

## Council majority rejects Gillis purchase

**Opts to proceed separately with demolition of former poultry plant buildings**

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug 31, 2023) The verdict is in on the short-term future of Heron Park, or at least parcel 57, where the old Tyson's building still stands. The town council on Monday voted three

to two to walk away from a land purchase and development deal with Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties and to proceed with partial demolition of the building on its own.

Council members Jay Knerr, Dean Burrell and Shaneka Nichols voted to move on, while Steve Green and Jack Orris voted against the decision.

Only 10 months remain before the \$500,000 demolition grant provided

by the Department of Housing and Urban Development expires, and the process to demolish even some of the building is months long. That includes drafting a request for proposals, review of proposals, awarding the contract and the actual demolition.

Town Administrator Mary Bohlen expressed concern that the town will probably have to ask for an extension to spend the grant money.

"Even if we move forward, we can-

not guarantee that we can get an extension on the grant," she said.

Also unclear as of Monday was whether the terms of the contract would be met if the town did not have a plan in place for development of the property.

"The grant exists because it recognizes that the fund looks to redevelop gray field development," Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

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## Brady, Latham, Heavner win in OP

**New board of directors will assume control by tending to needs instead of wants**

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) With the validation of the 2023 election results Saturday, the Ocean Pines Association gained three new members of board of directors: Elaine Brady, John Latham and Jeff Heavner.

Election Committee Chair Tom Piatti reported that the validated voting totals showed that Brady was the top vote getter with 2,293 votes and Latham came in second with 2,237 votes. Both of these candidates will serve three-year terms.

Heavner, with 1,849 votes, will serve out the remaining one-year term of Frank Daly, who resigned before the end of his term in office to move to Florida. Candidate Jerry Murphy received 1,460 votes.

After her victory became official, Brady said, "I'm looking forward to serving this wonderful community and appreciate the community's support in allowing me to. My highest priority is to proactively work to expedite cleaning up unkempt properties along with continued maintenance of our amenities. It is imperative to maintain property values in any aging community."

"I would like to send a sincere thank you to the owners of Ocean



Elaine Brady — 2,293 votes



John Latham — 2,237 votes



Jeff Heavner — 1,849 votes

Pines for putting their confidence in me to help lead the future of our community," Latham said.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming support that I received during the campaign. I had the opportunity to speak with many residents and discussed many subjects that are top of mind for them. I want to help support the needs of our community."

In looking towards the first couple of months, Latham said his focus would be on becoming more familiar with the budget process and some of the larger projects that may be coming along, such as the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department Station, golf irrigation and the racquet center.

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## Audit shows Pines beats budget again

**Year ends with association \$1M ahead of projections**

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) As predicted, the Ocean Pines Association had another good year financially, with more than \$1 million in excess revenue, according to the audit conducted by the Salisbury branch of UHY Advisors

"I'm pleased to report that the association received a "clean" unmodified audit opinion," Chris Hall, managing partner of the Salisbury office, said. "This is the highest level of assurance that any independent accounting firm can give."

Linda Martin, the Ocean Pines Association's senior executive office manager delivered the audited results.

Food and beverage brought in \$441,000, \$150,000 more than budgeted and Amenities came in at \$1.5 million, \$465,000 more than budgeted.

Both saw an increase from FY2022, with food and beverage bringing in \$38,000 more than last year, and amenities bringing in

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General Manager John Viola presented his report at the 2023 OPA annual meeting on Saturday.

## Viola highlights successes during OPA annual meeting

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola took residents back five years in his state of the association report at Saturday's annual meeting.

Those were the days, he told the audience, that the association had an operating deficit of approximately \$1.6 million, maintenance on bulkheads, drainage and roads were not on track, the amenities were operating at a loss, and the infrastructures in the community needed to be overhauled.

Today, the OPA has an operating surplus.

"We have had the best of times over the last five years. We have something special here, we really do, I hope you realize that," Viola said.

He said the surplus is all being reinvested into the amenities, infrastructure, and assessments, a move that has been paying off. This year the

association's financial performance is trending favorably to budget, with golf, aquatics and racquet sports along with food and beverage all showing improvement over previous figures.

Viola highlighted the extensive infrastructure work done in the community, including a new roof on the Swim and Racquet Club building, new wrought iron fencing to replace the chain link around the Yacht Club pool, decking repairs and additional palm trees planted at the Beach Club, acoustic panels in the meeting room and enhancements to the lobby of the Golf Clubhouse.

Viola also complimented the leadership and team of the golf course.

"We are operating on all cylinders now. The numbers show it. It's top notch," Viola said.

Down on the waterfront, he said the new T-docks and gas pier have improved the customer experience at the Yacht Club marina. Repairs have been made to the Yacht Club building, included repairing the building entrance and the ceiling in the ballroom.

All the attention to the Racquet Club is also paying off, he reported, with an increasing number of members, thanks to infrastructure improvements, maintenance of the courts, and the new racquet sports manager, Tim Johnson.

Viola also highlighted the bulkhead program, which is proceeding while keeping costs down, reflecting the fact that the assessments for waterfront properties did not go up this year.

Much attention has been paid to drainage issues over the past 10  
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# Berlin mayor recommends committee, board members

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall submitted the following nominations to the Town of Berlin's boards, commissions and committees on Monday for approval by the council.

### Parks Commission

- Patricia Dufendach, reappointment, 2-year term
- Kristin Gerhart, new appointment, 3-year term
- Sarah Hooper, reappointment, 1-Year Term
- Laura Stearns, reappointment, 2-year term
- Mike Wiley, reappointment, 1-year term

### Historic District Commission

- Carol Rose, reappointment, 3-year term
- Laura Stearns, reappointment, 3-year term

### Arts and Entertainment Advisory Board

- Natalie Blanton, new appointment, 2-year term

- Nikki Lowry, new appointment, 2-year term
- Angie Rivera Mace, new appointment, 2-year term
- Eric Mace, new appointment, 2-year term Planning and Zoning
- Erich Pfeffer, new appointment, 5-year term
- Steve Scheiber, new appointment, Alternate, 5-year term

### Board of Zoning Appeals

- Jennie Allen, new appointment, 3-year term

### Housing Board of Review

- Tony Weeg, new appointment, 3-year term

Tyndall said there are still some vacancies on some of the committees. Berlin residents interested in becoming involved can fill out an applications <https://berlinmd.gov/mayor/become-involved/>.

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The new dock at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club marina is just one of the improvements that General Manager John Viola highlighted in his report during the annual meeting on Saturday.

# Maintenance of amenities ranks high in Viola report

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years. Viola provided a chart that showed that in Fiscal Year 2013-14, OPA paid only \$11,494 on drainage maintenance. This year, OPA is paying \$425,000 for maintenance, down more than \$300,000 from last year at \$767,565. All the funding is coming out of assessments, while keeping assessments low.

Other work completed includes replacing or painting mailboxes, landscaping, new lights, flower boxes and trim on the North Gate bridge, repaving and line striping of roads, and significant rehab of the adminis-

tration building.

Big projects Viola is looking at include the irrigation system for the golf course, evaluating the racquet center building and more immediately the restrooms in the current building, next stages for drainage, bulkheads and roads, and the replacement of the South Side Fire House.

He is coordinating with a fire department work group regarding replacing the South Gate fire station. He expected to have recommendations ready to present to the board of directors in October.

# Berlin town council approves speed and phone contracts

By Cindy Hoffman  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Berlin town council unanimously passed the following motions in its August 28 meeting.

**Motion 2023-34:** Mayor Zack Tyndall's moved to contract with AT&T FirstNET to provide the Town of Berlin with various mobile equipment for use by town personnel for town emergency and other business purposes.

In a memo from the mayor, he said the town has received an increased number of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that include cell phone records from town employees. By providing office phones to key personnel, the town will be able to protect employee's privacy and increase the availability of public information.

The devices will allow for push-to-talk capabilities that can integrate with the Worcester County Emergency Services countywide radio system, increasing the town's emergency preparedness.

The town will acquire 62 devices, with 54 equipped with push-to-talk capabilities. Tyndall projects that the

town will save \$5,600 per year with this plan, compared to paying \$50 per month for each employee to reimburse for cell phone expenses.

Ten additional devices will be used during special events or townwide emergencies.

**Motion 2023-35:** Chief Arnold Downing presented a contract with Redspeed to install a speed monitoring system and traffic law enforcement system in Berlin.

A warning period will be in place before citations are issued. Redspeed will be responsible for printing and mailing citations approved by police, processing payments, flagging unpaid citations, retaining digital evidence and support for adjudication in all court proceedings.

**Motion 2023-32:** Melissa Reid, the president of the Taylor House Museum received approval for two special events at the museum on Sept. 24 and Oct. 21. The September event is called Sunday Evenings at the Museum and the October event is a cornhole tournament fundraiser.

# Worcester County offices, centers closed Labor Day

(Aug. 31, 2023) Worcester County Government offices, including the central landfill in Newark, homeowner convenience centers, Worcester County Recreation Center, and the five branch libraries, will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday.

The county offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Staff members wish one and all a happy and safe holiday weekend.

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# Pedestrian, bicycle safety important on Pines streets

(Aug. 31, 2023) Members of the Ocean Pines Police are reminding residents of the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety, and asking walkers and bicyclists to follow the rules of the road.

According to a news release, all pedestrians and bicyclists are encouraged to wear light colored or reflective clothing, so they are visible to drivers. Dark colors, worn at night or on overcast days, can be difficult for cars to see and may lead to slower reaction times.

When walking at night, it is also a good idea to carry a flashlight and wear a reflective vest or armbands. Taking a few extra moments to prepare can save someone from an accident, or even death. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Where a sidewalk is not provided, pedestrians must walk on the left shoulder or left side of a roadway, facing any traffic approaching from the opposite direction. Walking on the opposite side is a violation of state transportation code, and violators are subject to a \$50 fine.

Cyclists must ride on the right-

hand side of the roadway, going with the flow of traffic. Riding on the wrong side of the road could put turning cyclists in the path of oncoming traffic and would make them at fault in an accident. Violators are also subject to a \$50 fine.

Another state code prohibits riders from operating bicycles and wearing ear plugs in both ears, including headphones. Many people like to listen to music or have a GPS for directions as they ride, but riders must only cover one ear so they can hear what is going on around them, such as an approaching emergency vehicle or a motorist trying to alert them. This violation carries a \$60 fine.

Helmets are encouraged for all bicycle riders and are required by all persons under the age of 16 riding as a passenger or driver of a bicycle. If a parent or guardian allows such a violation, they may be subject to a \$50 fine.

For more information about pedestrian and bicyclist safety, visit [zerodeathsmd.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-bicyclist-safety](http://zerodeathsmd.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-bicyclist-safety).

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# Berlin moves forward with strategic planning process

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Berlin Town Council on Monday agreed to enter into a contract to develop a strategic plan for the town with Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON) of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University.

The project will be conducted in three phases.

Phase one will include the development of a survey for Berlin residents to evaluate the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This is called a SWOT analysis.

A similar SWOT survey will be conducted with town elected officials and department leaders as well as a telephone interview with elected officials.

Phase two will include listening ses-

sions with key constituents, the development of a sub-group composed of elected officials, department leaders and constituent group representatives to focus on the strategic plan. A retreat with elected officials and constituents will be held.

Phase three will result in a complete strategic plan of projects and initiatives for the town based on the findings from the retreat.

BEACON will provide a 39 percent discount in the cost of these services in return for using the study as an experiential learning opportunity for graduate students at the business school. Each phase will cost the town \$9,300.

The current agreement allows for phase one to begin. The council will have to vote again on the spending for phase two and three.

# Protecting home values priority

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"I am happy and humbled to have gained the confidence of Ocean Pines to execute the responsibilities of a director," Heavner said. "I ran on a theme of independent thinking to

[make] decisions that are in the best interest of supporting our lifestyle and home values.

"I will refine my perspective by listening to the opinions of homeowners, drawing from my past leadership experience and applying a common-sense approach.

"As a board, I want to help us be fair, equitable and transparent, engage in open team discussion and work within the rules. I do have a couple of ideas to float concerning a 12-month playbook and advisory committee board meeting involvement.

Regarding potential roles on the board for Brady, she said that decision remained with the other board members. Heavner, citing his strong organizational and communications skills, said they might be utilized in the secretary position.

# OPA audit shows solid financials

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\$97,000 more than last year.

In FY23, \$279,000 was distributed to Police and Fire/EMS departments. That was down from \$298,000 in FY22. All other operating departments received \$447,000, \$11,000 less than what those same departments received in FY22.

The assessment has fallen from a high of \$996 in FY2022 to \$883 this fiscal year. The operating fund balance as of April 30, 2023 was \$2.5 million.

As of April 30, 2023, the reserve balance was \$6.6 million. The projected balance for April 30, 2023 is \$7.6 million.



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# Gillis 'shocked' over last-minute council decision

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"We need to make it clear that we plan to sell the land. We are still open to economic possibilities on the site," Nichols said.

Before the council made its last-minute decision, the discussion moved in some unusual directions. During public comment, developer Jack Burbage came in and distributed a plan for the entire Heron Park property.

"I think the whole park should be planned out before we do anything," Burbage said.

He said he had an architect create a plan for him, which he said included the project that Gillis submitted.

Burbage suggested turning the Tyson's building into an office and commercial warehouse, with catering and mini-storage. He also suggested a pool, a village green, train depot, affordable workforce housing, and a daycare center.

But the mayor and council only gave him the standard five minutes to present his plan and there was no further discussion.

Another discussion point came up related to Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU), a water and wastewater capacity measurement, that are required for virtually all development projects.

Prior to the decision, council members Orris suggested the town should charge Gillis for the EDUs.

"EDUs are attached to the property. You don't charge additional fees for the EDU," Bohlen said.

"The process has been disturbing from the RFP to the subcommittee. We are back to where we started," Green said.

Gillis said he and his wife Sandy were shocked when they were notified of the late-night outcome of the meeting.

"The optics look horrible for the town. Their reputation is going to be diminished because of this," Gillis said.

He also took issue with the fact that the town entertained a proposal from a competing developer [Burbage] before it terminated the exclusive negotiating period with his company.



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Berlin council members walked away from a deal with Costal Ventures Properties for the development of parcel 57, which is the location of the old Tyson's Processing Plant. The council decided to move forward with demolition of the building on their own.

Even so, Gillis said he would be willing to help the town navigate the demolition process.

During the mayor/council work session, Opteon Appraisal presented its updated appraisal of parcel 57. In 2022, the property was appraised at \$800,000 as residential zoning. The updated appraisal assessed the property at \$1.2 million as B2 business zoning, based on the assumption that demolition of the building would be complete.

Gillis's original bid for three parcels, or about 20 acres, on the Heron Park tract was \$1.7 million. The town owes \$2.3 million on the property.

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# County after-school program restored thanks to grants

(Aug. 31, 2023) Thanks to \$800,000 in grants for programs in economically disadvantaged schools, Worcester County Public Schools will be able to move some money around to restore after-school programs that were originally set to be cut this academic year.

According to a news release from the school system, two \$400,000 grants were awarded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program to establish elementary and secondary Students that are Ready, or STAR, programs at Pocomoke Elementary, Middle, and High schools; Snow Hill Elementary, Middle, and High schools; and Buckingham Elementary School.

The programs were part of the school system's Blueprint implementation plan and funding is renewable throughout the three-year grant period.

The release said the grant allowed the school system to pay for the programs, which were initially funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and use that money elsewhere.

School officials are reallocating the funds to after-school programs at Ocean City and Showell Elementary schools, Berlin Intermediate School, and Stephen Decatur Middle and High schools.

"Receiving this news was very exciting for our school system," Superintendent Lou Taylor said of the grant award in the release. "Not only will the schools implementing the STAR program ... to offer their students a robust after-school program, but those schools in the northern region will now be able to offer valuable after-school programs to their students as well."

The after-school programs at Ocean City, Showell, Berlin Intermediate and Stephen Decatur were set to be cut this year after the majority of Worcester County Commissioners voted to keep the budget at maintenance of effort, or the same level as last year. The move left a chunk of

unfunded elements in the board of education's original budget, and the after-school programs did not end up making the final cut.

The school system's Blueprint implementation plan, which is part of a statewide effort to reportedly transform and improve public school systems to give every student the opportunity to thrive and succeed, prioritized funds for the STAR programs over the other after-school offerings.

But with the recent grants, they no longer had to choose.

The release said the STAR programs will offer students a broad array of services, programs, and activities, such as youth development and engagement activities, substance abuse and alcohol prevention, service-learning, violence prevention, counseling, art, music, recreation, and technology education that are designed to reinforce and complement regular academic programs.

Providing evidence-based, research-based, and teacher-created after-school programs has been a cornerstone of Worcester County schools' strategy for student success, according to the release.

This past spring, local after-school programs served over 1,400 students, with about 55 percent of who receive free or reduced meal benefits, and 14 percent who identify as having special needs.

"We have worked hard to eliminate the stigma of out-of-school time being only for remediation or 'failing' students," Taylor said in the release. "Our programs are educational, but also fun, engaging, and include enrichment and interest-based components. Being able to ensure they are offered at every school in our system this year is vital for our students' success."

While the reallocation of funds enables the school system to restore after-school programs at the specified schools, the release said 2024 summer programs at the schools remain eliminated at this time.

# Wor. County Fair slated for Sept. 15-17 in Snow Hill

(Aug. 31, 2023) It's almost Fair Time in Worcester County.

This year, the fair will be held Sept 15-17 at Byrd Park in Snow Hill.

Hour are 2-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17. A classic car show is also set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Last year, the fair showcased more than 1,700 indoor and livestock exhibits and paid out over \$7,500 in premium money.

For more information, follow the Worcester County Fair on Facebook or visit worcestercountyfair.com. To see the schedule, featured bands and performers for kids, click on the Tabloid icon on the website.



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# Elks scholarships available to 2024 high school seniors

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Elks National Foundation continues to invest in the future of many high school seniors through a variety of grants and scholarship programs.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the grand lodge will award more than \$4 million nationwide to students who qualify through applications and judging.

The Ocean City Elks Lodge, in conjunction with the Elks National Foundation, will promote the scholarship programs at the local level.

There are three programs available each academic year, which provide financial opportunities and assistance through the Elks National Foundation. Of the three, only the Most Valuable Student competition is open to all high school seniors. The other two are reserved for students whose families are associated with an elks' lodge.

Brochures explaining the programs are available at the Ocean City Elks Lodge and in the office of senior counselors/academic advisors at the local high schools.

Most Valuable Student competition:

The Elks National Foundation awards \$2.5 million in college schol-

arships each year to 500 seniors nationwide who participate in the Most Valuable Student competition.

The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$7,500.

The top 20 applicants in the 2024 competition will each receive \$30,000 (\$7,500/year). The remaining 480 applicants will receive \$4,000 (\$1,000/year).

Ocean City Elks Lodge ##2645 also awards local scholarships to selected applicants in the program.

Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen is eligible for a scholarship. The student need not be related to an elk.

Judges will base awards on academics, leadership, financial need and service.

Applications have been available online since Aug. 1. For details, and to access the application, visit [enf.elks.org/mvs](http://enf.elks.org/mvs)

Senior counselors at the participating high schools will be provided information to assist students with the application process.

Participants must submit their application online on or before Nov. 13.

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# Pres. Doug Parks shares board's highlights

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 31, 2023) The golf club meeting room was packed, with people sitting all the way out to the bar and restaurant area for the annual meeting of the Ocean Pines Association on Saturday. A quorum of members/voters was met with 135 people attending the meeting, both in person and virtually.

At the meeting, Doug Parks, president of the OPA board of directors, provided an overview of the accomplishments of the board of directors for the last year.

He highlighted the relationship with Maryland Coastal Bays Program in supporting the Jenkins Point project, which will take a better part of a year to complete.

The primary goal of this project is to restore and reconnect the eroding and fragmented islands once part of the Jenkins Point peninsula to provide long-term protections through a nature-based buffer for the Ocean Pines, Osprey Point, and the OP Yacht Club and Pines Point marinas.

The board authorized repairs and upgrades to the dock and gas pier at the Yacht Club.

Regarding contracts, Parks reported that the board had hired a new firm Ayers, Jenkins, Gordy and Al-



OPA President Doug Parks presents his board report to the audience during the 2023 annual meeting on Saturday at the Pines golf clubhouse.

CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

mond, bringing the contract to a Ocean City firm. Bruce Bright of the firm was in attendance.

Parks was met with applause from the crowd when he noted that the board had extended the food and beverage service contract to Matt Ort Companies for the yacht club, beach club and the golf club facilities.

"That [partnership] has been very beneficial," Parks said. "Matt, kudos to you and your group. You've served Ocean Pines well."

Public safety was enhanced this past year with the approval of the purchase three new police vehicles, body cameras for police officers and an attractive compensation package for officers that it hopes will attract new candidates to the force. He also welcomed Tim Robinson, the new chief of police in Ocean Pines, who was in attendance.

At the end of his final report to the association as board president, he thanked former board members

Frank Daly and Colette Horn for their service on the board of directors and the members of the 14 committees that support the board on such issues as bylaws, elections, the environment and more.

"It's been an honor and privilege to have been elected to serve this community over the past seven years, and I just wanted to recognize and thank the folks that supported me during that time. I appreciate all the help that I got," he said.

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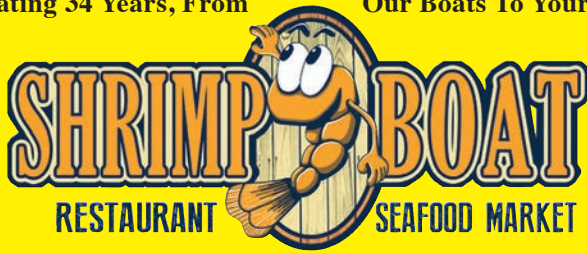
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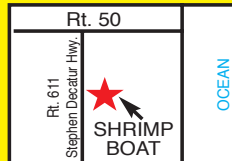
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Members of The Carousel Group's 2022 Atlantic General Hospital Fall Golf Tournament team pose for a photo during last year's tournament. The group is once again a Legacy Sponsor for this year's event, set Sept. 21.

# AGH Foundation set to host yearly golf tourney Sept. 21

(Aug.31, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's 30th Robert E. Warfield Memorial Tournament is officially set for Sept. 21 at Ocean City Golf Club.

According to a news release, the event which has become an annual tradition, benefits Atlantic General Hospital. Last year, the tournament raised \$124,000 for the expansion of health care services and programs for the community.

This year's format will be a scramble with all golfers playing nine holes on each course, Newport Bay and Seaside. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The event will be held rain or shine.

Player entry fee includes golf cart and greens fees, lunch, snacks and beverages on the course, and an awards reception with light fare and cocktails. Deluxe giveaways, tournament awards and team photographs are also included. A variety of on-the-course challenges with prizes with also be offered.

Team reservations can be submitted online at agh.care/golf and must be received by Sept. 14. Space is limited and earliest entries are accommodated first.

Non-golfers can join in the fun by buying tickets for the 50/50 raffle drawing that will take place at the end of the tournament. The raffle ticket sales are open to the public and the winner does not need to be present. Raffle tickets can also be purchased online at agh.care/golf.

Tournament co-chairs are Steven Sweigert and Max Hutsell, and The Carousel Group, the Legacy Sponsor

for 24 consecutive years, were also thanked in the release.

Sponsorships for this year's tournament are still available and include ad space in the event program, signage at the event, and press and social media up to and following the event.

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For more information about the tournament, how to become a sponsor, register a team, or purchase raffle tickets, visit agh.care/golf, or contact Laura Powell at 410-641-9671 or lspowell@atlanticgeneral.org.



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Staff at Chesapeake Health Care's OB/GYN location in Salisbury pose for a photo. The health system recently received a \$2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the administration's Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies program.

# Grant addresses rural maternal health crisis

(Aug. 31, 2023) Chesapeake Health Care, a leading nonprofit community healthcare organization serving Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, recently received a two-year, \$2 million grant from the

Health Resources and Services Administration.

According to a news release, the money will support the administration's Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies program,

aimed at enhancing access to maternal and obstetrics care in rural areas.

Data shows the United States faces a maternal mortality rate that surpasses any other developed nation, with a rate more than double that of peer countries.

Chesapeake Health Care's efforts will use the funds to implement innovative approaches, improve maternal health outcomes, and reduce disparities among the highest risk patients.

Alarming, Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

The release said the announcement of the grant reinforces the commitment of the Biden-Harris Administration's Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis,

a strategic plan targeting improved maternal health, especially in medically underserved communities.

In 2022, Chesapeake Health Care provided care for more than 3,000 expectant mothers and delivered more than 2,100 babies.

One of the most important initiatives the grant is helping Chesapeake Health Care take is the establishment of the Centering Pregnancy Program.

The release said the program revolutionizes the provision of prenatal care and childbirth education for expectant women by replacing individual consultations with doctors or midwives with a group-based approach.

The primary objective is promoting the well-being of underprivileged women and their infants throughout the stages of pregnancy and postpartum. Notably, the program marks the first time the transformative initiative will be introduced in the region and stands as one of the first within the state.

Chesapeake Health Care will also use a portion of the funds to develop use of community health workers. The workers often referred to as "frontline public health workers," possess an intimate understanding of the communities they serve.

Acting as liaisons between health and social services and the community, community health workers facilitate access to crucial services while enhancing the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

Since its establishment in 1994, Chesapeake Health Care has been a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, multidisciplinary healthcare practice serving the residents of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

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# Schultz OPA Crafter of the Month

(Aug. 31, 2023) members of the Pine'eer Craft Club have named Ocean Pines resident Lois Schultz as the August 2023 Crafter of the Month.

Schultz and her husband moved to Ocean Pines 10 years ago from the Philly area when their son attended Salisbury University. She joined the craft club soon after and currently serves as assistant shop treasurer.

Schultz grew up in Finksburg, where she began crafting in the third grade when her grandmother taught her to embroider. Never losing the urge, Lois has been dabbling in crafts ever since. She makes jewelry, painted earring screens, mermaid crowns and even fairies made from silk flowers.

"After I saw a YouTube video about making Flower Fairies, I gave it a try," Schultz said in a news release. "They have become a big hit in the shop! I enjoy making special orders of the Bride and Groom Fairies, so they match the real bride and groom too."

Schultz said witches, mermaids and Disney princesses are some of her favorite creations. She gets to be as imaginative as possible in decorating all her petite masterpieces. Managers report that the fairies are definitely one of the most popular staples of the shop, with loyal shoppers checking the spinning rack for the latest maidens whenever they pop in.

Schultz can also recycle and craft — she turns aluminum cans into earrings. Termed "beerings," the pierced treasures join many of the other uniquely crafted and 100 percent handmade gifts in the Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop.

The release said the Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Ocean Pines resident Lois Schultz, the Pine'eer Craft Club's August Crafter of the Month, poses with some of her homemade creations.

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Sundays, except holidays. The club is always seeking new crafters and meetings are open to the public. They are held the third Thursday of the month in the community center.

Artisans who would like to sell their creations at the shop can contact shop managers Debbie Jiwa or Barbara Herzog, or email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information.

Since inception 49 years ago, the craft club has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines.



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Some homemade jewelry made by Ocean Pines resident Lois Schultz, the Pine'eer Craft Club's August Crafter of the Month.



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People hang out on boats parked at the OC Fisherman's Marina on Sunset Boulevard. A Maryland Safe Boating Course is scheduled from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 12-14, at the Ocean Pines Library.

## Md. Safe Boating Course at OP Library set Sept. 12-14

(Aug. 31, 2023) The next three-day course to learn Maryland safe boating practices is set from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 12-14, at the Ocean Pines Library.

According to a news release, a successful day on the water requires effective communication between boaters to ensure safety and smooth sailing, and the best way to prepare is by taking a Maryland Safe Boating Course.

Offered by certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary, the comprehensive class covers all the required material for boating, as well as information on local waters and nautical navigation.



The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, to possess a

Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state. Those who attend the class and pass the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and valid in all states.



A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to USCGAUX 12-05 and mailed to USCGAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, MD. 21811.

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Chesapeake Health Care Dental staff members pose for a photo in front of their Salisbury office.

# Delta Dental grant supports oral care on Eastern Shore

(Aug. 31, 2023) Chesapeake Health Care recently announced the award of a \$30,000 grant to help enhance and ensure access to affordable, high-quality oral health care in underserved communities in Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico counties.

According to a news release, the grant came from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of California, and was awarded through the Access to Care Grants Program.

One of the primary objectives of Chesapeake Health Care is providing dental care to patients who face limited or no access to the services on the lower Eastern Shore. By catching oral health problems early and reducing the number of urgent dental treatments, complications resulting from a lack of dental care are minimized.

“We are grateful to the Community Care Foundation for this grant to assist us in providing dental care to people in our community,” Brian Holland, the CEO of Chesapeake Health Care, said in the release. “This grant will mean that many more people in our community will receive access to the critical dental care that they need, who would otherwise not be able to afford it.”

The grant will be used to offer uninsured and underinsured patients dental exams, x-rays and tooth extractions, if necessary. With help from the grant, Chesapeake Health Care providers can continue offering essential services to the most vulnerable individuals in local communities, and positively impact lives.

“This year’s Access to Care Grants represent the program’s largest an-

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# Snapshots



## WHIMSICAL WELCOME

Residents and visitors entering Berlin are greeted by a flower garden of native plants on Main Street.

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## SWEARING IN

Joann Wengert, the wife of Marine Corps First State Detachment Post Commander Tom Wengert, is sworn in as an associate member of the detachment by Commandant AI Soto. The Detachment is known throughout the region for helping veterans, providing volunteers when local organizations hold events, and raising money for charity. Associate membership in the Marine Corps League is available to individuals who have not served in the Marine Corps.



## KIWANIS SPEAKER

Samantha Norwood Conners, the author of "Assateague Island Activity and Coloring Book," poses with Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfinga with a copy of her book. Norwood was the speaker at the club's meeting on Aug. 23.

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## MEMBER OF YEAR

Kirsten Brown, of West Ocean City, poses with a plaque naming her Kiwanis Post 166 Auxiliary Unit Member of the year. She received the award from past President Karen Thompson, also pictured. Brown has served as first vice president of the unit for three years.

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## NAACP AND MADD

Worcester County NAACP president Ivory Smith, front left, sits with Mothers Against Drunk Driving presenters Tom McKnight and Amy Davis at a recent meeting of the groups at the Berlin 50 plus Center. One mission of MADD is to recognize impaired driving as a violent crime and hold drunk and drugged drivers accountable.



# Md. sportsbooks contribute \$3.3 million in month of July

(Aug. 31, 2023) Maryland's 10 retail and 11 mobile sportsbooks, including one at Ocean Downs Casino off of Route 611, combined to generate more than \$3.3 million in contributions to the state for the month of July, and \$25.3 million for all of Fiscal Year 2023.

According to a news release, each sportsbook contributes 15 percent of taxable wins to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, which supports public education programs.

Statewide handle in July totaled more than \$247.4 million, with mobile handle accounting for 96 percent of the total at over \$237.5 million. Mobile wagering delivered more than \$3 million in state contributions, while retail sportsbooks contributed over \$231,300 for the month.

The state's sports wagering market added Crab Sports and operate iGaming Cloud as a new mobile licensee on July 13, becoming the 11th mobile sportsbook.

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission also issued a mobile sports wagering license to Greenmount Station and operator partner Parx Interactive this week. The betParx mobile platform conducted a successful controlled demonstration on Aug. 8, and launched operations soon after.

The release said a detailed summary of each sportsbook's July 2023 results, including handle, hold percentage, prizes paid, promotional play, taxable win, and contribution to the state, along with a summary of statewide handle and hold by sport, is available for download at [mdgaming.com](http://mdgaming.com).

Maryland's sports wagering market launched with five retail locations in December 2021. The first seven mobile sportsbooks launched in November 2022. As of the end of July, there were 10 retail locations and 11 mobile operators. More retail locations and mobile sportsbooks are expected to launch in the near future.

# Pines Chamber hosting mini golf tournament on Oct. 10

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host a Mini Golf Tournament at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Nick's Dino Golf Course on 125th Street in Ocean City.

Following the same rules and side bet contests as a real golf tournament, the event is for golfers and non-golfers.

A news release said prizes will be on hand for closest to the pin, hole in one, ball drop, and other fun contests. Muligans are available to gain an advantage and beverages will be for sale

along the course. Happy Hour will follow at Grotto's Pizza next door.

Teams are twosomes, \$50/team, shotgun start at 2 p.m and sponsorships are available.

To register a team and obtain a hole sponsorship, visit [business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/mini-golf-tournament-15149](http://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/mini-golf-tournament-15149). Those who register must be at least 21.

For more information, visit [OceanPinesChamber.org](http://OceanPinesChamber.org), call 410-641-5306, or email [kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org).

# Expanded access to dental care

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nual funding and are focused on three critical areas of need: the oral health crisis among older adults, health equity and rural oral health access," Kenzie Ferguson, the vice president of foundation and corporate

social responsibility for Delta Dental of California, said in the release. "The important relationships with our partners enable us to achieve our broader mutual goals to help make the communities we serve strong, healthier and more resilient."

# Gambling generates \$1.6 billion to state in FY 2023

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency helped to generate nearly \$1.6 billion in contributions to the state during Fiscal Year 2023 from lottery ticket sales, the state's six casinos, sports wagering and daily fantasy sports.

According to a news release, from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the combined contribution to the state included \$848.1 million from casinos; \$714.3 million from the lottery; \$25.3 million from sports wagering; and \$1.2 million from daily fantasy sports. Maryland Lottery and Gaming is the state's fourth-largest

source of revenue after income, sales and corporate taxes.

"The Maryland Lottery launched in 1973 with the mission to generate revenue for the state's good causes," Maryland Lottery and Gaming Director John Martin said in the release. "As we've been celebrating our 50th anniversary this year, we've also been navigating a gaming landscape that is continually evolving, most recently with the addition of sports wagering. But as we adapt to new responsibilities, we're always mindful of that core mission, and we're proud to do our part."



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Worcester Prep Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner talks to members of the Class of 2024 about what they can expect during the college application process.



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From left, Leah Gaito, Emma Crivella and Evelyn Westman are excited to enter their senior year at Worcester Prep.



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Wake Forest University Associate Dean of Admissions Janessa Dunn shares helpful tips about writing college applications essays with members of the Worcester Prep Class of 2024.



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Worcester Prep seniors, from left, Koda Bauer and Adam Hafez work together to review the college application process.

# WPS Class of '24 jumpstart college application season

(Aug. 31, 2023) Members of the Worcester Prep Class of 2024 began preparing on Aug. 14 for their college application season this fall.

According to a news release, rising seniors attended a four-day College Application & Essay Writing Workshop in the Guerrieri Library, hosted by the school's Office of College Counseling.

The students worked one-on-one with Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner, writing college appli-

cations and essays, practicing interview techniques and refining their college lists.

Guest speakers also visited throughout the week to share information with the students. They included Janessa Dunn, associate dean of admissions at Wake Forest University, Maureen Dormer, admissions counselor at Loyola University, and Charles Overholt, assistant director of admissions at Salisbury University.

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# Opinion

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## Council rejects Gillis in favor of Goldilocks

So much for the bird-in-the-hand approach to Heron Park in Berlin, following a Town Council majority's rejection Monday of a proposal by developer Palmer Gillis to build a mixed-use project on a portion of the property.

His plan wouldn't have solved all the park's problems, but discarding it altogether squanders the opportunity to at least work on it.

The 3-2 vote to end that discussion apparently was because the plan by Gillis did not match what the council wants to do, whatever that turns out to be.

Many months ago, the council did know enough to call for project proposals for three lots on the property and to spell out what those projects should entail.

Of the two bidders who submitted plans, Gillis was selected because he came the closest to following the script the town had laid out. But since then, some council members changed their minds, and appeared to be annoyed that Gillis had not anticipated this shift in direction.

Maybe the mayor and council's ideas were not well thought out, but it remains that Gillis did what he was asked to do and should have been treated accordingly.

As it is, the real difficulty in this case may have nothing to do with Gillis's proposal, beyond the fact that his \$1.7 million offer for the developable properties won't pay off the \$2.3 million the town still owes on its purchase of the entire tract.

Also a possibility is that the council majority is chasing the impossible dream of trying to make everyone happy. That would require finding someone to pay off the debt by creating a development that won't compete with downtown businesses, won't flood the town with new residents by adding scores of homes, leave room for a skate park, preserve plenty of natural space ... and still be profitable enough to make it worth building.

In other words, the council had something and turned it into nothing in the hope that a Goldilocks solution will come along with a plan that's not too hard, not too soft, but just right. If only such a thing existed.

### OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

## Lock your car!

# Message from the OPPD

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Ocean Pines Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents and visitors to make sure they lock their vehicles, especially at night. No area is totally immune from crime and Ocean Pines is no exception.

Throughout our region, police agencies regularly investigate thefts from motor vehicles and the thefts of the vehicles themselves. In an overwhelming percentage of these investigations, it is usually discovered that the vehicles were left unlocked.

We know that many of these crimes can be prevented by taking the easy steps of removing the key and locking the doors. We have seen many instances in our region where would-be thieves will go through a neighborhood, many times at night, looking for unlocked cars and easy victims.

Locking car doors goes beyond just preventing theft – it also serves as a fundamental step toward ensuring personal safety and security.

Police consistently report cases of car break-ins, thefts, and even instances of violent crimes occurring because of unlocked vehicles. The act of locking one's car doors can act as a powerful deterrent against potential criminals, significantly

reducing the risk of becoming a victim.

The advantages of locking car doors extend beyond the vehicle itself. Items left inside an unlocked car are easy targets for thieves, potentially resulting in financial loss and emotional distress for the owner.

Moreover, stolen vehicles can be used for further criminal activities, compounding the harm caused to the community. By locking car doors, individuals contribute to a safer environment for themselves and their neighbors.

Ocean Pines Police recommends the following safety tips:

- **Develop a Routine:** Make locking car doors a habit every time you exit your vehicle, regardless of your location.
  - **Park Wisely:** Choose well-lit and secure parking areas to reduce the risk of vandalism or theft.
  - **Remove Valuables:** Keep valuable items out of sight or take them with you, minimizing the temptation for criminals.
  - **Activate Alarms:** If your vehicle has an alarm system, ensure it is activated whenever you leave your car unattended.
- Don't be a victim, lock your car!

## Residents urged to apply for tax relief

### Credits available now for homeowners and renters for this year

(Aug. 31, 2023) Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation officials are urging residents to consider their eligibility for homeowners' or renters' property tax credits through the 2023 Tax Credit Awareness Campaign. The deadline to file for both is Oct. 1.

According to a news release, the quickest and easiest way to find out more information and submit an application is by accessing the online tax credit application system, which strengthens the department's ability to process tax credit applications in an accurate and timely manner.

This month, the department is mailing nearly 140,000 postcards to low-income Maryland homeowners who may be eligible to receive a credit but have not yet submitted an application.

The Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program provides relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes owed based on income.

If a resident has already paid their property taxes and applies by Oct. 1, credits the homeowner may be eligible for will be refunded by the county finance office.

As part of the 2023 Tax Credit Awareness Campaign, the release said the department will also mail more than 5,700 postcards

to known renters who have not already applied for the tax credit, as well as non-subsidized rental companies to inform their tenants.

The Renters' Property Tax Credit Program provides tax relief for eligible renters who pay high monthly rent relative to their total income and do not receive federal or state housing subsidies or reside in public housing. The credit is issued as a direct check payment of up to \$1,000 per year.

Customers can apply for both homeowners' and renters' tax credits online. Paper applications are also available online, however applicants are advised that mailed submissions will take longer to process.

In 2022, the release said See DEADLINE Page 25

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# OP Kiwanis Club presented with Sam Wilkinson award

(Aug. 31, 2023) Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue recently named the Kiwanis Club of Great Ocean Pines/Ocean City as the recipient of the 2023 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award.

According to a news release, since 2003, the award has recognized local people who dedicate their time and talents to help others. It also honors the memory of its namesake, 8-year-old Sam Wilkinson, who died in a tragic water accident in Ocean City.

Sam played soccer in Ocean Pines and his father, Bob, was a volunteer coach for Ocean Pines Recreation programs. The award was established to recognize a volunteer within the Recreation and Parks Department.

Donahue said the department depends on many volunteers to help run the various programs, sports leagues, and classes held in Ocean Pines.

"This year, we decided that there was a group of people that do a considerable amount for Ocean Pines," Donahue said in the release. "They do a lot of work for the Recreation Department, and they give back to our community."

The Kiwanis Club of Great Ocean Pines/Ocean City was founded in 1980 and is part of a global nonprofit that "shares the challenge of community improvement," Donahue added.

"Members of the club contribute their time and energy, helping those less fortunate than themselves, with a heavy focus on the children in our



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**Kiwanis Club of Great Ocean Pines/Ocean City President Bob Wolfing gives an acceptance speech for the 2023 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award at the Ocean Pines Association annual meeting last Saturday. The award was presented by Debbie Donahue. It has been given annually since 2003 to local people who dedicate their time and talents to help others.**

community," she said.

Donahue said Kiwanis members help many local groups and sponsor clubs at local public schools. They provide financial assistance, including college scholarships for local high school students. The group also collects items for needy children and the local homeless population.

"Giving back to the community and bringing the community together is what the Kiwanis are all about," she said. "At different times of the year, they are toy collectors,

food collectors [and] school supply collectors."

Donahue presented the award to Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing.

"I'm accepting this award on behalf of our 50 members that we have, and they will be very proud to see this. And we'll be around for a long time," Wolfing said in the release.

The Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m., Wednesday mornings, in the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. Prospective new members are always welcome.



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**Members of the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League recently presented Korean Marine Corps veteran Stuart Smith with a new flag after a storm left his in tatters. Pictured, from left, displaying the flag are First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League Commandant Al Soto, American Legion member Harry Rey, Smith, and past commander Bob Broderick.**

# Veteran receives new flag from Marine Corps League

(Aug. 31, 2023) When a recent summer storm blew through the region, the strong winds left a Marine Corps flag that Stuart Smith was flying at his West Ocean City home in tatters.

According to a news release, Smith is a 97-year-old veteran who served in Korea, where he was wounded and

received the Purple Heart.

Members of the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League recently replaced his flag after American Legion member Harry Rey learned Smith could not replace it.

Rey turned to the Marine group and soon Smith had a new flag flying.

# Deadline to apply set for Oct. 1

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more than 37,000 homeowners received an average of \$1,501 in tax relief, and 6,004 renters received an average of \$450 in tax relief. Combined, the two tax credit programs saved Marylanders more than \$58 million last year.

Many counties and municipalities also provide supplemental homeowners credits, which provide additional tax relief. If a resident is approved to receive the state credit, they will automatically receive any local supplemental credit for which they are eligible.

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# Worcester schools score high on state tests

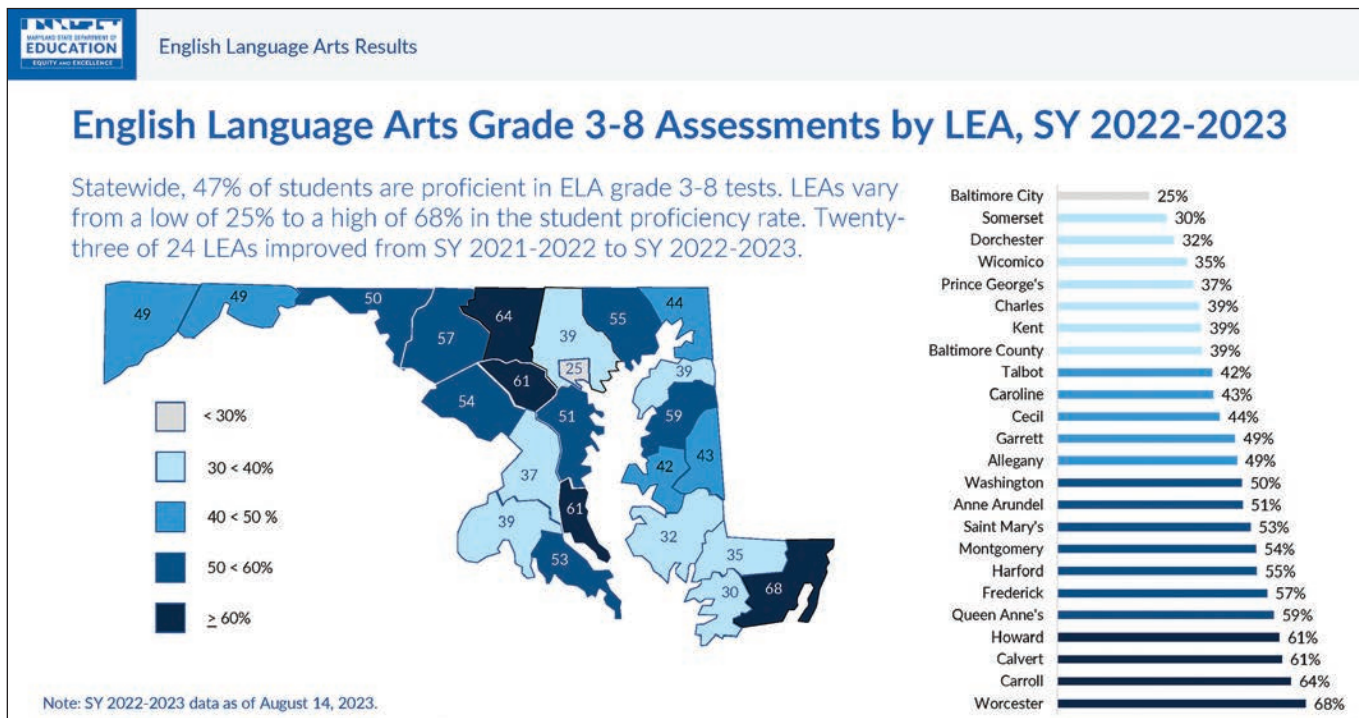
(Aug. 31, 2023) The Maryland State Department of Education has released statewide performance data showing Worcester County Public Schools outperforming the majority of school systems across content areas.

According to a news release, during an Aug. 22 state board of education meeting, Superintendent Mohammed Chowdhury and his staff provided an update on student performance on state assessments administered in the spring in English language arts and math for the 2021-22 academic year.

The assessments were the first performed in Maryland public schools since 2019, before testing was halted because of the pandemic.

Statewide, the data shows student proficiency rates in English are at the highest level in nearly a decade with the largest single-year gain for students in grades third through eighth over the same time period.

In Worcester County, the release said performance on the spring English assessments for third through eighth grade students topped all other school systems in Maryland, with 68 percent scoring as proficient or higher. The number is 21 percentage points above the state average and nearly 4 percentage points above



Worcester County student performance on the spring English language arts assessments for third through eighth grade topped all other school systems in Maryland with 68 percent scoring proficient or higher, or 21 percentage points above the state average.

last year's proficiency level.

A highlight are Worcester County's middle school-aged students who tested in spring 2023. Countywide, fourth graders' proficiency grew by 9 percentage points; and fifth and sixth graders' grew by 8 percentage points

each.

At the high school level, 73 percent of Worcester County students taking the English 10 assessment scored proficient, topping the state average by 19 percentage points, and landing second overall in the state behind

Calvert County.

While statewide math performance data has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, data from local assessments such as i-Ready show Worcester students meeting or exceeding state standards. See COUNTY Page 27

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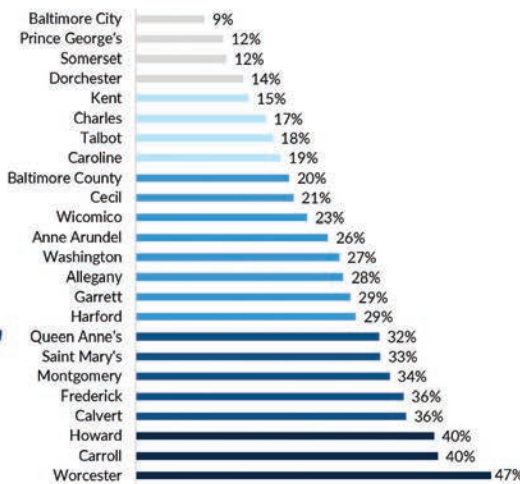
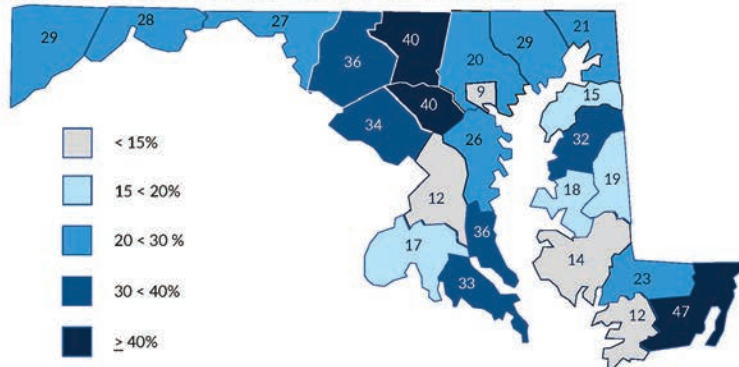
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## Mathematics Grade 3-8 Assessments by LEA, SY 2022-2023

Statewide, the percentage of students scoring proficient on math grade 3-8 tests was 25% for SY 2022-2023. LEAs vary from a low of 9% to a high of 47% in proficiency percentage. Every LEA improved when comparing SY 2021-2022 to SY 2022-2023 results.



Note: SY 2022-2023 data as of August 14, 2023.

DATA COURTESY MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Worcester County's proficiency rate of 47.3 percent in math is a nearly 10 percentage-point gain over last year, and more than double the next highest growth seen in the state.

# County schools top other systems

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ceeding pre-pandemic levels in all grade levels, the release said.

In the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program, the strength in math is reflected in students in third through eighth grade, as Worcester County exceeded the state average by 23 percentage points. Worcester County's proficiency rate of 47.3 percent is a nearly 10 percentage point gain over last year and more than double next highest growth seen in the state.

All grade levels in Worcester County experienced growth from last year's proficiency levels with fourth graders making tremendous strides by growing 15 percentage points over last year. Sixth graders also saw significant growth, climbing 12 percentage points over last year's proficiency levels.

Similar to scores in earlier grades,

the release said student performance statewide in algebra I grew by about 3 percentage points from year to year. Over 27 percent of students in Worcester County reached proficiency, representing a 1 percentage point increase from 2022.

Worcester County's student proficiency level data ties for second in the state with Anne Arundel County and behind only Howard County.

Worcester County Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor released a statement the day of the data was released giving accolades to the administrators who worked to produce the positive numbers.

"Today's results were a testament to the hard work of our students and the dedication of our teachers and leaders," Taylor said in the release. "While it is validating that our scores are consistently leading the State, I

believe what is most important with these scores is the growth we are seeing from year to year. Our collective efforts are making an impact, and I hope our community is proud to see this positive progress for our students."

## Keenan named manager at solid waste division

(Aug. 31, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners recently named Robert Keenan the new recycling manager in the Solid Waste Division of Public Works.



Robert Keenan

"Bob is a great guy who is always willing to help and goes above and beyond when taking on a project," Public Works Director Dallas Baker said in a news release. "His energy and enthusiasm

make him a great fit to lead the recycling team in Worcester County."

Keenan, who previously served as the recycling crew leader, brings over 35 years of solid waste experience to his new position.

Following a 30-year career with the Baltimore Bureau of Solid Waste, where he served as the assistant superintendent, he relocated to the Eastern Shore and joined Worcester County Public Works in 2018.

"I am grateful that the commissioners have given me the honor of serving the residents of Worcester County," Keenan said. "My goal is to

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# Cuisine

## Shaved fennel salad always stands out

Sometimes we eat with our eyes as well as our stomachs, and I know that you know the feeling. When I commit the cardinal sin of going to the store hungry, I come home with toaster pastries and prepackaged cakes in my cart. That certainly will not help anyone at our age get in shape, will it?



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Other times, however, I actually plan and have more of an inkling on what we should be eating, and tonight was one of those nights. It is not very often that I get a hankering for raw fennel, but when I think about it, I am transported back to Todd Humphries' Martini House restaurant, a now-defunct shrine to cuisine in St. Helena, California.

Years ago, while on a trip with a dozen other chefs to Napa Valley, we had the honor of a multi-course dinner at this incredible restaurant. The star of the show for me was the shaved fennel and cucumber salad, a divine creation that, if I had to guess, only had about six ingredients in it. It was a standalone dish, but since then, I have made it in various iterations and served it with fish, pork and beef.

The latter can be tricky because this is a very light and vibrant salad that some may feel would not stand up to beef. But trust me on this one.

Tonight, I made grilled filet with cauliflower puree, another old standby, the salad and drippings from said steaks. Eating according to etiquette — placing a bit of each component of the dish onto the fork in every bite — you at once have the richness of the beef and puree with the crisp and vibrant sweetness of the salad. It is a fantastic combination.

And while I had to pick the fennel out of the salad for my girlfriend (she cannot get past the black licorice taste), it was still a proper accompaniment to the steak. The salad transforms this dish into a nice segue to the fall and winter months. While the cauliflower puree would not necessarily be the best side dish in the middle of August with all of the cream and butter, the refreshing juxtaposition of the salad ties it all together, affording us a proper dish for the time of year.

As I finished my dinner, I reminded myself that I really need to stop shopping hungry.



### Grilled Filet with Shaved Fennel and Cuke Salad

#### Grilled Filets

serves 4

4 ea. 6-ounce filets

Good quality garlic butter (recipe follows)

Salt & Pepper to taste

2 c. Cauliflower puree (recipe follows)

2 c. Fennel & Cucumber Salad (recipe follows)

Steamed broccoli (optional and pictured)

1. Pull the filets out of the icebox 30 minutes before grilling. Pat dry and season liberally. Allow to sit for a few minutes with the seasoning.

2. While the filets are slacking, prepare the salad and puree, as outlined in the recipes below.

3. Grill the steaks until your desired doneness, which for me is medium rare but to each their own.

4. Allow them to rest for at least five and preferably ten minutes so that the proteins can relax a little. Some juices will accumulate, which are divine poured on top of the finished dish.

5. When everything is ready to go, place some puree on the plate with a couple of broccoli florets.

6. Add some of the fennel-cuke

salad and place some sliced steak on top

7. Drizzle some of the steak juices and then garnish with a nice sliver of dressed cucumber and fennel.

#### Garlic Butter

makes about 1 cup

1 stick butter

juice of one lemon

3 Tbsp. Garlic, smash and minced

1 Tsp. Kosher salt

1 tsp. Cracked black pepper

1 tsp. Thyme leaves

1 tsp. Fresh minced parsley

1. Place in a small pan and heat through. You can cook this down to evaporate some of the water in the butter to intensify the flavor, but it is not completely necessary.

2. Set aside until ready to use.

#### Cauliflower Puree

makes about 3 cups

1 head cauliflower

1 stick good quality butter

1 c. Water or chicken stock

2 Tbsp. Minced garlic

1/2 c. Heavy cream

Salt & Pepper to taste

1. Cut the stem out of the cauliflower and then cut into 1"-ish pieces.

2. Combine everything in a pan with a lid and bring to a boil, reduc-

ing to a simmer and allowing to cook for about 30 minutes.

3. When tender, blend thoroughly with a stick blender and then season with the salt and pepper. Adjust accordingly and set aside until ready for service.

#### Fennel & Cucumber Salad

makes about 2-3 cups

1 ea. English cucumber

1 c. Finely shaved raw fennel

Juice of 1/2 lemon

3 Tbsp. Good quality champagne vinegar

2-3 Tbsp. Sugar, or to taste

1. Slice the cucumber and fennel as thin as you can. If you have a mandolin that would be ideal. Set these in a bowl while you make the dressing.

2. In a pan, heat the vinegar, lemon juice and sugar until the sugar is melted. This is the only reason that you're heating it up.

3. Allow to cool enough so it doesn't cook the cukes. Pour on top of the vegetables and toss well.

4. Do this about five to 10 minutes before serving, as you don't want the cucumbers to be too wilted.

*Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES.*



# AGH welcomes new pediatrician Christian Salgado

(Aug. 31, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital and Health System officials recently announced that Dr. Cristian F. Salgado is joining the health system on Sept. 11 to provide pediatric care to Worcester County and the surrounding area.



Cristian Salgado

According to a news release, Salgado completed his pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, after attending the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

He achieved high honors throughout his education, graduating summa cum laude from both the University of Maryland, College Park, and medical school, where he was also inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society.

Salgado was born and raised in Quito, Ecuador, and is fluent in both English and Spanish. He is excited to be relocating to the Eastern Shore with his wife, who was born and raised in Berlin.

Salgado will be seeing patients at Atlantic General Pediatrics in West Ocean City until the practice's new office space at the Gudelsky Family Medical Center in Ocean Pines is complete.

To schedule an appointment, families can call 443-728-1004.

# New manager for recycling

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educate each and every resident on what and how to recycle."

Keenan is responsible for planning, coordinating and managing all Worcester County recycling projects and programs to meet state mandated goals, and to educate the public about the benefits of recycling.

Keenan lives with his wife, Wendy, and their cat, Salem, in Ocean View. They have three adult children. During his time off, he can be found at the beach or The River Church in Roxana.

For more information about recycling in Worcester County, visit [co.worcester.md.us/departments/publicworks/recycling](http://co.worcester.md.us/departments/publicworks/recycling).

# Obituary

**RAYMOND JOSEPH (BUD) SHANLEY**  
Berlin

Surrounded by his loving family and close friend Ron DeCarlo, Raymond Joseph (Bud) Shanley passed away peacefully at his home in Berlin, Maryland, on Aug. 17, 2023, from cancer.

He was 83 years old.

Born in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 10, 1940, Bud was the son of Raymond Joseph Shanley Sr. and his wife Irene Butler Shanley.

He attended Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C. for two years before entering the Augustinian minor seminary where he completed his high school education at the Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, New York. He remained in the seminary for seven more years, during which time he earned degrees in English and philosophy from Villanova University.

Upon leaving the seminary, Bud taught history, Latin, and English at Archbishop Carroll High School while earning a graduate degree in international law and relations at Catholic University of America. He always felt a deep debt of gratitude to the Augustinian community for the life-long impact they had on his spiritual, personal and professional life.

In 1968, he entered the executive



Bud Shanley

training program at Chemical Bank in New York, which led to a lifetime career in banking and trade finance. At the time of his death, he was CFO for Second Factor, Inc.

Bud is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jean Neubeck Shanley; his beloved children, Suzanne Savage (Scott), Raymond Shanley (Julianne), Kevin Shanley (Melissa), and Jean Marie Shanley; his treasured grandchildren, Caroline, Sarah and Colin Savage, Sophie, Annika and Gavin Shanley, and Rutger and Connor Shanley; his sisters, Irene Shanley and Patricia Ray (Ed); and numerous cousins; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his sisters, Doris Earle and Ann Hoyle; his brothers-in-law, George

Earle, John Hoyle and Jim McKnight; his sister-in-law Kitsy Neubeck; and niece Annie Neubeck.

For those of us whose lives he dearly touched over the years, Bud will be remembered for his deep spirituality, his integrity and work ethic, his deep love and loyalty to family and friends, and his delightful Irish sense of humor.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 8, at Holy Savior Catholic Church in Ocean City.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Augustinian Fund for the Care of Sick and Elderly Friars, 214 Ashwood Road, Villanova, PA 19085, in memory of Raymond J. Shanley.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Ave., Berlin, Maryland 21811. To send condolences to the family, visit [easternshorecremation.com](http://easternshorecremation.com).

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# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Aug. 31

### STORY TIME: BACK TO SCHOOL!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in on a fun, interactive story time to help get ready for school. Stick around after for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PLAY TIME

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

### 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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### LYNYRD SKYNYRD: LEGENDS OF SOUTHERN ROCK

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Get ready for Lynyrd Skynyrd's upcoming show at OC BikeFest with Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett, who examine Skynyrd's rise and enduring popularity. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books you have read and want to share. Come find your next great read or future favorite. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### RIBBON CUTTING: FORGOTTEN 50 DISTILLING

Forgotten 50 Distilling, 10103 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Welcome at 5 p.m., ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. Cheers to the new distillery, Forgotten 50! Come celebrate and enjoy the new space. 667-288-1573

### SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Full Circle (modern and classic pop rock). 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](http://BeachSingles.org).

## Fri., Sept. 1

### MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BETHANY BEACH JAZZ FUNERAL SILENT AUCTION

Bethany Blues BBQ Pit, 6 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Bethany Beach, 3 p.m. Featuring jewelry, wine, gifts, furniture, nautical items and toys and games as well as gift certificates and services. All funds raised go directly to the American Red Cross of Delmarva.

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits. Event is free and open to the public. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org), 410-524-9433

## Sat., Sept. 2

### TINKER TIME: STEM KITS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime. Use the library's supplies and your imagination to explore STEM concepts with the self-guided kits. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR & JEEP SHOW

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration cost is \$20 (cash only) on the day of the event or pre-register at <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/2023-classic-car-jeep-show-14915>. Food vendors and music. 410-641-5306

### FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650

### GENEALOGY HELP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m.-noon. The local history librarian will be on hand to help with genealogy research. By appointment only: 410-632-3495. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CRAFTY SATURDAY: BACK TO SCHOOL!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for some fun back to school themed crafts to help get into the groove of the new school year. All ages welcome. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 100 DAY PROJECT REVEAL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. Bring in your finished (or not finished) 100 day project to share and display. Conversation and refreshments. For adults and teens. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### POP-IN PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Pop into the children's area to play with toys and meet other families. For age 5 years and younger. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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](http://artleagueofoceancity.org)

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., Sept. 3

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Romeo Delight "The Ultimate Van Halen Tribute 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](http://www.jw.org)

## Mon., Sept. 4

### OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

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

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

healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

### 38TH ANNUAL BETHANY BEACH JAZZ FUNERAL

North end of the Bethany Beach Boardwalk, 5:30 p.m. Join in a funeral procession of mourners, Dixieland Jazz Bands and a casket to the Boardwalk Bandstand. All are encourage to dress up and participate, New Orleans style. [www.jazz-funeral.com](http://www.jazz-funeral.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.

## Tues., Sept. 5

### STORY TIME: FRIENDSHIP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORY TIME: DINOSAURS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STEM LAB: KITCHEN SCIENCE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Welcome to the STEM test kitchen. See what fun experiments the group can do using common kitchen items. Recommended for ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

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 Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m.  
 This group meets twice a month to discuss selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. Today the focus is on "Admiral of the Ocean" by Samuel Eliot Mason. 410-208-4014

**ANIME CLUB**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m.  
 Join in to celebrate your appreciation for anime and manga. Monthly themes will include trivia games, Japanese snacks and art exploration. For ages 13-16 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY**  
 Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting

weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

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

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

## Wed., Sept. 6

**SPAGHETTI DINNER PREORDER DEADLINE**  
 The dinner will be held Sept. 9, 4-6 p.m. at the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Cost is \$12 per platter for adults and \$6 for children 7 years and younger (half portion). Preorder: 619-922-9950 by Sept. 6. Dine in or carryout.

**BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Takes place via Zoom on the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

**BABY TIME**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m.

Come in for a time just for you and your teeny tiny. Stay after to socialize with other families. For children younger than 2 years and their caregivers. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

**MERRY MAKERS: EPSOM SALT LUMINARIES**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Make Epsom salt luminaries. All materials provided, but if you are a favorite jar, bring it along. Limit 10. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-2:30 p.m. The group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

**PROMO-VISION!**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Dive into the world of movie trailers in this showcase analyzing the origins, trends and tropes of movie marketing. Featuring outrageous previews of films. For an adult audience. 410-524-1818

**JUNIOR MAKERS**  
 Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 p.m. Explore science and the arts

through fun learning activities and stories. For ages 6-8 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

**KIWANIS CLUB MEETING**  
 Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 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.kiwanisofpoc.org

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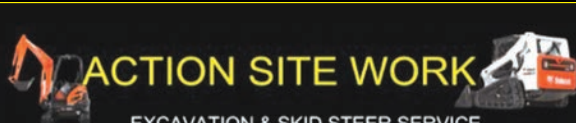
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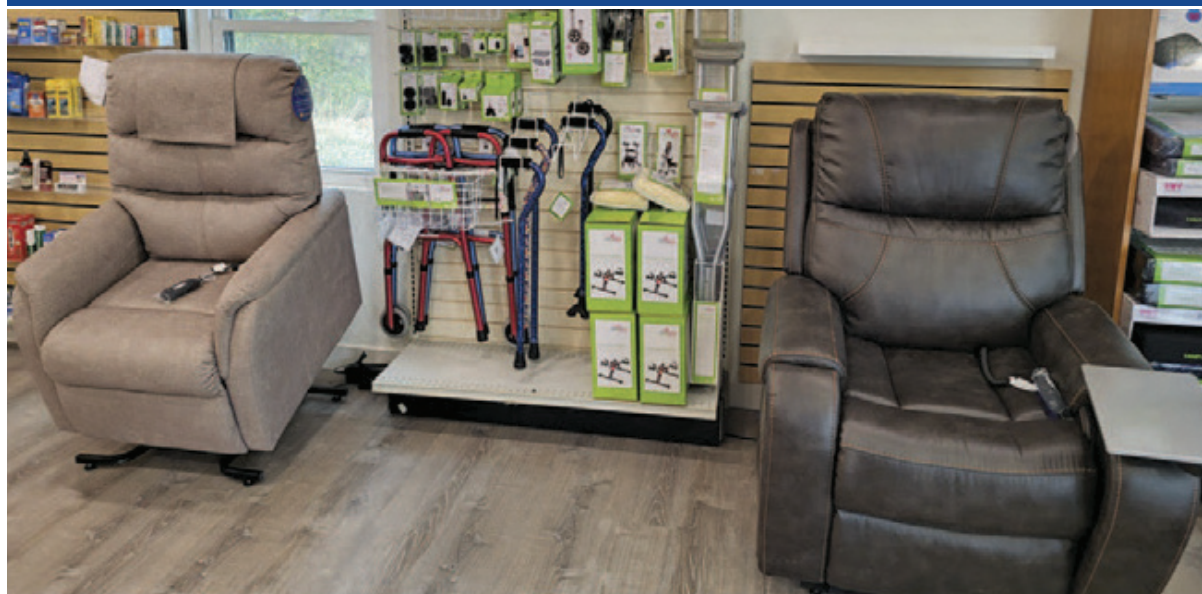
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