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Last Saturday's Berlin Spring Celebration kicked off with a bonnet parade featuring children of all ages and hats of all styles and creativity.

Skate park planning continues

Walk-through of site helps make project compatible with public works facility

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) Berlin's skatepark project continues to advance as fundraising efforts continue and officials plan for its construction.

This week, representatives from nonprofit We Heart Berlin and Berlin Public Works Director Jimmy Charles conducted a walkthrough at the future park's site, Heron Park,

and noted the structure's dimensions.

Officials said the step is vital to ensure that the public works department, which is also in the process of designing a new building in Heron Park, does not overlap with the skate park area.

The dimensions will be included in the plans for the new public works building, which will be across the parking lot from the skating hub.

"We took the dimensions, a measuring wheel, and some orange spray paint and marked the bounds of the concrete that will become our skate park," We Heart Berlin Executive Di-

rector Tony Weeg wrote on Facebook. "... This is a very proud moment for us because we actually have a place on the earth now, and it has become physical and it's not just a dream."

Weeg noted that he hopes to break ground in 2026 or 2027 and that the project is at the point where they are securing construction documents.

"We're at a good point to start doing some excavation and demolition," Weeg added. "But, we want to gain some more cash before we do that."

Before construction can begin, the
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OPVFD sets bingo night fundraiser

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a bingo night next week to help the department's efforts to maintain a safe and protected community.

The department is holding a cash bingo on Friday, May 2, at
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Public comments solicited on proposed solar project

(April 24, 2025) Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by TPE MD WO73, LLC to construct a 5.0 MW solar generating facility in Worcester County. The virtual hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. before Public Utility Law Judge Christine L. Burke.

In December 2024, TPE MD WO73 applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct an energy generating station in Maryland.

According to the application, the developer proposes to build the project, intended as part of Maryland's community solar program, on approximately 35.5 acres of a 137-acre property half mile northwest of the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Main Street in Berlin.

In addition to taking comments from the public, the hearing will include a presentation by the applicant, brief statements by the parties, including the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of

People's Counsel (the state's ratepayer advocate), and the Commission's Technical Staff, as to their respective roles in the case.

Those who would like to speak at the hearing must sign up (by Monday, May 5, 2025) through the Calendly app on the Commission's website: www.psc.state.md.us:

Under 'Featured Topics' on the right side of the webpage, click on 'Public Comment Hearing Sign Up'; click on 'Case 9772', and the hearing date and time (May 6 at 7:00 pm); click 'Next', enter name and email; and click 'Schedule Event'

Once the sign-up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link. Otherwise, the hearing can be watched on the PULJ Division's (MD PSC PULJs) YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP>

In addition to the hearing, written comments can be sent electronically through the Commission's online portal or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

Bingo night benefits OPVFD

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the Ocean Pines Community Center. Per a Facebook post by the OPVFD, doors will open at 5 p.m. and the games will kick off at 6 p.m. Grateful Grub Food Truck will be on-site, "serving up delicious eats all night long," the social media ad reads.

Tickets are \$40 per person in advance and \$45 at the door, and all proceeds support the volunteer fire department. Tickets are limited with a cap of 150 and can be obtained by visiting <https://opvfd.com/cash-bingo/>.

According to the department, 20 games will be played and there will be 18 \$50 winners, one \$250 winner, and one \$500 winner. Attendees must be at least 21 years old to participate.

The department's cash bingo nights are a fundraising staple. Additional 2025 dates include July 25, Sept. 12, and Nov. 7.

The OPVFD's fundraising efforts go toward maintaining a productive first responder team to ensure the protection of the Ocean Pines community. In addition to necessary expenses like the apparatus replacement fund, the group is working on a new South Fire Station in collaboration with the Ocean Pines Association, and that project continues to advance.

In February, OPA staff and OPVFD President Joe Enste updated the community on the initiative's timeline.

The current proposal is a 15,370-square-foot facility, which is down from the original 19,100-square-foot plan, but with an additional 760 square feet added to improve functionality. A referendum vote is likely to occur this summer, in conjunction with the 2025 OPA Board of Directors election, allowing homeowners to vote on the funding of the new station.


If approved, construction work is estimated to begin in October of this year and be completed by February 2027. The project has secured \$1.7 million in grants and \$700,000 from the OPVFD's fundraising.

The department continuously holds fundraising initiatives, such as the Queen of Hearts virtual board game with weekly drawings and a brick fundraiser.

The brick fundraiser allows individuals to purchase engraved bricks to support the South Fire Station initiative. Two options are available: a 4x8-inch brick for \$100 or an 8x8-inch brick for \$200.

"Additionally, donations of \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 and up will be recognized in a series of plaques highlighting the generosity of the community and their contributions to public safety," the department website reads.

Fire department officials encourage participants to secure their May 2 bingo tickets in advance. The event is expected to sell out.



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Vac truck considered town priority

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) The Berlin Town Council will vote at an upcoming meeting to purchase a new vacuum truck, per a utility budget work session held earlier this week.

On April 21, the Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the utility budgets, including water, wastewater, stormwater, and electric. During this conversation, the body reviewed a proposed purchase of an upgraded vacuum truck. The spending plan reads that the cost will be split between the water and sewer funds, around \$325,000 each.

Town of Berlin Wastewater Superintendent Jamey Latchum said the original truck was purchased in 2009 for \$270,000. This week, Latchum was quoted \$623,975 for the same vehicle, only upgraded.

The town hopes to lock in on the price as soon as possible, as steep tariffs to be implemented by the Trump Administration within the next few weeks will likely raise the price even more. Latchum estimated 15% could be added to the quoted price if the tariffs go into effect May 1.

"This piece of equipment was discussed for the past several years, more than several years," Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh said.

"Water services are in great need of that. We were not able to place an order even during COVID. The price has gone up tremendously over the past couple of years. We are placing that because it is a must-have item for water services ... If we don't proceed with that, we are not sure if we are even going to touch that amount next year."

Latchum echoed Saleh's remarks, reiterating that they are eager to lock in on a purchase now.

"With the tariffs...we would not be able to purchase the truck because it would be out of our budget," he said.

Latchum said the current truck has served the town for 16 years despite an estimated 10 years of useful life at its initial purchase. However, while not totally useless, Latchum maintained that it's time for a replacement.

"[The truck] is starting to cost us money, it's starting to nickel and dime us," he said. "That's why we are looking at upgrading to the same truck with just newer equipment."

The truck is utilized across water, sewer, and stormwater services. However, because the stormwater fund is smaller than sewer and water, coming in at just over \$1 million compared to water's \$5.7 million and sewer's \$7.2 million, stormwater can-

not bear any cost of the new vehicle.

Saleh, however, argued that the vac truck is primarily used for sewer services and should be the sole responsibility of that fund. Still, it must be split not to overwhelm the wastewater budget.

Latchum said the plan is to place a purchase order for the truck before May 1 to avoid the proposed tariffs. The Berlin Town Council is likely to take action at its next regularly held meeting on Monday, April 28.

Berlin reappoints board members, seeks volunteers

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) Last week, the Berlin Town Council reappointed current board, commission and committee members who will serve as active participants in the municipality's governing process.

At a Monday, April 14 meeting of the Berlin Town Council, the body approved the following appointments: Joe Moore, Woody Bunting, See COMMITTEE Page 5



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and Bob Paladino to the Board of Supervisors of Zoning Appeals for three-year terms, John Holloway and Mary Moore to the Historic District Commission for three-year terms, Matt Stoehr, Austin Purnell, and Pete Cosby to the Planning Commission for five-year terms; and Mary Moore to the Housing Board of Review for a three year term.

The town currently has vacancies for several of its boards, commissions, and committee volunteer groups. Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall noted that they particularly need applications for the Ethics Commission and the Board of Supervisors of Elections, adding that their sporadic meeting schedule likely discourages people from pursuing these positions.

"We need applicants for the Board of Elections and the Board of Supervisors of Ethics," the mayor said. "There are some that you get regular applications for, and those that meet regularly have more interest. Some people perceive some of these boards, commissions, and committees to be more interesting than others, and those generally yield higher numbers of applicants."

Tyndall added that to amend this issue, when the town meets with applicants, they ask if there are other

boards the individual might be interested in. This is also how one person might occasionally end up sitting on two committees, like Mary Moore, who serves both the Historic District Commission and the Housing Board of Review. The Housing Board of Review does not meet often, making this feasible.

In fact, Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said that the housing board has not met for "at least 10 years."

"It's very much an only as needed board...The Housing Board of Review was initially established when the town had a lot of block grant money to do housing rehabs or rental rehabs, so that board was very much involved in that process," she said. "Now, they have defined functions in the code, but they're not needed terribly often."

The only board that would prohibit someone from sitting on two boards or committees would be the Ethics Commission.

"They could at any time be put in a position where they have to review other actions, so that's a stand-alone," Bohlen said.

To apply for board, commission, and committee vacancies, individuals can find more information at <https://berlinmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees/>.

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Berlin chooses postcards to highlight the charming town

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) A starry night, an artistic take on Main Street and iconic town staples are the three postcard options residents and visitors will have this summer when selecting Berlin mementos.

Last month, the municipality solicited entries from local artists to create postcard designs, hoping to find three depictions of the historic Eastern Shore town to offer this busy season. In March, a Facebook post by the Town of Berlin Main Street & Arts and Entertainment District noted that officials sought “unique, eye-catching designs that capture the charm and character” of the area. The project was sponsored by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

The initiative yielded 19 entries and three winners, a social media post by the town’s arts and entertainment district stated last week. The cards, to be available at the Berlin Welcome Center for a suggested donation this summer, See BERLIN Page 7



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There were 19 entries in Berlin’s postcard contest with three chosen to be printed – Sophia Seufert’s Explore Downtown Berlin, top; Lauren Bauer’s Greetings from Berlin, above; and Judy Benton’s Berlin Starry Night, middle.

County's public safety budget asks reviewed

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) Other than the Sheriff's Office, budget requests for public safety departments in Worcester County overall are flat or slightly up for the upcoming fiscal year.

Department heads appeared before the County Commissioners on April 8 with detailed breakdowns of their budgets and reviewed any revenue or expenditures that were up or down by \$5,000 from the prior year.

OC Today-Dispatch will review several of those budget requests this week, with more to come next week.

State's Attorney: "As I've always said, I'm committed to using taxpayer

resources in a responsible manner, targeted to achieve the results that our community expects and deserves from us," said Worcester County State's Attorney Kristin Heiser, whose budget request of \$4.6 million is 3% less than last year.

Heiser – who, technically, is an elected official and not a hired department head – told the Commissioners that her office is back to 2023 staffing levels because all previously grant-funded positions have been eliminated, as grant funding has terminated.

Heiser also said the primary budget goal for the prosecutor's office is to secure more office space. She describes

in a Jan. 21 letter to officials how she's grown her staff from 24 to 36 people, but doesn't have any new office space, leaving staff to work out of four different locations.

She's also asking for merit-based funding for staff salary increases, as well as funding to offer competitive paid summer internships to law students, to give Worcester County an edge in recruiting future prosecutors.

Fire Marshal: Matt Owens, the county's fire marshal, is asking for a \$1.47 million budget for 2026. That's a difference of just \$2,355 less than last year, making it nearly a flat funding request.

Owens' major requests are for the replacement of one vehicle for \$77,000, a three-quarter ton, four-door pickup truck, as well as another \$14,000 to outfit the vehicle.

Emergency Services: James Hamilton, deputy director of the Emergency Services department, presented a request for a \$5.9 million budget, which is an increase of \$1.6 million or 36% over last year.

He told the Commissioners the department will be focusing on more efficiency and leaning into innovation, given additional requirements from the state and federal governments when it comes to 911 operators.

Their budget shows a \$293,126 loss from decreased revenue from shared statewide 911 fees. That's because the state's 911 oversight board is paying vendors directly instead of going through the county, which leads to a slight loss in direct revenue.

One proposed increase in \$183,000 would be for contracts support for a
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Berlin selects souvenir designs

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include designs by artists Sophia Seufert and her piece "Explore Downtown Berlin," Lauren Bauer's depiction, referred to as "Greetings from Berlin," and Judy Benton's "Berlin Starry Night."

Berlin's economic and community development director, Ivy Wells, said that the town had postcards "decades ago." The project to revitalize the artistic souvenirs came from the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Advisory Board. Furthermore, volunteers at the Berlin Welcome Center were often asked if postcards were available, which "sparked this idea," Wells noted in March.

The cards will be printed at 4" x 6." An initial production will occur, followed by reprints as necessary as the supply dwindles.

Seufert's "Explore Downtown Berlin" highlights iconic town events and establishments, like the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, antique shopping, the Atlantic Hotel, the yearly

bathtub races, the abundance of sweet treat shops, the Sunday farmers market, live music, and the annual Peach Festival.

Bauer's "Greetings from Berlin" showcases downtown and the crosswalk connecting to the Atlantic Hotel, with Berlin's staple diner, Rayne's Reef, in the background.

Benton's "Berlin Starry Night" gives Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night" a local spin. The postcard features the downtown's historic buildings below stars inspired by Van Gogh's famous piece.

The Berlin Arts and Entertainment District and the Maryland State Arts Council are sponsoring the initiative. The project will aid Berlin's efforts to highlight and prioritize arts and culture and strengthen the charmingly historic town's character and offerings.


"Postcards showcase the unique charm here in Berlin and create a sense of pride," Wells said in March, ahead of the winner selections.



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County carries out budget request hearings

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emergency management division, for plan development and communication division for policy development, according to Owens.

Another budget request is \$100,000 for consultant support in a planned overhaul of the county's aging communications system, one that affects fire/EMS, law enforcement, emergency services and the county jail. They're also asking for \$15,000 for new radios and to perform life cycle maintenance on the county's paging system.

Emergency Services is also asking for \$13,200 for uniforms. That includes clothing for staff that meets OSHA for being exposed to potential electrical flash hazards, as well as two sets of Class A uniforms for when the director and deputy director are in Annapolis to represent the agency.

Hamilton said overall he hopes having a new uniform concept in his department, of police shirts and uniform pants, will promote improved professional standards. "There was a period in time when that got somewhat lax," he told the Commissioners.

Another proposed increase of \$18,000 is for new hire background checks, including a physical and a psychological evaluation. Owens says they're hoping this will yield better-qualified candidates and new hires

will stick around so the staff can develop seniority.

Hamilton added that it costs about \$100,000 in recruiting and training each employee who gets hired but does not last a year in the position. "Our goal is to shrink that number as much as possible," James says.

Other budget asks include \$9,540 for scheduled replacement of computers, a one-time infusion of \$10,000 for electronics services, \$10,000 for siren maintenance, and a \$40,000 increase to provide mental health services, which is now required by law. Another \$112,000 would replace three aging vehicles plus \$42,000 more to outfit them with emergency equipment.

Volunteer Fire Companies: Scott Wolpin, president of Worcester County Firemen's Association, presented a request for \$13.7 million in aid for the county's 10 volunteer fire companies: Pocomoke City, Girdle- tree, Newark, Stockton, Snow Hill, Showell, Bishopville, Berlin, Ocean Pines, and Ocean City.

This request is up 13% from last year. The largest amount of funding requested is a \$3.75 million grant to the Town of Ocean City for its fire service.

Since 1977, volunteer fire companies in Worcester County have received a share of property tax revenue. This year that figure will be \$297,855

each.

On top of that, rural fire companies operating outside municipalities (Girdle- tree, Stockton, Newark, Bishopville, and Showell) also get an additional allowance. This year, Wolpin made a request of \$10,000 for each company, up from \$7,000 in 2025 and \$4,000 in 2019.

Worcester County Jail: Warden Tim Mulligan's fiscal 2026 budget request of \$15.8 million is a \$1.1 million increase over last year, or 8% higher. Most of that, about \$11.8 million, goes toward staff salaries and benefits.

A majority of jail revenue comes from a federal contract, where the jail is compensated for holding detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service. Under the terms of the current 12-month contract, which expires May 31, the jail gets a daily rate of \$100 per day, per detainee. It limits total annual revenue to \$1.17 million.

Mulligan has stated publicly that the jail generates about \$80,000 a month from this contract. He told the commissioners they're budgeting for \$742,600 in the 2026 fiscal year from this arrangement.

Other projected jail revenue includes a state grant of \$48,775 based on the number of incarcerated inmates housed at the jail. Another grant of \$213,920 is from the state to cover opioid response.

For expenditures, Mulligan said the jail plans to spend \$9,100 more on uniforms because of increased staffing. They'll also budget \$20,000 on medical expenses, which is \$5,000 less than last year.

At the jail itself, budgeted electrical costs will increase \$12,500, general maintenance will increase \$15,000, and projected water and sewer spending (the jail is on Snow Hill's municipal sewer system) will increase by \$8,400. Budgeted telephone expenses will drop \$20,000 due to the removal of two lines.

The jail contracts its medical services with a national company called Wellpath. That contract increased in midyear by \$357,727. It took their annual bill from \$1,542,013 to \$1,822,336. Now, Mulligan told the commissioners, the FY 2026 Wellpath contract will increase to a proposed \$1,899,740.

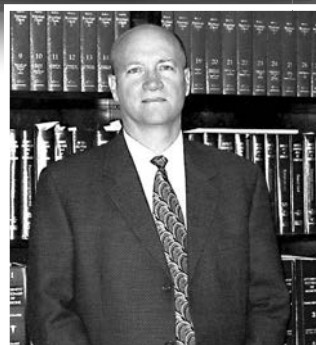
Another proposed capital spending increase of \$147,605 would cover the replacement of two 10,000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks, an obsolete uninterruptable power supply, and to replace three roof-mounted HVAC units.

The County Commissioners are scheduled to hold three more budget hearings on May 6, 13, and 20 before adopting the fiscal year 2026 budget on June 3.

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General Assembly passes Carozza-led bat bill

Legislation to support bat conservation efforts, state forestry industry advances

By **Brian Shane**
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) A bill designed to protect endangered bat species while supporting Maryland's forestry industry has passed in the General Assembly.

Sponsored by Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, (R-38, Worcester) the bill allows the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue permits for the "incidental taking" – a term that generally means to disrupt, harm, or kill an animal in the wild – of the Northern Long-Eared Bat, the Tri-Colored bat, and the Eastern Small-Footed bat, which are endangered.

The bill brings Maryland in line with 21 other states that have already adopted similar conservation strategies.

"This is a bat conservation bill, first and foremost," Carozza said in testimony before the Senate's Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee on March 4. "But it's also a bill about science-based land management, economic resilience, and common-sense environmental stewardship."

Under the law, Senate Bill 946, landowners or businesses would be able to apply for a permit from DNR, one that does allow incidental taking, as long as they first supply a habitat conservation plan.

The plan must outline a user's anticipated impact on bat species and their strategies to mitigate harm. DNR would only issue a permit if the plan doesn't hurt bats in the wild and includes sufficient funding.

Maryland doesn't allow for incidental taking of endangered species, even if it occurs during otherwise lawful activities like logging or land management.

The new law now aligns the state more closely with federal guidelines under the Endangered Species Act, which does allow incidental takings, when part of a federally approved habitat conservation plan.

Since 2006, Northern Long-Eared Bats were nearly eradicated by the catastrophic disease known as white-nose syndrome, according to the advocacy group Bat Conservation International. The group also says seven of 44 bat species in North America are at risk of extinction and another 26 species are vulnerable.

Other rural and environmental stakeholders offered broad support for the bill.

Beth Hill, executive director of the Maryland Forests Association, first learned of seasonal bat restrictions in 2023 when her 3.5-acre tree farm was due for upkeep, like snipping invasive vines and making brush piles for wildlife. But, because of the recent listing of the Northern Long Ear bat as endangered, she was told she couldn't do the work during the summer roosting season.

"That was alarming, not just for my small tree planting, but for the broader implications that I could foresee on logging, forest health, and management across Maryland," she said in Senate testimony.

Hill said the bill doesn't necessarily change protections for bats but creates a predictable pathway for landowners and foresters to responsibly manage forests, all while complying with conservation requirements.

"We understand that there will be restrictions, and we stand ready to work with DNR to develop a conserva-

tion plan that ensures forests aren't being left to suffer from benign neglect," she said. "Maryland's 150,000-plus private forest landowners need clear options with defined timeframes to manage their forests effectively."

Forestry is Maryland's second-largest land use, with about 2.4 million acres, or 40% of state land, according to Charlotte Davis, executive director of the Rural Maryland Council, who also testified in support of the bill.

Carozza's bill adds bats to the list of species that already get habitat conservation plans under Maryland policies, including the Delmarva Fox Squirrel and the Puritan Tiger Beetle. She said past conservation efforts resulted in that squirrel species coming off the Endangered Species List in 2015.

The bill takes effect Oct. 1. It's unclear whether Gov. Wes Moore will sign the bill or let it pass into law without his signature.

Worcester County Sheriff's Office issues scam warning

(April 24, 2025) The Worcester County Sheriff's Office took to social media to remind citizens of an ongoing scam.

"Residents, please be extremely cognizant that law enforcement agencies will never call you asking for money, we will never call you asking you to go to a bank to retrieve money! If this happens it's a scam," the Facebook post read. "Scammers are at it again, this time pretending to be Worcester County Sheriff's Office supervisors. They're claiming you owe money for missing court and de-

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We Heart Berlin leaders Tony Weeg and Jeff Smith are pictured marking possible boundaries for a new skate park envisioned for Heron Park.

Group continuing fundraising

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approximately \$975,000 to complete the skate hub must be raised. Officials currently have \$46,511 in possession. We Heart Berlin President Jeff Smith noted that the account previously had around \$80,000, but is now at its current mark after paying park design company Spohn Ranch for their outline.

Weeg said while the park will cost \$975,000, he realistically expects the total to come to around \$1.2 million when accounting for extra things like sidewalks. Now, the spearheaders are looking to private donations and grants to help them reach their fundraising goal.

"We are getting in line for grants right now," Weeg said. "Like for fiscal year 2027, a grant through Community Parks and Playgrounds through the Town of Berlin. [The town] is helping us a lot with that."

Furthermore, in January, Weeg said that We Heart Berlin ended 2024 by receiving \$14,000 from the Gavin Knupp Foundation and \$20,000 from an anonymous local donor.

The Gavin Knupp Foundation was established following the tragic passing of local teenager Gavin Knupp, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident in the summer of 2022. Tiffany Knupp, the victim's mother, created the organization. However, in 2023, the foundation was plagued with embezzlement and theft allegations.

Tiffany Knupp took an Alford Plea last September. While not an admission of guilt, the plea acknowledges the stack of evidence to convict her, and part of the arrangement required the foundation be dissolved and any remaining funds donated to local charities, like the Berlin skate park effort.

"The money from the Gavin Knupp Foundation comes with a lot of gravity and determination," Weeg said earlier this year. "To make sure that we take the memory of the child and go forward and make the skate park happen is even more in our face now."

The skate park is proposed to be around 19,000 square feet, including parking, landscaping, and seating areas. Weeg said 17,000 square feet of concrete will be associated with the park's elements, which will include a bowl and a variety of features for skaters of all levels.

Smith said that when the hub is completed, it could be the "biggest skate park on the Shore."

Officials are asking for donations for the effort. To contribute, visit <https://weheartberlin.org/pages/our-work>.

Officials hope the skate park will be a place for Berlin kids to meet and have fun.

"A lot of kids around here don't have a way to get to a skatepark," Weeg said. "Having one here in town they can walk to is extremely important."

Seven businesses secure state facade grant funding

(April 24, 2025) Berlin Main Street and the Town of Berlin announced this week the recipients of the 2025 Berlin Façade Grant Program.

This year, Berlin received a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to continue its successful Commercial Façade Grant program.

The Berlin Façade Grant provides a one-to-one matching grant for commercial property and business owners to improve the exteriors of their buildings. The initiative is part of the town's ongoing effort to revitalize Main Street and support local businesses, preserving the character of the town.

"Our façade grant program continues to help our local businesses fund the necessary improvements their buildings

need; we are extremely happy they care enough to invest in the place we all call home," said Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells.

The grant recipients are The Atlantic Hotel, Bay Four LLC, Roadie Joe's Berlin, Decatur Investments, Salon 16, Café Berlin and The Ghost Museum.

"The façade grant program continues to drive investment into Berlin's Downtown Business District. The improvements made by our business community not only enhance the beauty of our town but also reflect the pride our business owners take in making Berlin a great place to live, work, and visit. We are grateful to the team at DHCD for supporting this important program and to this year's recipients for investing in Berlin's future," said Mayor Zack Tyndall.



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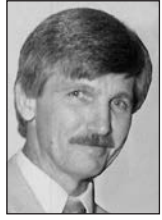

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Obituaries

EUGENE KERIN

Ocean Pines
Eugene Kerin, 85, passed away Sunday April 20 in his Ocean Pines home in the care of the love of his life and soul mate, Susan Kerin.



He is survived by stepson Jonathan Garing, sister Ethel Mae Schaefer of Georgia, and brother Charles Kerin of Pennsylvania.
Arrangements are private.

CHARLES SAMPSON WEST

Berlin
Charles "Sam" West, age 75, of Berlin, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 14, 2025.



Charles West

Born on November 3, 1949, Sam was the son of the late Charles Thomas West and Dorothy West.

Sam graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1967 before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1969. He served his country proudly until 1973. After leaving the military, Sam worked as a meteorological technician at Wallops Island, VA from 1975 until he retired in 2000.

Sam's "retirement" was spent buying and selling antiques. He often joked he worked longer hours in retirement than during his career.

Sam journeyed across the globe – from sunny Florida to the icy edges of Greenland and Antarctica – but it

was the untamed beauty of the American West that stirred something deep in his soul. His love of country was matched only by his love of westerns, which is why the sprawling National Parks of the West held such a special place in his heart.

Sam is survived by his loving wife of 54-years, Betty; two daughters, Ashley Stewart and her husband Eric, Michelle Kogon and her husband Jeremiah; and granddaughters Alana and Myah Kogon. His children and granddaughters were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister Ruth Shockley; brother-in-law Robert Holloway; sisters-in-law Barbara and Susan Holloway; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Norman Adkins; sister-in-law,

Mamie Lou Adkins; brothers-in-law, Jack Shockley and Harold Holloway, Jr.; and father- and mother-in-law Harold and Mary Holloway.

Sam was a member of the Berlin-Ocean City Jaycees from 1977 to 1984, serving as President from 1978-79, and was the recipient of the Jaycees International award. He was also a life-long member of the Berlin Lions Club, American Legion, and NRA.

An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Sam loved to explore the fields and waterways of the Eastern Shore with his beloved dog, Goldie.

The family would like to express tremendous gratitude to kindhearted people at Coastal Hospice, Home Instead, and the VA (Veterans Affairs).

Services were held. In lieu of flow-
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MARY E. "MOLLY" LEFAIVE

Ocean Pines

Mary E. "Molly" LeFaive, age 82, of Ocean Pines, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Coastal Hospice at The Lake in Salisbury, Maryland.



"Molly" LeFaive

She was born in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of the late Robert Harris and Mary (McElroy) Harris.

Molly had an extraordinary blend of kindness and curiosity that made everyone feel at home. Her core value of living by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," was apparent in all of her relationships—whether you knew her for ten minutes or ten years. She always made time for family and friends, making you feel as though nothing in the world was more important than the conversation you were having with her. She remembered the details that mattered, followed up, and made sure you knew just how much she cared. Her absence is deeply felt by all who experienced her rare gift of loving unconditionally.

Molly's life was dedicated to nurturing others, first as a friend, teacher, wife and mother, later as counselor and volunteer. She taught high school and middle school English and Speech for nearly thirty years, with students in Ohio, Michigan and Maryland. In the mid-nineties, she embarked on a second career, earning a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Tennessee, Memphis. She worked as a counselor for the Seaford School Department's School-Based Health Center in Delaware until 2009. She loved counseling, and her natural inclination to hold safe, listening spaces for people lasted throughout her life.

An active congregant at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, Molly sang in the choir, played in the bell choir, participated in the Pastor's Bible Study, and the intercessory prayer ministry. She was a member of the United Women in Faith, serving as vice president for a short time. She particularly enjoyed recording short devotions on the church's social media network.

Molly stayed busy and found joy throughout her retirement: lunching with her dear friends in the Red Hat club, exercising at the local pool's Creaky Joints classes, and engaging in

various book clubs. She participated in the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County, and the Ocean City Lioness Club. As a volunteer with Coastal Hospice's grief support team, she wrote notes to patients' loved ones.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth R. LeFaive and his companion Charita Connolley of Bradenton, FL; her daughter, Ruth LeFaive and her husband Andy Wolfe of Los Angeles, CA; her sister-in-law Connie Harris; two grandchildren, Samantha Stern (husband, Samuel) and Robert K.W. LeFaive, and their mother, Laurie LeFaive; and her great-grandson, Nathan Stern.

In addition to her parents, Molly was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Richard A. LeFaive, and her brother, Mac Harris.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Community Church at Ocean Pines in Berlin where friends may call from 10:30-11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Molly's memory to Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Berlin, Md. 21811 and/or Coastal Hospice, PO Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802.

Condolences may be shared online at <https://www.bishophastingsfh.com/>.

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Proposed Worcester budget increases nonprofit funding

By **Brian Shane**
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) Worcester County is planning to give nearly \$1 million in grants to nonprofits and local charities, about a 52% increase over last year, as part of its proposed fiscal year 2026 budget.

Total requested funds for nonprofits in this budget totals \$967,940, which is an increase of \$331,313 over last year.

The lion's share is a \$219,497 request from the Worcester County Developmental Center, a nonprofit for adults with intellectual disabilities. It's the same amount the county gave the agency last year.

Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) is asking for \$110,000 to establish a new primary care office in Snow Hill, budget documents show.

That grant is \$5,259 less than requested last year and it makes AGH – scheduled to merge with the hospital system TidalHealth by May 1 – the only grant recipient among two dozen applicants with a year-over-year funding drop.

Several applicants are asking for more money than they got last year, budget documents show.

The West Ocean City-based Diako-

nia is budgeted to receive \$100,000, which would go toward a new supportive living facility for the homeless, budget documents show. This grant would double what Diakonika received in 2025.

The Life Crisis Center, a Salisbury-based nonprofit that advocates for victims of domestic violence and child abuse, requested \$72,000. Those funds would go toward the program director's salary, outreach in Worcester County, volunteer recruitment, and operational costs, according to budget documents. Last year the agency received \$8,500.

The Worcester County Child Advocacy Center (formerly the Cricket Center) is budgeted to receive \$50,000, which is a \$15,000 increase over last year.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters last year received a \$1,000 grant, but in this budget, they'd see \$7,500, which would be used "to carry out program goals," documents show.

The Worcester County Humane Society, an animal shelter in the South Point area of Berlin, requested \$15,000 to provide spay and neuter services for low-income residents.

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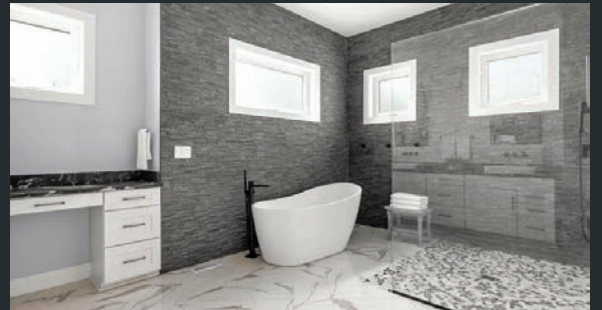


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Solar farm hearing chance to speak up

Opponents and proponents of a solar energy farm on the edge of the Town of Berlin will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the project in a May 6 virtual hearing.

An announcement by the Maryland Public Service Commission on Tuesday invited members of the public to join the ZOOM session, which begins at 7 p.m., if they wish to be heard.

The Worcester County Commissioners back in October unanimously rejected plans by Colorado-based TurningPoint Energy to build a 5 MW, 35-acre solar generating facility on land not far from the intersection of Old Ocean City Boulevard and Main Street.

They argued that the pie-shaped parcel is zoned for residential use with an R-2 designation, which does not allow solar installations. They also said allowing an exception to the zoning would remove from the town's land inventory property needed to accommodate residential growth.

Even though the commissioners' decision was forwarded to state officials, its effectiveness is questionable, because Maryland courts have said the PSC holds sway in siting utility projects regardless of zoning.

Opponents of the project should keep that in mind as they contemplate whether to log in to the online hearing and let their opinions be known. More voices will have more impact.

Here's how to register:

Sign up by Monday, May 5 through the Calendly app on the Commission's website: www.psc.state.md.us

Under "Featured Topics" on the right side of the webpage, click on "Public Comment Hearing Sign Up."

Click on "Case 9772," and the hearing date and time (May 6 at 7 p.m.).

Click "Next," enter name and email

Click "Schedule Event."

Once the sign-up process is complete, registrants will receive a Zoom link.

Historical Society planning dinner

Event will feature Henry as speaker, honor Barb Purnell



Patrick Henry

(April 24, 2025) The Worcester County Historical Society will hold its annual spring dinner meeting at the Pocomoke Fire House on Friday, May 16, 2025.

Patrick Henry, local artist and historian, will be the keynote speaker. His talk entitled "Untold Stories of Worcester County" will feature 18 of his paintings as background for a historical visit to the African-American experience in Worcester County. Born and raised just

west of Ocean City, Henry has gained a reputation as one of Maryland's most influential artists and his paintings of the area's bays, marshes, and open ocean are highly recognized and sought after.

This meeting will also feature the presentation of the Bob and Kathy Fisher Award for historical preservation to Berlin resident Barbara Purnell. She is being honored for her work with the Germantown School Commu-

nity Heritage Center. A former student at the school, she has been instrumental in preserving it and sharing its history with the local community. The dinner will consist of a chicken and dumpling feast with all the fixings with a cost of \$30 for Historical Society members and \$35 for non-members and the public is invited. Doors will open at 5pm with dinner served at 6pm.

Tickets can be ordered by sending a check to the Worcester County Historical Society, P.O. Box 111, Snow Hill, Md. 21863. Deadline for tickets is May 2.

Feasibility study process advances

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) Four architectural firms were selected as finalists to oversee a Berlin Intermediate School feasibility study next year, to determine whether the building requires renovation or replacement.

This week, the Worcester County Board of Education approved the continuation of conversations with the companies Becker Morgan Group of Salisbury, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates of Baltimore, Grimm and Parker of Calverton, and Hord Coplan Macht of Baltimore for the completion of a BIS feasibility study. According to Joe Price, the school system's facilities planner, interviews by the selection committee will be scheduled for next month.

Price said that on Feb. 3, WCPS released an RFP (request for proposals) to solicit architectural engineering services for the upcoming BIS feasibility study, which is set for next year. On March 1, the school system conducted a facility walkthrough for interested firms. The planner noted that 13 companies attended the tour.

On March 13, WCPS re-

ceived 12 RFPs. Staff then reviewed and graded these responses, and the four companies were selected for interviews.

The board green-lit these interviews at its Tuesday, April 15 meeting.

The feasibility study for BIS will determine whether the old building requires a complete replacement or can simply be renovated. The project passed last year, along with the approval for a new Buckingham Elementary School.

In October, the Worcester County Commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding between the commissioners, the school board, and the state's Interagency Commission on School Construction. The agreement paves the path for a brand-new BES to welcome students by September 2030 and includes plans for a renovated or replaced BIS by 2031.

Per the contract, BES's construction budget is \$73.7 million, with the state providing \$25.8 million and the county offering \$47.9 million. The facility is not to exceed 90,837 square feet, with an anticipated minimum total occupancy of 622 pre-K through Grade 4 students. The project will likely

begin in May 2027. In October, Todd Ferrante, school board president, noted that Buckingham was built over five decades ago, and a replacement is due.

"After a while, you can only do so much to repair the infrastructure," he said last year. "When schools get to be that old, they usually rebuild them. The classrooms are smaller; there's not adequate size. Certainly, the population has increased from when the school was built."

The BIS improvement initiative is expected to cost approximately \$80 million. The state's share is around \$23 million, and the county's contribution is roughly \$57 million.

The understanding stipulates that the new Berlin Intermediate School will not exceed 94,220 square feet with an anticipated minimum occupancy of 628 students in Grades 5-6. Officials anticipate the BIS project will break ground in May 2029.

Once a firm is selected to conduct the BIS feasibility study, a recommendation will be made on whether the school requires renovations or an entirely new building.

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School board approves union agreements

Teachers, support groups accord contingent on final budget approved by county

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 24, 2025) The Worcester County Board of Education made a series of approvals this week, including the purchase of a new school bus, agreements between the Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Professionals Association, and a lease arrangement with Apple, Inc. to refresh the school system's iPad stock.

At the board of education's April 15 meeting, the group approved the purchase of a new school bus for contractor Scott Shockley of Snow Hill. According to Worcester County Public Schools Transportation Manager Kim Heiser, the driver currently operates a 2013 bus that must be retired by Aug. 6, 2027.

"Shockley is requesting permission to purchase a new bus and sell his current bus to one of our current contractors to be used as a spare bus," Heiser added. "... For budget purposes, there will be no impact on our request."

The board also ratified agree-

ments with the Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Professionals Association that will provide a step increase for eligible employees, an increase for salary scale adjustments, and modifications to existing contract language.

Per the approval, the ratified arrangements will be implemented for the 2025-2026 school year, contingent on the proposed funding request currently before the Worcester County Commissioners for consideration.

The contract between the board and WCESPA writes that a salary scale adjustment of \$2,000 has been added to all steps, one through 12, for educational assistants, secretaries, school nurses, maintenance workers, custodians, food service workers, technology staff, and system technicians, as compared to last year's ratified agreement. The document also notes, "\$1,700 will be added to the appropriate scale at 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service; 10 of which must be completed in the Worcester County Public School System."

The board and the WCTA agreement adds a salary scale adjustment of \$4,000 to all steps and scales for teachers, and that "\$1,700 will be

added to the appropriate scale at 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service."

The full negotiated agreements, which are contingent on funding from the Worcester County Commissioners, can be found at <https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/worcester/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.

Additionally, the school system approved the next lease arrangement with Apple.

The board agenda states that WCPS will "enter into a new four-year lease agreement with Apple, Inc. for the deployment of new iPads

across the school system upon approval.

This agreement, utilizing pricing through Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC), totals \$4,954,898.50. This includes device management, professional learning (training), and support provided through AppleCare+."

The multi-year lease will end in fiscal year 2028. WCPS Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert added that "existing devices will be sold to a third-party vendor to offset costs of the new lease."

Budget eyes jump in donations

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Pocomoke City agency providing shelter to the homeless and those in crisis, is budgeted to get \$40,000 to cover the loss of a federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant. Last year, the group received \$20,000.

Other agencies are asking for flat funding over last year, including Coastal Hospice (\$100,000), Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services (\$95,000), and Worcester County GOLD (\$15,000).

Several grant requests were fielded from groups that had never gotten

county money before, budget documents show.

They include the Salisbury-based mediation dispute resolution service Tri Community Mediation (\$65,000), the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center (\$37,962), the Beach to Bay Heritage Area (\$10,000), the Rotary Club of Ocean City- Berlin Foundation (\$10,000), and We Heart Berlin (\$7,610).

The county's projected fiscal year 2026 operating budget of \$284.6 million is scheduled for adoption on June 3.



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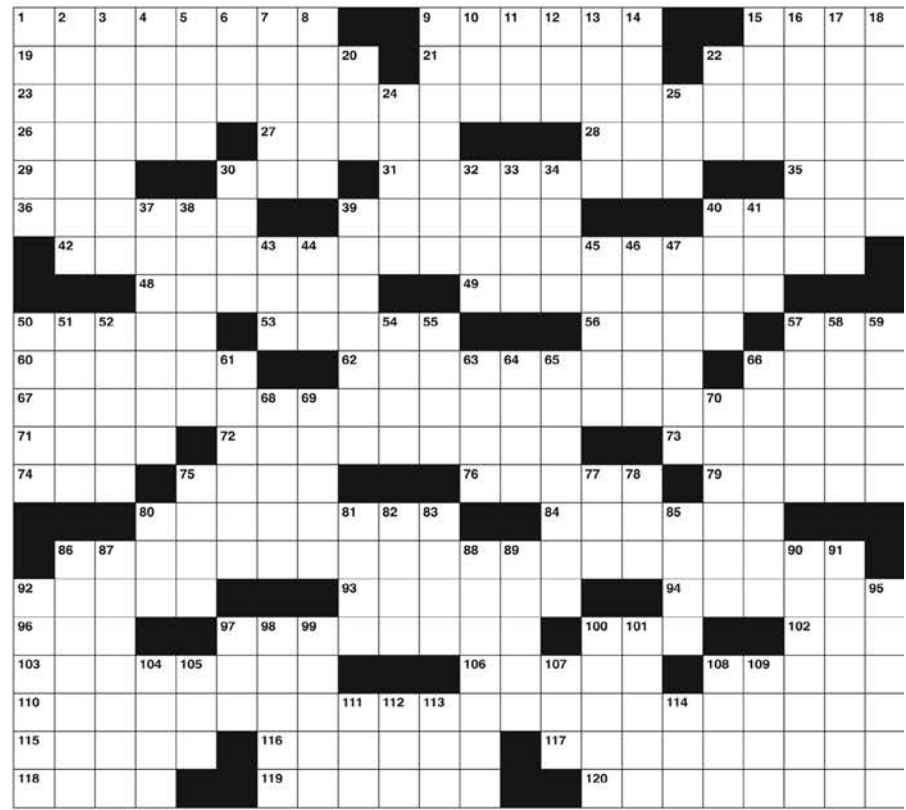
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BOTH SIDES NOW BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. This is his ninth Sunday Times crossword. Its unusual 22x21-square grid (one column wider than usual) was designed to accommodate some 22-letter theme answers. The cheeky echo between 62- and 72-Across was intentional on John's part. It made me smile. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Front-runners at the Iditarod?
 - 9 Discreetly acknowledges
 - 15 Antidepressant type, in brief
 - 19 One end of a headphone cable
 - 21 Peter of "The Lion in Winter"
 - 22 Namely
 - 23 Popcorn and pretzels at a parade?
 - 26 Manages
 - 27 Platforms for politicians, say
 - 28 Dr. Wilson's department on "House"
 - 29 Fitting
 - 30 Fig. that never starts with 666
 - 31 Young DC Comics sidekick with a lightning bolt on his chest
 - 35 Mideast grp.
 - 36 Keep rhythm, in a way
 - 39 Missing people?
 - 40 Farewell
 - 42 Someone who might excel at a Bible trivia game?
 - 48 Biked past, say
 - 49 "Never mind that"
 - 50 Mock
 - 53 Bonobo relative
 - 56 Newcastle ninny
 - 57 "The X-Files" org.
 - 60 "The ___ Show" (12x platinum 2002 album)
 - 62 1982 Benjamin Hoff best seller on Eastern philosophy, with "The"
 - 66 Monopoly token retired in 2013
 - 67 Tools of the trade?
 - 71 Lead-in to complete
 - 72 Little tittle, cutesily
 - 73 Spill the tea
 - 74 Org. that's usually inactive in the summer
 - 75 Beach day bummer
 - 76 Meanies
 - 79 "Midnight Cowboy" nickname
 - 80 Motto that derives from the Latin for "always faithful"
 - 84 Cleans up after a dirty guest?
 - 86 Police interrogator or priest?
 - 92 Gallup's bailiwick
 - 93 Linear algebra array
 - 94 Retail magnate James Cash ___
 - 96 Airport alternative to MDW
 - 97 "Groundhog Day" plot device
 - 100 Famous flautist
 - 102 Number of times lightning struck Apollo 12 on its way to the moon
 - 103 Certain dance partner
 - 106 Final Four, e.g.
 - 108 "Bloody" queen of England
 - 110 Angry words at a school assembly?
 - 115 Expert
 - 116 "Well, ___ here!"
 - 117 Many-time role for Robert Downey Jr.
 - 118 Capone's foiler
 - 119 Way out there
 - 120 Bill Gates gave six of them between 2009 and 2015
 - 20 Leveled, for short
 - 22 "General" of takeout
 - 24 Canon competitor
 - 25 Member of a conference, maybe: Abbr.
 - 30 Zipped
 - 32 Prefix with bel
 - 33 Promote excessively
 - 34 Suburb north of Boston
 - 37 Third-largest tech hub in North America
 - 38 Penitent person
 - 39 Give excessive praise
 - 40 Plugging away
 - 41 Not dis
 - 43 Small time?
 - 44 Texter's "Not gonna lie"
 - 45 Bad way something might go
 - 46 404 Not Found, e.g.
 - 47 Cartoon witch with a crush on Popeye
 - 50 Précis
 - 51 "Not interested"
 - 52 Part of a 15th-century trio
 - 54 Easy target
 - 55 Bouquet
 - 57 Poet with four Pulitzers
 - 58 First name of Russia's first president
 - 59 Creative motivation, in online slang
 - 61 Title for Marie Tussaud
 - 63 Research on a political rival, for short
 - 64 Michigan J. ____, Warner Bros. character with a top hat and cane
 - 65 Container for alms
 - 66 "God does not approve!"
 - 68 Bloods' West Coast rival
 - 69 Food stickers?
 - 70 Zombie-to-be
 - 75 Members of the "third team," jocularly
 - 77 Wearer of pointy shoes
 - 78 "Told you so!"
 - 80 Show with a 50th anniversary celebration in 2025, familiarly
 - 81 Coleridge's "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
 - 82 Filly or colt
 - 83 Digging
 - 85 "Monday Night Football" broadcaster
 - 86 Wear down
 - 87 Items being replaced
 - 88 Flourish
 - 89 More mature
 - 90 Being prosecuted
 - 91 Second-largest tech hub in North America
 - 92 Common recyclable
 - 95 Snatches, comic-book style
 - 97 Tic follower
 - 98 Country that fully encloses two others
 - 99 Social movement of 2017
 - 100 Turn
 - 101 All together
 - 104 Sports standouts, for short
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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Thurs., April 24

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Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and awesome handmade crafts. Admission is free. Schedule: ococean.com/springfest. Thursday night's headliner is StrangeLove: The Depeche Mode Experience.

STRANGELOVE: THE DEPECHE MODE EXPERIENCE

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 7 p.m. Takes place on the Springfest main stage. Tent opens at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/8680366/strangelove-the-depechemode-experience-ocean-city-oc-inlet-lot>.

DEMOS, TIPS, MAKE & TAKES WITH THE ART LEAGUE OF OC

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Located by the Springfest Entertainment Stage. Thursday features Rock Art (all day), iPhone Tips & a Portrait (12-12:45 p.m.) and Spring Tulip Painting (1-3 p.m.).

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY APRIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin. Sign up to hear Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegates Wayne Hartman and Charles Otto discuss the results of the 2025 Maryland General Assembly. gopwomenofwc@gmail.com

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Tony Perkins from Indivisible of Worcester County will be the speaker.

STORY TIME: EARTH DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines

Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a story about helping the Earth. There will be songs, dancing and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'THIS LITTLE KITTY IN THE GARDEN'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. Featuring books participants have read and want to share. Come and find your next great read. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTSCAPE: IN THE GARDEN

Corner Sanctuary - Pocomoke Community Garden, Corner of Willow Street and Clarke Avenue, Pocomoke City, 5:30 p.m. A brief discussion followed by creative exploration of the month's topic. For artists of all levels. Reservations required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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SPRINGFEST FLORAL CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave. Enjoy hands-on workshops and demonstrations, held 10:30-11:30 a.m. and at 1 p.m. All events are free. Registration required for classes. www.ococean.com/springfest/

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION & ART FESTIVAL

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. See the world's best wildfowl art. Vendors, seminars, classes and Art Corner. Multi-day pass costs \$10; seniors and students, \$8; and free to kids 11 years and younger. 410-339-0668, admin@wardfdn.org

OC MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All adults are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY RETREAT

Mariner's Country Down, 11341 Sinepuxent Road, Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Spring Session held April 25 and 26. Cost is \$200 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$250 for non-members. Tickets: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2183>. 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., April 26

SPRINGFEST

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Four days full of tasty treats, lively music and handmade crafts. Admission is free. Schedule: ococean.com/springfest. Saturday's headliner is The Legendary Wailers featuring Junior Marvin + Passafire.

THE LEGENDARY WAILERS FEATURING JUNIOR MARVIN + PASSAFIRE

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 6 p.m. Takes place on the Springfest main stage. Featuring reggae music. Tickets:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/30995792/the-legendary-wailers-featuring-junior-marvin-passafire-ocean-city-oc>

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GOLDEN FEATHER HUNT - CITY-WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

Takes place throughout Ocean City. Spot a feather. Take a photo. Track it on your Tally Card. Find 20 by April 27 to be eligible for prizes.

<https://wardfdn.org/learn-explore/program-calendar/world-championship/golden-feather-hunt/>

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SPRINGFEST FLORAL CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave. Enjoy hands-on workshops and demonstrations held 12:30-1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. All events are free. Registration required for classes. www.ococean.com/springfest/

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION & ART FESTIVAL

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AUCE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleyville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7-10 a.m. Buffet includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scramble eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$10 for adult and \$5 for children.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

19TH ANNUAL OC MARLIN CLUB NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, 7:30-11 a.m. Rods, reels, tackle, miscellaneous nautical and fishing items. Proceeds to benefit local student scholarship fund. To rent a space: 443-614-7260.

4TH ANNUAL RIDE OF AUTISM

Rommel Harley-Davidson - DelMarva, 2410-A N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per rider and \$15 per passenger with BBQ chicken lunch at Showell Fire Department. bikerswithoutbordersfoundation@gmail.com

BEACH CLEAN UP

100th St. Lot behind the Ocean City Library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9-11 a.m.

Gloves and trash bags provided, but feel free to bring your own. Service hours available upon request. All ages welcome. Held rain or shine. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OPEN HOUSE AT THE OCEAN CTY LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free admission along with two free programs. Decorate a tea towel using the Gytaku fish-printing technique and take the Station 4 Tour. 410-289-4991, emma@oc-museum.org, www.ocmuseum.org

HISTORY OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES OF DELMARVA

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 10 a.m.-noon. Dr. Clara Small presents the history of the Negro Leagues with special attention to the teams and players of DelMarva. Free event. Reservations recommended: germantownschool@gmail.com, 410-641-0638.

WSW QUICK FINISHER 0.0 UN-RUN

Brew River, 502 W. Main St., Salisbury, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets \$40. Check-in 10 a.m. At the sound of the horn, step across the line and then celebrate your strong finish with food, drinks, raffles, and music. <https://womensupporting-women.harnessgiving.org/events/2538>, 410-548-7880

KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Six-session series built to help preschoolers get ready for Kindergarten. Light snacks and tips for continuing kindergarten preparedness at home. For ages 3-5 years. 410-957-0878

BIG TRUCK DAY

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring tow trucks, fire trucks, dump trucks, food trucks, tractor trailers and more. Take a ride on The Deluxe Bellator Trackless Train. 410-641-7052, www.oceanpines.org

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Explore your imagination with LEGO bricks provided by the library. Creations will be displayed in the Berlin library. For ages 6-11 ages. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

3RD ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 4 p.m. There will also be Music by Funk Shué, beer and games. Bring a chair. Free admission. www.taylor-housemuseum.org

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to

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Sun., April 27

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SUNRISE STRETCH BEACH YOGA

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 8:30-9:30 a.m. Bring your yoga mat, a towel and water. Free event but registration required: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AA2BA0F85-55811520-sunrise#.

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Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Located by the Springfest Entertainment Stage. Sunday features Rock Art (all day) and iPhone Photography Tips (1-2:15 p.m.). artleagueofoceancity.org

SEA GLASS TREE WORKSHOP

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Timeslot 1 (10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) <https://www.mkglassdesigns.com/events/ocean-city-md-sea-glass-tree>. Timeslot 2 (1:30-4 p.m.) <https://www.mkglassdesigns.com/event/s/ocean-city-md-sea-glass-tree-2>.

SPRINGFEST FLORAL CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-noon. Dried Bud Vase Arrangement Class. Free event. Registration required for classes. www.ococean.com/springfest/

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION & ART FESTIVAL

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Calendar

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5TH ANNUAL MAC & CHEESE COOKOFF FUNDRAISER

Residence Inn Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 12-3 p.m. Tickets include unlimited tastings, voting ballot, live entertainment, and door prize ticket. Tickets: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/5th-annual-mac-cheese-cookoff-fundraiser/>. 443-664-7043

SPRING DINNER DANCE

St. Andrew Parish Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Tickets \$40. Polish platter, dessert, beer, wine & soda included. Variety music by "Joy" Trio. All are welcome. Call 443-857-9054.

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

Mon., April 28

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MD MEETING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Featuring a presentation by Dr. Nicole A. Hollywood, Interim Director of Assessment, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Volunteer Lead of Maryland Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

STORY TIME: TREES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, 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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For those newly diagnosed, in treatment or in remission. Face challenges, celebrate victories and build strength from the group's shared

journeys. Friends and family welcome. 410-641-2626

LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Join in for a Lego challenge event. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

BRIDGE

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

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., April 29

37TH ANNUAL OC CHAMBER CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin, 11 a.m. Includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, awards reception, fantastic prizes, premium player gift, goodie bag, two free beverages and a team photo. Cost is \$175 per person/\$700 per team. colby@oceancity.org

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BUILD-IT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Join in to socialize with other families and play with a variety of building and construction toys. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

WHO WAS GILBERT BYRON?

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Celebrate National Poetry Month by

learning about this local poet known as "The Voice of the Chesapeake" and "The Chesapeake Thoreau." 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY PROGRAM

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal - Parish Hall, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6-7 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Ocean City Police Department. This event is free to attend, but the church is requesting attendees to register: 410-723-1973 by April 14.

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

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

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

Wed., April 30

KICKSTART KINDERGARTEN

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 p.m. Six-session series built to help preschoolers get ready for Kindergarten. Light snacks and tips for continuing kindergarten preparedness at home. For ages 3-5 years. 410-641-0650

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$22 and includes all materials and instruction. For ages 8 years and older. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Last Wednesday of the month meetings are offsite and information can be found on the website and Facebook. www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

OCEAN CITY RESTAURANT WEEK

Restaurant Week features fixed-price menu options at participating restaurants throughout Ocean City, April 27 through May 11. <https://oceancityrestaurantweek.com>, 410-289-6733, inquire@ocvisitor.com

MAY INSPIRATION CHALLENGE

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during May. Art, photography or poetry challenge for all ages. Pieces will be displayed in the library for viewing. The theme for May is "Music." Due by May 28. 410-632-3495

BEATLES MAYNIA

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during May. Trivia, crafts and display celebrating The Beatles all month long. 410-632-3495

COLOR YOUR WORLD SCAVENGER HUNT

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, during May. Gather all of the escaped crayons during this scavenger hunt and learn about the summer reading program. For families. 410-208-4014

LOUIS PARSONS III MEMORIAL PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., April 1-Sept. 1. Entry fee is \$5 per entry. Category winners will be announced on Nov. 1. <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/oceancitymuseumsociety>, 410-289-4991, emma@ocmuseum.org

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

Held throughout all of Worcester County library branches, during April. Design a custom bookmark. Pick up an entry form and template at your local library branch. Submit your design by April 30 for a chance to be featured. Winners will be announced on May 12. For ages 6-18 years. 410-632-5622

APRIL INSPIRATION CHALLENGE

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., during April. Art, photography or poetry challenge for all ages. Pieces will be displayed in the library for viewing. The theme is "Crystal Clear." Due by April 30. 410-632-3495

PINOCHLE

Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 12:15-3:15 p.m. Established Pinochle group welcoming new members. Carrie, 410-251-8207

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