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### STAINED GLASS RESTORATION

Contractors from Associated Crafts & Willet Hauser have been transforming the stained glass at Berlin's Stevenson United Methodist Church over the last month. Above, the Garden of Gethsemane window is pictured receiving new aluminum brackets as well as new crystal clear acrylic coverings. The effort was funded by a church community fundraising campaign that raised \$211,000.

## Bays report card scores improve

Annual survey results show better conditions in most circumstances

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 27, 2024) The annual Maryland Coastal Bays Program report card reveals the health of the Eastern Shore waterways has improved since last year.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program officials met on Thursday, June 13, with their policy committee, and program Executive Director Kevin Smith outlined the rating system used and the community partnership the group relies on for maintaining the bays' quality.

The policy committee includes governmental and community representatives. Currently serving are Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-38), Ocean Pines Association President Rick Farr, the Worcester County Commissioners, and secretaries from Maryland's environment and agriculture departments.

"I'm finding that when I'm across the bridge, everyone knows about the Chesapeake Bay, but we also need to support the Maryland coastal bays and understand how important they are for our shore," Carozza said.

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## Low water table troubles ended

Temporary restrictions imposed, as supply slows to Glen Riddle, OP

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 27, 2024) For about 48 hours, Worcester County officials asked residents and visitors of Glen Riddle and South Ocean Pines to cease all non-essential indoor and outdoor water use because of low water tables and well pump issues. The conservation measures were imposed on Saturday and were lifted Monday.

"In addition to the low water levels, electrical issues caused two well pumps in Ocean Pines to fail, which has resulted in low or no water pressure in certain areas," County Public Works Director Dallas Baker said in a press release.

While repairs were completed, the water supply was restored to Glen Riddle and Ocean Pines. See WATER Page 6



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# OP fireworks events set for memorial park

(June 27, 2024) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will once again host a Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road.

The event this year is scheduled from 4 to 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, with carnival games, dry slides and bounce houses for children, plus live music and food and drink vendors, face painting, jewelry and hair wrap and sand art.

Wristbands are \$15 and are good for all slides and bounce houses, games, etc. Wristbands will be required for those attractions only. Cash and credit cards will be accepted for wristbands, and for glow-in-the-dark and light up products sold at the recreation area.

General admission is free and open to the public, for both the carnival and fireworks.

Fireworks are scheduled to start at roughly 9:15 p.m.

The fireworks will launch from the north side of the pond, by Cathell Road. Viewing will be available at Veterans Memorial Park.

There will be limited seating (chairs and blankets), along Ocean Parkway, from the South Fire Station to Manklin Creek Road. This area will be controlled by Public Works and will not be available for vehicles.

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating at Veterans Memorial Park and the Parkway in the designated viewing area.

Police will close Ocean Parkway from Manklin Creek Road to Offshore Lane about 60 minutes before the fireworks begin. That area will remain closed until all fireworks have been launched and the Fire Marshal deems it safe.

There will also be a "safe zone" marked by an orange fence, from Offshore Lane to the firehouse. No one may enter the marked area once the fireworks have started. This area will be monitored and controlled by Fire Police and Public Works. Pedestrian traffic will be allowed until one hour prior to the launch time. No vehicles will be allowed through the area during that time.

Public parking will be available in the Green Lot across from the Post Office. Parking will not be allowed along Ocean Parkway. Limited handicapped parking will be available at the library parking lot. A handicap-accessible shuttle will be available between the library and the event area.

Additionally, police will close the south end of Cathell Road from Ocean Parkway to the entrance of the Sports Core Pool at around noon, when the fireworks vendor is scheduled to arrive. The area will remain closed until the fireworks equipment is loaded, the area



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Attendees to a previous year's Fourth of July festivities in Ocean Pines are pictured competing in some of the children's activities offered.

is cleared of debris, and the fire marshal deems it safe and clear for traffic.

Cathell Road will remain open from the Sports Core Pool to Route 589 for the entire day, for pool access and access to Veterans Memorial Park.

Public Works personnel will help with road closures and directing traffic throughout the day. Please note that the road closures are for public safety and are required by the Fire Marshal's Office.

The Police Department, Fire Depart-

ment, Public Works and Neighborhood Watch will be directing traffic, and helping with parking and crossover traffic from the Green Lot. Pedestrian traffic is encouraged, to help with traffic delays.

At the conclusion of the fireworks, pedestrians will have preference over motorists. Residents and guests should expect delays throughout the day.

In case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will move to Friday, July 5.

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# Berlin sticks with July 3 fireworks tradition

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 27, 2024) As the Fourth of July nears, Worcester County prepares for festivities, fireworks, and an influx of tourists. Berlin, however, will celebrate American independence one day early.

The Town of Berlin is gearing up to celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks display on Wednesday, July 3, at 9 p.m. The fireworks will be shot at Heron Park. However, unlike in previous years, parking and viewing will not be available at the site due to the ongoing demolition of the abandoned Tyson poultry processing plant at the space's access point.

Instead, eventgoers can park and watch the show from the Food Lion Shopping Center, the Jack Burbage Cancer Center parking lot, the Barrett Medical Building parking lot, or Sunrise Church, Berlin's Director of Economic and Community Development Ivy Wells said. Parking is prohibited on Route 50, Route 113, and Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Wells maintained that citizens will also be able to watch the celebratory explosions from the comfort of their homes.

"The event is known as a local event because many of the Berlin residents have backyard parties and barbecues and invite people over, as they

can view it from their yards," she said.

The town guarantees that the fireworks are shot high into the sky so that the show can be seen from various surrounding areas.

"We make sure that ... nothing is too low," Wells said. "There are a lot of people watching. We have a broad perspective of people wanting to watch, so we ensure that everyone has the chance to be able to see them. That people don't have to watch them on-site is great."

SkyShooter Displays provides the town with fireworks. Wells said that during the event, she notes the crowds' loudest cheers at different explosions and ensures that those displays are obtained the following year.

State and local agencies are involved in the event's planning. According to Wells, the town creates a list of the expected fireworks and a perimeter of the safe viewing locations. The Berlin Fire Company signs off on it and the state then approves it. The Berlin Police Department is also onsite to maintain safety during the celebration.

"We are here to secure the actual venue and make sure no one gets inside to where the fireworks will be lit," Berlin Chief of Police Arnold Downing said. "We also want to make sure no one is stopping in the middle of the highway."

For fireworks safety, Downing recommends finding a protected location

to watch the display. The good thing, he said, is the show will be viewable from nearly every spot in town.

The police chief also notes that lighting off your own fireworks is prohibited. The department strongly enforces the rule.

Downing maintained that as the weather stays warm, protecting yourself and your possessions remains imperative and urges residents to consider the "nine o'clock check."

"The summer is when everyone is out and moving," he said. "A lot of people leave things open, and individuals walk by and take things. Before you go to bed, make sure house doors, car doors, and garages are all locked. In the summertime, we get breezes

you would never get in Salisbury, so on a nice day, it is great to open your house's windows. A lot of people will leave their house that way. But even for a short time, you must remember to close them to avoid people walking by and taking belongings. Historically, it's a big thing."

Berlin's Fourth of July event is sponsored by Maryland Cooperative Broadband and Sunrise Church, which hosts a celebration on July 3 on its grounds on the north side of Route 50.

"The night brings the locals together to celebrate as a community without having to fight the crowds and traffic of going to another location, and it's fun for all ages," Wells said.

## Snow Hill offers July 5 display

(June 27, 2024) The Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce is once again partnering with the Town of Snow Hill's First Friday with a fireworks celebration set to take place on Friday, July 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Sturgis Park in Snow Hill.

Sturgis Park will transform into a hub of excitement, offering something for everyone to enjoy. Event highlights include refreshing beverages from a va-

riety of local vendors and the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce station for freshly grilled hamburgers/cheeseburgers as well as beers from our beer wagon. Live music will be provided by DJ Smack. The Chamber Plinko Game will offer chance to win fantastic prizes.

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# Inaugural Pocomoke River Raft Race planned for July 5

### Homemade creations will square off on water with live music at Sturgis Park

(June 27, 2024) The inaugural Pocomoke River Raft Race is set for next Friday at Sturgis Park in Snow Hill and according to organizers, promises to be "a spectacular day filled with creativity, competition, and community spirit."

According to a news release, participants from across the region will showcase their ingenuity by constructing homemade rafts and racing them on the Pocomoke River. Race start time is at noon, July 5, and people of all ages are welcome to attend the event.

Highlights of the event include innovative raft designs featuring the creativity and craftsmanship of par-

ticipants; family-friendly activities such as Yacht Rock music, food and drinks available for spectators to purchase and PLiNKO games hosted by the chamber with cash prizes at stake; community engagement with local business owners, community leaders and residents; and awards and prizes.

Competitors will vie for titles, such as Best Dressed, and one team will earn the Broken Paddle Award for their struggles in not giving up. Prizes will also be awarded to the first, second and third finishers.

After the event, the town's First Friday Independence Day Celebration will commence with festivities and fireworks.

For more information about the raft race, visit Pocomoke River Raft Race on the Snow Hill Area Chamber website at snowhillchamber.com.

# Water supply back to normal

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Ocean Pines needed time to recover properly. The public works director maintained that while the measures were voluntary, officials were prepared to implement mandatory restrictions if the issue was not resolved quickly.

"Public safety, fire protection specifically, is our top priority in these communities," he said. Ensuring that enough of the areas' water supply was conserved by limiting unnecessary activities was necessary to maintain residents' well-being.

Nonessential water uses include lawn irrigation and landscaping with sprinklers, washing vehicles, exterior building surfaces, parking lots, or driveways, and watering athletic fields and trees.

"We are working with Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino and county public works crews to

keep our residents informed," Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola said in an OPA press release of the measurements.

In an updated statement, Baker said officials fixed two Ocean Pines well pumps and mended an issue with four valves.

"The south water tower has reached and is continuing to maintain sufficient levels, even with irrigation activities continuing," the public works director said. "We want to thank everyone who took the conservation efforts seriously and, turned off their irrigation systems and reduced their water consumption. That partnership played a key role in helping to restore adequate water levels in the tower."

Residents can request more information on the situation by contacting Ocean Pines at 443-783-0041 or West Ocean City at 443-783-0041.

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# Coastal bays quality improves

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A priority for the meeting was to review the health report card that the coastal waterways receive based on the combined condition of Newport Bay, Assawoman Bay, Chincoteague Bay, Isle of Wight Bay, Sinepuxent Bay and St. Martin River. The assessment is determined by data collected from the year prior. Consequently, the most recent evaluation looks at the 2022 findings, which secured a “B-” rating, which Smith said this is the highest grade since 2017.

According to the official report card, which can be found on the Maryland Coastal Bays Program’s website, the bays’ health is determined by the “progress of four water quality indicators (nitrogen, phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and dissolved oxygen) and two biotic indicators (seagrass and hard clams) toward sci-

entifically derived ecological thresholds or goals.”

This year’s “B-” rating is a slight improvement from the 2021 grade of a C+.

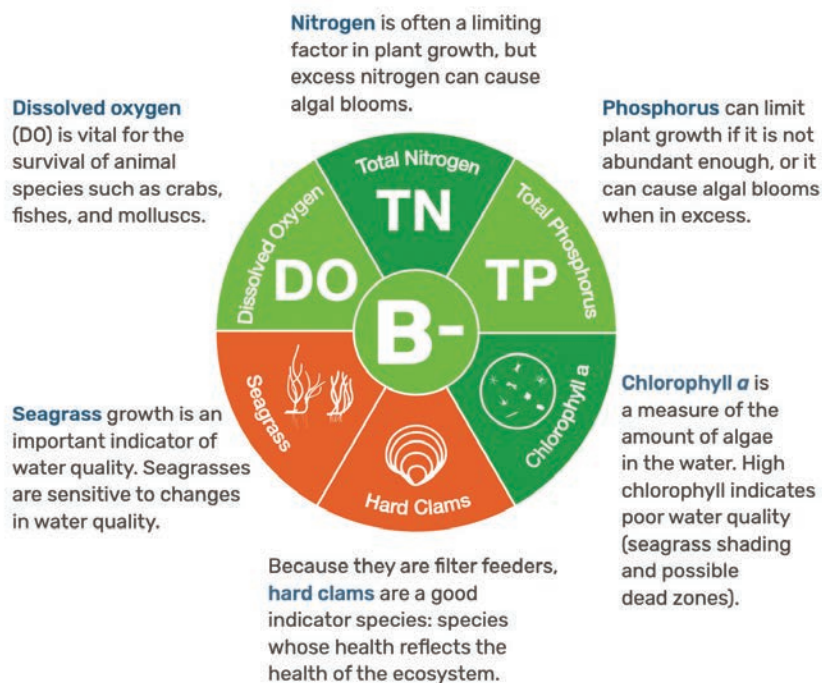
Dissolved oxygen is necessary for the survival crabs, fish, and mollusks. Nitrogen and phosphorus, while required for plant growth, can cause algal blooms if there is too much. Chlorophyll a measures the amount of algae in the water. Too much of this chemical suggests poor water quality.

Seagrasses are sensitive to changes in conditions, and hard clams are indicator species, meaning they reflect the overall health of the ecosystem. Surveys that reveal data on these markings all contribute to the overall rating received each year.

The official report outlined each factor’s score, ranging from very poor to very good, based on whether a wa-

## Overall Coastal Bays health is slightly better

Coastal Bays health is defined as the progress of **four water quality indicators** (nitrogen, phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and dissolved oxygen) and **two biotic indicators** (seagrass and hard clams) toward scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The Coastal Bays had an overall score of **B-** for 2022, an incremental improvement over last year.



### What do the scores mean?



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The chart above offers a visual summary of coastal bay health indicators, with the insufficient presence of sea grass and hard clams dragging down the bays’ overall score.

terway maintained an optimal level of the nutrient or species. The nitrogen assessment improved or remained the same in all regions, sans St. Martin River, which had a slight decline.

“The dissolved oxygen score also increased, with improvements in Chincoteague Bay and Sinepuxent Bay outweighing modest declines in several other regions,” the organization’s official site reads. “No region scored above a poor condition for seagrasses, and there were large declines in seagrass in Chincoteague Bay and Sinepuxent Bay. The scores for phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and hard clams were similar to last year.”

Each waterway received an individual grade. Assawoman Bay was

given a “C+,” St. Martin River scored a “C,” Isle of Wight Bay obtained a “B-,” Newport Bay earned a “C-,” Sinepuxent Bay secured a “B,” and Chincoteague Bay acquired a “B-.”

Smith said that each yearly report is a snapshot. While it is valuable, he maintained that the organization looks at the trends to develop long-term plans. For instance, the quality of St. Martin River is heading upward and looks to be getting better over time. The executive director said improved clam levels have raised the waterway’s score.

Alternatively, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program has observed a steady decline in Newport Bay as the

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# Community collaboration vital

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populations of hard clams and sea-grasses lessen, indicating water quality issues. The environmental organization is working with the Town of Berlin on improved stormwater management practices to address these concerns.

Smith outlined additional ways the group aims to confront water quality problems.

“For nutrients, you can look at wastewater treatment plants,” the director said. “Putting in more innovative systems to treat sewage and outflows... Farming relies on fertilization, so we can work with the farmers in Worcester County to help them implement best management practices for agriculture operations.”

Smith said the committee briefing is an important part of the accountability aspect of the coastal bays pro-

gram.

“We cannot get a lot done without collaboration with our community partners,” Smith said. “The forum is to make sure these people are up to speed on what the future looks like... Partnership is how we get things done...The policy committee is about bringing that partnership together to determine what additional support may be necessary and renew our commitment to a healthy coastal bay.”

Additionally, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is working with Ocean Pines to enhance the South Gate Pond. They are also in the midst of the Jenkins Point resiliency project, which aims to address erosion on the fragmented peninsula and damage to adjacent infrastructure, such as the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, the Osprey Point condominium community, and the Pines Point residential community.

# Worcester offices closed July 4

(June 27, 2024) Worcester County government offices, including all five branch libraries and recreation and parks, will be closed Thursday, July 4.

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All government offices will resume

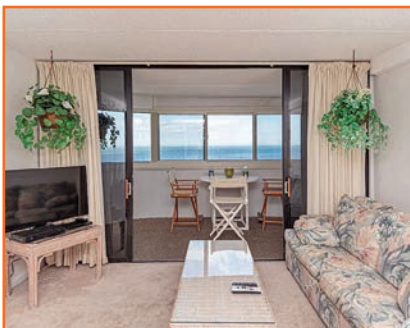
standard hours of operation on Friday, July 5.

County government staff wish one and all a safe and happy Independence Day holiday.

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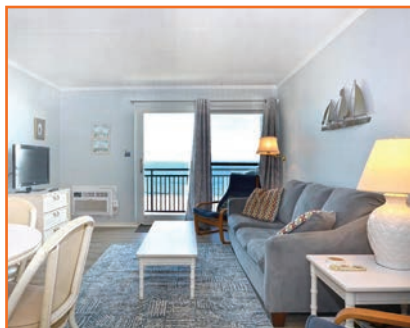
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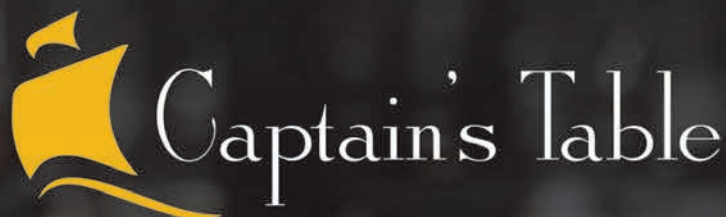
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# Slaughterhouse text amendment approved

## Enabling legislation gives property owner right to seek BZA special exception

**By Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(June 27, 2024) County officials last week approved a text amendment that will allow slaughterhouses on A-1 agricultural properties by special exception, but not before a public hearing in which several residents objected to the change.

The Worcester County Commissioners voted 6-0, with Commissioner Joe Mitrecic absent, to approve a text amendment that allows, by special exception, slaughterhouses in the A-1 agricultural district. The amendment sets certain square footage and setback requirements for such facilities, which will need approval from the county's board of zoning appeals.

"We allow much more invasive uses in our A-1 than farming," Commissioner Eric Fiori said ahead of last week's vote, "and our A-1 districts are slowly moving away from farming because the profitability of not farming that is more and more attractive if we add more options to this."

Attorney Mark Cropper told commissioners last Tuesday he was sub-

mitting the text amendment on behalf of his client, Bob Ewell, who raises cattle on a farm on Croppers Island Road. To sell the beef at his nearby butcher shop, Cropper said his client must transport his cattle Western Maryland or nearby states for slaughter. He added the text amendment will allow Ewell to slaughter his livestock on his farm.

"This is enabling legislation," he said. "All this would allow is Mr. Ewell to file an application with the board of zoning appeals and have a hearing in front of the board of zoning appeals, which would then determine on a case-by-case basis whether such a facility is appropriate on this property or any other property that some farmer may wish to utilize."

As written, the text amendment would allow facilities for slaughtering livestock raised or maintained on the farm in the A-1 agricultural district by special exception, so long as those facilities do not exceed 600 square feet and the lots meet a 140-acre minimum. The amendment also includes a 400-foot-minimum setback requirement from any residential structure or public road.

"On April 4, 2024, the planning commission reviewed the text amendment," Jennifer Keener, the county's director of development re-

view and permitting, told commissioners last week. "It made a favorable recommendation, with an amendment, to include additional provisions for the board of zoning appeals to require additional buffers, setbacks, to adequately protect the public from hazard based upon individual applications."

Cropper said the facility his client wants to build would be 424 feet from the Island Resort Campground and 1,500 feet from Croppers Island Road. He said his client would only slaughter the cattle he'd raised and that the waste produced would be stored onsite and then hauled away by a company.

Several nearby residents, however, came before the commissioners last week to object to the text amendment. Their attorney, Demetrios Kaouris, said approving the text amendment would not only open an opportunity for slaughterhouse operations on Croppers Island Road, but on any A-1 land in Worcester County.

"First, there is no reason to provide the Ewells with any special privileges by amending the zoning code for their benefit," he said.

Kaouris noted the current zoning codes of Worcester and other neighboring counties allowed slaughter-

houses in the I-2 heavy industrial zone, where he argued they belonged. He also argued the text amendment would hurt nearby property owners.

"You have to understand that once you enact this special exception to the law, it's presumptively permitted," he said. "And that puts the burden now on the opponents of the special use application to establish why it's not appropriate in this particular area."

Kaouris added that the amendment also failed to define "livestock raised or maintained on the farm."

"Nothing in the statute identifies what it means to be maintained or raised, and that essentially opens the door to allow commercial-style slaughterhouses in the A-1 zoning district," he said. "Someone can say I want to maintain these here for a week, 10 days, whatever it might be. I don't know because right now we don't have any definition in the statute."

When asked how the county defined ownership of livestock, Keener said it didn't. She said those terms were simply referenced in other sections of the county code.

"It's not outright defined," she replied. "I couldn't even find it under  
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# Citizens expect negative impact

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the state department of health definition where they talk about requiring on-farm processing for animals raised, fed or managed on the farm.”

Community members last week also raised concerns about water and wastewater, environmental impacts and traffic on Croppers Island Road. Assateague Coastkeeper Taylor Swanson argued that slaughterhouses were a source of nutrient pollution and were better placed in I-2 zoning districts as the code currently allows.

“This example we’re talking about today is very small scale,” he said of the Croppers Island Road project. “But it does warrant us earnestly debating the question of if this is opening the door to other facilities coming. Our region here has A-1 districts within every electoral zone within Worcester County. And so are we inviting other facilities to be opened within the county? I think that language needs to be appropriately looked into and we need to make a decision based on the idea that this could invite other facilities to come in.”

After a lengthy public hearing, the commission voted 6-0 to approve the text amendment as presented.



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# Worcester BOE balances budget with cuts

By Stewart Dobson  
Editor

(June 27, 2024) In a 4-1 vote, the Worcester County Board of Education recently adopted a revised budget for the upcoming fiscal year that provides raises for teachers and support personnel following the county commissioners' reduced funding level announcement. On June 18, the commissioners approved the final funding plan.

On June 4, the county approved a budget of \$105.4 million for the county's public schools, with close to \$1.6 million of that total earmarked for "Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)" meaning it cannot be used to pay any other expenses, including salaries.

School officials said the reduced funding coupled with restrictions for early childhood allocations, as stipulated by

the state's public education overhaul known as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, left the board \$2.7 million short of the \$107 million it originally requested.

To address the shortfall, the board entered renegotiations with the Worcester County Teacher Association (WCTA) and Worcester County Educational Support Professional Association (WCESPA) last week.

With an eye on wrapping up that business by the end of the school year on June 13, the board reached agreements that gave teachers a salary step and a 5% cost-of-living adjustment, while awarding support personnel a step and a 5.5% cost-of-living adjustment.

Bus contractors will also receive an increase equivalent to a 5 percent cost-of-living adjustment, board officials said in a statement issued last week.

"We are at a tipping point in Worces-

ter County," Board of Education President Todd Ferrante said in the statement. "Not only are we facing a mandated starting teacher salary of \$60,000 as part of the Blueprint, but we are also beginning to lose high quality teachers and staff to neighboring counties. We must compensate our employees to show them how much they are valued, but also to entice potential recruits to make Worcester their chosen place to begin or elevate their career."

With the negotiated reduction in the salary package, the board also trimmed the budget to close the funding gap. The reductions include:

- No restoration of the cuts made in FY24 — Materials of instruction and field trip allotments will remain funded at 50%, elimination of locally funded afterschool and summer programs, including transportation (\$315,000), elimination of outdoor graduation ceremonies (\$80,000), instructional support supplies and administrative supplies will remain at 75%, and the elimination of the opening kick-off event for faculty and staff

- The elimination of 18 positions — six contractual in the central office, 12 school-based appointed

- The elimination of extracurricular activities at the elementary and middle school level

- A reduction of coaching staff across all high school athletic programs

- Program and material reductions including Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports Testing and Assessment, Textbooks and Supplies, and Arts Immersion.

- Transportation reductions — elimination of a north end bus route and reduction of Worcester Technical High School runs to the comprehensive high schools.

Along with the announced reductions, four positions previously funded through Elementary and Secondary

School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding will no longer be effective July 1.

"To make any cuts or reductions like this is painful," Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said in the release. "Each year, we build a budget that includes what we believe is necessary for the continued success of our schools, and each of today's announced reductions undermine that success."

"Our county cannot continue down this path of underfunding public education; this trend will decimate our schools," Ferrante added. "It is time that our elected officials align their actions with their words. To say you support education — our teachers, staff, and bus drivers — your voting record should reflect that, and if it doesn't, your constituents should know that, too."

Voting in favor of the motion were board members Jon Andes, Ferrante, Elena McComas, and Donald Smack. Board member Katie Addis was the lone opposition vote. Commissioners Bill Buchanan and Bill Gordy were absent from the meeting.

In defending her opposition, Addis said she offered a list of cuts including selling 19 supervisor take-home vehicles for a projected \$200,000 assuming they would be sold at half the purchase price. Addis also requested top administrative officials making over \$100,000 not take the same COLA increase for a savings of about \$360,000.

"Personally, I'm struggling with the cuts of the athletic reductions, the extracurricular reductions for elementary and middle school. Those two things alone equally \$126,000 I feel we can find in different places. I'm struggling with a lot of the things that are a part of this cut process," Addis said.

Following the vote, school system leadership submitted the board's revised fiscal 2025 budget to the commissioners, who formally accepted it June 18 by a 6-0 vote.

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# Agreements approved for fall music festivals in Ocean City

By **Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(June 27, 2024) With fears and uncertainties allayed following the success of last year's Oceans Calling Festival, officials last week approved a pair of promoter's licenses for a two-part concert series in Ocean City this fall.

The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners (BLC) voted June 18 to approve two promoter's license applications from Spectrum Concessions for this fall's Oceans Calling and Country Calling music festivals. Attorney Mark Cropper said his client was seeking the same licenses, with the same terms and conditions, approved for last year's Oceans Calling event.

"It's essentially a repeat of the event that took place last year," he said. "And it's obviously inclusive of the Boardwalk and all the businesses that last year supported the event. All those businesses, likewise, are supporting the event this year."

While acknowledging there were concerns about the size and scope of Oceans Calling prior to last year's event, Mayor Rick Meehan said the promoter had exceeded all expectations. Seeing the success of last year,

he said officials had encouraged the return of the event this year.

"They did everything they said they were going to do and did it very professionally," he said.

Dave Smalley, the founder and CEO of Spectrum Concessions, said all the safeguards with regard to alcohol and security would remain for the coming year's events. Officials added that both festivals had the support of city departments and Boardwalk businesses and would operate the same as last year's inaugural event.

"They are following all the same parameters of the event," Cropper said.

William Esham, chair of the BLC, noted that Tuesday's hearing had been advertised and that no one had come to object to the applications. A motion to approve the promoter's license applications, with the same terms and conditions as last year, for both the Oceans Calling Festival and the Country Calling Festival, passed unanimously with little discussion. Oceans Calling will be held Sept. 27-29, and Country Calling will be held Oct. 4-5.

"I can testify it was a success," Esham said of last year's festival.



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# County comp plan update work continues

## Planning commissioner encourages public input through current process

**By Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(June 27, 2024) County planners continue to welcome the community's input as part of a comprehensive plan update.

Jennifer Keener, director of development review and permitting for Worcester County, said members of the Worcester County Planning Commission recently started their review of the first chapters of Worcester's comprehensive plan as part of a 10-year update. She said public feedback will be welcomed through the county's website.

"Staff have developed a webpage that is kept up to date with copies of the draft chapters, a link for public comment, and a general schedule of future chapter reviews which will be updated as work session dates are set," she said in a statement last week. "The Planning Commission also intends to hold informational open house-style events starting this fall to give the public a chance to provide additional feedback."

Following the results of the 2020 Census, officials last year began an effort to update Worcester County's

comprehensive plan, a document that guides community goals and aspirations in the coming years.

Working with a contractor, the county solicited public input through an online survey and community events. Among the key issues cited in public feedback were preserving community character, loss of natural features and sea level rise.

During last week's Mayor and City Council meeting, however, Ocean City resident and Worcester County Planning Commission member Mary Knight encouraged officials and community members to provide comments. She noted that one topic in particular – wind turbines – was not on the list of key issues.

"In our last meeting, I realized that the effect of wind turbines was not on this list and not brought forth, so that was a concern to me," she told the council during a public comment portion of last week's meeting. "And not the political aspect of wind turbines, but the economic effect it will have on the county, on real estate, the fact that our harbor will become industri-

alized, and affect residents that live there. All of those were really not part of or mentioned in this engagement."

Knight said the comprehensive plan webpage provides a schedule of the comprehensive plan review, as well as opportunities for the public to comment on sections of the planning document as they are evaluated. She encouraged officials to incorporate their comments.

"Thank you for giving us an update," Mayor Rick Meehan replied. "It's a very important document for Worcester County and for Ocean City."

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# Gifted, talented program update provided to officials

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 27, 2023) Worcester County Coordinator of Instruction Tamara Mills presented the school system's Gifted and Talented program, including how students are identified and what services are provided, at the board of education's Tuesday, June 18 meeting.

Maryland's qualification requirements for the program were updated. Mills detailed how this has benefitted Worcester County.

"We want to make sure that all the students eligible were being identified," she said.

The determination process begins in pre-k. As a single measurement is not sufficient to properly evaluate a student's skill level, Mills explains that the screening process has four elements. These include a primary talent development portfolio, a cognitive ability assessment, a gifted behavioral checklist, and iReady and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program scores.

Mills said that students receive talent development lessons from pre-k until second grade through two science-based modules a year.

Teachers will watch and record the outcomes, which creates a four-year portfolio. The cognitive ability evaluation is given in the third grade, and the educational privileges begin in the fourth.

The primary talent development portfolio is constructed through science or arts-based modules. The students receive scores on readiness, emerging, progressing, and independence lessons.

The coordinator of instruction explains that reading the story *The Fourth Little Pig* is an example of an assessment.

"The students must use creativity and brainstorming and complex thinking exercises to figure out how the fourth little pig is integrated into that story," Mills said.

According to the educator, these

evaluations were designed with an equity lens.

"What happened was years ago, was our younger, white females were getting highly identified," she claimed. "Often, they were our early talkers, so teachers saw those communicative abilities. Sometimes, males are not always as early communicators. A lot of times, they were getting overlooked. We are now looking for other characteristics of giftedness that we didn't look at before."

Most services fall into the reading, math, and science areas. The school system offers science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs, writing labs, Advanced Placement classes, and college dual enrollment courses for high schoolers, among other things. If a student demonstrates talent in the arts, additional assessments may be given.

One of the new state requirements is that counties must reevaluate middle schoolers to determine if any students made progress between third and seventh grade.

"This year, we had eight seventh graders that were either missed in third grade or made huge strides in the academic achievements and abilities, so we had a few new identifications," Mills said.

The state recommends that a county has a minimum of 10% of the student population identified as gifted and talented. Worcester County has 10.2% in the program.

Mills is happy with this figure. If a school system has 20% or 30% considered gifted and talented, she said, it needs to assess whether its process yields accurate results.

Of the 10% of talented students in Worcester, 34% are minorities, according to school data.

Each school's principal chooses the program's teachers, often librarians, because of their backgrounds in reading, literature, and technology.

Students can utilize gifted and talented services through an elective, a "specials" period, or an enrichment block.

If a student is new to Maryland, they are evaluated upon enrollment. If the child came from another in-state county, Worcester honors the previous school system's analysis.

"It is impressive regarding screening and assessment," board member Bill Buchanan said. "I remember when Gifted and Talented was basically if you were artistically talented, you were picked out to do all the bulletin boards, so I am very happy to see this program."

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# Arts council awards grants to 10 area projects, events

(June 27, 2024) The Worcester County Arts Council recently awarded \$25,000 from its Community Arts Development Grants program to 10 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations during the granting cycle beginning July 1.

Funding will support a variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting Worcester County. The program is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Projects are evaluated based on the overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

In the last 10 years, the Worcester County Arts Council has awarded close to \$500,000 through the program to help local community groups present quality art projects and activities.

The following is a list of organizations and the projects that have been

awarded Community Arts Development Grants for the first cycle of the fiscal 2024 granting period:

Art League of Ocean City - Kids Paint OC 2024

Art League of Ocean City - monthly art exhibits

Berlin Heritage Foundation - community events 2024-25

Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra - 2024 fall concerts

Pine Tones Chorus - Christmas is for Children concert

Town of Berlin/A & E - Oktoberfest live music, Random Acts of Art; Farmers Market live music

Worcester County Education Foundation - Chamber Music by the Sea 2024 Festival

WGP Warriors Against Addiction - Art Goes Home

The next deadline to apply for Community Arts Development Grants is Oct. 15. Mini-grants (maximum award \$500) are available between grant cycles.

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Continuing to expand the footprint of the Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex is a major goal of the county's current Program Open Space program. The highlighted area represents the property referred to as the lions club property.

# County signs off on program open space requests

## List includes acquisition, development projects

**By Steve Green**  
Executive Editor

(June 27, 2024) The expansion of an athletic complex just south of Berlin tops the county's approved list of Program Open Space priorities.

Worcester County Director of Recreation and Parks Kelly Rados asked and received the blessing of the Worcester County Commissioners last week to submit the county's fiscal year 2025 Program Open Space Annual Program before the July 1 deadline for review by the Maryland Department of Planning and Department of Natural Resources. Once the overall plan is submitted and approved, individual applications for the projects on the list can then be submitted for funding.

Last week's approval was more of a formality as the commissioners offered no comments and approved the local projects without discussion. Program Open Space is divided into acquisition projects and development projects.

The only acquisition project on the county's stated goal is the acquisition of additional Berlin Lions Club property off Route 113. According to the plan, "The proposed project consists of the acquisition of approximately 6 acres of property located next to the county owned Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin ... The additional 6 acres to be purchased is comprised of undeveloped land that adjoins the 12-acre parcel that Worcester County recently purchased from the Berlin Lions Club. The proposed property is currently farmland that will be used to expand ball fields and parking."

Approximately \$500,000 is listed as the price to secure the property to allow for the further expansion of the recreation complex.

Listing in the development aspect  
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An overhead visual shows the scope of the dredging work planned for the commercial harbor in West Ocean City.

# Worcester to seek bids for dredging of West OC harbor

By Steve Green  
Executive Editor

(June 27, 2024) A grant is expected to be used to fund an upcoming dredging project at the commercial harbor in West Ocean City.

Worcester County Procurement Officer Nicholas Rice was given the green light from the Worcester County Commissioners at the June 18 meeting to solicit bids for dredging services of the harbor. A \$275,000

grant from the Tri-County Council is expected to fund the effort.

According to the bid documents, the harbor's main navigation channel requires for dredging materials of varying depths to be removed and hauled to allow for easier boating.

Approximately 342,375 square feet of spoils or 15,679 cubic yards will be removed from the harbor, which is bordered by Sunset Avenue to the north and Harbor Road to the south.

# Program funding requests OK'd

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of the plan is further improvements estimated at \$100,000 to the Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex and Lions Club development. The plan reads, "The current Berlin Lion's Club property has 6 baseball/softball fields and a permanent concession stand. The baseball/softball fields need numerous repairs and or replacements. The project being requested will be to hire

an engineering firm to master plan the entire facility to include baseball/softball fields, trails, playgrounds, site amenities, and other recreation features. Once master planned, development of the recommended plan will take place to include any and all recreation and site amenities needed."

Also included in the development project list was replacement of the playground at Showell Park off Route 589 (\$500,000), upgrades to the Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex bathrooms and concessions (\$200,000) and rip rap replacement and repair at Homer Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City off Harbor Road (\$50,000).

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# Knupp case kicked back to Worcester court

By **Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(June 27, 2024) Maryland's highest court last week denied a petition in the case against Tyler Mailloux, a Berlin man charged in the hit-and-run death of 14-year-old Gavin Knupp.

On June 18, the Supreme Court of Maryland denied Mailloux's petition to review an appellate court ruling in his case. As he did not have the right to an automatic appeal, Mailloux in April filed a petition to have the state's highest court review the decision.

"Upon consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari to the Appellate Court of

Maryland, petitioner's errata to the petition, and respondent's answer to

the petition, it is this 18th day of June 2024, Ordered, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, that the petition for writ of certiorari is denied as there has been no showing that review by certiorari is desirable and in the public interest," the order issued this week reads.

In April 2023, 17 traffic charges – including failure to immediately stop at the scene of an accident involving bodily injury and failure to immediately stop a vehicle at the scene of an accident involving death – were filed against Mailloux, 23, in the death of Knupp, who was struck and killed by a motorist in a black Mercedes while crossing Grays Corner Road on July 11, 2022. Knupp was reportedly returning to a vehicle driven by his older sister

and died from injuries sustained in the collision. Mailloux is accused of fleeing the scene and not returning, according to charges filed.

During a motions hearing in Worcester County Circuit Court last August, Judge Brett Wilson granted a motion from Mailloux's attorney to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction. He opined the district court had "exclusive and original jurisdiction."

Immediately following that ruling, the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office appealed to the Appellate Court of Maryland, which heard oral arguments earlier this year. In an opinion issued March 27, the appellate court reversed the circuit court ruling to dismiss. From there, Mailloux filed

a petition in April to have the Supreme Court of Maryland review the decision.

This recent order from the Supreme Court of Maryland means the decision handed down by the Appellate Court of Maryland will be upheld and that all charges against Mailloux will be tried in Worcester County Circuit Court.

"I expect the clerk's office will set the matter for trial sometime in the fall, given the number of days required for trial and the court's current caseload," Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser said Tuesday. "We remain prepared and look forward to prosecuting the case in the Circuit Court as we had originally intended when we filed the charges."

# Snow Hill man arrested on burglary, assault

(June 27, 2024) A Snow Hill man was recently arrested on burglary and assault charges after allegedly breaking into a woman's home in Ocean Pines and photographing her sleeping without her knowledge.

According to a news release from the Ocean Pines Police, Richard Allan Lehman Jr., 38, is accused of entering the home in the early hours of June



R. Lehman Jr.

20, and "surreptitiously" shooting a photo of the resident sleeping in her bed. The woman reportedly only found out about the incident the next day after seeing the photo on Lehman's social median account.

Lehman then allegedly returned to the home and knocked before entering uninvited. The woman said Lehman was looking for her new boyfriend and said "she was physically assaulted by Lehman as she tried to push him from the residence."

The release said the investigating officer obtained a warrant for Lehman's arrest, and he was taken

into custody on June 23. Following an initial appearance in front of the District Court Commissioner, Lehman was detained in the Worcester County Detention Center without bond pending an appearance before a District Court Judge.

Lehman faces charges of burglary and second-degree assault stemming from the incident.

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# Snapshots



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## BIKE RODEO

Worcester Preparatory School, in partnership with Ocean City Police Cpl. Joe Bushnell, held a bike rodeo for first and fourth graders on May 16. Before the event, lower school teachers conducted classroom sessions about bike maintenance and safety, and then the students had the chance to put their skills to the test on an outdoor obstacle course. (Above) Bushnell demonstrates bike safety to the first-grade class.



Fourth grader Amalia Gjiguria carefully makes her way through one of the bike rodeo's safety exercises.



Fourth grader Grace Tunnell practices stopping at a stop sign and makes eye contact with a vehicle's driver.



First grader Ellie Tunis practices balancing her bike while ducking under a low object.



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## VISUAL ARTS WINNERS

Two Worcester Preparatory School fourth graders recently won first and third places in the inaugural Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's Visual Arts Competition. Pictured, from the left, are WPS Lower Art School Teacher Cathy Roman, Optimist Art Contest Chairperson Sharon Sorrentino, WPS fourth graders Tobi Blaska and Priya Garg, Optimist President Christina Dolomount-Brown and WPS Head of Lower School Sara Timmons. The competition will result in the creation of the 2025 Optimist International Calendar. Tobi's artwork will advance to be judged on the Optimist International level.



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## FLOORING DONATION

LeClaire Flooring and Design recently donated much-needed flooring to the Hope4Recovery Treatment facility in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are H4R Board members Sarah Hooper and Tracy Simpson LeClaire Flooring & Design owner Scott LeClaire, H4R Executive Director Brandon O'Brien, Founder Tish Ottey and Board member Terri Bradford. Hope4Recovery, a nonprofit organization, provides residential treatment for men with substance use disorders.



# Snapshots



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## END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

The annual Worcester Preparatory School Academic Convocation ceremony was held May 21, where awards were given for academic achievement in all subject areas and service to the school. (Above) Sophomore Ansh Batra accepts the Head of School Highest Academic Award for Grades 9-11 from Head of School John McDonald.



Junior Danielle Carr accepts the Best All-Round Student Award for Grades 9-11 from McDonald.



Sixth grader Lea Jaoude accepts the Head of School Highest Academic Award for Grades 6-8 from McDonald.



Eighth grader Elena Gjoni accepts the Best All-Round Student Award for Grades 6-8 from McDonald.



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## JUDY JOHNSON REMEMBERED

The Worcester County NAACP sponsored a Negro League Baseball event on May 25 at Stephen Decatur Middle School to keep alive the story of William "Judy" Johnson, a Snow Hill native, and educate the community about the history of the Negro League Baseball. Visitors were greeted by Worcester County NAACP Executive Board members and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C). Pictured, from left, are Ernest Leatherbury, Carozza, Linda Hilliard, President Ivory Smith and Christine Clark.



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## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club awarded nine Pocomoke High School students Friends of Youth Scholarships, totaling \$42,000, at the senior awards ceremony on May 23. Pictured, from left, are Aiden Clayton-\$6,000, Brooke Benton-\$6,000, Dashawna Smith-\$6,000, Amber Jester-\$4,000, Mandy Chau-\$4,000, Emily Knight-\$4,000, Ava Skorobatsch-\$4,000, Aaron Nelson-\$4,000, and Samantha Lambertson-\$4,000.



# Opinion

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## Slow progress on bays shows tough job ahead

Progress is painfully slow, but the overall state of the coastal bays and their tributaries is slightly better than it has been over the years, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program reported this week.

How slow? Consider that in 2008, the program's annual report card gave the six areas surveyed — the St. Martin River, Assawoman Bay, Isle of Wight Bay, Newport Bay, Sinepuxent Bay and Chincoteague Bay — a C+, and this most recent examination of the bays' health earned a B-.

That's good, but hardly great and it's indicative of the challenges that lie ahead for all involved in the bays' rehabilitation effort. Climate change, for one, is a problem that simply isn't going to go away. Whether one accepts or rejects climate change as a fact, it remains that warmer temperatures are having an adverse impact on subaquatic vegetation, while rising sea levels continue to encroach on marshland, which help to filter runoff before it enters the bays.

Additionally, warm water holds less dissolved oxygen, thus making life tough on various marine species while making algae blooms more likely.

Then, too, there are situations that are difficult for the layperson to understand. Just a few years ago, the coastal bays report card said that sea grasses were on the verge of a comeback in the southern bays, but this most recent survey found they had retreated.

Meanwhile, the St. Martin River, which years ago might as well have been a dead zone because of nutrient overloading, is looking much better in that regard.

So, one might ask, given the difficult circumstances the bays and their coastlines face, what are we supposed to do? A good start would be for those who have been shrugging off the bays problems as just nature's way to start paying attention to what the Coastal Bays Program has been saying.

When the bays' health goes from a C+ to a B- in 14 years, it's evident that more people need to be more involved in pushing for more to be done.

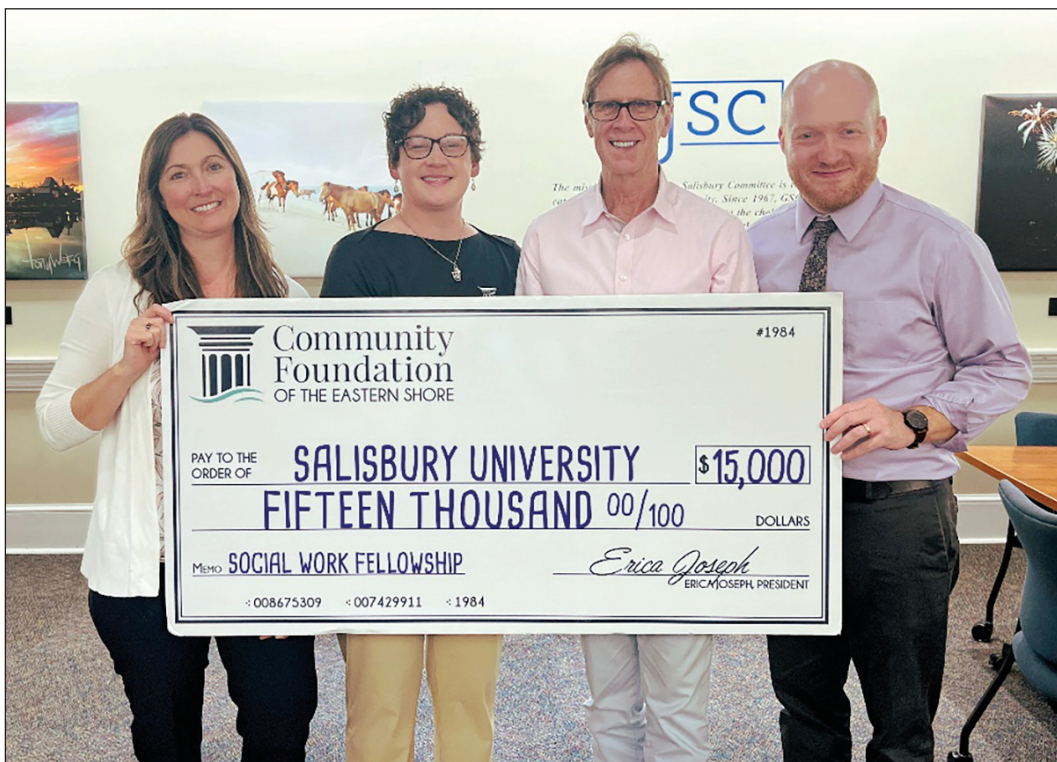


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Pictured, from left, are Dr. Samantha Scott, Healthy Minds for Shore co-founder; Erica Joseph, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore president; Mike Dunn, Greater Salisbury Committee president and CEO; and Dr. Stephen Oby, MSW program director at Salisbury University, with a \$15,000 donation the Community Foundation committed to a new social work fellowship program at Salisbury University.

## CFES supports social work program

### Donation will help with new fellowship opportunity creation

(June 27, 2024) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently committed \$15,000 to a new fellowship program for master of social work post-graduate students.

Managed by Salisbury University's School of Social Work, the fellowship will provide new clinicians a two-year opportunity to practice in the local area, expanded training opportunities, professional development, and access to supervisory support to reduce burnout and enhance success.

"We have so many gifted

social workers graduating from Salisbury University, and we want to set them up with the support and resources to thrive in their work," Dr. Stephen Oby, MSW program director, said in a news release. "This fellowship represents a unique opportunity to do that, while growing the number of clinicians in our community and expanding access to mental healthcare on the Lower Shore."

The fellowship is supported by Healthy Minds for Shore, a community collaboration, initiated by the Greater Salisbury Committee, with the goals of enhancing training and recruitment for local providers, increasing early intervention, grow-

ing access and care coordination, and reducing stigma of mental and behavioral health.

"Through collaborative efforts, area practitioners, funders, and community leaders are able to come together and create greatly needed mental health programs such as this fellowship," Dr. Samantha Scott, co-founder of Healthy Minds for Shore, said in the release. "We have identified tangible goals and have people at the table who are committed to enhancing mental health services for children and families for this region."

For more information about Healthy Minds for Shore, visit HealthyMindsForShore.org.

## South Point ramp to close July 1-3

(June 27, 2024) The county boat ramp at the end of South Point Road off Route 611 in Berlin will be closed for resurfacing July 1-3.

The boat ramp is ex-

pected to reopen July 4.

Project funding is available through Waterway Improvement Grants from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and assigned designated funds

from Worcester County.

For more information about the project, contact Worcester County Parks Superintendent Jacob Stephens at 410-632-2144.

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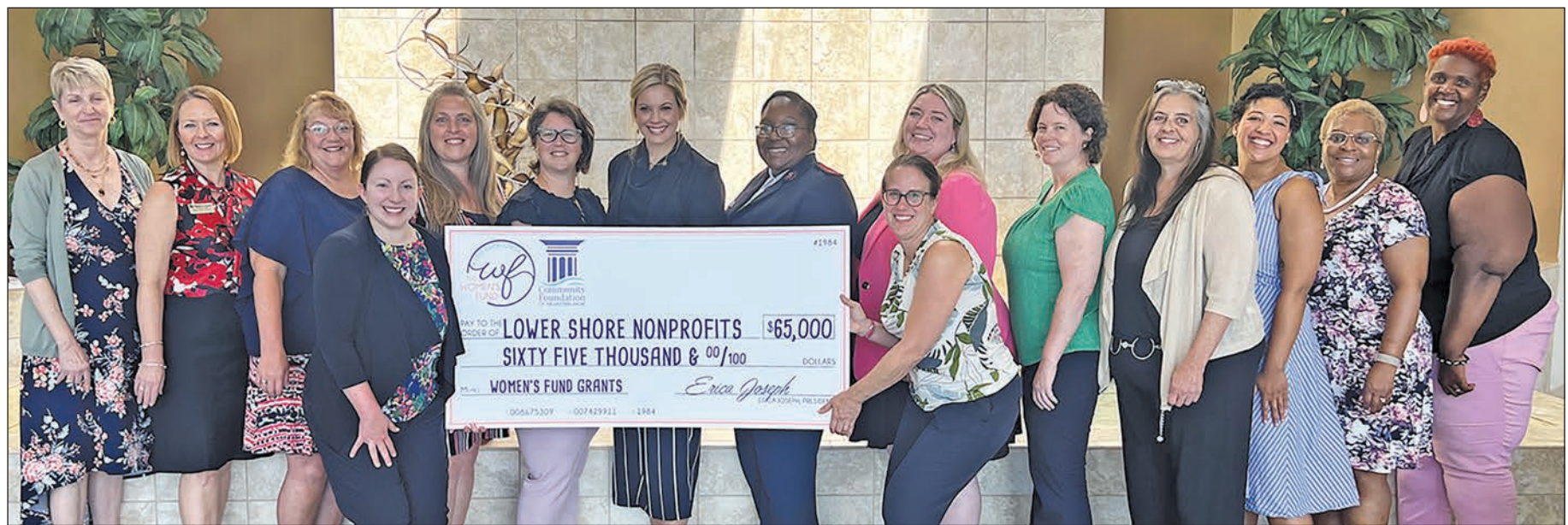


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Nonprofit recipients of the 2024 Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Women's Fund grants pose with organization representatives and a check for \$65,000 to support the needs of women and girls in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

# Foundation women's fund announces grants

(June 27, 2024) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Women's Fund recently awarded \$65,000 to area nonprofits for support of programs that address the unmet needs of women and girls in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

The Women's Fund is a giving circle at the Community Foundation which allows members to have a team-ap-

proach to philanthropy and charitable networking.

The grant recipients are:

**Worcester County GOLD:** To purchase items for women and girls to go in GOLD's "vault", which has emergency care items for people in need.

**The Cricket Center:** To cover the annual cost of medical equipment used by forensic nurse examiners, and to set up a safe room in the OCPD for

conducting interviews with child victims of abuse.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc.:** To assist a Barbie themed girls empowerment campaign to promote mental health, self-esteem, good decision-making and support for girls facing adversity.

**Girls on the Run of the Greater Chesapeake:** To provide financial assistance to girls in the tri-county area

from Title 1 schools and/or low-income communities to participate in the Girls on the Run program.

**1 Year to Empowerment:** To support activities designed to enable middle and high school girls to make healthy choices, trusting friendships, and attainable goals all while giving back to the community as a group.

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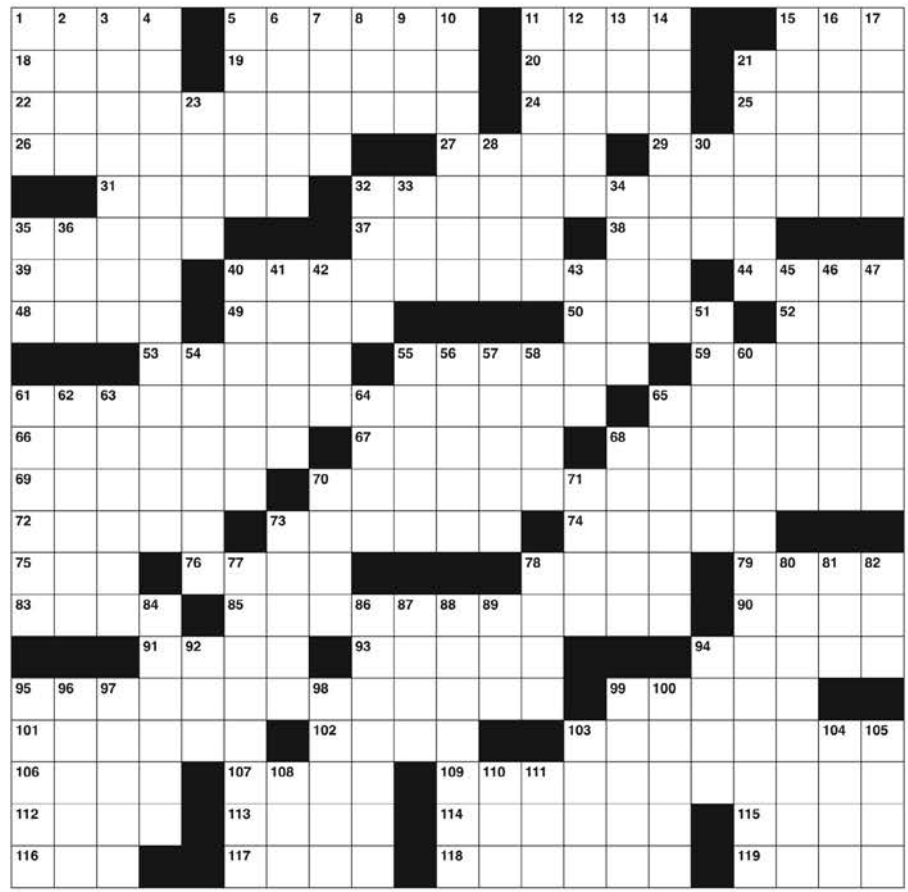
# Puzzles

## CONNECTIONS

BY CHANDI DEITMER AND WYNA LIU / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Chandi Deitmer, of Cambridge, Mass., works for Elevate Labs, which makes a brain-training app. Wyna Liu, of New York City, is a puzzles editor and author of the daily New York Times game Connections. Chandi is part of the testing panel for the game, sending her weekly feedback to Wyna. Chandi thought up this theme, and figured, What better person to collaborate with than the Connections queen herself!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Many pages in a travel guide
  - 5 Location identifier for a digital photo
  - 11 Biblical verb
  - 15 A garment, maybe?
  - 18 Ingredient in some face masks
  - 19 Extra point as the result of a foul, in basketball lingo
  - 20 Think about it!
  - 21 Narrow part of a cloche
  - 22 APP, CONVENIENCE, GENERAL, THRIFT?
  - 24 Scorch
  - 25 Sitar great Shankar
  - 26 Variable directive
  - 27 Snack sometimes served with birria
  - 29 Pair that's unlikely to win
  - 31 Mirren who has portrayed three different British queens onscreen
  - 32 HOLIDAY, MONSOON, TAX, TOURIST?
  - 35 It can be a real pane!
  - 37 Horror director Ari
  - 38 Item repeatedly stepped on by Sideshow Bob on "The Simpsons"
  - 39 \_\_\_ orientation, consideration in American Sign Language
  - 40 A-, DREAM, SWAT, TAG?
- DOWN**
- 44 Stevie Wonder's "\_\_\_ She Lovely"
  - 48 Fish that shares its name with a body part
  - 49 What some tiny patches cover up
  - 50 Nickname for Empress Elisabeth of Austria
  - 52 Word before "boy" or after "boo"
  - 53 Knock on
  - 55 \_\_\_ cave
  - 59 Performance often accompanied by supertitles
  - 61 B-, DATE, LIFETIME, SILENT?
  - 65 Adjuster's assignments
  - 66 Held sway
  - 67 Mends
  - 68 "Turn up the volume!"
  - 69 Tuckered out
  - 70 BOOSTER, BOTTLE, HOUSTON, MODEL?
  - 72 Hit musical about a politician
  - 73 Saunters
  - 74 Its national anthem is "Jana Gana Mana"
  - 75 Start of some movement names
  - 76 Neighbor of 74-Across, on a Risk board
  - 78 Cheese with a white mold rind
  - 79 Onetime Britney Spears partner, in the tabloids
  - 83 Jonathan Van \_\_\_ of "Queer Eye"
  - 85 CERTIFIED, FUNKY, MINTY, POPPIN'?
  - 90 Word that sounds like its first and last letters
  - 91 Hertz, e.g.
  - 93 "\_\_\_ directed"
  - 94 Gives off
  - 95 BRAND, LIKE, NOTHING, WHAT'S?
  - 99 Wreck
  - 101 \_\_\_ & Mariam (musical duo)
  - 102 Slightly
  - 103 Lives as lovers
  - 106 Streaming device whose name means "six" in Japanese
  - 107 Fighter of Ravana, in Hindu lore
  - 109 BRIDAL, COLD, GATORADE, METEOR?
  - 112 One of Canada's First Nations
  - 113 Like whole numbers after they're multiplied by two
  - 114 Masked official
  - 115 Sci-fi sightings
  - 116 Cries of exasperation
  - 117 Some P.T.A. members
  - 118 Was active online
  - 119 Confined, with "up"
- ACROSS**
- 11 Strife
  - 12 Ancient performance space
  - 13 It's in the bag
  - 14 "Yeah, absolutely not"
  - 15 Alternative to a boot, maybe
  - 16 Many a state boundary
  - 17 Off
  - 21 Sultanate just north of the Equator
  - 23 Snaky swimmers
  - 28 Cruising, say
  - 30 Possible response to a squeak
  - 32 Identical
  - 33 Class often offered at the library, for short
  - 34 Root used in perfumery
  - 35 Rte. giver
  - 36 Cuisine with larb and green papaya salad
  - 40 Appointed
  - 41 Clickable greeting
  - 42 Kitty contribution
  - 43 Those, in Spanish
  - 45 Arab honorific
  - 46 One with mainstream tastes, disparagingly
  - 47 Things a wedding D.J. might introduce
  - 51 Honolulu palace name
  - 54 Trojan War hero
  - 55 Share
  - 56 In need of patching, say
  - 57 Where van Gogh's "The Yellow House" is set
  - 58 Bit of lab work
  - 60 It's laid on thick for a performance
  - 61 Classic British sitcom character inspired by Jacques Tati
- DOWN**
- 1 Ceremony with a censor
  - 2 Tina Turner or Stevie Nicks, e.g.
  - 3 Where you might say "That's my cue!"
  - 4 "That's what I get"
  - 5 Faux pas
  - 6 Notable bankruptee of 2001
  - 7 What the nose knows
  - 8 Whole bunch
  - 9 Formicary resident
  - 10 Come to term with?
  - 62 Body of work
  - 63 Prospective college students make them
  - 64 Conductance units
  - 65 Unrefined oils
  - 68 "Zip your lip!"
  - 70 City that entirely surrounds another country
  - 71 N.Y. commuter line
  - 73 Leader in the Cuban War of Independence
  - 77 "That's not surprising"
  - 78 Prominent feature of dub music
  - 80 Guaranteed to work
  - 81 Delivery abbr.
  - 82 Some, in France
  - 84 Quiet
  - 86 They might be brought back from the beach
  - 87 Lin Ching-\_\_\_, icon of Chinese-language cinema
  - 88 Lampons
  - 89 Price point?
  - 92 Start of some movement names
  - 94 Carve
  - 95 Certain criminal, or the agent pursuing them
  - 96 Atlanta university
  - 97 Greet the day
  - 98 Having a handle
  - 99 Word repeated when consoling
  - 100 Propelled a shell
  - 103 Loretta of "M\*A\*S\*H"
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- 62 Body of work
  - 63 Prospective college students make them
  - 64 Conductance units
  - 65 Unrefined oils
  - 68 "Zip your lip!"
  - 70 City that entirely surrounds another country
  - 71 N.Y. commuter line
  - 73 Leader in the Cuban War of Independence
  - 77 "That's not surprising"
  - 78 Prominent feature of dub music
  - 80 Guaranteed to work
  - 81 Delivery abbr.
  - 82 Some, in France
  - 84 Quiet
  - 86 They might be brought back from the beach
  - 87 Lin Ching-\_\_\_, icon of Chinese-language cinema
  - 88 Lampons
  - 89 Price point?
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## HARD - 32

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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# Grants provided to area agencies

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To provide women in Seton Center's service area with financial assistance for rent, utilities, and bus tickets for transportation to access community resources and employment.

Epoch Dream Center: To support opportunities for girls in Epoch's program to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) related activities.

Faith Over Fear Economic Empowerment Inc.: To educate young women about financial literacy and investing through participation in the Jr. Wall-streeters program.

Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County Inc.: To support the Community Building program and help subsidize the cost of new homes for single mothers.

Life Crisis Center: To provide care bags that will include clothing and personal hygiene items for girls/women who are victims of sexual violence.

Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc. (MCE): To support MCE's Women's Business Center with business counseling, one-on-one mentoring, marketing consulting, trainings, and access to funding for women seeking to open or grow their own businesses.

Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services: To support one-on-one financial literacy classes aimed at empowering women with the knowledge and skills to achieve financial independence.

Salisbury University: To support the Women in Business program, which empowers women in business (whether as an employee or entrepreneur) by creating a collaborative space where they can learn and reach their full potential.

The Salvation Army of Salisbury: To support youth character-building programs for girls.

# Obituaries

**BARBARA F. PARKS**  
Snow Hill

Barbara F. Parks, 86, of Snow Hill, was born on April 9, 1938. She was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on June 6, 2024. She passed away at Hartley Nursing and Rehab in Pocomoke due to natural causes.



Barbara Parks

While we are saddened by her passing, we take comfort in knowing she has gone to a better place. A place with no more sorrow or pain. Just everlasting joy in the arms of our Lord.

Barbara was born in Snow Hill, and was the daughter of the late Albert Dozy Fooks and Beatrice Hammond Fooks.

She was the youngest of seven children. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Albert Dozy Fooks Jr. and William Hartwell Fooks; and sisters, Rosalie Atkinson, Martha Quillen, Mary Age, and Alberta Lynch.

Barbara is survived by her son, James K. Parks III (Toby) and his wife, Sue, and two grandsons, Shane and Aidan Parks, all of Berlin; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

She spent her childhood on a little farm in Snow Hill where she found her love for animals. Strays would always find her and she would gladly take them in, nurse them to health, and give them a home.

She was employed with Moore Business Forms of Snow Hill from a young age until its closing in 1994.

She worked several other jobs after that until she was ready to enjoy her retirement. A retirement that was well earned as she had worked a very demanding job, all while being a single parent.

She will be greatly missed by her son, daughter-in-law and grandsons, whom she cherished; her extended family; and friends she had grown close to along the way.

Barbara requested that there be no public viewing or memorial service.

Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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## OPEN HOUSES

June 27 - July 4

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Fri-Mon, 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	3BR/2BA	Single Family	starting at \$239,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 11am-4pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/1BA	Single Family	starting at \$179,900	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday Noon-2pm	1300 Marina View Lane #23	4BR/4BA	Condo	\$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 12:30-2:30pm	36913 Creek Haven Dr., Selbyville	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$824,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Monday 1-3pm	377 Walnut Hill Drive, Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$774,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Monday 3:30-5:30pm	11602 S. Hills Drive, Berlin	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Tuesday 1-3pm	304 S. Heron Gull Court, Ocean City	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,399,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Wednesday 10am-Noon	121 81st St. 3 #706, Rivendell, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$780,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Wednesday 1-3pm	13 131st St. #105, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	2901 Atlantic Ave. #704, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$675,000	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva
Saturday 10am-Noon	525-3 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/3BA	Townhouse	\$364,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate, Inc.

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., June 27

### RWWC 'ANNUAL RED, WHITE AND BLUE' LUNCHEON

Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 Saint Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Deborah Brocato RN, Chair, Health Not Harm MD, a Maryland ballot issue committee fighting to preserve parental rights and constitutional rights. [gopwomenofwc@gmail.com](mailto:gopwomenofwc@gmail.com)

### OCEAN ANIMAL BINGO

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in to play ocean animal-themed bingo and win some prizes. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PLAY TIME

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

### STORY TIME: SCAREDY SQUIRREL

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Scaredy Squirrel is too afraid to travel far from his tree, but when he runs into a problem, will he face his fear? Join in and find out. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [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)

### LET'S TALK MOVIES: 'BARBIE'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join the group for its first Movie club, where they talk about classic films and new blockbuster hits. The first movie for discussion is "Barbie." 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY - POCOMOKE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Visit your library during the Summer Reading kick-off party to register for Summer Reading and go on your first adventure. For all ages. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRESIDE CHAT

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

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean

Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Riptide Band." Free family-friendly entertainment. Bring chairs and blankets. BYOB permitted, concessions for sale. Held Thursdays through Aug. 22 (except July 4). 410-641-7052

### 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 28

### 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)

### CRAFTY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Bring out your inner author with creative writing games and craft activities. For ages 8 years and older. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ARTISTIC ARENA: MAKE YOUR OWN FLAG

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Make your own flag to celebrate yourself. Design your own symbol and use your imagination. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## Sat., June 29

### FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE

Tractor Supply Co. Parking Lot, 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club. Vendors welcomed. \$10 per space. Donations accepted. Raindate is July 13. Vendor reservations: [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com).

### CRAFTY SATURDAY: FOURTH OF JULY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Come cool off with red, white and blue crafts. For all ages. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-1 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

### FURNACE TOWN SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Music by The Bay Country Drifters (classic rock, folk and country). Beer, wine, burgers and dogs available. Admission cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-15 years. [www.furnace-town.org/events](http://www.furnace-town.org/events)

### 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 30

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. On the 5th Sunday in June, the church will hold one service at 9:30 a.m., followed by an ice cream social.

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Live music by "Mike Hines and the Look" (high energy dance music), kid-friendly entertainment, ice cream and fireworks. <https://www.ococean.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/farmersmarket/>

### 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., July 1

### MONDAY MORNING MOVIES AND MUNCHIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Ready for an adventure? Join some of the favorite characters as they go on all kinds of quests in lands both near and far. Munchies provided. 410-208-4014

### STORY TIME: UNICORNS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for an extra fun summer story time filled with stories, songs and crafts all about unicorns. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

John H."Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. Monthly support group is a safe place for those who share similar challenges and rewards of providing care for adults who have any type of serious illness. [nfry@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:nfry@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-2626

### WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Play Warhammer using the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos will be available. Novice and veteran players welcome. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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

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

### 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., July 2

### STORY TIME: 'GARDENS'

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

### GAME DAY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Play games from ping pong to chess and everything in between. Bring a tabletop game to share with others. For all ages. 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)

### MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all



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things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### TUESDAY CRAFTAFTERNOON

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Make a beautiful and crafty collage for decoration or gifting. All materials provided. Register: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### ADVENTUROUS ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Christina Benedict will lead participants on an adventure creating a work of art. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### ANIME CLUB - SUMMER SESSIONS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Watch special showings of anime episodes, play bingo and win some prizes. For ages 13-16 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.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.

### 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.

### ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

## Wed., July 3

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for imaginative play and social interaction. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a silly morning full of movement and music themed stories, fun songs, and interactive activities to get everyone moving. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-2:30 p.m. The group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Patti Yocubik, 410-641-4217, pyocubik@atlanticgeneral.org

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumfords

Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. Featuring swimming, DJ, games and prizes. Cost is \$3 for swim members; \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-resident. No cost if not swimming. Food available. Wednesdays through Aug. 21. 410-641-7052

### MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Super Mario Brothers." Enjoy free movies on the beach every Wednesday through the summer. Movie lineup: https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/.

### 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

### NAO TRINIDAD IN OCEAN CITY

Chicago Avenue and 3rd Street, bayside, Ocean City, June 28 through Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Nao Trinidad was the flagship of the Magellan-Elcano expedition, leading the first sailing around the world between 1519 and 1522. Tickets: https://tickets.nao Trinidad.org/content

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