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## Daly's leaving opens third spot in race

### Pines director announces he's moving to Florida as board election time nears

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) Three seats are up for grabs in this year's board of director's elections, now that board member Frank Daly has announced he will soon be moving to Florida.

"We have purchased a home in Florida. I will remain on the board until the transaction closes. Those dates are subject to a few contingencies that are normal in the same process," Daly told the Ocean Pines Forum.

"We need to follow section 5.04 of the by-laws regarding a vacancy on the board. The action will be based on if and when Frank Daly is no longer a homeowner in Ocean Pines,"

said Doug Parks, president of the OPA Board of Directors.

"If all proceeds as planned (b) will apply," Daly said.

Section 5.04(b) reads, "According to the bylaws, in the event a vacancy occurs on the board of directors within ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting but before the ballots have been submitted to the secretary for printing under Section 5.03, a majority of the remaining directors

may appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual meeting. If the vacancy is not for an expiring term, the vacancy shall be included on the ballots.

This means there will be three vacancies to be filled in the August elections, with Doug Parks and Colette Horn both leaving because of term limits.

Elaine Brady is the first — and See THREE Page 2



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## Berlin budget closing in on revenue gap

### Current tax rate included, but changes still likely with public hearing on horizon

**By Jack Chavez**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) With a public hearing scheduled for later this month, the Berlin mayor and Town Council are still trying to find ways to reduce the town's budget deficit, but the message coming from them remains that residents should expect to pay more.

During the first reading of the FY24 tax rate ordinance during the mayor and council meeting on Monday, Mayor Zack Tyndall praised his colleagues and the department heads for the work they have done so far to pare down what was a much higher deficit originally, but couldn't yet offer solid figures for the residents on the new tax rate.

"Some form of an increase this fiscal year (is very likely) but we don't know what that looks like as a whole," he said. "Costs are just too fluid right at this moment that I don't have a recommendation (right now)."

"We're trying to get our heads around certain costs. We want to mitigate the deficit as much as possible."

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## ROCKING OUT

Kids enjoy the many craft stations during Berlin's Spring Celebration last Saturday.

## Protest promised at Sat. board meeting

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) The next Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

"Do it for Gavin" supporters have announced they plan a

protest outside of the board meeting in reaction to OPA President Doug Parks' comments during the March meeting.

Parks focused his president's remarks on the aggressive tactics that some advocates for "Do it for Gavin" had been taking.

While he took no issue with tar-

getting businesses and conducting protests and boycotts, he raised concerns with some actions turning aggressive, including "bullying of the business staff, bullying of children at school and threatening organizations, customers and OPA board members. Their actions

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# Three seats up for grabs in OP BoD election

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only, so far — to throw her hat in the ring for the August elections. Brady is the former publisher of the Bayside Gazette. She has lived in Ocean Pines since 2002. Her father, Dick Brady served six years on the board of directors.

The search for other candidates this year most likely will not involve a Search Committee. Only one person submitted her name as a candidate for appointment to the three-member panel, but candidate Sherrie Clifford was rejected by the board because of her support for the boycott of Ocean Pines amenities by the “Do it for Gavin” supporters. The Search Committee needs three members to be established.

“I do not anticipate having a Search Committee for this upcoming

election. Based on past history there has been no impact on the election of not having a Search Committee,” Parks said.



Frank Daly

the senior executive office manager, said.

“Of course, the secretary of the board needs to verify that all candidates are eligible to run, so all need to be verified prior to the final list being announced.”

In other election preparations, the Communications Committee has

launched a sign contest to help promote the August elections.

“We hope our homeowners and residents will show off their artistic talents and send us their best work!” Committee Chairperson Cheryl Jacobs said.

“The committee feels strongly about increasing voter turnout in Ocean Pines, and we believe this is a fun and, hopefully, effective way to help spread the word for the upcoming board election.”

Sign submissions may be sent to Jenny Cropper-Rines at jcrines@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by May 15.

Submissions must be in either jpg, png, or pdf formats.

Homeowners and residents are asked to design an 18 x 24-inch lawn sign. The contest is open to all age groups.

The winning sign or signs will be announced by the Communications

Committee on June 2. The winner will receive a \$100 Yacht Club gift card.

Winning signs will be displayed around the community as part of the voter turnout effort.

Important Upcoming Election Dates Include:

Eligible Candidate Draw and Workshop (to determine ballot order and seating during candidate forums) – Friday, June 2 at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Administration Building.

Voter eligibility deadline – Wednesday, July 6.

First Candidate Forum – TBD  
Second Candidate Forum – TBD  
Ballot deadline – Wednesday, Aug. 9 by 4 p.m.

Ballots counted and vote totals announced – Friday, Aug 11

Annual Meeting – Saturday, Aug. 12.

## Supporters plan protest at Saturday OP board meeting

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demonstrated a move away from justice to a support for vengeance.”

He predicted that, if these tactics continue, it could lead to an increase in annual assessments.

Board members are aware of the planned protest.

“We always have a sergeant-at-arms present at our meetings to help maintain order. Picketing is a form of peaceful protest that is allowed in this country constitutionally,” Colette Horn said.

“I have no problem with a peace-

ful protest that is a right enshrined in our Bill of Rights,” Steve Jacobs said.

“As far as the Justice for Gavin group, I see no issue providing the participants are peaceful, law abiding and homeowners. I again encourage all parties to step back and let the legal system do its job,” Frank Daly said.

“Yes, we will have additional security/police just in case of any issues that arise,” Rick Farr said.

Anyone attending the board meeting will need an Ocean Pines ID, which can be obtained at the administration building.

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Ava Sharpe and Evelyn Nellans pose with their pretty Easter bonnets before marching down Main Street in the Easter Bonnet Parade, part of the Berlin Spring Celebration last Saturday.

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JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Mayor and Town Council aren't committing to the advertised 81.5-cent tax rate just yet, but all indications after Monday's meeting is that there will be some cost increase to cover the town's deficit that currently sits around \$325,000.

# Berlin officials do not want to 'slash everything' in FY24

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Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the projected budget revenue shortfall versus spending is \$325,000 right now, but some changes are upcoming next Monday that could change it.

"It's still a draft, but (\$325,000) was the last number," Saleh said of the variance.

Currently, the town is reporting an 81.5-cent tax rate in its April 24 public hearing advertisements. That number would keep the rate the same as last year, but raise revenue by 7 percent because of increased property assessments.

The mayor and councilmembers both stressed throughout the meeting that the advertised rate is far from set in stone.

Tyndall at one point went so far as to say that it will likely go down at least slightly, but again would not commit to a number or ballpark figure.

"We're just trying to mitigate what that 'slightly' looks like," he said.

The mayor and council largely agreed that another budget work session is needed, with the intention to schedule one for next Monday. They

won't be able to agree on a tax rate proposal because it won't be an official session, but it would at least give them a number to take to the public hearing.

"I have a little plan. I'm sure each of us (has ideas) for how to adjust the deficit," Councilmember Steve Green said. "I think it needs to be multi-pronged. I'm not for slashing everything. I'm going to be out front on that. But I do think ... our public should know the intentions of this group prior to the public hearing. I want to hear from the citizens but I want them to know what our intentions are."

Tyndall agreed they should not be looking to "slash everything."

"Keep in mind that the deficit was almost double what you see now," he said. "It wasn't double with things that (are frivolous). They're things that are fundamental to the work we do and the expectations that the citizens have. Can we whittle it down some more? Possibly. But it's not slashing everything and it's not throwing out all the hard work we've already done."

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# Berlin mayor, council defend intentions over open meeting

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) Two weeks after receiving the second violation in two years from the Maryland Open Meeting Compliance Board, Berlin's elected officials are making it known they're not taking the matter lightly.

And they'd also appreciate it if residents cut them a little slack.

At the end of the mayor and council meeting on Monday, Councilmember Jack Orris broached the topic of the violation from two weeks ago when the compliance board notified the town that a January closed meeting regarding the Berlin Fire Company's contract needed to be open to the public.

"It's kind of coming clearer to me that the manual itself is sort of a living document. As the compliance board gets opinions, it seems they update it," Orris said, pointing out that the last update was in October 2022.

"Since it seems to be updated fairly regularly, I would throw out as a suggestion that we have a copy of the manual with our financial disclosures every year. My point is it's a living document. It's changing. It's adding opinions, citations. It's adding clarification, in my opinion, on some things."

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols supported the idea of staying up to date

on the board's opinions and asked if they could be notified when something changes.

"They are their own entity," Town Administrator Mary Bohlen answered. "They do what they do. I would say this — there are so many documents that could be provided to you to keep you abreast of all the latest information. It's a lot."

Mayor Zack Tyndall added, on top of that, the board's opinions are open for interpretation.

"Maybe the best practice is to bookmark that link (on the board's website) and then you have the most recent version and you can consult it as appropriate," he suggested.

Councilmember Dean Burrell, however, said it is incumbent upon the mayor and Town Council to keep themselves current on what they can and cannot do.

"Don't forget the government can't be all things and all people," Burrell said. "There is a responsibility that we have to take. Information these days is so available. We all walk around with (smartphones) in our pockets or our computers, and we sometimes have to take the responsibility of searching for (answers) ourselves. I would prefer having that responsibility myself. I

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# Berlin mayor, council discuss thoughts on board violation

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Nichols, agreeing with Orris's take that the compliance board's rules are ever-changing, said that the mayor and council aren't infallible.

"My take on that is knowing, folks, that this is a live document that changes often, I'm not saying that we can't be held accountable to an extent ... I want you to understand that ... there may be a time once and again where something may have slipped in there ... that we didn't see that (something) aligned and twisted to fit along with something that could be considered a complaint.

"We don't sit here and say, 'Let's see what we can do here today.' That's not what we do. But do we get things wrong periodically? Yeah, we do. Especially with a live document."

Tyndall said that he thinks the vast majority of the town's personnel approach their jobs wanting to do the "best possible thing" for the people of Berlin.

"Nobody is out here trying to be nefarious," he said. "Nobody is out here trying to circumvent the law. Nobody is trying to do things that are not above board.

"There are groups that oversee the work we do. The (compliance board) is an advisory group. We greatly appreciate their advice but sometimes they may advise that they may see or interpret things differently than we do. That is OK. There is a mechanism for that. But know that nobody up here is doing this in a way to circumvent the law or their opinions."

Burrell added that the mayor and council must heed the concerns of its citizens to see out the best opinion possible on these matters.

"I want us to be receptive to those concerns that come," he said.

Tyndall also pointed out that these matters often lead to valuable improvements, such as after the first violation a couple of years ago when the town was told that it had to ask for objections before going into closed session.

"We implemented those findings and it made the process better because we do solicit that objection that we aren't trying to get to a point when we're meeting maybe when we aren't within the rights to meet," he said.

"There are five of you that have to vote to go into closed session. That's five different opinions on the board's opinions and regulation."

# Gay Street developer gets approval from Berlin HDC

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) A couple of months after being told to go back to the drawing board, the developer of a proposed building at 19 Gay Street got the seal of approval from the Berlin Historic District Commission — and a few attending residents — on April 5.

Architect Jonathon Selway detailed at the meeting the changes he made after he was told in February that the building needed more historic detailing to match the aesthetic of the town.

Selway has said that the three-story building will have commercial and residential space.

The main focus was on the facade itself, Selway said. Among the more noticeable changes were the gray section of the building pushed back seven feet from the brick facade, windows moved to a "more traditional placement" on the facade, the siding of the building colored a darker gray, steps added to the brickwork at the top of the parapet wall and lighting that gives the building "a more historic fixture, like a gas-lantern feel."

"I do believe that the building has greatly benefitted from this process and it fits a lot better within the town fabric," Selway said.

"When compared to Main Street, we believe that the building has become co-

hesive with the town but it is still honest with its expression of the present time and the context (in which) it's being built. We're excited for the opportunity to bring this opportunity to the town."

The commission raved in response.

"I'm just terribly impressed with how you took all of our random thoughts and what you created," commission member Mary Moore said. "I'm loving that it wasn't taken as personal criticism but as perhaps ... trying to find the very best.

"My eye was jumping (from one fea-

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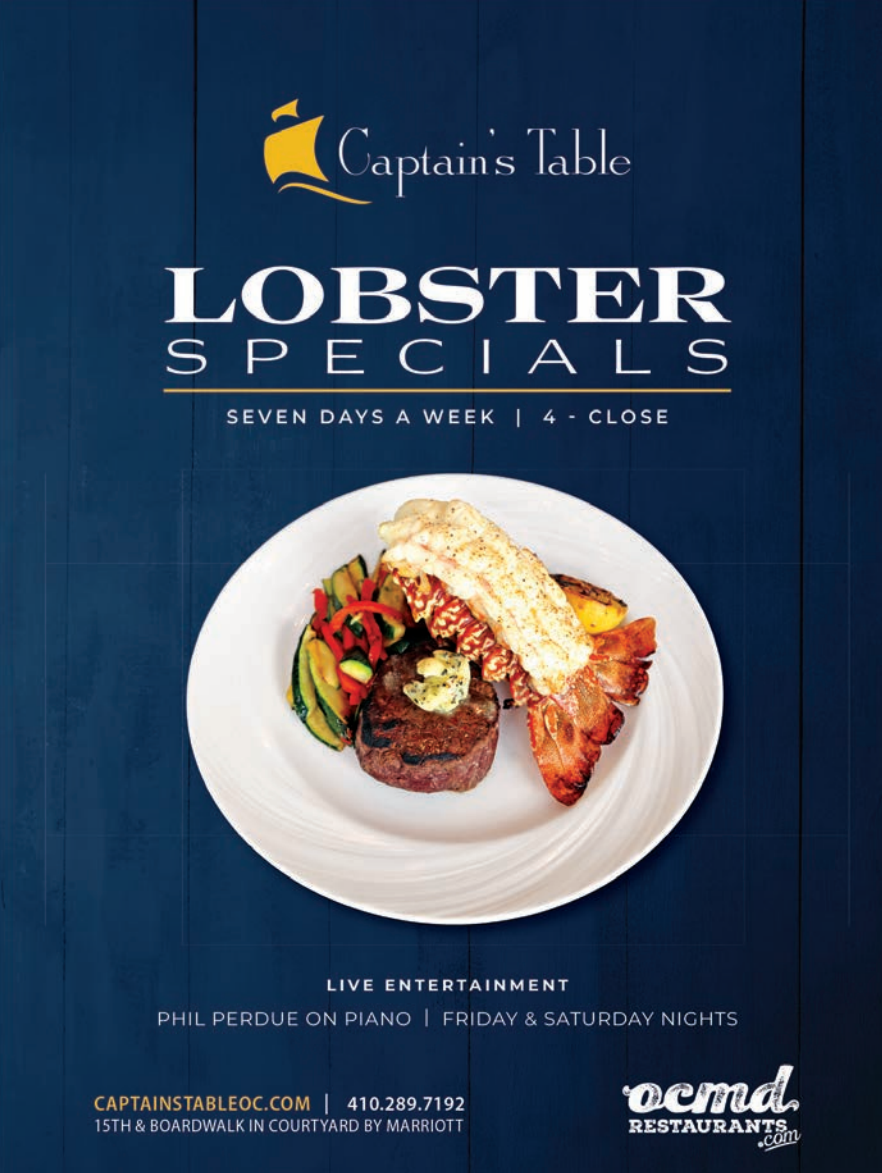


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The Berlin Historic District Commission approved plans for a proposed mixed-use building on Gay Street during its April 5 meeting, two months after telling architect Jonathon Selway he needed to make the building fit the town's mold more cohesively. Commission members largely praised the revisions.

# Gay Street developer's new plans met with enthusiasm

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ture to the next)."

At one point, Selway described accommodations for a future building in the design for the present building, including doing away with corner windows to a more "traditional" placement and the aforementioned darker gray color.

Commission Chair Nornie Bunting, however, thought it wasn't necessary to accommodate a building that doesn't exist.

"It kind of throws off a little bit," he said. "We all get phone calls (asking what certain things are). On a building that doesn't exist — we don't know if it will ever exist — I don't know if I would put that on there. That's just me telling you. I like it. You've done everything that I thought needed to be done ... I'm liking what I see but still there are many other commissioners here that I'm sure have questions."

The remaining questions ended up being few, but there was more praise.

"I have been conflicted over this whole building since the minute I saw it. I thought it wasn't going to fit into the Town of Berlin. Since this whole thing has been in the newspapers, I've had a lot of people come to me and say this is not fitting into the town," Commission member Laura Stearns said. "I think that this reflects the arts district of this town. I think that it's not Main Street and our job is about compromise. I really think this is a perfect compromise. You've brought some of the characteristics of some of the existing buildings, and it is really modern, but I think it will really fit."

Three residents even showed up in support of the building, with one Jefferson Street resident saying he "100 percent (supports) what this gentleman is trying to do in our town."

In other matters discussed, the commission approved the installation of an eight-by-six, roll-up garage door on the

exterior of Jeffrey Auxer Designs at 19 Jefferson Street.

The commission approved a new sign in an existing frame and exterior repainting for Urban Cottage Home and Gift at 17 Jefferson Street, which the owner hopes will open by June 1 and

And the commission approved an isinglass canvas wall at Tiki Tims at 103 South Main Street. Before the wall can go up, owners will have to install a previously agreed-upon fence that will go past the business's outdoor walk-in cooler. The commission noted that its preference is for the fence to be stained a darker color.

## County rec center hosting two Kids' Night In events

(April 13, 2023) Worcester County Recreation Center will be hosting two Kids' Night In events at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill in April and May.

The first takes place this Friday, April 14, from 5:30-8 p.m., featuring spring-themed activities.

For more information, contact Program Manager Hunter Nelson at 410-632-2144 x2506 or email hnelson@co.worcester.md.us.

The second Kid's Night In is scheduled for Friday, May 26, from 5:30-8 p.m. featuring dodgeball games and activities, and pizza.

Kids' Night In will be open to students in grades kindergarten through eighth. The price per child is \$30, and \$25 for each additional youth.

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# Berlin commits \$42,000 to bikeways project design fee

By Jack Chavez  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council agreed to spend \$42,000 to bring design work on its bikeways project up to 90 percent completion during their meeting on Monday.

While not outright required by MDOT, having a project designed to within 90 percent of completion is strongly preferred when it awards funding through its Bikeways Program, to the point that town officials felt that their grant application would be dead on arrival if they overlooked it.

“If we don’t reach 90 percent, we have more-or-less been told that the application will not go forward,” town administrator Mary Bohlen said. “Neither way is it a guarantee. The 90 percent doesn’t guarantee us funding. Nor does it guarantee that it’ll be turned away, but it’s pretty likely.”

Mayor Zack Tyndall said that the intention is for MDOT to look at the town’s application before it’s actually submitted so the town could receive some feedback.

“We want it prepared as early as possible,” he said.

Bohlen used the term “shovel-ready” in describing the approach.

“When we submit the grant application for the construction, they want to know that the design work has gotten to the point of hitting the button and moving,” she said.

Councilmember Shaneka Williams asked where the money would come from, to which Bohlen replied that money is not specifically budgeted for this aspect of the project, but that the town has budgeted for the project as a whole. There are moneys available, she said.

Tyndall pointed out that the town already received grant money for design work in 2017, but that work is now outdated and unusable. The likelihood of getting a second round of design funding is “very minimal.”

“They want to fund the construction,” Tyndall said. “The construction is (more than \$1 million). The design work to bring it up to where it needs to be is \$42,000.

The project is also known as the

“Rails and Trails” program.

Last month, Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart briefed the mayor and Town Council on construction funding and plans for the estimated \$1.26 million project.

In 2017, the engineering firm Davis, Bowen and Friedel completed a design that puts a 14-foot path with landscaped buffers along the east side of the Maryland-Delaware railroad’s right-of-way through the town. The design is divided into two phases — from Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard to Broad Street and from Broad Street to the town boundary at Evans Road.

Money already committed to the project from the last two fiscal cycles includes \$229,684 combined from the American Rescue Plan Act and matching funds from Worcester County.

## Annual Take Pride in Berlin Week to start this Monday

(April 13, 2023) The eighth annual Take Pride in Berlin Week will be April 17-22, ending with Clean-Up Berlin Day on Saturday, April 22.

Each day that week, beginning on Monday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Berlin Welcome Center, one of the town’s local nonprofits will have information about their organization and be given the opportunity to fundraise.

On Saturday, April 22, the town will hold the annual Berlin Clean-Up Day from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are needed to help for a few hours to celebrate Earth Day by giving Berlin’s Parks, downtown, and neighborhoods, a spring cleaning.

There are several opportunities for volunteers assisting the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee with planting gardens in the parks and downtown from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and helping with low maintenance planting, weeding, rak-

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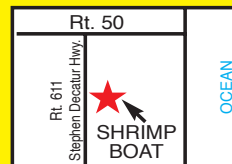
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# Annual Take Pride in Berlin Week coming up next week

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ing, mulching, and trash pick-up downtown and in the parks.

The main clean-up areas are Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street, Henry Park on Flower Street, Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and in the downtown commercial district.

Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows are always needed.

Students can also earn service hours for participating.

Clean-up of Hudson Branch will also be needed; this activity is not for young children. Heavy clothes and boots are recommended.

For general park clean-up, sign up at any of the parks starting at 8:30 a.m.;

Hudson Branch sign-up is at Henry Park. Volunteers can also choose to spend their time anywhere they feel needs attention.

Trash pickup will be available; items for pickup will need to be placed in one location in the clean-up area and the town must be contacted so that crews are aware of the location.

Volunteers are asked to sign in and pick up supplies at the town's parks and at the Berlin Welcome Center starting at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Ivy Wells at iwells@berlinmd.gov or Allison Early at aearly@berlinmd.gov or call 410-629-1716.

Information can also be found on Facebook at "Take Pride in Berlin Week."

# Chamber of Commerce and churches get ready for J-1s

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) Summer Work Travel students or J-1's can be the lifeblood of some of the local businesses during the bustling summer tourism season.

More than 2,500 students from numerous countries come to the Ocean City area to work for the summer, and for many, it is their first time in the United States.

Ocean City and Ocean Pines Chambers of Commerce work with the local businesses, churches and other organizations to welcome the students and help to make their stay fun and safe.

"There is a whole network of community partners who create these various pieces that support the students. There are free meals offered, businesses that are set up to buy sim cards; they can come to the library and use computers," Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Thompson said.

"There are a whole bunch of people who want these students to have a good experience.

"There is a community support group under the umbrella of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce that is here to support the summer work-travel students coming to our region."

A website is set up to provide important information to the students: <https://summerworktravelocmd.com/>

St. Mary's Star the Sea / Holy Savior Church on 17th Street is spearheading a collection of toiletries and other items for students coming to the Ocean City area to help them settle in.

They are collecting boxed, canned or dry food items, first aid products, gift cards, towels, paper goods, soap

and detergent.

All items can be dropped off at 1705 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on this collection contact Lisa Stevens at [ppi.lisa@comcast.net](mailto:ppi.lisa@comcast.net).

"We are planning two welcome events: Wednesday, June 14 and June 28 to be held at the Residence Inn in Ocean City, where we intend to have tons of useful information for these students," Thompson said.

Students will learn about local banking, Social Security Administration, churches, the Ocean City police and fire departments, as well as the Beach Patrol, student centers and library facilities and health care.

Thompson has invited anyone who would like to be part of the Community Support Group to contact her to be included in an upcoming meeting at [amy@oceancity.org](mailto:amy@oceancity.org).

## Berlin offering free curbside collection throughout April

(April 13, 2023) The Town of Berlin will hold free curbside bulk waste collections in April.

Collections are for improved, occupied residential properties and the collection date is according to regular trash collection schedules.

For those neighborhoods that have Tuesday and Wednesday trash collection, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday, April 19; for Thursday trash collection customers, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday, April 26.

Anyone placing items for collection must submit a request to the town government, either by phone or online, no later than 4 p.m. the day before their collection day.

A form is available online at [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) under "Departments/Public Works" or call Town Hall at 410-641-2770, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A maximum of four items will be collected.

All fabric items must be bagged or wrapped in plastic and sealed; bags for large items such as mattresses are available at local retailers and a limited supply is available at Town Hall.

Additional regulations may apply; details are available online and/or can be emailed or picked up at Town Hall before collection day.

Spring yard waste collections will be held in May. For more information about special collections, visit the Town website at [berlinmd.gov](http://berlinmd.gov) and go to the Public Works page under Departments.



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Brandon Brady talks with a customer about his microgreens at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market.

# OP Farmers Market offers produce, crafts all year long

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) It was a chilly start to the spring season of the Ocean Pines Farmers Market at White Horse Park on Saturday, but that did not stop shoppers from coming out to the market in preparation for their Easter celebrations and the coming week.

David Bean, the market manager, expects a big market this year, with 100 vendors enrolled, including artisans, green markets and community partners as well as live music, cooking demonstrations and kids' entertainment.

Besides running the market, Bean also manages a DJ David and Company, a cooperative of local farmers. He works with about six farms locally, which grow everything from cantaloupes, tomatoes and corn to zucchini and squash. He also has some smaller farmers that grow things like okra.

"We bring in what is local, and then out of season we use farmers that are in warmer climates to bring stuff in," Bean said.

"Right now, green beans are coming out of Georgia and Florida until the

local ones are ready. We have the first scallions and spring onions.

"We are expecting our first strawberries probably within two weeks locally. They are starting to get to the point where they are ready to go.

"Our tomato grower just put 50 plants into the ground this week, all different varieties, so we are excited about that," Bean said.

Bean only sells in Ocean Pines.

This is a retirement job for him, but he works every day.

"During the week we pull it all together, get it delivered, and bring it here and sell it to the customers," Bean said.

"Saturday is the culmination of it, but tomorrow morning, we start all over again."

"The clientele for this market is really dedicated. We are here all year long," Bean said.

"There are 25 vendors here during the winter. There are still baked goods, fresh produce, but it's not always local. But there is local produce here in the wintertime, like radishes, beets, potatoes, carrots, and cabbages."

Brandon Brady of Stag Run Farm  
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# Farmers and crafters offer something for all

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out of Georgetown, Delaware, is one of the year-round produce vendors.

Stag Run Farms is a family operation that has been around for about 20 years.

"We grow a lot of tree fruit, and we are getting into a lot of produce now," said Brady.

Count on Stag Run for local honey, fresh fruit jams, heirloom tomatoes, apples and peaches. Brady is hoping for a good peach season this year.

Customers were flocking to his stand this weekend for his array of mi-

crogreens, including radish, Red Russian kale, mustard, arugula, sunflower and Chinese parsley.

"I'm giving everyone a little pinch of everything," said Brady.

After the market, the roots of the greens are composted. The microgreens are grown in a greenhouse that is heated to start cabbage and tomatoes. His radishes come out of the green house as well.

He expects to have lettuce coming soon. He is also planning for cheddar cauliflower, regular cauliflower, broccoli and for this year, he has planted

black berries.

There are also a variety of crafters, including Samantha Kent.

She just started at the farmers market in January, selling ear warmers and hats and crochet stuffed animals.

"My daughter hugs every one of them and sends them off with love," Kent said.

Her brother is also a vendor here, Driftwood Johnson.

The Farmer's Market is every Satur-

day from 8a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some upcoming special events include Blooms and Bouquets on May 13, in advance of Mother's Day; the Memorial Day Market on May 27; the Strawberry Market on June 10, and of course the July 1 Independence Day market celebration.

The June 3 market will celebrate the 12th Anniversary Jubilee with guest merchants, demos, music, kids activities and more.

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Samantha Kent shows off her hand-made stuffed animals at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market at White Horse Park on Saturday.  
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## Peripheral Neuropathy Breakthrough!

"My feet feel like they are on fire."

"Each step feels like I'm walking through wet paint."

"I live in constant fear that I'll fall."

"I can't sleep, my hands and feet tingle all night."

What do all of these people have in common? They suffer from **peripheral neuropathy**. It's estimated that more than 20 million people in the United States have peripheral neuropathy. Unfortunately, this figure may be significantly higher as the disease is often misdiagnosed because of its wide array of symptoms.

Dr. Cynthia Salmond of Coastal Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine in Berlin shares this belief. "I've been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over four years and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They see one of my ads, or hear the testimonial of another patient and say to themselves, "Hey, I feel the same thing."

Frankie M. of Annapolis testified to this. "I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking, 'I would give anything just to walk again'. My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed."

Fortunately, Frankie would eventually see Dr. Salmond on the news and how she offers a real solution at Coastal AIM. "I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope."

"Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie's. They've been everywhere else. They've been told there's no hope," shares Liz, a Patient Care Technician at Coastal AIM. "It just breaks my heart but I

know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I'm always so happy when they walk through our door."

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a grim reality; Western Medicine declares there is no solution while most alternative therapies carry large price tags and offer little to no resolution. Which is why Dr. Salmond and the staff at Coastal AIM pride themselves on being the 'last resort with the best results'.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves and this damage is commonly caused by the lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. A lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients; the nerves then begin to degenerate and die which causes pain ranging from discomfort to debilitation. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving patients suffering from crippling balance issues. "In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing," shares Dr. Salmond, "This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread."

So how exactly is Dr. Salmond able to reverse the effects of this degenerative condition? "Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years which helps to get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy. This is technology that was originally developed by NASA to expedite recovery and healing."

"I just can't say enough about Coastal AIM," Frankie shared through tears of joy. My husband and I moved here almost three years ago and he's gone to the beach almost everyday. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. Yesterday, I walked on the beach with him! And next week, we're making plans for a weekend music festival. I am truly living life these days."

According to Frankie's test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is "on par with the majority of our patients," shares Liz. "But more important than those test results is the joy she's expressed being here and hearing about all the amazing things she's able to do because she feels great!"

By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred. She says, "This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I'm familiar with medical miracles, but I know the limits as a practitioner and the limits of this medicine."

When it comes to treating peripheral neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves chances of a full recovery.

If you or someone you love are suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling or 'pins and needles' or you've been recently diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy, it's important to know there are options.

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# Explore region during Delmarva Birding Weekend

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) People looking for a great way to celebrate spring need look no further than Delmarva Birding Week, April 19-23.

For 27 years, the organizers of the Spring Delmarva Birding Weekend have combined boat trips, paddling treks and expeditions on foot when migrating birds are arriving and passing through the peninsula for nesting season.

The region has an extensive variety of environments, including barrier islands, tidal wetlands, cypress swamps, upland fields and primeval forests. Now is a great time to explore these areas and observe the diversity of birds that pass through or call the region home.

“In Ocean City, we love our big events like Bike Week, but birding does not work that way. Overall, we get between 160-180 people signing up. The most we put on each field trip is 24. That is a sellout. And we are getting there on this one,” said Jim Rapp, organizer of the week and director of the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center.

Rapp has been organizing birding week since it started.

“I love it. Some people have come every year since the first one. I have known them longer than I have known most of my friends. I love that they still find this interesting,” Rapp said.

“That’s what makes it so fun. Every time you go out, you always see something a little bit new,” Rapp said.

But if you have never joined one of these trips, don’t hesitate to sign up. Rapp said about 50 percent of the event’s participants have never been on a trip before.

Typically, people come from the Baltimore, Washington region, and Philadelphia.

“Come down and go on a couple of trips with us. It’s a great way to learn where to go birding,” Rapp said.

The timing for the event is spring migration, when birds head north to breed. Some make this area their destination, while others continue north.

“We are welcoming back warblers,



Birders visited Nassawango Creek last year, which flows through The Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Creek Preserve during Delmarva Birding Weekend.

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vireos, and orioles. And we are saying goodbye to some wintering birds, such as loons,” he said.

Common loons winter here. In the winter their coloring gets dull, but when they are getting ready to head north, they are getting their breeding plumage.

“They never look as good as they do when they get their breeding plumage here. Crisp black and white with the bright red eyes, very dramatic,” Rapp said.

Some of the more unusual birds that have been seen during this week include the red cross bill, swallow tail kites, harlequin ducks and razor-bills.

“We do a trip called “Night birds of the Marsh” in Girdletree, Maryland. We time the trip around sunset, but we are out there until 9 p.m. We start at Taylor Landing and get to Truitt’s Landing before the sun goes behind the trees. As the sun goes down, that is when the rails start calling,” Rapp said.

He said there have been nights that they have seen king rails, sora rails and clapper rails. There are four species of rails there.

“Finding one of these is a big deal,” Rapp said.

“You worry less about what you are going to see and focus on what

you are going to hear.”

There is also a photography workshop and a two-hour boat trip around the mouth of the Delaware Bay with Troy Byrum on Friday. Rapp said this trip is targeted at beginner to intermediate photographers.

“In spring, everything is looking

vibrant and showy. The males are trying to show off. Everything is singing and robust. I love the season. It’s the return of the song of the woods.” Rapp said.

To sign up for the Delmarva Birding Weekend, visit <https://delmarvabirding.com>.

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# Endangered terns nest on raft built by Md. Coastal Bays

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) Look out on the water from Hooper's Crab House or the Cambria Hotel and you can see Skimmer Island, or what remains of it.

The island used to be a prime nesting site for common terns. It was seven acres and high enough that when birds set up nests, high tide did not wipe them out. But the island today is little more than a sandbar because of erosion caused by tidal action, currents and sea level rise.

"There's not much opportunity for nests there now," Coastal Bird Conservation Specialist Kim Abplanalp said, of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

When the tide is low, small parts of Skimmer Island are still visible, and during the summer, boaters take advantage of that to anchor there.

Many small islands like Skimmer Island, that terns and other birds used to use for nesting, are disappearing, which is one reason why the common tern is not so common anymore. It is designated as endangered in the state of Maryland.

"In 2003, there were 520 pairs of terns, but by 2022, there were only 20 pairs nesting on natural islands," Dr. Archer Larned, from Maryland Coastal Bays Program, said.

That's a 90 percent decline in the population.

"One of the main reasons for this decline is loss of nesting habitat," Abplanalp said.

"They nest on small islands in the Maryland coastal bays. All of these are eroding away due to sea level rise caused by climate change and changes in sediment dynamics," Larned said.

"So, we decided to create a raft," said Abplanalp.

They enlisted the help of Todd Peterson and John Collins to build the raft. Funding came from The Pittman Robertson Fund and Maryland DNR.

In 2021, they built a raft to create an island for terns to nest in Chin-

coteague Bay west of Assateague Island. The platform consists of different sections, each hinged together to allow flexibility with the tide.

They covered the gaps between the sections with carpet to avoid having chicks slip through and then covered each section with clam shells. Side boards on the platform keep chicks from wobbling off into the water and a ramp down to the water allows the birds to venture out as they fledge.

Solar panels bring power to the platform for cameras, which allows the team to remotely monitor the rafts. Marker lights signal boats that the raft is there.

The platforms' builders planted fake grass tufts on the rafts. Members of Coast Kids painted small tent shaped shelters for the chicks to protect the birds from predators. The raft is connected to four anchors and has survived winds of up to 60 mph.

A recording of nesting colonies is played to attract terns to the platform.

"These are colonial nesting birds. They want to nest where other terns are," said Larned.

The platforms' keepers turn the recordings off at night to avoid attracting predators, such as great horned owls.

The first year resulted in 23 nests with 22 chicks fledged.

This was an 82 percent success rate.

The second year, the platform program expanded to allow for 155 nests, allowing Coastal Bays Program personnel to band 159 chicks.

"We were incredibly thrilled to have this kind of success," Abplanalp said.

The platform can handle about three times more nests.

"Common terns are astute problem solvers. They figured out quickly how to use the raft and ramp," Abplanalp said.

A visit to the island can be harrowing for the bird's human monitors.

"They are able to identify individ-



PHOTOS COURTESY KIM ABPLANALP  
(Above) A raft was built in 2021 by volunteers Todd Peterson and John Collins to provide a nesting habitat for the endangered common tern in Chincoteague Bay west of Assateague Island. Terns have successfully nested on the platform for two years. Last year, Maryland Coastal Bays Program banded 159 chicks. (Right) A tern cares for its chicks on the raft.



uals [people] and they will attack some more than others, depending on how frequently we visit them," Larned said.

Eventually, the team members had to start wearing bike helmets when they were on the platform.

They visit the platform only once a week, to band and check on the birds.

"The raft is very successful as a nesting habitat substitute, but is not a permanent solution.

It would be better to restore natural islands and have natural islands for these birds to nest on," Larned said.

Long-term plans are to restore sand islands using dredge spoils.

"Talks are underway. But permitting slows that down a little," Larned said.

"We are working with Ocean City to try to get something set up so if

they are dredging a channel, there is a place to put it," Larned said.

"A lot of things go into it, it's the whole ecosystem. That takes a lot of cooperation from a lot of agencies," Abplanalp said.

"We have never been here in history. Never had this situation ever with this kind of sea level rise. We have to adapt quickly. But we have to do it well," Abplanalp said.

May starts the nesting season, so the raft, hauled out and cleaned of barnacles over the winter, will go out again this week.

"It will be exciting to see how many banded birds show up and how many nests we will get," Abplanalp said.

## Waterline flushing in Ocean Pines

(April 13, 2023) The Water and Wastewater Division of Public Works will begin its semi-annual program for flushing waterlines in the Ocean Pines Service Area between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The following proposed spring 2023 dates for the flushing of the waterlines are subject to change.

April 18 – River Run  
April 28 – Pennington Commons Area  
May 4 – Bay Point Plantations

May 8-11 – Riddle Farm  
April 17-24 – Ocean Pines Sections 3-14A (For more information, visit [https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/OP\\_Sections.pdf](https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/OP_Sections.pdf))

Routine flushing of the water system helps to reduce the frequency of discolored water.

Public Works crews open and close the hydrants, flushing out the built-up iron deposits.

Sometimes, this can lead to temporary increases in suspended iron,

which should settle out within a few hours of the flushing.

Be aware that, even on dates the water lines in a section are not being flushed, it is still possible to experience discolored water.

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## GROUNDBREAKING

Although the project began in January, the groundbreaking on April 7 marked the ceremonial start to the construction of the new Berlin Police Barrack V on Route 50. Pictured, from left, are Director of the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division Dan Katz, MSP Superintendent Col. Roland Butler, Berlin Barrack V Commander Lt. Earl Starnier, Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services Atif Chaudry and Chaplain William Sterling.



## DONATION

Randy's Crew recently presented a donation to the Worcester County Humane Society, a no-kill shelter in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Kaitlyn Fitzhugh of the humane society; Randy's Crew board members Jackie Siejack and Gerri Littleton, Randy, and Sandy Summers of the humane society.

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## YOUNG AUTHORS

The Worcester Preparatory School second grade class invited family and friends to a signing of their published series of stories on March 9. Each student wrote their own creative piece about being trapped in a snow globe, and the stories were published as a collection through Studenttreasures Publishing.

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## MILESTONE

Worcester Preparatory School celebrated reaching its 100th day of school on Friday, March 3. Pre-K through Grade 5 students dressed as 100-year-olds, and participated in a variety of educational and philanthropic activities. Pictured is Abby Harrison's second grade class.

# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Meetings law manual a guidebook, not law

As Berlin's mayor and Town Council discuss how not to run afoul of Maryland's open meetings law again, it ought to be said that their two violations were more accidental than intentional.

It's not as if they purposely scurried into some shadowy room and closed the door so they could scheme against the citizenry. They simply did not know where the line was between required public discussion and legitimate executive session material. It happens. A lot.

Town and county governments throughout the state frequently seek the privacy of executive sessions when discussion topics make it difficult for elected officials to speak candidly. That doesn't make it right, and is a decision based on officials' comfort levels rather than state law.

Generally, officials want to avoid embarrassing themselves or others, the possibility of public misunderstanding, or antagonizing the parties being discussed.

Despite these justifications, many of these sessions violate some aspect of the open meetings statute, which few public officials have read line by line. And even if they have, they probably didn't follow up with their legal advisors about what the law means in precise terms.

But what the opening meetings law is not, as was asserted in the town's most recent council meeting, is a constantly evolving legal requirement. It is what it is. As for the Open Meetings Compliance Board's routine updates of the open meetings manual, which is a guide to the law, it's not because the law changes, but because governments fail to interpret the law correctly in many different ways.

In other words, the compliance board is not changing anything, but is simply looking at government's varied justifications and saying, "No, you can't do that either."

The town's violations are temporarily embarrassing, but little else. Still, if it wants to prevent that from happening again, the solution is for elected officials to forget the manual and learn for themselves what the law says and to then pepper their attorney with a host of what-ifs.

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## Nat'l Guard Birckhead adjutant gen.

### Native of Snow Hill earned unanimous election by Senate

(April 13, 2023) Maryland Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Janeen L. Birckhead, a native of Snow Hill, has been unanimously confirmed by the Maryland Senate to be the 31st adjutant general of Maryland.

Gov. Wes Moore announced Birckhead's nomination to lead the Maryland Military Department during a press conference at the State House in Annapolis on April 5.

"I am proud to nominate Brig. Gen. Janeen Birckhead to serve as Maryland's next adjutant general," Moore said. "With her extensive knowledge and leadership experience within the Maryland Army National Guard, she will bring invaluable expertise to this role."

Birckhead currently serves as the commander of the Maryland Army National Guard, a position she has held since May 2018. She is responsible for the combat readiness of approximately 4,600 soldiers and 45 installations, while maintaining

an annual budget of \$182 million.

"As Maryland's adjutant general, I pledge to serve the people of Maryland with unwavering dedication," Birckhead said. "I believe in the importance of the National Guard's mission and above all in the selfless service of our Soldiers, Airmen, federal and state civilian employees and our volunteers, who represent the best of our great state."

Birckhead, who is also deputy commandant for reserve affairs at the U.S. Army War College, led 14,000 National Guard troops from across the nation providing security for the Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol after the attacks of Jan. 6, 2021.

Shortly afterwards, she was appointed as the governor's lead for Maryland's Vaccine Equity Task Force, which was responsible for the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine to underserved and hard-to-reach communities statewide.

In her civilian career, Birckhead is a senior advisor in the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs,

in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Birckhead graduated magna cum laude from Hampton University on an Army ROTC scholarship. Her undergraduate degree is in political science.

She also holds two master's degrees: one in general administration from the University of Maryland University College and one in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Birckhead's military decorations are the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

As the newly appointed commander of the Maryland National Guard, she will be the only Black woman currently leading a state military unit.  
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# Birckhead assumes state role

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tary across the nation.

“The adjutant general is the leader of Maryland’s military, and I am very confident in Janeen’s ability to do just that — lead,” said Moore said during the press conference. “Her record proves her readiness to serve at the highest-ranking military position in the state of Maryland.”

Birckhead will replace Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, who is retiring later this month, as adjutant general of Maryland during a change-of-command ceremony to be scheduled in May.

Gowen, who has served in the military for more than 36 years, was appointed as adjutant general of Maryland by former Gov. Larry Hogan in 2019.

Prior to that, he was the Army National Guard Deputy Commanding General of the Army Futures Command.

Gowen was employed in a civilian capacity as an aerospace engineer at Patuxent River Naval Air Station for 25 years when he was named assistant adjutant general of the Maryland Army National Guard in 2015.

As adjutant general, Gowen led the Maryland National Guard response during the covid-19 pandemic as soldiers and airmen distributed medical supplies and equipment, set

up testing sites, managed mass vaccination sites, assisted at hospitals and skills nursing facilities, and distributed food assistance to community members in need.

He also led the Maryland Military Department during protests across the state in 2020 and during the Maryland National Guard’s deployment to the U.S. Capitol in 2021.

The Maryland Military Department is composed of the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force.

Soldiers and airmen of the Maryland National Guard support domestic operations such as responses to floods, fires, civil unrest, and cyber-attacks as well as federal missions, including overseas deployments.

The Maryland Military Department consists of nearly 7,000 National Guard members, Defense Force volunteers, and civilian employees, contributing nearly \$300 million annually to Maryland’s economy.

“I have faith in the ability of our Military Department to accomplish the vital objectives that lie before us, and I’m excited to have the opportunity to tackle what’s ahead,” Birckhead said. “We stand ready to serve the great citizens of Maryland and our nation.”



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## Ponies and other wildlife get help from new book

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(April 13, 2023) Summer is coming and so are the tourists. That means the peaceful time for the Assateague ponies and other wildlife is about to end.

Samantha Norwood Connors hopes her new book, "Assateague Island Activity and Coloring Book," will educate visitors on how to be good tourists while visiting Assateague Island.

Connors's book aims to provide an engaging way for kids — and others — to learn about the rules to follow on Assateague Island when it comes to the wildlife, especially the wild horses.

Throughout the book, there is advice on ways to be a good visitor and keep the horses, other wildlife and people safe, including driving slowly, not approaching the horses, and keeping food stored properly.

"There are also fun coloring pages and activities to complete," Conner said.

"There have been sad incidents over the past few years. In July of 2021, there was a mare and foal that were struck by a vehicle."

"I work in a warehouse that makes books. When I thought about the

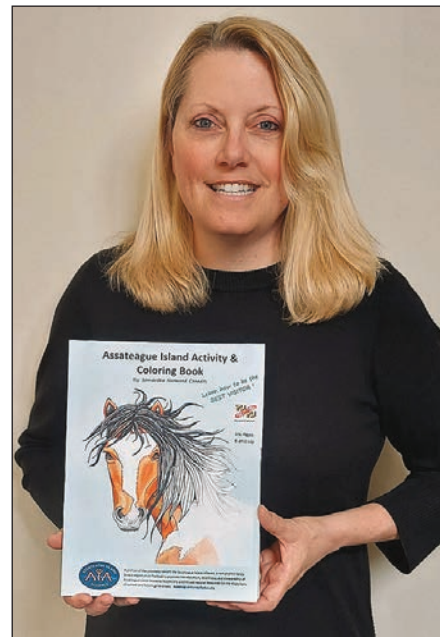


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**Samantha Norwood Connors created "Assateague Island Activity and Coloring Book" to educate kids young and old how to be good visitors to the island.**

tragedy, I wondered if there was a book about Assateague that would identify things people should be aware of," Connors said.

There wasn't. So, she started to think about creating one herself.

Then the stallion, nicknamed Chip, was removed for getting too aggressive with visitors.

"I said to myself, 'are you going to See ACTIVITY Page 17



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# Activity book teaches kids to protect Assateague ponies

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do this book or not?"

Conner created all of the art herself, drawing freehand and using some models of horses to ensure she had the proportions right. But she wanted to make sure the horses looked like the wild horses on Assateague, not a "Clydesdale."

The book includes various exercises, including connect-the-dots, word search, color by number and a saltwater maze with horses trying to find each other.

"Each page I made into its own poster that can stand on its own. You can hang it on a wall. One is a door hanger that has seals on it that say, 'Do not disturb,'" Connor said.

The Assateague horses have been special to Conner since she was little.

"I am an animal lover, especially horses. I was one of those horse-crazy girls. I have been taking [riding] lessons since I was three," Conner said.

She has visited Assateague since

she was about five years old. She loves the thrill of looking for the horses and the other wildlife she has seen along the way.

Back when she first started visiting, the horses did not have names, and fewer people were visiting the island. As the crowds grew, so did the dangers for the wildlife.

"People were feeding the horses more. I fed them as a young kid. I was educated and now I am trying to educate other people.

"The book is to help visitors be the best visitors on the island," Conner said.

"Assateague Island Activity & Coloring Book" is available on Amazon. Connor is currently working on the book being available in local stores by Memorial Day.

A portion of proceeds from each book sale goes to the non-profit Assateague Island Alliance to help preserve the wildlife and ecosystem on the island.

# Veterans Memorial program needs docents for field trips

(April 13, 2023) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines is looking for docents to help with educational programs.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation each year sponsors field trips to the memorial for all fifth grade students in Worcester County.

Organizer Sharyn O'Hare said docents don't have to be veterans or teachers – they just need a desire to engage students in a fun and interesting way.

"The students will be learning about the history of our American flag, respect for it, and how to properly fold and display it," she said. "They will be exposed to the 'Patriot's Pathway' at the memorial, and get a brief history of the conflicts that

America has been involved in.

"They will also learn about the memorial itself, and docents will share stories of true heroes," O'Hare continued. "All field trips will be held in May and will last only a few hours."

Docent training is scheduled on Tuesday, April 18 at 1 p.m. at the memorial. The rain date is Wednesday April 19 at 1 p.m.

To learn more about the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, visit [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org) and view the movie "Heroes All." The short educational film can also be viewed on YouTube by searching "Worcester County Veterans Memorial."

For more information on volunteering, call O'Hare at 410-603-4777 or Don McMullen at 443-388-2941.

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# Cuisine

## Fried green tomatoes with pimiento cheese

I have not been doing my part in terms of keeping the algae out of the pool this spring.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

My pool maintenance guru will be here in four weeks, but until then, I need to remember to dump some chlorine crystals in the swamp to get it to transform from Mountain Dew and filth to clear.

It's all in a day's work, and this Friday will definitely be a day full of weeding, trimming, cutting the grass, mulching and the myriad tasks that accompany the wild transformation that we call spring.

Testament to a mild winter, my banana palms are already broken through the surface, with some of them six-inches tall.

I have even spotted two formed and unrolled banana leaves. This shocks me, because I don't remember them ever coming up before May, and some haven't come up noticeably until June.

I'll take it. As I am selling the house soon, anything that we can do to make the backyard a selling point is great. But, boy do I wish that this was all that needed to be done in the next four weeks in order to make the property picture worthy.

As life goes, I learned the hard way that we, as a family, hold on to way too many things.

Luckily, during the pandemic, we recognized this and rented two dumpsters.

Our simple litmus test was as follows: If we haven't used it in four years, and it is unusable or unserviceable, into the dumpster. If we haven't used it in four years, it is in decent shape, and no one wants it for their ubiquitous memory boxes, then it gets donated.

We are well past the point of yard sales.

We used to have them quite a bit when we lived in Ocean Pines, but my late wife and I decided years ago that we really didn't want loads of strangers pawing through our stuff. So, we made the decision then and there to never have a yard sale again.

It is hard to believe that we will be moving from this house after seven years. It is time for me to downsize and to simplify things.

I'm looking at townhomes and



smaller homes in the area and have even scouted out some properties in remote areas of the shore like Deal Island.

Honestly, I am not sure that I would fare well in the middle of nowhere, but sometimes it sure does sound good. Peace and quiet, and a deep breath.

Just the thought of some simple southern food on the back deck with a glass of wine in the bay breeze makes for a little smirk.

Deal Island is incredibly small, with Tangier Sound and Chesapeake Bay at hand. I imagine sitting in a well-windowed room and watching squalls rip across the bay.

This is something that I've always enjoyed watching, except when we were sailing on a 24-foot Rainbow in the middle of the bay. That was always a nightmare, but as they say, "batten down the batches."

With an incredibly tiny cabin, we would simply have to try to outrun the thing, or put our foul weather gear on, pull the sails and hope for the best.

In fact, it was on my last trip home from California in the Marines that I experienced something that made me decide to move back home once my enlistment was up.

My parents picked me up from BWI or Dulles in '90 or '91, and as we hit the bridge heading to the Eastern

Shore, the sky turned black and a torrential thunderstorm struck.

We sat on the side of the road, my father opting not to be on the bridge at the moment of impact, and once it was over, we went on our way.

In all my time in California, I never saw a single thunderstorm. That's all it took.

Oh, and of course, the southern comfort food on a summer day. And now that I'm just a bit older, I look forward to picnic-style lunches and dinners with goodies such as these. My God, I'm getting old.

### Fried Green Tomatoes

Makes 8 tomatoes

2 ea. Large green tomatoes  
4 eggs  
1 c. Whole milk  
3 c. Seasoned flour (your choice)  
3 c. Fine panko bread crumbs  
1/4 c. Dried parsley

2 Tbsp. Trimix (Salt, pepper, granulated garlic)

1. In first bowl, combine eggs and milk.

2. In second bowl, place seasoned flour.

3. In third bowl, combine remaining ingredients.

4. Following the age-old tenets of the breading station, bread your fried green tomatoes.

This can be done ahead of time, and they can be frozen. This helps them to maintain their shape and breading, and also keeps them from getting soggy

5. Fry in oil at 350F until golden brown.

### Pimiento Cheese

serves 4

8 oz. Cream Cheese  
1/2 c. Duke's Mayonnaise  
4 oz. Pimiento, diced  
1 tsp. Fresh, minced parsley  
1 1/2 c. Shredded cheddar blend  
2 scallions, sliced

1 Tsp. Coarse ground mustard  
1 tsp. Datil hot sauce

Salt & Pepper, to taste

Tajin or other spice rub, for garnish

1. Combine everything together except for the salt and pepper, mixing well to make it homogenous (albeit lumpy).

2. Season accordingly.

3. When ready to serve, simply scoop and serve atop the green tomatoes. It is traditional to have a cool pimiento cheese nestled on hot fried green tomatoes.

*Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurants and is also Senior Lecturer of Culinary Arts at UMES. [boxcarrestaurants.com](http://boxcarrestaurants.com)*

# WCRP offers programs, activities

(April 13, 2023) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is offering a variety of activities and programs this spring.

Active Start Youth Sports Development Programs are designed for children of all skill levels. These sport-specific programs prepare children for organized sports in a fun, non-threatening environment by teaching the fundamentals of play while encouraging an appreciation for being physically fit and healthy.

Tennis will be held at Showell Park on Wednesdays, April 26 to May 31, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This program is open to students in grades kindergarten through eighth.

Players will learn how to serve, keep score and play games to perfect their skills.

For more information on tennis, contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144 x2503 or kbuchanan@marylandscoast.org.

Sand Volleyball will be held at Newtown Park on Thursdays, May 4 through June 8, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Participants in grades fourth through eighth will learn the skills needed for the sport of volleyball.

For more information, contact Trudy Gebhardt at 410-632-2144 x2514 or tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org.

The cost for the programs is \$35 per

child and \$30 for each additional child. Financial aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need. Proof of eligibility is required.

To register online for any youth programs and view a full calendar of events, visit [www.playmarylandscoast.org](http://www.playmarylandscoast.org).

Worcester County Recreation and Parks is offering Pitch, Hit, and Run, an event open to boys and girls, ages 7-14 years old.

Players will participate in this one-day skills competition at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, Senior Field on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants may stop in at any time for their skills assessment on pitching, hitting and running.

Winners of the event will be required to provide a birth certificate to verify age before moving through three levels of competition: local, team championships, and the finals during the MLB All-Star Week.

Pre-registration is recommended at [www.pitchhitrun.com](http://www.pitchhitrun.com).

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

To view more upcoming free youth programs, visit [www.playmarylandscoast.org](http://www.playmarylandscoast.org).

Spring is the ideal time to get involved with adult fitness classes being

offered by Worcester County Recreation and Parks. These classes are designed to help participants stay fit and active.

Co-Ed Softball, open to those ages 18 and older, will take place on Fridays beginning April 21.

Games will take place at Showell Park from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

The cost is \$410/team with an eight-team maximum.

Men's Softball will take place on Tuesdays beginning April 18 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Newtown Park. The cost is \$410 per team.

Cornhole League, open to those ages 18 and older, will take place on Thursdays, April 20 to June 8, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin.

The cost is \$60 per team. Each team will play at least five games per night.

For more information on Co-Ed Softball, Men's Softball, or Cornhole league contact Hunter Nelson at 410-632-2144 x2506 or hnelson@marylandscoast.org.

Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League, open to those ages 14 and older, will take place on Thursdays beginning May 18, with games starting at 6 p.m. at Newtown Park.

The cost is \$140 per team. May 10 at 6:30 p.m. is the coaches' meeting and registration deadline.

For more information, contact Gebhardt.



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## JOINS CLUB

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club welcomed four new members during its March 2 dinner meeting. Pictured is William Outten with club President Christina Dolomount-Brown. Other new members recognized included Em Hench, Ron Hamm and Vicki Shrier.



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## WINNER

Worcester Preparatory School's Chess Club Tournament winners were recognized and awarded with a trophy on March 9. Sixth grade student Artemiy Klimins is pictured with Head of Lower School Dr. Sara Timmons for winning the Grades 5-8 bracket of the chess club this year. Led by Dr. Timmons and Upper School Social Studies teacher Paul Cyrca, the chess club had much interest this year maxing out at 40 students participating.

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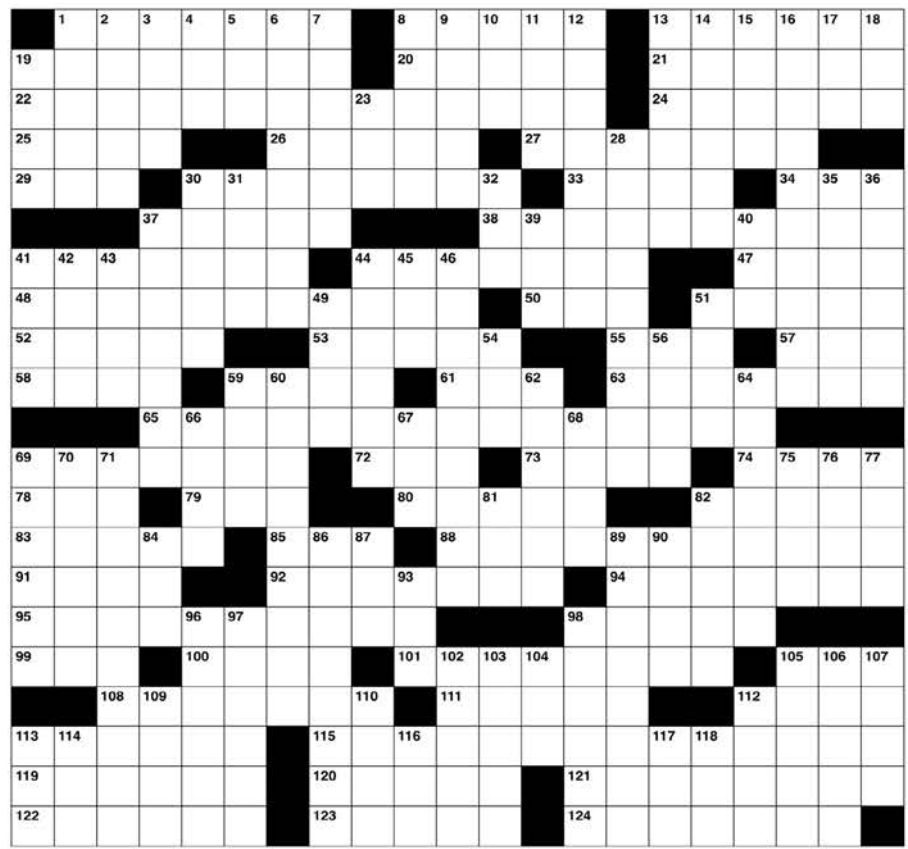
# Puzzles

## ARTISTIC DIFFERENCES

BY JEREMY NEWTON AND TRACY GRAY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jeremy Newton, of Austin, Texas, is an engineering manager for a mobile-games company. Tracy Gray, of Hunt Valley, Md., owns and operates a lawn-and-landscaping business with her husband. They initially connected via Facebook. They shared the work of making this puzzle throughout, even in the end splitting the duty of writing the clues — one of them the Acrosses and the other the Downs. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Nah, you're not!" retort
  - 8 Comedy-club sounds
  - 13 Port of Mexico
  - 19 Where to hear amateur bands?
  - 20 Wear down
  - 21 "It is better to be \_\_\_\_\_ than to be pitied": Herodotus
  - 22 Spaceship battle?/An iconic van Gogh
  - 24 Big hit
  - 25 Timbre
  - 26 \_\_\_\_\_-nest
  - 27 Some fairy-tale characters
  - 29 Coffee-maker insert
  - 30 Student-council electee, informally
  - 33 Booze it up, old-style
  - 34 Grp. with cryptanalysts
  - 37 Sounds of saxophones
  - 38 Flying invention by a classic automaker?/An iconic Klee
  - 41 "You're on!"
  - 44 Why cases might go cold
  - 47 N.F.L. sportscaster Andrews
  - 48 Slangy reply when Bart's sister asks, "What's Covid?"/An iconic Leonardo
  - 50 West Coast football powerhouse, in brief
- DOWN**
- 51 Gravy, you might say
  - 52 Curmudgeons
  - 53 Come next
  - 55 Maximal ending
  - 57 Anago or unagi
  - 58 Dance accompanied by pahu drums
  - 59 Blue berry
  - 61 Popular a.m. show, familiarly
  - 63 Essential qualities
  - 65 Reason Mercury gets eclipsed?/An iconic Botticelli
  - 69 Remark from the financially or vertically challenged
  - 72 "Don't judge a book by its cover," e.g.
  - 73 War game
  - 74 Put out
  - 78 Word of advice
  - 79 Academic must: Abbr.
  - 80 Cause of some Yellowstone traffic jams
  - 82 Hang loose?
  - 83 Like some covers and kisses
  - 85 Zip it!
  - 88 Post-dinosaur period?/An iconic Magritte
  - 91 What a wristwatch wraps around
  - 92 Hated with a passion
  - 94 No small favor
  - 95 Opposite of liberal doves?/An iconic Hopper
  - 98 Participate in a marathon, say
  - 99 Notice
  - 100 Notice
  - 101 "Unfortunately, yes"
  - 105 Schumer of comedy
  - 108 In fashion?
  - 111 "Cute" vowel sound
  - 112 California city whose name means "tar"
  - 113 Dalmatians, e.g.
  - 115 Planning one's 24-hour itinerary?/An iconic Michelangelo, with "The"
  - 119 Ill considered
  - 120 U.S. swimming gold medalist Ledecky
  - 121 Private meeting
  - 122 Like in-flight smoking
  - 123 Tell jokes until PowerPoint unfreezes, e.g.
  - 124 Apt word spelled by the new letters that alter this puzzle's seven works
  - 1 "Yippee!"
  - 2 Touch up, as text
  - 3 Bottom of the Thames?
  - 4 Cowlick concealer
  - 5 Rocky Mountain state: Abbr.
  - 6 Flag carrier in the Mediterranean
  - 7 Quagmire
  - 8 Subject of the biography "Mr. Playboy"
  - 9 Crop up
  - 10 Enjoy more than one's fair share
  - 11 Focusing issue, in brief
  - 12 Pitted against one another
  - 13 Where fur coats get cleaned?
  - 14 Loosen, as a spool
  - 15 Nefarious
  - 16 Real doozy
  - 17 No. for a résumé
  - 18 Work of praise
  - 19 Dot-com start-up?
  - 23 Cornerstone figs.
  - 28 Zoos, so to speak
  - 30 Los \_\_\_\_\_, vacation hot spot in Mexico
  - 31 One may be on the house
  - 32 Start for made or paid
  - 35 Big ball
  - 36 Records of the past
  - 37 Relaxing soak
  - 39 \_\_\_\_\_ de vie
  - 40 N.Y.C. ave. east of Park
  - 41 Hankering
  - 42 Drive-\_\_\_\_\_
  - 43 Prey for a polar bear
  - 44 N.F.L. team with the mascot Sourdough Sam, to fans
  - 45 Old spy org.
  - 46 Giggle alongside (not at!)
  - 49 First pope in a line of 13
  - 51 "How could you?!" playfully
  - 54 Punk offshoot
  - 56 Scored, as free throws
  - 59 Super-dry
  - 60 Rainbows in the sky, perhaps
  - 62 Sporting a natural style
  - 64 It'll cost you
  - 66 Per musician Charlie Parker, "If you don't live it, it won't come out your \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 67 Neighbor of the "~" key
  - 68 Tree climbers, perhaps
  - 69 Vampire's cry in sunlight
  - 70 "Stranger Things" actress \_\_\_\_\_ Bobby Brown
  - 71 Wipe clean, as a car
  - 75 Baby's first word, commonly
  - 76 Hoppy offerings, in brief
  - 77 Good practice for a half-marathon
  - 81 That ship
  - 82 Pooch, in slang
  - 84 "Oh, cry me a river!"
  - 86 Feature of décolleté clothing
  - 87 Run off at the mouth
  - 89 "Hmm, never really thought about it ..."
  - 90 Some vow takers
  - 93 Org. with X-rays
  - 96 African menace
  - 97 Spoke menacingly
  - 98 Embarrassing fail, in modern lingo
  - 102 Whip around wildly
  - 103 Canned tomatoes brand
  - 104 Grammy winner DiFranco
  - 105 Fire
  - 106 Playground bully
  - 107 "Aren't I somethin'?!"
  - 109 It may lead to greener pastures
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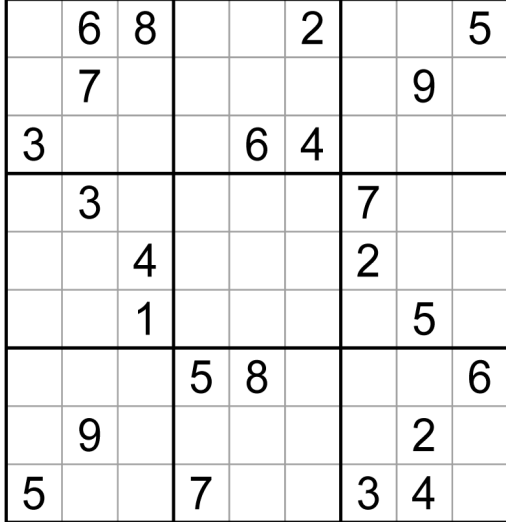
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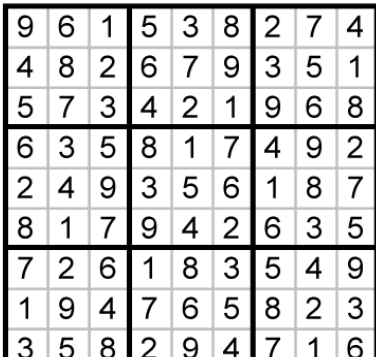
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HARD - 95

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



### Answers to last week's puzzles



# Calendar

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

## Thurs., April 13

### ACT, SWAP CLOTHING DROP OFF

Assateague Coastal Trust, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin. Please contact Debbi Dean, 443-856-9309 or outreach@actforbays.org to coordinate a time to drop off clothing. <https://www.actforbays.org/actclothingswap>.

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St. Snow Hill. 10:30 a.m., Featuring a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### OUTDOOR STORY TIME: MR. JAKE'S FAVES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 10:30 a.m., Featuring outside story time. Stick around to use sidewalk chalk. Be prepared for a mess. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 10:30 a.m., Quiet place to meet new friends and play some chess. Bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### ARBOR DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Pintail Park, Ocean Pines. 10:30 a.m., Held to honor and remember friends and family who passed away in 2022. Includes a tree planting, music, readings by Ocean Pines Garden Club members and commemorations by dignitaries. All are welcome.

### MARYLAND MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OCEAN PINES DETACHMENT 1492 PEACE-KEEPERS MEETING

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Station 5, 10124 Keyser Point Road, Ocean City. 11:30 a.m.- April 14, 12 a.m. 240-375-2285.

### WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT JOB FAIR

Worcester County Human Resources, 1 W. Market St., Snow Hill. 12-3 p.m., Meet professionals from Human Resources and other departments to discuss career options. Computers available onsite. For a complete list of job opportunities: <https://worcesterrhr.co.worcester.md.us/>. 410-632-0090.

### VINTAGE SEED PACKET PAPIER-MÂCHÉ BOXES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 2 p.m., The box tops will be decorated with vintage seed packet covers. Limit

10. Registration required: 410-957-0878. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. 2 p.m., Join the Ocean City Library for trivia at the Ocean City 50Plus Center. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 4:30-5:30 p.m., Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-641-0650. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING

Worcester County. 6:30 p.m., The Keynote Speaker will be Officer Jonette Miller, OC Police Department. She is being recognized in a Women History Month Celebration. 443-944-6701, Worcester County N.A.A.C.P. Facebook page.

## Fri., April 14

### BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 10:30 a.m., Stories, rhymes and finger plays. For children aged up to 2 years and their caregivers. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 11 a.m.-noon, Join the group for a short structured activity and then socialize and play with other homeschool families. 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### BOOK DISCUSSION: BLACK GIRL, CALL HOME BY JASMINE MANS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 2 p.m., Copies of the book are available at the Ocean Pines Library front desk. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 4-6 p.m., One-crab cake sandwich platter costs \$14; two-crab cake sandwich platter, \$24; crab cake sandwich, \$10. Bake sale and carryout available. Platters include green beans, baked potato and cole slaw.

## Sat., April 15

### CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. 7

a.m.-1 p.m., Church rummage sale.

### 2ND ANNUAL BIKERS FOR AUTISM RIDE

Cork Bar, 3 Wicomico St., Ocean City. 9 a.m., Register at the Cork Bar from 9-11 a.m. (motorcycles park along Wicomico St.). Cost is \$25 (cash only) and includes block party, 12:30-3 p.m., with live music, buffet lunch and non-alcoholic drinks.

### 22ND ANNUAL BOARDWALKIN; FOR PETS

OC Inlet on the Boardwalk, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 9 a.m.-noon, Bring your pet or adopt a shelter dog for the day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., contests at 10:45 a.m. Walk the length of the boardwalk or to 12th Street. [www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org).

### WALK WITH A DOC

Southgate Pond, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines. 9 a.m., Join in for the monthly Walk with a Doc. Alyce Marzola, [amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org).

### TINKER TIME: BLACKOUT POETRY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Drop in anytime, use the library supplies and your imagination to create. This month, explore blackout poetry. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### FAMILY LIBRARY DAY: GARDEN PLANTING AND FREE SEED PACKETS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 10 a.m.-noon, Help children plant in the library's garden and pick up some information on creative ideas for beginning vegetable gardens. Free flower, herb or vegetable seeds. While supplies last. All ages welcome.

### PITCH, HIT, AND RUN WITH WORCESTER COUNTY RECREATION; PARKS

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, Senior Field, 9906 Buckingham Lane, Berlin. 410-632-2144. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### SATURDAY MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 11 a.m., Join us for this classic 80s baseball movie starring Kevin Costner. Call the Snow Hill branch for more information: 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### PROJECT T(W)EEN: WORLD ART DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 11 a.m., Today is World Art Day. Follow some great tutorials and create a canvas masterpiece. For ages 11 years and older. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### SLIME SATURDAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City

Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 2 p.m., Join the group for some slime fun as you learn what slime is and make your own slime to take with you. For ages 6-10 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

## Sun., April 16

### ACT CLOTHING; SWAP IT OUT CIRCULATION DAY

ACT Building, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin. 240-375-2285. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### ACT CLOTHING CIRCULATION; SWAP IT OUTEVENT

Assateague Coastal Trust, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Looking to repurpose your clothing? Join the ACT - SWAP movement. Debbi Dean, 443-856-9309, outreach@actforbays.org, <https://www.actforbays.org/actclothingswap>.

### ITALIAN FEST

Shenanigans Irish Pub, 309 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 4-7:30 p.m., Featuring authentic Italian fare with fresh homemade pasta and sauce. Dessert included. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 8 years and younger. Proceeds benefit OCDC. [events@ocdc.org](mailto:events@ocdc.org).

## Mon., April 17

### DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 240-375-2285. 9:30 a.m.-April 18, 12 a.m.,

### STORY TIME RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 10:30 a.m., Crafts, songs and stories about rain. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org).

### 8TH ANNUAL TAKE PRIDE IN BERLIN WEEK

Berlin Maryland Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Each day this week, one of the Town's local non-profits will have information about their organization and be given the opportunity to fundraise. [iwells@berlinmd.gov](mailto:iwells@berlinmd.gov), [aearyl@berlinmd.gov](mailto:aearyl@berlinmd.gov), 410-629-1716.

### POET SPOTLIGHT: JACQUELINE WOODSON

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 1 p.m., It's National Poetry Month. This month the group will be diving into the world of poetry and highlighting some great poets. For ages 7 years and older. 410-208-4014,

# Calendar

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## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 2:30 p.m., Examine the short story; An Interest in Life; by Grace Paley. This group meets twice a month and is currently reading selections in Book 3 of Great Conversations. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

## EYE SPY: THE SCIENCE OF SIGHT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 4 p.m., The last of a three part series about senses. Learn all about the anatomy of your eye and try some visual experiments. For ages 6 years and older. 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

## T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 5-6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157.

## WATERCOLOR BASICS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 5:30 p.m., Local artist Jan Coulbourne demonstrates the use of value, mediums and brushstrokes to assist in creating a beautiful artwork. Supplies included. Registration required: 410-632-3495.

## Tues., April 18

### STORY TIME; EMOTIONS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 10:30 a.m., Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### CLAY AND PLAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 10:30 a.m., Join in for play time with a variety of toys and create with clay. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 10:30 a.m., Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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Berlin Maryland Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Each day this week, one of the Town's local non-profits will have information about their organization and be given the opportunity to fundraise. iwells@berlinmd.gov,

early@berlinmd.gov, 410-629-1716.

### BLOCK PARTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 11 a.m., Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, join in for a block party. Play with blocks and other toys while socializing with other families. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### ACRYLIC PAINT POUR

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 2 p.m., This introductory class will use two different methods to create brilliant canvases. Supplies included, but bring an apron if you choose. Limited 10. Registration required: 410-524-1818.

### PEEP SLIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. 4 p.m., Join the group as they make taste-safe slime using this popular spring snack. For ages 6-11 years. 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

## Wed., April 19

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County. 12 a.m., Held via Zoom the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

### EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 10 a.m., Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### BACKGAMMON CLUB



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## DONATION

At a meeting of Lions Club District 22B South, Ocean City Lioness Lions Club President Bev Topfer presented a check for \$1,000 to Tim and Cheryl Cuneir from Georgia with his leader dog, Glacier. Leader Dogs for the Blind is funded through donations from Lions Clubs across America. A qualified blind person is eligible to be trained to receive a dog as not only as a companion but as a guide for independence.

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 10:30 a.m., Drop in for a game of strategy that dates back 5,000 years to Mesopotamia and Persia. Beginners welcome. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. Jack Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 1-2 p.m., For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880.

### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin. 3-4 p.m., For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, bglime@atlantic-general.org.

### WASHI TAPE LIGHT SWITCH COVERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 3:30 p.m., Update and add style to the light switch covers in your home. All materials provided. For ages 6 years and older. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### ROCK PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Join in for an afternoon of rock painting. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH CONCERT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin. 6:30 p.m., Featuring a live performance by V. Shayne Frederick, a jazz vocalist and keyboard player from Philadelphia. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Celebrate National Library Week by submitting a photo of your community between April 1-14. Voting begins on April 19. The winner from each Worcester County Library branch will win a novelty card catalog box containing Library of Congress catalog-style cards. Submit photos to your local branch or upload them via the Worcester County Library's events page. 443-783-6164

### FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Free workshops dealing with hypertension, chronic pain self-management, chronic disease self-management, diabetes, fall prevention and a free 6-week workshop titled, "Building Better Caregivers." If you would like to register for one of these workshops or you would like more information about bringing any of the workshops to your business or group, contact Jill at MAC, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159 or jak@macinc.org.

### 'SAVE OUR STORIES'

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is asking community members to send in their accounts as to how COVID-19 has impacted them. The submissions can be a specific experience, direct answers to the prompt questions, or a combination. No story is too long or too short. To submit, visit www.ocmuseum.org. Info: Christine@ocmuseum.org.

# CLASSIFIED Marketplace

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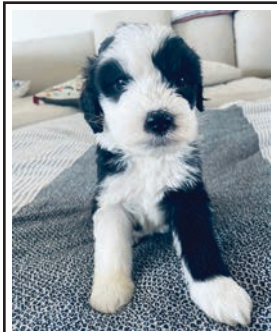
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## COMPARE & SAVE: COASTAL DRUGS HAS THE AREAS LOWEST PRICED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

### Viagra

Sildenafil  
20mg generic  
90 tablets

Compare Big Box  
Store price: \$400+

Coastal Drug price:  
**Only \$49**



### Crestor

Rosuvastatin  
20 mg generic brand  
90 tablets

Compare Big Box  
Store price: \$600+

Coastal Drug price:  
**Only \$20**



### Z-Pack

Azithromycin  
250mg generic  
6 tablets

Compare Big Box  
Store price: \$50+

Coastal Drug price:  
**Only \$10**

