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Volunteers with the Berlin Horticulture Advisory Committee worked with town staff to create a new rain garden at Burbage Park adjacent to the ping pong tables.

## Garden alleviates rain issues

Installation at Burbage Park will help reduce runoff, restore habitat and eliminate mosquito breeding areas

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) The Berlin Horticulture Advisory Committee recently installed a rain garden at Burbage Park to restore wildlife habitats and offset stormwater-related issues. The initial planting took place on Thursday, June 6.

According to the National Centers for Environmental Information, rain gardens are “shallow, constructed depressions planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses.”

After a storm, rather than a rain accumulating on the street or damaging flora, the garden fills with a few inches of water that filters into the surrounding soil. The plantings can reduce mosquito breeding, create bird and butterfly habitats, and filter

runoff pollutants.

Horticulture Advisory Committee Chair Andrea Weeg said that the garden in Burbage Park was created to modify the surface where water does not penetrate. Rain would collect and form a large pool, displacing the mulch and killing the plants. The group hopes that the structure will alleviate these issues and inform town residents about protecting individual property from flooding, as the vegetation can help remove standing water in yards, a problem that plagues Berlin homeowners.

The Berlin committee’s project began a few months ago when they applied for and were awarded approximately \$3,200 from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. The funds went towards all the trees and plants required for the initiative.

Additionally, Weeg said that \$1,000 has been allotted for an interpretative sign, which committee member Victoria Spice will design.

“The sign is to teach the community,” the chair-  
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## SDHS band man J.D. Foell retires on positive note

Colleagues, students say farewell in surprise coda to 32-year career

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) Current and former Stephen Decatur High School faculty, staff and students honored the retirement of beloved music and band director J.D. Foell on Friday, June 7, with a surprise celebration.

The teacher spent his entire 32-year career at SDHS. He taught marching band, symphonic band, string orchestra, jazz combo, and music theory.

Foell has displayed a deep commitment to fostering a passion for music in his students. Throughout his time in education, the director was an active member of the Eastern Shore Band Directors Association and the Eastern Shore Orchestra Directors Association. He hosted the District V middle school band festival held at Decatur each spring and has aided in the implementation of Maryland’s All Shore Orchestras.  
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# Bathtub races will take over Berlin's Main Street Friday

By **Bethany Hooper**

Associate Editor

(June 13, 2024) Local businesses will once again compete for the trophy, and bragging rights, in the 34th installment of the Berlin Bathtub Races.

On Friday, June 14, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce will host its 34th Annual Berlin Bathtub Races. Starting at 6 p.m., competitors will race their modified bathtubs down Main Street as onlookers cheer from the sidelines in what has become the town's most beloved summer sporting event.

"We are thrilled to host the Bathtub Race's 34th year," said Ryan Nellans, the chamber's executive director. "It has already been the most exciting build-up to any race we've had yet with 16 teams and two reserve teams registered. The competition will be tight as two-time champion Derek Jarmon of Maryland's Coast is stepping back and making room for new faces and new names on the Turner Cup."

Nellans added, "While the Chamber runs a lot of events like Jazz & Blues and the Fiddler's Convention, those help bring new folks to Berlin. The Bathtub Race is something we do for ourselves. It's a little weird, it's a little silly, but it's ours, and that's why it's my favorite."

Each year, participating businesses show off their speed and pageantry by racing their modified bathtubs in a series of heats, with the final two teams

left competing for the trophy. The bathtubs themselves must be authentic and homemade and capable of holding at least two gallons of water. Wheels can be no bigger than 26 inches, and bathtubs must have breaks and steering.

The winning team will have their name added to the Turner Cup, which will return from its winterlong display at the Worcester County Recreation and Parks facility in Snow Hill. The trophy pays homage to Jesse Turner, a longtime Berlin business owner who helped start the races and went on to win them several times.

Nellans added the Berlin Bathtub Races will feature an opening parade, as well as carnival snack vendors on-site. For the third year in a row, WBOC's Delmarva Sports Network will be broadcasting the event live for those who cannot attend.

He said the event would not be possible without the support of community members, volunteers and sponsors.

"Personally, I'm pumped to see a previously unheard of level of support from racers, residents and local businesses like our Spring Season Sponsor Bradley Atlantic, as well as Taylor Bank, Coastal Baths and our Hula Hoop Heroes, Pohanka of Salisbury," he said.

For more information on the Berlin Bathtub Races, visit the events page on the Berlin Chamber of Commerce website, [berlinchamber.org](http://berlinchamber.org).

## Rain garden pollinator-friendly

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person said. "A lot of people walk through the park and play table tennis, so it will teach them about rain gardens, how they work, and what plants they can use in their own gardens."

Weeg maintained the rain garden is pollinator-friendly. Butterfly milkweed, a houseplant for the dwindling monarch butterfly, is included in the vegetation.

"Whatever we can do as a city to provide more habitats is our core focus," she said.

The Town of Berlin will cut the ribbon on the new rain garden on Thursday, June 20.

Part of Berlin's commitment to wildlife preservation is its status as a Bee City.

Bee City USA is a "program that recognizes, supports, and encourages pollinator conservation in cities, towns, and counties." According to the organization's website, the United States is home to over 3,600 native bee species. This includes bumble bees, leafcutter bees, sweat bees, mason bees, longhorn bees, and min-

ing bees.

These insects are vital in assisting plant reproduction, supporting wildlife, and are responsible for roughly one-third of the country's food and drink consumption. The environmental group emphasizes that preserving bees is necessary now more than ever, as research shows that up to 40% of pollinator species are at risk of extinction due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change.

"The steps that affiliates take to conserve our native bees, including creating safe habitats and hosting community events, will also help other pollinators, including butterflies and moths as well as the non-native honeybee," Bee City USA's website states. "One of the most impactful actions any affiliate can take is to encourage others to think beyond the honeybee and recognize the true diversity of bees that sustain our communities."

There are currently 213 Bee City USA affiliates. Berlin has been a member since 2016 and must apply yearly to maintain its involvement.



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# Foell lauded by colleagues as he ends career

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tra Festival.

“He made it over the bridge to the Eastern Shore, took on the position as the music director here at Decatur, and for the last 32 years, has given the program and its students everything he was capable of giving,” SDHS theater director and event organizer Brandon Cater said.

Foell graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor’s degree in music education and received his Masters of Education from Salisbury University.

Fellow educators shared their appreciation for the music enthusiast at the retirement celebration, which was held at Decatur on the lawn by Seahawk Road.

“You set an example for your colleagues, for how to comport them-

selves with professionalism in the workplace, and you provided guidance and acted as the metronome that kept our corner of the building running on course,” Cater said, addressing Foell. “... I cannot count how many Saturdays or Sundays JD and I would cross paths in the parking lot to pick up where we left off on a Friday with the students to prep for next week. I cannot quantify the respect I have for this man.”

Cater graduated from Stephen Decatur and said that while he did not have the chance to take Foell’s class, his presence cultivated a positive school environment. The theater director maintained that the band teacher provided him with a “roadmap” to navigating arts education even as a student.

“There are those of you here who

had the privilege of sitting across from this man, counting time, bars, and measures, keeping you all on course,” Cater said. “There are those of you who are parents of those students, lending a hand and steering the ship. And for those of you like me who have never had the pleasure, you can all agree that what we saw was a strong leader.”

Choral department member John Gross, finishing his second year at Stephen Decatur, expressed his gratitude to Foell for showing him the ropes in Worcester County. The educator said he was “deeply entrenched” in his office when he first met the retiring educator, riffing through music scores.

“I have come to learn that not only is JD one of the best directors around, but he is also a master teacher, a phenomenal colleague, and a friend,” Gross said. “Over the last two years, this man has taught me what it means to be a music teacher.”

In 2018, Foell and his students won first-place awards in orchestra,

marching band, and concert band at the Music in the Park Festival in Loveland, Ohio.

The chorus instructor said that while those in the arts have a reputation for being dramatic and “divas,” Foell, despite his achievements, remains humble. Gross also credited the band director’s rapport with his students and his relationship with his wife, Monica, who has lent a hand to SDHS’s musical department for his exceptional legacy.

“Your students, past and present, will miss seeing you here; we’ll miss your sarcastic wit, musical prowess, wisdom, sense of ease, and friendship,” Gross told Foell. “Thank you for the time, energy, and effort spent over the last 32 years doing this job. There are a lot of people whose lives are richer because of you and Monica.”

Cater and fellow educators provided Foell with a cell phone and wireless headphones to send the band director into retirement, encouraging the previously off-the-grid teacher to keep in touch.

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Choral department member  
John Gross

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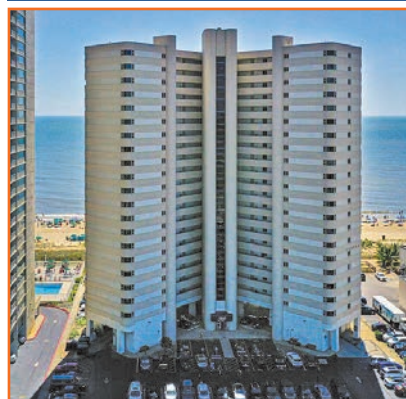
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# Berlin extends 7-year-old tattoo moratorium again

### Mayor, committee need more time to draft, review ordinance creating regs

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) Berlin's tattoo moratorium was extended for another year Monday with the town needing more time to iron out health and safety details for any potential skin art parlors.

In 2017, the town was approached by an individual wanting to open in Berlin a microblading service, a semi-permanent form of cosmetic tattooing. Because the municipality does not have regulations regarding these types of shops, a moratorium, or temporary stall, was established so that officials may seek additional health and safety information.

"Our view is that we are in an arts and entertainment area," Mayor Zack Tyndall said. "If somebody chooses to make their canvas their skin, that's up to them."

However, the elected official maintained that tattoo parlors would need to be set up in acceptable zoning, and health and safety inspections would be required to guarantee quality service. The moratorium was established to prevent any entity from opening body design businesses before further information could be secured.

Berlin has been in contact with the University of Maryland School of Law and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to help determine the safest way to allow tattoo parlors in town.

"We have never had UMD from a

legal perspective looking into this," Tyndall said. "We have never had Johns Hopkins School of Public Health looking into this from a health standpoint. We have some more tools at our disposal to have that conversation, but it's a year out at least."

While the state of Maryland does not have tattoo regulations, unlike its neighboring states, Virginia and Delaware, Worcester County does have the policy that a physician is present at any business that offers skin art. After Worcester passed its ordinance, Ocean City soon followed suit after it was learned there was an interest in opening a tattoo parlor on the Boardwalk.

However, the mayor said the county's ordinance only applies to entities outside of municipality-incorporated areas, and therefore, Berlin does not apply. Town officials have struggled to find a clear path forward without a written procedure.

Since the first attempt at an ink shop, Berlin has formed a tattoo advisory committee to facilitate the possibility of responsibly allowing individuals who are not licensed doctors to run parlors.

Tyndall also noted that there are Maryland entities that can legally provide tattoo services, but safety evaluations are not encouraged.

"The health department is not coming in and doing proactive health and safety inspections, which is what we want," he said.

At the June 10 meeting, the tattoo moratorium was extended for another year so that the town could obtain further details. The motion passed unanimously.

# Comcast assures all is well in Berlin now after outages

### Town residents lost internet service for nearly one day during holiday weekend

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) Comcast issued a statement last week the internet outages reported recently in Berlin have been addressed.

Comcast Beltway Region Public Relations Director Charlie Schoenthaler said the interruptions residents and businesses experienced over Memorial Day weekend were regrettable but have been fixed.

"Comcast service has been fully restored and we apologize for the brief service disruption that impacted some Berlin customers," the statement read. "Our fiber-rich broadband

network has been providing reliable, high-speed internet to the Berlin community for decades and we remain committed to keeping residents and businesses connected to what they need and love."

Over Memorial Day weekend, many Berlin residents and businesses lost internet service for the majority of Saturday afternoon and evening. Intermittent issues continued into Sunday.

Along these lines, during this week's council meeting, Utility Director Tim Lawrence said his crew has created a new wireless access point designed directly to help with issued expressed during the Berlin Farmers Market. Vendors have complained in recent weeks about their inability to process electronic payments.

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# Obituaries

## GARY GERMAN

Ocean City  
Gary German, 76, of Ocean City, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, married 55 years; his daughter, Jennifer, and her family (spouse Angela and children Erin and Trevor); and his son, Gregory, and family.



Gary German

Gary previously lived in York, Pennsylvania, before retiring to Ocean City, in 2010. He worked as a training director for the US Food and Drug Administration in

Rockville. In retirement, he was active at the Atlantic United Methodist Church, where he was the cashier at the church thrift shop. In his spare time, Gary also enjoyed flounder fishing and spending time with his grand-dog, Rudy.

There will be no public viewing or memorial service. Instead, Gary asks you, "To walk on the beach, in the park, or wherever you find peace, say a prayer, and then do a good deed for someone."

In lieu of flowers, donate in Gary's memory to the Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at 1500 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811 or at coastalhospice.org.

Condolences may be sent to the family via easternshorecremation.com.

## BUCKY GRAY

Bishopville

Harold J. "Bucky" Gray Jr., 56, of Bishopville, died Sunday, May 26, 2024.



Harold Gray

Bucky was a harness racehorse trainer and a member of Cloverleaf Stan-

dardbred Owners Assoc.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a daughter, Cameron E. Gray and her mother, Jill Gray, of Berlin; a sister, Susan Gray of Longneck, Del.; his fiancé, Angie Scarborough of Bishopville; stepdaughters Samantha Bynum and husband Logan of Delmar and Kayla Thornton and companion Devin Thornton of Salisbury; his aunt, Jean Wertz and husband Greg of Seaford; and many cousins and great-cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold J. "Buck" Gray Sr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on June 24 at the Cork Bar and Grill, 3 Wicomico St. in Ocean City.

# Berlin waives fees for new weather station

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) The Berlin Mayor and Council unanimously voted to waive the building and fence permit fees, totaling \$290, for site work and installation of a weather station near Stephen Decatur Middle School.

The Maryland Mesonet project, of which the Berlin facility will soon be part, is an initiative that will "design,

build, and operate a network of high-quality, closely spaced, rapid-sampling weather monitoring and data-collection systems across the State of Maryland to advance emergency preparedness and commerce." The expected final product is an observation network.

Lead Environmental Specialist Tyler Pullen of the Maryland Department of Energy Management formally requested that the fee be waived at Mon-

day's town council meeting. The state-funded project is expected to provide ample data and assistance with agriculture, education, emergency management, utilities, forest management, and tourism decision-making.

MDEM and The University of Maryland have partnered in the forecast initiative. Collected data from each station will be used to better understand the atmosphere and rapidly

changing conditions, allowing for quicker public severe storm warnings.

The stations will record temperature, humidity, dew point, wind speed, wind direction, barometric pressure, sunshine, rain intensity, snow depth, and soil conditions.

According to the project outline, in addition to decision-making, the sites will "enhance recovery from storms by identifying and measuring community-level impacts, promote responsible land and water stewardship by monitoring local air and soil, measure weather impacts to critical infrastructure from natural hazards, and provide education and research opportunities for all ages and disciplines."

Monitoring soil temperature and moisture will equip the agriculture industry, data will benefit education in making school closure decisions, accurate forecasts will aid the tourism sector, and information on precipitation and wind will help individuals with transportation planning.

Each site was selected based on set criteria. The area's representation of the local area and the lack of outside forces that may impose bias or inaccurate data, like unnatural bodies of water or large concrete areas, were determining factors.

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# Council OKs demo repairs caused by contractor work

## Annual vendor, service contracts approved with tech, consulting companies

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) The Berlin council approved several annual vendor and service contracts as budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025 and agreed to increase funding for the Heron Park Building Demolition Project to address on-site discoveries.

On Monday, Town Administrator Mary Bohlen outlined the vendor contracts, which include \$82,850 for information technology, including \$9,800 for newly required cyber security.

The town administrator discussed additional monetary agreements, like PK Investment Advisors, which handles Berlin's annual financial audit. The annual independent financial audit for FY2024 totals \$46,500. This includes a \$39,000 base audit, \$2,500 for the Maryland-required uniform financial report, and a \$5,000 single audit. The group has recommended terms for the base audit for FY2025 and FY2026 of \$40,200 and \$42,200, respectively.

Jarmon's Cleaning Service will handle sanitation efforts for the Berlin Police Department for \$11,000. Southern Corrosion will receive \$42,500 for annual water tower maintenance. Tyler Technologies will receive \$41,000 for yearly support for the town's financial software. Schaefer Fireworks will receive \$11,340 for the July 3 display, and Worcester Youth and family's Berlin Youth Program will receive \$40,000.

The contract plan outlines amounts not exceeding \$100,000 for Davis, Bowen, and Friedel for general engineering consultation and EA Engineering Science and Technology for

general stormwater consulting.

At the same meeting on Monday, the council also approved the increase of \$11,500 and an addition of 20 days to the contract time for the Heron Park building demolition project. Bohlen said the amendment is to "address work that needs to be done because of the demolition that has been done to date as they expected when they appeared in front of the Mayor and Council in February."

Bohlen added, "As they went through, they uncovered things that had to be addressed as they were discovered ... as they did a portion of the demolition, one wall came down, and touched another wall remaining. They essentially need to seal it up."

Bohlen said that the \$11,500 increase is still "well within the grant" received from the state for the demolition work.

"Once that's done, I would like for the areas that have been reworked to receive some paint," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said. "We need to start looking at how we're going to dress it back up because a portion of this is trying to bring the buildings back to a point where they look decent and make it so they can get back on the tax roll."



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Damage from demolition efforts is pictured at the building formerly home to a poultry processing facility in Berlin.



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## Bridge work on Clubhouse Dr. in Ocean Pines

(June 13, 2024) Repairs to the bridge on Clubhouse Drive in Ocean Pines are expected to impact area roads and waterways throughout the month.

Senior Director of Public Works Eddie Wells said in a news release that motorists and boaters should be able to get in and out of the area, but some minor delays may occur during the construction period.

Wells said construction could last up to three weeks.

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# Town, fire company officials talk parking lot

Proposed lease amount of \$150K called 'insulting' and 'unreasonable'

By Charlene Sharpe  
Associate Editor

(June 13, 2024) A proposed annual lease amount of \$150,000 for a parking area on Berlin Fire Company property was frowned on by town officials last week.

During the June 3 quarterly work session with the Berlin Fire Company (BFC), town officials reviewed a proposed commercial lease agreement for the vacant property along Harrison Avenue owned by the BFC. At previous meetings, it has been discussed the possibility of the town leasing the property to allow for a new parking lot to be built to address the ongoing shortage of available spaces in Berlin.

In a draft of a lease agreement, the BFC proposed an annual lease amount of \$150,000 with 50% of any revenue from paid parking being given to the BFC from the town for future capital expenditures. Mayor Zack Tyndall remarked the town would not accept that offer, suggesting a \$1 lease per year for the property with all the revenue obtained from the parking lot being directed to the Berlin Fire Company's capital costs.

"What we are proposing is that the



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A discussion was held last week about a possible lease between the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Fire Company for this open lot along Harrison Avenue.

town make a very small payment to the fire company to lease the site, make the improvements so we can park there ... bring on the payment system and then any revenue that comes in would go to cover the capital expenses we know you all need," Tyndall said. "We don't really want to keep the money, we just want to be able to solve the parking problem and pass the revenue on in the form of capital. That's our goal but I don't think a huge payment for the lease is going to

work."

Councilman Steve Green agreed with the mayor and questioned the exorbitant lease price proposed.

"The town does have options, and this is not the only site, just to be clear ... \$150,000 is a lot more than another option that is closer. I find it insulting, frankly," Green said. "I think it was a good faith gesture to try and address the capital needs of the fire company and find this offer to be insulting. With our improvement costs, this is

not possible."

Green also took issue with a stipulation in the proposed lease contract the fire company could restrict parking on the leased lot if there's a special event at the fire hall, referring to a possible wedding on Saturday of Berlin Fiddlers Convention resulting in the parking not being able to be accessed. Councilman Jay Knerr agreed if the town paid for the improvements it should have full access to the site.

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# Electric meter process advances to call for RFPs

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) The effort to bring electric meters to Berlin continued to move forward this week.

At the Monday, June 10 meeting of the Berlin Mayor and Council, Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence outlined the draft for the town's request for a proposal for vendors to handle the design, supply, installation, and implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

The utility director notes he has experience in AMI metering infrastructure for electric systems in a previous position he held with Manassas, Va.

An AMI system consists of smart meters, such as digital gas meters, electric meters, and water meters, that record energy consumption and send data back to the utility company throughout the day. The town recently installed water meters on all users and next up will be the electric metering project, which will be funded through a bond.

As outlined by Lawrence, Berlin's AMI system will perform "fixed-based automatic meter readings and two-way communication with electric meters; allow access to collected data at any time to support daily operations, provide customer support, and monitor system performances; advanced data analytics through a Meter Data Management System (MDMS); voltage monitoring and outage notification for the electric system; remote connect and disconnect for electric meters; prepayment services' customer portal; and system integration with the Town's existing billing system."

Lawrence emphasized that keeping utilities reliable and up-to-date is imperative because Berlin provides electric and water services to approximately 2,700 and 2,900 customers, respectively.

"The expandability of a potential AMI solution is an essential concern," the drafted request for proposals reads.

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# Berlin mulling parking lot options

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Moore apologized if the offer was viewed as offensive but asked Green and town officials to realize, "we are not going to bid against ourselves."

"I am not going to draft a lease that does not benefit my client in the way they have asked me to," Moore said. "These folks have their directive from their company, and it is our ask. We believe we are giving you a benefit as you all are giving us benefit. ... I say, respectfully, I think you would rather give what you get off this parking lot to the fire company rather than to a private owner in the town of Berlin."

Council Vice President Dean Burrell agreed with Green and Tyndall the proposed annual fee is not acceptable for the town.

"With the improvements that will be needed on the property to allow parking, I think the \$150,000 is unreasonable. If we had \$150,000, we would not be doing this with a parking lot, we would be funding what you need for capital," Burrell said. "To put that number out there at this time in the negotiation, I really do believe is unreasonable and if we are going to be in this thing together to try and facilitate additional funding for the fire company ... I think what the mayor has suggested as an initial lease price is not unreasonable."

Town Attorney David Gaskill suggested the council members review the proposed lease privately and return for future discussions. Tyndall asked the fire company to reconsider the lease amount and return with a different number by the end of June.

"I hope we can soften this a bit and try to make it work for both sides," Tyndall said.

Fitzgerald suggested as a first step before the BFC counter offers for the town to do due diligence on its own as far as estimated parking spaces and

cost to construct the parking lot.

"I think there needs to be some sort of review on the town's side to figure out a rough cost of those improvements. ... if we can get that number, then I can get with Mr. Moore and report back to the membership the lease amount, but we are going to get 'x' number in improvements," Fitzgerald

said.

The town plans to seek guidance from its consultant DBF to explore the number of parking spots on the property along Harrison Avenue and to determine an estimate to improve the grass area into a parking lot. A previous study calculated about 80 to 100 spots on the grass area.

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# Anglers Club plans Teach A Kid To Fish Day

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club is gearing up to host its annual Teach a Kid to Fish Day on Saturday, June 15. The group's mission for the event, slated for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the South Gate Pond, is to provide neighborhood children with a safe summer activity.

"Teach a Kid to Fish Day is very simple," event organizer Lee Phillips said. "It's for children of all ages."

The Anglers Club provides the water and bait. According to Phillips, the pond is stocked with fish sourced from a hatchery in Hagerstown, Maryland, in preparation for the event. Participants must supply their rods, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

The group's members are present to give the young fishers tips and tricks. Phillips said one volunteer will demonstrate line casting while others work the tackle table, bait, and registration. Representatives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will also be available to provide their knowledge to the beginners.

The kids can apply their newfound skills at the Art Hansen Youth Memorial Fishing Contest on Saturday, July 20. The competition is broken into age categories. Children ages four to seven will fish against each other, 8 to 11-year-olds will compete, and 12 to 16-year-olds will go head-to-head.

The competition, which is held at the South Gate Pond, awards winners in each category a fishing rod or tackle

bag. Every participant is also given a T-shirt and a hat.

"This is a great way for the community to give kids something to do besides hanging on the streets," Anglers Club Administrator Jerry Leuters said in April. "We want to teach the next generation to fish."

The late Art Hansen, a resident of Ocean Pines, founded the Anglers Club in the 1990s. Phillips said the group began with six members. Now, the organization boasts about 100 fishermen.

The club is open to anyone with a passion for the sport. The oldest participant is 90, while the youngest is 30. John McFalls is an early member who is still active in the group. The longtime fisherman joined in 1996 when there

were only about six or seven men and one woman.

"I've really learned what little I know from the small group," McFalls said in a press release issued by Ocean Pines Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis.

The Art Hansen Youth Memorial Fishing Contest was the first event for kids hosted by the club. McFalls said the group organized a day to teach the children how to fish about a year after the first competition.

Teach a Kid to Fish Day and the July event are free and open to the public.

Anglers Club meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Library on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Residents interested in joining are welcome to attend.

# Electric meters will be funded through bond

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Lawrence maintained that control monitoring and outage detection are vital, which AMI will provide. "Just take Decatur Farms," he said. "If the right side of Dueling Way is out, it will show up that all those meters are down, and that gives us a focal point of where to go look at the problem because we know where it's fed from. We

will be able to see that in real-time as it occurs, so we don't have to go hunting for the problem; it will take us to it, which will cut down the amount of time the power is out."

The system will have temperature readings, so if a meter becomes too hot, it will warn of a potential fire hazard. Also included in the AMI is a security feature to alert operators if an

individual attempts to tinker with the devices.

Berlin intends to enter into an agreement with one vendor to provide a "turn-key" AMI solution, but the town may award separate contracts for any portion of the project.

The request for proposals notes that the scope of the work to be contracted will include the installation of the AMI

system, Meter Data Management System (MDMS), a customer portal, the system's integration with Berlin's current billing systems, AMI testing and training, and annual maintenance and support.

Proposals, which must be submitted in a hard copy and an electronic format, are due by Wednesday, Sept. 11.

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# Berlin launches Random Acts of Art effort

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) As summer officially kicks off, Berlin artists will brighten visitors' and residents' walks downtown with the Random Acts of Art initiative.

The project will feature the chalk drawings of local artist Jess Hall of the endeavor Happy Now Creations on pre-approved downtown buildings and sidewalks. The murals will pop up randomly throughout the summer.

Hall studied fine arts in college but took her craft to the next level during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her website

states that she set up an in-home studio during quarantine and "spent her days exploring new techniques." The creator then launched Happy Now Creations, inspired by her niece, who "perfectly exemplifies the playfulness of Jess's artistic style," the online page continues.

Hall's work is displayed on the Happy Now Creations website, Instagram, and Facebook. The artist can be contacted through these social media channels for commission inquiries or purchase requests.

Other works by the local artist have already been featured throughout

Berlin. In April last year, a Little Free Art Gallery was installed outside the town's welcome center, where residents can fill the box with creative projects. Hall decorated the structure.

The Happy Now Creations founder also painted Berlin's Pollinator Way mural between Gilbert's Provisions and Island Creamery. The project was completed in the summer of 2022.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said that her administrative assistant, Allison Early, and Hall conceived the idea for Random Acts of Art. Wells

applied for a Worcester County Arts Council grant and was awarded \$500 for the project.

"The Random Acts of Art brings a sense of spontaneity to Berlin and engages the community to walk downtown and explore," Wells said.

While Hall is set to complete most of the artwork, the economic and community development director maintains that any resident inspired to create temporary chalk drawings throughout the Town of Berlin can do so.

"Art is everything," Wells said. "Without it, what are we?"

# Md. board approves Pocomoke library grant

**By Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(June 13, 2024) A \$3.99 million grant will allow the construction of a new library to move forward in Worcester County.

On June 5, the Maryland Board of Public Works approved \$15.16 million in grant funding to seven public library systems across the state. As one of the recipients, Worcester County will utilize its \$3.99 million to construct a new library branch in Pocomoke.

"Our public libraries are vital hubs that cater to individuals of all ages, backgrounds and capabilities, offering invaluable resources necessary for daily life, education, civic engagement and professional development too," Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller said. Of the seven recipients, Worcester County is one of three jurisdictions to receive grant funds for the construction of a new library. The Pocomoke branch, which opened in 1970, will be replaced with a 12,000-square-foot facility at its current location on Market Street.

"The library's facility plan identified many necessary infrastructure replacements including the need for a new roof, new HVAC equipment, and increased electrical service," a project description reads. "Additional space is needed to support current and future functions. A new library will support active learning and expand the library's ability to offer programming."

Officials last month reported the total cost of the project is estimated at \$8.1 million, which includes \$400,000 to \$500,000 in value en-

gineering. The grant funding approved at the state level requires a 100% match from Worcester County.

As proposed, the new library will feature gallery space, rain gardens, a children's porch and dedicated reading areas. The design will also allow for multipurpose meeting space that will be accessible to the community when the library is otherwise closed.

Worcester County is expected to bid out the project later this year. The goal is to open the new library branch in late 2025 or early 2026.

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# Co. advances open space projects

### State will provide \$450K in annual funding; upgrades to Worcester parks eyed

**By Steve Green**  
Executive Editor

(June 13, 2024) The Worcester County Commissioners have approved a slate of projects for the next round of funding through the state's Program Open Space (POS).

Last month, Worcester County Recreation and Parks Director Kelly Rados learned from Maryland's Department of Natural Resources the county would be receiving \$450,209 in additional funds in the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The new funds will be added to the current Program

Open Space balance of \$1.11 million, which includes \$441,810 designated for acquisition only. The county's stated acquisition goal is acquiring the Berlin Lions Club property to further develop and grow the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex.

Before the commissioners on June 4, Rados was seeking a motion to approve the fiscal year 2025 proposed projects. In a memo included in the meeting packet, Rados said the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board on May 24 recommended replacing a playground at Showell Park off Route 589 for \$500,000, upgrades to restrooms and concessions at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex at a cost of about \$200,000 and repair and replace-

ment of rip rap at Homer Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City for \$50,000.

With no discussion, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic motioned to approve the events with a second by Caryn Abbott. The vote was unanimous.

According to Rados, there are about \$111,000 in projects expected to be completed in the near future with remainder funds available, bringing the total available funding through local Program Open Space funds to \$1.22 million. When the three projects approved this week are completed and paid for, Rados said there will be about \$477,000 in funding available.

At Showell Park, there are currently two playgrounds that are approximately 20 years old and in need of significant repairs. The proposed project will replace the aging equipment with one expansive, inclusive playground with modern surfacing.

For the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, repairs to the restroom and concession buildings are needed including replacement of the roof for the concession stand and pavilion and bathroom and concessions upgrades.

At Homer Gudelsky Park, known to locals as Stinky Beach, the east side of the beach needs restoration through sand replacement and the existing filter cloth and rip rap needs repairing.

# Surfing lessons with Stoehr, team open for Piners

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) Ocean Pines kids interested in surfing and bodyboarding this summer will have the opportunity to learn the necessary skills, tips, and tricks from professional instructor Brian Stoehr.

Stoehr and his team of coaches are slated to oversee both the Big Wave Beginner's Surf Camp and the Beach Body Boarding Camp. The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department sponsors the programs.

The Big Wave Surf Camp is a single-day lesson with four Friday dates throughout the summer. Interested individuals can attend on July 12, July 26, August 9 or August 23. Each session begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

"Brian and coaches have perfected a system of beginner surf instruction by combining the correct equipment and wave knowledge to make the experience second to none for the participant and guarantee that students will ride a wave on a surfboard as long as they give it a try," the Ocean Pines website reads.

The lessons will occur on 36th Street in Ocean City, at the K-Coast  
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# Summer ocean camps planned

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Beach. The camp costs \$90 for Ocean Pines residents and \$95 for non-residents.

Participants do not need prior surfing experience, but they must be able to swim. The organizers will provide surfboards. The camp is open to boys and girls ages six to 15.

Stoehr and his instructors are also expected to coach the Beach Body Boarding Camp. Sessions are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on four Tuesdays throughout the summer. Participants can attend on July 16, July 30, August 13, or August 27.

According to the Ocean Pines website, the professionals will teach the beginners basic and advanced bodyboarding skills. They will also share information on surf awareness, water safety, wet suits, and wave reading.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages seven to 15. No experience is required, but participants must be able to swim and provide their own bodyboards. Attendance costs \$75 for Ocean Pines residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Stoehr bodyboarded profession-


ally for over two decades, winning two U.S. National Pro Tour Bodyboard titles and an East Coast Pro Tour title.

"A cool thing about surfing and bodyboarding being individual sports is that you can do whatever you want. I'm very competitive, and I loved that I haven't had anyone to hold me back through the years," the athlete told Coastal Style Magazine.


In addition to the Ocean Pines camps, Stoehr is the head instructor at K-Coast Surf Shop's Wave Riding School. Lessons are available every day of the week, all year long. Anyone of any age and skill level is welcome to sign up.

According to the website, the school teaches surf etiquette, ocean conditions, wave selection, how to position yourself on the board, and the importance of keeping oceans and beaches clean. Soft foam surfboards are included.

Those interested in the year-round lessons can sign up on the K-Coast Surf Shop's Wave Riding School's website, while Ocean Pines campers can register by calling 410-641-7052.



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
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# Casino revenues up in Md., slight drop at Ocean Downs

Local gross surpasses \$8.35M, a small decrease compared to last May

(June 13, 2024) Maryland's six casinos combined to generate the ninth-best single-month total in the history of the state's casino program, and an increase statewide from last year. Ocean Downs, however, pretty much broke even for the month compared to May 2023, which is overall better than the local casino has been doing lately.

According to a news release from Maryland Lottery and Gaming, the state reported more than \$173.15 million in revenue from slot machines and table games in May, which was an overall more than \$3.75 million, or 2.2% jump, compared to last year.

At Ocean Downs, revenues were over \$8.35 million, which was a 0.6% decrease.

Casino gaming contributions to the state during May 2024 totaled over \$74.44 million, an increase of \$3.6 million, or 5.1%.

Contributions to the Education Trust Fund during May of this year were roughly \$53.66 million, an increase of \$2.17 million, or 4.2%.

Ocean Downs is one of six privately owned casinos in Maryland that offer both slot machines and table games. The others 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.

# May sports betting dollars up over 50% from last year

State maintains online, physical sportsbooks sent \$54M to Blueprint fund

(June 13, 2024) Sports betting in Maryland generated nearly \$7 million in contributions to the state from a handle of more than \$431.5 million during the month of May.

The contributions go to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, which supports public education programs.

Last month's contribution to the state was the second-best single-month total and represented a 50.3% increase from \$4.6 million in May of 2023. The \$431.5 million handle was an increase of 34.8% compared to

last year's \$320.2 million total.

Sports wagering data is tracked and reported based on the state's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

During the first 11 months of Fiscal Year 2024 (July 2023 through May 2024), revenues from online and brick and mortar sportsbooks contributed over \$54.5 million to the Blueprint fund.

A detailed summary of the May 2024 results for each sportsbook, including handle, hold percentage, prizes paid, promotional play, taxable win, and contribution to the state, along with a summary of statewide handle and hold by sport is included in the attached chart and available for download at [mdgaming.com](http://mdgaming.com).



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Members of the Jr. ROTC demonstrated for local students on a field trip how to properly fold the U.S. flag.

# Veterans Memorial hosted 650 students on field trips

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2024) Berlin Intermediate School fifth graders took a trip to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Friday, June 7, to hear stories of the American sacrifice for freedom.

Don McMullen, who is responsible for the park's educational outreach, said that 160 students arrived on Friday alone. Throughout the year, 650 fifth graders from BIS, Worcester Preparatory School, Snow Hill Elementary School, Pocomoke Elementary School, and Most Blessed Sacrament flock to the site to enhance their classroom knowledge.

The area was dedicated in 2005 with a Memorial Day celebration. According to Sharyn O'Hare, who started the project, the first flag at the Ocean Pines spot had just flown over the American Cemetery in Normandy, France, months earlier. The relic is now located at the Yacht Club, protected by a glass container.

The veteran site's legacy has expanded beyond the historic flag. It has served Worcester County students since 2007.

"After our first ceremony, the co-chair and I decided we wanted it to be a living memorial, not just sticks and bricks," O'Hare said. "The way we figured was through our youth. We had to educate them. We went to the superintendent of schools and said, 'We want to bring students here for a field trip.' He loved the idea."

The students are cycled through stations, including the Patriot's Pathway, which details every United States engagement since the American Revolution, and tables with Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps representatives. The children rotate in 15-minute segments.

O'Hare emphasized that the inspiration behind the veteran's site was remembrance. She hopes that the

message reaches the young learners.

"The memorial came because we were losing so many of our men and women that have served our country," the founder said. "If we didn't tell their stories, who would? The kids all leave with stories. We try to encourage them to talk at home and get stories from military members in their lives. The important thing is they are exposed to it. They need to know what sacrifices people made for their freedom because, as we know, it's not free."

Before the kids arrive at the park, they are shown "Our Nation's Veterans: Heroes All," a movie created by the memorial's creators. At the end, the students are given a booklet with everything they learned on the trip to reinforce their newfound knowledge.

O'Hare maintained that the tour is always well-received by the teachers, school administration, and parents. She noted that it is the memorial's most important project, and fundraising is completed to cover the costs of the educational pamphlets, buses, and necessary expenses.

Volunteers are present at the site to educate the students. This year, Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) facilitated the Patriot's Pathway station.

The legislator said that part of the presentation is focused on local history. The teachers who attend explain to the elementary students Ocean City's role in World War II and the history behind Stephen Decatur, a naval war hero during the War of 1812 from Worcester County.

"It's very uplifting," Carozza said earlier this month. "You can see that they aren't going to remember every fact or story, but they will remember being there, which makes an impression for the future ... It is very localized, and you believe you are planting seeds for appreciation."

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# WPS graduate earns U.S. Navy appointment

## Adopted from Siberia, Simons plans to compete on D1 gymnastics team

(June 13, 2024) Dylan Simons, a graduating senior at Worcester Preparatory School, will be inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2028 on June 27, marking the beginning of six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training during Plebe Summer.

On May 21, Simons received his Certificate of Appointment from U.S. Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer Steven Rakow during the Academic Convocation Ceremony at WPS.

Simons has signed to join the United States Naval Academy, committing to the Division I Men's Gymnastics team, and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Throughout high school, Simons maintained an intense 20-hour-per-week commitment to gymnastics, rising to a Level 10 Maryland State Champion gymnast.

Simons was adopted from an orphanage in Siberia, Russia, along with his brother, Hunter. Both have attended WPS since pre-K and graduated together on May 24.

During his time at WPS, Simons has earned his spot on the Head of

School List and is a member of the Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Along with gymnastics, Simons has excelled on the WPS tennis and cross country teams.

In 2020, Simons and his brother founded a nonprofit organization, Only Positive Stories, spreading positivity and awareness to programs that need support to live out their mission. Mental health support and suicide prevention programs in Worcester County have benefitted from their efforts and engagement.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

In 2024, U.S. News and World Reports rated the Naval Academy as the number one public school, number three national liberal arts college, and number five undergraduate engineering school. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity



On May 21, Dylan Simons received his Certificate of Appointment from U.S. Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer Steven Rakow during the Academic Convocation Ceremony at WPS. PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law.

Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a bachelor of science degree in a choice of 26 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of about 4,400 students from every state and a handful of international students. Each year, about 1,200 women and men are admitted to the Naval Academy's incoming class. Last year the Naval Academy received over 14,000 applications for the Class of 2027.

For more information about the Naval Academy, visit website usna.edu.

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Members of the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary are pictured in the inlet.

# Next Maryland Safe Boating Course slated for July 9-11

(June 13, 2024) The next local Maryland Safe Boating Course is set for 6-9 p.m., July 9-11 at the Ocean Pines Library.

The course teaches boat responsibly and safe return not only for beginners, but for experienced boaters who want to refresh their skills that have not been used over the winter. Certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary are offering the comprehensive class and all the required material is covered, along with information on local waters and nautical navigation.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born

after July 1, 1972, must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state. Those who attend the class and pass the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to USGCAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

For more information, contact: Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or email CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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# Snapshots



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Worcester Preparatory School students in grades 6-8 recently presented the musical "Aladdin." The middle school play was directed by Upper School Dance/Drama Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona and presented in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center in front of parents, friends, and fellow Lower and Middle School students. [Above] Middle school students who participated in the production are pictured in a group photo.



Seventh grader Juliet Webster is pictured playing the role of the Genie.



From left, Emma Dewerd, Haviland Russell-Wood and Ella Conev watch as the Sultana, played by Elena Gjoni, and Sultan, played by Paul Kraeuter, wed Jasmine and Aladdin.



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

## ARTS IMPACT STUDY UNDERWAY

The Worcester County Arts Council is conducting an Economic Impact Study of the Arts in Worcester County to measure the economic and social value of the arts, artists, and arts council's programming and contributions to the local community. The council is working with the Salisbury University Perdue School of Business BEACON team, Salisbury University students and Worcester County Tourism officials. Pictured, from left, are Brianna Dix, marketing specialist; Nancy Schwendeman, workforce development specialist for the Office of Tourism and Economic Development; Ishmael "Bailey" Willey and John Hickman with the BEACON Perdue School of Business; Anna Mullis, WCAC executive director; and KwangWook Gang, associate professor at SU Perdue School of Business.



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## COAST GUARD SPOTLIGHTED

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City member Ron Kline, retired Commander from the U. S. Coast Guard Steve McGee, and Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing pose for a photo during a recent weekly club meeting. McGee, a 25-year veteran of the Coast Guard, was the guest speaker and delved into the history, design and operation of the cruise ships built by the shipyard for four decades.



# Snapshots



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY GARDEN CLUB

## WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE

The Worcester County Garden Club recently placed a wreath during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. The wreath, which was designed by Veterans Affairs Committee co-chairs Karen Trigger and Susan Fletcher, was placed at the site of a Gold Star Memorial Garden as a tribute to families who lost loved ones in service to the country through the United States Armed Forces. Trigger is pictured placing the wreath at the garden.



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## OPVFD DONATION

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City recently held a pancake breakfast dedicated to raising funds for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, which is planning to renovate and build an addition to the South Side Fire Station. On May 7, a check for \$1,100 was presented in support of the effort. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast co-chair Kitty Wrench, OPVFD President Joe Enste, OPVFD Fire Chief Joey Widgeon, and Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing.



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## MEMBERSHIP OATH

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) welcomed four new members during a recent luncheon meeting. Regent Talley Hann and Chaplain Barbara Rusko administered the oath of membership to Nash Clark, Cynthia Mancuso, Dianne Disharoon and Cheryl Kruger. Each has traced their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Pictured, from left, are Rusko, Hann, Clark, Mancuso, Disharoon, and Kruger at the ceremony.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Josh Nordstrom, the coordinator of Della's Closet in Pocomoke City and the Pocomoke Pantry Cooperative, is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing at the group's May 22 meeting. Nordstrom was the guest speaker at the meeting and talked about the histories, purposes and current/future needs of the newly formed organizations and their work.



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## LOTTERY TIX FOR SALE

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City lottery tickets will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Saturday morning at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market. The lottery table is pictured. One \$20 ticket is good for all 365 drawings in 2025. Proceeds from the lottery sale will benefit the youth of the community.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN CITY LIONS CLUB

## OC LIONS SUPPORT COASTAL HOSPICE

Coastal Hospice Community Relations and Development Manager Lauren Blair recently spoke to the OC Lions about services offered. Blair is pictured receiving a \$2,000 donation from Ocean City Lions President Greg Cathell.



# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

## Straightening out our home delivery route

Please bear with us as we figure it out. That's the message this week to our Bayside Gazette home delivery customers in Ocean Pines as we switch to a new distributor.

We made the change last week, and despite starting from scratch without a precise list of recipient addresses, we apparently did an acceptable, but hardly perfect, job.

Some people whose names had been on the "do not deliver" list did receive papers, while others who have been getting the paper for years found nothing in their driveways on Thursday, our delivery day. We did our best to respond to all complaints and inquiries last week and hope this week's delivery will reflect that.

In the meantime, providing a level of service that might be described as "acceptable" is not good enough, when our goal is to achieve excellence by reaching everyone who prefers the convenience of home delivery, while skipping all those who figure they can do without.

To make that happen, we are completely rebuilding our delivery list. This means we need to hear from anyone who wants the Bayside Gazette but hasn't been receiving it, as well as from those who are receiving a weekly copy but don't want it.

This information will allow us to refine our route through the community, thus making delivery more efficient, while keeping as many people as possible happy.

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## Letters

### Community support for cause saluted

Editor,

A community is not just defined by its geographic proximity; it is defined by its willingness to work together for the betterment of the whole. This past spring, I had the wonderful opportunity to witness the compassion of our community during a Stephen Decatur High School sponsored beach supply drive benefiting Believe in Tomorrow.

Our Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation – Ocean City Chapter is truly a magical place where families with children suffering from life-threatening illnesses can enjoy a stress-free vacation in our beautiful area. At the conclusion of our drive, we

were able to fill two large SUVs with toiletries, beach towels, buckets and shovels, beach toys, games, cards, books, sunscreen, and other goodies for our visiting families to enjoy.

I would like to especially thank the following people and organizations for their help in sponsoring this drive and for their extraordinary kindness:

Mary Brown and Amanda Koontz, Believe in Tomorrow Program Managers

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Jamie Thompson, Stephen Decatur High School Volunteerism Coordinator

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SDHS student body & staff

*Brooke Berquist  
Stephen Decatur High School junior  
Believe in Tomorrow student advocate*

## Bruce Moore brick dedication slated

### Long-time Realtor served as captain in Army before retiring

(June 13, 2024) A Moore, Warfield and Glick co-founder will be honored next week as the Friends of Bruce Moore host a brick dedication ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines at 11 a.m., June 18.

Moore, who passed away last June, served in the U.S. Army and retired from active duty with the rank of captain.

A Laurel, Delaware, native, Moore founded Moore, Warfield and Glick Realtors in 1981 and was a past president of the Ocean City Board of Realtors.

He was also a past president of the Ocean City Paramedics, past member of the

Worcester Preparatory School Board of Trustees, and board member of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. He also served on the board of Ambassadors for Beebe Healthcare and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

The ceremony will include a brief dedication and placing of the new brick into the existing memorial.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines each year draws thousands of people for Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, along with hundreds of local schoolchildren for annual educational programs.

The Veterans Memorial broke ground on Veterans Day, 2004. The main part of the memorial is a large circle of brick pavers honoring U.S. Military men and

women, surrounded by brick-wall monuments for each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and flags for each branch flying high in the air.

Under each brick wall is sand from the beaches of Normandy.

"The bricks and pavers tell the story. Those are the veterans that local families wanted to honor," Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said in a news release. "Anyone can purchase a brick for \$75 and it's inscribed with the name of someone who has served, or a paver for \$150, which allows four lines of information."

Proceeds help support the memorial and the education and outreach programs scheduled there.

For more information, visit [wocovets.org](http://wocovets.org).

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Attendees of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's 31st anniversary celebration on May 9 are pictured posing for a group shot.

# AGH recognizes anniversary event sponsors

### Celebration held in WOC raises over \$315K to help improve health services

(June 13, 2024) On May 9, the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation held its annual anniversary celebration to commemorate the hospital's

31 years of service to the community. The celebration was hosted at the Tunises' waterfront property in West Ocean City, where roughly 600 supporters were treated to delicious food and beverages and hours of live music. Through the generous support of over 130 sponsors, the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's Anniver-

sary Celebration Committee was able to raise more than \$315,000 in support of the hospital's mission to improve community health.

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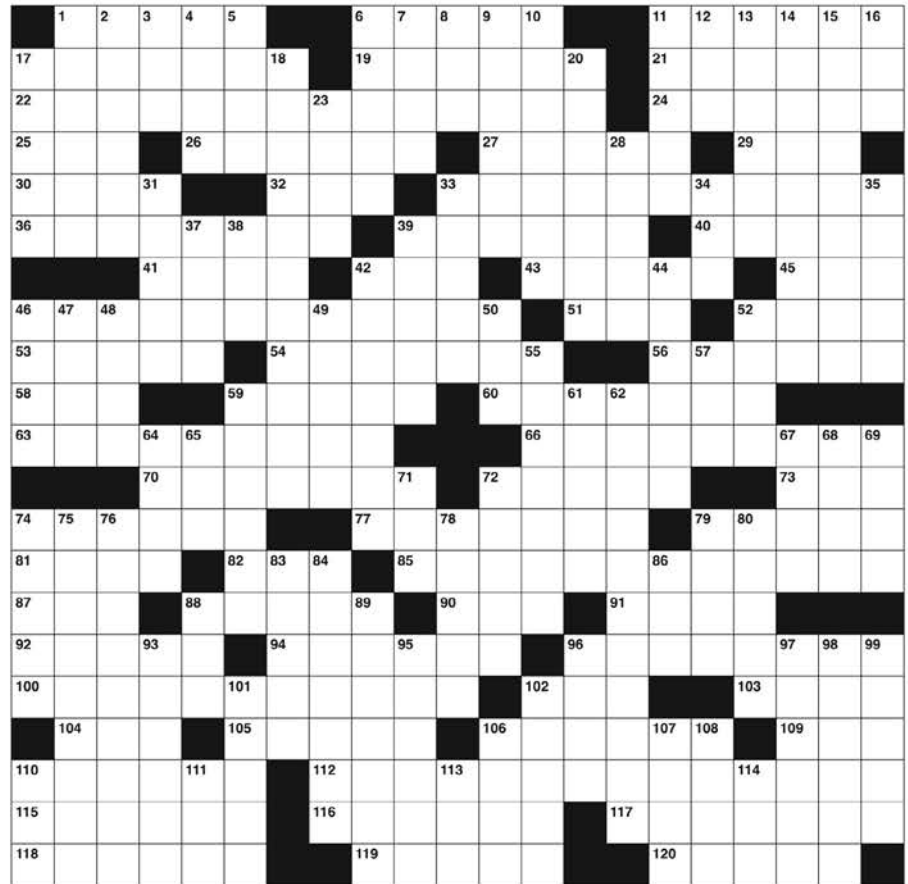
# Puzzles

## TYPECASTING

BY LUKE K. SCHREIBER / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Luke K. Schreiber is a high school senior from Hoboken, N.J. He graduates this month and will attend Princeton University in the fall. Luke made his New York Times debut last December, a Monday puzzle with the theme "It's Me Again." His high school, Saint Peter's Prep, announced the feat at an assembly. Afterward, he says, "it was fun seeing people compete for the fastest time."

- ACROSS**
- 1 One way to order coffee
  - 6 Nike competitor
  - 11 Supporting character in costume?
  - 17 Relieves
  - 19 Kiwi or cassowary
  - 21 VCR medium
  - 22 "RUFFALO" and "TWIN"?
  - 24 Make comfier over time, as clothes
  - 25 Receptacle for remains
  - 26 Meat-and-pastry dish
  - 27 Attempt to pull apart
  - 29 Number that looks like 16-Down in binary code
  - 30 Not eliminated yet
  - 32 Support for a swing
  - 33 HARLO and SMAR?
  - 36 Drinker's structure made from stacked cans
  - 39 Famed San Francisco theater, with "the"
  - 40 Like loose gemstones
  - 41 "Sign me up!"
  - 42 "\_\_\_ All That," 2021 rom-com remake
  - 43 Rip-offs at the movies
  - 45 Norse goddess of death
  - 46 LORD and KEMP?
  - 51 Camera type, for short
- DOWN**
- 2 Title spy in a Robert Ludlum series
  - 3 Canadian dollar coin
  - 4 QB stat: Abbr.
  - 5 High-fat weight-loss diet, for short
  - 6 Golfer Palmer, familiarly
  - 7 "Ditto!"
  - 8 Give \_\_\_ go
  - 9 Wispy cloud
  - 10 Half of a Caribbean nation
  - 11 Workweek inits.
  - 12 Roman farewell
  - 13 The "S" of New York City's SIR train line
  - 14 Auto refreshes?
  - 15 Classic novel set in rural Nebraska
  - 16 See 29-Across
  - 17 Kind of kick in football
  - 18 Easy mark
  - 20 Gamers' games
  - 23 Subjective piece
  - 28 Run \_\_\_ of
  - 31 Strong poker holding, informally
  - 33 Wine vessels
  - 34 Thin sauce
  - 35 Pope who met with Attila the Hun
  - 37 French female friend
  - 38 Max's counterpart
  - 39 Looney Tunes turtle
  - 42 Gets to vote
  - 44 Takes along
  - 46 Sticky situations
  - 47 Mole or mile
  - 48 Glam rock?
  - 49 Preserves in slices, as meat
  - 50 Big name in motor oil
  - 52 Soybean product
  - 55 First sultan of both Syria and Egypt
  - 57 Cap worn by dervishes
  - 59 Person cleaning a horse's stable
  - 61 The weather is a classically bland one
  - 62 Neck and neck
  - 64 Certain baseball stats
  - 65 Severe social media punishment
  - 67 Music for the masses?
  - 52 Only
  - 53 Flavoring for ouzo or sambuca
  - 54 Stops
  - 56 Words of decree
  - 58 \_\_\_ check
  - 59 Diego Rivera's "The Allegory of California," for one
  - 60 Metal coatings
  - 63 \*O'NEIL\* and \*ROGERS\*?
  - 66 CEEEEENA and LENNNNNON?
  - 70 Cutting tool with a reinforced spine
  - 72 \_\_\_ fritas (Cuban French fries)
  - 73 Cry of surprise upon discovering the culprit
  - 74 Sole survivor in "Reservoir Dogs"
  - 77 Reply to a doubter
  - 79 Baseball award given to Shohei Ohtani in '23
  - 81 Votes of confidence
  - 82 Place for a stirrup
  - 85 WILDEROD-DENBERRY?
  - 87 Standard to exceed, metaphorically
  - 88 Like security systems
  - 90 Solar-wind particle
  - 91 Glow
  - 92 Go with the flow
  - 94 Part of a flight in which seatbelts must be worn
  - 96 Portrayer of the show creator in "The Truman Show"



- 68 Nine, in Italian
- 69 Has dinner
- 71 Anderson who directed "Asteroid City"
- 72 One in plane clothes
- 74 "That's on me"
- 75 Novel fund-raising idea?
- 76 Glides over the coast, say
- 78 Favorably interprets
- 79 Tourist destination in northern India
- 80 Pick up
- 83 Titular character in a Menotti opera
- 84 Some vacation destinations
- 86 "Obviously"
- 88 Did a great job on, in modern slang
- 89 What's generated by solar panels
- 93 Rehab therapy, informally
- 95 Friend of Winnie-the-Pooh
- 96 Rap's \_\_\_ Sweatshirt
- 97 Sleeve style with slanted seams
- 98 Padova's home
- 99 Not-so-good vibration?
- 101 Big name in tractors
- 102 Farmers' rolls
- 106 "I forbid it"
- 107 Leisurely gait
- 108 Instrument with a vowel-heavy name
- 110 Tuna type
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- 113 Cubs' home
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### HARD - 34

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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4	5	9	3	1	7	8	2	6
6	3	4	1	7	9	5	8	2
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Friday & Saturday Noon-3pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	3BR/2BA	Single Family	starting at \$239,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday & Saturday Noon-3pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/1BA	Single Family	starting at \$179,900	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 3-5pm	304 S. Heron Gull Court, Ocean City	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,399,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	13 131st St. #105, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-3pm	121 81st St. 3 #706, Rivendell, Ocean City	3 BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$780,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 12:30-2:30PM	36937 Creek Haven Dr., Selbyville	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$759,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	13 131st St. #105, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Tuesday 10am-Noon	11602 S. Hills Drive, Berlin	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	103 Mumfords Landing Rd., Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$629,900	Sandy Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
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## Thurs., June 13

### STORY TIME: FATHER'S DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate dads and make a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PRESCHOOL PROM

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Calling all babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Dress up in your finest. Dance, play and pose for photos. For ages birth through 5 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### OC CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxing game of chess every Thursday at the library. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. Connect with local Worcester County resources, agencies and nonprofits. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### KID'S CARNIVAL

Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, noon to 4 p.m. Featuring moon bounces, big slides, dunk tank, carnival games, pony rides and special character appearances. Ticket proceeds go to Maryland Special Olympics. [www.ocfishtales.com](http://www.ocfishtales.com), 410-430-1157

### WORCESTER YOUTH AND FAMILY'S SHINE ON THE SHORE LUAU!

Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Tickets \$35. Come celebrate the sun with Worcester Youth and Family at the fundraising event of the summer. Enjoy food, music, games, and more for a good cause! Tickets: <https://gowoyo.org>. 410-641-4598.

### BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Nick's Kitchen + Bar, 14410 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. 215-385-4993, [BeachSingles.org](http://BeachSingles.org)

## Fri., June 14

### BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes and finger plays. For ages 0-2 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own

tile set. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STEAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. An hour of open-ended STEAM activities. Build, experiment and create with a variety of materials. For ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. One crab cake sandwich platter for \$14; two crab cake sandwich platter for \$24; and crab cake sandwiches for \$10. Platters include green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw. Carry out, dessert available.

## Sat., June 15

### WALK WITH A DOC

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, 9-10 a.m. Join Dr. Ellen Rowe as she discusses weight loss, dieting and maintaining a healthy weight. Follow will be a walk around the park's trail. Alyce Marzola, 410-641-9268, [amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org)

### FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND SCAVENGER HUNT

Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit each participating location for discounts and chances to win prizes. <https://chamber.oceancity.org/events/details/father-s-day-weekend-scamenger-hunt-40441>, 443-664-3052

### ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FREE KIDS CRAFT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring the kids and do something creative with them and for them. Projects change each week. No reservations needed. Free and open to all. [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org), 410-524-9433

### ANNUAL SUMMER FUN KICK OFF

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Boxing demos, Assateague National Seashore, Worcester Health Dept. and more. Games, moon bounce, fire truck, art activity and free food. 410-641-0638

### POTTERY DEMOS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 2-

4 p.m. Watch and learn as professional ceramic artists, Ernie Satchell, Patricia Rose and Sarah Halcott show off their skills with live demos. 410-524-9433, [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

### FURNACE TOWN SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Music by Heinz and the Red Bird. Beer, wine, burgers and dogs available. Admission cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-15 years. [www.furnacetown.org/events](http://www.furnacetown.org/events)

### SCHOOL'S OUT SPLASH PARTY

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 5-8 p.m. Music, food and games. Cost is \$8 for non-resident, \$6 for resident, \$4 for swim member and \$2 for non-swimmer. Bring a towel. [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org), 410-641-5255

### PRIDE FILM NIGHT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. A special Film Night featuring films celebrating Pride month. 410-524-9433, [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., June 16

### RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Takes place June 23 from noon to 2 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork and all the fix-ins. Donation of \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-10 years. Reservations: 410-524-7474 by June 16.

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Live music by "8 Ohms Band" (horn heavy funky & soul), kid-friendly entertainment, ice cream and fireworks. <https://www.oceancity.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sundaes-in-the-park/>

### BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through Sept. 8 - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring more than 35 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, seafood, meat, eggs and more. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmers-market/>

### 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., June 17

### STORY TIME: JUNETEENTH

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. There will be stories, songs and crafts. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIBER ARTS GROUP

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Bring your own fiber art project (crochet, knitting, etc.), and join in for a casual meet up to work on projects. 410-957-0878

### HOLIDAY HISTORY TRIVIA

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Trivia program on various summer holidays (Flag Day, Pride Month, Father's Day, Independence Day, Juneteenth, etc.). 410-632-3495, [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 Champion, 410-641-0157

### BRIDGE

Mondays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Reserve a spot: Tish, 410-804-3971. [www.Worcoa.org/oceancity](http://www.Worcoa.org/oceancity)

### 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., June 18

### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research, followed by Q&A. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information, if you can. Register: 410-208-4014.

### STORY TIME: PIRATES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and crafts all about pirates. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878

### JUNETEENTH

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Celebrate and learn the history behind Juneteenth and



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get creative making a Juneteenth flag. For ages 0-5 years and 6-11 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages birth to 2 years. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join in for a Taylor Swift themed party with bracelet making, trivia, Swiftly themed Bingo and more. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### BEACH HEROES-OC

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

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. [www.jw.org](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)

### WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

Tuesdays - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, [www.htcanglican.org/activities](http://www.htcanglican.org/activities).

## Wed., June 19

### MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2024 PARADE & AWARDS

The parade will travel along Baltimore Avenue from 16th Street to 30th Street beginning at 1 p.m. Awarding of parade prizes and trophies will be held at the Convention Center Dockside Hall at 5 p.m. <https://convention.msfa.org/calendar/>

### BIARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

### 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

### FAMILY RAINBOW CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3 p.m. Show your support during Pride Month by making a flag, button or sticker. Families and teens may drop in any Wednesday in June from 3-5 p.m. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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)

### STRANDED AT SEA: OC BAY HOPPER PROGRAM

OC Bay Hopper, 11703 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Professionals share true accounts of shipwrecks and rescues dating back to 1880. Cost is \$50 with half of proceeds benefit Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum. 410-289-4991, <https://book.ocbayhopper.com/Experience>

### 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)

## ONGOING EVENTS

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES VS. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES BUS TRIP

Bus trip to Camden Yards on June 16. Pick up at Ocean Pines Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Game time at 1:35 p.m. Tickets cost \$120 per person and includes transportation, a seat in the picnic perch, (section 284) and all-you-can-eat Picnic Perch food. Tickets: 410-641-7052.

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