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Car enthusiasts check out the variety of vehicles at the Ocean Pines Classic Car and Jeep Show, sponsored by the OP Chamber of Commerce last Saturday near the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

Town to demo Tyson plant itself

Officials wonder how much can be done with \$500K and where to begin work

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Sept. 7, 2023) The town of Berlin is proceeding with plans to demolish all or part of the Tyson poultry plant building on Old Ocean City Boulevard after a vote by the council on Monday, Aug. 28 ended negotiations with Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties for the development of the site.

Mayor Zack Tyndall said Town Administrator Mary Bohlen is coordi-

nating with engineers from Davis Bowen and Friedel to develop the request for proposals from demolition contractors.

The biggest question is how much of the structure the town can safely demolish with the \$500,000 grant.

"We have to develop a plan to make sure the building is demolished in a way that in the end, the structure is still safe," Tyndall said.

He said that it's more than likely that the town will demolish the back part of the building and keep the front part, which included offices and a cafeteria.

"It will take a little bit to have a clear plan to move forward. By 'little

bit,' I don't mean weeks. We are talking days," Tyndall said.

During the Aug. 28 council meeting, there was talk of reaching out to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to get an extension for the grant, which expires June 2024.

"We are going to try to move as quickly as we can to operate within the [grant] timeframe," he said.

At this point, the council is moving forward without a development plan for the Heron Park property.

During the Aug. 28 mayor and council work session, developer Jack Burbage presented his own plan for

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Small Town Throw Down downtown

Country tunes to take stage on Main Street

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Sept. 7, 2023) Berlin residents and visitors will be polishing their cowboy boots and kickin' up their heels for the annual Small Town Throw Down Country Music Concert from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday,

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Plant's partial demolition likely

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the Heron Park property in its entirety.

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

The council was still in an extended negotiating period with Coastal Ventures at the time Burbage presented his plan.

"I did have a phone call with Mr. Burbage and the town administrator was with me," Tyndall said.

During the call, Tyndall said he told Burbage that the town was in an extended negotiating period with Gillis and he would not be negotiating with anyone else during that time.

Tyndall said that during the phone call, Burbage said he was not interested in acquiring the Heron Park property, but if he was, this is what he would propose.

Tyndall told Burbage during the call that he was free to share his plan during the public comment period at the next meeting, which he did.

At the meeting, 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, and a day care center.

Much of the development included 59 residential units including single-family homes and townhouses. The concept of housing was originally rejected by the town and stated in the draft contract between the town and Coastal Ventures, but during further public discussions and debate, both the council and residents seemed to warm to the idea of some sort of housing, more in line with apartments above businesses than single-family or townhomes.

"I would like to see what they want and am willing to offer a formal proposal," Burbage said.

Burbage said his focus is to not compete with the downtown businesses and to provide affordable workforce housing for teachers, police and other workers.

"People could buy it for the same

price they are paying in rent," Burbage said.

Burbage thinks that the town can sell parcels 410 and 57 and 191 and make enough to be debt free while still having enough land to build a small amphitheater, skate park and keep the green space for a park.

Burbage thought the Coastal Ventures plan offered by Palmer Gillis was a good plan.

"If they want to sell it to Palmer, that is wonderful," Burbage said.

Gillis originally proposed to develop parcels 57, 410 and 191, but as negotiations and town officials cooled on the idea of selling the three parcels, Gillis agreed to develop just parcel 57, the Tysons Poultry Plant.

The original draft contract limited the development of parcel 57 to restaurants, boutiques, gift shops and retail with parcel 410 and 191 limited to commercial and a retail garden center for 10 years.

As residents and council members raised concerns about competition with Berlin shops and restaurants, Gillis suggested office and warehouse space with commercial catering as an option. These updated options were reflected in Burbage's drawings.

Coastal Ventures requested that \$200,000 from the sale price be restricted for the town to accelerate a Rails to Trails bikeway that would extend from the north side of Old Ocean City Blvd back to the entertainment venture and passive park area and to spark fundraising efforts for a town-owned entertainment venue.

Over the past few months, with numerous opportunities for public comment, the town and the council members continued to change their opinions on what type of development should occur on parcel 57.

Concerns were raised that any development should not compete with the current businesses in downtown Berlin and for the town to come up with a strategy to get out from under the debt incurred when it bought the 68-acre tract in 2015. Currently, the town owes \$2.3 million on the property.

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Two, 5 billion candle-power twin beams at the Firefighter Memorial in Ocean City for the 'Remembrance Beams of Light' events starting Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. to honor 911 victims. The event is hosted by the Ocean City Fire Department.

Ocean City honors those who lost their lives in 911 attack

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Sept. 7, 2023) Ocean City will host a series of events to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, when Middle Eastern suicide pilots crashed aircraft in New York, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Altogether, the coordinated assault caused 3,000 deaths, many of them among the first responders who answered the call for help.

The Ocean City Fire Department

will be presenting the "Remembrance Beams of Light" at the Firefighter Memorial in Ocean City, located at North Division St. and the Boardwalk. This year, two 5 billion candle-power twin beams will be filling the Ocean City night skyline beginning on Friday, Sept. 8, and burning through dawn on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

A lighting ceremony will be held on Friday at 8 p.m.

"This weekend of awareness gets people thinking about it. Standing on the Boardwalk, looking up into the

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Beams of light and Parade of Brothers honor 911 loses

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heavens, is probably one of the most humbling experiences one can ever have," Kevin Knolls, the organizer of the event and former chaplain for the Ocean City Fire Department.

Video tributes will be played nightly on a giant outdoor movie screen located on the beach at the memorial beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8 through Monday night, Sept. 11.

"This is a great opportunity to help people remember and reflect back 20-plus years. A whole generation was not around then. People can bring their families to the Boardwalk and introduce them to what happened," Knolls said.

"Each night, we will have one of the area fire department towers flying Old Glory. Ocean City, Berlin, Ocean Pines and Roxanna fire departments will all take a night to fly the flag.

"This is not just an Ocean City Fire Department event, it is a fire department community tribute," Knolls said.

Representatives from the fire department community will serve as ambassadors for the memorial and the weekend of remembrance and educational awareness activities. They will also serve as stewards, and assist by having "Boots" ready, to receive donations from all that would like to directly contribute and fund the 2024 Remembrance Beams Initiative.

On Monday, Sept. 11, representatives of the Ocean City Fire Department will be paying tribute at the Firefighter Memorial during the six Sept. 11 time stamp announcements, beginning at 8:46 a.m.

The time stamp announcements mark the exact time when the planes hit the Twin Towers in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the crash of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania as well as the times when the two towers collapsed.

At approximately 11:45 a.m. the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Maryland Chapter 3, will host its 21st "Parade of Brothers" at the memorial.

The service is scheduled for noon and will conclude with the "Striking of the Bell" line of duty, death ceremony.

"The Red Knights Chapter MD-3, along with the Ocean City Fire Department, are hosting this event to remember and honor all of those who lost their lives as a result of 911, especially the 343 firefighters lost in the collapse of buildings, from smoke inhalation and from additional devastating impacts that day," said Mike Fiazzo, the organizer for the event.

Speakers for this event include Mayor Richard Meehan, Ocean City Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Sheriff Matt Crisafulli, Maryland State Sens. Johnny Mautz and Mary Beth Carozza and Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Chief Jay Jester.

Registration for the Parade of Brothers event will occur Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. on 27th Street. Motorcycles will be moved to the Boardwalk at 26th Street for staging. At 11:30 a.m. they will ride down the Boardwalk and participate in the memorial service at North Division and the Boardwalk at noon.

At 1 p.m. the bikers will be escorted over the Harry W. Kelly Memorial Bridge, Route 50, out of town for a ride to the Roxana Moose Lodge for lunch.

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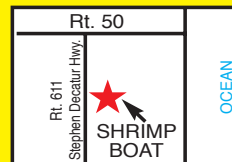
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Patti Stevens of Ocean Pines was appointed by Gov. Wes Moore to serve as the representative of the bicycling and pedestrian community on the Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs. She is pictured here with her husband, Pat Trate, on one of their favorite local rides to South Point looking to Assateague.

Patti Stevens appointed to transportation commission

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Sept. 7, 2023) If it has to do with biking or walking on the lower Eastern Shore, most likely Ocean Pines resident Patti Stevens has something to do with it.

So, it's no wonder that State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38), Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) and Mayor Zack Tyndall recommended her when Gov. Wes Moore was looking for a representative from the biking community to join the Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN).

The commission is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations on funding transportation projects.

"My priority is to bring the perspective of the bike and pedestrian community to the commission as we consider new formulas for transportation revenue and infrastructure needs," Stevens said.

She said she was welcomed by many of the members of the commission during its first meeting last week.

Stevens said that Catherin Banks of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company approached her about

exploring more bike and trail options along underutilized railroad lines.

Banks was recently involved in the launching of Tracks and Yaks, which is a new Berlin company that uses the decommissioned railroad tracks in Berlin for railbike tours.

Stevens said state Transportation Secretary Paul Wiedefel asked her to keep him apprised of her efforts to create safe bike and pedestrian connections in this area. He has a second home locally, bikes in the area and told her he wants to be helpful.

"The commission has a big challenge. Similar to other states, the way transportation has been funded has been based in large part on gas tax," Stevens said.

She said she learned during the first commission meeting that transportation fund has decreased since covid hit and many people stopped commuting to work every day. The fund also is affected by the increase in electric and higher mileage vehicles.

"The funds financed by the gas tax will not keep up with demand and the need to maintain roads and bridges," she said.

That can affect local projects, in-
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Board of Public Works funds key Eastern Shore projects

(Sept. 7, 2023) The Maryland Board of Public Works approved several key projects in Worcester County last Wednesday, including \$250,000 in funding for Atlantic General Hospital to acquire new materials and equipment for minimally invasive surgery.

The current equipment – namely minimally invasive video towers and camera box – has reached the end of its life.

“Atlantic General is fully committed to meeting the diverse and expanding needs for health care on the Eastern Shore,” Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38), said in a news release. “Minimally invasive surgery allows for less trauma to the body, fewer complications, and a shorter recovery time, which helps our farmers, our watermen, and everyone in between return to their lives.”

Carozza and Del. Charles Otto (R-38A) requested the funding during the 2023 Legislative Session for the capital budget through a Legislative Bond Initiative. The initiatives are local projects that serve a public purpose and must be sponsored by state legislators.

“Every year, the requests coming in far exceed the amount of funding available, and we made a successful case that this Atlantic General Hospital request at this time was a priority for our constituents,” Carozza said.

The Board of Public Works also approved a Legislative Bond Initiative requested by Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) and supported by Carozza of \$75,000 to improve the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department South Station. The department also received \$200,000 in 2022 and

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Stevens brings bike perspective

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cluding the Route 90 bridge, which is eligible for federal funding, but Maryland would have to provide a match to that funding.

She will also be considering how the funding formulas play out across the state to connect networks of bike and pedestrian trails.

The commission has been directed to develop creative solutions to feed the transportation trust fund.

“The good news is, there is an unprecedented level of federal dollars through infrastructure and inflation reduction bills for roads and bridges and subways. But many of those grants require a match from states to apply for those funds.

The revenue forecast for Maryland makes it challenging to draw down the maximum federal funding due to limits of match requirements.”

As she works on the commission, Stevens will seek advice from members of the biking groups to which she belongs. She is currently the community coordinator for the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition and the Eastern Shore representative for the Maryland Bikes and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Moore has charged the commission with developing solutions that are fair and equitable for rural people and consider their environmental impact.

“I will be happy if we have come up with a formula to fund transportation needs and investment that is equitable, sustainable and includes funding for multi-modal transportation,” Stevens said.

She encourages people who are interested in transportation issues to visit the commission website Maryland-

<https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/Pages/Index.aspx?PageId=205>
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Bob Miller opened Popce's in Ocean Pines this summer. Miller makes his own ice cream and waffle cones at the shop in Manklin Creek Shopping Center.

Popce's brings homemade ice cream goodness to OP

By Cindy Hoffman
 Staff Writer

(Sept. 7, 2023) You can't get more local for Ocean Pines residents than Popce's Ice Cream.

Bob Miller makes all his ice cream on site, with many local and all natu-

ral ingredients and coloring. Miller had been a recreational ice cream maker and baker for about six years.

"I've always enjoyed baking cakes, it's been kind of a hobby," Miller said.

His previous job was as chief operating officer at Coastal Hospice, but he left that and now ice cream is his early retirement job.

Miller loves making, talking about, and serving ice cream. He makes his ice cream in small batches, six quarts at a time, in the back half of his shop in Manklin Creek Shopping Center. He can dive deep into the details of making ice cream.

"Some customers might think I'm a little freakish, when I talk about it," Miller said. "I'm fascinated with recipes and how ingredients come together."

Just like baking, ice cream making is very precise, especially when you want consistency. He loves serving ice cream to people young and old because he appreciates their responses to the different flavors.

All his ice cream is very fresh. "The ice cream I am selling was made within the past week or two," he said.

Miller offers about 30 flavors, including Italian ices and non-dairy options. He also makes his own waffle cones on site.

He recently offered a Honey Lavender flavor, which was a big hit. The creaminess along with the honey is unique and surprisingly delicious. Everyone should try it.

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The Fig Vanilla has fresh figs grown by Pastor Daryl McCreedy of Sonrise Church in Berlin.

The non-dairy flavors are just as good as the dairy. Each flavor has a coconut base. The Blueberry is packed full of delicious fresh blueberries. He tries to get fruit from local vendors whenever possible and freezes a lot so he can have local ingredients all year.

He said once people try his non-dairy flavors, they like them as much as the dairy.

Italian Ice such as the Pines Punch is refreshing with five different fruits.

He is making his fall selection of ice creams now, including Pumpkin Pie, Apple Raisin, Cinnamon Bun and Snicker Doodle.

He will also feature holiday ice creams in a few months, including Eggnog and Gingerbread. He plans to have sherbet flavors that will be perfect for holiday punches.

He will keep the shop open all year long. At some point, he would like to open additional shops in West Ocean City and Ocean City, but will keep the uniqueness of the small batch mentality for all his stores.

He also hopes to partner with local restaurants who might want a signa-

ture ice cream.

The shop name is taken from the nicknames his grandkids call him and his wife, Cecelia. They call him Poppy and her Cece. So when it was time to pick a name for the shop, Popce's seemed like a natural choice.

As a grandfather, he makes the business family friendly. He has corn-hole games, chalk drawing and sundae contests. His recent winner of the sundae contest was such a hit that he has made it a staple of his sundae offerings. It's called the Silly Monkey and it's made with Banana and Chocolate Peanut Butter ice cream, hot fudge, peanut butter topping, whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.

He offers a Barbie Sundae, made with homemade Cotton Candy ice cream, marshmallow topping, pink glitter sparkles and whipped cream. It comes with a crown.

For those who need an afternoon pick-me-up, he serves Rise Coffee. His iced coffee comes with frozen coffee ice cubes, so it does not get watered down when they melt. Or try the Affogato, a scoop of ice cream, in Rise Up Espresso. He also serves a coffee shake.

Customers will be able to sign up for his Quart Club soon, where you can get a quart of ice cream for a special price.

Funding for OP fire department

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a \$1.35 million during Gov. Larry Hogan's last year in office.

A \$329,656 grant to Worcester County from the Rural Legacy Funds was also approved. The money will protect prime agriculture farmland in the Nassawango Creek and Pocomoke River watershed.

"This is some of the most productive agricultural land in the County, and this grant will help preserve our

rural way of life," Carozza said.

Another Worcester County grant is set to come before the Board of Public Works in the coming weeks. Diakonia, the only provider for homeless men, women, families and veterans on the Lower Shore, was granted a \$75,000 Legislative Bond Initiative during the latest session to pay for the acquisition and planning of affordable housing. Carozza requested the funding.



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On behalf of the Berlin Police Department, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thirtieth Annual Golf Tournament on August 25th. All of the proceeds from this event go to the crime prevention fund, which supports activities that include sponsored holiday events, little league baseball teams and youth football, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Greater Berlin Minority Scholarships Fund, Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Services, National Night Out, Coastal Hospice, and a host of other organizations in an effort to encourage community partnerships.

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Eagle Title expands into Ocean City and Delaware

(Sept. 7, 2023) Maryland-based title company Eagle Title recently expanded into Ocean City and Delaware.

According to a news release, the move marks a significant milestone in the company's growth strategy. The Eagle Title is a trusted and reliable partner in the Delmarva real estate industry, serving clients in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

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"We are excited to bring our title services to the state of Delaware," Eagle Title CEO Jay Walsh said in the

release. "The expansion to the beaches aligns perfectly with our strategic growth plans, allowing us to serve our clients in this dynamic real estate market."

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Eagle Title will operate out of an office on Ocean Gateway in Ocean City and an office in Georgetown in Delaware. Both locations will offer residential, commercial and builder services.

Barbara Johnson appointed to county art council board

(Sept. 7, 2023) Members of the Worcester County Arts Council recently appointed Barbara A. Johnson of Berlin, to the board of directors.

According to a news release, Johnson is a retired elementary school teacher and media specialist. Born and raised in the Chicago area, she graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. During her teaching career, she incorporated art into many aspects of the school curriculum.

Since moving to the Eastern Shore, the release said, Johnson has volunteered with Rackliffe House and the Worcester County Arts Council. Barbara looks forward to using her skills and experiences with the council and community leaders to encourage art programs throughout the county.

The arts council is currently seeking new board members, specifically those who live in the southern communities of Worcester County, such as Snow Hill and Pocomoke City. Board members are elected for three-year terms and may be elected to a second term for a total of six years of service. The release said then council seeks a balance of representation in geographic, artistic discipline, constituent/non-constituent, age, racial/cultural background, gender, and organizational experience for the board.

Each board member adds value to the organization by bringing their experiences as a resident of the region, a member of their community, an artist in their discipline, and many other circumstances.

For more information, contact Anna Mullis, arts council executive director, at 410-641-0809 or anna@worcestercountyartscouncil.org

To learn more about the Worcester County Arts Council's programs and community services, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.



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Yeehaw! Throw Down on Main St.

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Baltimore's Red Dirt Revolution will deliver a "nonstop-high energy show of country music," with classics such as "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Friends in Low Places," and their own originals, including "County Fair" and "A Place Like This." They'll knock out some rock songs too, like

"I Want You to Want Me" and "Shook Me All Night Long."

Maryland born, Texas bred Crystal Sands and her band will take the stage with some original songs from her latest album, including "Straight Tequila," "The One that Got Away," and "Rock Like a Rollin' Stone."

DJ Jon Boesche will keep the beats

going between sets, so the crowd will have an entire day of music in downtown Berlin.

The annual concert, produced by Fager's Island and the Atlantic Hotel, will once again shut down Main Street to accommodate the crowds, which could be in the thousands based on past years' attendance.

"John Fager [owner of Fager's Island and the Atlantic Hotel] initially started this as a way to bring Nashville to Berlin. He went to Nashville and loved what he saw there. He puts it on each year to benefit all of Berlin," Laura Stern, the manager of the Atlantic Hotel, said.

"We are bringing the fun Nashville vibe to Berlin. It's a great way to kick off the fall and all the fall events we have."

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce will be hosting The Street Kitchen, Sessa's Hot Dogs and Kona Ice as well as Jun & Juice, Clare's Nutty Concoctions and Eastern Shore Kettle Korn.

The stage will be set opposite the Atlantic Hotel. Visitors have the option of using any of the free parking lots in town, including Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street. Additional parking may be available for fee or donation at the Berlin Fire Company or Buckingham Presbyterian Church on South Main Street.

"We're all very happy to enjoy Mr. Fager's and the Atlantic Hotel's support. We're still looking for volunteers that may want to help operate the event, and Fiddlers' Convention as well. We try our best to recognize and appreciate those who give their time so generously," Ryan Nellans, the executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, said.

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OP responds to annual meeting questions

Association answers on canals, referendum, fines, bylaws, elections, signage

(Sept. 7, 2023) The following questions were asked during the 2023 Ocean Pines Association Annual Meeting:

Q. What do motions by homeowners at the annual meeting actually do?

A. According to Ocean Pines Bylaws Section 4.02.(a) "Issues not contained in the notice of the meeting ... shall not be binding on the Association or the Board of Directors."

Doug Parks, at the time serving as Association President, summarized, "If [the motion] passes, it will be a recommendation from the membership to the board for further consideration."

To view the bylaws, visit oceanpines.org/documents/10184/90460/Amended+and+Restated+By-Laws+Amended+5-24-2022.pdf.

Q. How can a homeowner initiate a referendum?

A. According to Ocean Pines Bylaws Section 4.07. "A petition may be used to propose action requiring a referendum ..." According to Section 4.07.(c)(2) "For issues for referendum ... a petition requires signatures of members who are eligible to vote representing at least ten percent (10 percent) of the votes in the association as referenced in Section 3.01(a)."

Q. Ocean Pines has about 8,500 homes, but the Elections Committee only sent some 7,000 ballots for the 2023 board of directors election. What happened to the others? Are people on monthly payment plans eligible to vote? If not, can that be changed?

A. For the 2023 board of directors election, 7,781 ballots were mailed to members who are eligible to vote. Alternatively, 701 letters were sent to members informing them that they were ineligible to vote.

Members' voting rights are stated in Section 3.01 of the Ocean Pines Bylaws: "Payment of the annual charge levied by the board of directors is a prerequisite to the right to vote. No member may vote if, thirty-five (35)

days prior to the voting deadline (July 6, in 2023) the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the association."

Accordingly, members on payment plans are ineligible to vote. Changing this section of the bylaws to allow voting by members on payment plans would require a referendum.

Q. Some homeowners throw grass clippings and other lawn debris into the canals, as well as cigarette butts and other trash. This can increase harmful levels of nitrogen and phosphates that damage the environment. What can be done to address this issue and to increase public awareness?

A. Any policy related to the canals would fall under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as there is currently nothing in Ocean Pines' governing documents to allow for enforcement. The Association will reach out to DNR, with the goal of having more publicity on this issue published in a future Ocean Pines newsletter.

Q. Why does OPA use Northstar for financial processes, instead of something much cheaper like QuickBooks?

A. Northstar, rather than just serving as financial software, helps to run many of the association's operations and is considered "club management software." Along with running everyday financial systems, it also runs processes for billing, accounting and membership, and the public and private sides of the oceanpines.org website.

Q. Has OPA considered using electronic signs instead of the old marquee signs? What will the signs look like and what will the upkeep costs be?

A. The Communications Committee has proposed converting the North Gate marquee sign to a digital sign, although a motion to do so failed during the 2023 annual meeting. A 2023 online survey of 401 people found that roughly 61 percent said that, in general, they are "in favor of replacing the current signs with new digital signs."

A mockup of the signs submitted by the committee showed a 36 x 60-inch

LED sign that was white with black letters.

For more information on the proposed signs, contact the Communications Committee here: oceanpines.org/web/pages/communications-committee.

Q. Has OPA considered converting the North Gate exit onto Route 589 to two lanes, to help improve the flow of traffic and avoid backups?

A. The Association will consider this in the future, but any decision would need to involve Maryland State Highway, as the change would involve access to a state road and would also require a redesign of the North Gate Bridge.

Q. Has OPA considered changing the governing documents to allow for fines of continuing ARC violations?

A. While certain section of Ocean

Pines already have in their Declaration of Restrictions (DRs) the system for fines (Sections 12, 15B, 17, 18C, 18E, 18F, 18G, 18S, 19, and 20), adding fines in the remaining sections of Ocean Pines would require a change to the remaining DRs. Doing this would require 50 percent plus one of the owners of each section approving adding fines, which would need to be done by a referendum vote.

Q. Some violations lead to multiple letters, and then action taken in court, but the process is currently very slow. Can anything else be done about these violations to help protect property values?

A. Resolution M-01 states the violation process. While some consider the process to be slow, it is in place to assure that all rules and regulations are

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Ocean Pines new board hosts Sept. 9 organization meeting

(Sept. 7, 2023) Materials for the Sept. 9 Ocean Pines Association Board Organization meeting are now available online for anyone who plans to attend.

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

Valid property owner ID cards are required to attend board meetings. Cards may be obtained at the front counter of the Ocean Pines Administration Building on 239 Ocean Pkwy. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:25 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Property owners must bring a driver's license for verification to obtain a card.

First-time cards are free, and replacement cards are \$5. Property owner ID cards are the same as membership cards.

There is no deadline to get a

card. For questions, call 410-641-7717 or email info@oceanpines.org.

To join remotely, use the Microsoft Teams link: teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTI4Mjc5MGItND-NjM yo o M 2 M z L T g o Z j M - tYjlkZTQ5MzBiYmY5%40thread.v2/o?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22625a6322-2b2f-40fa-94f8-d7dd44d78153%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225fa869f5-01ad-476a-9570-540fe1ce4736%22%7d.

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

If prompted, use the web browser plug-in only and not the full client.

To view the agenda and meeting packet, visit oceanpines.org/documents/10184/53744/9-9-23+Organization+Meeting+Agenda.pdf?t=1693506987962.

Following the meeting, the video will be posted to the Association YouTube channel and links will be announced on the Ocean Pines website, oceanpines.org.

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followed prior to going to court for the violation. To view M-01, visit ocean-pines.org/documents/10184/122647/M-01+5-2-20.pdf.

Q. Does OPA offer guest passes to pools, for homeowners to give out to their guests?

A. The Association currently does not offer guest passes. However, guests may purchase a daily pool pass.

Q. Why can't the Yacht Club be an adults-only pool or have times for adults only?

A. Because of Ocean Pines Association's 501(c)(4) nonprofit status, all amenities by law must be open to the public and cannot discriminate against certain groups because of age or other reasons. This is based on a 2012 U.S. Court of Appeals decision involving the Association that found, "...to be exempt from taxation, the trade or business undertaken by a tax-exempt 501(c)(4) organization must itself causally advance or contribute importantly to the organization's promotion of the common good

and welfare of the general public."

Q. Can anything be done about the abundance of noisy, young children at the Yacht Club Pool?

A. The lifeguard on duty should immediately address any safety situations, such as a child being unruly or causing harm to other guests. Normal play noises are not considered a safety issue.

Q. What can be done about speeding and other safety issues affecting pedestrians, bicyclists, dog walkers, etc. along Ocean Parkway and other streets in the community? What is Ocean Pines doing overall to enforce traffic laws in the community?

A. The Ocean Pines Police Department (OPPD) would like to remind all residents of their responsibility to adhere to traffic regulations that exist to promote safety. All drivers in the Pines are requested to respect the posted speed limits, while all pedestrians and cyclists are reminded of their responsibility to walk and ride on the correct side of the road.

Walkers and joggers are permitted to walk or run on the opposite side of the road facing traffic, while cyclists are required to ride with the same direction of the traffic flow.

Cyclists are also reminded they have the same responsibility to adhere to traffic related signage that cars are held to, including stopping for stop signs.

The OPPD takes the safety of residents seriously and will be patrolling throughout the community and will be monitoring the speed of motorists with the use of radar.

Q. What can be done about improperly parked cars in Ocean Pines? What is the best way to handle such issues?

A. Maryland law allows vehicles to be parked on the street if they do not interfere with the flow of traffic. As for vehicles parked on a property (such as on the grass) instead of the designated driveway, the Compliance, Permit and Inspections (CPI) Department will initiate a violation for these vehicles. To contact CPI, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/cpi>.

For additional questions, contact info@oceanpines.org.

Hitchens new director of Pines Aquatics department

(Sept. 7, 2023) Ocean Pines Association announced a transition within the Aquatics department, as General Manager John Viola on Tuesday introduced Michelle Hitchens as the new Aquatics manager.

Hitchens grew up outside of Philadelphia and moved to the Delmarva area in 2004. Starting at a young age, she worked at an array of recreation and aquatic facilities.

Hitchens, the mother of four children, moved to the Berlin area and joined the Aquatics department for Ocean Pines 11 years ago.

With Ocean Pines, she has coordinated Aquatics exercise classes and programs, taught exercise classes and lessons, supervised in-

structors and employees of the department, and helped the department to run smoothly overall.

Hitchens said she is excited to move forward into the Aquatics manager position. She loves working for the Ocean Pines Association and for the Aquatics department.

She plans to make the transition as smooth and comfortable as possible for the staff, and to make the department and facilities a joy for all to take part in.



Michelle Hitchens

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ON DISPLAY

Car enthusiasts check out a red Corvette at the Ocean Pines Classic Car and Jeep Show, sponsored by the OP Chamber of Commerce on Saturday near the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

One car owner showed his love of country and honoring those lost in the 911 terrorist attacks at the Ocean Pines Classic Car and Jeep Show, sponsored by the OP Chamber of Commerce on Saturday.



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Jeeps dominated the Ocean Pines Classic Car and Jeep Show, sponsored by the OP Chamber of Commerce on Saturday.



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DAWG TEAM

Members of the Kiwanis Club's Dawg Team pose for a photo at the Ocean Pines Back to School Bash on Aug. 26 at Veterans Memorial Park. The team sold hotdogs, burgers, snacks and drinks to raise funds for local youth programs.



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KIWANIS GIVES

Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing, Worcester County G.O.L.D. Executive Director Nicholas Cranford and the Kiwanis Club Liaison to G.O.L.D., Jim Spicknall pose with a donation the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City presented recently to Worcester G.O.L.D.



WELCOME

The Rev. Suz Southern, the new assistant priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin, stands for a photo in front of the church. Ordained in June, she is a recent graduate of The School of Theology at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Southern and her husband, Dave, are pleased to return home to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She is joining the Rev. Carl Mosley for 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services each Sunday.

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HOODS UP
Car enthusiasts check out the many old and new vehicles on display at the Ocean Pines Classic Car and Jeep Show in Ocean Pines on Saturday near the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. The event was hosted by the OP Chamber of Commerce.
CINDY HOFFMAN/
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Worcester County Tobacco Retailers Care About Our Kids!

The Worcester County Health Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department work together to prevent the sale, distribution, and consumption of tobacco products by those under age 21. Out of the 145 tobacco retailers in Worcester County, 69 retailers were randomly visited between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, by local law enforcement for the purpose of attempting to buy tobacco products by an underage cadet. The following tobacco retailers had an employee who requested an ID and refused to sell tobacco to a person under the age of 21. Please join the Worcester County Health Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department in congratulating these establishments. Please stop in and say "Thank You" to:

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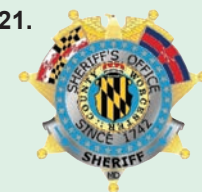


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Opinion

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Pragmatism expected to guide new directors

It might be said of the last board of directors of the Ocean Pines Association that it presided over a local version of an era of good feeling, when even major disagreements, with a couple of exceptions, were dealt with in a business-like manner.

As compared to some previous governing authorities in the community, these most recent boards managed to disagree without disintegrating into factional warfare even in difficult circumstances.

Equally important, the recently departed board allowed the administration to do what it needed to do to deliver some of the association's most successful years in terms of finances and operations.

Ocean Pines voters apparently agree that they believe the newly elected directors will operate in similar manner. Judging from the absence of controversy during the candidates' campaigning this summer, there is no reason for residents to expect otherwise.

There is every reason to believe that new directors Elaine Brady, John Latham and Jeffrey Heavner will take a pragmatic approach to problem solving and assessing what must be done for the community, what should be done and what may be done when the time is right.

Grand schemes and fantasy planning would not appear to have a place in their down-to-earth portfolios. That's good news for residents and especially the association staff, which has been doing nothing but producing good results.

We congratulate Brady, Latham and Heavner for winning the confidence of association members and suspect they will soon go about proving that voters got it right.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

GOLFERS ONLY

OP golf course reminder

(Sept. 7, 2023) The Ocean Pines Golf Club is offering a friendly reminder to the community about course access and the importance of respecting the property.

The Golf Club staff is focused on ensuring the safety of registered golfers, preserving the course's integrity, and minimizing any potential damage or liability issues.

To help maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all golfers, it is crucial that the public – including nonregistered individuals – refrain from accessing the course. Instances of unauthorized access pose risks such as accidents, property damage, vandalism, and interference with ongoing play.

To prevent such incidents and ensure the well-being of all participants, the Ocean Pines Golf Club would like to reinforce the following guidelines:

Restricted access: The golf course is exclusively for registered golfers. No walking, biking, dog walking, or any other activities are permitted on the course. Additionally, no fishing is permitted anywhere on the golf course property.

Safety and liability: Unauthorized access

to the course can result in potential hazards and liability issues. It is important that community members and their children understand and respect these regulations to ensure the well-being of everyone involved.

Property respect: The Ocean Pines Golf Club requests that all visitors to the course remain mindful and respectful of the course and its property. Engaging in any activities that may cause damage or disrupt play is strictly prohibited.

Golf Director Bob Beckelman said there have been incidents involving damage caused by individuals who access the course without authorization.

He said these actions not only compromise the course's quality, but also hinder the enjoyment of golf for registered players.

"We kindly ask the community to cooperate and respect our regulations to ensure the safety and satisfaction of all our registered golfers. The golf course is a big asset to our community, and by adhering to the access guidelines we can continue to provide an exceptional golfing experience for everyone," Beckelman said.

Jesse's Paddle Sept. 16 in Snow Hill

Suicide prevention awareness raised at 15th annual event

(Sept. 7, 2023) On Sept. 16, dozens of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards will leave the dock on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill to raise funds in support of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund for the 15th annual Jesse's Paddle.

According to a news release, the event brings together "an extraordinary community of supporters to spread the word that suicide is preventable, and that there is no shame in seeking help for mental health issues."

The paddlers will be collecting cards for Jesse's Poker Paddle, returning to the dock with hopes of a winning hand. There are prizes for winning poker

paddlers, as well as for top fundraisers.

Boats are provided at no cost by the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, and paddlers can bring their own boats.

A minimum donation of \$35 is requested to participate in Jesse's Poker Paddle. To reserve a boat, call the canoe shop at 410-632-3971.

The event will feature music, free hot dogs, chips and beverages for donors, as well as a silent auction of local services and items. Registration begins at 4 p.m. at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River St., in Snow Hill, and poker paddle boats will be on the river by 5 p.m.

"Jesse's Paddle is not only our most important fundraising event, but is a great evening for fun and fellowship," Fund President

Kim Klump said in the release. "It's wonderful to see so many people on the river and hanging out at the dock who value the work we have done to prevent suicide, and to help those who have lost loved ones to suicide."

The 2023 Jesse's Paddle website is at jessespaddle.org/paddle. One click from there (on the "Our Donor Page"), anyone who values mental health and hopes to save someone from suicide can donate.

Once at the crowdfunding page, participants can donate to an existing fundraising team, to a general account, or create their own team. Team leaders reach out on social media to ask others to join in the effort.

Are you thinking about suicide? Worried about someone? The new National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Lifeline is 988.

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AGH hosts 30th annual fall golf tournament

Annual event raises funds for expansion of health care services, programs

(Sept. 7, 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.

The following sponsors have committed:

- Eagle Sponsors: AGH Auxiliary; Sina Companies, LLC.
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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 lpowell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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Cuisine

Herbed hummus 'amazing' summer dish

Reprint from Aug. 8, 2019

I sit in the hotel lobby in Florida watching the torrential downpour and listening to the crashing thunder as the windows all rattle. This is a big storm, and they definitely had the forecast correct. All I can say is that I am glad that I am here for a convention, and not down here with my children braving the onslaught that we all know and love as Disneyworld.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Oh, Disney, that magical place where every ride ends in a huge gift shop, the smell of waffle cones wafts through Main Street while being ubiquitously absent in the ice cream shop itself, and children give their parents a run for their money. A buddy of mine drove to convention with his wife and three children, hit Disney for the first time ever, and it only took them four hours to run out of cash. It's all by design.

Walt Disney was speaking in the 1960s to a group of businessmen, and he noted (and I paraphrase), "Everything in this park is for sale except for the buildings and the sidewalks." He was a shrewd man.

Personally, I have never cared for Disneyworld, being a cynic and seeing it for what it is. But, truth be told, I have had many friends go as adults (sans children) and have had a tremendous time. Whether it's eating and drinking their way around Epcot or skipping the Dumbo ride in favor of the more exhilarating ones, they swear that it is a different park without the tykes.

Regardless, a trip to Disney is not on the docket this go-around. It is almost time to get back up north and jump into the White Marlin Open to win that big money. And if you haven't seen anything about the tournament this year, they hit a world record \$6.1 million in prize money with over 400 boats.

Even for the world's largest billfish tournament, that is a staggering amount. With any luck, our sponsored team will bring in a cold, hard \$2,000,000. I mean, someone has to win it.

So as my heads swims with these numbers, the reminisces of nightmarish Disney trips and this insane storm, I dip a piece of raw beet into



an amazing herbed hummus. I love hummus, and I cannot for the life of me tell you why I don't have it on the menu at the restaurant. Yet

It is incredibly easy to make and while I call it the perfect summertime dish, it is fantastic any time of year. But the best part of serving this in the summertime is grabbing some beautiful heirloom vegetables from a local farm such as Chesterfield Heirlooms to serve on the side.

Dipping a fresh, raw baby carrot in your homemade hummus is incredibly satisfying. Wheels of watermelon radish act as a dipping chip of sorts, and the earthy flavor of the raw root complements the rich hummus perfectly. It doesn't take a genius to know that it ends up being one of the healthiest dishes most of us will eat in any given week.

For me, I love how satiating it is, high in protein and minerals from the garbanzo beans. Top that with the bread and vegetables, it's a fairly well-rounded complement to your cooking arsenal.

And it is incredibly easy to make. This is one of those dishes that is pretty hard to screw up. In this recipe, adding the parsley and chives

will add a tiny touch of water, so you may have to play around with that if you find that it is messing up the consistency of the end product. Or, you could use the freeze dried ones that are now sold in the produce section. These aren't exactly my favorite, but they will work in a pinch. I'll let you decide which ones you want to use.

The monsoon is dying down now, and pretty soon it will be time to head back to some of the educational highlights. This year's lineup has been good so far, and there are some impressive speakers tomorrow.

And then it's back to the real world of Ocean City, and, of course, the teaching grind. Time does not stand still for anyone, does it? Oh summertime, I'm already counting down the days until next summer.

Herbed Hummus

makes about 1 quart

1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans
Juice of 1 lemon
3 cloves oil-roasted garlic
2 Tbsp. olive oil from above garlic
1/4 c. Tahini
2 Tbsp. Fresh parsley
4 chives

Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Place everything in the bowl of a food processor and blend until smooth, scraping with a rubber spatula

2. When ready, simply serve with raw vegetables, pita or naan bread

3. Top with any or all of the garnishes listed below. On a side note, I intentionally left cumin out, something that is common in many hummus recipes. I find that cumin is overused and for me it tends to get obnoxious, making everything taste like an Ortega taco kit. This is a personal preference, so please use it at your discretion

4. This is an absolutely amazing summertime dish. In fact, I'm not sure why I don't have it on the menu. Mayhap that will happen when I get back from Florida

For garnish

Paprika
finely chopped roasted red peppers
Roasted garlic, minced or smashed
Olive oil to drizzle on top
fine lemon zest

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

Snow Hill's Legacy Mural to be restored as focal point

(Sept. 7, 2023) The Legacy Mural, the image that greeted travelers heading into Snow Hill for over 30 years, is set for restoration over the next few weeks.

According to a news release, the local emblem will resume its rightful place in the heart of town through a collaborative partnership between the Town of Snow Hill and private property owners Dr. William and Christine Plack, and with funding from the Maryland State Art's Council.

The Legacy Icon, a prior town logo, has become an important symbol in defining the quaint lifestyle experienced in Snow Hill, the release said.

The image captures the essence of Snow Hill by incorporating elements most strongly represented in and around the town. The lush tree scape along the water bank signifies Snow Hill's geography, heritage and historic resilience as one of the first Royal Ports settled in America. Paying tribute to the town's function as the Worcester County Seat, the Worcester County Circuit Court building's copula is a prominent feature in the image as well.

The image has become a focal point of the Downtown Shopping District. It acts as a welcome beacon to visitors and is a staple in the lives of the community members. Weddings, engagements, graduations, and other milestones are commemorated through pictures with the Legacy Mural as the backdrop.

The Legacy Mural was originally painted in the 1980s by Wally Makuchal Sr., based on the town's logo designed by Selbyville Signs.

After Wally Makuchal Sr.'s death, his son Wally Makuchal Jr. took over maintenance of the mural, repainting it in the early 2000s. Wally Makuchal Jr. was scheduled to begin the reinstallation of the mural as soon as last Friday evening. It will take several weeks to complete.

The first phase in repainting the mural is establishing the outline, which will be done by projecting the large image on the wall during evening hours. Willow Street will be closed to traffic beginning at dusk during those time.

Safe Boating Course held Sept. 12-14 at OP library

(Sept. 7, 2023) The next courses to learn safe boating practices in Maryland are 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 classes cover 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. Payment through PayPal is also accepted.

For more information or to register, contact Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or e-mail CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

Worcester County Fair at Byrd Park in SH Sept. 15-17

(Sept. 7, 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.

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Successful comeback for Ernie Stiles Hops Scramble

(Sept. 7, 2023) The Ocean Pines Golf Club on Aug. 25 played host to the successful return of the Ernie Stiles Bavarian Hops Scramble.

After several years off because of the covid pandemic, the 16th scramble paid homage to the late Ernie Stiles, who founded the event in the early 2000s as a fundraiser for local charities.

During the tournament, 62 players teed off for a nine-hole experience accompanied by four refreshing hops beverages.

Karen Lill earned the coveted "hops hat" with her closest-to-the-pin shot of 8 feet, 4 inches on the seventh hole.

Golf member Bob Long said the tournament also had "a grand tee box party on the seventh that featured live music by the Bearded Men Soci-

ety."

"There were shots and hors d'oeuvres, along with a noise that rivaled the 16th at the Phoenix Open – well, almost!," Long said with a laugh. "Following play, Judie Scotti and the Clubhouse Bar & Grille crew hosted a nice dinner that was well attended."

Proceeds this year went to a \$1,035 donation to Diakonia and a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester County Humane Society. The tournament has raised more than \$30,000 for local charities since its inception.

"Thank you go to Don McMullen and Patty Curtin, who coordinated the event, and to the Bearded Men Society who donated their time and expertise to make the seventh-hole tee box party a grand event," Long said.

OP Platform Tennis benefit seeking additional sponsors

(Sept. 7, 2023) The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Club is seeking sponsors for a new charity tournament set for Saturday, Sept. 23 in Ocean Pines.

According to a news release, tournament co-chairs Karen Kaplan and M. Petito said the event will benefit longtime member Dee Bohanan, who is battling Parkinson's disease and receiving home hospice care.

Players from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been invited, and the tournament promises to showcase an exhibition of high-level platform tennis, for a worthy cause.

Sponsorships of \$500, \$250, and \$150 – and donations in any amount – will be gifted by the club to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, in honor of Bohanan.

Sponsor benefits include the company's name on a banner with high profile exposure at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

"Daily foot traffic at the center often exceeds 300 players, and a business name on a banner will elevate their brand exposure and highlight their company's goodwill in the community," Kaplan said in the release. "And, it's all for a great cause for our dear friend."

For more information on sponsorships, contact Kaplan at 516-508-0313 for an application.

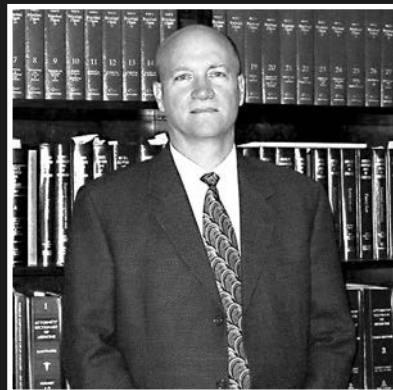
Michael J. Fox Foundation can be mailed to M. Petito, 4 Longpoint Court, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Sept. 7

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

STORY TIME: 'BECAUSE'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate Classical Music Month with "Because" by Mo Willems. Stick around after for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, 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

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

BOOK DISCUSSION: 'UNBROKEN' BY LAURA HILLENBRAND

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Pocomoke Library circulation desk. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LEGO ZIPLINE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4 p.m. Can you build the perfect contraption to ride the LEGO zipline? For ages 8-12 years. 410-632-3495, 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

'RESTORATIVE PRACTICES' AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION ON THE EASTERN SHORE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 410 Dighton Ave., Snow Hill, 6-7 p.m. Learn how restorative practices can improve school climate by decreasing suspensions and increasing teacher retention, overall school safety and feelings of well-being. Edward S. Lee, 443-783-1623

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., Sept. 8

'REMEMBRANCE BEAMS OF LIGHT' LIGHTING CEREMONY

Ocean City Firefighter's Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., 8 p.m. This year the Twin Beams will be filling the Ocean City night skyline beginning Sept. 8 and burning through dawn on Sept. 12. Video tributes will be played nightly Sept. 8-11, at 7 p.m.

WINE ON THE BEACH

Ocean City Inlet, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. MD wineries, craft vendors, fine artists. Online reduced tickets: <https://www.winefest.com>. Tickets include one-day admission (either Friday or Saturday), commemorative wine glass and wine tastings.

BABY TIME

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

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

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join in for a short structured activity and then socialize and play with other homeschool families. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

COMMUNITY READ DISCUSSION: 'THERE THERE' BY TOMMY ORANGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Pick up a copy of this year's Maryland Humanities community read at the Ocean Pines Library. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRIDAY MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. A comedy about four older women who journey to the Super Bowl to meet their favorite player. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for a one-crab-cake sandwich platter; \$24, two-crab-cake-sandwich platter; or \$10 for a crab cake sandwich. Platters include green beans, baked po-

tato and Cole slaw. Carry out or eat in.

SEPTEMBER FEATURED ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Meet and enjoy the artwork of the two featured artists, Geo McElroy and Ellie Scott, while enjoying complimentary refreshments. Artwork by 30 artists and members of the Co-Op will be offered for sale. 410-641-0809

Sat., Sept. 9

9-11 REMEMBRANCE BEAMS OF LIGHT AND VIDEO TRIBUTES

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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

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Shannon Ehinger, owner of 353 Custom Tackle Store. Also, members report on pertinent fishing topics. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

'PHILLIPS CANNERY: REMEMBERED' EXHIBITION PHOTOS AND NARRATIVES

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. "PHILLIPS CANNERY: Remembered" Exhibition Photos and Narratives curated by Patrick L. Henry, 410-641-0638.

GRIEFSHARE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12:30-2:30 p.m. A program for those who struggle after the loss of a love one, sponsored by Fathom Church. The program will run for 14 weeks. Carole, 301-509-2002

BERLIN SMALL TOWN THROW DOWN

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 1-6 p.m. Free country music concert featuring Red Dirt Revolution with spe-

cial guest Crystal Sands. There will be an outdoor bar and a beer truck. Free shuttle from BIS, 12:30-6:30 p.m. Bring a chair.

THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 1 p.m. For The Reverend Jill Williams, Priest-In-Charge. Installation by The Right Reverend Santosh Marray. The Very Reverend David Michaud, preaching. Clergy: white stoles. Reception following.

TEEN MARIO PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Teens and their families are invited to compete in Mario games on the Nintendo Switch. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

EN GARDE!

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Dave Nemazie, international fencing competitor and coach at the Salisbury Fencing Club, will teach this class. The class will focus on Épée. Get a taste of the Olympic Sport of Fencing. 410-641-0650

'RESTORATIVE PRACTICES' AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION ON THE EASTERN SHORE

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 6-7 p.m. Learn how restorative practices can improve school climate by decreasing suspensions and increasing teacher retention, overall school safety and feelings of well-being. Joan Roache, 443-944-6495

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. 10

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OCEAN PINES PLAYERS MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery, 11206 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 12-3 p.m., OPP Singers (Patrick Leonard, Dorothy Leslie, Donna Pasqualino and Jim Ulman) will present standards and easy listening favorites. Admission is free. Bring a chair. <https://oceanpinesplayers.org>

Calendar

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Sept. 11

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SEPTEMBER 11 TRIBUTE CEREMONY AND PARADE OF BROTHERS

Ocean City Firefighter's Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., 8:46 a.m. OCFD will be paying tribute during the Six, Sept. 11, Time Stamp Announcements, beginning at 8:46 a.m. The "Parade of Brothers" will arrive at 11:45 a.m. The joint service begins at noon.

911 PARADE OF BROTHERS BOARDWALK MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Meet at 27th Street, Ocean City. Cost is \$10 per motorcycle. Registration at 9 a.m. Ride begins at 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Caroline Street Stage at noon. Escorted ride ending at the Roxana Moose Lodge for lunch and brotherhood.

STORY TIME: 'APPLES'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and a craft all about apples. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Using fun games and activities, the group will research, explore and learn all about the wonders of nature. Recommended for ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MAKER MONDAY - WILDFLOWER BUTTON ART

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Join in making wildflower art - out of buttons. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. This group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN LIBRARY MEETING AND BOOK SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Join the autumn meeting of the Friends of the Berlin Library and bring a book to

trade for another. Refreshments provided. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

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., Sept. 12

STORY TIME: TURTLES

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

STORY TIME: SHARKS

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Join in every second Tuesday of the month to see, touch and learn about local animals and enjoy stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, 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

DELMARVA DULCIMER PLAYERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. The Delmarva Dulcimer Players will perform singalongs, bluegrass and more, using Appalachian Mountain dulcimers, each with its own unique tone. All are welcome. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MONTHLY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Catch a recent movie you might have missed in the theaters. Free admission. Details: 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 104, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay

Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org

MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. Takes place Sept. 12-14. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB: 'THE PARIS ARCHITECT' BY CHARLES BELFOURE

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Monthly book club. Stop by the Snow Hill branch to pick up a book, then join in for the discussion. Must be at least 21 years of age. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SONG CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you love and share it with other players and writers in a welcoming and encouraging space. Originals encouraged. Listeners welcome. Hosted by Mikel Campbell. 410-641-0650

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. 13

OC BIKEFEST & DELMARVA BIKE WEEK

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Events also held at the OC Inlet Parking Lot, Shorebirds Stadium and Rommel Harley-Davidson. Custom bike builders, concerts, stunt shows, vendors and more. Schedule and tickets: <https://ocbikefest.com>.

DELMARVA BIKE WEEK

Perdue Stadium, 6400 Hobbs Road, Sal-

isbury, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Motorcycle demos, Indian demos/sales, thrill shows, live music, vendors, food and drinks and more. Admission and park are free at the Shorebirds Stadium. Schedule: <https://delmarvabikeweek.com>.

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.

SENSORY STAY AND PLAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn through exploration, curiosity and creativity. Get ready to squish, build, splash, shake and scoop through several fun stations. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK DISCUSSION: 'THEY CALLED US ENEMY' BY GEORGE TAKEI

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Stop by the Snow Hill 50 Plus center to pick up a book, then join in for the discussion and a craft. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

NATIVE WALK AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Meet at the Cypress Park pavilion for a hike on the Pocomoke Nature Trail. Identify and learn about local plants and participate on a nature scavenger hunt. Bring binoculars. All ages. 410-957-0878

DIABETES EDUCATION

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4-6 p.m. Discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

D&D GAME NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5-7 p.m. D&D game for adults and teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7-8:30 p.m. Held Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 7. Singles and couples welcome. Barbara C. Roos, 908-229-8799, barbcroos@gmail.com

OCEAN CITY LIONS CLUB MEETING

Ocean City Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, Berlin. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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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