



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Joe and Don Enste and Mark Libertini stand before the layout they spent three weeks assembling at the Ocean Pines Fire Department's North Station. The train garden will be open Saturday, Nov. 25 and run Fridays through Sundays until Christmas Eve.

ARC process now reflects HOA rules

Resolutions outline rights, authority and enforcement

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved two resolutions to conform with the Maryland HOA Act related to Architectural Review Committee guidelines. The changes related to the workings of the committee and enforcement/notification of homeowners about violations.

Director Jeff Heavner noted that the board streamlined the process and moved some responsibilities from the ARC to the board of directors.

"The board is required in our DR (Declaration of Restrictions) to be responsible for enacting any and all punitive actions to homeowners. This

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OP signs get with times by going digital

But will get costs and start small with one installation

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) The question of whether Ocean Pines' old signs should be replaced with programmable digital signs has been debated repeatedly during board meetings. But on Saturday, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors decided to seek proposals to determine the costs for four digital signs to be placed in the community.

Residents have asked if these signs

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Well-trained, ready for viewing

Ocean Pines Fire Department's North Station holiday train garden currently on display

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) Train gardens are a staple of many people's holidays, and that would be true for Joe Enste and his dad, Don, who remember visiting the local fire station in Baltimore to see the train garden each

year.

The Enstes, along with their friend Mark Libertini have brought that tradition to Ocean Pines with their second annual train garden at the North Station Fire House.

Both Enste and Libertini had train sets at their homes while their kids

grew up. Joe remembers visiting Libertini's basement, where he had a big train display set up year 'round.

Now both families have brought together their train displays, as well as donations from other friends to the fire station.

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The Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted to pursue costs for four electronic signs to be placed at three entrances and the community center. The signs will not have back lighting and would save staff time in regularly changing letters on the manual signs.

Pines signs giving try to digital

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would be too bright or commercial looking in the residential area.

But OPA Director Elaine Brady assured the board and residents that the signs will appear exactly like the current signs and will be retrofitted into the current frames used now. There will be no backlighting to the signs.

“The lighting will be exactly like it is now,”

“There is no change to the look and feel of the signs we have today,” Brady said.

Brady outlined some of the downsides of the current signs. There are a dozen of these manual signs around the community, all except for two are two-sided. Each sign has messages and each message is different.

“Unless you are willing to drive from The Point down to the North Gate Bridge and then back, you will never see all of the messages. So, you are seeing the same message over and over again,” Brady said.

She also noted that a driver cannot read all of the messages on the signs because they are too long.

Digital signs will allow the association to consolidate all of the mes-

sages from 22 boards onto four digital signs. She proposed having new signs placed at all three of the exits, North and South Gates, Cathell Road and at the community center.

The digital messages would rotate so drivers could see more of the messages. Late-scheduled events, changes in events or emergencies could be posted easily.

Currently, the Public Works and Rec and Park departments have to take staff away from their other work to manually change each sign.

All other signage except the one at the Yacht Club entrance will be removed, which is maintained by the Matt Ortt Company.

Maintenance on the signs would be no different than with the current ones.

“But we will only be cleaning four signs instead of 22,” Brady said.

The board approved having General Manager John Viola look at the costs and get proposals to the board.

Brady suggested that OPA could purchase one sign for this fiscal year and have the Communications Advisory Committee request funding for the other three signs.



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The OPA Board of Directors discusses processes for notifying lot owners of HOA violations at its November meeting on Saturday.

Board brings ARC guidelines in line with law

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includes loss of amenities and/or all costs to clean up a property due to failure of a homeowner to remedy a violation," Director Elaine Brady said.

"This had always been the case until about four to five years ago, when a board put those responsibilities on Operations and ARC. We are now simply ensuring those actions taken are in keeping with our DR requirements."

OPA's lawyer, Bruce Bright of Ayers, Jenkins, Gordy and Almond,

cleaned up the process of notifications and board actions to make timelines more clear, along with adding information for giving homeowners the right, if they wish, to request a hearing in front of the board before any punitive actions may be taken, as is now required by the MD HOA Act.

Director Steve Jacobs requested an amendment to the enforcement resolution that when a notice goes out to the lot owner, that individual is informed of the right to be accompanied by someone in the presentation

to the board if a hearing takes place. He also suggested lot owners would have the right to a closed meeting.

He said that person could be a lawyer, an advisor, translator or anyone else needed to assist the lot owner in the hearing.

Bright said the language Jacobs proposed suggests some discretion or choice on an open or closed hearing, which he did not believe there to be and would be a violation of the law. He noted that as far as having someone other than a lawyer, it was not a right of the lot owner and goes beyond what the statute contemplates.

"But if because of disability or language limitations, the violator needs the assistance, that can be dealt with on a case-by-case basis."

Bright said the hearings should be open. "The board could go into closed session to obtain legal advice during the hearing, if necessary."

He also provided an example of a lot owner having a health issue that was the reason for the violation. He said these can be dealt with as the case moves to a hearing.

The Jacobs amendment was rejected by the board based on the advice of Bright.

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Snow Hill hosting forum on legalized marijuana Nov. 28

(Nov. 23, 2023) Snow Hill Mayor Mike Pruitt and members of the Town Council will host a community forum on legalized recreational marijuana, or cannabis, next Tuesday.

Beginning at 6 p.m., Nov. 28, the public event will be at the old firehouse on Green Street in Snow Hill.

According to a news release, the forum was scheduled to encourage town residents to share ideas, questions and concerns about issues associated with le-

galized cannabis as a factor of life in the community.

While the session is designed primarily for public input, the release said there will be a follow-up meeting scheduled with a panel of professionals seated, qualified and capable of addressing all of the points expected to be raised.

The mayor and council recently enacted a nine-month moratorium on any proposed activities in Snow Hill de-

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Train garden enlivens fire hall

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The Ocean Pines Fire Station, ponds, ice skating rink and a Disney show are all on display. Joe's son even donated his monster trucks.

"When we were little, we did not have a lot of stuff. But we looked forward to setting up the train under the tree every year," Don Enste said.

One year, he spent the summer saving all of his money from mowing lawns to buy a new train.

It took the men three weeks to set up the train garden this year. They say it is their most elaborate yet.

Visitors will have to opportunity to

scour the train garden for a scavenger hunt to find various hidden elements. Participants can enter a drawing to receive a hotel stay courtesy of the Francis Scott Key Hotel.

Thanks to a donation from Donna Frankowski of ERA Martin Associates, the fire department will be raffling a 911 address sign each week. Winners will be selected each Monday and people can participate every week.

Joe noted that Craig Thomas of Seaside Hobbies has helped to keep the trains running smoothly.

Visiting the train garden is free, but donations are welcomed and will support the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department in its efforts to keep the OP community safe. To learn more about the train garden visit www.opvfd.com

Town gauging input from public

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signed to take advantage of the new laws. During that period, the release said the elected officials intend to solicit as much public testimony as possible to determine the path that needs to be taken to comply with the law, while also protecting and maintaining community values.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Nov. 28 meeting, but also encouraged to submit comments at any time to Town Manager Rick Pollitt at the Snow Hill Town Hall. The comments will be shared with the mayor and council members upon receipt.

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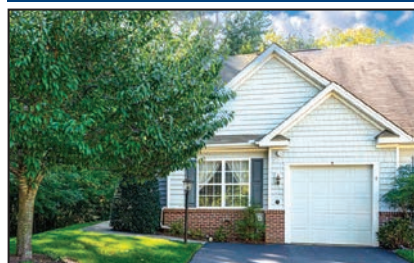
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Amenities continue to keep Pines in black for fiscal year

Golf, beach and yacht club keep HOA numbers healthy, revenues continue to grow

By Cindy Hoffman
 Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) Revenues increased and expenses decreased last month, Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola reported to the board of directors on Saturday.

The golf and yacht clubs both came in favorably, at \$13,000 and \$19,000 ahead of budget forecast for October.

October revenues were \$578,000, favorable by \$49,000. Expenses were \$1.073 million, or \$44,000 less than budgeted.

The unaudited financials, year-to-date for October are \$13 million in net revenue, and \$8 million in expenses.

Viola said work needs to be done on racquet sports numbers, which were off budget by \$11,000. He said he was not sure what happened with the Clubhouse Grill, which was down \$9,000.

The marina was hit with 95 small craft advisories, Viola said, which affected both the revenue for the ma-

rina and the yacht club. Still the yacht club came in \$19,000 over projections.

Year to date, golf is \$109,000 over the budget, the beach club is \$61,000 over budget, beach parking is \$50,000 over budget and aquatics is \$24,000 over budget.

OPA continues to increase its reserves, with a balance of \$9 million.

Planning has started for next fiscal year. The Budget and Finance Committee will be reviewing the department budgets Jan. 2-3. The board is expected to review the budgets Jan. 11-12 (tentative dates). A town hall is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 7.

As of Oct. 31, the association had about \$17.4 million in cash. Cash increased about \$700,000 from the same time period last year. Cash decreased about \$600,000 from September. The association also currently has \$11.2 million invested in CDARs.

In addition, the association had \$54,000 in interest income for the month and another \$6.2 million in insured cash sweeps, treasury bills, money market and other operating accounts, diversified between two local banks.

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Council members and Mayor Zack Tyndall met with members of the Local Development Council of Worcester County to get their approval to use casino funds to support the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System. From left, Jack Orris, Jay Knerr and Mayor Zack Tyndall.

Berlin gets approval to use casino funds for pensions

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) In a meeting between Mayor Zack Tyndall, the Berlin Town Council and the Local Development Council (LDC) of Worcester County, LDC approved the town's multi-year plan to use its share of casino funds (Local impact Grants or LIG funds) for its Law Enforcement Officers Pension System or LEOPS. LEOPS also now supports fire and EMS personnel.

"Public safety is crucial to us," Tyndall said. "If you are not safe, if you are not healthy, then you cannot have an active commerce."

Town officials consider securing funding for LEOPS to be critical to recruitment and retention of police officers.

The Town of Berlin has 15 sworn officer positions. Currently, the town has nine officers with three cadets going to the academy.

"The offer of LEOPS greatly increased our recruitment," Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said.

The multi-year proposal by the town includes \$425,000 for the LEOPS Stabilization Fund, \$340,000 for FY24 LEOPS, with a \$10,000 increase every year for three years. Any additional funding will go first to apparatus replacement for the Berlin Fire Company of \$45,000 and \$174,000 for a new community center, which is currently in the planning stages.

According to Maryland law, a share of casino revenue from Ocean Downs must be given to Worcester County, Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines to be used for infrastructure

improvements, facilities, public safety, sanitation, economic and community development and other public services and improvements.

During the discussions, members of the LDC raised concerns that this funding had never been used for LEOPS, claiming that this would be setting a precedent for other municipalities.

"We believe it is squarely within the legislation. It is a public safety expenditure," Tyndall said.

"A road not traveled does not make it incorrect. There is not anything that said we could not do this."

There was also concern raised by members of the LDC about relying on casino funds, which, although not expected, could go away someday, should the casino close.

"This is a liability we have taken on. We will be responsible for that," Tyndall said.

"We can set up a plan down the road to wean off the LIG (Local Impact Grant) funding," Councilman Jay Knerr said.

Currently, Tyndall said 30 percent of town funds go to public safety, which includes police, fire and EMS.

State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, a member of the LDC suggested the county approve the Berlin plan with a letter providing a clear direction of a phased out approach from relying on casino funds for LEOPS.

The Town Council agreed to consider a motion at its Nov. 27 meeting to send a letter to the LDC outlining plans to phase out the use of LIG funds for LEOPS in future multi-year plans.



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OPA GM gives dept. updates in Nov. report

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola provided highlights of last month during his report to the board of directors at its meeting on Saturday.

Racquet Center: Public Works installed a fence at the racquet center in an effort to stop people from using the courts without paying. The cost of the fence was \$2,200.

Unfortunately, it appears that some people are athletic enough to jump over the fence and continue to access the courts without pay. Viola said he is now looking at cameras for the facility.

Leaf Collection: Viola reminded residents that the leaf vacuum program has ended and residents need to bag all leaves for pick-up. Four bags of leaves will be picked up by Republic during regularly scheduled trash collection days. Public Works will collect bagged leaves from Nov. 27-Dec. 29, opposite Republic Service collection days.

Residents can also bring leaves to the Public Works Department yard, which is open on Wednesday's from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The yard will also be open from Nov. 27-Dec. 30. Leaves can be delivered loose or in paper bags. Residents must have a sticker to drop off at the yard. The free stickers

are available at the Public Works Department.

Bulkheads: Bulkhead replacement began this month and will be completed in April. Fisher Marine is doing the work at a cost of \$977,500. The work will be done on canals on Watergreen Lane, Goldeneye Court and Wood Duck Drive.

Drainage: Secondary pipes were laid by Deppe Bros. on Teal Circle and Moonshell Drive. Pelican is scheduled to be on site in the winter to do pipe lining.

Roads: Asphalt Maintenance will start repaving Battersea Road, Canal Road, Deerfield Court, Driftwood Lane, Moonraker Road, Waters Edge Court, Wharf Court and St. Martin's Lane.

New Fire Station: Viola disbanded the fire station working group and recognized the efforts of its members. He said that they have provided the fire department with sketches and other tools to proceed with fundraising.

Trash and Recycling: The current contact with Republic ends on Dec. 31. OPA received three bids from companies, including Republic, that can provide the service.

The bids are being reviewed by staff and a new contract will be approved by the board and awarded in December.



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General Manager John Viola reviews highlights from the month and finances to the board during its November meeting on Saturday. From left, Bruce Bright of Ayers, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand, PA and John Viola.

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TOY AND COAT DRIVE

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City-Ocean Pines Toy Drive Chair Dave Landis and Coat Drive co-chairs Sue Wineke and Kitty Wrench pose with two bicycles donated to the organization's toy and coat drive that was held on Wednesdays through the month of November. The last day to donate is from 9 a.m. to noon, this Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot.



HONORING VETERANS

On Veterans Day, members of the Worcester County Garden Club placed a wreath at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in appreciation of veterans, currently serving military personnel, and their families. Pictured, from left, are Veterans Affairs Committee co-chairs Karen Trigger and Susan Fletcher with the wreath at the Blue Star Memorial marker

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FALL FUN

Worcester prep kindergartners pose for a picture during a field trip to Parsons Farm in Delaware with their teachers. Pictured, far left, are teacher Erica Phillips and assistant Jennifer Hoen. Pictured, far right, are assistant Ingrid Poffenberger and teacher Heather Dennis.



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Kindergartners Paislynn Hutchins, Matias Escamilla-Aliullo, Nicole Raychev, Miles Fortunato, Skylar Marsh, Leroy Johnson-Thomas, Milana Christensen and Brenden Gerner ride around the farm.



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Kindergartner Carter Grahn feeds a goat during the trip.

Bike and ped safety tips presented to OPA

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) Many residents and visitors of Ocean Pines love to ride bikes or walk around the community to stay fit and to get from one place to another.

Unfortunately for them, there are no bike lanes or sidewalks throughout the community, making activities somewhat dangerous on the roadways, according to cycling advocates.

“The incidents of bicycle injuries and fatalities is a national trend. They have increased across the nation and in our community,” Patti Stevens, the representative of the biking community for the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs, said to members of the Ocean Pines Association at a meeting last weekend.

She is also working with the Ocean Pines Community Bike and Pedestrian Safety and Access Work Group.

“There are three ways we can address making our roads safer and our community safer, whether it is our highway roads or our neighborhood roads,” she said.

The first is education of bikers, pedestrians and drivers on how to share roads safely. Second is the engineering of trails and pathways to create alternative ways for people to

get around in communities that are not on the road. Simple options such as narrowing lanes, reducing speed limits, and clearly marking pedestrian and bike lanes can reduce accidents. The third is enforcement of speed limits and parking restrictions to keep bike and walking lanes open.

“Many people move here because they want an active lifestyle and to walk and bike safely,” Stevens said.

She also noted that many people bike and walk to work. Some must travel early in the morning or late at night, when visibility is low.

“Ocean Pines has the authority and the responsibility to manage all of our roads. We can take care of our own roads. That means we don’t have to ask for permission, except where it intersects with a county or state road. That’s a bonus,” Stevens said.

She would also like to see bike and pedestrian access to the Route 90 bridge. Currently, there are four options for the bridge to be redesigned and all have bike and pedestrian access.

“But we have to get people to the bridge,” Steven said.

Communities have created bike and pedestrian safety plans and the county is developing a countywide trails and greenways plan.

“My dream is that we can connect



PHOTO COURTESY PATTI STEVENS

Patti Stevens, of Ocean Pines, presented ideas for bike and pedestrian safety to the OPA Board of Directors during its November meeting last Saturday. She is pictured here with her husband, Pat Trate, on one of their favorite local rides to Southpoint looking to Assateague

the north gate and south gate communities and go over the bridge to the beach club on a bike,” Steven said.

The Ocean Pines work group is prioritizing which improvements are most needed and is identifying avail-

able and needed resources. It also is coordinating with technical advisors and consultants to support their activities. Stevens said the committee will first look at things it can do immediately to improve safety and accessibility.



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Holiday giving and events in Ocean Pines

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Nov. 23, 2023) The Ocean Pines community is ripe with opportunities to give to others during this holiday season. Whether it is food, toys, coats or basic necessities, the need is great now and throughout the year. Take the time to brighten someone's holiday season by participating in one or more of these opportunities.

Giving Opportunities

Recreation and Parks is taking part in the "Be a Santa to a Senior" with Home Instead. Ornaments with the names of local seniors are placed on a Christmas tree in the Community Center lobby. Each ornament includes a list of requested items for each senior. Gifts can

be delivered to the community center by Dec. 6. Email crystal.heiser@homeinstead.com for more information

Aquatics has an "Angel Tree" to help support local children and families. A Christmas tree in the Sports Core Pool lobby is decorated with angel ornaments that represent a local person or family in need. Come to the pool, pick an ornament, and provide your name and phone number to sponsor a local person or family with Christmas gifts. Deadline for gifts ranges from Dec. 5-13. Call 410-641-5255 for more information.

OPA Administration will also set up an "Angel Tree" to support a local family.

Kiwanis Club of Ocean City-Ocean Pines is collecting coats and toys on

Wednesday Nov. 22 and 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center parking lot.

Cricket Center drop boxes for basic necessities like dried and canned food, cleaning products and other necessities can be dropped off at the Community Center lobby, The Park at Ocean Pines Clubhouse on 2 Arcadia Court and the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

Cricket Center families holiday wish list: contact Katie Conforti at 443-235-9502 to help make Christmas bright for 10 families through the Cricket Center. She has lists of specific requests from each family and will be collecting gifts and donations until Dec. 15. Local businesses are supporting the effort by sponsoring a family, including the Forgotten

50, Sunset Grill, Allison at the Altar, Toast and CrossFit Assateague.

Events

Hometown Christmas tree lighting on Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm at White Horse Park.

Trains at the North Side Fire Station: Visit the train garden beginning Nov. 25, 6-9 p.m. and step back in time to a wonderful tradition of Christmas trains, miniature villages and gardens. The train garden will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas Eve. December hours are Fridays, 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 6-9 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration for "Light up the Pines" is Nov. 20- Dec. 8. Email info@oceanpines.org for more information.

Shore Gives More underway for Giving Tues.

(Nov. 23, 2023) This year's lower shore Giving Tuesday event, the Shore Gives More, will feature a record-breaking 128 nonprofits during the 24-hour online giving period.

Held each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, the event falls on Nov. 28, but donors could begin scheduling gifts Nov. 2.

According to a news release, the

Shore Gives More is hosted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and assists nonprofits serving Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties with fundraising efforts. The online donation portal allows donors to quickly learn about the individual nonprofits and make as many or as few donations as they like in one online checkout.

"The campaign has grown greatly since 2015 when we started with 23 nonprofits and raised just under \$7,500," Community Foundation President Erica Joseph said in the release. "Since then, the campaign has raised over \$1.5 million for local nonprofits. It is exciting to see 128 organizations in the campaign this year."

The release said donors can rest easy

knowing that the gifts they make will go to the charities of their choice, and will also make a local impact. The campaign vets each participating organization to ensure current tax-exempt status and service to the lower shore area.

"Each gift made to a nonprofit on Giving Tuesday makes a difference for the area we call home," Joseph said.

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Thankfully, area has been spared in 2023

As area residents count their blessings this week, they might overlook one of the most significant reasons to be thankful that they live where they do. And, no, it is not residing near the beach, and it isn't the low crime rate, good schools, recreational opportunities, low tax rates, access to healthcare or the population's exceptional generosity.

One of the most notable, yet unnoticed, advantages of living here in 2023 is this: 25 weather/climate disasters occurred in the United States in 2023 (so far) and none of them happened here.

Throughout the past 11 months, large swaths of the country suffered through community-leveling tornadoes, hurricanes, raging wildfires, severe drought, massive flooding and paralyzing winter storms. Meanwhile, this little section of the East Coast seemed to benefit from a protective wall.

This might not seem like much to residents here as they pursued their usual routines, unaffected as they were by these calamities, but in terms of weather and environmental disasters, 2023 was the worst on record, according to statistics compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Think about it: ruinous hail storms in multiple locations, extreme flooding in California, drought conditions so extreme that parts of the Mississippi River are becoming unpassable, communities wiped out by tornadoes and freak winds, a paralyzing ice storm in the northeast, which also suffered heavy flooding, the deadliest wildfire in modern history in Lahaina, Hawaii, and, of course, 20 named tropical cyclones.

And this area? Nothing major — a bit of a dry spell, some heavy rain, decent temperatures, no truly damaging winds, all while news outlets were reporting on the disaster of the week everywhere else.

Considering that each of the 25 events caused more than \$1 billion in damage, there is no question that the people here are living in the right place at the right time.

Add this safe zone existence to the more recognizable advantages of living here, and that's something for which everyone should be immensely thankful.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Embrace holiday spirit across Pines

Many opportunities to give back to those in need this season

As the air gets crisper and the holiday season grows closer, the Ocean Pines Association is bustling with an array of merry events and heartwarming programs that promise to make this season truly special.

Spread joy with giving: Join the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department in its "Angel Tree" program, supporting local families in need during the holidays. Visit the Sports Core Pool or call 410-641-5255. Meanwhile, the Recreation and Parks Department extends warmth to seniors through the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. Visit the community center or email crystal.heiser@homeinstead.com. Your generosity can help brighten many lives.

Send letters to Santa: Nov. 25 to Dec. 15, local children can pen their wishes and dreams to Santa Claus. Drop off letters at the Ocean Pines Community Center, and don't forget to include each child's name and address. Santa eagerly awaits to reply!

Light Up the Pines: Brighten up the community by joining Light Up the Pines, a dazzling outdoor decorating event. Register your home from Nov. 20 to Dec. 8 to partic-

ipate and enter for a chance to win one of three \$50 electric bill credits. Plus, early registrants will receive goodies from Choptank Electric.

OPVFD Train Garden: Embark on a magical journey at the train garden hosted by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. Starting Nov. 25 at the North Fire Station, revel in the festivities on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. All aboard for a delightful experience. Visit opvfd.com for hours and details.

Hometown Christmas tree lighting: Gather at White Horse Park on Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. as the 13th annual Hometown Christmas tree lighting illuminates the night. Join Santa, marvel at 50 shimmering trees, and indulge in free cookies and hot chocolate. The event is free and open to the public.

Stay tuned for updates on captivating holiday events at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market — more cheer awaits!

For more information on any of these events and charitable giving campaigns, visit oceanpines.org.

Pocomoke Christmas parade Nov. 27

(Nov. 23, 2023) The City of Pocomoke is set to host its annual nighttime Christmas parade this Monday.

According to a news release, the parade will start at 7 p.m., Nov. 27, and run through downtown Pocomoke

The route will begin at the corner of Market and 14th streets and continue north past the judge's stand, which will be set up at Clarke Avenue. It will disband at the Pocomoke River, and Santa Claus, who will be at the end of the parade, is expected to arrive downtown no later than 9:30 p.m.

Decorated light poles and homes, and a large star on the downtown flag pole, will provide aesthetics along the route.

A host of holiday-themed floats representing churches, schools, civic clubs and commercial organizations will ride along the route, while high school bands from across the region entertain the crowd. There will also be

marching units, fire companies, beauty queens and more.

The release said parade entries will be vying for trophies and cash prizes in a variety of categories, and professional judges will select the winners. Awards will be sent out after the parade and a winners list will be posted on city's website and Facebook page.

Although the downtown area is the preferred viewing location for most of the expected more than 2,000 spectators, the release said spots along Market Street offer good vantage points. Parking is at a premium in the downtown area, and spectators are urged to arrive early. The parade's broadcast will be carried on PA speakers downtown.

Parking will be prohibited along Market Street starting at 5 p.m., and Market Street from Old Virginia Road to 14th Street will be closed at 4:30 p.m. for staging. The remainder of Market Street will be closed at 6 p.m. The re-

lease said parking in Cypress Park will not be allowed after 5 p.m., as the band buses will use the area for parking.

Officers from the Pocomoke City Police Department will be assisted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; Maryland State Police; Ocean City Police, including the mounted patrol; Worcester County Fire Police; members of the ROTC; and other departments to provide traffic and crowd control.

Billed as one of the state's largest nighttime parades, the release said the Pocomoke event has been an Eastern Shore tradition since the early 1970s. Always held on the first Monday night after Thanksgiving, the event traditionally opens the region's holiday parade season.

In case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed until 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28. For more information about the parade, visit the city's website at pocomokechristmasparade.com or the Facebook page.

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Pines Hometown Christmas celebration 6 p.m., this Sat.

(Nov. 23, 2023) Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks staff are inviting community members to kick off the holiday season with the annual Hometown Christmas celebration this weekend at White Horse Park.

According to a news release, the event, slated for 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, will transform the park into a winter wonderland, as staff flip the switch on 50 Christmas trees uniquely decorated by local community groups and businesses.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue will lead the opening announcements.

The ceremony will also feature an appearance by Santa Claus, who will proceed to the Santa House to greet local

children and help spread Christmas cheer.

Carol Ludwig and the Delmarva Chorus will also sing Christmas carols, and free cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

“Christmas is a magical time and it’s very special for us to be able to share this event once again with the people of Ocean Pines,” Donahue said in the release. “We hope everyone comes out to join us, as we help kickstart the holiday season with our wonderful community.”

The Hometown Christmas event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact event coordinator Katie Goetzinger at kgoetzinger@oceanpines.org or 410-641-7052 ext. 3029.



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Santa Claus greets guests at a past Hometown Christmas event held at White Horse Park. This year’s annual event is set for Saturday.

Ice Ice Berlin set to kick off season Friday downtown

(Nov. 23, 2023) To officially kick off the holiday season, Main Street Berlin is hosting its Ice Ice Berlin event this Friday downtown.

The annual festival will feature more than 30 holiday-themed lighted ice sculptures sponsored by Berlin business on display along Main Street.

The shops will be open late and DJ Big Al Reno will be playing music.

From 5-8 p.m., Santa will be available for visits at the Kringle Cottage at the Taylor House Museum.

The lighting of the town’s 25-foot Christmas tree, which was delivered on a horse-drawn carriage last week to the lawn of the Atlantic Hotel, will be at 6 p.m.

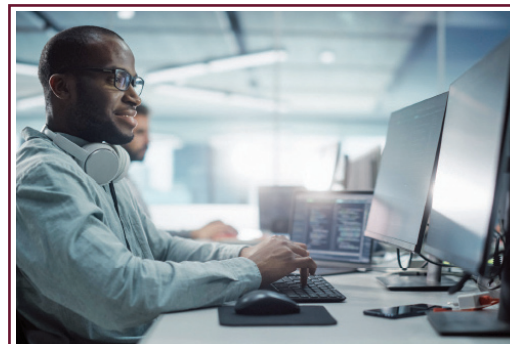
The event will also feature a dedication to the memory of ice carver Erik Cantine. According to the event’s Facebook page, Ice ice Berlin would never have happened without Cantine’s vision.

The event is free and open to the public.



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Crowds gather around last year’s Berlin Christmas tree on the lawn of the Atlantic Hotel for the official lighting. This year’s tree lighting and Ice Ice Berlin event is set for Friday.



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Cuisine

Patience key when preparing burnt ends

Reprint from Dec. 1, 2022

I feel as if Thanksgiving is still looming around the corner, awaiting our arrival or perhaps we are ourselves still waiting for the day to get here.

Time is always a blur this time of year, between the holidays, the end of the semester and getting ready for some hopeful winter travel.

I remember quite a number of years ago as all of us sat around the TV on New Year's Eve eagerly anticipating the catastrophe of the Y2K bug.

And yet, it never came. The nail biting was all in vain.

The year 2000 came and went, the notion of doomsday long since subsided and we found ourselves wondering what all the hubbub was about.

Time is such a fascinating concept, noted by the countless times parents with young children are told by older people to hold on to "this moment" as long as they can, because they'll be gone before they know it.

Boy, do I know that feeling.

Time is the greatest gift and the ficklest monster. At no time will it not remind you that you are not in charge.

I guess the adage that time stops for no man could not be any truer than when you get a little older.

Smithsonian Magazine once had an interesting article on the idea of time as a social construct, and it is sitting in my brain just past midnight on a Wednesday morning.

We are raised in our society with the concept of time down to every second, minute and hour. We are either late, early or on time.

We are much more rigid than, say, a Polynesian culture where the construct of time is much less rigid in some ways. In Hawai'i, I always loved the local saying "if can, can. If no can, no can."

It reminds me of when my darling late wife and I moved down here 23 years ago and bought a small rancher.

We immediately learned that our sliding glass door was rotten in the frame so after some frantic research we found someone to replace it.

He showed up, tore the door and frame out, nailed a blue tarp over the now-massive hole in our back wall and said he'd be back. It took him 2 weeks to come back.

This was well before we had cell phones, and his home phone would ring and ring and ring.

When his wife finally answered, she was incredibly sharp with us, explaining that it was deer season, and we need to wait, thank you! If can, can. If no can, no can.

It is quite possible that the colloquialism used on that phone call was far less elegant than its Hawaiian counterpart but suffice it to say that it held the same meaning.

Watching my children grow into young adults has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

With all that they have endured, they always seem to succeed. They win the most important battles, and that is truly the only thing a parent can



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3



ask for. And as I witness their growth, their mistakes, their adjustments and their brushing the dirt off their pants, I sit here and realize just how quickly time flies by.

And then I realize that I am probably only around a year away from empty nesting, and I set my sights on getting things set up at the ranch for that other old adage of cooking-for-one or cooking-for-two.

It can be difficult to do so but as the numbers in the household dwindle, I guess it's better to be prepared.

And speaking of time, could there be any more fitting food to discuss than smoked meats, and burnt ends in general?

Time is our greatest enemy when smoking foods, and we must use that ugliest of words: patience. The elephant in the room.

Time is the only thing that will give you the perfect bite on pork ribs, or the perfect level of tenderness and crust in chicken thighs.

And when it comes to Burnt Ends, you have nothing but time.

To make these incorrectly is a mortal sin, and we must appreciate that. I have eaten them at Oklahoma Joe's so I know the standard, truly the gold standard.

And it is nothing but time, from seasoning to smoking to dicing to finishing.

Time, you fickle beast.

Burnt Ends

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- They don't call it 'Burnt Ends' for no reason, and this is where the name comes from. Cut the brisket point into 1-inch cubes and toss in the barbecue sauce.

- Place back into the smoker (and honestly an oven would suffice if you feel you have enough smoky goodness) set to 225F and cook for two more hours. This reduces the sauce to a beautiful, unctuous glaze and gives the burnt ends their luster.

- Serve immediately with an ice-cold beer or a Cheerwine. Personally, I don't care for cherry soda unless it is being served with BBQ. I'm not sure

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

House fire in Snow Hill total loss, but no injuries reported

(Nov. 23, 2023) No injuries were reported last weekend from a single-story house fire in Snow Hill, however the structure was a complete loss.

According to a news release from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office, responders with the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company were alerted around 2 p.m., Nov. 18, to a fire at a home on Figgs Landing Road.

Crews reportedly "saw significant smoke and fire conditions throughout the single-story home" when they arrived, and worked quickly to control the flames. The release said crews re-

main on scene for about three hours performing overhaul operations.

Deputies from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office also responded to the scene and conducted a thorough fire scene examination, according to the release.

The home is reportedly a complete loss, although no injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Snow Hill crews were assisted by firefighters from the Girdletree, Stockton, Pocomoke, Newark and Greenbackville volunteer fire departments.



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Flames show from an open window and smoke billows from the roof of a single-family home during a fire last Saturday on Figgs Landing Road in Snow Hill. Fire company officials said the home was a total loss but no injuries were reported. The cause is under investigation.

OP Fire Department shares winter safety tips

(Nov. 23, 2023) Members of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department have released a set of tips to ensure residents' homes are safe as the weather cools and heating systems ramp up.

According to a news release, heating is the second leading cause of home fires.

"The biggest mistake is putting something too close to a heating source," Fire Lt. Joe Enste said in the release. "Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from space heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves and radiators."

Department officials urge people to use portable heaters that have been

listed by a testing laboratory. The heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch so that if they are tipped over, they will turn off on their own.

portable electric heaters should also be plugged directly into the wall outlet without the use of an extension cord or power strip.

Those who care for older adults should also plan for increased risk of fires.

Check space heaters throughout the season. Make sure that bedding, throws and clothing are kept at least 3 feet away. Verify that fixed heating equipment is inspected every season and professionally cleaned when necessary. Talk with older adults to make sure that they understand their risk of burns and fire.

The release said residents should also plan for emergencies.

Older adults may move more slowly

or have trouble hearing a smoke alarm because of hearing loss. Make a home fire escape plan around their abilities.

Keep the telephone, hearing aids and eyeglasses next to the bed. If someone under care uses a cane or wheelchair, decide who will help them get out in an emergency.

For more fire safety information, visit OPVFD.com or post the department on Facebook.

Local nonprofits benefit from drive

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"With such a diverse range of nonprofits participating, everyone is sure to find a cause to support that is important to them."

Nonprofits are given access to online fundraising platforms, marketing campaigns, and incentive prizes. Software the Community Foundation buys allows donors to schedule their gifts in advance of the event and allows supporters the option of donating to multiple nonprofits at once. The Community Foundation provides the services at no-cost to the nonprofits. Nonprofits cover standard credit card processing fees.

"The campaign is truly a collaborative effort," Joseph said. "Each nonprofit works hard to make their fundraising goals a reality, and months of preparations are put in before the big day. Our primary sponsors, Shore United Bank and 47 ABC, provide invaluable support which allows the event to be a success."

To learn more about the Shore Gives More Giving Tuesday campaign visit ShoreGivesMore.org.

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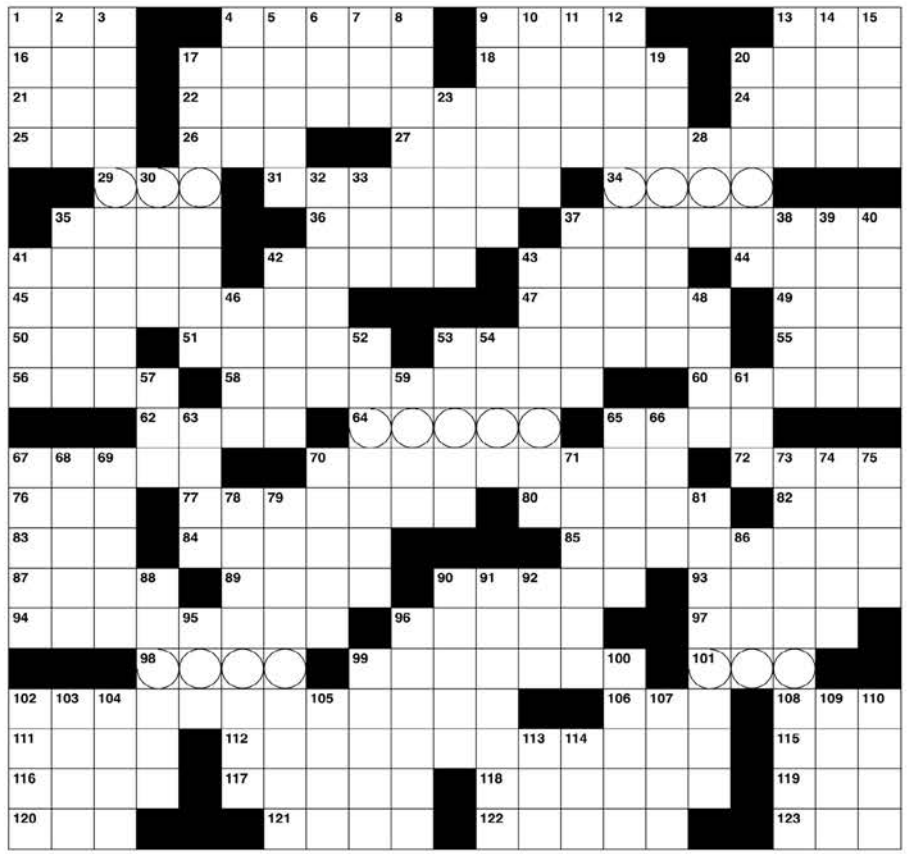
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Puzzles

RIGHT ON THE MONEY BY GARRETT CHALFIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Garrett Chalfin, of New York City, is a first-year student at the University of Chicago, taking classes in biology, "Human Being and Citizen" and "Classics of Social and Political Thought." This puzzle was a long time in the making. He thought of the theme idea over a year ago, then kept coming back to it until he felt he had it just right. Garrett writes, "I love subtle themes that slowly emerge to the solver." — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Landscaper's purchase
 - 4 Downright
 - 9 [If you'll allow me to butt in ...]
 - 13 "Gotcha!"
 - 16 Anton ____, food critic in "Ratatouille"
 - 17 Come-on
 - 18 __ years (old age)
 - 20 Word with purpose or personality
 - 21 "___ you ready?"
 - 22 Enjoyed oneself
 - 24 Major part of astronomy?
 - 25 Tous __ jours (French for "every day")
 - 26 Something dot something, say
 - 27 Features of telephone directories
 - 29 Emerged as a victor
 - 31 Grovel
 - 34 Writer Ayn
 - 35 Fight (for)
 - 36 Rest atop
 - 37 Euphemistic cry of frustration
 - 41 Sweetly, in scores
 - 42 Actress Close
 - 43 Japanese buckwheat noodle
 - 44 2022 culinary black comedy, with "The"
 - 45 Peabody-winning journalist Linda
 - 47 Prefix with sphere
- DOWN**
- 1 Product-safety indicator
 - 2 Princess Fiona, e.g.
 - 3 Treats favorably/Has a very good effect
 - 4 Fall fruit
 - 5 It may deliver a punch
 - 6 What may come before Today
 - 7 Gig part
 - 8 Get bigger
 - 9 Jacinda ____, New Zealand prime minister who, at 37, was at the time the world's youngest female head of government
 - 10 Blindly punch
 - 11 Big, big, big
 - 12 Like a momentous occasion/Office communiqué
 - 13 Someone's je ne sais quoi
 - 14 Padlock holder
 - 15 "Sorry to say ..."
 - 17 Speaks loudly
 - 19 Firefighter famous for extinguishing burning wells
 - 20 Lollipop with a "mystery flavor"
 - 23 Film company behind "Amadeus" and "Platoon"
 - 28 The "E" of E.S.L., for short
 - 30 "Back in the good old days ..."
 - 32 Claim
 - 33 50-50, e.g.
 - 35 First __ (Shakespeare collection)
 - 37 Movers and shakers
 - 38 Robotic anime genre
 - 39 Enter
 - 40 Switches allegiances, as a spy
 - 41 You're gonna pay for this!
 - 42 Targets of some wipes
 - 43 Got less hairy
 - 46 Bracelet bit
 - 48 Peak in the "Odyssey"
 - 52 Masters/Elaborated
 - 53 Gives kudos
 - 54 Flying fish-eaters
 - 57 Pool locale
 - 59 Application of polish, e.g.
 - 61 Grp. that goes on tour
 - 63 Novelist Tami
 - 65 They're no longer "fresh"
 - 66 Prefix with thesis
 - 67 Enjoys doing nothing
 - 68 Taunt, in a way
 - 69 Philadelphia athlete
 - 70 Drench
 - 71 Worker at the Genius Bar
 - 73 Large, as a lead
 - 74 Blow
 - 75 Give lip service?
 - 78 Captain of M.L.B.'s Swingin' A's of the 1970s
 - 79 What a Tyrannosaurus rex grapples with?
 - 81 "Are you satisfied?"/Common fairy-tale conclusion
 - 86 "Not a problem"
 - 88 Part of a potter's process/Parts of a building's safety system
 - 90 Early evening hour
 - 91 Actress Jennifer
 - 92 Lead-in to gender
 - 95 Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
 - 96 Christopher Columbus, e.g.
 - 99 Motherless calf
 - 100 "Socrate" composer
 - 102 Chichén __ (ancient Mayan city)
 - 103 Hamburg refusal
 - 104 Bad impression?
 - 105 Primatologist Goodall
 - 107 Refusals
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HARD - 63

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

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

Thurs., Nov 23

43RD ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, string beans, corn, cranberry sauce, different pies, rolls and butter. RSVP and delivery requests: 410-289-4054 or OCBaptist.com.

Fri., Nov. 24

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More than 120 vendors, children's activities, food court, non-shoppers lounge. Weekend admission cost is \$3 for adults and free to ages 13 and younger. www.ococean.com/event/holiday-shoppers-fair/1547, 410-723-8605

BLACK FRIDAY AT JOLLY ROGER

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, Speedworld Building, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Save 50 percent off all passes. Free hot chocolate, coffee and snacks. <https://jollyrogerpark.com>, info@jollyrogerpark.com, 410-289-9100

TRIMPER RIDES IN PERSON BLACK FRIDAY SALE

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring \$100 off Season Passes and 25 percent off Mega Passes at Trimper Rides Guest Services. And Christmas Carnival Pre-sale and Double Bonus Cash on gift cards at Marty's Playland Arcade, 5-7 p.m. 410-289-8617

WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL OPEN DURING BERLIN'S ICE ICE EVENT

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy sweet treats, artwork, jewelry, ceramics, blown glass, cards and make a bid in the Scholarship Auction. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Sturgis Park, Snow Hill, 5 p.m. Christmas tree lighting ceremony, Santa, music, Charlie Brown Christmas Tree contest, hot chocolate bar, cupcake decorating and other holiday crafts available to all ages. www.snowhillmd.gov

Sat., Nov. 25

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VETERAN VOICES: KOREAN WAR VETERAN WALLACE PURNELL

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 10 a.m.-noon. Korean War Veteran Wallace Purnell will share his memories and memorabilia in the second in the series, Veteran Voices. Free event. Registration recommended: germantownschool@gmail.com, 410-641-0638.

TRIMPER RIDES CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Trimper Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 12-5 p.m. Vendors, indoor rides, 2024 Summer Pass sale, Snowball Brawl in Elf Land, holiday music performers and life-size Trimper Land board game. OCDC fundraiser. www.trimperrides.com, 410-289-8617

BOSSSES (THE ALL BLACK AFFAIR)

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8 p.m. Hosted by Lil Meech. Featuring DJ Crush Groovey (R&B Sing Along), DJ J-Town and DJ Ruckus. Dress in your finest all-black attire. Tickets: Eventbrite (Bosses In Black Official). Must be 21 or older. 323-677-1501

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.

Sun., Nov. 26

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Nov. 27

STORY TIME: 'NOCTURNAL ANIMALS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about nocturnal animals with

stories, songs and a craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, 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. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, 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

CAREER RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Spruce up a resume, learn computer skills and general professional development. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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., Nov. 28

JOINT HEALTH SEMINAR WITH DR. M. SEAN HOOKER

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9-10 a.m. Dr. Hooker of Atlantic General Orthopedic Surgery will discuss the latest techniques in joint replacement surgery to include the use of Mako SmartRobotics™.

STORY TIME: SHAPES

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

STORY TIME: IT'S GETTING COLD OUTSIDE

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

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

WSW 3RD ANNUAL DELICIOUS DESSERT AUCTION

Online desserts auction to coincide with Giving Tuesday to raise the needed funds for WSW, 12 p.m. <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341733965>, 410-548-7880

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.

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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.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

Wed., Nov. 29

BABY TIME

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

ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Dance background not required. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

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Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Create

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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

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Bus departs Dec. 15 from Snow Hill at 5:30 a.m. and Berlin at 6 a.m.; returning at approximately midnight. Spend the day exploring New York City on your own. Enjoy the holiday spirit of the city. Cost is \$100 per person. Register: <https://worcesterrecandparks.org/programs/motorcoach> or www.playmarylandscoast.org. Info: Kyle Jarmon, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2519, kjarmon@marylandscoast.org

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, Nov. 16-Dec. 31, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free

to children 11 years and younger. Take the walking tour through thousands of sparkling holiday lights and many animated light displays located along a paved park paths. Sip hot chocolate, take a photo with Santa, try a family craft, visit the gift shop and see the 50-foot Christmas tree. There will be a Winterfest Express tram ride with multiple "trolley" stops to assist guests in making their way around the 58 acre Northside Park. Pets are welcome on Wednesday evenings. Purchase tickets: <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/special-events/winterfest/>.

HOLIDAY TRAIN GARDEN DISPLAY

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays through Sundays, Nov. 16-Dec. 31, 5:30-9 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted to benefit Ocean City Beach Patrol. <https://www.oceancity.com/events/annual-events-festivals/winterfest-holidays/>

OC LIBRARY WINTER TRAIN GARDEN

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Nov. 15-Jan. 5. Free event. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. www.worcesterlibrary.org, oceancity@worcesterlibrary.org, 410-524-1818

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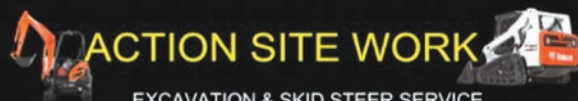
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