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Contestants gorge on hot dogs in the Weiner Eating Contest last Thursday at Ocean Downs. Ruben Sanchez, third from the left, won the contest, eating seven hotdogs. The event was part of the Weiner Dog Races, which attracted hundreds of people and pets to the racetrack for a fun-filled evening.

Heron Park plan parked for now

Council OK's property's reappraisal while original development deal left in limbo

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) The Berlin mayor and Town Council on Monday night discussed the future of Heron Park properties ... again. They also went over what they did and didn't want to happen on the 60-plus-acre former poultry processing plant parcel the town bought in 2016 for \$2.5 million, without reaching a consensus ... also again.

The council members did finally agree, for the most part, on one thing: to get an updated appraisal on Parcel 57, as a commercial property, with all but Councilmember Steve Green in support.

That leaves in limbo a proposal tendered in 2022 by Coastal Ventures LLC to buy 20 acres of the property — parcels 57, 191 and 410 — for \$1.7 million and develop a mixture of commercial uses.

Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures has maintained throughout these discussions that his plans for the property followed the guidelines laid out in the town's request for proposals. Since then, however, officials and residents seem to agree that they don't want that original concept after all. They also have argued that Gillis should pay more for the property.

Appearing before the council Monday, representatives of the Parks Commission suggested that the town only sell Parcel 57, on which still stand the empty Tyson Poultry buildings.

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Candidates making final election push

Meetings, greetings, trying to be seen in community

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) The election for the OPA board of directors is in its final weeks and candidates are doing the last of their campaigning.

Jeff Heavner and John Latham are campaigning while exercising, with campaign signs stationed on their bikes as they ride around Ocean

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Colette Horn reflects on her time as OPA board member

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) Colette Horn retires from the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors after two consecutive three-year terms and eight months as its president in 2022.

During those six years, the board has been able to improve the financial health of the association.

“We brought the organization out of a \$1.9 million deficit to our present position of four consecutive years with positive operating fund balances of \$.57 million, \$1.2 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million respectively,” Horn said.



Colette Horn

There were two decisions that led to the newfound financial health of the association. The first was signing the Matt Ortt Company to take over the management of the food and beverage operations.

“This decision reversed the financial fortunes of this operation and put us in the black every year since.”

The second was getting John Viola to accept a position as general manager of OPA and convincing him to rescind his resignation and sign a two-year contract to remain in that position in 2022.

Horn said she is proud of many of the decisions she and her fellow board members have made during her tenure, including investing in buildings, infrastructure, drainage, and amenities.

This included building the new golf clubhouse and investing in maintenance of the course, increasing the association’s reserve accounts, updating the bylaws to be in line with HOA laws. She also said during her time on the board, they were able to provide clarity and consistency to protect the association from future lawsuits.

She is also proud of the renovation of the police department, which brought it in line with safety and

service standards and the approval of the conceptual plans for replacing the South Fire Station, to bring it in line with safety and service standards.

“These decisions give the future leaders of OPA a stronger, more financially healthy organization and an infrastructure that will serve us for decades into the future,” Horn said.

She said addressing the financial deficit and the deferred maintenance of OPA buildings, amenities and infrastructure were the most difficult challenges because they required the board to approve expenditures.

“While the belief was that those expenditures would pay us back in improved performance at our amenities, we received pushback from the membership who were skeptical that spending money would in the end contribute to healing our financial wounds and bring us the financial health that we enjoy today.

“This board is inheriting a very healthy organization with a strong, well-functioning staff. They are inheriting buildings, infrastructure and amenities that are all on the way to being in excellent condition.”

While this board has left OPA in a positive position, there are numerous issues the new board will have to face.

Some decisions keep the status quo, such as continuing with a food and beverage contract that brings a quality product while maintaining a healthy bottom line and negotiating a continuation of the contract with Viola to ensure strong leadership and fiscal prudence for OPA.

Horn believes a significant financial issue the board will have to address in the near future is negotiating a financial arrangement for rebuilding of the South Fire Station that reflects responsible use of the property owners’ money. She also believes the board should negotiate a new memorandum of understanding with the fire department that gives the association a greater voice in financial decisions made by its operations team.

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Horn most proud of financial recovery during her service

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Other priorities she thinks the board should have are to ensure that membership and user fees cover the operations of the amenities rather than rely on subsidies from the HOA fees and that a referendum should be held to allow the association to fine those property owners who violate Architectural Review Committee (ARC) standards in the sections where deed restrictions allow it and extending that authority to the other sections by conducting a referendum in those sections to add the authority to their deed restrictions.

"We are hearing every month from property owners who want stronger enforcement of our ARC guidelines. Fining and suspension of property owner rights are the two best tools available to us to force compliance with our ARC guidelines and our amenity rules," she said.

"The board also needs to follow up on the approval given by the prior board to conduct a referendum to amend the DRs to incorporate the Worcester County requirements and enforcement related to short term rentals."

She had a few words of advice for the new board members "The biggest challenge boards have is to

stay in their lane. Their job is to make policy and financial decisions consistent with the authority given them in our governing documents.

"With a strong GM in place, the best thing the board can do is stay out of the GM's way and support him by making wise policy and financial decisions."

She also warned of only listening to the loudest voices.

"The board will do well to remember that there are upwards of 5,500 property owners. It is the responsibility of the board to represent the interests of the majority, not the vocal minority."

With her board duties behind her she will have time now to enjoy the many amenities that Ocean Pines has to offer.

"This is a very safe community. There are lots of recreational choices and opportunities to volunteer. The people who live here are welcoming, care about their community and their neighbors.

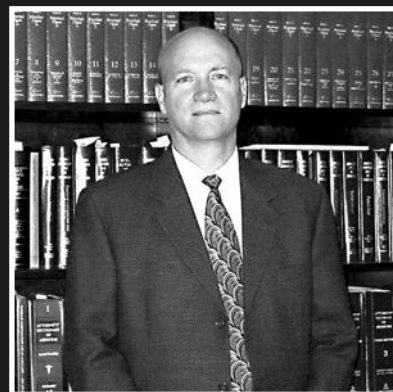
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President Doug Parks leaves OPA in good financial shape

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) Doug Parks has spent the past seven years serving the residents of Ocean Pines on the Board of Directors. He was elected president four times including this past year. July was his last board meeting as a director and president.



Doug Parks

He has two achievements of which he is most proud. The first is hiring the Matt Ortt Company to run the food and beverage operations in Ocean Pines.

"The food and beverage operation was a disaster both from a financial and customer service perspective," he said. "When I ran as a candidate, I argued that OPA did not have the core competency to run the food and beverage operation and there was no shame in admitting that shortcoming."

He said it was the board's responsibility to bring in an organization that could turn the operation around financially and develop it into an amenity the community could enjoy.

"It goes without saying that the Matt Ortt company accomplished that

and much more," he said.

He is also proud to have brought Comcast into Ocean Pines, providing competition for cable service provider Mediacom, which has had a lock on Ocean Pines since 1997.

"I had countless conversations with members complaining about the poor quality and service provided by Mediacom. Having been in the technology industry in my professional career, my board colleagues asked that I look at the possibility of bringing in another service provider."

He said Comcast initially wanted to charge Ocean Pines residents a service fee to offset their cost of running the cabling infrastructure through the community.

"I declined and told them that OPA was not going to finance their installation and if they wanted to capture customers in the Pines they would need to make the investment absent of any costs to us.

"Fortunately, their corporate decision makers determined the investment was worthwhile and agreed to move forward. OPA now has a level of competition for these services and gives members an opportunity to choose a provider that meets their

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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.

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Parks gives advice to new board

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needs.”

As for the challenges Parks faced during his tenure, he cited two issues that were the most concerning. One was the election issue regarding Rick Farr’s eligibility to run for office (he currently serves on the board) and the other was the confrontation between director Tom Janasek and another board member.

He thought the election issue with Rick Farr could have been handled better. He said the process was rife with speculation and placed the secretary of the association in an untenable situation that unfortunately led that individual to resign from the board.

“The board majority at the time took the position to redo the election and the lawsuit filed against Ocean Pines that followed was tried in court where Ocean Pines ultimately lost the case.”

The second challenge was the incident with Tom Janasek. He thought

the decision made by the board to not consider counsel’s advice led to a lawsuit, which it lost, costing the association approximately \$48,000.

“Going forward, future boards need to be aware of the lessons learned from this case as they consider future decisions,” he said.

He sees the biggest challenge for the new board is the funding for the South Fire Station.

“The amount of funding required and the identification of funding sources to meet the project expenses will be a challenge for the board and the GM for the next several years,” he said. “The budget over the next several years will need to be managed as effectively as possible to minimize the burden on association members.”

He recommends the new board members focus on communication.

“No question or position on an issue should be overlooked or marginalized. I encourage the entire board to continue with frank and open discussions that we have had in the past on all matters and give everyone’s opinion consideration before arriving at a decision.

“And finally, I would advise them not to give all their efforts and attention to matters that only affect a small segment of the membership. I often refer to advice I received years ago from former Director Pat Supik during my first year on the board when she reminded me that there are 8,452 homes in OP and all of them need to be considered when making a decision.”

Parks said loves the many amenities that Ocean Pines has to offer.

“There is not one single thing that endears me to Ocean Pines, rather it’s the overall availability of amenities such as the Yacht Club, the golf course, the Beach Club and more that make our community a desirable place for my wife and I.

“Another benefit is our proximity to Ocean City and its beaches, especially when grandkids, family and friends come to visit. I am glad to call Ocean Pines my home.”

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New Ocean Pines Police Chief Tim Robinson, left, shakes hands with Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola. Robinson was recently hired as the new Ocean Pines Police chief, replacing Leo Ehrisman who officially resigned in early June.

Ocean Pines announces new Chief of Police Tim Robinson

(July 27, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association this week announced the hiring of Wicomico County Sheriff's Captain Tim Robinson as the new chief of police.

The announcement comes on the heels of the resignation in early June of Chief Leo Ehrisman, who was placed on administrative leave in January following a burglary investi-

gation. As the chief of police, a news release said Robinson will be responsible for overseeing and managing the department's operations, ensuring the safety and security of Ocean Pines homeowners and residents, and fostering positive relationships within the community.

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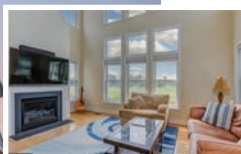
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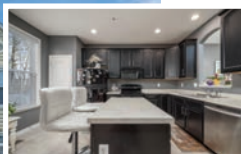


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Robinson recently served as captain in Wicomico Co.

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Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola expressed enthusiasm for Robinson's appointment.

"We are excited to welcome Tim as our new chief of police. His extensive background in law enforcement, leadership skills, and dedication to public safety makes him the ideal candidate for this important role," Viola said in the release. "We have full confidence in his ability to lead our police department with professionalism, integrity, and a strong focus on community involvement."

Robinson has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement, serving in various leadership positions, including most recently with the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office.

According to his LinkedIn page, Robinson was on the Wicomico County Sheriff's staff for more than 26 years and will leave the department as a captain.

He is also a Salisbury University history faculty member, a position he has held for the last 13 years.

From 1993-97 Robinson was an officer with the Delmar Police Department, and from 1992-93 he was an officer in Rehoboth Beach.

Robinson said in the release that he is excited for the opportunity to serve Ocean Pines.

"I have been able to serve my community for over 30 years and I cannot imagine a better place to continue that service than Ocean Pines," he said in the release. "The Association of Ocean Pines is a vibrant and exciting community to work with, and I am both incredibly honored and excited to have been selected to lead the Ocean Pines Police Department."

Road work may cause delays on Ocean Parkway

(July 27, 2023) Motorists driving in Ocean Pines over the next few weeks should expect slight delays for the next few weeks because of infrastructure work by Verizon contractors.

According to a news release, construction is expected to last through Aug. 8 and focus on Ocean Parkway, from Terns Landing to Route 90. The work is related to micro-cell towers along Route 90.

Drivers are asked to be aware of work zones and obey flaggers, as some temporary road closures may occur. A Verizon representative said traffic delays should be minimal and flaggers will be on site during each day of work.

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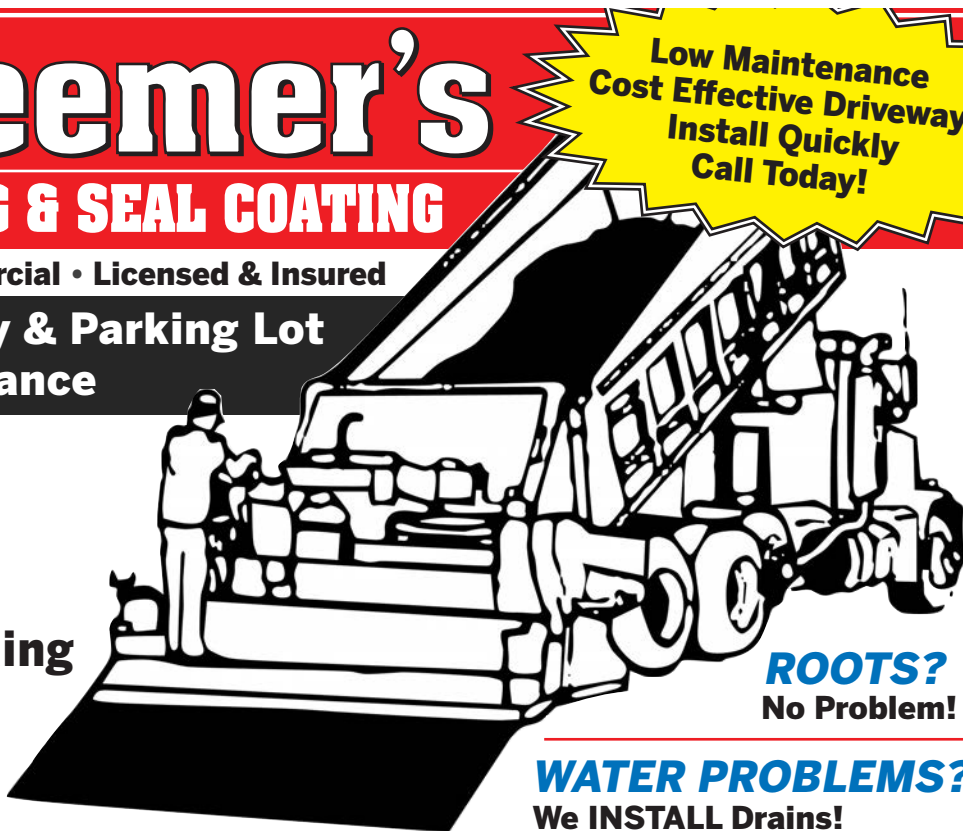
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The Berlin fire house. President David Fitzgerald and Chief R.J Rhode provided their quarterly report to the Berlin Council meeting on Monday night.

Berlin Fire and EMS provide quarterly report to council

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) The Berlin Fire Company delivered its quarterly update to the Berlin mayor and Town Council at their meeting on Monday.

From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the company responded to 155 in-town calls and 215 calls from out of town. Seventy nine of those calls occurred from April 1- June 30th.

From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the company responded to 44 simultaneous calls, with nine occurring from April 1 to June 30, 2023.

The average response time was three minutes 54 seconds for the year.

The company has logged 787 volunteer hours in emergency calls and 563 volunteer hours in training, meetings and fundraising from April 1 to June 30, 2023. The company has logged a total of 3,296 hours for the year in emergency calls and provided more than 6,000 volunteer hours for the year.

Recently donations have increased by approximately \$9,000 due to a new \$1,000 "In Memory" program.

The town budget carry-over to FY23 with the reduction to fund FY24 operating per mayor and council is \$220,000.

The fire company has a \$2.5 million loan, with \$200,000 in annual loan payments for engine and rescue equipment.

EMS responded to 1,254 calls from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with 874 from out of town. From April through June, 59 percent were out of town calls.

For the year, they conducted 918 transports and 336 non-transports, with 265 transports and 41 non-transports from April through June.

The response time averaged 66 seconds, a two-second decrease from last year.

EMS invoicing was higher for the quarter at \$40,000 due to call volume and additional personnel that allowed Berlin to respond to more calls.

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The town did provide additional funds for two positions but not for additional operating costs.



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Jeff Heavner takes to the streets with his bike to campaign for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors.



PHOTO COURTESY ELAINE BRADY

Candidate Elaine Brady meets with voter Maria Lawrence at the Yacht Club.



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN LATHAM

John Latham campaigns while exercising as he rides his bike through the streets of Ocean Pines.



PHOTO COURTESY JERRY MURPHY

Jerry Murphy gets the word out about his candidacy through yard signs. Here, he visits with supporters Lillia and John Howard.

OPA director candidates making final rounds

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Pines.

Elaine Brady is working the Yacht Club and other Ocean Pines venues. As the former owner of the Bayside Gazette, she is also advertising here and in other local papers as are other candidates.

“I am introducing myself to folks and listening to what they feel is important to them,” Brady said.

Latham is showing his face at committee meetings to get a better under-

standing of the work that is going on at the committee level.

“I hope to be working with some of the committees as a liaison if I am afforded a position on the BOD,” he said.

Jerry Murphy is also attending committee meetings and various club events.

“I am asking questions about issues or concerns that voters see as a priority. It has been quite a knowledgeable and wonderful experience,”

Murphy said.

Heavner is also attending many committee meetings and visiting with people at the spec tennis, pickleball and tennis courts to hear their issues and frequenting the Yacht Club to meet people and gain knowledge from residents.

Latham has had various friends host gatherings so he can meet new people.

All candidates have been attending the monthly board meetings.

“I must say it’s been a great learning experience for me and I am trying

to have a little fun with it along the way. It is not a congressional seat, but I take it to heart, and I want the opportunity to help improve a great community. I am all in,” Latham said.

Many residents are still waiting for their ballots. A press release sent out this week by OPA promises that ballots will be delivered this week. Residents can mail their ballots or drop them at a secure drop box at the police station. These ballots will be shipped to the elections contractor via overnight express mail.

OPA offers ballot drop box to address delay in mailing

(July 27, 2023) In response to a recent delay in Ocean Pines Association members receiving election ballots, the elections committee is taking action to ensure the integrity and efficiency of the voting process.

Elections Committee Chairperson Tom Piatti said in a news release that the lateness is not associated with the U.S. Postal Service and that ballots should arrive this week.

“Homeowners should immediately return their ballot by USPS mail, as stated in the enclosed voting instructions,” he said.

Despite attempts to contact other officials, no other information was provided publicly about what caused the delay.

To provide expedited local service, Piatti said the association has set up a

secure drop box at the police station, allowing members to conveniently drop off their completed ballots. The ballots will be shipped to the elections contractor via overnight express mail.

“We recognize the importance of providing our members with a seamless voting experience,” Piatti said. “In light of the ballot delay, we are proactively implementing a drop box solution to allow our members to submit their ballots with ease.”

The drop box was set to be operational starting Monday, July 24.

Piatti added that the ballot receipt deadline to the Washington state elections contractor is still Tuesday, Aug. 8.

For further information or inquiries, contact the elections committee at elections@oceanpines.org.

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Council approved expenses and event permits in Berlin

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) The Berlin Town Council approved a number of permits and expenses during their Monday meeting.

The council approved special event permits for the Walnut Hill 20th Anniversary Block Party on Sept. 16 and an "Enlightening Women" event at Henry Park for Oct. 15. The second event is planned to help educate women about free resources and services available to those in need.

The council also voted to waive the business license fees for outside con-

tractors if they are working directly for the town. The reasoning behind the waiver is "because said contractors would reasonably be expected to pass the cost for said license on to the Town of Berlin when invoicing for such work, it is in the best interests of the Town to waive the payment of the annual fee in these cases."

Councilmember Burrell was the only member that opposed the waiver, saying that the cost should be handled the same way as for residents.

A motion was unanimously approved to remove and replace the existing geothermal heat pump that heats the mayor's office.

Annual Ocean Pines Library book sale set for July 28-31

(July 27, 2023) The Annual Ocean Pines Library Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, will take place on Friday, Saturday and Monday, July, 28, 29 and 31.

All proceeds go to the Ocean Pines Library for events, equipment, projects and special needs.

According to a news release, the sale of more than 20,000 books, CDs, DVDs and audio books in "very good to new condition" is set from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 28, for library friends only.

Non members can join at the door for \$5 for an individual membership, \$10 for a family, or \$25 as a business or patron. Dealers, collectors and book store owners are more than welcome. More details can be found on the internet on Book Sale Finder.

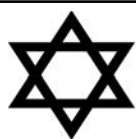
The sale will continue from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 29, and remain open to attendees at no cost. Books will range from 50 cents to \$2.50 each with no limits. Only cash or checks with ID are accepted, no credit cards.

The last day of the sale is set 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, July 31, with all remaining books at half price.

The sale will also feature a specials room where signed, rare, collectible, antique, odd, older first editions, collections and sets can be purchased as marked. The room will have a sneak preview from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with the chance to buy books only from that room. The specials room will also be open during regular book sale hours with half price available on Monday.

For questions, contact the Ocean Pines Library during business hours at 410-208-4014.



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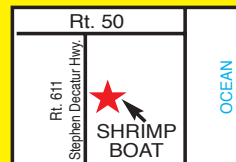
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Sandy and Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties agree to consider developing just Parcel 57 of the Heron Park property during the Monday Berlin mayor and council meeting. The council and residents have become divided on what development they want to see on the property.

Skate park still on wanted list

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In a letter to the mayor and council, the Parks Commission said, "The Commission feels it is in the best interest to retain as much of the property as possible for future use and growth. With the planned bike trail and other proposed projects, etc., we feel this park will be utilized as such more and more in the future."

The Parks Commission also reiterated its desire to see a skate park in

Heron Park.

The consensus of the Planning Commission, meanwhile, was to "cease contract negotiations on the present contract and form a committee of citizens, land use professionals, commissioners and stakeholders to determine the highest use, develop a site plan and determine the necessary actions to increase the entire property's value before any sale should

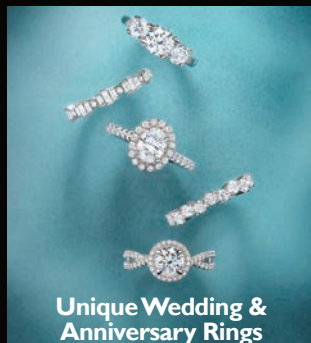
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8/05	B	Lyons	B5		A5	3:00 PM
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8/05	26	Layton	Winner of (22)		Winner of (24)	8:00 PM
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8/06	D	Lyons	Loser of (25)		Loser of (26)	11:00 AM
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Berlin Chamber seeking vendors for Sept. events

(July 27, 2023) The Berlin Chamber of Commerce is scheduling vendors for the upcoming Small Town Throwdown and Fiddlers Convention.

The Small Town Throwdown is set 1-6 p.m., Saturday, September 9; and the Fiddlers Convention is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23.

Organizers are also considering offering Friday night vendor spaces.

Similar to the Jazz & Blues arrangement, the chamber is offer-

ing on-Main and off-Main rates, which reflect the potential exposure vendors can enjoy. As always, chamber members will receive a 20 percent discount on rates.

For the Small Town Throwdown, rates are \$125 on-Main and \$65 off-Main.

For the Fiddlers Convention, rates are \$200 on-Main and \$65 off-Main.

Forward all inquires to our the chamber's email Berlinmdchamber@gmail.com.

Gillis now in wait-and-see mode

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Members of the Planning Commission also raised concerns about retiring the \$2.3 million debt that remains from the purchase of the properties and the possibility that environmental hazards could remain on the property, even though analyses conducted previously found no significant issues.

At one point, it appeared the council might be in agreement on selling just Parcel 57 to Gillis. When he was asked whether he would consider that possibility, he said he would but countered by asking what the town wanted on the property, since what was originally suggested seemed to be off the table.

"We need an entity that can generate income," Gillis said of his company. "This has to make economic sense. We came to do something great for Berlin, we have experience in repurposing old buildings. We came to unify the town, not divide."

But the division continued throughout the night. The conversation devolved into blame over how

decisions on the property had been made in the past, concerns about not getting a proper value for the property, questions about moving too rapidly to get a deal done, what the town actually wanted on the property, and a debate on how and when the remaining Tyson buildings would be demolished.

The town has a state grant of \$500,000 to help with that undertaking, but that's providing the town settles on a plan within the next several weeks. If the town can't make up its mind within that time period, the mayor believes there is not enough time to go through the lengthy process it takes to use the grant and therefore would have to return the money.

After the meeting, Gillis said they were in a wait-and-see position.

"They have to decide amongst themselves and the community as to what they want to do.

"We were hoping to bring something to the community that they did not have. Based on the [public] meeting in May of 2022, that was what we thought we had done."



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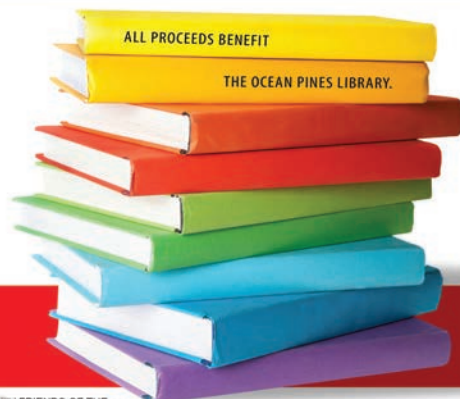


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New Luxury spa and wellness center opens

Exhibits, seminars, classes and coaching are planned for new West OC location

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 27, 2023) The Actualize Wellness Center is not your typical day spa. Richard Root and Director Cyndee Lam have combined their vision of a luxury day spa with a community wellness center.

The couple recently relocated their business from Los Angeles to West Ocean City and has created a mini-oasis in the Herring Creek Professional Center.

The day spa offers facials that can address wrinkles and sagging skin; acne and inflammation; hyperpigmentation; and just plain dry skin that is common from sun exposure for the many beach lovers that live or visit Ocean City.

Lam gathers information from new clients on the products they use, their diet and exercise routines and skin exposure.

“To fine tune, I use BioTherapeutics skin analysis and even more effective BT Vision that is far better than the traditional magnifier on an arm.”

She also watches carefully how a

person’s face reacts to her application. “I can change midstream when necessary.”

The spa also offers Celluma Light Therapy, which “uses specific wavelengths of light energy to improve cellular health by accelerating the repair and replenishment of compromised tissue cells.”

Lam said the therapy can clear acne and wrinkles, quell pain and even grow hair.

She always follows up with her clients the next day to find out how they are feeling and how their skin reacted to the treatment.

Massages are also available at Actualize Wellness Center, including deep tissue, hot stone, Swedish, and Reiki. The spa even offers special massages for pregnant women.

Much time and attention went into outfitting the spa. They includes award-winning Bio-Therapeutics facial instruments, IMAGE skincare and #1 Celluma Light Therapy and facial beds that won Dermascope’s #1 spot. The products Lam uses have beautiful light and natural scents and feel wonderful on the skin.

We left everything in L.A,” she said in a British-Singaporean accent. “When we bought it all again, it only made sense to buy the best. It’s rare that anyone has the chance to start



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Richard Root and Cyndee Lam relocated from Los Angeles to Ocean City to open the Actualize Wellness Center.

over completely fresh.”

But the Wellness Center goes beyond the luxury spa experiences to offer free WELLTalks and reasonably priced seminars, and coaching for health and life’s challenges, all led by Dr. Root.

Root hosts WELLTalk, classes and coaching, in the “Eight Areas of Wellness:” physical, emotional, financial, spiritual, intellectual, environmental, career and creative.

“Our name ‘Actualize’ comes from psychologist Abraham Maslow,” he explained. “In the East they call it ‘enlightenment.’ Maslow calls it ‘Self-Actualization.’ That’s what we do. Teach you how to become or ‘actualize’ your best self.”

His program is based on a true teaching philosophy: “Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.”

Hogan Pesaniello, a specialist in holistic neurofeedback will be the first speaker for WELLTalk. She graduated from Johns Hopkins and is a practicing psychiatrist in Snow Hill. She will speak sometime in Sep-

tember, a specific date has yet to be determined.

The center also offers classes in College Application and Advanced Placement English. Root has a 97 percent lifetime pass-rate in A.P. English, and, although he is formally retired from teaching English, he still likes to keep a small finger in his once dominant career.

Root plans to engage the surrounding community in events. He plans to open the expansive, brightly colored and comfortable art lounge/lobby to art exhibits, film nights, talks and other activities.

The lounge is a welcoming space where clients are encouraged to linger. It’s furnished in a whimsical collection of Italian leather and sleek mid-century modern furniture, with exotic Asian accents. Impressionist and colorful modern abstracts abound, some painted by Root himself.

As a new business in the community, Actualize is offering some steep discounts to encourage people to visit and try out their services. Visit their website for details. Actwellspa.com.

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Garden Club members beautify community

(July 27, 2023) Since 1976, the Ocean Pines Garden Club has played a major role in how the community looks and feels.

The group of volunteers first formed to help plant flowers, shrubs and trees around community signs, buildings and parks, and in the median along Ocean Parkway.

In the more than four decades since, the Garden Club has run a series of elaborate garden tours and collaborated with local artists, and have helped to maintain Ocean Pines parks and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial grounds.

The Garden Club hosts an Arbor Day ceremony each year, and their gifts and donations have included the Civil War era anchor at the Yacht Club in 1995, the gazebo at Pintail Park in 1998, the two stone benches at the community center in 2009, and two plaques for the Gold Star Program of the Veterans Memorial Foundation in 2014.

Leadership and activities:

Co-presidents Ann Shockley and Patti Lookner collaborate with Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola on new projects, and Gail Philippi puts out a robust regular newsletter, cataloging the club's many activities.

All three helped to plan the garden tours that once doubled as an annual club fundraiser.

"People would let their gardens be used for the tour, and we would advertise it all over the county," Shockley said. "People could buy tickets and get a map in the morning of all the different properties, and then we usually had a luncheon afterwards with a silent auction. It was a big, big production."

Shockley said the event was scaled back during the pandemic. It's no longer ticketed, and now features a handful of member gardens and gardeners.

"Although the Garden Club loved showing off the gardens in Ocean Pines and the funds it raised for the club, we decided that we would rather not continue to take it on," she said.



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OPA Garden Club members plant flowers and trees to enhance the community and share advice on how to work with the unique growing challenges of the region. They also enjoy bus trips to the Philadelphia Flower Show and visits to local and regional gardens.

"It's still fun to see people's gardens and what they've been doing, so it's worked out really nicely on a smaller scale."

Along with the tour, club members collaborate each May to create dozens of floral arrangements, which are then sold for Mother's Day at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market.

"We sell those arrangements on the day before Mother's Day. It's been very profitable, and people are excited that we're there – especially those who forgot to get something for their mother," Shockley said.

Growing local:

All three women said there are unique growing challenges in Ocean Pines, from the saltwater air to the local wildlife out looking for a tasty snack.

"The soil is one of the biggest challenges, but you find things that work here," Philippi said. "A lot of us are getting really into pollinators and native plants, and maybe moving away from some of the older varieties that we had used."

She said the climate can be different "year to year, plant to plant, yard to yard," and there's a lot of trial and error involved.

"I just read that you don't plant tomatoes in the same spot every year – which is what I've been doing and it's probably why my tomatoes don't look that good anymore," Shockley said. "It's also the salt air. And right now we've been having amazing water, but this summer we'll probably go through a dry spell."

Lookner said last year, for the first time, she had to deal with a vole invasion in her garden.

"I lost all my hostas and some cone-flowers," she said. "For years, I would hear people talking about mole and vole problems and would think, 'Oh that's terrible' – and then I found out it is terrible. You just never know."

Lookner said many people who move to Ocean Pines look for insights on what works and what doesn't, and which kinds of challenges they might face in a local garden.

"You can't guarantee anything, really," she said. "But you can focus on the natives [plants] – and then you cross your fingers."

Club activities:

Philippi said club activities have included bus trips to tour major gardens and garden centers such as the Hillwood Estate in Washington, D.C.,

Winterthur in Delaware, and Longwood Gardens and the Philadelphia Flower Show in Pennsylvania. The group also visits many local and regional gardens.

"There's quite a big educational component to what we do," she said. "We also have speakers who come in to talk to our members about a number of topics."

That includes regular appearances by Ginny Rosenkranz, who since 1994 has served as the University of Maryland's commercial horticulture educator for Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

Lookner said she's championed the educational component of Garden Club meetings.

"We really try to focus on learning something about gardening at our meetings," she said. "That's why I joined the club – to give to the community and to learn, because there's always a lot to learn."

Shockley said there has also been a big emphasis on conservation and proper environmental practices.

"We have talked a lot about what are good practices in gardening – like recycling and composting – and all those things that we can do to help the

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Garden Club: more than gardening

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earth and ourselves and our community," she said.

Giving back:

Along with the club's mission statement of stimulating interest in gardening while encouraging friendship within the community, Philippi said there's an unstated goal of providing community service.

In the past, the club has offered scholarships to local high school students. More recently, the club has given back to the association in the form of donated plant materials and help with beautification projects.

That has included annual Christmas decorations at the entrances of each neighborhood in Ocean Pines and on street signs along Ocean Parkway.

It's a big task that Lookner said is accomplished with plenty of help from Eddie Wells, Clint Parks, and others from the Ocean Pines Public Works Department.

Each April, the club hosts an Arbor Day ceremony at Pintail Park to honor former club members, friends and relatives who passed away in the previous year, and to plant a tree in their honor. The event is well attended and frequently includes many local political figures.

Shockley said the club also helps to

manage Pintail Park.

"Ocean Pines Public Works, with Tony Howard and his crew, are the main caretakers of Pintail Park, but we also lend a hand with clearing gardens, weeding, some light pruning and setting up a watering schedule with volunteers in the summer," she said.

"This year, our gift is going to be to donate money to do the plantings at the North Gate, and we're working with John Viola on that," Shockley continued. "We're going to help with plant materials, and we're actually going to go with Tony and the Public Works staff when they go to pick out the plants."

She said perennials and other plants grown by Garden Club members would be added to the North Gate plantings.

Philippi again emphasized that giving back and community service is a big part of what the club does.

"We love living here and we want our community to be beautiful," she said. "Giving back just seems like a natural thing – especially for a garden club."

"Gardeners like to plant stuff, so if we run out of room in our own yards, we start looking for other places to plant things," Shockley said. "And I know when I drive around and I see something out of place I think, 'Oh! We

need to do something about that.' But it's because we all live here and we're all proud of Ocean Pines."

Growing new members:

Philippi said none of the club's many projects, programs and charitable endeavors would be possible without the dedication of the club members.

"Everyone works hard and cooperates willingly in making sure our projects are successful," she said.

"It's really teamwork that makes our events fun and successful," Lookner added.

Lookner said the club is always looking for new members.

"We're a very welcoming group and we're very friendly," she said. "So, if you have any interest in gardening, come on over."

The Ocean Pines Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of each month. Guests and new members are welcome.

For more information, contact Shockley at 410-688-1975 or Lookner at 410-973-1243.

For more information about the Ocean Pines Garden Club, or to join the club, visit bit.ly/OceanPinesGardenClub or facebook.com/groups/oceanpinedgardenclub.

Coastal Trust Inc. looking for full-time coastkeeper

(July 27, 2023) Assateague Coastal Trust, Inc. is seeking a full-time Assateague coastkeeper, to serve as the eyes, ears, and voice of Delmarva's coastal waters.

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ARTS AWARDS

The winners of the Worcester County Arts Council's recent juried art competition, "Summertime," pose together during an awards ceremony. David Simpson won first place for his oil painting, "Morning Glow;" Ellen Lawler placed second for "Scurry, Scurry," a watercolor; and Judy Benton won third place for her collage, "A Bouquet to Endure." Honorable mention awards were given to Patti Backer, Kathryn Redden and Tia Tuveson. The winning artwork was selected by local artist Grover Cantwell. The exhibit will be on display through July 31. Gallery hours are 11 a.m to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, at 6 Jefferson Street in downtown Berlin. The artwork is available for purchase. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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IN MEMORY

Wor-Wic Community College recently received a \$6,240 donation in memory of Deputy 1st Class Brian K. Heller for an endowed scholarship in his name. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli; Heller's mother Connie Widmann and her husband, Dave, of Parsonsburg; Stefanie K. Rider, the executive director of the Wor-Wic Foundation and director of development; Heather Trader, development specialist, and Wor-Wic President Ray Hoy. The gift represents proceeds from a recent trap shooting contest. The scholarship fund was created in 2004 for criminal justice students from Worcester, Wicomico or Somerset counties in memory of Heller, who died in the line of duty in 2000.



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KIWANIS SPEAKERS

Pictured, from left, John and Marion Wells of the Pine Tones Chorus and Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing pose for a photo during a Kiwanis meeting on July 19. The Wells spoke to Kiwanis members about the Pine Tones' concerts and fundraising efforts.



LIONS NAME PRESIDENT

Greg Cathell, bottom right, was recently elected the 2023-24-OC Lions Club president. Pictured, standing from left, are Club Director John Topher, Food Drive Chair Jeff Facello, Directors Ken Robertson and Doug Parks, Membership and Scholarship Chair Sean Williams, Second Vice President Mike Hooper and outgoing President Norm Cathell. Seated, from left, are First Vice President Scott Stark, Secretary Steve McMillan, and Cathell. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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LIONESS DONATION

The Ocean City Lioness Lions Club recently made a donation to Chamber Music by the Sea, which will present concerts with world class musicians across Worcester County from Aug.13-19, some of which will be free to the public. Pictured, from left, with the donation check are Lioness President Ann Runo, Jan Adamchak representing Chamber Music, and Bev Topfer, Lioness past president.



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OPTIMIST CHECK

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club recently donated \$40,000 to fund scholarships for Worcester County students up to age 21 who are attending Wor-Wic Community College. Pictured, from left, are Edward Townsend, Christina Dolomount, Bill Hickey, Kathy Cater, Sharon Sorrentino, Larry Campbell, Cindy Malament and Roger Pacella of the Ocean-City Berlin Optimist Club board of directors presenting the donation check to Stefanie K. Rider, the executive director of the Wor-Wic Foundation.



LIONS AWARDS

Norm Cathell recently presented the OC Lions Club president recognition awards to several individuals. Pictured, from left, row one, are Jeff Facello-food drives, Joe Myles-bar manager, and Autumn Fenton for the 75th anniversary celebration. Row two, Sean Williams-scholarships and social media, and JD Quillin-medical equipment. Row three, Mike Hooper-Leo Club and vision screening, Chef Jim Washington-long time chef, and Ken Robertson-peace posters.

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Opinion

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

Back to square one

In applying for a renewal of its "Sustainable Community" status with the state Department of Housing and Community Development, the Town of Berlin wrote in 2019 that it was forming a committee to explore possible uses for the 68-acre parcel known as Heron Park.

Now, four years later, town officials seem committed to forming another committee to explore possible uses for ... etc.

In addition, officials want new appraisals of parts of the property, because of what skeptics believe is a low-ball bid of \$1.7 million by Palmer and Sandy Gillis of Coastal Ventures LLC for roughly 20 acres of ground.

Going unacknowledged, however, are three huge obstacles to any kind of progress: 1. Appraised value means nothing if no one is willing to pay the price. 2. The price a buyer is willing to pay is tied to how a property can be used. 3. The possible uses to be allowed on these parcels remains undetermined.

No rational developer is going to agree to buy anything without knowing what exactly they're paying for and what kind of return they can expect on their investment.

Until these points are addressed, and judging from the tenor of the discussion at Town Hall this week of the park's future, it appears that the town and its plans for Heron Park haven't moved much beyond square one.

Unanswered question

The statement issued this week by the Ocean Pines Elections Committee regarding a slight delay in mailing the ballots for this summer's board of directors election is intriguing for what it doesn't say.

In attempt to notify association members of the late mailing, the committee said only that the hold-up was not the fault of the U.S. Postal Service.

Why it felt compelled to point that out without offering some additional explanation is a mystery, when all it does is encourage the public to ask questions that the committee apparently doesn't want to answer.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City pose for a picture with awards they received at the club's annual meeting June 21. Pictured, from left, are Jim Maratea, who was recognized for chairing the scholarship committee; Ed Ahlquist, chair of concessions; Mark Page, who received the Lifetime Service Award for his 14 years of service to the club's foundation; and Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing, who chose the award recipients.

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Kiwanis Club elects new president

(July 27, 2023) Once a year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City holds an annual meeting where officers are elected for the upcoming fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024.

On June 21, the Kiwanians hosted that meeting, where Bob Wolfing was

elected president for a second consecutive term, Candy Foreman was named president-elect, and two new board members, Jim Maratea and John Hanberry, were inducted.

The meeting also featured reports on student leadership programs, scholarships awarded, lottery raffle sales

and other fundraising efforts, and more.

Kiwanian of the Month awards were also presented for February through June.

For more information about the club, visit kiwanisofopoc.org, or follow the organization on Facebook at Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

Beach cleanup Aug. 1 on Fourth St.

(July 27, 2023) Several Ocean City environmental groups are gathering for a first-time collaborative beach and street cleanup from 8-10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, on Fourth Street and the Boardwalk.

Members of the Asateague Coastal Trust, Beach Heros-OC, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Ocean City Surf Club, OC Go Green, Restore the Shore, Surfrider Foundation, and the Town of Ocean City through the Ocean City Green Team are banding together on a united front for a community beach cleanup.

According to a news release, all the groups coordinate cleanups and other environmentally focused events throughout the year not only directly in Ocean City, but throughout the region.

Anyone who wants to help is welcome and encouraged to join in. Representatives from each group are setting up areas on the beach

at Fourth Street and the Boardwalk for volunteers to register, pick up supplies, and provide opportunities for people to learn a little more about the initiatives of the respective groups. Waivers needs to be signed on arrival.

The Town of Ocean City is providing free parking for cleanup participants at the municipal parking lot from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Fourth Street.

Volunteers are asked to bring collected materials back to Fourth Street and the beach by 9:30 a.m. to celebrate their hard work and weigh all the trash. Town officials will take care of disposing of the trash properly.

Anyone interested in collecting trash beyond the designated walkable areas are welcome and encouraged to do so and can bring anything they collect to the weigh-in site.

Participants do not have to register in advance. How-

ever, anyone planning on attending is encouraged to fill out a form online so coordinators can have an estimate of how many participants plan on attending. The form can be found at: docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc2NhGxQrUECW.../view-form.

Those who cannot attend the event, but would like to participate in a cleanup, are asked to check out the Adopt Your Beach/Street Program at mdcoastalbays.org/adopt-your-beach-registration/, or ocsurfclub.org.

The release said Ocean City Public Works staff members do an outstanding job keeping the beaches and streets as clean as they can, but microplastics, debris caught on side streets, in sand dunes, and buried in sand is always a challenge. Participating in community cleanups helps keep our waterways and beaches clean.

For questions, email mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org.

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Find your furry friend on Facebook

(July 27, 2023) Worcester County Animal Control staff are inviting residents and animal lovers everywhere to connect with them on Facebook to find the perfect addition to their families.

“With Facebook, we’re able to reach out to a much larger audience to connect pets and people to forever homes,” Animal Control Chief Glen Granstaff said in a news release. “Each month, funny, sociable, loving animals find their way to our facility through no fault of their own. This social media tool dramatically increases the chances that our four-legged friends will secure safe, dependable, loving families, whether that is through adoption or a lost pet being found.”

Friends of the page can find and

post information about lost pets and view adoptable cats and dogs, comment on animal control happenings, and learn about upcoming rabies clinics and other programs. There are also links to partnering organizations, including both the Worcester and Wicomico county humane societies, and local pet rescue organizations.

“Believe it or not, there are still many citizens and visitors who don’t know we offer pet adoptions,” Grandstaff said. “We want to spread the word that an area resident’s best, four-legged friend may just be one click away with WCAC’s Facebook posts.”

Like the Worcester County Animal Control on Facebook to find new ways to help lost, abused and abandoned pets secure forever homes.

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Katie, a sweet, fun-loving, and energetic girl who loves attention and is currently available for adoption, is featured on the Worcester County Animal Control Facebook page. She is the perfect companion for anyone looking for a mid-sized dog. To meet Katie, call 410-632-1340.

opportunities, adoptions, or upcoming clinics, contact animal control at 410- 632-1340.

SDH student receives scholarship

(July 27, 2023) A Stephen Decatur High School grad is among a group of nine regional high school students to receive a scholarships this year from the Delmarva Chicken Association.

According to a news release, the association raises money each year for academic awards through a golf tournament that will be held this year on Sept. 25 at Glenn Riddle in Berlin. The total amount awarded this year was \$19,000.

Eight of the recipients are enrolled in undergraduate programs and received \$2,000 scholarships. A graduate student was also awarded a \$3,000 scholarship.

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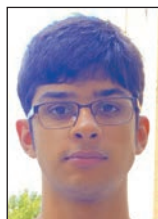
catur High School student attending University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in the fall, was one of the recipients. Sangwan is a Junior Assistant Trainer at TidalHealth and intends to pursue a degree in chemistry to develop skills in food science. In a letter of recommendation his chemistry and biomedical science said: “What I truly admire about Aryavir is how he stays with a problem until he figures it out or asks the right question.”

Holly Porter, the association’s executive director, said in the release that the support of the students is the company’s way of investing in the next generation of leadership for the “100-years-strong chicken community.”

“We’re glad these young people are interested in putting their education and skills to good use in the chicken community,” Porter said. “They’ll join

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Serena Jaoude WPS Head of School for Day

(July 27, 2023) Worcester Prep fourth-grader Serena Jaoude recently acted as Head of School after winning the opportunity in a live auction in March.

As Head of School, Serena offered a casual dress day for all students, teachers and administration in exchange for a \$2 donation to her favorite charity. In doing so, she raised more than \$1,000 for Humane Animal Partners in Rehoboth.

Her busy schedule was filled with leadership meetings, visiting classrooms, touring campus, and security and athletic field checks. She also enjoyed lunch with a small group of friends in her new office.

Her fellow fourth graders were treated to donuts for breakfast and ice cream at lunch. Faculty also enjoyed a complimentary breakfast and students were treated to additional recess throughout the day.



Worcester Preparatory School Head of School for a Day Serena Jaoude, head of table, treated her friends to lunch and ice cream in her new office. Around the table, from left, are Paige Asbill, Nicole Tsao, Olivia Mason, Serena Jaoude, Camille Leslie, Sloane Smith, and Evelyn Smith.

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Two new hygienists welcomed recently to Atlantic Dental

(July 27, 2023) Atlantic Dental recently welcomed new hygienists Jessica Hassler and Samantha Snead.

According to a news release, Hassler adds efficiency and experience to the practice, allowing Atlantic Dental to better meet the needs of the community.



Jessica Hassler

She is a New Jersey native and moved to the Eastern Shore in 2018. Hassler graduated in 2007 with her associates in applied science degree - dental hygiene from Allegany College in Cumberland.



Samantha Snead

She has more than 15 years of experience and enjoys making her patients feel relaxed and comfortable during their visits. Hassler has a 7-year-old son,

Tyler, and enjoys the beach and being outside with him and her yellow lab, Nala.

Atlantic Dental also welcomed Samantha Snead.

The release said Snead is highly experienced and educates her patients about how to improve their dental health.

Snead is a true local, born and raised in Berlin. She graduated from Allegany College in 2014.

Snead lives in Willards, with her husband, Skylar, and their two sons, Jaxon and Finn.

Her family enjoys taking the boat out on the bay, fishing on and offshore, and their mini farm with goats, chickens, ducks and turkeys. Her boys enjoy practicing soccer and jujitsu and playing with their two dogs, Fletch and Colt.

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Jim Adcock leaves lasting, colorful legacy

(July 27, 2023) Heaven must have wanted a little more color and joy because on July 19, 2023, at age 75, renowned local artist and benefactor Jim Adcock passed peacefully over, in the arms of his loving wife.

Jim was born and raised in Dundalk, the youngest child and only son of Bentley and Florence (née Reckline) Adcock.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Adcock; sisters Betty Pyfer and Rose Adcock; brother-in-law Darel Patrick; daughter Jessica Dziemburski (Robert); son Jason; stepdaughters Amy Brennan Ohringer (Ron) and Nikkole McClure; and grandchildren Makenna and Kara Dziemburski, Alice and Derek Ohringer, and Bohdi McClure.

He was also a dear father figure to nieces Marilyn Wellington (Mark), Amber Burgess (Randy), and Trina McDonald. He had too many other relatives to name, but was especially close to his cousin, Delana Wisnauskas, of Ocean Pines.

Jim said he could not remember a time when he didn't want to be an artist. Though he had the brains and heart to conquer any discipline, he had scores of stories about the trouble he got into in school because he didn't care about learning anything but art.

The prestigious Maryland Institute College of Art apparently agreed, enthusiastically accepting him as a student and ultimately awarding him a degree in art education, which he used initially to teach art to middle schoolers in the Baltimore school system.

By then married with a young family, he left teaching, partly to make more money and because he felt he wasn't having much of an impact on the kids. If only he had known then how many working artists today credit "Mr. Adcock" for fueling their passion for self-expression and imbuing them with the confidence to be true to their own visions.

Before moving to Delmarva in the 1990s, Jim worked as a commercial artist, a liquor distributor, and a railroad brakeman, a job that provided him with enough amazing stories he was frequently urged to write a book, though he couldn't put down his paint brushes long enough to do it.

Jim found his true home and career in Delmarva, a place he adored, with people he made it his business to know and befriend.

Jim was a local icon. He left a huge catalog of artwork celebrating the people, landscapes, architecture, and attractions in the area.

Countless local residents commissioned him to paint their homes, pets, or favorite locations. Jim was always moved to see how happy people were when they came to vacation in the area. He made it his mission to paint

the things that would remind folks of the memories they made here.

In addition to painting, Jim had many passions.

He and his former wife, Edie Brennan, a well-known and accomplished real estate broker, helped to begin the Wines in the Pines club, where he could share his encyclopedic knowledge of and appreciation for good wines.

Edie also used his love of theater to wheedle him into performing with and designing sets for the Ocean Pines Players, a tactic also successfully employed by his current wife, Karen.

Jim loved music and it was always playing in the studio. He was an avid reader and moviegoer, and Sunday could not begin until he finished the New York Times crossword puzzle.

After moving to Delmarva, Jim held several jobs before working full time as a painter.

While working in publishing, he decided Ocean Pines deserved a better newspaper, so he created the Ocean Pines Gazette.

The paper grew quickly and in 2004, Jim sold it to Flag Publications, which renamed it the Bayside Gazette. From then until his death, Jim published a humorous editorial cartoon in the Gazette every week

that won him an entirely new set of fans.

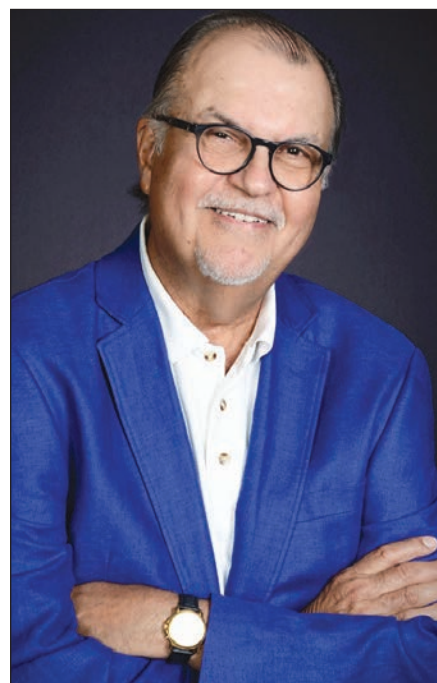
Jim's greatest talent of all was as a human, a mensch. He was a gentle giant, whose empathy and compassion knew no bounds. He adored his family and loved nothing more than spending time with them, especially the little ones.

He was the truest of friends and was unfailingly gracious, generous, and kind to acquaintances and strangers alike. No matter what was going on inside him at a given time, the people he was with saw only attention, patience, and caring.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The Art League of Ocean City, of which Jim was an enthusiastic member and contributor, is working with the family to establish an annual scholarship in Jim's name. To support the cause, donations in his name can be sent to the Art League of Ocean City.

Though he rarely mentioned it, Jim was a proud member of the Monacan Indian Nation and a generous supporter of their efforts on behalf of Native American welfare. Those who wish to remember Jim in this way can donate to the tribe at Monacan Indian Nation, 111 Highview Drive, Madison Heights, VA



James Bentley Adcock

24572.

Jim chose to be cremated.

There will be Celebration of Life at Community Church of Ocean Pines on Sept. 23, details to be announced later.

Letters of condolence can be sent to the family at burbagemfuneral-home.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home.

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Cuisine

Mignonette perfect to top steamed clams

Man do I love a good mignonette. Few things in life really offer the flavor explosion like this magical morphing

of ingredients. Traditionally served atop raw oysters and clams (in fact, this is the only way that I personally will eat raw clams), the brightness of this liquid-amalgamation balances out the

salty and rich succulence of raw shellfish in the most brilliant of ways. And adding other fresh, crisp bright ingredients only further exacerbates the sauce's intention.

A mignonette can be as simple as combining red wine vinegar, cracked pepper, shallots and a dash of hot sauce. That's it. It can be simple yet profound. But that is not what we are going for today. Well, I can't really say that. This recipe is incredibly simple, but the flavors will have your eyes rolling back in your head in delight.

By simply adding some summer flavors, you can even further brighten your mignonette. Think fresh cucumbers from the garden, mango, papaya and other summertime, island-inspired flavors and you are on the right track.

Last week I attended the latest American Culinary Federation conference in New Orleans, and we spent five days bouncing between the convention and, of course, the amazing foods of the Big Easy. This was my sixth trip down there, and it was the best one to date. The conference was one of the best that I can remember, and the educational seminars that I attended were quite interesting.

But the food of New Orleans. Oh, the food. There is no town in this country that even compares when it comes to the variety, spice and mystique of Nola. If I never set another foot in New York, I could be content. But the thought of any trip to New Orleans being my last would truly make me sad.

Unfortunately, they are experiencing the same strange season that we are up here. Restaurants are closed one and two days a week (some historical properties that have never done so before) and they can't find all the cooks that they need. It is so sad to see this happening, but it is industry-wide.

Regardless, we navigated our way



through town, hitting up Butcher for lunch on a couple occasions, watching the most amazing music in the world, and finishing up at a new haunt for us, Turtle Bay. This place is open twenty-four hours a day, and the food is great.

We ordered pizza and wings since that sounded fantastic at that time of night, but then we saw two beautiful ribeyes march past us and they smelled divine. They were easily 14-ounce steaks, and they were on special at OK on the bar tabs. I had told my girlfriend about musicians walking off the street and jumping on stage with random bands and we were lucky to witness that, as well. All in all, it was an amazing trip, and I solidified that five days in New Orleans is about all that I can handle.

So here I am, back up here readying a house to sell, cleaning the restaurant that I just closed and quickly consolidating things. I am finally at the age of downsizing, and that is a wonderful place to be. I look forward to life fast forwarding six months as no one likes to move. But once it's done it will be done and that is certainly something to look forward to. It's hard to travel with a low

account balance, and as you know after all these years, I do like to travel more than anything.

But I digress. Let's get back to oysters. I can eat oysters every day of my life, and maybe that's not good for me, but I could. I have always loved raw oysters. Not having the brick oven in Berlin anymore, I may bring the traditional chargrilled oysters to my flagship restaurant and have some fun with that. Unfortunately, there is a high mortality rate among local oysters and they haven't figured out what's causing it yet. So, it may have to wait until September, but I can assure you it will be worth the wait.

For now, however, we'll find some oysters from our brokers and continue to have fun. Laissez les bon temps roulez!

Oysters Mignonette with a Twist

serves 4

24 ea. Oysters of your choosing
1 c. Mignonette (recipe follows)

1. This very well could be the shortest recipe that I've ever written. I know I have said that before but I'm

pretty sure we're setting a land speed record at the moment.

2. Shuck the oysters and arrange on rock salt or small, clean pebbles as in the photo.

3. Top each one with the mignonette and serve. This does not need lemon or cocktail sauce or anything else. It is a completely self-contained dish.

4. Serve chilled

Mignonette with a Twist

makes about 2 cups

1 c. Good quality red wine vinegar
3 Tbsp Finely minced fresh shallot
a dash of your favorite hot sauce
1 Tbsp. Large cracked black pepper
3 Tbsp Fine diced cucumber
1 Tbsp. Fine diced mango
a pinch of sugar, or to taste

1. Combine all ingredients in a non-reactive storage container.

2. Chill and allow the flavors to meld for at least three hours.

3. Keep chilled until ready to use.

Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurant and is also Senior Lecturer of Culinary Arts at UMES. boxcarrestaurants.com

Town of Snow Hill named new state Enterprise Zone

(July 27, 2023) The Town of Snow Hill is among three areas in Maryland recently named new Enterprise Zones.

According to a news release, Gov. Wes Moore announced the Maryland Department of Commerce included the Worcester County town on a list of communities throughout the state that provides real property and state income tax credits for businesses that create jobs and make capital investments.

Businesses in the state's 34 Enterprise Zones will receive \$47 million in property tax credits based on more than \$4.3 billion in investments made in Fiscal Year 2023.

The other new Enterprise Zones named were Woodlawn in Baltimore County and Betterton and Worton Kent County. The department also approved the redesignation and expansion of an existing zone in the town of Princess Anne, and has approved the redesignation of existing zones in Baltimore County's Southwest area, Cecil County, and the City of Cambridge in Dorchester County.

The release said the state Department of Commerce approves the Enterprise Zones, while local governments run administration. Businesses operating within an Enterprise Zone may be eligible for tax credits toward state income filings based upon the number of new jobs created, and credits on local real property taxes based on overall capital investment in properties.

The release said the Snow Hill area will use the new enterprise zone status to help revitalize the downtown historic commercial district, which welcomes a significant number of visitors for arts- and tourism-related events.

Currently, one-third of the commercial properties in Snow Hill's downtown area are vacant or underused, and potential owners face high costs to renovate. Town officials hope the zone will attract new businesses, encourage the expansion of existing businesses, and improve the town's position as a center of commerce and tourism in the county.

"The Snow Hill Mayor and Council look forward to leveraging enterprise zone benefits toward continued revitalization," Snow Hill's Director of Economic Development Lorissa McAllister said in the release. "This designation is indicative of the strong support from Worcester County and the State of Maryland in creating new opportunities for Snow Hill. It is with great excitement that we will promote this program to incentivize job creation and business development."

Calendar

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

Thurs., July 27

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Welcome back Mr. Boom Boom for some interactive activities teaching children how to create harmony by working together to play different instruments. For ages 3 years and older. 410-632-3495

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE - TEASER!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. The Specials Room will be open for a limited time with collectibles, signed copies, rare books, sets and vintage books. Cash or check with ID. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Welcome back Mr. Boom Boom for some interactive activities teaching children how to create harmony by working together to play different instruments. For ages 3 years and older. 410-957-4773

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. Book discussion featuring books you have read and want to share. Come and find your next great read. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA

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

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB: 'OCEAN'S ECHO'

The Buzzed Word, 11805 Coastal Highway, Unit C, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Join the Ocean City Library with The Buzzed Word for an afternoon of Queer Romance and Wine. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

JESUS REVOLUTION

Son'Spot Ministries Inc, 12 Worcester St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Free movie premiere of Jesus Revolution. Followed by Beach Baptisms on July 28 at 10 a.m. https://sonspot.org

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave.,

Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Lennex (90's variety). Rogue Citizens opening. Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. https://ocdc.org, 410-289-7739

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 302-436-9577, BeachSingles.org.

Fri., July 28

BEACH BAPTISMS

Son'Spot Ministries Inc, 12 Worcester St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. Baptisms on the beach. https://sonspot.org

OCEAN CITY GREEK FESTIVAL

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 10 p.m. Greek music. Greek food. Free admission and parking. https://www.stgeorgebythesea.org, www.facebook.com/oceancitygreekfestival

4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

Downtown Pocomoke City, 5-8 p.m. Christmas in July. Sidewalk vendors, food, beer/wine, live music by Brooks Flaherty, kids activities and more. Special appearance by Scootin' Santa. 410-957-1333 - 111

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Friends Only Night (pay \$5/person or \$10/family at the door to join). Thousands of books for sale, most \$2 or less. The specials room will be open. Cash or check with ID. 410-208-4014

KANGAROOS AND COMEDY

Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy local kangaroos and local comedy out in the evening air. Attendees are welcome to bring food and drinks. For ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$25. https://www.barnhillpreserve.com/services-9

Sat., July 29

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thousands for books for sale, most \$2 or less. The Specials Room will be open. Cash or check with ID. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TINKER TIME: LETTER WRITING STATION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime and visit the letter

writing station and pen a note to a friend. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. Children and their families are invited. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEM SATURDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in any time during the day to use your creativity and build using one of the STEM building kits. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY: SWEET TREATS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Make some sweet themed crafts. From ice cream to gumball machines. For ages 4 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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CHILDREN'S CRAFTS IN THE COURTYARD

Art League of Ocean City - Courtyard, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Engage in hands-on activities from painting to paper crafts and beyond. In case of inclement weather, classes will be held inside. Held every Saturday until Labor Day. artleagueofoceancity.org

PUBLIC READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Snow Hill Christian Church, 300 Park Row, 1 p.m. All are welcome. The church will be presenting a public reading of God's Word. Selected readings from Scripture will be read by members of the church, with prayers preceding and following each reading.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Produce for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., July 30

OCEAN CITY GREEK FESTIVAL

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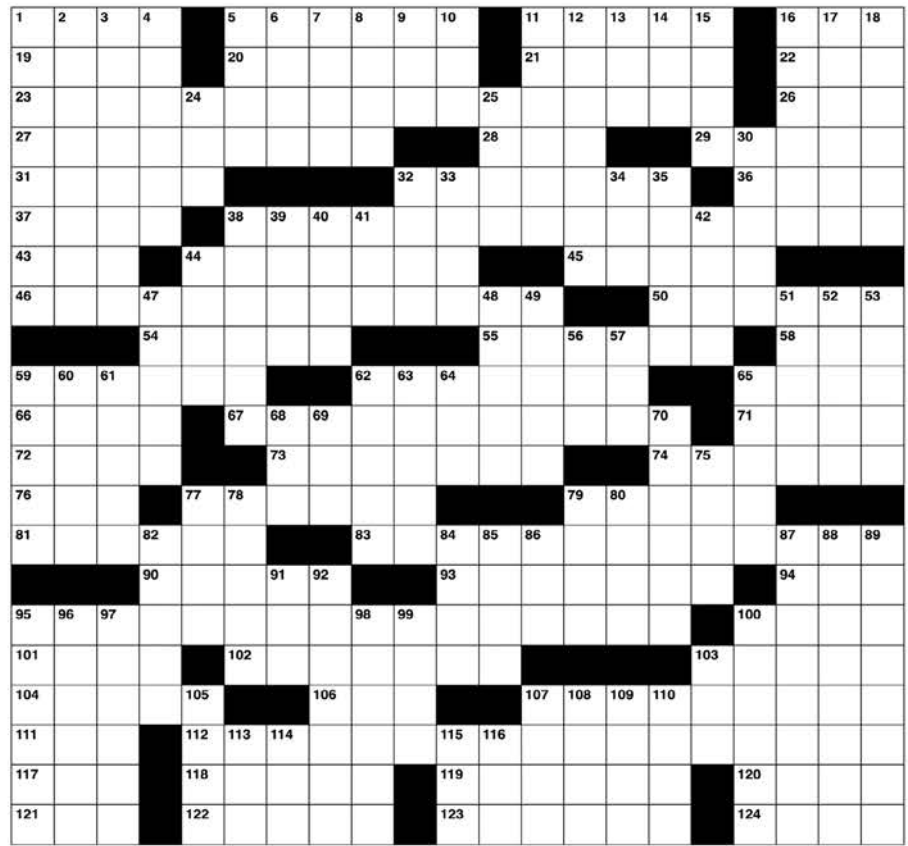
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Puzzles

THE GAME IS AFOOT BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Schlossberg is an internist in Bend, Ore. He has been making puzzles for The Times since 2020. Eugene T. Maleska, The Times's crossword editor from 1977 to 1993, famously had 40 rejections from the old New York Herald Tribune before his first submission was accepted back in the day. Michael says he had 50 rejections of Sunday puzzles from us before he got a yes. That must set some sort of record for perseverance. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gumshoes
 - 5 ___ Hall, "Days of Our Lives" actress
 - 11 D.C. lobbying group with a Star of David in its logo
 - 16 Back
 - 19 Italian menu word
 - 20 Gave out
 - 21 Handy
 - 22 Cut back a lot?
 - 23 Fresh pair of loafers?
 - 26 Actor McShane
 - 27 Engraves with a machine
 - 28 Plant also called herb-of-grace
 - 29 Apollo 11's lunar lander
 - 31 Follow
 - 32 Wilford who co-starred in 1985's "Cocoon"
 - 36 Blanc's opposite
 - 37 "___ life?"
 - 38 Forerunners of flip-flops?
 - 43 Singer Rita
 - 44 Many nonscholarship athletes
 - 45 Protein-rich fluid
 - 46 Slip before putting on a boot?
- DOWN**
- 103 Bit of grass
 - 104 Metro costs
 - 106 What a doll!
 - 107 Dying stars
 - 111 Elev.
 - 112 1970s-era sneakers?
 - 117 Green, say
 - 118 Distant
 - 119 "You're welcome," in Spanish
 - 120 Comic-strip canine
 - 121 Ingredient in a Waldorf cocktail
 - 122 "Gnarly!"
 - 123 So-called dog daisies
 - 124 The stuff of legends?
- ACROSS**
- 53 Backup groups
 - 54 They're found in pods
 - 55 Lose fizz
 - 58 Home of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque: Abbr.
 - 59 Opposite of a no-no?
 - 62 Company that manufactures Silly Putty
 - 65 Colorful breakfast bowlful
 - 66 Peddle
 - 67 Noted name in clogs?
 - 71 Navigation app
 - 72 Movement whose name may derive from the French for "hobbyhorse"
 - 73 They quiet one's footsteps
 - 74 Came (from)
 - 76 It's mined, all mined!
 - 77 Ladybug or firefly
 - 79 Starting point for many soul singers
 - 81 The "I" of 11-Across
 - 83 Collectors of moccasins?
 - 90 Number of swans a-swimming
 - 93 Star in Scorpius
 - 94 Bon ___
 - 95 Custom-fitted pumps?
 - 100 Ship pole
 - 101 Plot driver in "Romeo and Juliet"
 - 102 "I can ... almost ... reach it"
- DOWN**
- 14 Org. with a "Top 100 Most Banned and Challenged Books" list
 - 15 Give up
 - 16 Chums
 - 17 Networker?
 - 18 Titleholders
 - 24 Spleen
 - 25 H.S. math topic
 - 30 Comic book : manga :: film : ___
 - 32 Judge's seat
 - 33 Put on the line
 - 34 Afore
 - 35 ___ Linda, Calif.
 - 38 Scrap
 - 39 Simple pond organism
 - 40 Nasdaq and N.Y.S.E.: Abbr.
 - 41 Polynesian staple
 - 42 Taker of a dog DNA test
 - 44 Sinewy
 - 47 Certain tree-hugger
 - 48 Land of Ozymandias
 - 49 Fixing things
 - 51 Acoustic
 - 52 Johnnycake grain
 - 53 Health-class topic, in brief
 - 56 Winter bug
 - 57 Flight
 - 59 "Me too"
 - 60 They're sometimes in Roman numerals
 - 61 One saying, "Back in my day ..."
 - 62 Result of a perm
 - 63 Mature
 - 64 Beverage suffix
 - 65 Show off a new dress, say
 - 68 Clinch
 - 69 Chewable stimulant
 - 70 Some French wines
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 - 113 When fools rush in?: Abbr.
 - 114 Fields medalist Terence
 - 115 Hubbub
 - 116 Cowboy nickname
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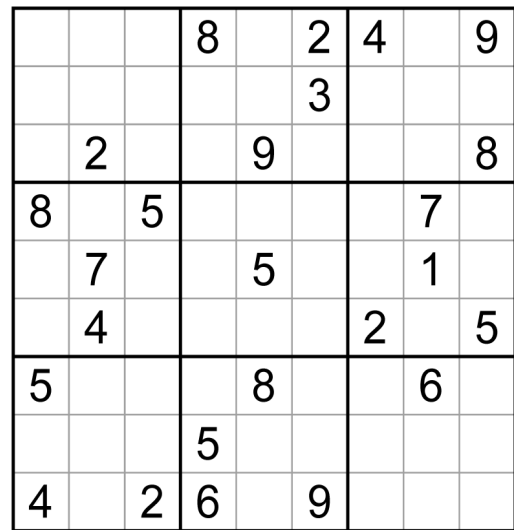
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HARD - 80

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

9	7	8	5	4	3	6	1	2
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Calendar

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www.facebook.com/oceancitygreekfestival

3RD ANNUAL STAFF BANANA SPLIT SHOWDOWN

The Blue Scoop, 31225 Americana Parkway, Selbyville, 5-9 p.m. The Blue Scoop Staff once again will battle it out to see who makes the best Banana Split.

Whichever split is ordered most that night is the winner. Proceeds will be donated to Donate Life Maryland. 302-436-1166

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Guys in Thin Ties "Your Alternative '80s band," activities for children and fireworks. Ice cream and beverages for sale. Free event. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., July 31

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29TH ANNUAL JESUS AT THE BEACH MUSIC & MINISTRY FESTIVAL

Praise, worship, Holy Spirit ministry at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Praise music on the beach at N. Division Street from 7-10 p.m. Free event. JesusAtTheBeach.org, 410-289-1296

STORY TIME: OCEAN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and crafts as the group learns about the ocean. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, 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 Champion, 410-641-0157

FIREWORKS ALONG THE BOARDWALK

2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9:30 p.m. Dazzling spectacle of fireworks scheduled every Monday night from July 10-Aug. 28. www.ococean.com

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

Tues., Aug. 1

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AN ELECTROMAGNETIC ADVENTURE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Join the Science Guys of Baltimore. Test your strength with the electromagnetic tug of war, launch rings into the air with the electromagnetic pulse generator and much more. For ages 8 years and older.

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

SEASHELL PAINTING AT THE 50PLUS CENTER

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11:30 a.m. Join in for a summer themed craft, painting seashells. 410-632-3495

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OCEAN CITY'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Northside Park - W. Lagoon Field, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Highlighting various first responder agencies, Ocean City Tourism and Atlantic General Hospital. Learn about employment opportunities, Citizens Police Academy, CERT and more. Free event. Bring chairs.

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Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. A time just for you and your teeny tiny. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years and caregivers. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. The group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

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Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Held in person and through Zoom. Celebrate the Corn Harvest by making corn dollies, corn necklaces and giving thanks. Registration required: 443-783-6164. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Wednesdays through Aug. 25 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

ONGOING EVENTS

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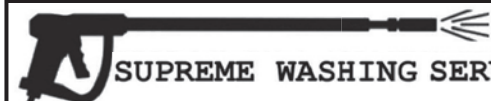
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