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## Racquet director returns

Johnson resigns but GM smooths over problems

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) Tim Johnson, the Ocean Pines Association racquet sports manager who arrived in April and jump-started the racquet sports community by offering lessons, tournaments and lots of positive energy, resigned unexpectedly last week, with no notice.

And now, he's back ... with a promotion.

A statement issued Tuesday by OPA General Manager John Viola said, "I had a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10 with Tim Johnson to discuss some misunderstandings and a lot of misinformation in the Ocean Pines Community regarding the Racquet Sports operation.

"We had a very positive discussion about some of the issues that had been encountered and, based upon this meeting, I'm pleased to announce that Tim will be promoted to Director of Racquet Sports effectively immediately, and he will report di-

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### UP AND DOWN

Jeffrey Vitak catches some air during the Ocean Pines BMX-Skate Jam on Saturday at the Ocean Pines Skatepark. A show ramp was brought in for bikers and boarders to try out. See story on page 8.

## Money, recruiting constant challenge for fire co.

Staffing problems, funding more critical as population of area continues to grow

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) Public safety is a priority for most Berlin residents, and the Berlin Fire Company and EMS play a critical role in ensuring that the town and surrounding areas continued to be protected.

But challenges in staffing and funding continue to make providing that service difficult

The Berlin Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services consists of 55 fire and rescue volunteers and 16 EMS career positions.

While the company only has one position open at this time, Dave Fitzgerald, the president of the fire company, said it's hard to recruit volunteers firefighters and EMS staff.

The time commitment is intense,

according to Fitzgerald, who said these personnel are required to undergo hundreds of hours of fire and EMS training.

"It's a good career if you want to serve the public," Fitzgerald said. "But with 24 hour shifts, it's a whole different lifestyle," he said of the 24 hours on and 72 hours off EMS shifts.

The Berlin Fire Company answers about 400 fire calls a year. Add the meetings, training time and other duties, like keeping the engines and the

fire house clean and cared for, and washing equipment, and it can be hard to find people who can balance that with a full-time job and a personal life, according to Fitzgerald.

For the paid positions, the company tries to be competitive with Ocean City and Salisbury, where personnel have unions with collective bargaining. Berlin must keep up with those pay scales or lose people to those companies.

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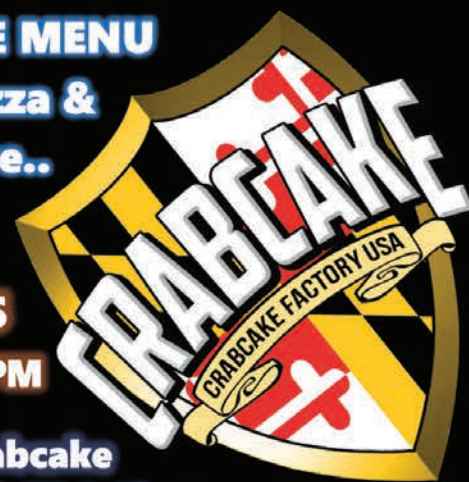
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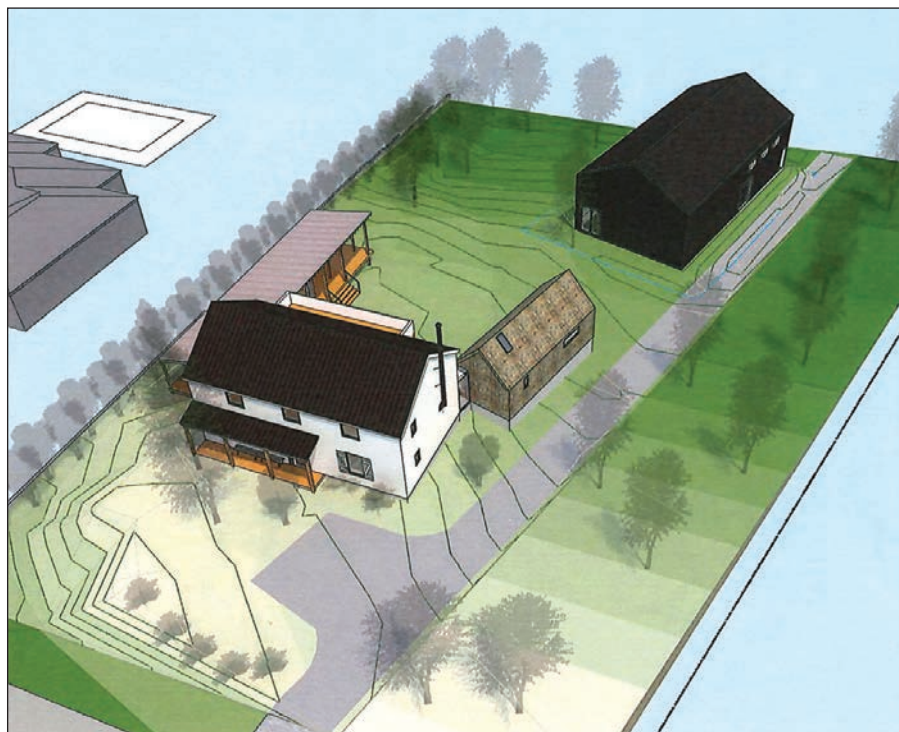
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Blake Rayne took his proposal for a new home on Main Street to the Berlin Historic Commission. The commission members asked him to make some changes to the façade to make it more in keeping with the historic nature of the community.

# Historic Dist. Commission sees unusual application

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) Blake Rayne and builder Nate Reister of Burley Building Company presented preliminary drawings of a new home Rayne wants to have built on South Main Street to Berlin's Historic District Commission last Wednesday. A decision will be made on or before the next meeting of the commission on Nov. 1.

Rayne is an artist and educator. He was a professor at Columbia University and plans to make Berlin his home now that he is no longer teaching. He grew up in Salisbury and his father's family lived in Berlin.

"I've been trying to move to Berlin for a while now," Rayne said.

The designs show a multi-building plan with the main house a colonial design.

Rayne said the design of the main house is unusual inside, in that there will be no bedrooms but will have a

kitchen and second-floor library.

Two other buildings will create a U-shaped private space in the backyard. The one on the right will be the master bedroom, which will be cedar shake and the other, which Rayne called a "dog trot" will be made of corrugated metal and will house two sleeping areas.

The main house will be made of traditional three-coat plaster, similar to other houses in the area. Reister said it will be white or grayish in color.

Another large building to the back of the lot will be Rayne's studio, where he plans to store and make his exhibits. Reister said this building is a pole barn that will be sizable but less visible to the street.

Reister told the commissions that the renderings of the buildings they were viewing are basic, which makes it difficult to get a detailed point of view.

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# Impact fees could help pay for public safety

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As the population of the Berlin service area expands, so too do the needs for fire and EMS services.

An example is the Oceans East development, which turned an empty field into 732 residents.

Fitzgerald said the company writes an impact report for every development that outlines how many more emergency calls can be expected.

The town has impact fees for other services, but not for public safety. Fitzgerald said impact fees could pay for equipment costs. He said apparatus costs have almost doubled since covid. In 2019, an ambulance cost the company \$295,000, but now, according to Fitzgerald, a 2025 model will cost the company \$425,000. Fire trucks cost about \$1 million.

The town's comprehensive plan has provided for impact fees for years, he said, adding that the mayor and council just have to implement them.

The company's station and administration building are adequate, but there are always unmet needs, Fitzgerald said.

The station was built in 1965 and an addition was added in 1991. Recently, the company has moved into the administration building next door, which used to be the town li-



From left: CJ Lewis, Joe Truitt, Roland Morris and Dave Fitzgerald.

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brary.

"The administration building is a good stopgap measure," Fitzgerald said. The building has room for meetings and places for volunteers and staff to study, read or relax.

The fire company mails an annual donation letter each July that includes a recruitment letter and additional donation opportunities for special fund such as \$1000 donors.

An increase in emergency call vol-

ume and training that requires additional volunteer manpower and the increase in material costs have reduced fundraising capabilities. The Fire Company banquet hall and conference center are available for rent.

EMS will mail their annual donation letter in late November. EMS will accept additional donations towards the costs of replacement ambulances and medical equipment.

The company used to hold big

events, such as a casino night. He said that ended when Ocean Downs Casino opened.

"Who wants to come here, with volunteer dealers and small bets when you have Ocean Downs?" he asked.

Fitzgerald noted that police don't have to fundraise, but fire companies are expected to in Berlin and many other communities. To learn more visit <https://www.berlinfire.com/>

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day provides an opportunity for Worcester County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals, such as bleach, pesticides, pool chemicals, oil mixtures, gas and other fuels, acids, automotive fluids, thinners, and other everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home, such

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The release said water-based paints are not hazardous materials and should not be brought to any hazardous waste event. Instead, solidify water-based paints by drying or adding absorbent materials, such as sand, kitty litter or mulch. Then place the dried paint in the trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is open for free to county residents only. The event is hosted in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland

Department of the Environment. MXI Environmental Services Company will be responsible for the safe disposal of all hazardous waste collected.

Collecting hazardous materials for safe disposal saves valuable landfill space and helps protect the environment, as many of the items do not degrade and contain poisonous materials that could seep out of the landfill and contaminate surrounding soil and groundwater, the release said.

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Crowds walk the streets of downtown Berlin during last year's Oktoberfest.

# Berlin Oktoberfest this weekend

(Oct. 12, 2023) Berlin's annual Oktoberfest celebration will take over the downtown streets from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The event will feature The Edelweiss Band playing authentic Oktoberfest music and live music by local band The Dunhounds.

A variety of beers and meads will

be on tap and for sale, including more stations this year with an array of event-themed brews.

Vendors will also be selling typical German food, such as brats, knockwurst, pretzels and German chocolate cake.

A sidewalk sale with all types of crafts and trinkets will be set up along

the street, along with Scales n Tales Animal displays and Cascading Carols Juggling show for kids.

Those who attend the event are asked to park at Berlin Intermediate School and take the free shuttle downtown.

The shuttle runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Worcester County Historical Society dinner set Oct. 29

(Oct. 12, 2023) The Worcester County Historical Society will hold its annual dinner meeting on Oct. 29 at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club near South Point.

Following the program, organization officials will give out grants to several Worcester County museums.

This year's speaker will be Hunter "Bunk" Mann, a native of the lower Eastern Shore and author of two books, "Vanishing Ocean City," published in 2014, and, "Ghosts in the Surf," published in 2019.

His talk will center on the 1933 storm, which cut the inlet at the south end of the resort. He called the storm one of the most important events that ever happened to Ocean City, as it opened the possibility for commercial and deep sea fishing. The deep sea fishing includes the famous White Marin Open held every year.

The storm also ended the pound fishing industry with the destruction of the railroad bridge coming into the resort. But another benefit was the extension of the beach because of the jetty at the inlet. This allowed the town to install a parking lot on the beach.

When Mann wrote his book he interviewed 24 people who had been alive at the time of the 1933 storm. He will discuss some of their comments during his talk.

The menu for the historical society's dinner will consist of a 3-ounce crab cake, baked chicken, salad, vegetable medley/baked pineapple, Eastern Shore cornbread, pound cake, rolls, and tea and coffee.

A silent auction of several historical items, including an original signed copy of "Worcester County: Maryland's Arcadia" complete with dust jacket, will also be held.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Judi Menavich, 9 Drawbridge Road, Berlin MD 21811.

The deadline for reservations to the dinner, which is open to the public, is Oct. 20. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m. with the dinner starting at 2 p.m. The dinner is open to the public.



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Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Manager Tim Johnson, who temporarily resigned from his position last week, poses with a handful of racquets in front of the racquet center. After what Pines officials characterized as “misunderstandings and a lot of misinformation,” Johnson was promoted this week to director of racquet sports reporting directly to the general manager.

## Racquet club boss promoted

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rectly to the GM.”

The general manager’s support of Johnson indicates just how popular he is among the racket sports set.

“Many members are very upset and disappointed about Tim’s sudden departure. As you can imagine there are many rumors concerning the reasons for Tim’s departure,” Cathy Noble, the chair of the racquet sports advisory committee said.

“We are all hoping that management can work something out and he will return.”

Rick Farr, president of the Ocean

Pines Association said he wasn’t sure what happened, and Claire Walker, the president of the Pickleball Club asked residents to write letters to both the board and the general manager.

“This is an operations issue, and the board doesn’t get involved with personnel issues,” Farr said.

Whatever the situation was, the decision to have Johnson answer directly to the general manager makes Ocean Pines racquet sports an entity unto itself, whereas before it fell under the purview of the recreation department.

## House’s plan aims to blend in

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Commission members suggested the house could use some softening, with a chimney instead of the pipe for the fireplace, white-framed windows and more classic columns.

“Make it fit better into the Main Street of Berlin,” Commissioner Laura Bunting said.

“It sounds like you are really working to make it blend in with the neighborhood. I would like to see the

details when you have them,” Commissioner John Holloway said.

Reister told the commissioners he bought a mill a year ago and trees that are felled on the site will be used to create the front porch and other interior work.

The commission members were generally positive about the proposal, but asked Rayne to send them updated drawings based on their recommendations.

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# Ocean Pines BMX-Skate Jam honored local skate activist

By **Cindy Hoffman**

Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) The Ocean Pines BMX-Skate Jam rocked the skatepark on Saturday afternoon with music from Mirrors and Wires and a ramp set up next to the skatepark for BMX bikers and skateboarders to try.

Some were trying the ramp for the first time while others were clearly experienced BMXers. One biker, Veron Zweifel, did some amazing stunts as his dog, Barry Alan, raced back and forth, following along on solid ground.

Jim Solomon organized the event for his friends, Sean and Kristen McLaren, who are moving to Texas.

“Sean and I have done free events over the years for the kids. This is a send-off party for them,” Solomon said.

This is the first event that included the BMX bikes, now that they are allowed in the Ocean Pines Skatepark.

“He [Sean] is the big reason why there are skateparks around here. He did it all in the shadows and did not want anyone to know. He did it for us. I was young when he started. This was 20 years ago. And now he is handing the reins to us to take over,”

Zweifel said.

The next stop is Sunfest, Oct. 19-22, Solomon said. They will bring the show ramps to the inlet.

“It’s a good way to show Ocean City why they need to change the rules for the skate park, especially with the revamp happening,” Zweifel said.

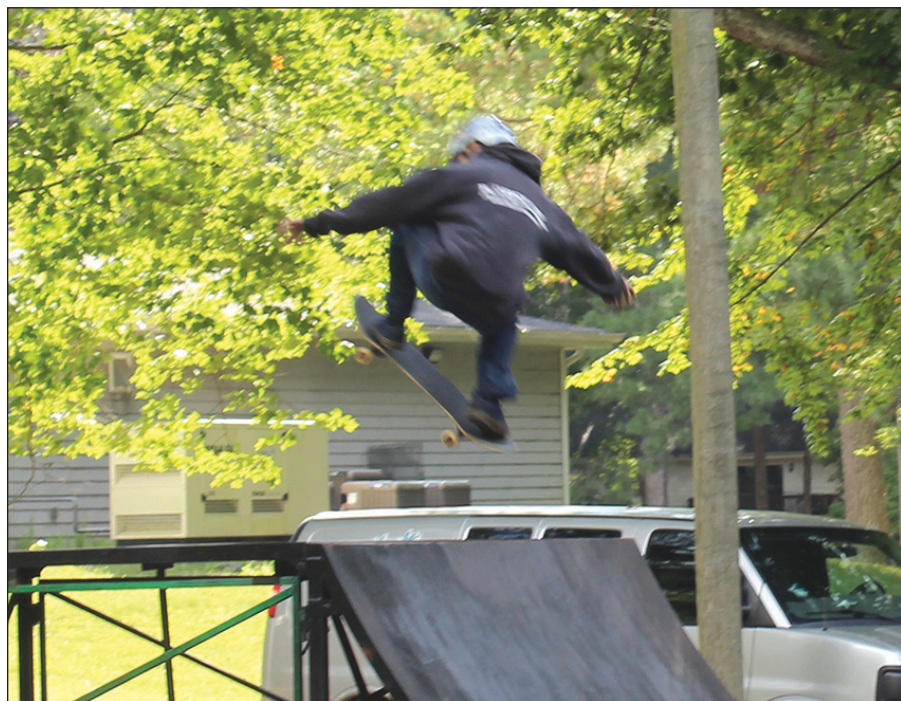
The Ocean City Skatepark is currently being expanded as part of a rec complex project and is expected to be completed in 2024.

“They don’t allow bikes in and they don’t plan on changing the rules as of right now, even with the revamp happening this winter, which is silly, because they are inviting the Jackalope festival here, which also will start including bikes next year.”

The Jackalope Fest is a traveling festival that hosts competitions and demonstrations by world renowned skateboarders, BASE jumpers and boulderers.

Zweifel said he will have many riders out there during Sunfest, to show the need to allow BMXers access to the Ocean City Skatepark.

“Everyone who needs to see the need for change will be at the event. When they see all these kids riding the ramp with bikes, it’ll be a good opportunity.”



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A skater shows off his moves on a show ramp that was set up in Ocean Pines on Saturday for the OP BMX-Skate Jam.

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# Sierra Club helps people adopt zero waste lifestyle

**By Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) The Sierra Club of the Eastern Shore is trying to move the public toward a “zero waste lifestyle” by encouraging people to make personal changes, according to Cindy Dillon, who chairs the lower Eastern Shore chapter of the environmental organization.

“We talk to citizens about the R’s: refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot,” she said of the campaign.

Here, in Dillon’s view, is how it works:

• **Refuse:** Do I actually need this item?

Some items to consider refusing: single use plastic bags, straws, and plastic water bottles.

“If the things you want are coming in plastic, don’t buy them,” Dillon said.

She provided the example of produce that is being packaged in plastic and suggested instead to buy them loose.

She also suggested that diners take a silicone bag or other container with them to restaurants to take home leftovers instead of taking a restaurant-supplied

Styrofoam container. Shoppers can bring reusable bags to the supermarket and other stores and refuse plastic and paper bags.

“We don’t encourage people to take paper over plastic. Instead, we encourage people to get used to bringing their own bags,” Dillon said.

• **Reduce:** Do you need as much stuff as you are buying? Probably not.

Products that are necessary can frequently be purchased with less packaging. Dillon suggests buying

laundry sheets instead of liquid in plastic jugs, shampoo bars instead of liquid shampoo in plastic containers, toothpaste tablets instead of toothpaste in tubes.

• **Reuse:** Instead of throwing out that stained T-shirt, turn it into a rag, Dillon advised. Go to thrift shops for clothes, dishes, furniture and other items. And instead of throwing out that glass jar, store leftovers in it and pass on purchasing plastic bags or containers.

• **Recycle:** for items you do need to purchase, like milk, recycle the jug.

Dillon said that recycling is based on the market for the recycled items. If there is no market for an item, it goes into the landfill. Only 5-6 percent of plastics sent to recycling are actually recycled in the United States, according to Beyond Plastics. For contrast, 66 percent of paper is recycled.

Plastic that has the number “1” or “2” on it is regularly recycled. There is also a strong market for cardboard and aluminum. Glass can be difficult because of all the colored glasses, but it is worth trying to recycle, Dillon said.

The Sierra Club of the Lower Eastern Shore recently saw a plastic bag ban pass in Salisbury and would like to see other jurisdictions pass this type of legislation as well.

• **Rot.** Instead of throwing food out, compost it. Fruit, vegetables, coffee grounds and eggshells can be turned into compost for the garden.

To learn more about the Zero Waste campaign or to get involved with the Sierra Club of the Lower Eastern Shore, visit the website at Lower Eastern Shore Group | Sierra Club.



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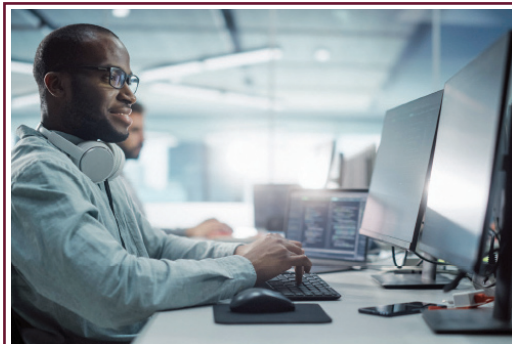
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Asters growing in Verena Chase's back yard in Berlin are pollinated by bees and butterflies through the fall.

# Skip the fall cleanup and provide habitat for wildlife

By **Cindy Hoffman**  
Staff Writer

(Oct. 12, 2023) As the leaves begin to fall and gardens turn from green to rust, gold and yellow, many people are looking towards fall cleanup.

But a lot of what gardeners and homeowners do to clean up their yards in fall can affect the homes of others. Think birds, salamanders, spiders and other insects.

So instead of trimming up your flowers and raking the leaves out of your garden and off your yard, consider a simpler alternative. Leave them be.

Fallen leaves and seed pods from flowering plants are habitat and food for many species.

“Don’t cut back perennials that provide seeds for birds,” Verena Chase, the director of the Coast Kids Program for Assateague Coastal Trust, said.

The black-eyed Susan, cone flower, native sunflower, sedum and many other flowering plants that bloom over the summer all have seed heads in fall that are an abundant food source for birds like cardinals, chickadees, goldfinches and many other birds.

Right now, Chase has an abun-

dance of asters in bloom in her garden. The native bees are loving the flowers and once they die, Chase said she will not cut them back until spring to provide seed and shelter for the birds through the winter.

Keeping those faded blooms intact through springtime adds interest to the garden and keeps feathered friends fed, she said.

Chase also recommends gardeners keep leaves in the garden through the fall and winter.

“The leaves add nutrients back into the soil and fertilize the soil naturally,” Chase said. “The leaves also provide cover and habitat for a huge number of creatures that live there.”

Earthworms shred dead leaves as they feed on bacteria and fungi. They enhance the soil structure and let air in the soil as they burrow through. In addition, their castings are rich in nutrients for plants, creating a natural fertilizer. Slugs and snails also live in the leaf litter.

A handful of leaves picked up by Chase in her yard had numerous small spiders and other tiny insects hiding in it, including springtails, which are tiny animals that live in the leaf litter. They are unique in that

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# Volunteers help create 1,000 care packages

(Oct. 12, 2023) Roughly 200 volunteers helped prepare 1,000 care packages for U.S. soldiers and military dogs during an event at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club last weekend.

The event was a partnership between the Yacht Club and Steel Blu Vodka, a local company that donates 10 percent of profits for the care packages. With the funds, Steel Blu buys nonperishable goods – such as toiletries, snacks and office supplies – and packages them with help from local volunteers.

Volunteers showed up in droves on Oct. 8 at the yacht club. Among them were Maryland Del. Wayne Hartman, Ocean Pines Association President Rick Farr, General Manager John Viola and several Ocean Pines Board members.

“It was nice to see so many members of our Ocean Pines community come together and support our incredible military in putting together 1,000 care packages,” Farr said in a news release. “I would like to thank the Ocean Pines Community that participated, my fellow Board colleagues, Steel Blu Vodka, the staff with the Matt Ortt Company, the Ocean Pines Get Involved Facebook Group, and all the other sponsors for rallying the community for this great event.”



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

It took about an hour for the 200 volunteers to assemble 1,000 care packages for troops this Sunday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The Ocean Pines Get Involved Facebook group recruited the volunteers for the effort.

The event was scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the release said so many helpers showed up that work finished in about an hour. Volunteers moved between stations set up on the yacht club patio to box up donated items and hand-written letters of support.

“It was such a beautiful turnout,” Chelsey Chmelik, a Matt Ortt Companies manager who helped to organize the event, said in the release. “We

busted it out in less than an hour because of all the wonderful volunteers who came out to support us.”

Chmelik thanked partnering sponsors Steel Blu Vodka, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Big Wave Marketing, Fully Promoted apparel, Cup of Joe entertainment, and the Ocean Pines Get Involved Facebook group.

“I also want to shoutout the Matt Ortt Companies employees, who were a huge help,” she said. “And a

special thank you to Esther Diller and Rick Farr for helping us reach so many volunteers.”

She also thanked all of the community volunteers who showed up to help.

Chmelik said she will continue to collect donations and handwritten letters of support for members of the U.S. Military. For more information, contact [chelsey@mattorttcompanies.com](mailto:chelsey@mattorttcompanies.com).



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### GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Worcester County Garden Club recently learned about barn owls from Tom Humphrey, a lifelong birder/falconer who is licensed to band birds of prey, during a recent meeting held at Gull Creek Senior Living. Pictured, from left, during the meeting are Club First Vice President Joan LaHayne, President Suzy Young and Humphrey.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Verena Chase, of Assateague Coastal Trust's Coast Kids, holds a container full of fall leaves and numerous creatures that live in the leaf debris in her garden.

## Winter gardens offer habitat for birds and other creatures

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they can jump by folding their tail under their body and then rapidly releasing the tension.

Wrens, cardinals and robins will pick through the leaf litter to catch insects, while salamanders, toads and turtles take cover in the garden during winter months.

As for leaves on the lawn, these can be shredded with a lawnmower and left on the lawn as natural fertilizer, deposited in the garden or put in a compost pile for next year's garden.

"You can save emissions by not putting leaves in the trash," Chase said.

She does recommend cleaning out

bird houses in the fall. Birds will not use the houses during the winter and cleaning them out will ensure fleas are not present when the houses are considered during spring nesting season.

Chase has a number of native bee breeding boxes in her yard, made by participants of her Coast Kids program. Native bees are solitary, are not aggressive and overwinter as larvae. She will bring the boxes into a sheltered area so they are less susceptible to freezing temperatures once it gets cold.

So, instead of blowing out all of the leaves, keep leaves in the garden and keep the birds and other creatures housed and fed through the winter.



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**DONATIONS**

Missy Brownley and the Mason Dixon Motorcycle Chapter recently delivered an abundance of wishlist items for the respite programs of Believe In Tomorrow. Pictured, from left, with the donations are Missy Brownley, Mason Dixon Chapter; Mary Decker Brown, Believe In Tomorrow; and Harry Plank, Mason Dixon Chapter.

# Teen skateboarder collides with vehicle on Route 113

(Oct. 12, 2023) A 16-year-old riding a skateboard was flown to shock trauma in Baltimore last Friday night following a collision with a vehicle at the intersection of routes 113 and 376.

According to a news release from the Berlin Police Department, the teen, who was not named, was attempting to cross the intersection on a skateboard against the pedestrian stop sign around 8 p.m. when a 71-year-old man driving south on Route 113 struck him while advancing through a green signal.

The release said the skateboarder was not wearing a helmet during the

incident and was taken to Atlantic General Hospital and then flown to shock trauma in Baltimore with non-fatal injuries.

He was treated and subsequently released the next morning, according to the release.

The release said no charges will be filed against the teen.

Members of the Berlin Police Department also advised that helmets should be worn by anyone who is biking or skateboarding. They also said that people should not cross major highways while on skateboards, bicycles or "other play vehicles," according to the release.



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# Snapshots



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## DONATION

Don Coffin with the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League announces the donation of \$1,000 to the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company during a recent check presentation. Pictured, from left, holding the ceremonial check are fire company President Matt Silwa and Dave Kline with the detachment.



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## VOLUNTEER

Pictured, from left, are American Legion Post 166 mainstay George (Bo) Spicer and Post Commandant Tom Wengert holding up a quilt that the Quilters by the Sea of Ocean Pines recently created and donated to Spicer as a gift of appreciation from the post. Over the years, Spicer has volunteered for numerous projects and served on the executive committee. He currently serves as chair of the donation committee.



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## FIRE PREVENTION

Pictured, front row from left, are County Fire Marshal Matt Owens and Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Korb with a certificate naming October Fire Prevention Month at the Worcester County Commissioners meeting on Oct. 3. The commissioners are standing behind them.



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## OPTIMIST CLUB

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club recently donated \$1,600 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore. Pictured, from left, with the donation check are Chris Welch, principal of Buckingham Elementary School; Christina Dolomount-Brown, president of the Optimist Club, and Kiaralyn Torres from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore. The donation supports the group's "Bigs in Schools" program.

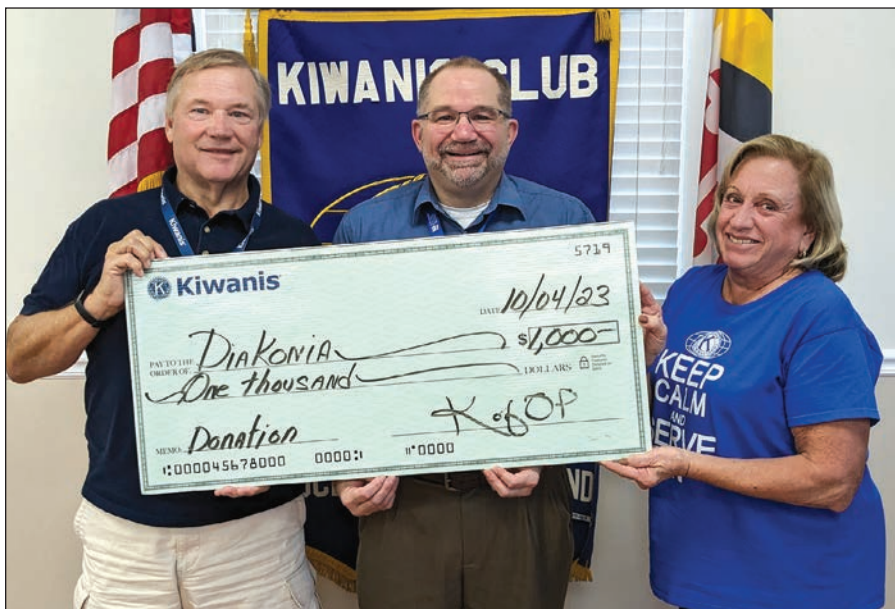


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## KIWANIS CLUB

Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing, Diakonia Executive Director Ken Argot and Kiwanis President-Elect Candy Foreman posing with a \$1,000 check that the club recently donated to Diakonia.



## LIFETIME SERVICE

Pat Winkelmayer, who has served as the recording secretary and also the secretary for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City for many years, recently received a Lifetime Service award from the organization. She is pictured with President Bob Wolfing, who presented her the award.

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# Scalp cooling technology at Atlantic General

Treatment helps patients undergoing chemotherapy

(Oct. 12, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital's John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Center is now offering cold cap treatment for patients undergoing chemotherapy thanks to a local grant.

According to a news release, the local facility is the first in the region to offer scalp cooling treatment to control hair loss.

Developed by a British family who understand first-hand what it is like to lose hair due to cancer treatment, the Paxman Scalp Cooling System helps reduce hair loss throughout chemotherapy.

Scalp cooling treatment, also known as cold cap treatment, empowers patients to feel a greater sense of control during a very overwhelming time.

A recent \$100,000 gift from local businessman and philanthropist Jack Burbage brought the technology and other services to the cancer treatment facility named in his honor.

"When faced with the prospect of chemotherapy patients have a great deal of physical and psychological effects to deal with," Chanelle Lake, the director of the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, said in the release. "Losing their hair is a major concern, for many resulting in a feeling of losing their identity."

She added that scalp cooling allows patients to control some of the side effects of cancer treatments.

"We are delighted to be the first facility on the Delmarva peninsula to offer this treatment option to our patients," Lake said.

Patients can discuss scalp cooling and whether it's right for them during their initial visit to the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, or call the center at 410-629-6888.



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Patients undergo treatments from a Paxman Scalp Cooling System. Atlantic General Hospital has added the technology at the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Center.

## New technology for breast surgery

(Oct. 12, 2023) Women and men preparing for a breast lumpectomy or excisional biopsy at Atlantic General Hospital will encounter a more comfortable pre-surgery experience, courtesy of a donation from John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr.

The local businessman and philanthropist's recent \$100,000 gift to the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center funded the purchase of Merit Medical's SCOUT wireless breast localization for Atlantic General's breast patients, in addition to other technologies.

Like other healthcare facilities in the region, Atlantic General Hospital had relied on traditional wire local-

ization – a procedure performed before breast surgery to mark the location of a tumor or suspicious lesion to guide the surgeon.

During wire localization, a hooked wire is inserted into the breast to mark the location of the lesion. Because the end of the wire protrudes from the breast, it is typically placed on the morning of surgery.

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# Opinion

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## Volunteer fire services in trouble everywhere

Years ago, volunteer fire companies enjoyed a special status in small communities, where prospective volunteers weren't so much recruited as they were coordinated, as applicants sometimes had to wait until openings in the ranks became available.

As for funding, that was easier too back then because these volunteers were the friends and neighbors of the people they protected, so when they asked for help they received it.

In addition, ambulance crews were less sophisticated than they are now, limited as they were to providing basic first aid while they hustled victims and patients to the hospital as quickly as possible so they could receive real medical help.

Thankfully, those days are gone, as professional emergency medical technicians and paramedics can administer much more advanced care because of their extensive training.

The downside of this huge improvement in emergency services, however, is that it become prohibitively expensive to maintain.

Small town companies also face a diminishing supply of volunteers, partly because community closeness, family tradition and the sense of neighbors depending on neighbors have faded as residential turnover has increased.

The Berlin Fire Company, like its counterparts everywhere, is in a tough situation. It is expected — and generally required — to keep up with rapidly advancing firefighting and rescue service techniques on a budget that isn't growing at the same pace.

Residents and governments need to understand that, because if they think this approach to public safety costs too much to deliver, they don't even want to think about the alternative: being forced to hire more and more paid personnel until the volunteer service is all but gone.

That's where things are headed here and elsewhere, so residents need to start thinking about the future of their EMS systems and how they propose to keep what they have in the future.

### OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

## Ocean Pines spooktacular October

Have goulish good time at array of events for kids and adults

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for a spooktacular October, featuring a lineup of exciting events that promise a ghoulishly good time for residents and visitors of all ages.

#### Kids Halloween Craft Time:

From 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 14, bring little ones aged 4-10 to the Ocean Pines Community Center for a creative adventure. They'll have a blast crafting their very own Halloween tote bags, with all materials and guidance provided. The cost is \$8 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents.

#### Halloween Tie-Dye Workshop:

From noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, folks of all ages are invited to the community center for a Halloween-themed tie-dye workshop. Whether you're a beginner or a tie-dye pro, this is an opportunity to let your creativity flow. The cost is \$10 per person.

#### Family Fun Night Pumpkin Painting:

From 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20, the community center will host a Family Fun Night

Pumpkin Painting event. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 for residents or \$6 for nonresidents.

#### Halloween Fall Festival:

The main event is the annual Halloween Fall Festival, set 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, at White Horse Par. This free event is open to all ages. Get your costumes ready, because there will be contests for all ages.

#### Haunted House:

For those seeking spine-tingling thrills, don't miss our Haunted House experience from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at the community center. Enter if you dare, as our haunted house features spine-chilling sets and eerie costumed actors. Admission is \$5 per person. The Recreation Department is also looking for volunteers and actors to join in on the frightful fun. Call 410-641-7052 for more information.

For more information on any of the events, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

## OP Chamber names award recipients

### Winners of 2023 Best of US honors to be recognized Nov. 3

(Oct. 12, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce recently announced recipients of the nonprofit's 2023 The Best of Us awards.

They will celebrate from 5:30-9 p.m., Nov. 3, at the Carousel with a banquet themed, "Our Future is So Bright We Gotta Wear Shades." Bright colors and sunglasses are the suggested attire.

Banquet tickets are \$75 per person and sponsorships are available. Learn more at OceanPinesChamber.org.

According to a news release, the awards are as follows:

#### Business of the Year — My Backyard

My Backyard opened in 2018 in Manklin Station. Owner Maureen Kennedy's love of everything birds shines through in her store packed with feeders, art-

work, and healthy food for all local species. A one-woman show, Kennedy offered educational presentations, book signings, and in store events, until covid hit. But covid or no covid, her business made it through unscathed. Taking from a story her father told her as a young girl, Maureen published a book, "A Wonderful Day with Gilly Gilay," in 2021.

#### Business Person of the Year — Tasha Haight

Mermaid Tasha Haight has been an internationally performing mermaid since 2017. She has performed at renaissance fairs, pirate and faerie festivals, and aquariums and casinos across the country. She is also a mermaid instructor with the Professional Association of Diving Instructors and enjoys teaching new mermaids how to safely swim in their tail while caring for the environment. Haight is life-guard, and divemaster, and is freedive, CPR/AED/first aid and mermaid certified.

She is also insured by Specialty Performer Insurance and Divers Alert Network. Passionate about the health of the oceans and aquatic life, Haight has published many children's books encouraging environmental awareness and compassion.

#### Entrepreneur of the Year — Liz Decker

Liz Decker, the owner of Caprichos Books, is a true marketer, bibliophile, and advocate at heart. Caprichos Books is a local independent bookstore known for a diverse book selection and commitment to fostering a passionate reading community. Decker hosts author events, book signings, and discussions, providing a platform for both established and emerging literary voices. Caprichos Books also organizes board game nights and creative craft evenings. Decker actively collaborates with neighboring businesses, strengthening community bonds and contributing to

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# Recycle oyster shells at new locations in Worcester County

(Oct. 12, 2023) Area businesses, residents and visitors are invited to join Worcester County Recycling to recycle oyster shells.

Currently, shells can be disposed of in a specially marked recycling bin at the Central Landfill in Newark, with additional oyster recycling sites to be available soon.

“Worcester County has teamed up with Shell Recycling Alliance Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) to help replenish the oyster populations in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays,” Recycling Manager Bob Keenan said. “The Central Landfill location is just the start of this vital recycling program.

Additional oyster recycling containers will be added to the three manned Transfer Stations in Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke in the coming weeks.”

Recycled oyster shells are the preferred natural substrate for oyster production.

Each recycled shell can be used to grow up to 10 young oysters (spat), which are then planted by the ORP in the bays to restore declining oyster habitats and improve water quality.

To date, some four billion oysters have been planted on 1,500 acres of oyster reefs, and more than 1,200 tons of shells have been recycled to provide homes for new oysters.

# Surgery easier with technology

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small needle under image guidance confirms the placement of the reflector.

The reflector cannot be felt after placement and patients can resume normal activity until surgery. It is completely passive until activated in the operating room.

During surgery, the surgeon uses radar with SCOUT’s 360-degree detection capabilities to locate the reflector’s exact position, with instant response readings to guide the dissection path.

This precision localization helps increase the likelihood of complete lesion removal, thereby reducing the need for a second surgery and expediting any subsequent treatment at the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center.

“A positive byproduct of the accuracy of this system is the improved conservation of healthy breast tissue,” said Atlantic General breast sur-

geon Alae Zarif. “This can translate into better cosmetic outcomes and increased confidence for women undergoing surgery.”

“Breast cancer surgery can be physically and emotionally distressing. This solution improves surgical outcomes, which result in decreased post-operative complications, allowing us to quickly treat patients in the medical and radiation oncology setting,” said Virginia Wildman, CRNP, nurse practitioner at the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin.

SCOUT wireless localization is now available at Atlantic General Hospital’s Eunice Q. Sorin Women’s Diagnostic Center for women and men undergoing breast lumpectomy or biopsy. The Sorin center is the only facility on the lower Eastern Shore offering this service.

For more information, call the center at 410-641-9215 or visit [www.agh.care/forwomen](http://www.agh.care/forwomen).

# Businesses and individuals celebrated at awards dinner

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local economic growth.

## Nonprofit of the Year – Delmarva Discovery Center

Located on Market Street in Pocomoke City, the museum was conceived as a place where visitors could explore the history and natural world of the Delmarva peninsula consisting of the eastern shores of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Today, the museum offers an ever-changing variety of exhibits, public events, and educational programs for visitors of all ages. The museum features 16,000 square feet of universally accessible exhibits displaying the natural and cultural histories of Delmarva. It offers a variety of educational programs for school groups, scouts, summer camps and other youth organizations. For adult groups, the museum offers guided tours of the exhibits. A variety of public programs and special events are also hosted at the museum.

## Citizen of the Year – Kate Patton

Born the daughter of Tom and Jean Patton, Kate Patton had a pretty big local legacy to live up to. Her father was instrumental in many historical and environmental preservation efforts in the Berlin area for decades. He passed that passion down to his daughter and she never looked back. Last month, she announced her retirement from the Lower Shore Land Trust after 17 years. This was just one of Patton’s careers but probably the one closest to her heart.

## 2023 Friend of the Chamber – Gary Murray

In 2022, the chamber created the Friend of the Chamber program where residents can join the chamber for a small annual fee and enjoy the networking, educational and volunteer opportunities afforded to all chamber partners. Murray jumped in as an invaluable volunteer this past year at the chamber’s Classic Car & Jeep Show and annual Flounder Tournament.

## Delaware Botanic Gardens

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### DBG Fall Harvest Festivities Begin

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Members Free, Non-Members \$15  
Reservations can be made by going to the website [delawaregardens.org/events](http://delawaregardens.org/events)

### Fall Gardening for Wildlife Meadow Tour

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2 PM

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# OP farmers market taking orders for holiday

(Oct. 12, 2023) As Thanksgiving approaches, the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is here to make things in the kitchen a little easier, with special holiday ordering starting this weekend.

“For some, the task of baking pies stares them in the face every holiday season, but not everyone has the skills, desire or time to present the perfect pie on their holiday table,” Market Manager David Bean said in a news release. “If you’re hoping to keep the rolling pin in the cupboard, then let one of our many marketplace bakeries bring the baked goods to your Thanksgiving feast.”

Bean said the marketplace will offer a wide range of tasty treats, from classic pumpkin and sweet potato pies to new and unique offerings.

Vendors like Ugly Pie will serve up signature specials like the “Apple Dapple” pie, a salted caramel and apple confection with a pecan and oat crumb topping.

Vivian’s House is a specialty marketplace bakery for those with dietary concerns, offering gluten-free, vegan and other baked goods. Owner Vivian Manion works directly with her customers to create her products.

Pies from Del Vecchio’s Bakery are made with the finest ingredients and are baked fresh overnight, often arriving on market mornings still warm



A row of pies sits on display at a booth at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market. Vendors have begun offering orders for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

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from the oven. Owner John Del Vecchio is known for his breakfast pastries, which are a great way to start the holiday morning – or the perfect breakfast before heading out to do some Black Friday shopping.

“It’s more than just pies that our bakers prepare for our shoppers,” Bean said in the release. “The offerings also include oven-fresh breads, dinner rolls, and the Eastern Shore favorite sweet potato biscuits just ready for a slather of sweet cream butter and a big dollop

of homemade jam from the market.” He added that now is the time to place orders.

“Most bakeries have cut-off dates for orders and limits can be reached quickly,” Bean said in the release. “All bakeries require payment at the time an order is placed.”

Bean said special orders can be placed directly with the vendors during Saturday farmers markets.

The marketplace will also offer two Thanksgiving holiday market days: 9

a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 18; and 9-11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21.

“Our Turkey Tuesday market allows orders to be picked up fresh just before the holiday,” Bean said.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in White Horse Park, next to the Ocean Pines Administration Building and Police Department.

For more information, visit [ocean-pines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market](http://ocean-pines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market).

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Members of the Cricket Center in Berlin pose with Kiwanis Club Treasurer Caroly Dryzga, center, with a \$500 check the club donated to the child advocacy center.

# Obituaries

## WALTER MAXIMO Ocean Pines

Walter Maximo, 81, passed away on Sept. 25, 2023, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended grade school at Immaculate Conception Parish and graduated from Northeast Catholic High School. Walter was a career truck driver and a member of Teamsters Local 107 in Philadelphia.

When he retired, Walter moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, to enjoy the warmer weather.

He moved to Ocean Pines later in life to be closer to his family and friends. Walter was known to his



Walter Maximo

family as Butch or Uncle Butch, and to his friends as Max or Uncle Max.

Walter is one of two sons born to Michael and Mary Maximo. He is survived by his companion, Prissy Barone; his brother Michael and wife Connie; and cousins, nieces, nephews, and their children.

The funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 12. Walter will be interred in Our Lady of Grace Cemetery in Langhorne, Pennsylvania following the mass.

The mass will be live streamed at 11 am. Please type [bit.ly/waltermaximo](https://bit.ly/waltermaximo) in your browser to attend mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Walter's memory to the National Kidney Foundation at [kidney.org](https://www.kidney.org).

# Cricket Center hosting Shop with Cop event

Annual event runs Oct. 15- Nov. 15, allowing children to shop for holiday gifts

(Oct. 12, 2023) The Cricket Center in Worcester County is hosting its annual Shop with a Cop event Oct. 15- Nov. 15.

Members of the child advocacy center partner each year with county law enforcement agencies to give children a chance to shop with local officers for holiday gifts for their families.

Children are given \$150 each to spend. However at some point, a news release said Cricket Center members realized that instead of buying holiday gifts, the children were buying basic necessities.

To help with that effort, the Shop with a Cop local drive provides the opportunity to donate basic necessities enabling children to focus on holiday gifts for their families.

Drop Boxes will be available at the following locations:

- Ocean Pines Community Center

- Lobby — 235 Ocean Parkway
- The Parke at Ocean Pines Club House — 2 Arcadia Court
- The Racquet Club — 11443 Manklin Creek Road

The following new, unexpired items are needed: Boxed stuffing,

canned vegetables, canned cranberries, jelly/jam, pancake mix, trail mix, crackers, fruit snacks, powdered drink mix, popcorn ( ), toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, bar soap, boxed cereal, peanut butter, granola

bars, cereal bars, pasta, pasta sauce, mac and cheese and tuna.

To help with the effort, and other Cricket Center programs, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City presented a check for \$500 to the center on Sept. 26.

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# Cuisine

## Grilled clams perfect to welcome autumn

It is finally autumn. Thank the good lord.

Toe heads are all celebrating the easing off the SPF 50, relishing in the weather that makes this area so splendid to inhabit.

Grilling on the beach is so much more fun this time of year — or at least to me. The air is crisp, the ocean

is still warm enough to go in, the crabs are getting fatter, the tourists are fewer and further between and the clams are at their prime.

Now before I go any further, I know that I am going to start a battle of wills here, although I'm not sure how many of my readers are actually named Will. I'm not sure that I ever thought of that. Suffice it to say, this is an argument for the ages: top necks, middle necks, or those stupid itty-bitty littlenecks.

If you can't figure out which camp I'm in, rest assured I will not be partnering up with you in any sort of survival situation. I'll leave you be just to see how far you get. And yes, I am in the top neck camp; those big, chewy clams that not only taste like something but also have a bite.

Littlenecks are, to me, a waste of money and yes I understand that I am in the vast minority. I don't care. I grew up eating top necks, manoes and razors and all the other delightful clams that many people look at and turn a nose up to. I guess it runs in the blood, because my father adored them as well.

Now that we have that out of the way, or more to the fact that I just started the argument, let's talk about another little thing that I love with steamed clams (yes these are grilled but in essence they are steamed in their own shells). That little piece of magic is brown butter, or *beurre noisette* as the French call it.

This is a carefully cooked butter that introduces nuances of toasted hazelnuts, a layer of flavor that you may not honestly expect would go well with steamed clams. But, let me tell you. It is magical what this simple one-ingredient addition makes to a pile of clams whether they be large, medium size or stupid size.

A couple of our regulars at the Reel Inn in 2012 turned me on to this little trick and I have yammered about it



ever since. Trust me, you'll like it.

And as for the cooking portion, all you need is a grill. Why? Well, because that's what is in the picture. And because this time of year is absolutely lovely for grilling on the beach, I use a gas grill because I don't have time to be a purist all the time. Simply fire it up and grill away. Of course, not everyone is a clam fan, so just cook the burgers, chickens and dogs ahead of time and keep them warm in a small cooler until everything is ready.

Make sure you read about purging the clams in the recipe. This is very important as no one likes sandy clams. Other than that, this ranks up there as one of my simplest recipes.

And so a toast to autumn: You're finally here. Keep the pumpkin spice, I'll take the clams.

### Grilled Clams

*makes 3 dozen clams*

3 dozen fresh clams, the size of your liking

Salt water to cover

Brown butter, as needed (recipe fol-

lows)  
Seafood Seasoning (optional)

- The best way to serve fresh steamed clams is after purging them. Since clams live in the sand, they tend to be... wait for it... sandy. So, simply soak them overnight in salt water, and the clams will purge the sand in their system. Do this in the refrigerator, or if you happen to be on a body of saltwater somewhere, you can hang them in a burlap sack or the bag you may have purchased them in and let them sit and purge naturally

- Once they are purged, heat up the grill, throw them on and cook until they pop open. It is literally that simple

- Serve with brown butter and seasoning if you like and have at it

**Brown Butter**  
*makes about 1 c.*

1 lb. whole unsalted butter

- Melt the butter making sure not to have it at a rapid boil, because you want to be able to skim the top layer off

- When the butter is melted and

hot, and has separated into three layers, skim the top portion and discard

Turn the butter down but make sure there is still some convection. What is happening here is the water that was emulsified into the butter is now at the bottom and boiling off, aka evaporating

- When this all cooks away, there will be milk solids in the bottom that will begin to brown and this is where the magic happens

- Monitor this carefully as you want brown butter and not burnt butter

- Once it has a good, strong hazelnut aroma and a nice darker color, remove from the heat as it will keep cooking

- Allow it to sit to cool and settle down a bit

- Strain through cheesecloth and you will have brown butter. And I promise you this, you have never had better steamed clams than you will with this

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



## Drop in revenues from Md., Ocean Downs casinos

(Oct. 13, 2023) Maryland's six casinos combined to generate more than \$155 million in revenue from slot machines and table games during the month of September, with Ocean Downs Casino contributing more than \$8.76 million of the total.

Overall, the numbers were 2.6 percent down statewide from September 2022, with the local casino reporting a nearly 5 percent drop in revenue from last year.

According to a news release, casino gaming contributions to the state came out to more than \$66.4 million in September of this year, down 2.2 percent from 2022.

The release said contributions to the Education Trust Fund for the month were over \$47.848 million, or a little more than 3 percent down from last year.

Casino gaming revenues also support the communities and jurisdictions where the casinos are located, Maryland's horse racing industry, and small, minority- and women-owned businesses.

Ocean Downs is one of six privately owned casinos in Maryland that offer both slot machines and table games. The others are: MGM National Harbor in Prince George's County, Live! Casino & Hotel in Anne Arundel County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

All but one of the casinos, Live! In Anne Arundel, reported decreases in revenue for the month compared to last year.

## Md. sportsbooks generate \$3.2M

(Oct. 12, 2023) Maryland's 13 retail and 12 mobile sportsbooks that operated through September combined to generate more than \$3.2 million in contributions to the state.

Locally, the retail sportsbook at Ocean Downs Casino in Berlin accounted for nearly \$30,320 of the total.

Each sportsbook contributes 15 percent of taxable wins to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, which supports public education programs.

Statewide handle in September came out to more than \$442.4 million, with mobile handle accounting for 95.1 percent of the total at nearly \$421 million. Mobile wagering delivered \$2.88 million contributions to the state for the month, while retail sportsbooks contributed \$342,859.

Ocean Downs' handle for the month was a total \$1.35 million. For the year, the sportsbook's handle totaled nearly \$3 million.

# 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., Oct. 12

### 2023 OCRV SHOW

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 7 p.m. A diverse range of RVs and custom van builds. Explore equipment and gadgets. Discover insider tips and expert advice. Also, e-bikes, fishing, paddling and boat cruises. Tickets: [ocrvshow.com](http://ocrvshow.com).

### 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)

### AUTHORS DAY AT THE OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet authors Bunk Mann and Anne Guilfoil with their books "OC Chronicles" and "Chickens on Delmarva: 100 Years of Backyard Flocks, Farms, and Friends." [www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org), 410-289-4991

### SPOOKY TRIVIA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Join the Ocean City Library for a themed trivia. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### TONING DOWN

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 p.m. This class combines body sculpting, using light weights (optional) while adding cardio moves infused with upbeat music. Can be done with a chair. Registration required: 410-641-0650.

### SEAFOOD BOIL

Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Includes dinner, two drinks, music and \$10 casino free play (for adults). Cost is \$65 for adults, \$30 for those ages 7-12 years and free to children 6 years and younger. Tickets: [bit.ly/OCSeafoodBoil](http://bit.ly/OCSeafoodBoil). 410-213-0144

### PROCESS ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 5 p.m. Enjoy a low pressure, tactile art activity where the focus is on the experience of creating instead of the end result. Dress for a mess. Registration necessary: 410-957-0878. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MUM MIXER

Libelle Homestead, 8152 Libertytown Road, Berlin, 5-7 p.m. The Berlin and OP Chambers visit the lovely Libelle Homestead. All are welcome. <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/mum-mixer-at-libelle-homestead-15148>

## 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., Oct. 13

### 2023 OCRV SHOW

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. A diverse range of RVs and custom van builds. Explore equipment and gadgets. Discover insider tips and expert advice. Also, e-bikes, fishing, paddling and boat cruises. Tickets: [ocrvshow.com](http://ocrvshow.com).

### BROADWAY'S ROCK OF AGES BAND®

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Music and hits of the '80s. Tickets cost \$40 and \$35. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/8877091/broadways-rock-of-ages-band-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>. [www.broadwaysrockofagesband.com](http://www.broadwaysrockofagesband.com)

### FRONTFEAR TOWN'S HAUNTED TRAIL

Sun Outdoors Frontier Town, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 7-10 p.m. The Haunted Trail is free to Sun Outdoors Frontier Town and Ocean City Gateway guests (with their campground wristbands). Admission for all others will be \$10 cash per person. 443-978-0674

### 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)

### FRIDAY MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. The true story about the revival of a small Michigan town when a couple wins millions after discovering a loophole in the lottery. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BOOK DISCUSSION: 'WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING' BY DELIA OWENS

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

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for a one crab cake sandwich platter; \$24 for a 2 crab cake sandwich platter; and \$10 for crab cake sandwich only. Eat in or carryout. Bake sale table

available.

### OCTOBER FEATURED ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Featuring artists Sandy Glassman and Richard Husband and complimentary refreshments. Artwork created by 30 artists and members of the Co-Op Gallery on display and available for purchase.

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### HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS

West Ocean City Commercial Harbor, Sunset Avenue, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring live crustaceans, crab cake eating contest, demonstrations, local fisherman displays, artisans, educational exhibits, entertainment, food and fun kids' activities. <https://harbordayoc.com>

### FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Bethany United Methodist Church - Pocomoke, 205 Market St., Pocomoke City, 8-11 a.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. [www.agh.care/flu](http://www.agh.care/flu)

### POWELLVILLE PRESENTS FALL INTO THE HOLIDAYS SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Come fall into the holidays with Powellville Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Shopping Extravaganza. Featuring a variety of vendors and oyster sandwiches for purchase. [treasurer@powellvillefire.com](mailto:treasurer@powellvillefire.com), 410-835-8181

### OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Award winning Captain Ken Thompson who will discuss the process of planning, preparing and fishing in the world's richest billfish tournament, the White Marlin Open. Also, member updates. All welcome. 410-641-7662

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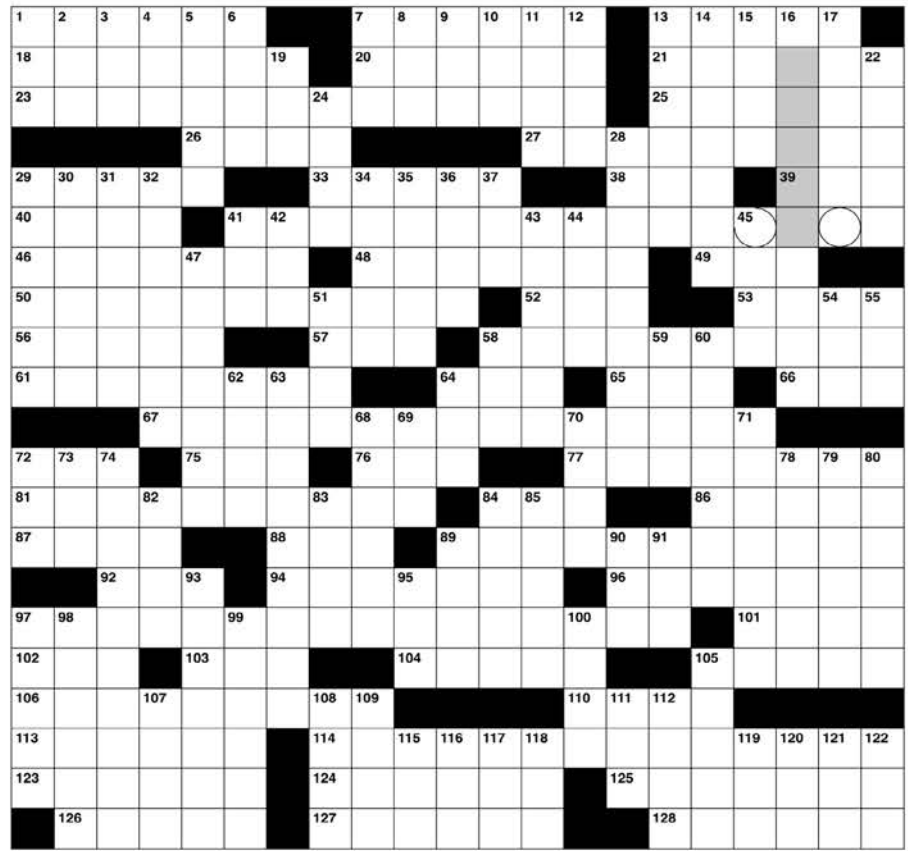


# Puzzles

FILM ADAPTATIONS  
BY JEFFREY LEASE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jeffrey Lease, of Granite Bay, Calif., designs printed circuit boards for cellphones at Google. He writes, "The process of designing a board and getting all the connections to fit is its own type of puzzle, so perhaps it's not surprising that my job and hobby overlap." Crosswords are his favorite puzzles to do, but he's also a fan of Wordle and Connections. This is Jeff's first crossword for The Times. Another has been accepted and he's already working on a third. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flowers that Tiny Tim "tipped through" in a 1968 hit
  - 7 High-altitude grazer
  - 13 Jazz pianist \_\_\_\_\_ Jamal
  - 18 With 23-Across, second film to win all five major Academy Awards (1975)
  - 20 Disappear unexpectedly
  - 21 Like ships at harbor
  - 23 See 18-Across
  - 25 Land united by Theseus
  - 26 Word before likely or wanted
  - 27 Labors away at
  - 29 Districts in N.Y.C. and London
  - 33 Spacecraft for NASA's Artemis I mission
  - 38 Long of Hollywood
  - 39 Tolkien's Treebeard, for example
  - 40 "That's my cue!"
  - 41 Blockbuster sequel with an iconic plot twist (1980)
  - 46 Ultimate medical breakthrough
  - 48 What an opener precedes
  - 49 A praying mantis has just one, found on its stomach(!)
- DOWN**
- 50 Animated dinosaur film that spawned 13 sequels (1988)
  - 52 Midwest metropolis: Abbr.
  - 53 Heavy bass?
  - 56 Oil holder, maybe
  - 57 "\_\_\_\_\_ nothing"
  - 58 Like many Instagram influencers
  - 61 Rocket-shaped candy
  - 64 Yogi Bear wears one, despite having no shirt
  - 65 Arles article
  - 66 Boozehound
  - 67 Romantic dramedy directed by Sofia Coppola (2003)
  - 72 Certain chess piece
  - 75 Livid state
  - 76 Name that's also a state abbreviation
  - 77 Iceberg and others
  - 81 It might leave you smooth ... or rattled
  - 84 "OMG, enough already!"
  - 86 \_\_\_\_\_ acid
  - 87 Artfully nimble
  - 88 "The Simpsons" grandpa
  - 89 Coen brothers farce involving the C.I.A. (2008)
  - 92 Verbally hesitate
  - 94 Ones agreeing silently
  - 96 Started off gently
  - 97 Crime thriller that takes some liberties with its namesake legal concept (1999)
  - 101 Salacious
  - 102 Down's counterpart: Abbr.
  - 103 Driving aid
  - 104 Nail-polish brand
  - 105 Precursor to Windows
  - 106 Practiced hypergamy
  - 110 German title
  - 113 Gets good and hot at the beach
  - 114 With an unseen portion of 128-Across, Oscar-winning martial-arts film (2000)
  - 123 Moved confidently
  - 124 Caterpillars, e.g.
  - 125 Prix fixe offering
  - 126 "Dónde \_\_\_\_\_?" ("Where are you?")
  - 127 Home visits?
  - 128 Deliberately procrastinate
- ACROSS**
- 15 Line of Android smartphones
  - 16 Semiautobiographical film set in rural Montana (1992)
  - 17 Dressed, so to speak
  - 19 Cal. units
  - 22 Pub diversion
  - 24 Plains tribe
  - 28 Put into effect
  - 29 Enjoy a cuppa
  - 30 Native Americans of Nebraska
  - 31 "You can believe it!"
  - 32 At the ready
  - 34 Send, as payment
  - 35 Certain religious leaders
  - 36 Mayberry character
  - 37 Author Anaïs
  - 41 Like many fourth graders
  - 42 Held
  - 43 Actress Brosnahan of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
  - 44 Bounce back
  - 45 "Must be something \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 47 Dietary measure
  - 51 Much of a waiter's income, typically
  - 54 H.S. class
  - 55 Do something
  - 58 Locale for an orchestra
  - 59 "Right away, boss!"
  - 60 Digital location markers
  - 62 Some golf scores
  - 63 Like many outstretched catches
  - 64 They deal with a lot of baggage, for short
  - 68 Entertainment at many a wedding
  - 69 Lucille Clifton's "Homage to My Hips," for one
  - 70 "Put \_\_\_\_\_ on it!"
  - 71 Book after Leviticus
  - 72 Early alphabet trio
  - 73 Paris's \_\_\_\_\_ de la Cité
  - 74 Dark comedy about a carnivorous plant (1960, 1986)
  - 78 Madrid or Barcelona, por ejemplo
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  - 89 Classic cars
  - 90 "The Hurt Locker" danger, for short
  - 91 Horse's vote?
  - 93 Roald Dahl heroine
  - 95 "\_\_\_\_\_ -lish!"
  - 97 Door parts
  - 98 Cousin of euchre
  - 99 Possessive preceding Pieces and Puffs
  - 100 A.P.R. reducer, potentially
  - 105 Many shelter pups
  - 107 Uproar
  - 108 Bruins' home, in brief
  - 109 Idiot, in Britspeak
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### HARD - 69

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

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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# Calendar

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## BERLIN OKTOBERFEST AND FALL SIDEWALK SALE

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring The Edelweiss Band and The Dunehounds, Cascading Carlos, petting zoo, Assateague Scales-n-Tales, beer, for and sidewalk sale.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3532121327109690>

## 8TH ANNUAL HOPE PALMER PINK PARTY

Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Featuring \$1.98 beer, crushes, drinks and wine and live music. Cover charge is \$25 and will be donated to John H. "Jack" Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center.

## MARYLAND MORTGAGE PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will present the different programs they offer to assist people purchasing their first home. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## WILLARDS BASKETS, BAGS & BUCKS BINGO

Willards Lions Community Center, Hearn Street, 6-11 p.m. Tickets \$30. Willards Ladies Auxiliary Baskets, Bags & Bucks Bingo Fundraiser. [info@abc-printers.com](mailto:info@abc-printers.com), 410-726-1583, 410-835-2285

## FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

*Saturdays* - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

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### BLESSING OF THE PETS CEREMONY

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners' control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. Participants may also bring a

photo of a departed pet or a stuffed animal. 410-723-1973

### 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., Oct. 16

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. This group meets twice a month to discuss selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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

### FREE READING BY POET ELIZABETH KNAPP

Hazel Center, Wor-Wic Community College, Room 302, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 7 p.m. Knapp is the author of "Requiem with an Amulet in Its Beak" and "The Spite House." She teaches at Hood College in Frederick and is a poetry editor for The Baltimore Review. [www.worwic.edu](http://www.worwic.edu)

### 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., Oct. 17

### 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)

### FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, noon to 4 p.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. High-dose vaccines available at this clinic. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. [www.agh.care/flu](http://www.agh.care/flu)

### CHAIR YOGA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Nicole Long, certified yoga instructor, teaches how to stretch in a safe and low impact manner. 410-208-4014,

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

### HOW TO EXHIBIT AT THE ARTS CENTER

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-6 p.m. Free information session on how artists can exhibit their artwork at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The public is welcome. Advanced registration is preferred: [OCart.org/classes](http://OCart.org/classes). 410-524-9433

### FROM TWILIGHT INTO SUNSHINE: LGBTQ+ HISTORY IN MARYLAND

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 p.m. Join Enoch Pratt Free Library Librarians and Baltimore Heritage LGBTQ+ History Walking Tour Guides for a fascinating and fabulous history going back to the 1830s. 410-524-1818

### 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](http://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](http://TangobytheBeach.com).

### ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

*Tuesdays* - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com)

## Wed., Oct. 18

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Takes place via Zoom on the third and fourth Wednesday of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

### BACKGAMMON CLUB

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

### BOOK CLUB: 'SOMEWHERE OUT THERE' BY AMY HATVANY

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Stop by the Snow Hill 50Plus Center to pick up your book, then join in for the discussion and craft. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. High-dose vaccines available at this clinic. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. [www.agh.care/flu](http://www.agh.care/flu)

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, [bglime@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:bglime@atlanticgeneral.org)

### CAREER RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:30 p.m. Learn about free library resources. Spruce up your resume, learn computer skills and general professional development. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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.kiwanisofopoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org)

### ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS

*Wednesdays* - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Dance background not required. [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com)

## ONGOING EVENTS

### LOCALS WEEK AT THE OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Oct. 9-15. Free admission to the museum. [www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org), 410-289-4991

### TOWN OF BERLIN PUMPKIN SCAVENGER HUNT

Peek in the participating shop windows to find all of the painted pumpkins. Pick up and return your entry form in the Berlin Welcome Center foyer, 14 S. Main Street, for your chance to win \$100. Contest runs Oct. 1-30. Drawing will be on Halloween.



# Classified

MARKETPLACE

Call 410-723-6397  
by Monday 5 p.m.

Classifieds appear in **Ocean City Today & Bayside Gazette** each week and online at [oceancitytoday.com](http://oceancitytoday.com) & [baysideoc.com](http://baysideoc.com)



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#### Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent

Town of Snow Hill, MD  
Full-Time Employment

**JOB INFORMATION:** This position manages all activities related to water and wastewater treatment, water distribution system, and sewage collection system. This reports to the Director of Public Works.

**EXPERIENCE:** At least 5 years of experience in the operations and maintenance of a class 2 water treatment plant and 5 years of experience operating a class 5A wastewater plant. Candidate will possess a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) permanent Water Class 2 operators license and a 5A permanent wastewater license and have experience operating a four stage Bardenfo activated sludge plant with Dyna Sand Filters.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to obtain MDE Superintendent License, valid driver's license, able to lift minimum fifty pounds, available for On-Call Emergencies.

**BENEFITS:** Upper \$70,000, paid health benefits, dental, Maryland State Retirement Plan paid vacation, sick leave, paid holiday, personal leave.

*The Town of Snow Hill is an Equal Opportunity Employer that recruits and hires qualified candidates without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, disability, or veteran status.*

**TO APPLY:** Email letter of interest & resumé to Rick Pollitt at [townmanager@snowhillmd.com](mailto:townmanager@snowhillmd.com) by October 20, 2023.

#### Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Town of Snow Hill, MD  
Full-Time Employment

**JOB INFORMATION:** This position assists the Superintendent in the management of all activities related to water and wastewater treatment, water distribution system, and sewage collection system. This position reports to the Water/ Wastewater Superintendent.

**EXPERIENCE:** At least 3 years experience in the operations and maintenance of a class 2 water treatment plant and 3 years of supervision experience operating a class 5A wastewater plant. Candidate will possess a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) permanent Water Class 2 operators license and a 5A permanent wastewater license and have experience operating a four stage Bardenfo activated sludge plant with Dyna Sand Filters.

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