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More than 270 participants leave the starting line of a fun run/walk in Berlin to mark the 25th anniversary of the Runaway Bride movie release. The event organized by Berlin resident Theresa Gardiner was a benefit for Worcester GOLD raised about \$9,000.

## ‘Let them Play’ seeks sports gear

Moms want to help relieve low-income families of cost of keeping kids in the game

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) Two local moms are spearheading an initiative to provide sports equipment, gear, and apparel to children from low-income families.

Worcester County residents Ashley Barcus and Lauren Nornes have kick-started “Let Them Play” a program that aims to ease the financial burden of sports uniforms, field hockey and lacrosse sticks, soccer

balls, cleats, baseball bats, dance costumes, etc., off economically disadvantaged parents.

The pair are partnering with Horizons Delmarva, a nonprofit supporting low-income public-school students in Wicomico and Worcester counties to bridge the “achievement gap.”

“We are adamant that sports are more than just getting out there and playing a game for an hour and a half, especially for young kids,” Nornes said. “Having the option to play sports helps them develop. So many kids never get the friends, morals, and values that come from doing a sport.”

The project leaders said they have seen first-hand how pricey athletic programs can get.

Barcus noted that her children play baseball and soccer, and one wants to try out for football in the fall. Nornes’ family is into soccer, horseback riding and running.

“When it came to my child playing for Berlin Little League, it gets expensive fast,” Barcus said. “Kids’ gear was breaking down halfway through the season, and they asked other kids in the dugouts to borrow theirs. We started wondering what we could do to help.”

“Horseback riding is what got my

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## Tickets flow where speed cameras go

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) Two new speed cameras, which will be activated on Monday, have been installed in Berlin to catch and fine drivers who exceed the speed limit..

One device is located on the 10,000 block of Flower Street behind Stephen Decatur Middle School, while the other was placed on Seahawk Road. The installation comes

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# Motorists slow down: Berlin will add two speed cameras

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after the first speed camera in the area, also on Flower Street, went live on May 28.

Each apparatus has two camera heads, for a total of six among the three locations.

"It captures both directions," Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing noted.

The police chief said that the goal of the technology is to enforce the speed limit, 25 mph, while officers are not physically present. Drivers that exceed 36 mph face a \$40 fine. The speed camera vendor, Red Speed, is responsible for mailing the citations.

Downing told the Town Council in May that Berlin would receive \$26 of each \$40 fee. Red Speed will collect the rest.

According to Downing, from May 28 to June 30, the initially installed device captured 937 violations. He noted that this figure refers to how many vehicles drove at least 12 mph over the posted limit. As this includes cop cars, fire trucks, and ambulances, not all recorded speeders received citations.

Of the violations that did result in fines, just under 200 individuals have paid as of Monday, July 29. The police chief said that the department does not expect everyone to settle their tickets, as violation payment from speed cameras often lags. Still, he is optimistic that the technology will persuade reckless drivers to ease off their gas pedals.

"We understand that folks have to get citations before they decide to slow down," Downing said. "Some people need multiple citations."

The department has found that drivers often exceeded 50 mph down Flower Street. The posted limit is 25 mph.

"We know that speeds were reckless in nature," the police chief said. "It shows that the cameras were needed."

Downing mentioned that most municipalities, including Salisbury and Pocomoke, have implemented the speed camera technology with "great success." The department is hopeful Berlin will reap similar safety benefits.

The officer added that the speed limit adjustment from 30 mph to 25 mph on the entirety of Flower Street will also help protect the community. The modification to lower the Berlin-operated stretch was made following the motion's passage at the July 8 meeting of the Mayor and Council. The county-owned strip's maximum, west of Stephen Decatur Middle School, was decreased later that month.

"This is a stretch with a lot of volume from the schools, the nearby residential community, and the dump," he said. "There is also no sidewalk. We know that many folks end up on that road, whether it be runners, walkers, or school buses, so we needed to slow that speed down."



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In addition to the two cameras on Flower Street, new devices on Seahawk Road have been installed in both directions to tame motorist speed.

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# Group seeks sports gear to help kids play

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mind thinking," Nornes continued. "It is so expensive ... We want to make these things more accessible."

According to the Let Them Play creators, children ages six to 18 from low-income households quit sports six times the rate that kids from higher-earning families.

An Aspen Institute study found that among students from homes making less than \$25,000 a year, participation in a "healthy level of activity" fell to 26.6% in 2021 from 34.1% in 2013. For youths from houses that bring in \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually, participation decreased to 35.7% from 38.1%.

"One of the things we have said is as a parent if you have to choose between an electric bill and your kids playing sports, it is the worst feeling

in the world," Nornes said. "...We want to alleviate that."

Barcus and Nornes sent out "feelers" on Facebook requesting assistance setting up their program. The pair said they heard from Joe Laque, a Horizons Delmarva board member, who offered to provide guidance.

The group and its current executive director, Tiffany Kuykendall, agreed to enter a six-month partnership with Let Them Play, which was solidified last month. Per the agreement, Barcus and Nornes' project falls under Horizons Delmarva's non-profit license. When donations come in, HD acts as the bookkeeper.

Barcus and Nornes hope that Let Them Play will exist as a nonprofit entity once the six months are up. Until then, the Salisbury-based organization will provide the backing



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necessary to get the sports-donation program off the ground.

Horizons Delmarva will allow Let Them Play to apply for grants, ease donation collection, and propel the initiative to success.

"As much as we are trying to do as much good in the world as we can, we are learning," Barcus said. "Horizons Delmarva is like our big brother."

Let Them Play accepts "lightly loved" apparel and gear for all sports. Anyone who wishes to donate can contact Barcus at 443-365-3635, Nornes at 410-390-1791, or email LetThemPlayDelmarva@gmail.com to set up a pickup time.

The pair said they have received and continue to receive usable equipment, such as a basketball hoop, lacrosse gear, and dance items. The program is also accepting monetary donations. The do-gooders ask that checks be made out to Horizons Del-

marva, and it is specified in the memo line that it is for Let Them Play.

Barcus and Nornes noted that the criteria for families seeking this kind of assistance are being worked out. While they are just taking in donations at this point, the idea is that households that qualify for Maryland's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, formerly known as Food Stamps or the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, will be eligible to receive the sports equipment.

"Athletics should be a lot more manageable," Nornes said. "Your dream as a parent is that your kids are great at it, but that means paying for way more than just the beginning fees. There are multiple teams, uniforms, equipment, travel, and hotels. A kid shouldn't have to sit out because life is life."

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# 16th Peach Festival set for Berlin Saturday

Annual event has grown into celebrated affair after humble beginning in 2008

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) An event with humble beginnings has grown into one of Berlin's largest special events of the year.

Thousands of attendees are expected to once again come to Berlin on Saturday for the Calvin B. Taylor House's 16th Annual Peach Festival.

Fruit-themed booths and shops will be located on the museum's lawn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Peach Festival is held yearly to celebrate the history of Orlando Harrison and the Harrison Brothers Nurseries in Berlin, which at the time "dominated the United States' peach market," the municipality's website states. The farm, which developed many varieties of peaches and other fruits, was founded in the late 1800s and, season-dependent, created between 250 and 500 jobs in and around the town.

Taylor House President Melissa Reid said that the nursery was once the largest fruit-order company in the world. The orchards had catalogues that people would write to, requesting fruit and trees.



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The lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum serves as the host of the Berlin Peach Festival, but many businesses and town churches hold peach-related sales and activities as well.

While Worcester County's fruit nursery is no longer here, Harrison's home, Windy Brow, also called the Orlando Harrison House, still stands near the railroad tracks in Berlin. The annual Peach Festival honors the heritage the fruit farm and its founders cultivated in the town.

Reid noted the event had roughly 3,000 attendees last year. Officials hope to reach a similar number this time around.

"It is the biggest event in Berlin," Reid said.

Local peaches and peach-flavored

slushies will be for sale. The Salisbury University communications department helped develop a brand-new festival t-shirt. According to Reid, the students created an image, which the event organizers adapted for the garment. Local books on Berlin history, totes, and mugs will also be available.

Reid maintained that the event would include entertainment. Visitors can enjoy musical stylings by George and Pat Bilenki of the local Bilenki Duo, catch a cooking demonstration by Worcester Technical High

School culinary and pastry arts teacher Chef Phil Cropper, and witness a performance by magician Magic Jack. The museum president also said that food will be available made by the WTHS students.

Amateur bakers will have the chance to participate in a peach pie-baking competition. The registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 1, and only 12 entries will be accepted. The Taylor House's website says that the desserts must be delivered on the day of the festival between 9 a.m. and 10

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# Worcester County Fair adding new activities

## Jimmy Charles Band will perform free concert on weekend's opening night

**By Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(Aug. 1, 2024) When it returns next week, there will be some of the same agricultural exhibits, petting zoos, carnival games and more at the Worcester County Fair, but there will be a load of new activities and vibes for attendees to enjoy.

From Aug. 9-11, community members are invited to take part in the annual Worcester County Fair. Now spearheaded by the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department, this year's event will feature a new location and more activities, as well as an abundance of live music, food and drinks.

"It is going to be a great time for family and friends to go and enjoy everything Worcester County has to offer here," said Lauren Ahlers, marketing coordinator for Worcester County Recreation and Parks.

Earlier this year, it was announced

that Worcester County Recreation and Parks would take charge of hosting the 2024 county fair. Recreation and Parks Deputy Director Jacob Stephens noted that officials, seeing the success of other events the department put on, had asked for assistance in revitalizing the event.

"The county saw a slight decline in the Worcester County Fair over the last several years, and they knew that the recreation and parks department held fairly large special events ...," he explained. "They wanted us to bring new ideas."

The result, officials say, is a new and improved Worcester County Fair. Ending a years-long run at Byrd Park in Snow Hill, this year's event will relocate to John Walter Smith Park, home of Worcester County Recreation and Parks programming.

The fair kicks off Friday, Aug. 9 at 4 p.m., with a ribbon cutting to follow at 4:30 p.m. Featured events include livestock shows, a cake auction and a performance from the Jimmy Charles Band, which will take the stage at 6 p.m. "This is a free concert to the public," Ahlers said.

The festivities continue on Saturday, Aug. 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Featured events include a Wheels that Heal Car Show, a pipeline eating contest, a cornhole tournament, and various livestock shows, as well as a petting zoo and demonstrations. The fair will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 11, with a Jeep show, a local band showcase, livestock shows and an awards presentation.

Ahlers noted that 4-H displays, as well as a kids zone complete with inflatables, carnival games and a first

bite fish tank, will also be offered throughout the weekend. The fair will also host a school supply drive to benefit Worcester County G.O.L.D.

"We will also have a beer garden and food trucks along with 50 local vendors," she said.

For more information on the Worcester County Fair, or to view the fair schedule, visit worcestercounty-fair.org, or check out the Worcester County Fair Facebook page.

The fair is just one of several area events to be showcased as part of Worcester County Agriculture Week, held Aug. 3-11. The week begins with the Blessing of the Combines and culminates with the Great Pocomoke Fair and the Worcester County Fair.

"We're trying to bring it all together with Agriculture Week," Stephens said.

## Baking, eating contests on tap

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a.m. Competitors must include a list of the ingredients.

Reid said there will be an adult and children's pie-eating contest. Contestants will be judged on who can eat one pie "down to the tin" the fastest. Participants can sign up on the day of the event. The winner of the kids' competition will receive an Island Creamery gift card, while the champion of the older age group will be given a free Peach Festival t-shirt.

The Briddell Family Foundation, founded by a Berlin family with roots from the 1870s, will have a table on the lawn. Reid said that the family still has descendants in the area and has formed a group focused on literacy and advocating for higher education.

The foundation's official website describes itself as an organization that works to "aid the community in ... humanitarianism, benevolence, education, and scholarship gifts." Festival-goers will have the chance to learn more on Aug. 3.

The Peach Festival will feature Baked Desserts Café's peach dumplings, flowers from Bay Street Blooms and kid's games set up on the lawn. Attendees can purchase the official Berlin flag, and profits from the sales will help fund the proposed community center.

"This is our largest fundraiser, so we rely on people coming out," Reid said.

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# MACo officials outline solar projects on ag land growth

## Commissioners concerned about state association's tendency to OK proposals

By Bethany Hooper  
Associate Editor

(Aug. 1, 2024) How, or if, Worcester County could do more to regulate solar projects on agricultural land was a topic of discussion at last week's commissioners meeting.

On July 16, the Worcester County Commissioners invited Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Executive Director Michael Sanderson and Intergovernmental Relations Director Dominic Butchko to speak on utility scale solar systems and the pressures they place on the county's agricultural land. Sanderson said despite his association's efforts to fight for Maryland's counties in the preservation of agricultural activities, state interest in reaching renewable energy targets continues to be a challenge.

"It's a major issue," he said. "It has been for a number of years. It's still alive and the temperature continues to escalate."

In recent years, commissioners have expressed concerns regarding solar projects being developed on

prime agricultural lands. Currently, county code permits utility scale solar systems in several zoning districts, so long as the lot exceeds 50 acres, according to a memo sent to the county commissioners. However, the Maryland Public Service Commission has the ultimate authority on projects more than two megawatts.

So anything below that, you're in control," Butchko told commissioners last month. "Anything above that, you have to get a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience from the Public Service Commission."

Sanderson said rural counties like Worcester are starting to feel the pressures of solar development, as their low-lying farms - relatively close to both the roadway and the power grid - are appealing to companies. Rather than go through local approvals, they are going to the state, which has set its own renewable energy targets.

"It didn't take long for us to realize this was not just a Kent County problem or not just a Caroline County problem, it was definitely the whole of the Eastern Shore and really more," he said. "Almost every place that's heavy in agriculture is starting to feel this pressure."

Officials noted that the state has set a goal that 14.5% of all energy generated by 2028 come from solar. And within the Maryland General Assembly, several bills have been introduced to limit a county's authority over solar projects.

"We are in jeopardy of seeing what little guidance we have at the local government be eroded even further," Sanderson said. "So the trend line on this issue is worrisome, and our forecast in the General Assembly is we think we are on the losing side of this debate. If there are changes in the law, they look like they're heading in the direction of more and faster clean energy sources and development, as opposed to more restrictions and limitations and slowdowns."

Butchko noted that the Maryland Public Service Commission does consider local input when approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, or CPCN. However, he said local governments were more or less stripped of their autonomy.

"You do have some input through state processes to say we don't want it here, we have this policy, we want this setback," he explained. "The state does consider that in their approval, but I think there were about 100 CPCNs, only two of them, give or take, have gotten denied."

Butchko told commissioners that MACo continued to work toward compromise. However, he said solar

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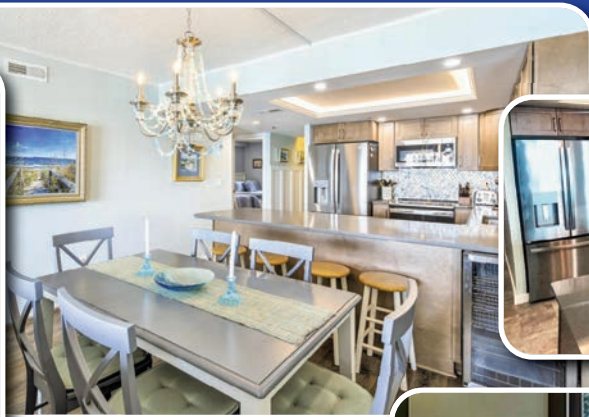
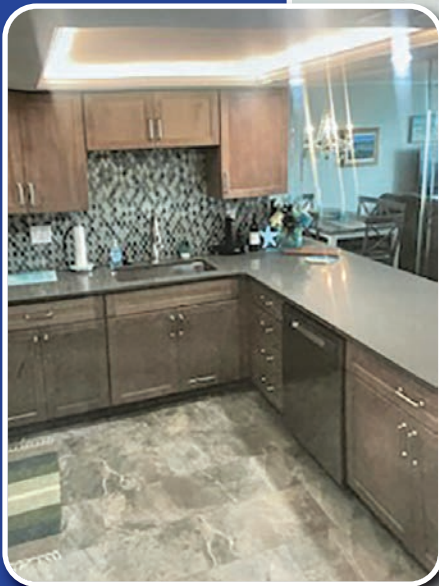
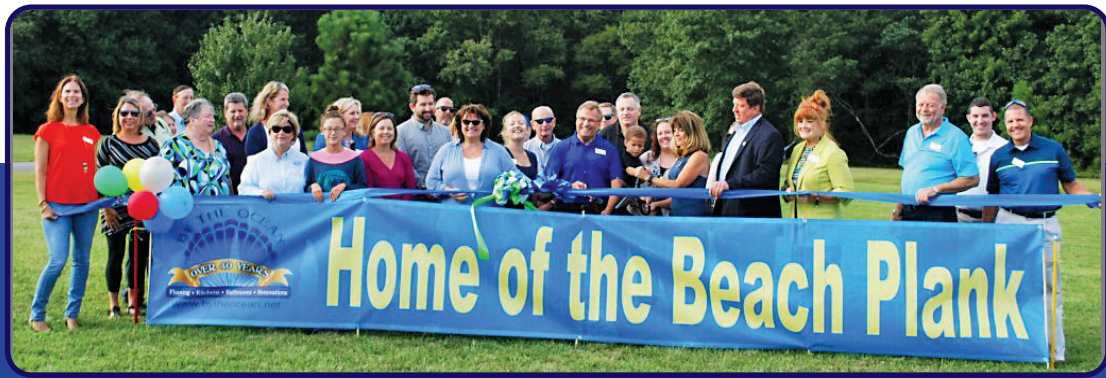
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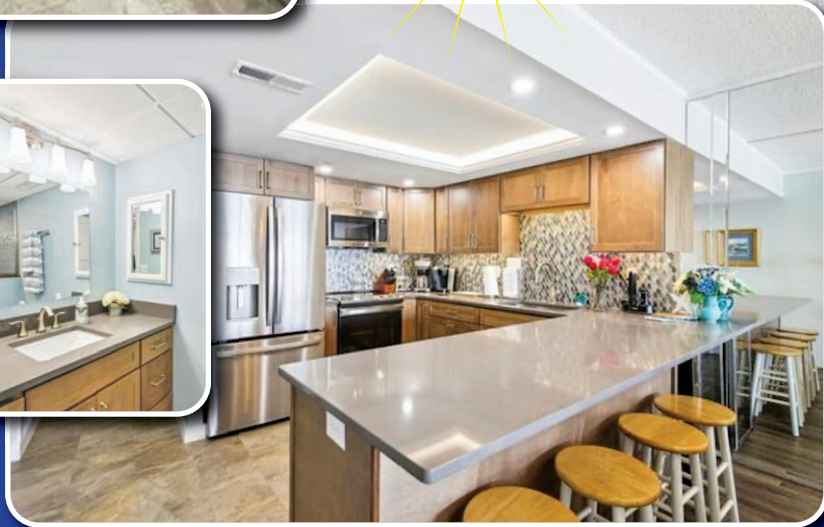




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**Pressure growing for solar projects on local farmland**

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legislation was becoming “more aggressive.”

“I don’t want to give you too much hope because there’s a lot of pressure,” he said. “The state is under a lot of pressure from the environmental community, the state’s under a lot of pressure from the energy industry. We don’t have the best card of hands here.”

Commissioner Chip Bertino questioned if the November election could impact what happens to solar in Maryland. Butchko said it likely wouldn’t.

“There might be some changes on the periphery, especially like federal subsidies,” he replied. “But Maryland has made both the General Assembly and this current administration a very big commitment to hitting 100% renewable energy. Even if there is a change at the federal level, I doubt that that would change anything at the state level.”

Worcester County Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young asked MACo representatives if the state’s solar policies were contradictory to its conservation and housing efforts. Butchko argued the state was giving counties conflicting objectives.

“I can tell you that your association is making the state policymakers very aware of the conflict that they’re creating,” he said.

Last week’s discussion comes nearly two months after Worcester County agreed to rescind its denial letter to the Public Service Commission for a solar project in Snow Hill, officially settling an administrative appeal that Chaberton Snow Solar LLC filed in circuit court last year. The commissioners voted against the project with little discussion other than concerns about equipment disposal decades down the line, prompting the property owner, Charles Waite, to openly question the elected officials.

“Worcester County’s director of development and review, Jennifer Keener, explained the Maryland Public Service Commission will decide the future of the solar project. However, upon review of the commissioners’ vote and a clear precedent that a 10-15 acre solar application is already in existence just yards over the property line from the future site, I believe the voters and community should expect a motion to reconsider this project from one of the commissioners from the prevailing side,” Waite said.

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# Berlin announces candidate filing deadline for Aug. 30

(Aug. 1, 2024) The Town of Berlin issued several announcements this week on its upcoming fall election.

The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The election will include the seats held by Mayor Zack Tyndall and Council members Jack Orris (District 2) and Shaneka Nichols (District 3).

The following represents the key deadlines for the election.

**Voter Registration:** Berlin voters must register with the Worcester County Board of Elections by Friday, Aug. 30. Registration and updates, such as address changes, can be made by contacting the Worcester County Board of Elections at 410-632-1320 or visiting [vote.org](http://vote.org).

**Candidate Filing:** Candidates intending to run for mayor or council seats in Districts 2 and 3 must file by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30.

**-Mail-In Voting Deadlines:** The Berlin Municipal Election is separate from county, state, and national elections. If you are on the Maryland Permanent Mail-In Voting List and wish to vote in the Berlin Municipal Election, you must submit a Mail-In Voting Application directly to the Town of Berlin.

**Mail-In Voting:** Applications for

Mail-In Voting will be available starting Aug. 5 and accepted beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3. Applications can be found on the Berlin website at [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov), under "Government – Municipal Elections," or by contacting Kate Daub at [kdaub@berlinmd.gov](mailto:kdaub@berlinmd.gov) or 410-641-4002. Electronic forms must be printed, and the original signed application must be submitted.

**Mail-In Voting Application submission deadlines:** By mail: Received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 (postmark not accepted); In person: Received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin.

**-Write-In Candidate Deadline:** Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. Write-in candidates will not appear on the printed ballot.

**-Election Day:** Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Polling Locations:** Voters in Districts 1 and 2 will cast their ballots at Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main Street. Voters in Districts 3 and 4 will vote at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower Street.

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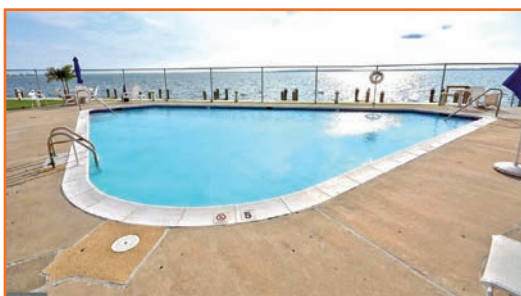


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# Worcester government scammed for \$167K

By **Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(Aug. 1, 2024) A Texas man pleaded guilty last month to international money laundering conspiracy for his role in scamming several victims, including the Worcester County Treasurer's Office.

On July 19, Jon Briceno, 42, of Katy, Texas, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Briceno laundered more than \$8.7 million in proceeds from romance and business email compromise schemes. Among his victims is the Worcester County Treasurer's Office, which provided \$167,745 to a bank account he controlled.

"The crime committed against the Worcester County Treasurer's Office stems from a cyber-fraud incident almost four years ago, in late 2020 and early 2021," Worcester County Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young said this week. "The incident allowed a criminal to gain access to parts of the Treasurer's Office data system, pose as a known county vendor, and illegally acquire county funds. Inconsistencies were noted on the vendor account by county staff, leading to the discovery of the fraud."

According to the plea agreement, from June 2020 to Feb. 20, 2024,

Briceno entered into an illegal agreement with two other individuals and several co-conspirators to conduct fraud schemes that involved the use of bank accounts and shell companies to conceal transactions.

The U.S. Attorney's Office reported that Briceno was an organizer or leader of a money laundering conspiracy that involved multiple participants throughout the nation. As part of the scheme, Briceno routinely directed co-conspirators to open bank accounts in their names or the names of shell companies, according to a news release.

Fraud proceeds deposited into those accounts were then transferred by the co-conspirators into another intermediate account. In connection with the scheme, Briceno and his co-conspirators each took a percentage of the proceeds from schemes, with Briceno often taking 10-25% of the fraud proceeds.

In one of the schemes, Briceno's co-conspirators targeted the Worcester County Treasurer's Office. In total, Worcester County was fraudulently convinced to provide \$167,745 in funds to a bank account controlled by Briceno as a result of a business email compromise scheme in which an accounting manager received fraudulent emails directing those payments be made in response to a bill.

According to the news release, the payments were made on 12 separate occasions beginning Nov. 20, 2020 and ending Jan. 21, 2021, with amounts ranging from \$16.60 to \$41,471.94.

"The subsequent criminal investigation, originally led by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with federal authorities, led to the arrest of two individuals," Young said this week.

"The county has recovered approximately 80% of the loss and continues to work with federal authorities as they distribute proceeds from the sale of the seized assets purchased with the stolen funds. In addition, the county has made changes to limit outside access to our county systems and further safeguard operations in the future."

In total, Briceno and his co-conspirators opened numerous bank accounts throughout the country to launder more than \$8.7 million in proceeds they illegally obtained from victims in 14 states and six other countries, according to the news release. Briceno then used his share to purchase luxury items, invest in crypto-currency and lease office space to run a poker room.

Briceno's Katy, Texas, home was searched in June 2022, during which time law enforcement seized numerous bank records, money order and pawn shop receipts, documents for various shell businesses, and various electronic devices containing messages and audio recordings of evidentiary value. And on Feb. 20, 2024, Briceno's new home, also located in Katy, was searched, and he was arrested.

Briceno faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison followed by up to three years of supervised release. His sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 24.

United States Attorney for Maryland Erik L. Barron commended the United States Secret Service and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office for their work in the investigation. Sheriff Matt Crisafulli this week also recognized the lead investigator in the case, Detective Tom Moore.

"The case is still ongoing at this point," he said. "I applaud Detective Moore for his diligence in helping to bring this case forward for prosecution. Detective Moore worked in conjunction with the Secret Service on this investigation. These types of investigations are lengthy and are successful with strong support from our allied partners."

## Assateague, resort receive state funding for projects

By **Bethany Hooper**  
Associate Editor

(Aug. 1, 2024) The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has awarded \$2.1 million to several local agencies through its Waterways Improvement Fund.

Last Wednesday, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced it would provide \$21.5 million in Waterway Improvement Fund allocations to communities and projects throughout Maryland in fiscal year 2025, which began July 1. Five of the recipients will use those funds for improvements in Worcester County.

"Our waterways are a major component of Maryland's economic success and cultural identity, and keeping them accessible, safe, and navigable are key priorities," said Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz. "The Waterway Improvement Fund, funded by Maryland's boating public and distributed in close partnership with our waterfront communities, has been a critical component in supporting these activities for decades."

The agency reports the funds will support new and improved public boating access facilities, dredging of navigable public waterways; emergency vessels and equipment for local first responders; and other important infrastructure and initiatives.

In Worcester County, Assateague State Park received \$125,000 to make boat ramp repairs and comfort station renovations, the Town of Ocean City received \$150,000 for Little Salisbury Park channel dredging, and the Natural Resources Police Area 1 Marine Facility received \$500,000 for a bulkhead replacement. In Stockton, the volunteer fire department received \$80,000 for a new rescue vessel. And at the south end, Pocomoke River State Park received \$125,000 for a boat ramp replacement at Milburn Landing and \$1.2 million for marina, boat ramp and service building renovations at Shad Landing.

Applications are reviewed and projects are selected based on local government and state priorities, which are evaluated to determine the benefit to the general boating public, the Department of Natural Resources reports. Fiscal year 2025 applications totaled more than \$80 million in Waterway Improvement Fund requests.

The Waterway Improvement Fund is primarily derived from the one-time 5% excise tax when a boat is purchased and titled in the state, as well as a small portion of the state gas tax. It has been used to construct and maintain more than 400 public boating facilities, 250 public navigational channels, and to acquire vessels.





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# Paramedic alleging Berlin fire violated overtime rules

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) A Berlin firefighter is arguing the town's fire company failed to pay overtime as required by Maryland law and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The individual has filed a FLSA lawsuit on behalf of himself and other employees.

Plaintiff George Branieki, who is listed as a Stevensville, Md. resident, was the only individual named in the suit against the Berlin Fire Company. The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and alleges that the department "misclassified the plaintiff and as many as 25 other employees as 207(k) firefighters," firefighterover-time.org states.

The 207(k) section of the FLSA stipulates a partial exemption that allows public agency fire departments to avoid the act's requirement for overtime pay after working more than 40 hours a week.

According to the University of North Carolina School of Government, the exception permits public agency employers to "compute over-time... based on extended work schedule of 28 days...nonexempt law

enforcement officers must work 171 hours in 28 days before the employer becomes liable for overtime."

The United States Department of Labor defines a public agency as "the Government of the United States; the government of a state or political subdivision of any state; any agency of the United States (including the United States Postal Service and Postal Rate Commission), a state, or a political subdivision of a state; or any interstate governmental agency." Firefighterover-time.org says that volunteer fire companies do not typically qualify as public agencies per the FLSA.

The petitioner is seeking wages from June 28, 2021, through March 2023, when the department allegedly paid its firefighters under the 207(k) exemption. Branieki argues that employees were not adequately compensated for overtime worked.

The official complaint argues that the fire department "misclassified" the plaintiff as a 207(k) firefighter and thus only paid him the standard overtime rate of time and a half for hours exceeding 212 during 28-day periods. As a result, the employee be-

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## Pine'eer club holding 46th annual craft fair Saturday

By **Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) Ocean Pines Association's summer events continue with craft sessions, artisan fairs and engaging children's activities this August. Residents can also snag their tickets later this month for a much-anticipated Christmas show in December.

For OPA citizens looking to browse homemade goods, the Pine'eer Craft Club is hosting its 46th annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Slated for White Horse Park, the event will offer attendees the chance to browse and purchase prints, jewelry, doll clothes, pottery, stitchery, crochet, knitting, signs, and decorative items handcrafted by dedicated artisans. Parking and admission are free.

Craft enthusiasts can also visit the Artisan Gift Shop, located next to the farmers market at White Horse Park, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the same day for additional handmade creations.

According to the OPA Recreation and Parks Department website, the group is hosting a Kids Paint Night on Wednesday, August 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ages eight to 17 are welcome, and the cost is \$22 a person. All materials and instructions are provided. To register, call 410-641-7052.

The recreation body is also planning an event in which participants aged four to 10 will paint bird feeders.

An adult must accompany all children. The craft session is scheduled for Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. All materials and instruction will be provided, and it will cost \$8 for Ocean Pines residents and \$10 for non-residents.

The advertisement maintains that space is limited, and registration is required. To save your spot, call 410-641-7052.

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is hosting a tie-dye workshop on Saturday, August 10, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The website claims that all ages are welcome, and admission costs \$10 a person. Pre-registration is encouraged.

The Vienna Boys Choir will perform at the Roland E Powell Convention Center in Ocean City on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. The OPA Recreation and Parks Department is hosting host the event.

The acclaimed singing group will perform Christmas in Vienna, a musical collection of Austrian folk songs, classical pieces, and holiday favorites.

The promotional poster reads, "The renowned children's choir, with a six-century legacy, captivates global audiences with its pure tone and charm."

The ensemble performs over 300 concerts annually and is comprised of four touring choirs with boys from dozens of nations.

Tickets will cost between \$40 and \$70 and go on sale Thursday, August 15, at 10 a.m.

## Back wages sought in lawsuit

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believes he missed out on compensation for all additional work that qualifies for extra pay as determined by the FLSA.

The 14-page complaint, characterized as a "collective and class action" and filed by the law firm of Zipin, Amster & Greenberg, LLC of Silver Spring, Md., reads, "Defendant failed to fully and timely pay Plaintiff all earned wages due each pay period for all overtime worked exceeding 40 hours per week."

The complaint continues, "On information and belief, prior to or during the relevant period, Defendant learned that it had and/or continued to misclassify Plaintiff and the Class Members as subject to the limited overtime exemption set forth in FLSA Section 207(k), and in so learning, knew or reasonably s have known the rate and method by which Defendant was or continued to pay Plaintiff and the Class Members for overtime worked exceeding Forty (40) hours per week was in di-

rect violation the FLSA and Maryland overtime compensation requirements, and that its past or ongoing failure to pay Plaintiff and the Class Members at the FLSA and Maryland law constituted a past and ongoing unlawful withholding of Plaintiff and the Class Members' earned wages in violation of the FLSA and Maryland law."

When asked for a comment this week in response to the court filing, the Berlin Fire Company stated, "The fire company is aware of a complaint filed by a former employee relating to overtime, and our legal counsel is reviewing it."

The statement continued, "We are committed to fairness to our current and former employees. Berlin Fire Company and Berlin Fire Company Emergency Medical Services are dedicated to providing fire, Rescue, and emergency medical services to our community with many volunteers and employees. Our Employees are an essential part of our public safety mission."



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# Busy August: From area ag events to planes

End of month weekends feature Jeep festival, OC Air Show, Iron Furnace Fifty

(Aug. 1, 2024) As the last month of summer begins, some popular local events celebrating everything from fruit to farm equipment will commence this weekend across the county and continue for the next few weeks.

Read on for details about what's in store for the month of August.

### Blessing of the Combines

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, downtown Snow Hill

A parade farm equipment will make its way down Washington Street in Snow Hill Saturday for the town's annual Blessing of the Combines event.

With the parade kicking off at 11 a.m., the event is in 24th year honoring local farmers and the area's agricultural heritage. Vendors, live music, a car show, petting barnyard, exhibitors, a pedal tractor pull, hayrides, food, beverages, more farm equipment on display, and more will round out the offerings for the free event that typically draws large crowds to the downtown area.

View the schedule at [blessingofthecombines.org](http://blessingofthecombines.org).

### August Craft Festival

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 3, Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park

The Pine'eer Craft Club will host its annual August Craft Festival this weekend.

A tradition in the community for nearly five decades, the event will feature dozens of local artisans and crafters selling 100% handmade items and unique home décor.

Craft Club President Sharon Puser said in a news release that many of

the creators return for the event each year.

The Kiwanis Club will sell lunch items during the festival, and craft club members will host a bake sale.

The event is free and open to the public and offers free parking. There is no rain date, and the festival will go on, rain or shine.

Anyone interested in joining the Pine'eer Craft Club can contact Sherry Waskey at [sherwaskey@gmail.com](mailto:sherwaskey@gmail.com) for more information. Since its inception, the craft club has donated nearly \$185,000 back to Ocean Pines.

For more information, visit [oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop](http://oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop) or search Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club on Facebook.

### Berlin Peach Festival

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, downtown Berlin

Thousands of attendees were expected to flock to Berlin Saturday for the town's annual peach festival.

Centered on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn downtown, the fruit-themed event will feature music, food, vendor booths, kids' activities, nonprofit demonstrators, and more. Competitive activities will include a peach pie eating contest and peach pie baking contest. The Bilenki Duo will provide live music and Chef Phillip Cropper will offer cooking demos, along with performances by Magic Jack.

The event is held annually to celebrate the history of Orlando Harrison and the Harrison Brothers Nurseries in Berlin. The historic farm, which developed many varieties of peaches and other fruits, was founded in the late 1800s and, season-dependent, created between 250 and 500 jobs in and around the town.

### Great Pocomoke Fair

Aug. 8-11, Pocomoke City



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Italian Air Force Freccia Tricolori planes, which will headline this year's OC Air Show, are pictured.

The annual Great Pocomoke Fair, set next Thursday, Aug. 8, through Sunday, Aug. 11, at the fairground on Broad Street in Pocomoke City will feature carnival rides and vendors, livestock shows, a demolition derby, chainsaw carving, a rodeo, a corn home tournament, live music, the Junior and Little Miss Pocomoke Fair pageants, and more in

For more info, visit [thegreatpocomokefair.org](http://thegreatpocomokefair.org).

### Worcester County Fair

Aug. 9-11, Snow Hill

The county's annual fair is kicking off Aug. 9 this year at John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill with all the typical offerings, including 4-H exhibits, live music and entertainment, kids' activities, carnival games, and more.

### Ocean City Jeep Fest

Aug. 22-25, downtown and convention center

The annual Jeep-themed event will feature all the typical activities, including morning beach crawls, a sand

course, vendors, live music and more.

For more info, visit [oceancityjeepfest.com](http://oceancityjeepfest.com).

### OC Air Show

Aug. 24 and 25, 13th to 17th streets

The OC Air Show will commence this year at the end of August with the Italian Air Force Freccia Tricolori, which is touring North America for the first time in more than 30 years, as the headliner. Other performers will include the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team, the U.S. Navy E/A-18 Growler Team, and the A-10 Thunderbolt IIs.

Prime viewing will be from 13th to 17th streets, but the aeronautic acrobatics, as usual, can be seen from locations across and around the resort.

For more info, visit [ocairshow.com](http://ocairshow.com).

### Iron Furnace Fifty

7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 24, Snow Hill

Riders can choose to ride 50K, 50 Miles or 100K routes through the Great Pocomoke Forest and surrounding countryside on lightly traveled, flat, rural roads during the 14th Iron Furnace Fifty bicycle ride on Aug. 24. All routes begin and end at Furnace Town in Snow Hill.

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Attendees are pictured at the Berlin Police Department's booth at the 2023 National Night Out in Berlin.

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# Berlin, Ocean Pines outline National Night Out events

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) Ocean Pines and Berlin are each gearing up for this year's National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, where residents can meet and chat with their community's first responders.

Each community's police department hosts the festivities. Berlin's event is slated for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., while Ocean Pines' night will kick off at 6 p.m.

Towns across the United States participate in National Night Out. Created by the official organization of the same name, the function aims to "enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community...and provide a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances." The event is scheduled for the first Tuesday of August each year.

"It will be a fun night for the community to visit with their police department and Ocean Pines Association representatives," OPA Police Chief Tim Robinson said.

The Ocean Pines event will offer hot dogs, sodas, and juice boxes. Robinson noted that the department partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City, a group dedicated to fostering positivity within communities, to provide the food and drinks.

Local law enforcement, state police, the Department of Natural Resources, and Worcester County Animal Control will be present to share their work with residents. Representatives from Atlantic General Hospital, OPA Public Works, and the Worcester County Health Department will also be out to chat with attendees.

Robinson, whose first day as the Ocean Pines Police Department's chief was at last year's National Night Out, hopes the evening will soften officers' approachability to OPA visitors, renters, and homeowners.

"When they know we are here in a laid-back atmosphere, people are comfortable approaching their law enforcement leaders and getting to know

us," he said.

Ocean Pines' National Night Out will be held at White Horse Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on August 6. Robinson added that the food and law enforcement departments will also have bouncy houses and games for the kids. The community's recreation and parks department made these activities possible.

"We encourage everyone to come out and meet all their community partners here in Ocean Pines," the police chief said.

Berlin is also getting ready for their event.

The town's police chief, Arnold Downing, said they have 35 partners this year, including first responders, law enforcement departments, and faith-based organizations. Sunrise Church is set to provide the hot dogs, while other groups will handle popcorn and snow cones.

"We don't have to pay a single dime for the event because of the partners," Downing noted.

Representatives from the health department, Buckingham Elementary School, and the Bank of Ocean City will attend to interact with the community. Teachers will hand out books and mingle with current and former students. Other groups will also be handing out backpacks and school supplies.

While sports practices are ongoing, Downing said he expects to miss a few kids during the school supply handout but intends to save items for any child absent.

The Berlin police chief said that there will be Olympic-themed games for kids and a few raffles. While the winning items have not been picked out yet, they have given away bicycles and scooters in the past.

The Town of Berlin's National Night Out is scheduled for August 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Henry Park.

"Berlin has a lot of events all year long," Downing said. "This is a big event, an apex. We expect as many as 1,500 to come, but weather will dictate attendance."

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# Berlin library displaying new pieces by two local artists

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) The Berlin Library, in conjunction with the Worcester County Arts Council, is displaying the creations of local artists Macy Snyder and Ellie Scott on their second-floor gallery through mid-September.

The painters' creations were arranged in the Berlin Library gallery on July 16 and will be taken down on Sept. 17. Scott's canvases showcase her talent in watercolor and oil, while Snyder's work includes oil and acrylics. The pieces are available for purchase and can be viewed during the facility's business hours. Interested buyers can contact the Worcester County Arts Council at 410-641-0809.

Snyder said she began painting as a child and could always be found working on her newest creations at the table. She was encouraged to study the medium, which she did in high school, and eventually received an associate art degree.

The artisan spent her childhood in Nebraska. She lived in New York City during the 1960s, moved to Washington D.C. in the 1970s, where her husband grew up, and has since settled down on the Eastern Shore.

Snyder's creative penchant has

been lifelong. "Before we moved, I continued my arts and crafts while my husband supported the family," she said.

While Snyder's artistic ventures started with oil work, she now enjoys watercolor. She devotes time to learning new skills and techniques and has studied under Berlin-based instructor Kate Cashman of Random Juxtaposition.

In addition to creating captivating pieces, Snyder is also a golfer and has visited 49 of the 50 states. She still has North Dakota to check off the list.

"I just want to share my artwork," she noted.

Scott, who grew up in Mount Vernon, New York, said that her teachers encouraged her to hone her craft. She attended Syracuse University and graduated with a BFA in interior design.

"I never thought about painting," she said. "I wanted to pursue a career in interior design. Life changes happened, and I did not classically follow interior design but was always involved in color, merchandising, and furniture."

Scott moved to Berlin in 2016. She was brought to the Eastern Shore by her love for camping, which she enjoys



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"Some of them are paintings that were done a few years ago that I wanted to bring back, especially the horses," artist Ellie Scott said of the works she chose to display.

on Assateague. She often paints the national park's horses. Some of these natural creations were included in the exhibit at the Berlin Library.

"The pieces in the gallery are ones that I chose and feel reflect what I have painted," Scott said. "Some of them are paintings that were done a few years ago that I wanted to bring back, especially the horses. They got me here, and I will never forget horses walking through our campsite."

The artist began creating with watercolor but now enjoys oil. "It depends on what you want to achieve for a painting," she noted.

Scott also dabbles in alcohol ink. The medium uses nonporous paper and dye that can be maneuvered to

make flowers and landscapes. She describes it as "fun and bright."

While working in Manhattan, the painter entered a few competitive art shows in Connecticut. She has continued to pursue similar contests on the Eastern Shore and recently placed second in the Worcester County Art Council's "Vacation Memories" exhibit, judged by local artist and former instructor Clytie W. Taylor, for her "Go with the Flow" piece.

Scott and Snyder credit the WCAC and the Ocean City Art League for the artistic opportunities they have been able to reap on the shore.

"Artists, whether they're three-dimensional, glass, sculptors, or wood, See LIBRARY Page 19

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Macy Snyder's artistic journey began with oil paintings initially but she also enjoys working with watercolor.

## Library spotlights area artists

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have so many opportunities here," Scott said. "There is a core. Some people think you must be in Nantucket, DC, or New York to pursue this... but you do not. We have a better closeness and community because of the kind of small-town area this is."

The local art organizations offer classes, lectures, and the ability to showcase work through their galleries.

The Worcester County Arts Council has also opened registration for its Paint Worcester County, plein air event, from September 15 to September 20. Competing artists will paint outdoors at their leisure at any location in Worcester County to win a cash prize. The deadline to enter is Aug. 31.

Spectators can watch artists at work and are invited to a free sale and exhibit on Friday, September 20, at the Berlin Public Library. Pieces created during the event will be available for purchase.

Individuals seeking additional information about the Paint Worcester County contest may contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809 or visit their website.

# Worcester burn ban rescinded

(Aug. 1, 2024) Late last week, Worcester County officials lifted an outdoor burn ban that had been in place since June 21.

"Due to the significant amounts of rainfall throughout the county during the week, according to the latest Department of Agriculture drought indicator report, the drought conditions have improved, and the burn ban has been lifted," Fire Marshal Matt Owens said in a news release issued July 25.

The ban was issued during a dry period for "an indefinite amount of time" until the conditions dissipated. The ban applied to all outdoor ignition sources, with the exception of proper use of gas and charcoal

grills; campfires at county campgrounds; permitted official Ocean City bonfires; private property recreational campfires limited to a fire area of 2 feet with a height of 3 feet; public fireworks displays; and volunteer fire company training exercises.

The release added that anyone who conducts outdoor burnings, regardless of the type, is reminded that the law requires all fires to be attended from start to extinguishment. Those who burn are encouraged to be respectful of neighbors, and take precautions by having the proper tools and a water supply available.

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# New Md. bay license plate design revealed

(Aug. 1, 2024) Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) in partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, and Chesapeake Bay Trust this week revealed an updated design for the Maryland bay license plate.

Funds from Chesapeake Bay license plate purchases have long been invested in both the Chesapeake and coastal bays, and now the new design emphasizes the local waters.

"Today is all about partnerships with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and the Chesapeake Bay Trust stepping up to include the Coastal Bays in the updated design of the Maryland bay license plate," Carozza, whose district includes Maryland's five coastal bays, said during the unveiling on Tuesday. "With the new bay plates, I expect more Marylanders and beyond will support, explore, protect and enjoy our stunning coastal bays along with our beautiful Chesapeake Bay and multiple scenic waterways across the great State of Maryland."

According to a news release, the first bay license plate was launched in 1990 and was one of the first specialty license plates in the country. In 2004, a second design was unveiled, and in 2018, the third design was unveiled, which won an international design award from the

American Association of License Plate Collectors ([alpc.org/bestplate/2018/](http://alpc.org/bestplate/2018/)). Building on the 2018 redesign, the modification emphasizes the importance of the coastal bays. Today, 7% of Maryland vehicles sport a bay license plate.

"The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is thrilled that the Coastal Bays will be acknowledged on the Bay Plate," Kevin Smith, executive director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, said. "The environmental role of the Coastal Bays is an important part of Maryland's myriad natural resource landscape as is the significance of its overall economic contribution to Maryland."

The majority of the revenue from the license plate, after a portion is retained by the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the program, flows annually through the Chesapeake Bay Trust to hundreds of nonprofit, community-based grantees to lead projects in wildlife habitat improvement work, water quality restoration, and education and awareness. The Chesapeake Bay Trust uses the money to empower communities who want to play a role in protecting and restoring natural resources to take local action to protect the environment.

"From the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake and even to the Youghigheny watershed in far western Maryland, our



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Pictured, from left, are Jana Davis, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust; Chrissy Nizer, Administrator of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration; Steve Tyler, current Maryland Coastal Bays Chair and former MCB Executive Director; Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38); and Kevin Smith, executive director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program with the new bays license plate.

goal is to empower people all over our State to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring our natural resources," Jana Davis, president of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, said. "This updated license plate will support even more community-driven initiatives to improve and protect forests, streams, rivers, wildlife, and ultimately, our bays."

The "Protect the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays" license plate can be purchased for \$20 through an MDOT MVA branch, car dealerships, tag and title

agencies, or online at [cbtrust.org/purchase-a-bay-plate/](http://cbtrust.org/purchase-a-bay-plate/).

"Over the last 30 years, the partnership between MVA and the Chesapeake Bay Trust has provided funding to expand education and resources to protect the Bay watershed," Motor Vehicle Administrator Chrissy Nizer said. "More than 370,000 of our customers have bay plates which shows our customer's commitment to environmental sustainability and we're proud to be able to provide this opportunity for them to do so."

## County creates wedding guide

(Aug. 1, 2024) Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development has launched a guide to help people plan weddings and vow renewals at venues across Worcester County.

The "Say 'I Do' on Maryland's Coast" publication is a 16-page booklet featuring local photography and a directory showcasing the diverse range of venue options, from scenic waterfronts to rustic barns, from Ocean City to Pocomoke City. The guide also lists available vendors for florals, shuttles, chairs, and more.

"We are thrilled to launch this guide and look forward to engaging with couples and those seeking venues for their special occasions," Advertising and Des-

ignation Marketing Specialist Brianna Dix said in a news release. "After a roundtable discussion at our office, we recognized the need for a resource to invite couples to explore this area and take advantage of our variety of accommodations."

Business owners interested in a listing in the next guide issue are asked to contact Dix at [bdix@marylandscost.org](mailto:bdix@marylandscost.org) or 410-632-3110, ext. 2123.

For a mailed hard copy of the guide, call the Tourism and Economic Development Office at 410-632-3110. To view the digital version, complete with links to each business, visit [tinyurl.com/Weddings-on-Marylands-Coast](http://tinyurl.com/Weddings-on-Marylands-Coast).

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# Support propels Children's House addition

(Aug. 1, 2024) The long-awaited renovation and addition to a property on the ocean block of 65th Street is well underway, thanks to the efforts of generous contractors, businesses, and local residents who are supporting the construction of the new addition to the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea.

When completed, this new respite facility for pediatric cancer patients and their families will adjoin Believe In Tomorrow's flagship facility on 66th Street. The focus of the new facility will be to serve children with short life expectancies, as well as larger families and families of active U.S. military personnel.

Since 1986, thousands of critically ill children and their families have traveled from around the country to Ocean City, where they have found peace, joy, and healing by the sea. For many pediatric patients, it is one of their first opportunities to get away from a hospital setting and enjoy an array of fun and relaxing opportunities.

Leading the way in the 65th Street renovation project are Igor Conev and Mann Properties, who are helping to coordinate labor and material donations, and Robert Purcell and his company, Beechwood Homes, who is volunteering to serve as the project's general contractor and is coordinating the construction effort.

The Home Builders Care Foundation of Maryland has also taken a lead role in this project, which was named the Care Foundation's 2024 Project of the Year. Through the foundation's director, Patti Kane, Home Builders Care Foundation is coordinating contributions of labor and materials from members of the Maryland Building Industry Association.

Among the many local contractors donating to the project are Mike Thompson and his company Edison Electric, who is donating all electrical contracting labor and materials; Mike Reynolds and his company Northern Building and Restoration, who is donating the installation of the windows, doors, and siding; local architectural

consultant Steven Cirile, who donated the building design; Kirk Parsons and Engineering Technical Consultants, who are donating engineering services, Kristen Walbert and Glen Wood of Tecta America East, who are donating the roof; U.S. Mobile Kitchens is donating all of the appliances; and Eric McFadden and his company Trident Fire Protection are donating the sprinkler system.

A complete list of major donors to the project will soon be available on the Believe In Tomorrow Foundation website.

Although many contractors and suppliers have mobilized to build the new Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea addition, the effort still needs building materials and labor in time to open its doors to families early next year, according to a statement issued by the nonprofit organization.

Plumbing and HVAC are critical needs at this point in the project's development, organizers said. Anyone interested in contributing to the project should email Brian Morrison at [bmorrison@believeintomorrow.org](mailto:bmorrison@believeintomorrow.org), or call Mary Brown or Amanda Koontz at the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea office at 410-723-2842.

The Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation opened the first pediatric respite program in the United States in Ocean City. Currently, six families each week participate in the Ocean City respite program. In just the past several weeks, families have come from as far away as Texas, Connecticut, Ohio, and Colorado in search of a healing experience by the sea.

Believe In Tomorrow is widely recognized as a national leader in the area of pediatric hospital and respite housing services and has provided over 975,000 overnight stays to critically ill children and their families.

To learn more about Believe In Tomorrow, visit [believeintomorrow.org](http://believeintomorrow.org). To take a tour of the Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By The Sea on 66th Street, contact Mary or Amanda at 410-723-2842.



Guests at the Children's House by the Sea relax at the "Tiki Bar," where patrons "must be 18 and under to be seated."

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# School collection drive stepped up this year

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 1, 2024) Worcester GOLD, a group that supports low-income county residents, and the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department have teamed up to collect school supplies for children in need.

The organizers are requesting pencil boxes, pink erasers, composition books, 3x5 and 4x6 index cards, scissors, solid color pocket folders, #2 pencils, blue, black, and red pens, crayons, one-inch and two-inch binders, colored pencils, spiraled notebooks, and pencil cap erasers.

Worcester GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford said the most needed items include backpacks, wired headphones, tissue boxes, disinfecting wipes, gallon and quart storage bags, glue sticks, dry-erase markers, highlighters, and hand sanitizer.

Supplies will be collected at the Ocean Pines Police Department's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, beginning at 6 p.m. The recreation and parks group is also currently accepting donations in the community center lobby until the first responders' event.

According to Cranford, Worcester GOLD has been running its School Supplies for Students Program for over 25 years, receiving 300 plus re-

quests from the community to help children living in low-income households. Individuals can donate directly to the organization by mailing a check, with "school supplies" on the memo line, to PO Box 335, Snow Hill, MD 21863, or online. Visit [www.WorcesterGold.org](http://www.WorcesterGold.org) for more information.

For the last few years, Worcester GOLD has had the support of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, which will be collecting school supplies at National Night Out and in the OPA community center lobby. This allows residents who live in the area to donate easily.

"This program provides students with the school and grade-specific supplies they need to be prepared to learn and blend in with their peers," Cranford said. "We partner with the schools to collect the lists to ensure each child has the needed items."

The executive director noted that Worcester GOLD will collect school items during the Worcester County Fair in Snow Hill from Friday, August 9 to Sunday, August 11. The University of Maryland Extension office is partnering with Worcester GOLD and the fair on the effort.

The fair will be held at John Walter Smith Park at 6022 Public Landing Road, adjacent to the Worcester County Recreation Center. Fair hours

are Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The charitable organization is also gearing up to host its "Fill the VAULT" campaign in October.

"We'll be collecting new basic needs items like clothing, diapers, hygiene items, and household products," Cranford said. "The VAULT (Vast Amounts of Useful Little Things) is a See SUPPLY Page 23



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# Vibratones playing at Germantown School

(Aug. 1, 2024) The Vibratones, a regional 1960s-era Motown band, is coming to Germantown School Community Heritage Center this weekend for an outdoor performance that will serve as a fundraiser for the historic Berlin facility.

According to a news release, in 1961, a group of musicians at Maryland State College, now University of Maryland Eastern Shore, formed the Motown sound band and quickly drew a large following across the Eastern Shore.

Thriving in an era when African Americans were banned from white establishments, the Vibratones be-

came a staple of the Eastern Shore music scene, playing in venues large and small to enthusiastic audiences. After four years, one of the founding members, Clarence Clemons, moved to New Jersey and joined Bruce Springsteen, becoming the "Big Man" of the E Street band.

The Vibratones continued to play on the Eastern Shore, balancing careers with their music, adding new members and welcoming back old. Back in the day one of their favorite gigs was high school dances, so it is fitting that the Germantown School Community Heritage Center will host  
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The Vibratones, a 1960s-era Motown band with regional roots that will be playing at a Germantown School Community Heritage Center fundraiser this weekend, are pictured.

# Pines club to host annual craft fest Aug. 3

(Aug. 1, 2024) The Pine'er Craft Club will host its annual August Craft Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 3, in both the Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park.

A tradition in the community for nearly five decades, the event will feature dozens of local artisans and crafters selling 100% handmade items and unique home décor.

Craft Club President Sharon Puser said in a news release that many of the creators return for the event each year.

"We try to offer a nice array of crafts, from pottery, wreaths, wood signs and fiber crafts to sea glass jew-

elry and specialty home décor," she said. "Our event chair, Kelly Shoaf Davis, asks that each applicant submit photos of their work, and she takes great care in her booth arrangement."

The Kiwanis Club will sell lunch items during the festival, and craft club members will host a bake sale featuring a variety of sweet treats that sell out each year.

The event is free and open to the public and offers free parking. There is no rain date, and the festival will go on, rain or shine.

"If you want to see even more locally handcrafted items, be certain to

stop in at the Artisan Gift Shop just across White Horse Park from the Community Center," Puser said. "The shop will be open during regular hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We showcase seasonal items as well as home décor favorites."

Coming up, the craft club will host the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Nov. 2. Space for the event is already sold out.

Anyone interested in joining the

club should contact Sherry Waskey at sherwaskey@gmail.com for more information.

Since its inception, the craft club has donated nearly \$185,000 back to Ocean Pines. The club has been proudly handcrafting in Ocean Pines for 50 years.

For more information, visit ocean-pines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop or search Ocean Pines Pine'er Craft Club on Facebook.

# Supply drive adds new partners

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room in our office where we keep new basic needs items for our eligible clients to shop for what they need in a private and dignified way."

The School Supplies for Students Program provides each child in need with a backpack filled with grade-specific items catered to their needs. The project helps children experiencing homelessness, foster care, disabilities, and those living in single-parent

homes.

In addition to donating, individuals can become shoppers, where they are matched up with a student and purchase supplies based on their specific needs. For more information, visit www.WorcesterGold.org.

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# Opinion

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## ‘Let Them Play’ helps kids get leg up in life

Some kids have the skills, or ability to develop them, and some others just want to be part of the same thing their friends and acquaintances enjoy. But regardless of their motivations or desire to see what they can do, it’s all beside the point if they can’t afford to participate.

Anyone with a heart has to feel bad for the kid who stares wistfully at the ball diamond, athletic field, court or arena, wanting more than anything to be involved but knows that can’t happen because of financial hardship.

That’s why the new “Let Them Play Delmarva” sports equipment drive launched by Ashley Barcus and Lauren Nornes ought to be hitting a soft spot with just about anyone who becomes aware of their effort to supply less fortunate kids with the gear they need to participate.

Barcus and Nornes believe that participating in sports is a big part of childhood development and it certainly can be in ways well beyond the recreational aspects of athletic endeavors.

In team sports, for instance, children can learn how to work with others in pursuit of a common objective, how to communicate more effectively and how depending on each other can produce good results.

In individual sports, children can learn that success requires more than just ability or a desire to do well, but also demands commitment, dedication, patience and just plain hard work.

These are attributes that everyone needs to thrive in today’s society, and helping more kids gain these life skills is more than a noble exercise, it’s the right thing to do for them and for society overall.

With that in mind, we recommend joining “Let Them Play Delmarva” in helping get these kids where they want to go in sports and, perhaps, where they need to go in life.



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A Hauck Farm combine rolls down Main Street in Snow Hill during a past Blessing of the Combines event.

## Combines, crab races, carnival rides

### Agriculture Week features events of all sizes through county

(Aug. 1, 2024) From Aug. 3-11, Worcester County will be celebrating Agriculture Week with an array of events and activities.

“From combines to crab races to countywide fairs, farm life will take center stage for this weeklong celebration,” Melanie Pursel, director of Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development, said in a news release. “We invite everyone to come out and discover the people, places, and festivals that make up the heartbeat of our vibrant, rural Worcester County farming community.”

The 24th Annual Blessing of the Combines begins at 11 a.m., Aug. 3, in Snow Hill. The grounds will rumble, as fleets of 13-ton combines and farm equipment roll into town. Celebrating local agriculture and honoring farm families. The event will include a petting barnyard, live music, pedal tractor pull, hayrides, food, and beverages. View the schedule at [blessingofthecomboines.org](http://blessingofthecomboines.org) [www.blessingofthecomboines.org](http://www.blessingofthecomboines.org).

**From 10 a.m. to 3**

**p.m., Aug. 3,** the annual Peach Festival will be held on the Taylor House Museum lawn in Berlin. The event will feature live music and kids’ activities. Peach pies, peach slushies, and more will be available to buy. Learn more about this sweet event at [taylorhouse-museum.org](http://taylorhouse-museum.org) [www.taylorhouse-museum.org](http://www.taylorhouse-museum.org).

Experience beekeeping at BayBees Honey, at 11244 Hall Road in Whaleyville on Aug. 4. Learn why everyone should be a beekeeper and how to make honey products. The cost is on special for \$35 per person. RSVP online. Available spots are first come, first served.

**From 2-4 p.m., Aug. 4,** take a behind-the-scenes tour of ice cream making operations at Worcester County’s last working dairy farm, Chesapeake Bay Farms, at 4111 Whitesburg Road in Pocomoke. All participants will receive a free waffle cone upgrade with any ice cream purchase.

**From 3-5 p.m., Aug. 5,** watch crab races, learn about scallops and bivalves, and paddle out on the bay at Baywater Landing, at 3908 Bayside Road in Snow Hill. Visitors will learn about the seafood industry and the aquaculture business.

**Then at 6 p.m., Aug. 5,** children ages 8-12, can dive into STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) at Peach Oak Farm, at 10839 St. Martin’s Road in Berlin. Participants will explore the process of the four-chambered stomach. Space is limited. RSVP at 443-397-2113.

**From 2-4 p.m., Aug. 6,** see a Japanese kokedama making demonstration and shop the pottery studio at Libelle Homestead, at 8152 Libertytown Road in Berlin. Parking is limited to 20 vehicles. Wear comfortable shoes. Heels are not permitted in the greenhouse.

**From 2-6 p.m., Aug. 7,** view life on a working horse farm at Rusted Star Ranch, at 8616 Cedar Lane Road in Berlin. There will be an open house and free kids’ activities. Children must wear closed-toed shoes for pony rides in the arena.

**From 3-6 p.m., Aug. 8,** take part in a fiber processing workshop at Marshall Creek Farm, at 9048 Marshall Creek Road in Newark. Signature cocktails and light refreshments will be provided. The cost per person is \$55. Sign up online.

**Then at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 8,** indulge in Practice See BLESSING Page 25

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# Blessing of the Combines celebrates farming Saturday

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Where You Peach yoga at Bennett Orchards, at 31442 Peachtree Lane in Frankford, Delaware. Afterward, enjoy complimentary gather alfajores and pick-your-own quarter-peck bag of peaches. Space is available for 75 individuals. The cost is \$45 per person. Tickets are available online.

**From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 9,** savor fresh, delicious tomatoes and learn about the harvesting process at Cross Farm, at 9933 Pitts Road in Berlin. An heirloom tomato tasting event will be hosted by The Blacksmith Restaurant.

The grand finale of Agriculture Week includes not one, but two fairs.

**From Aug. 8-11,** visit the Great Pocomoke Fair, at 2037 Broad Street in Pocomoke. Witness Bullride Mania Rodeo Company cowboys tame their steeds. Then take in carnival rides, games, live entertainment, and more.

**From Aug. 9-11,** take in the Worcester County Fair, at John Walter Smith Park at 6022 Public Landing Road in Snow Hill. This fair celebrates the fruits of harvest, handiwork of local artisans, and the prowess of farmers, young and old alike, who raise crops and blue-ribbon quality livestock.

Both fairs will include live entertainment, kids' activities, farm animals, and farm-fresh food and beverages. View the schedule of events at [worcestercountyfair.org](http://worcestercountyfair.org) and [www.worcestercountyfair.org](http://www.worcestercountyfair.org).

Agriculture Week in Worcester County – hosted by WCTED in partnership with the Worcester County Department of Recreation and Parks – is also a great time to explore the local farmers markets.

“Shopping at area farmers markets is a great way to eat healthy and support local farm families,” WCTED

Advertising and Destination Marketing Specialist Brianna Dix said in the release. “Discover fresh farm-to-table foods and crafts from local artisans at the farmers markets that operate in each of the seven districts within Maryland’s Coast.”

Farmers markets schedules are as follows:

- **8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays,** the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market takes place at White Horse Park

- **9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundays,** the Berlin Farmers Market takes place on Pitts, Commerce, and Main streets

- **Noon to 5 p.m., Thursdays,** the Snow Hill Farmers Market takes place at the Green Street Parking Lot.

- **7 a.m., Fridays,** the Pocomoke Farmers Market takes place at 3 Market Street

- **8 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays,** the Ocean City Farmers Market takes place at Gold Coast Mall

Learn more about Agriculture Week activities at [visitmaryland-scoast.org](http://visitmaryland-scoast.org), or visit the individual Facebook event pages. For additional information, contact Dix [bdix@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:bdix@co.worcester.md.us) or 410-632-3112 x2123.



(Above) Scallops are harvested at Baywater Landing Marina in Snow Hill. (Left) Bees are pictured during a harvest at BayBees Honey in Whaleyville. PHOTOS COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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# Snapshots



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## RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ocean City Lions Club President Greg Cathell, right, presents recognition awards for the 2023-24 service year. Pictured, from left row one, are Jeff Facello, Greg Burgan, Sarah Hooper and Sean Williams. From left, row two, are Joe Myles and Scott Stark. Row, three, are Chuck Becker, Mike Hooper and Steve McMillan.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Local concierge Dr. Angela Gibbs, whose practice is in the Pavilions at 11200 Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City on July 10. She is pictured here with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing.



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## HOSPICE FEATURED

Lauren Blair of Coastal Hospice's Macky & Pam Stansell House in Ocean Pines was the guest speaker at a recent Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City meeting. She is pictured at the meeting with Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN CITY SURF CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER TONY PRATT

## SURF INTO INTEGRITY CAMP

The Ocean City Surf Club held its annual Surf Into Integrity Summer Camp 2024 on July 22 and 23. The children who attended from Stephen Decatur Middle School, pictured, had an incredible experience, as some had never been to the beach and some never in the ocean, but they got to ride a few waves for the first time in their lives. The Ocean City Beach Patrol also spoke to the kids during the camp.

# COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS



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## LIONS CLUB OFFICERS

Pictured, from left, are the new Ocean City Lions Club officers, President Stark, Director Greg Burgan, outgoing president Greg Cathell, Treasurer Chuck Becker, Director Danny Lewis, First Vice President Steve McMillan, Food Drive Chair Jeff Facello and Membership and Scholarship Chair Sean Williams.



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## NARCAN EXPLAINED

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City, retired paramedic and club member Kitty Wrench, pictured with Club President Bob Wolfing, explained the use of Narcan to revive those who might have overdosed on drugs.



PHOTO COURTESY GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## LAW FIRM OPENS OFFICE

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce celebrated Cockey Brennan & Maloney PC's new location in West Ocean City at 12216 Ocean Gateway on July 16 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. For 15 years, CBM has provided representation to clients throughout Maryland while retaining its Eastern Shore roots. Pictured, from left, are attorneys Heather Konyar, Ashley Bosche, Thomas Maloney, Taylor Mooney, Robin Cockey, Laura Ryan, Mark Brennan and Peter Golba.



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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE THANKED

In the spring, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to Worcester County graduating senior students from Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Stephen Decatur high schools. Pictured are several of the club's Scholarship Committee members, who evaluated the applications and chose the award recipients. From left, are Mary Page, Chair Jim Maratea, Kathy Hill, John McLaughlin, and Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing, who presented the members with certificates of appreciation at a recent meeting..



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## AGRICULTURE WEEK PROCLAIMED

Aug. 3-11 is Agriculture Week in Worcester County. The commissioners recently issued a proclamation to area farmers and Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development professionals to promote a number of farming activities to take place countywide, beginning with the Blessing of the Combines and culminating with the Greater Pocomoke Fair and Worcester County Fair. Pictured, front row from left, are WCTED Advertising and Destination Marketing Specialist Brianna Dix and Director Melanie Pursel, Claire Rush of Baywater Landing, and WCTED Business Development and Retention Specialist Michele Burke. Pictured, second row from left, are Lauren Pascarella of Bay-Bees Honey, Shawn and Carol Cross of Cross Farms, Worcester County Recreation and Parks Superintendent Jacob Stephens and Lee Beauchamp of Baywater Landing. Third row, from left, are Commissioners Caryn Abbott, Jim Bunting and Joe Mitrecic, Commissioner President Chip Bertino, and Commissioners Eric Fiori, Ted Elder and Diana Purnell.



## EFFORTS HONORED

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean does a lot of fundraising to support local youth and the community. On May 2, a very successful Bingo Night was held at the Sterling Tavern in Berlin and two Kiwanis Club members who obtained gifts from local merchants and made up baskets for the prizes were issued appreciation certificates. Pictured with their certificates are Tom Flanagan and Kathy Hill, along with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing.

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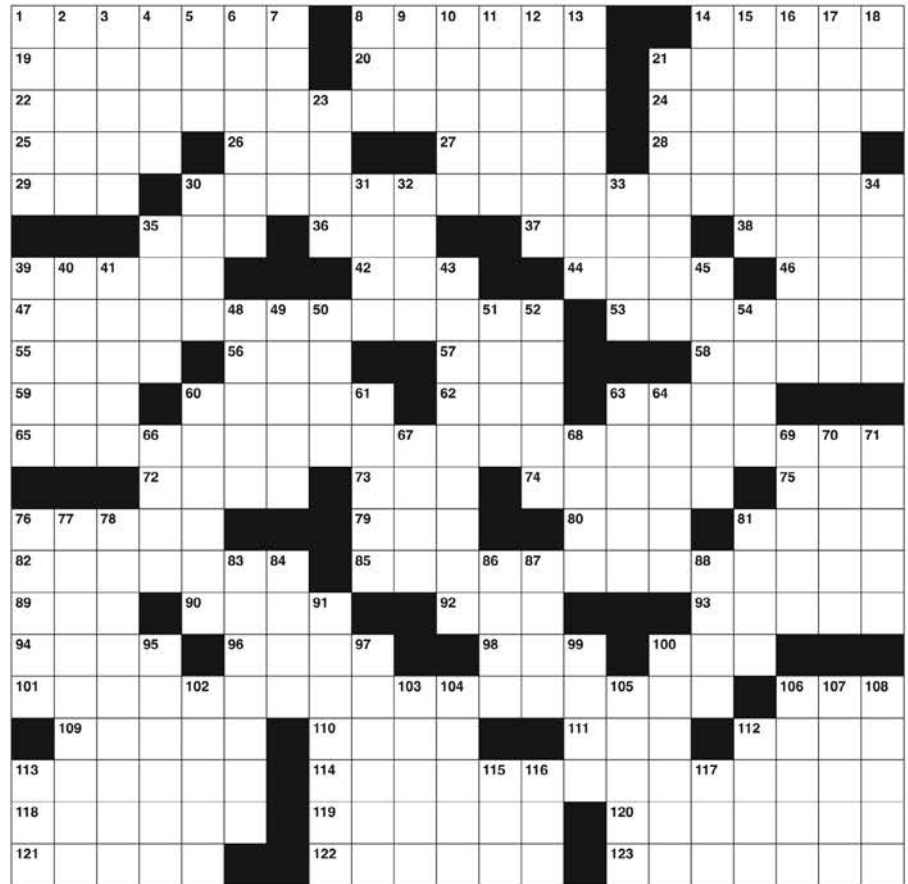
# Puzzles

## IN MY DEFENSE ...

BY JOHN EW BANK / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Ewbank is a scientific writer based in Macclesfield, England. This is the rare example of a puzzle where writing the theme clues took a similar amount of time to making the grid. John would like to put it on record that people who don't like this puzzle smell bad (AD HOMINEM) and want to dumb down the crossword to the point where a 5-year-old could solve it (STRAW MAN).

- Across**
- 1 Fills, as a moving van
  - 8 "Incorrect!"
  - 14 Country on the Gulf of Guinea
  - 19 "Oh, really?" informally
  - 20 River through the Black Forest
  - 21 Corkscrew-shaped pasta
  - 22 All crossword fans love this puzzle; anyone who doesn't love this puzzle can't be a \*real\* crossword fan!
  - 24 Capable
  - 25 "Seat" for a toddler
  - 26 Bygone auto inits.
  - 27 Pieces of apparel that might have concert dates printed on them
  - 28 Mars, a star
  - 29 Flash
  - 30 Why was this chosen as today's puzzle? Because it's great! What makes it great? I mean, it was chosen for publication!
  - 35 Kind of candidate
  - 36 Plastic \_\_\_ Band
  - 37 Sport with the rank yokozuna ("grand champion")
  - 38 Light beige
  - 39 Tear
  - 42 Comic-book sound
  - 44 What "you better not" do, in "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"
- Down**
- 1 Hot \_\_\_ (breakfast side)
  - 2 Global protection
  - 3 Onetime pyramid builder
  - 4 Go out on a limb
  - 5 Bassist Cook of Creedence Clearwater Revival
- 46 Nintendo avatar
  - 47 I sent this crossword to 100 friends, and two of them really liked it!
  - 53 Fixed sum, for some
  - 55 Make like a nomad
  - 56 Story \_\_\_
  - 57 "What did I say?!"
  - 58 Hint of color
  - 59 Balance provider
  - 60 Shrank (from)
  - 62 16th-birthday present, sometimes
  - 63 Locale
  - 65 What's more, one of those friends won the lottery right after solving it — coincidence? I think not!
  - 72 Piece worth approximately five pawns
  - 73 Many, many years
  - 74 "Capeesh?"
  - 75 Squeeze (out)
  - 76 Paintball impact sound
  - 79 Beetle juice?
  - 80 Opposite of bien
  - 81 \_\_\_ gift (common spring purchase)
  - 82 Lizard's grippers
  - 85 If you criticize this puzzle, where will it end? Before long, you'll be criticizing your mother's cooking!
  - 89 Make a choice
  - 90 Expresses disapproval, in a way
  - 92 Aberdeen denial
  - 93 World capital or the name of its gulf
- 94 Sled-dog command
  - 96 Punishment for goofing off in practice, perhaps
  - 98 Org. whose website has a "What Can I Bring?" section
  - 100 Certain publication, in brief
  - 101 Besides, The New York Times said it was good!
  - 106 Trisolarians in "The Three-Body Problem," e.g., for short
  - 109 Model material
  - 110 Humble reply to a compliment
  - 111 "Go on ..."
  - 112 Blind piece
  - 113 Home of Mount Doom in "The Lord of the Rings"
  - 114 Part of a flawed argument, examples of which are seen throughout this puzzle
  - 118 Corpulent
  - 119 Previously, poetically
  - 120 Not touched, in a way
  - 121 Zoom alternative
  - 122 What fingerprints and mountains have
  - 123 Credulous quality
- 6 Email address, often
  - 7 Wannabe
  - 8 Bachelor's last words
  - 9 Part of a sleeve, in brief
  - 10 Commercial lead-in to cart
  - 11 Region of ancient Mesopotamia
  - 12 Pro hoopsters
  - 13 React to a sensitive subject, say
  - 14 Camera that comes with a head strap
  - 15 Harmonize
  - 16 Certain cyborgs
  - 17 What Homer Simpson gives to Marge as jewelry
  - 18 Very conservative player, in poker lingo
  - 21 Erases
  - 23 Pixar movie with the song "Un Poco Loco"
  - 30 Singer with No. 1 hits in the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s
  - 31 Insensitive, in a way
  - 32 Style
  - 33 Old Testament book
  - 34 Tourist's aid
  - 35 Treatment whose name suggests its long-lasting effects
  - 39 Quarrel
  - 40 Snap
  - 41 Stationery stacks
  - 43 Where Barbie is originally from, according to her creators
  - 45 Giggle
  - 48 "Yippee!"
  - 49 Cause to pop, say
  - 50 Summer treat
  - 51 Semimonthly tide
  - 52 Leader of the Pacemakers in 1960s pop



- 54 Fishing spot
- 60 Aimed for
- 61 Last sips
- 63 Weapon for Achilles
- 64 Four-time FIFA World Cup winner
- 66 Hunter's construction
- 67 Cry from a hockey commentator
- 68 "Great heavens!"
- 69 Night \_\_\_ (bird)
- 70 Mammal endemic to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 71 Gives up
- 76 Leaf opening
- 77 Story with many dimensions?
- 78 "Time to celebrate!"
- 81 Noise at a beer festival
- 83 Slow-witted sort
- 84 Number in a recap
- 86 Way
- 87 MXN, on a currency chart
- 88 Hotel visit
- 91 Plot ruiner
- 95 Aged well
- 97 Enlightened state in Zen Buddhism
- 99 Asia's \_\_\_ Sea
- 100 13,000+-foot peak in Yosemite
- 102 All together
- 103 Prodded
- 104 Like a dramatic ninth-inning run, perhaps
- 105 Just for kicks
- 106 Overjoy
- 107 "Don't play," on a music score
- 108 "Funny Girl" composer Jule
- 112 Eastern European
- 113 Title awarded after a match?
- 115 Iowa college
- 116 Sympathetic sounds
- 117 Gift tied together with string

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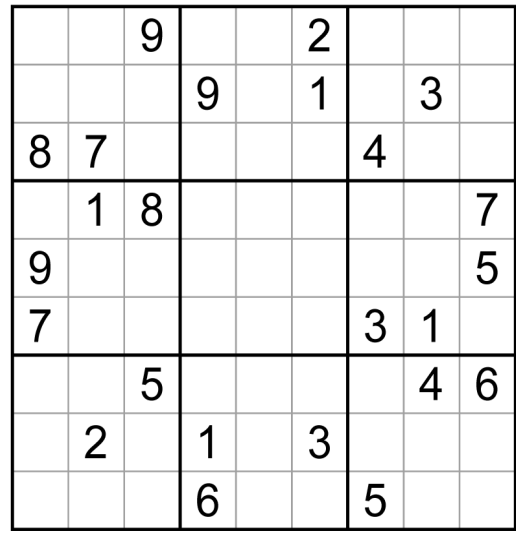
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## HARD - 27

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.



### Answers to last week's puzzles

8	3	4	6	9	5	2	1	7
7	6	2	1	8	4	5	9	3
1	9	5	3	2	7	6	4	8
5	7	6	9	3	2	1	8	4
9	2	3	8	4	1	7	5	6
4	8	1	7	5	6	3	2	9
3	5	9	2	7	8	4	6	1
2	1	8	4	6	3	9	7	5
6	4	7	5	1	9	8	3	2



# Hofman prints offered with ALOC's membership drive

(July 11, 2024) The Art League of Ocean City is kicking off its summer membership drive by offering limited-edition art prints, signed and numbered by Ocean Pines artist Randy Hofman, with all new or renewing memberships, while supplies last.

The art print is taken from an original painting by Hofman, now on exhibit at the center for the arts, and features the Assateague ponies on the

beach with the Ocean City skyline in the background. Hofman is renowned for his art on the Ocean City beach, where he carves sand into intricate sculptures, and is also a prolific painter.

"This is a rare and historic opportunity to collect a work of art by an iconic Ocean City artist, as Randy Hofman does not usually offer prints of his work," Rina Thaler, executive director of the art league, said in a news release. "Start your collection of our annual membership prints or add to the collection you already have."

Members receive a 10% discount on purchases made at the arts center, including the original art on the walls and pieces from the gift shop and artists' studios, and 20% off class fees. Members are also notified personally of special events, including the monthly First Friday opening receptions, and other opportunities, including special events, theater performances, music and classes.

The art league offers tax-deductible memberships in several levels for individuals, students, seniors and families, starting at \$25 per year. Corporate memberships are also available.

"Art matters," Thaler said. "If you



Artist Randy Hofman, of Ocean Pines, poses with a print of an original painting, now on exhibit at the center for the arts, that features the Assateague ponies on the beach with the Ocean City skyline in the background. The print will be offered during the Art League of Ocean City's summer membership drive. PHOTO COURTESY ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

# Motown band to play on Saturday

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the band from 6-9 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 3, half a century after they played at the Worcester High School prom.

Tickets for the outdoor event are \$15 and go to support the Germantown School at 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin. Everyone to come, bring coolers and chairs and enjoy a mid summer step back in time.

For more information, call 410-641-0638 or email Karenpregaman@gmail.com

engage in the arts, you are benefitting not only yourself but the entire community. Your membership helps us keep the doors open and free to all. Your support has a direct and tremendous impact on the lives of artists by encouraging and mentoring young talent and providing a safe outlet for creative ideas. We hope you will become a part of the arts."

The art league currently has more than 1,200 members and a long history in the Town of Ocean City. Founded in 1963 and originally housed in the current City Hall building, the art league moved into its new state-of-the-art home on 94th Street

2013 and is celebrating 61 years in the resort.

The art league's mission is to promote the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, classes, programs and community art events. The arts center and the art league are supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art.

Complete membership details can be accessed on the art league's website at OCart.org/belong, by calling the arts center at 420-524-9433, or by stopping by the arts center at 502 94th St.



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Saturday Noon-3pm	304 S, Heron Gull Court Ocean City	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,399,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
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Sat & Sun 10am-Noon	377 Walnut Hill Drive, Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$749,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sat & Sun 1-3pm	8814 Hunting Hound Rd., Berlin	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$669,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	11602 S. Hills Drive, Berlin	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-3pm	302 N. Main Street, Berlin	3BR/1.5 BA	Single Family	\$385,000	Paul Cook/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-3pm	304 N. Main Street, Berlin	2BR/2BA	Single Family	\$585,000	Paul Cook/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 4-6pm	2 Crab Cay Court, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA/2 half BA	Single Family	\$577,000	Nikki Rayne Rose/Keller William Realty
Saturday 9am-11am	2 Crab Cay Court, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA/2 half BA	Single Family	\$577,000	Nikki Rayne Rose/Keller William Realty
Saturday 1pm-3pm	2 Crab Cay Court, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA/2 half BA	Single Family	\$577,000	Nikki Rayne Rose/Keller William Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	2 Crab Cay Court, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA/2 half BA	Single Family	\$577,000	Nikki Rayne Rose/Keller William Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	207 Kingfish Road, Ocean City	6BR/4BA	Single Family	\$2,199,000	Kevin Decker/Coastal Life Realty Group
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	14 68th St. #203 Sea Lodge, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$434,900	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker
Sunday 10am-1pm	11000 Coastal Hwy. #1703 Capri, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$530,000	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker



# Calendar

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## Thurs., Aug. 1

### SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHT

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Enjoy a free concert and sunset views over the Isle of Wight Bay. Featuring "Hot Sauce Band" (classic favorites with a spicy twist). <http://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/>

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "The Swingtime Dolls." Free family-friendly entertainment. Bring chairs and blankets. BYOB permitted, concessions for sale. Held Thursdays through Aug. 22. 410-641-7052

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. For patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. The service is free but requires an appointment: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### PEACH FESTIVAL 2024!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Peaches, ice cream, smoothies, flea market, vendor tables, silent auction, food, kids activities and health fair. Holiday room and music. Book and media room. 410-524-7474, <http://www.stpetersoc.com>

### SPIDER-MAN DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Discover Spider-Man's origins and celebrate him on National Spider-Man Day. Come dressed as your favorite Spider-man. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014

### 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)

### 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)

### STEM ADVENTURE WITH THE SCIENCE GUYS

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)

### LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines

Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join in for a LEGO challenge event. All materials provided. For ages 6-12 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STEM ADVENTURE WITH THE SCIENCE GUYS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Adventure reveals challenges of defying gravity and electrifying obstacles, all while exploring science principles to navigate and escape. For ages 6-11 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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., Aug. 2

### 2ND ANNUAL MARLINS FOR MASON

Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City. Held at the Ocean City Marlin Club and Atlantic Tackle. Free to watch weigh-ins. Benefiting The Dravet Syndrome Foundation. Entry details: <https://marlinsformason.com>. [marlinsformason@gmail.com](mailto:marlinsformason@gmail.com)

### FLEA MARKET

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 410-524-7474, <http://www.stpetersoc.com>

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

### ARTISTIC ARENA: BOOKWORM SOCK PUPPET

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Create a cute bookworm sock puppet to snuggle with a good book. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR AUGUST EXHIBITS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists. FREE. All are welcome. 410-524-9433

### KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, behind St. Luke's Church. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks available before bingo and at intermission. 410-524-7994

## Sat., Aug. 3

### 16TH ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Peaches for sale, pie baking contest, Magic Jack, kids games and stories, live music by Bilenki Duo and cooking demonstration by Phil Cropper. [www.taylorhousemuseum.org](http://www.taylorhousemuseum.org)

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### SAFE BOATING COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost is \$20. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com).

### GREEN BALL TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Racquet Center, 104 61st St., 9 a.m. 18U beginner tournament. Cost is \$20 per player. Register by Aug. 1. <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/racquet/>, 410-524-8337, [askrec@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:askrec@oceancitymd.gov)

### SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650

### 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. For all ages. 410-641-0650

### FREE KIDS CRAFT

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

### 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.

### FAMILY SPLASH NIGHT

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144

Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy an evening of water-themed activities. All ages welcome. Cost is \$8 for non-resident, \$6 for resident, \$4 for swim member and \$2 for non-swimmer. 410-641-5255, [oceanpines.org](http://oceanpines.org)

## Sun., Aug. 4

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Live music by "The Players Band" (Jamaica ska reggae), 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 October - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Featuring more than 50 farmers, bakers, growers, brewers, food cultivators, distillers, creators and artists. Also free kids art projects, petting zoo, face painting and live music. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

### BERLIN FLEA MARKET

Sundays - Uptown Emporium Parking Lot, 13 S. Main St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor opportunities available. Julie, 410-726-9012; Bill, 410-629-9656

### SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sundays - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn how to sew while making a difference. 410-641-0234

### 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., Aug. 5

### 51ST ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island, 412 14th St., Ocean City, 4-9:15 p.m. World's largest and richest billfishing tournament with projected payout to exceed more than \$10 million. Free to view weigh-ins held daily from 4-9:15 p.m. <https://whitemarlinopen.com>

### MARLIN FEST

Ocean City Inlet Jetty, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Free event featuring live-streaming of the White Marlin Open weigh-ins, live music by "Opposite Directions" (12-4 p.m.), food & drink, vendors and WMO merchandise. <https://marlinfest.com>, 302-519-3176

### OC BEACH DANCE PARTY WITH FIREWORKS

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Beachside

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dance party featuring "Ocean 98 Night." Free fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. All ages welcome.

<https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/oc-beach-dance-party>

## MONDAY MORNING MOVIE AND MUNCHIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Featuring "Frozen II." Munchies provided. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## STORY TIME: TURTLES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories and plenty of fun while learning about turtles. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA OPEN REHEARSAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 11 a.m. Open rehearsal for the Chamber Music by the Sea as they prepare for international performances. All are welcome. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## STORY TIME AT THE OCEAN CITY AIRPORT

Ocean City Muni Airport-Oxb, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, 2 p.m. Special story time will include a tour and walk around an airplane. 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. A safe place for families, partners and other caregivers who share similar challenges and rewards of providing care for adults with serious illnesses. Nicole, [nfry@atlantic-general.org](mailto:nfry@atlantic-general.org), 410-641-2626

## WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Play Warhammer while using the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos 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 Champion, 410-641-0157

## QUARTER AUCTION

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Food will be available for purchase (gluten-free items). Tickets cost \$10 and include a paddle. Additional paddles available. An "all-in" paddle costs \$40. Tickets: 443-

735-4275.

## 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.Worca.org/oceancity](http://www.Worca.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., Aug. 6

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### STORY TIME: 'PIRATES'

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

### REPTILE WORLD

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Michael Shwedick will be introducing the fascinating world of reptiles. He will include a beautiful variety of reptiles from all over the world. For all ages. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market 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. 410-957-0878, [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 things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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### CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE WITH SEASHELL PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Create a one-of-a-kind piece using shells collected from local beaches. Adventure themes range from outer space to ocean depths and all points in-between. Registration required: 410-524-1818.

### TUESDAY CRAFTERNOON

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Save summer flowers in a unique way. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-641-0650. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### ANIME CLUB - SUMMER SESSIONS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Join in for special showings of anime episodes, play bingo and win some prizes. For ages 13-16 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEAFOOD NIGHT

Knights of Columbus (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-6:30 p.m. Menu for all ages including steamed crabs and steamed shrimp. Crabs must be pre-ordered by calling 410-524-7994 Monday or Tuesday morning.

### JR. LIFEGUARD CAMP

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 5:30-7 p.m., Aug. 6-8. Must be a strong swimmer. For ages 7 years and older. Cost is \$75 for residents, \$80 for non-residents. Jr. Lifeguards receive T-shirt and whistle. Register: 410-641-5255, [oceanpines.org](http://oceanpines.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., Aug. 7

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### MOVIES ON THE BEACH

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

### 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

### 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



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## BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and giggles. For ages 0-2 years. 410-208-4014, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## REPTILE WORLD

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## CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave. Free family concert begins at 10:30 a.m. At 12 p.m. there will be a workshop conducted by violinist Elena Urioste, which is open to all string players. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

## DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. Providing discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Patti Yocubik, 410-641-4217, [pyocubik@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:pyocubik@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 OCLSSM. 410-289-4991, <https://book.ocbayhopper.com/Experience>

## KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays through Aug. 26 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and information can be found on [www.kiwanisofpoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofpoc.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during August. Choose a mystery adventure from the display to read. Fill out the brief form inside and return it to the library to be entered into the drawing for a prize. 410-957-0878,

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