportsplex supporters face uphill battle after election

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) A shift in the balance of power over the proposed Berlin-area athletic complex is expected to occur in Snow Hill at the

Dec. 6 Worcester County Commissioners meeting.

With Caryn Abbott's defeat of Josh Nordstrom in the Pocomoke district, the razor-thin 4-3 majority in support of Caryn Abbott a publicly funded



sports complex in the West Ocean City/Berlin area flip-flops, leaving a challenging path ahead for the remaining supportive commissioners to see their passion project for additional county revenue pay off.

"I'm not looking for anything that I haven't said all along (regarding the complex)," Abbott said this week. "I would like to see some answers to all the questions. I've never said I was against the idea but I am certainly against the taxpayers funding it and the government running it. I would've hoped by now we'd have gotten more information but we simply haven't.

And it's not clear whether the new majority neatly will mirror the old one. Eric Fiori, taking over retiring commissioner Bud Church's West Ocean City/Berlin district, has expressed both support and concern in the past for an athletic complex. He's expressed several of the same concerns Abbott and incumbent commissioners Ted Elder, Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting have expressed, while also saying a complex, in general, is a good idea.

Considering the swell of support for the athletic complex in his district, it would be no surprise to see him carry on Church's favorable position.

A referendum on Worcester County ballots on Nov. 8 asked voters if the county could sell \$11.2 million in revenue bonds to help pay for the design and construction of an athletic complex. The final tally was 11,208 votes against and 10,482 in favor.

Vince Gisriel and Ocean Pines resident Slobodan Trendic launched a petition drive to bring the measure to a referendum shortly after the bill's approval targeted the commissioners' plans to buy and develop a 94.5-acre parcel situated behind Stephen Decatur High School off Route 50.

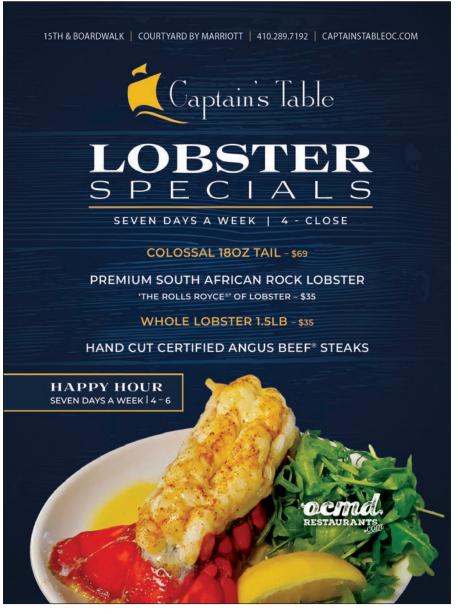
The price agreed to by a 4-3 commissioner majority and the property's owners, the Harrison family, was \$7.15 million and the original idea was to finance that purchase with proceeds of the bond sale.

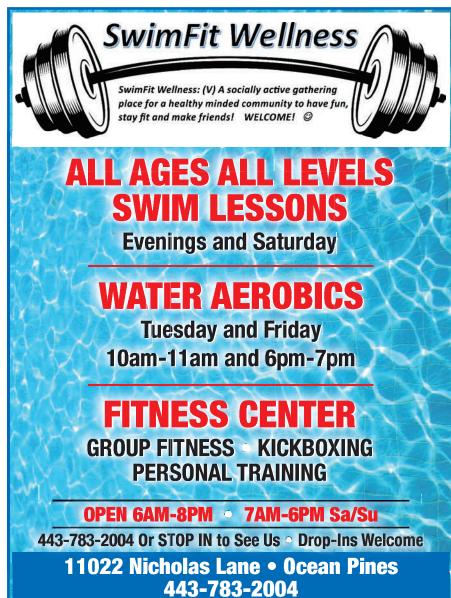
The commissioners were soon advised, however, that legal restrictions on bond revenue prohibited them from using it to acquire property, thus leaving intact the sale agreement but with no designated source of money to close the deal. The settlement date was subsequently postponed until Jan. 31 of next year.

In the meantime, opponents of the Route 50 proposal and public funding of a sports facility, in general, challenged the bond bill with the idea that only the Route 50 project would be affected by the referendum.

County attorney Roscoe Leslie has said, however, that Question A is not specific to the Route 50 location, but only to the legislative bill passed earlier this year.







Worcester County Commissioner Briefs

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

The Worcester County Commissioners discussed the following during their Tuesday meeting:

Cybersecurity

The commissioners approved a partnership with cybersecurity firm SecuLore Solutions to provide aroundthe-clock monitoring, annual network assessments, cyber incident response drills and 200 retainer hours for cyber incident response.

Estimates provided by the IT department appeared to total \$460,000.

"The solutions included in this proposal will greatly bolster Worcester County's cybersecurity," wrote Deputy IT Director Lance Thomas.

Thomas said that services from

the project include providing the county with a "dedicated" cybersecurity analyst, traffic monitoring by "cyber experts," cyber incident response drills and an annual assessment of the network

Youth services

The commissioners approved a \$296,272 proposal from the Local Management Board for children, youth and family programs.

The programs are set to begin on July 1 of next year.

The board outlined in a memo its goals for the programs, which include reducing the impact of parental incarceration on families and communities, reducing youth homelessness, improving outcomes for disconnected youth, reducing childhood hunger, increasing opportunities for communitybased programs and preventing outof-state placements.

Benefits of these efforts, according to the memo, include babies born healthy, healthy children, children prepared to bring their education, success in education, completion of education, safer communities and economically stable families.

Cell antennae

The commissioners approved a cellular lease exhibit to install T-Mobile cellular antennae on the Newark water tower.

The cellular service company plans to install 10 antennae on the water tower "with minimal impact to county infrastructure," according to a memo from Public Works Director Dallas

With the proposal approved, Public Works will now work on the next steps of the project, which include construction drawing review and approval with a third-party engineering consultant.

Public Works staff will work on finalizing the lease once any concerns with the construction drawings are ad-

Landfill purchases

The commissioners approved fiveyear leases totaling \$1.4 million and \$700,000 for a landfill compactor and a bulldozer, respectively.

Some of the funding is budgeted in the FY23 solid waste capital leases budget, according to a memo from Public Works Director Dallas Baker.

"The quotes for the Caterpillar landfill compactor and dozer reflect the competitively bid Sourcewell contract ... which is accompanied by a \$522,797 total price discount," Baker wrote.

Snow Hill searching for exec. administrator

(Nov. 17, 2022) The Town of Snow Hill is seeking applications for the position of a full-time executive administrator.

"Our deputy town manager, Margot Resto, has accepted a position with the Lower Shore Land Trust. We congratulate Margot on this new opportunity on her career path," Town

Manager Rick Pollitt said. "Margot's but she has generously offered to dithe Land Trust for a period of transiwell and will expect to see her often as her contributions to the quality of

last official day [was] Friday, Nov. 11, vide her time between the town and tion. Needless to say, we all wish her life in Snow Hill continue.'

The salary for the executive administrator is to be determined commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include health insurance, retirement, vacation, sick leave, personal leave and holidays.

This position will provide direct and indirect support to the town manager, mayor and council in management of Town Hall office and various departments, as well as managing human resources, insurance and administrative duties.

Visit www.snowhillmd.gov for a full job description.

"It was an extremely difficult deci-

sion to leave such a wonderful position with the Town of Snow Hill," Resto said. "I have learned so much in my three years here and I am grateful for the time I've spent coming to work each day with such an exceptional team of human beings.

"I will miss all of them greatly," she added. "I expect our paths to cross again and I look forward to continued collaboration with the Town in my new position with Lower Shore Land Trust."

Interested applicants must email a letter of interest and resumé to Pollitt at townmanager@snowhillmd.com by Nov. 18.



Communications survey open

(Nov. 17, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short survey about official communications.

The survey should take about five minutes to complete.

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

the survey, To take https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ R3Q82JM.



Annual Winterfest of Lights opens tonight

By Lisa Capitelli

Managing Editor

(Nov. 17, 2022) Winterfest of Lights will kick off its 30th year of dazzling guests, with an opening ceremony tonight, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Northside Park on 125th Street in Ocean City.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature a performance by Ocean City Elementary School's "OC Stars" singing and dancing to holiday songs.

Mayor Rick Meehan will then "flip the switch" to light the Winterfest displays and the 50-foot Christmas tree, officially opening the festival. Santa will make an appearance as well.

In addition, a drone show may also take place in the sky, but it will depend on the weather.

Guests can stroll around the park and view the Winterfest of Lights displays for free on opening night.

"There's always something new or different at Winterfest of Lights," said Frank Miller, director of Special Events for the Town of Ocean City. "The walking element will stay, but



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Visitors to Winterfest of Lights check out the 50-foot Christmas tree with its colorful dancing lights during the 2021 festival. This year's displays will come to life on Thursday with an opening ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m.

we may make some modifications next year, possibly."

For years, Winterfest consisted of a tram ride through the colorfully illuminated Northside Park adorned with Christmas displays and a large, heated tent. Because of covid, in 2020 organizers unveiled a new layout – a walking tour – to the annual holiday tradition. Since the outdoor walking experience was so well received, it was continued in 2021 and again this year.

With just under one million lights around the park, visitors can see favorite displays like the Twelve Days of Christmas, Jaws and the Toy Factory, as well as the animated 50-foot Christmas tree, which will feature a new lighting system this year.

The big ring display, sponsored by Park Place Jewelers, is a great place for a marriage proposal, Miller said.

Over the 30-year history of Winterfest of Lights, the festival area has grown in size, and old displays have been refurbished or replaced with new ones.

One of the original displays, a lighthouse, which Miller said was created by the Public Works Department, was refurbished and brought back about five or six years ago after being out of commission for over a decade.

New this year is a 60-foot-long tunnel of lights that reacts to sound, Miller said.

Guests can take photos at one of the many "hotspots" along the walking path and in the new expanded Winterfest pavilion this year.

"We're slowly working our way back to the big tent [that was a staple pre-covid]," Miller said. "We'll also have some indoor displays we have not had since pre-covid."

Santa will be at Winterfest nightly until Dec. 23. Visitors can pose for a photo with Old Saint Nick and drop off their Christmas wish lists.

Holiday music throughout the park will be provided by Radio Ocean City, and the OC Recreation Boosters will be selling hot chocolate and coffee.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hundreds of people attend the opening ceremony for Winterfest of Lights last year. The 2022 event kicks off on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays will again be Furry Friends Day, where guests can bring their leashed pets.

Winterfest will be open Nov. 17 thought Dec. 31. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on-site or online.

Admission is \$6 for guests 12 and

older and free for youth 11 and vounger.

"To me, it's a family friendly experience with no pressure, you don't feel like you're caught in a crowd or being rushed," Miller said. "It's a nice, relaxing visit. You can take your time, you can go through more than

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

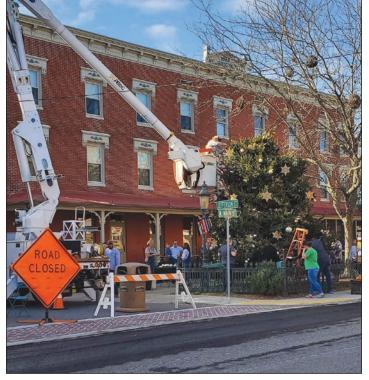
The Community Church at Ocean Pines recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a compilation of church history shown prior to each Sunday service. The celebration culminated with all three services coming together for worship followed by a party where Reverend Dale Brown, District Superintendent Rev. Christina Blake, former church pastors and parishioners enjoyed dinner and festivities. (Right) Former Pastors Boyd Etters, left, and Tom McKelvy with current Pastor Dale Brown.



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BENCH DEDICATION

A memorial bench dedication was held in downtown Berlin in front of the Victorian Charm on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12, to honor the memory of Bill and Carol Smith. Bill was instrumental in the early years of Berlin's downtown revitalization. Pictured, from left, standing are Steve Frene, Maryland Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Debbie Frene and Virginia Denayer, and seated, Diane Brissey, and Jennifer Amrhein. The dedication was followed by a buffet next door at Boxcar on Main.



HOLIDAY PREP

The tree in front of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin was decorated for the holidays last week. It will be lit during a ceremony on Friday, Nov. 25. PHOTO COURTESY TOWN OF BERLIN FACEBOOK

FIRE SAFETY

Worcester Preparatory School hosted the Berlin Fire Company for a Fire **Prevention Assembly to** raise awareness of fire safety measures on Oct. 11. Berlin Fire Company Spokesperson Jimmy Corron highlighted the importance of establishing fire safety practices, and students also got to meet Sparky the Fire Dog. **Berlin Fire Company** firefighter Colbey Sirman sits with the Pre-K class. (Far right) Cheryl Marshall's first grade class hugs Sparky. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE







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The Ocean Pines Ladies' Golf Association teamed up with the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association for a golf outing at Ocean Pines Golf Club on Oct. 12. A total of \$2,550 was raised for Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, which will help fund mammograms.

OP golf groups raise funds for mammograms

(Nov. 17, 2022) For 10 years, the Ocean Pines Ladies' Golf Association's Pink Lady event has raised money for the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation to provide mammograms for women unable to afford them. This year, however, marks the first time the OPLGA has played with the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association in this special outing.

Thirty-four men and women golfers put on their pink and gathered at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on Oct. 12 to play for the foundation, contributing a total of \$2,550 for the lifesaving screenings.

Steven Tyson, donor relations officer at the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, welcomed the golfers and thanked them for their financial gift.

"I do not think at this point in time that there is anyone who has not had breast cancer touch the lives of their family, friends and other loved ones," Tyson said. "Having events such as this which raise much-needed funding for mammograms and other directly related services at our local Women's Health and Diagnostic facilities truly makes a huge difference and directly impacts and saves people's lives."

OPLGA members and event or-

ganizers Ann Shockley and Susan Morris said that in previous years, the men's golf group had supported the Pink Lady by dedicating one of their regularly scheduled golf outings to the event, wearing pink and donating money to the cause.

Morris said that when she and Shockley approached OPMGA President John Ferinde about the two groups playing together, however, he embraced the idea.

"I am so appreciative of all who made this event happen and am excited about the new golfers we attracted to play and support this worthy cause," Shockley said.

In addition to playing a nine-hole scramble, participants enjoyed pink ribbon baked goodies, a 50/50 raffle and prizes.

"We are pretty proud of this effort and look forward to broadening this event to include all golfers of Ocean Pines," Shockley said.

The men's and women's golf leagues welcome new players. For more information about the OPLGA, contact Shockley at rexerann@gmail.com. For more information about the OPMGA, contact Ferinde at johnferinde@aol.com.



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HOMECOMING

Worcester Prep's Upper School dedicated the entire week of Oct. 3-8 to celebrate homecoming. Festivities kicked off with an activity-packed Spirit Week and culminated with an alumni/family cookout, soccer game and dance. Sophomores Emma Zajdel, Danielle Carr, Nazli Unal and Maxine Ruggerio manned the bake sale table with teacher Hunter Causey, center.

Eighth grader Ronen Poddar and his younger brother, Ronit, entertain guests with balloon art. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE





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Siblings Jad, Zia and Jamil Salem enjoy lunch with their mom, Amani Khalayla.



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Alumnus Brice Richins ('22), left, reconnected with seniors Griffin Jones and Harrison Humes.

Pianist looks back at 45 years playing in OC

By Gee Williams

Contributing Writer

(Nov. 17, 2022) Shirley Toms moved to Ocean City in 1973 and has been one of the most popular pianists and entertainers in the resort community ever since. In the spring, she will have been a featured pianist in the resort for 45 years.

She started performing professionally on the piano in Baltimore in 1964, but as fate would have it, she moved to Ocean City nine years later and has never looked back.

Shirley began her performances locally for one year at the Carousel Hotel. She then was the pianist and entertainer at the Sea Scape Motel for eight years, the Commander Hotel for the next six years and then at the French Quarter Lounge until she began performing at the Dunes Manor when it opened in 1990.

"I was hired by Thelma Conner to perform here in the upstairs lobby of the Dunes Manor and have always enjoyed it," Toms said.

She noted that Thelma in the

1970s was elected Ocean City's first Councilwoman.

Thelma and her husband, Milton, had built a lifelong career in the resort's hospitality business. But Milton suddenly passed away during the construction of the Dunes Manor, which is located on the oceanfront at 28th Street and Baltimore Avenue.

"It had been their dream to build a Victorian era-themed hotel, and this

and a balcony overlooking the beach and ocean."

It was during her first year performing at the Sea Scape that she would meet her future husband, Rex Hailey.

"Rex would be working late at the desk of a nearby hotel and then come over to the lounge at the Sea Scape at about 1 a.m. for a late-night breakfast. Rex never smoked cigarettes or drank alcohol," Toms explained.

Years later, Rex was elected as a Berlin Councilmember and served two terms before being election to two terms as the mayor of Berlin, from 1996 to 2004.

During his tenure as mayor, Berlin was the location of two major Hollywood films: "Runaway Bride" and

"Tuck Everlasting."
Shirley said, "Because I always used my maiden name — Toms when I was performing, we used to kid with each other that many people thought we just lived together and were not married." Her husband died See TOM Page 15



Shirley Toms has been a featured pianist in the resort for 45 years. She began playing at the Dunes Manor when it opened in 1990. Her last performances at the hotel will be Thanksgiving weekend.

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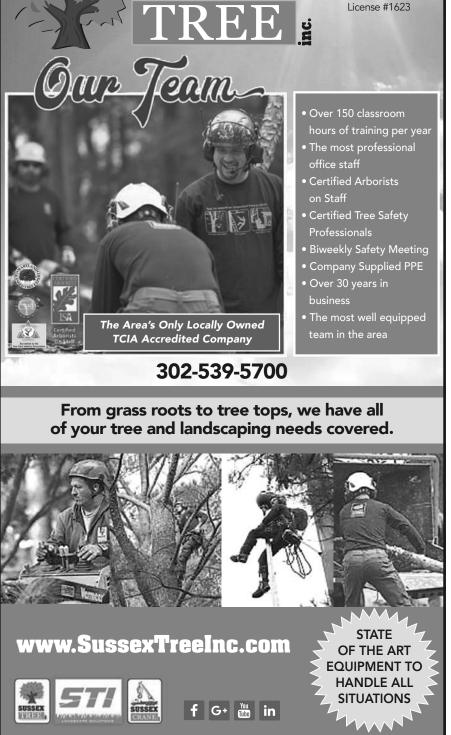
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Toms considers herself 'blessed'

Continued from Page 14 in 2017 at the age of 70.

Shirley is not only an accomplished pianist, but also is a singer with a delightful sense of humor and mischievous comments that guests are attracted to year after year.

Guests at the Dunes Manor regularly sing along with Shirley when she is performing. The guests also participate in the piano performances. During the Christmas season guests join Shirley to perform the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Throughout the year guests also line-up and do the high kick when she plays "New York, New York," the classic jazz song made famous by Frank Sinatra.

"There is no place around the Ocean City area that has a lobby like this," Shirley said. "I am now entertaining my third generation of visitors who can't come to Ocean City unless they enjoy listening and laughing together.

"I love for people to laugh and have fun while I play and sing," Shirley added. "This has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people from around the world while I have traveled very little."

To honor her many years of performing, the new owners of the Dunes Manor have given the grand piano, a Knabe made in Baltimore in 1890, that she has played in the hotel lobby for 32 years, to Shirley as a parting gift.

Her life of performing in Ocean City has also enabled Shirley to play the piano and organ at St. Paul's Bythe-Sea Episcopal Church located at Third Street and Philadelphia Avenue

"My first piano lesson was at age 10 and I have never tired of playing," she said.

In addition to playing the piano and organ at St. Paul's Church, she also directs the church choir. Shirley added, "God has been very good by allowing me to use the gift of music. I have never tired of playing and I consider myself blessed."

Shirley Toms' last performances at the Dunes Manor will be this Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. She will play piano and sing in the lobby on Thanksgiving Day from noon until 6 p.m. and the following evening, Friday, Nov. 25, from 6-10 p.m.

Train garden at convention ctr.

Continued from Page 11 once, grab some hot chocolate, stop and take photos."

For more information, visit www.ococean.com/events or call 410-250-0125.

Winterfest grossed \$614,747 – second highest revenue since its inception – on 100,237 tickets sold in 2021.

The biggest weekend collectively for Winterfest in 2021 was Thanksgiving, with 15,474 attendees. The biggest day outright was Saturday, Dec. 4, with 9,090 people taking the walking tour.

To coincide with the Northside Park festival is a Winterfest Train Garden inside the Welcome Center at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

View the model railroad displays and trains, and read and learn about the history of the train station and railroad in Ocean City.

The train garden will be open Nov. 17 through Dec. 31, Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30-9 p.m.

Admission is free; however, donations are accepted and will benefit the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

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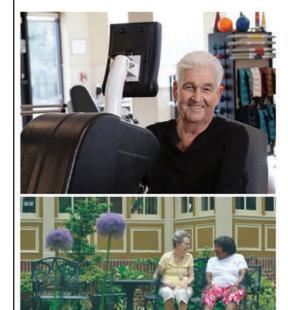
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Rain no damper on veterans' event

(Nov. 17, 2022) Rainy weather moved the annual Veterans Day ceremony indoors on Friday but did little to dampen the spirits of the patriotic service hosted by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

The foundation for many years has hosted Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, on Racetrack Road.

This year, the event was held in the Ocean Pines Community Center gym and included patriotic music from the Delmarva Chorus, a color guard presentation of local American Legion representatives, and an address by guest speaker Dr. Jeff Hilovsky.

Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said Col. Hilovsky retired from the U.S. Air Force after a 25-year military career. He retired as the medical commander for the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base.

State, county and local officials attended the event, including several Ocean Pines Board members.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation's annual Memorial Day service is scheduled to return on May 29, 2023, at Veterans Memorial Park.

The foundation also hosts a "Flags for Heroes" program, honoring servicemen and women, first responders,



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Rev. Mister David J. Kolesky, a deacon at the St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, gives the invocation at the Veterans Day tribute, held Nov. 11 at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

teachers, family members, doctors and hospital workers, and others who inspire local people. Flags for Heroes is scheduled to return on May 20, 2023.

Additionally, the Veterans Memorial Foundation each year invites every fifth-grade class in Worcester County to the Memorial in Ocean Pines, as part of its education outreach.

The foundation released an educational video as part of the program this year. To view the video, visit https://youtu.be/W_SbPKZDcYc.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all volunteer organization.

"Members, donors, volunteers and visitors help make the Veterans Memorial a beautiful and welcoming place to honor and reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans," Gilmore said.

Support for the foundation may be done in the form of donations and paid annual memberships. Brick pavers and memorial benches also help support the memorial, and volunteer opportunities are always available.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit www.opvets.org.

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Professing support when it's not critical

The reply to elected officials who argue they don't oppose a sports complex, just the public funding of it, has to be, "So what?" If no public money is involved, these officials would have little say in the matter beyond being sure that such a facility meets zoning and other land use requirements.

Consequently, politicians who stake out the no-publicfunding position are trying to have it both ways: they don't want to alienate voters who support the development of such a facility, but also want the continued support of those who oppose it.

This is not to suggest that a major athletic facility that proposes to draw youth sports tournaments from all over the eastern half of the country would be a sure-fire success no matter whose money is being spent. It's a crapshoot, just like it was when the state and the Town of Ocean City built the Ocean City convention center back in 1970.

At the time of its opening, that multi-million-dollar facility was derided throughout the state as a "white elephant" because it sat empty on most days. But, obviously, something did go right over time, because the Roland E. Powell Convention Center is more than five times the size of the original 40,000-square foot structure.

Still, it remains disingenuous for elected officials to profess support for something in which they would have reduced involvement.

Should an investment group buy a tract of cleared land that had once been used for recreational purposes — an abandoned golf course, for instance — its approval would hinge on the findings of the regulatory bodies that govern land use and development.

A project either meets the state and county requirements or it doesn't, and if it does, elected officials can't say no just because they don't like it. Only if a sports complex proposal needed some kind of regulatory accommodation like a zoning change or wastewater disposal solution would politicians' opinion enter into the equation. And then, the public would find out if that "support" actually exists.

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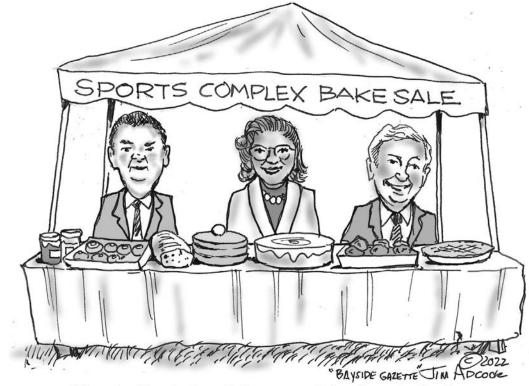
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Worcester County Commissioners search for alternative funding sources for the Sports Complex Project.

Turkey Bowl Pickleball this weekend

Two-day Thanksgiving tourney takes place at county rec. center

(Nov. 17, 2022) Worcester County Recreation and Parks will host the annual Turkey Bowl Pickleball Tournament later this month.

This two-day tournament will take place Saturday and

Sunday, Nov. 19-20, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Saturday's play will consist of men's and women's doubles, and Sunday will be mixed doubles.

Doors will open and check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Competition will start at 8 a.m.

The tournament is open to ages 18 and older. The

cost per person is \$45, which includes a T-shirt.

To play, register online at www.pickleballtourna-ments.com.

For more information, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144 x2505 or tkeiser@marylandscoast.org.

To view a full list of upcoming special events, visit www.playmarylandscoast.

Colley new ACT community coordinator

(Nov. 17, 2022) Debbi Dean Colley was recently named the new Assateague Coastal Trust Community Engagement coordinator.

"We are so excited to have Debbi as part of our team. We have many new programs and projects on the drawing board and she's the perfect candidate to help make them come to fruition," said Brenda Davis, ACT's new executive director.

This position encompasses social media specialist, fundraising campaigns, marketing, preparing press releases, along with volunteer coordination with an ex-

tension of outreach into the community.

An artist at heart, Colley was born in Pittsburgh and attended Pittsburgh Center

for the Arts.



Debbi Colley

She has traveled internationally to London, England and Rimini, Italy, teaching advanced platform work to

colleagues in the salon industry.

She then studied environmental education at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, which then led her into the environmental sector and devoted herself to the issues surrounding waterway destruction.

Colley has a strong background in project management, event coordination and volunteer service with a previous commitment as the project manager for Grow Berlin Green (GBG).

This was an extension of ACT, which was a multi-year campaign to the area as a model community for participatory environmental protection, conservation and smart growth policy and practice.

GBG was instrumental to See ACT Page 21

Free Thanksgiving dinners, church services planned

By Lisa Capitelli

Managing Editor

(Nov. 17, 2022) Churches in Berlin and Ocean City will provide free Thanksgiving meals again this year, while a few others will present holiday services.

Berlin's First Baptist Church, located at 613 Williams Street, will offer a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner, including turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce and dessert, for the 33rd year from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We're looking forward to it," said Shannon Diehl, who helps with the church's children's ministry. Her husband, Brad, has been the pastor of the church for the last nine years.

Last year, the Berlin church provided just over 400 meals. Most were carryout, but some people did eat at the church.

Food was also delivered to shutins and people working on the holiday, including those at Berlin police and fire departments as well as to the Berlin Nursing Home.

To reserve a meal for carryout or to dine in, call the church at 410-641-4306. Leave a voicemail and someone from the church will return the call.

"It's helpful if they call and let us know, but we always have enough. We're preparing for 500 meals. We've never run out," Diehl said. "If they

PHOTO COURTESY SHANNON DIEHL

A new blessing box will be set up in front of Berlin's First Baptist Church, located at 613 Williams Street. It will include canned goods, boxed foods, hygiene products, and cold weather gear such as hats and gloves. The church will host its 33rd annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24.

will be alone on Thanksgiving we would love to have them."

Church members will prepare the dinner. About 30 volunteers usually help on Thanksgiving Day. Those interested in assisting should call the church and leave a message.

"We can always use volunteers," Diehl said.

In addition, a new blessing box will be set up in front of the church.

"We're excited about it. Hopefully, we can keep feeding the community after Thanksgiving," Diehl said. "The goal is to get open and ready for Thanksgiving."

The blessing box will be filled with canned goods, boxed foods, hygiene products, and cold weather gear such as hats and gloves.

"People can give, or take what they need," Diehl said. "It will be open 24/7. It's something they can come to all the time."

Ocean City Baptist Church will host its 43rd annual free Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The church is located at 102 North Division Street in downtown Ocean City next to the 7-11.

Anyone who is looking for a home-cooked meal on Thanksgiving is invited.

"On Thanksgiving, you should be with family, and if you don't have anyone, come be part of our family," said Pastor Sean Davis. "I see it as an extended family for me. It's a family holiday and what we always promote is, 'you shouldn't be alone on Thanksgiving.' We'd love to have you. It's a great time. It really is."

The men and women of the church and community will be preparing and serving the meal.

The menu includes turkey, stuff-



HOTO COLIDTESY DASTOD SEAN DAVID

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ing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, string beans, corn, cranberry sauce, rolls and different pies.

Davis said last year about 550 dinners were served. About 150 meals were provided to guests dining at the church, 150 dinners were taken out and the rest were delivered.

"We're expecting a big surge this year, by the calls we've been getting. We're preparing for it," Davis said. "We'll probably serve about 600 this year."

Donations are always accepted. While the food is taken care of, monetary donations will be used to help offset costs.

Davis' father, Terry, a pastor of the church for 31 years, came up with the idea for the dinner, because "nobody should be alone on Thanksgiving," Sean said.

Sean Davis grew up at the church and became the pastor in 2010. He wanted to keep the Thanksgiving tradition going after his father retired.

Call Ocean City Baptist Church at 410-289-4054 for more information or to RSVP to dinner, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, or sign up online at OCBaptist.com.

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Frankford Chapel
43 Thatcher Street
Frankford, DE
302.732.9000

Long Neck Chapel 32013 Long Neck Road Millsboro, DE 302.945.9000

38040 Muddy Neck Road Ocean View, DE

302.537.2441

Cuisine

Seared scallops and butternut squash puree

Reprint from November 25, 2021

Oh, you thought I was going to write about turkey today,



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

No, there is enough rubbish out there this month to feed a small army, or rather a massive one.

didn't you?

You certainly do not need to read another thing about that magnificent

bird and what is quite honestly my favorite meal. Death row? Thanksgiving dinner, please and thank you.

It is good, however, to reflect on the season itself, if I may be so bold.

I absolutely adore this time of year, and as much as I hate the thought of chopping down the banana palms in preparation of winter and eventually next spring, I appreciate the seasons with which we are fortunate.

After living in San Diego for three and a half years, a span of coastal desert in which they planted grass and faked an entire ecosystem where there really aren't seasons of sorts, I can appreciate this.

Out there, It is either hot or a little chilly. That's about it.

Of course, you can drive a few hours northeast to ski or snowboard, so at least they have that.

The mountains in California are beautiful as you gaze at them, snowcovered and peaceful as you stand in the street wearing surf trunks and flip flops.

Yet, as amazing as that feeling can be (standing in a street in Riverside trying to get your head wrapped around snow-draped mountains), it takes away from the idea of seasons in the first place.

Just the notion of seasons pleases me, as it was truly the reason I moved back to the East Coast.

It happened as my parents picked me up from BWI in June, 1989. I was already embedded in the SoCal culture as well as the Marines, and I enjoyed it. But when we hit the bay bridge on that fateful day, there was a torrential squall that was heading right towards us from the Eastern Shore.

I will never forget that moment, as I grew up with those storms that would pop out of nowhere.

In California, the closest I ever came to that sensation was dust devils in the Mojave desert. And while those little bastards can tear a tent city apart



in about 30 seconds, they're kind of pointless. It's just more dust, dirt and sand in every crevice of your body and gear.

A squall ripping across the water is both terrifying and humbling if you happen to be on a vessel on the water.

Pulling in the sails, you weather the storm and simply hope that it is a short one. And when it passes, you realize that it all just goes back to business as usual. Set the sails and get flying up the bay again.

So that day was when I realized that I would move back to the East Coast when things were settled with my military contract.

And here I am. Not a day goes by that I don't reminisce of good times in Southern California and Mexico, but that was a day gone by.

Now I'm here and love living in such a rich and diverse place. One of my favorite parts of cooking in areas like this is, in fact, the seasons.

Soft shells in the summertime, scallops, the point of this article, now waning in their supply as fishermen prepare for dry dock, and the rest of the bounty from our ocean.

I love buying fresh seafood from Skillagallee or Sea Born in the commercial harbor. There is literally no greater sign of the seasons than fresh fish. Embrace it, buy it and cook with it. You can have turkey next Thanksgiving.

Seared Scallops, Butternut Squash Puree

serves 4
24 ea. Fresh, dry scallops
Trimix, as needed
Clarified butter, as needed
2 c. Shiitake mushrooms, sliced
1/2 c. White wine

4 c. Butternut squash puree (recipe follows)

2 c. Kale sauteed in roasted garlic, as garnish

Pat the scallops dry with a paper towel and set aside until ready to sear.

Season with trimix, and then heat the clarified butter in a good saute pan.

Sear the scallops in the hot pan for around 2 minutes per side, or until they have a nice crust before turning.

Remove and keep warm while you immediately add the mushrooms and more butter, if needed.

Cook until almost done, and then add the wine and reduce.

Season to taste and keep warm until service.

Place the puree in the center of the plate, and surround it with the scal-

lops and mushrooms.

Top the dish off with a little bit of the kale and enjoy a hearty, lovely autumn meal.

Butternut Squash Puree

makes about 2 quarts
1 ea. Butternut squash
1 c. Cream, or as needed
1 tsp. Kosher salt
1/2 tsp. Black pepper
2 tbsp. Pure maple syrup
1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon

Cut the squash in half and scrape the seeds out.

Brush with oil and place face down on parchment on a baking sheet.

Place in a 375F oven for about 40 minutes, or until a skewer passes right through the tender squash.

Remove and when cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh and place in a food processor.

Add the other ingredients and process until the squash in nicely pureed. Adjust seasoning and keep warm until ready to serve.

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

Berlin, OC churches provide free Thanksgiving Day meals

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Those interested in volunteering can call or sign up online for different time slots.

"We usually have 60-70 volunteers that day. They serve food, clean, and sit down and spend time with others," Davis said.

Volunteers will also be taking dinner to shut-ins. Call and provide a location of someone who needs dinner in Ocean City or West Ocean City, and it will be delivered to them.

Volunteers will also be delivering dinner to first responders at the Ocean City police and fire departments, as well as to public works employees and to some others working at area businesses that day.

"We'll deliver meals to them if we know they're open," Davis said.

The Interfaith Friendship Association will hold its second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Community Church in Ocean Pines, on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

The association is asking for donations to be brought to the service, which was attended by about 150 guests last year.

Non-perishable food items will be presented to Diakonia in West Ocean City, an organization which helps individuals and families by providing shelter, food, clothing and program services.

Items for expectant and new mothers are being accepted for the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health of Berlin.

"Grace Center provides clients who need assistance with new baby clothes, car seats, diapers, baby formula and many other items. All of our services are provided free of charge thanks to donations and fundraising events," said Grace Center Executive Director Joann Manole. "The Grace Center provides vital services to women and families in the community. Our clinical team provides pregnant women with limited ultrasounds, prenatal education, parenting classes, postpartum home visits, in-home newborn care lessons and breastfeeding support. Additionally, we provide a variety of support groups that utilize trauma-informed approaches including addictions, new mothers, postpartum depression, and anxiety. We put clients in touch with needed resources such as Medicaid, housing assistance, and access to education and job training."

Manole provided a list of needed items, which includes diapers, diaper cream and bags, A&D ointment, bibs, story books for age o-3, baby lotion and bath towels, Boppi Pillows, breast feeding pillows and cotton pads, breast pumps, Plastic Avent bottles/nipples, infant car seats, pacifiers, Johnson's Head to Toe shampoo, sleepers, sleep sacks, swaddle

blankets, digital thermometers and Visa gift cards.

The Interfaith Friendship Association's mission and objective is to "teach that there is far more that unites us than separates us, and that each person regardless of background or particular faith can join together in worship of God and offer up thanks and praise. In addition, the Interfaith Friendship Association will speak out and call the community together to work for a time and a world of justice and peace."

For more information, call Rabbi Arthur Rutberg at Temple Bat Yam at 410-251-6366.

Ocean City Christian Ministers Association will present a Thanksgiving service, Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at Son'Spot Ministries at 12 Worcester Street.

Service will include praise, worship, songs, hymns, Thanksgiving testimonies and a brief message.

Guests are asked to bring packaged food goods, paper products and funds for the offering, which will be used to help those in need in the community.

There will be dessert and fellowship after the service.

Call 410-289-1296 for more infor-

ACT gets new comm. coordinator

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Berlin as the first Maryland municipality to qualify for "Sustainable Maryland Certified" status by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center.

Colley feels she has come full circle back to her old stomping grounds with her environmental education and action

She is excited to be working with Davis and Coastkeeper Gabby Ross, along with the entire ACT team and board to engage the community through outreach and communication

Her goals are to connect with busi-

nesses, schools and organizations to become partners and enact regulations that encompass the purpose and vision of Assateague Coastal Trust.

Anyone interested in joining the organization should contact Colley at outreach@actforbays.org or 443-856-9300.

Assateague Coastal Trust is the Waterkeeper Alliance program for the coastal watershed of lower Delmarya

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Puzzles

LENGTH-ENING BY MICHAEL LIEBERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Lieberman, of Washington, D.C., is an attorney at Fairmark Partners, a consumer-protection firm. This is his ninth Times crossword in two years. It started when the Billy Joel title "We Didn't Start the Fire" morphed in his head to "ennui didn't start the fire." That didn't make much sense, but it did make him laugh. He went searching for other such transformations to build a puzzle und. — W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Opportunities for singles
- 7 Marbled savory snack from China
- 13 A boatload
- 17 "Keep Ya Head Up" rapper, informally
- 20 Home of the W.N.B.A.'s Wings
- 21 Talk and talk and talk 62 Flat-topped military and talk
- 22 On the deep
- 23 Poorly
- 26 Maker of the Switch console
- 28 Cremation receptacles 70
- 29 Service that's not good?
- 30 "The ___ Company" (Frans Hals portrait) 32 Pie-crust ingredient
- 33 Army award attribute
- 35 Realtor's exclamation about a primary bathroom?
- 39 Actress Moriarty of "The Boys"
- 40 "My package arrived!"
- 42 Landing info, in brief 43 Sorrowful sound
- 44 "Not gonna
- 45 Other: Sp.
- 46 Structure on the continental shelf
- 48 Take (down) 49 How Shamu
- acknowledged the crowd's appreciation?

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- 52 Go from 60 to 0, say
- commerce
- 57 Got by just fine
- 58 Some N.F.L. linemen, in brief
- 60 Where someone might fiddle with your dance moves?
- hat
- 64 Ocean State sch.
- 66 Takes the stage
- 24 Why the party's about to get less hip?

 69 Man's name that spells a fruit spells a fruit backward
 - "Prepare for a sword fight, McKellen, Fleming and all other namesakes out there!"?
 - 75 Uncurbed enthusiasm
 - 76 Injury from a fistfight 77 Byproduct of burning tobacco
 - 78 Bread maker?
 - 79 Casino do-overs
 - 81 Like many lifeguards 83 Crews
 - 86 Neurodegenerative
 - disease, for short
 - 87 1990s fitness fad
 - 90 Dish cooked to smooth things over after a fight?
 - 95 Cable channel with the comedy/drama "Sistas"
 - 96 TV that's trash, e.g.
 - 98 Pops
 - 99 High point of a trip to 7 Daly of "Cagney & Europe?
 - 100 The old you?
 - 102 It's full of hot air

- 103 One small bite 54 Grp. regulating global 105 Word with bus or whistle
 - 106 What students in a karate class are
 - often doing? 109 Spiny sea creatures
 - 111 Flatbread made with atta
 - 112 Charge for a tutor
 - 113 Business-card abbr. 115 Hang ominously
 - 116 Place for a lamp 118 Challenge for a court
 - jester? " ("You 123 "That's
 - may proceed") 124 film
 - 125 North African stew, or the dish it's
 - cooked in 126 Intimidating in a cool way
 - 127 Flavor enhancer, for short
 - 128 Counterpart of -ful
 - 129 Wears down
 - 130 Contents of a corn maze

DOWN

- 1 Freeware annoyances
- 2 Where you might order nopales or esquites
- 3 Less clear, as a memory
- 4 Support group with a hyphen in its name
- 5 Ankle bones
- 6 About 5 o'clock. compass-wise
- Lacey
- 8 Singer-actress Kitt
 - 9 "Yo te

- 10 The Tasmanian one has been extinct since the 19th century 11 "Capisce?"
- 12 Like wind power visà-vis natural gas
- 13 Something a parent might tell you to watch
- 14 God who was said to be in love with his sister while still in the womb(!)
- 15 Core position
- 16 Took a load off
- 17 Thing to bash at a bash
- 18 Buzz about space?
- 19 Thickheads
- 25 State symbol of Massachusetts
- 27 "Middlemarch" novelist, 1871
- 31 Showing signs of life 33 Commanding position
- 34 Located, to a builder
- 36 Herman Melville's second novel
- 37 "That's odd"
- 38 Act unprofessionally? 41 Channel
- 45 How you might walk after getting great
- news 47 "Hey, I had it first!" 48 Comedian-actor Ken
- of "The Hangover" films
- 50 Skewer
- 51 Pinkish-red shade
- 53 It moves one step at a time
- "Ain't I a (Sojourner Truth speech)
- 55 Between, poetically

- 56 Lead-in to a sale price 59 Lacking emotional toughness
- 61 Remove from Zillow, say

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- 62 Show submission, in a way
- 63 "Jumpin' Jehoshaphat!"
- 65 Still competing
- 67 Tour de France stage 68 Envelops
- 70 Pound who wrote "In a Station of the Metro"
- 71 C sharp equivalent 72 Slowly move (in)

puzzle.

73 Sends unwanted texts 92 Unlike π to, maybe

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- 74 Utterances of agreement
- 80 Totally loved
- 82 Present at birth 84 What's so flippin' easy
- to cook with? 85 Dinner at which "Dayenu" is sung
- 88 Fried pastries popular in New Orleans 89 Baby that rarely
- sleeps at night 91 Kind of high-fat, low-carb diet

- 93 Business magnate who is a Stanford University dropout

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- 94 Actor Omar
- 95 Electronic toy with a blue "pull" handle 'On Juneteenth"

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- author Gordon-Reed
- 100 Some beachwear
- 101 Show-off 102 Mournful peals
- 104 Play opener
- 105 Rhimes with an eponymous production company

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120 Purge (of)

106 Pummel

108 Joy of TV

brief

119 One may get

107 Infuse (with)

110 Sole connector?

114 Potato peeler targets

117 Patella neighbor, in

in the way of a

collaboration

- 121 Abbr. in a birth announcement
- 122 Site used by NASA, in brief

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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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., Nov, 17

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join in anytime during the day 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. Join the group for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research followed by a Q&A session. Bring your family information. Registration requested: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT JOB FAIR

Worcester County Human Resources, 1 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 12-3 p.m. Computers will be available for job seekers to complete and submit applications onsite. For a list of jobs:

https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/. Info: Ann Hankins, 410-632-0090.

JIMI HENDRIX 'IMMORTAL'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Jimi Hendrix is regarded as the most innovative and influential guitarist in history. Join Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett for a trip through the purple haze. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books you have read and want to share. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4-6 p.m. The Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service will host a virtual expungement session. Clients attend in person and receive assistance from volunteer attorneys. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-957-0878

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. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR OCEAN CITY COLD WEATHER SHELTER

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6 p.m. The shelter is in need of volunteers. If it is on your heart to help or to learn more: Jason Long,

 $ocmdcoldweathershelter@gmail.com,\\ 443-513-1563.$

2022 WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring 15 films, a silent auction, raffle items and event specials. Tickets cost \$25 each or 5 for \$100 at www.actforbays.org/wsff. 410-629-1538

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Holloway Hall Auditorium, 1101 Camden Ave., Salisbury, 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets \$10. Enjoy live music from the Salisbury Percussion Ensemble. Both In-Person and Virtual. https://www.salisbury.edu/academic-offices/liberal-arts/music-theatreand-dance/performing-arts-box-office.as px, 410-543-6228

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., Nov. 18

STORY TIME 'GIVING THANKS!'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Hear fun stories all about gratitude and thankfulness. Stay after for a fun craft. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

HOBBIES CLUB 'CREATIVE WRITING WORK-SHOP'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The group will be brainstorming characters for their stories and learning some important techniques to bring their characters to life. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'HEAVEN' BY MIEKO KAWAKAMI

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Books are available at the brach. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

WORLD DRUM EXPERIENCE

Holloway Hall Auditorium, 1101 Camden Ave., Salisbury, 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets \$10. Live music performance with music from the '70s and '80s. Both Virtual and In-Person. https://www.salisbury.edu/academic-offices/liberal-arts/music-theatre-a nd-dance/performing-arts-box-office.aspx, 410-543-6228

Sat., Nov. 19

AUCE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7-10 a.m. AUCE Breakfast Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, creamed chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit, and assorted beverages. \$8/adult \$4/child.

TURKEY SHOOT

Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, Berlin, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Turkey shoot benefiting Boy Scout Troop 225. Bring 12 or 20 gauge shotgun - Ammo will be provided. Range starts at \$2 per target. Breakfast, lunch and baked goods available. Raffle and prizes. 410-422-9166

FALL 2022 TURKEY BOWL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 8 a.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Men's and women's doubles. Open to ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$45 and includes a T-shirt. Register: www.pickleballtournaments.com. 410-632-2144 - 2505

WALK WITH A DOC

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9 a.m. Kerri Ellinger, PA-C will hold a brief discussion about postmenopausal concerns, then will lead the group for a walk. First 10 people to arrive will receive a Wal-Mart gift card.

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, 410-632-2600

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURE

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. A different adventure each week. For all ages. 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

SUPER SPECIAL STORY TIME W/MRS. MCCABE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Join Kate McCabe for a super special story time. The group will be making crafts and putting on their own parade through the library. For ages 3 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

COMPUTER DECONSTRUCTION FOR TEENS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. A hands on activity where participants can see how a computer works by deconstructing and reassembling a desktop. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

WALKING ON THE POCOMOKE PATHWAYS

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Native exhibit and flute music. Admission cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for youth ages 6-18 years and free to military, museum members. https://pocomokeindiannation.org/calendar.htm.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER FOR OCDC

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 12-5 p.m. Ride the indoor rides for \$2 per ride. Festive foods, artisan gifts and a \$1 wreath raffle. Also pictures with Santa, holiday music and expert Christmas wrapping demos. www.trimperrides.com/events/

BILL ENGVALL 'HERE'S YOUR SIGN - IT'S FINALLY TIME' THE FAREWELL TOUR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Two shows: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before each show. Bill Engvall is one of the top comedians in the country. Tickets: https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events/Bill-Engvall.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. 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.

Sun., Nov. 20

FALL 2022 TURKEY BOWL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 8 a.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Mixed doubles. Open to ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$45 and includes a T-shirt. Register: www.pickleballtournaments.com. 410-632-2144 - 2505

TAILGATE & TOURNAMENTS

Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 12-4 p.m. Tickets \$50. Ravens vs. Carolina game will be shown on projector event center and a tailgate buffet will be provided. Admission includes food, two entries in slot or black jack tournament and \$10 in free slot play.

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SECOND THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE AND BENEFIT FOR THE GRACE CENTER

Community Church, 11227 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. Second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service inviting the entire community from Ocean Pines to Salisbury to join in worship. Asking for non-perishable food items, and items for new Mothers.

COMMUNITY'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SonSpot Ministries Inc, 12 Worcester St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Service includes praise, worship songs, hymns, Thanksgiving testimonies and a brief message. Donations of packaged food goods, paper products and money offerings. Dessert and fellowship followed.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon, Nov. 21

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center - Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Cindy Dillon, Lower Eastern Shore Sierra Club, will highlight current projects of the Sierra Club, focusing on plastic pollution. Business meeting to follow. All are welcome.

LITTLE LEARNERS PROGRAM COLLABORA-TION

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:30 a.m. Children will learn about local history and wildlife.

www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MONDAY MUSIC MASTERS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The group will be talking about different performance techniques and showing some of their own musical creations. 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 "The Unknown Masterpiece' by Honore de Balzac. This group meets twice a month and is currently reading selections in Book 3 of Great Discussions. 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

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB: RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE

The Buzzed Word, 11805 Coastal Highway, Unit C, Ocean City, 6 p.m. An afternoon of Queer Romance and Wine. 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., Nov. 22

STORY TIME 'TURKEY TALES'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving stories, crafts and activities. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'WE ARE THANKFUL'

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

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

FEEL-GOOD MOVIE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Monthly movies that prove the human spirit can prevail despite overwhelming adds. Call for movie details at 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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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., Nov. 23

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the third and fourth Wednesday of each month for surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

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STORY TIME 'TURKEY'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs all about turkeys. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

HOMEWORK HUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Stop by the library for some homework help from friends and staff. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. The goal of the support group is to provide participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org



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