

BAYSIDE



GAZETTE

JULY 24, 2025

BERLIN • NORTH WORCESTER COUNTY• OCEAN PINES



FISHING WINNERS

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted a record 97 young anglers at the 29th Annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest last Saturday at the South Gate Pond at Veterans Park in Ocean Pines. The contest was divided into three age groups - 4-7, 8-11, 12-16 years old - with trophies awarded for biggest fish in each age group and special awards for the top three and most fish. Over 100 fish were caught. All registrants received a gift bag compliments of the Anglers Club and the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club. Pictured, front from left, are ages 4-7 division top finishers Tayde Brown (most fish) and largest fish winners third place Carson Newton, second place Veronica Steele and first place Dasey Koons; ages 8-11 division top finishers Reid Landis and Lorenzo Torrz (tie for most fish) and largest fish winners third place Tyler Musser, second place Zoe Duncan and first place Reid Landis.; and, back from left, ages 12-16 division leaders Carma Jean Valdez (most fish) and largest fish division winners third place Lincoln Towers, second place Larenzo Gargiard and first place Daniel Baer.

Mixed-use project proposed for town

Burley Building envisions HQ, housing, commercial space in phased project

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) Burley Building Company, a Berlin-based construction business, is looking to create a

multi-phase mixed-use project in its hometown to include the business's headquarters, additional commercial space and employee housing.

The Berlin Planning Commission reviewed the project's conceptual site plan at its meeting on Wednesday, July 16. The commission expressed its approval for the initiative. As next steps, Burley Building Company

(BBC) will outline the items and work to be completed in each of the two intended phases.

Nate Reister, BBC's president, came before Berlin's Planning Commission last week, presenting the business's phased structural project to be located at 9933 Old Ocean City Boulevard.

See BURLEY Page 6

It's a bird, it's a tree, it's an **OP** cell tower

Proposed cell service plan would disguise tower as part of natural tree cover

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) Ocean Pines residents will have the opportunity to hear from project representatives at a town hall meeting next week, where they will detail the proposed wireless cell tower for the wooded commu-

Ocean Pines is hosting a virtual town hall on Monday, July 28, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss a potential structure Ocean Pines that could alleviate poor cell phone reception. According to a press release issued by the Ocean Pines Association, attendees at the meeting include look like a tall tree. representatives



A proposed cell tower is designed to fit in with surroundings and

from Milestone Towers, the contractor responsible for the tower's construction, and Verizon Wireless, a carrier already on board to offer its services from the site.

The town hall will allow OPA residents to hear directly from representatives about Milestone Towers' proposal to build a 130-foot monopole, along with equipment to operate the facility. If approved, officials hope that the structure will remedy

See TOWN HALL Page 4



SAME GREAT OWNER, SAME AMAZING STAFF

Serving the Community for over a Decade

GARDNER PT of Ocean Pines

11204 Racetrack Rd, Suite 101 • Ocean Pines, MD, 21811

410-208-1525



TidalHealth Home **Scripts**

Open six days a week

Our knowledgeable pharmacists will fill your prescriptions in a matter of minutes and we offer free home delivery in the Ocean Pines area and a convenient drive-thru window.

With a large selection of over-the-counter items and monthly sales, you'll be relying on TidalHealth Home Scripts for all your pharmacy needs. Also, consider us for all your vaccination needs including COVID-19, flu, shingles and travel vaccines, etc.

Conveniently located by the North Gate of Ocean Pines, TidalHealth Home Scripts is open Monday - Friday, 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. To fill a prescription, or arrange for free home delivery, call 410-543-4769.



Commissioners oppose plan to shuttle from WOC harbor

Charter boat captain eyed transporting festival-goers by water taxi for a charge

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) Citing liability and business competition concerns, Worcester County officials torpedoed a proposal to use fishing boats to shuttle Ocean City concertgoers across bay waters during the resort's fall music festivals.

"Approving this assumes a duty of care for all the people that are going to be getting on this," County Attorney Roscoe Leslie told the county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday. "These fishing boats will be basically used as ferries. So, we've got boats that are not designed to be ferries, on docks that are not designed for ferries, either."

The request came from Tony Battista, of the charter boat service Saltwater Adventures, who sought permission to run a water taxi service from a public dock at the West Ocean City commercial fishing harbor during the Ocean's Calling and Country Calling concerts.

In a June 1 letter to the county, he presented his idea to ferry concert guests across Isle of Wight Bay to the Angler restaurant on the Ocean City bayside. Each of 14 participating charter boats could take six passengers per 16-minute trip, and would lighten the load for event traffic and parking.

Battista planned to use West Ocean City hotels as a loading point for buses, whose passengers would be transported to the harbor for their boat ride. Hotels liked the idea, according to the letters of support he shared from hoteliers and the OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association.

By his own admission, it wouldn't be the first time Battista operated an unsanctioned water taxi service during concert season.

During the inaugural Ocean's Calling in 2023, he personally carried 197 passengers on the first day of the event before bringing on five more boats for the second and third days.

Last fall, for year two, he brought on seven local charter boats. They moved 800 people for Ocean's Calling and 900 for Country Calling. Earlier this year, he did it again during Boardwalk Rock, carrying nearly 1,000 passengers on eight boats, according to his letter.

"What started as a simple idea to carry a few friends and neighbors into town by boat has really taken off," Battista wrote. "It also solves multiple problems such as parking problems and driving while intoxicated. It also provides a lot of work for local charter captains in the shoulder seasons."

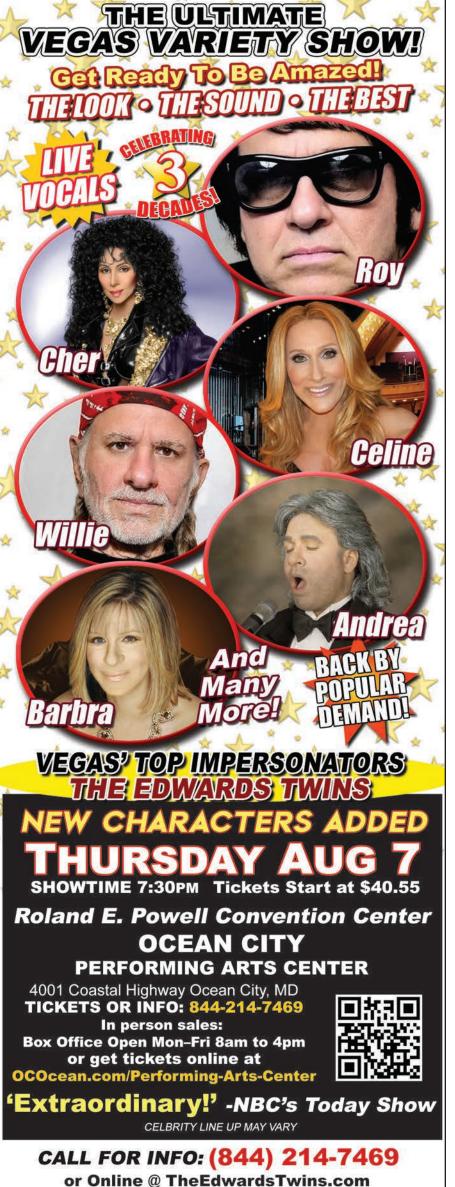
Battista had the backing of the county's Recreation and Parks department, who previously had met with him on-site at the West Ocean City harbor to discuss logistics.

"We feel this proposed service will help to reduce the number of vehicles entering Ocean City, helping to reduce traffic, parking issues, and safety. In addition, this service is very beneficial to the hotels in West Ocean City and to other local captains and charters," department head Kelly Rados wrote in a July 7 internal

It was unclear whether Battista had been charging passengers a fare. He did not return a phone call seeking comment for this report.

See HARBOR Page 7





AS SEEN ON NETFLIX in 'The Kominsky Method'

Town hall will allow Q&A of cell tower plan

Continued from Page 1

spotty reception that often plagues Ocean Pines, particularly during the busy summer months.

"The project will help Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile to bring improved cell phone coverage to the Ocean Pines community," the press release reads.

Ocean Pines Police Department Chief Tim Robinson introduced the potential cell phone tower. Late last year, the chief stated he noticed his calls were dropping during the weekend of the Fourth of July while he was inside the neighborhood's Food Lion. This was especially worrisome in the context of emergencies, as endangered individuals were unable to reach a 911 dispatcher.

The idea for a cell phone tower in Ocean Pines was thus born again, following the rejection of a similar idea in 2018

"The project will help AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile bring improved coverage to your community," the proposal reads. "The new facility will improve Internet connectivity speed and voice connectivity—especially inside homes and buildings—and help your area respond to the increasing demand for quality wireless service. Users outside of the circle may also see improved service as the new facility off-loads some of the traffic from the existing facilities in the area."

The initiative has been slowly pro-

All Inclusive Pricing

In-House Doctor Visits

VA and MAC Subsidy Approved Respite Care and Hospice Care

gressing through internal channels and has been met with some pushback.

If constructed, the tower will likely be situated behind the maintenance building on the Ocean Pines golf course, said Matt Forkas, project manager at Milestone Towers, at a board of directors meeting last month. However, at that meeting, the scope of the structure's reach was questioned. According to Forkas, the tower will not directly benefit the entire Ocean Pines community. Initially, residents within the areas closest to the site feel improvements to their service. Others, like those in "south south" Ocean Pines, will see residual effects.

"The best impact will be in a one-mile radius, but the individuals outside that one-mile radius, you're communicating with this tower, so there will be a growth of service even outside that service," Robinson said at last month's gathering.

"You may get improved service, but you may not get the most reliable service," Forkas added.

The project manager noted that "small cell solutions" could be implemented in conjunction with the tower. These would be smaller towers, approximately 40 feet tall, mounted on light posts that could target specific streets and roads not directly impacted by the larger, central tower.

The possible cell site has also been met with some pushback from residents. At a January OPA Board of Directors meeting, homeowner Dave Tanner argued that a cell tower would disrupt Ocean Pines' natural beauty. He added that the community is surrounded by cell coverage outside its limits, including a tower near the Ocean Pines North Gate. Tanner said that anything within the neighborhood would be overkill and that if a consumer is unhappy with their service, they should address the issue directly with the carrier.

"The Ocean Pines board needs to put an immediate halt to discussions with a contractor to erect a tower in our community," Tanner said earlier this year. "Folks chose to live in Ocean Pines because of its natural beauty and the assurance that no commercial structures will be built in the neighborhood. Cell towers degrade property values and may have radio frequency health issues."

Despite Tanner's concerns, community officials maintain that OPA's cell reception would be improved, at least to some extent, with the addition of a tower. Additionally, to address the natural beauty concern, Milestone Towers will build the structure to resemble a natural feature, such as a tree, rather than a commercial site.

If the tower is approved, cell carriers

will offer service from the location, improving the spotty reception that currently exists in Ocean Pines. Forkas noted last month that Milestone Towers would bear the cost of erecting the structure. OPA would not incur any expense.

The new site could also be a way for Ocean Pines to make additional revenue. The proposal stipulates that each carrier is to pay \$2,500 per month to provide service outside the structure. Milestone Towers would receive 40% of all gross revenue generated.

"In this case, we have three carriers, and after the revenue is split, it would be \$36,000 annual revenue to Ocean Pines," Forkas said.

Since last month's meeting, the press release indicates that Sprint has signed on as well, bringing the total to four carriers

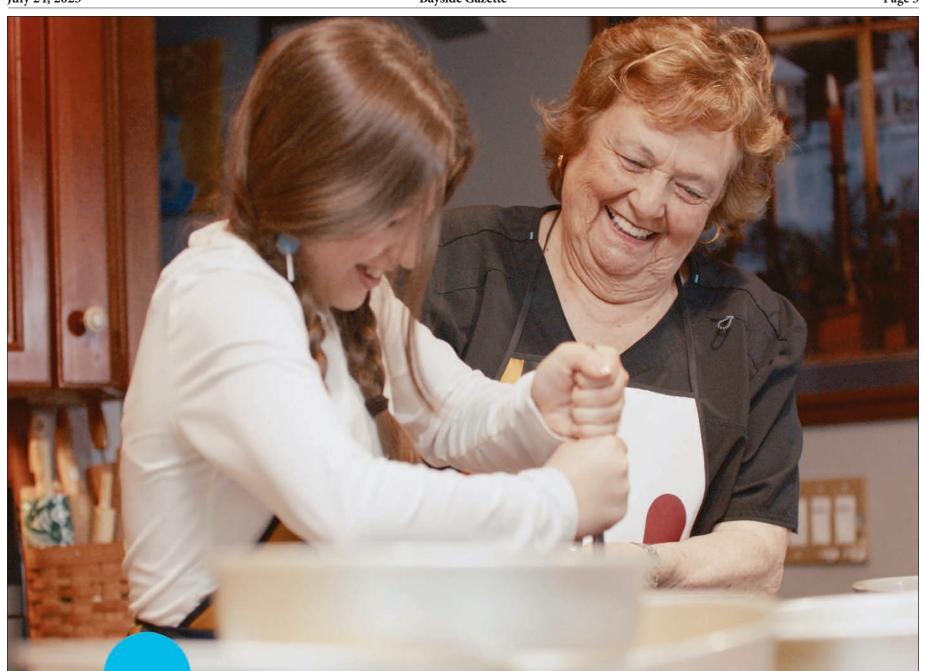
Ocean Pines residents will have the opportunity to have their questions and concerns heard and addressed next week. Monday's town hall will be conducted virtually and will begin at 6 p.m.

Those interested in attending the meeting can register at https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/662cof5e-905f-405f-83e3-0ffc152d6fac@37ca2ed5-019e-4295-abbe-0f6663e955b9.

Additional project information can be found here: https://www.ocean-pineswireless.com/.



Call 443-256-4871 Today for more information or to schedule a visit to our on-site showroom.





Visit tidalhealth.org/careforlife to find a primary care provider near you.



Burley Building proposes multi-phase project

Continued from Page 1

The site, zoned B-2 commercial, will feature the construction of a headquarters for BBC, employee housing apartments, and additional commercial space. Reister said that the project will work to address the BBC's needs, ensuring they can continue to operate in Berlin.

According to the president, BBC has upwards of 12 W-2 employees, as well as several 1099, or contract, workers. The proposed space will enable the construction company to ship and receive materials, as well as train new staff.

The project will include construction on the front of the property, against the street, as well as buildings at the back of the property. Reister said that BBC will occupy the entirety of the backend space. The first floor

will be used for the BBC's new retail aspect of the business. Reister said that they plan to offer items like high-quality hardware and ply goods.

Reister maintained that he does not intend to rival existing, similar construction storefronts in Berlin.

"I'm not looking to compete with The Adkins Company," he said. "We are not looking to compete with other businesses in town; we are looking to provide a unique retail experience where people can walk in and get those goods that are otherwise not in stock locally."

The remainder of that building's first floor will include BBC offices, staff restrooms and spaces for the workers to create and store goods.

The top floor of the property's backend will be used as employee housing. Reister said that four multi-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETT

The proposed project led by Burley Building Company will be located on Old Ocean City Boulevard west of the railroad tracks and the former Tyson poultry processing plant.

bedroom apartments will be constructed on the second story of BBC's retail and office building. This inclusion will allow the BBC to continue its youth apprenticeship program.

"Part of our goal is to provide housing for [apprenticeship] kids," Reister said. "If they come out of living with their parents, and they go to pursue a career full time, we want them to be able to have a comfortable, safe space to be able to learn what we do. A significant part of our mission as a company is to continue elevating blue-collar work and making it a respectable trade.

"Pulling these kids into a place where they can safely learn and have a good residences over their head with something we can help subsidize so that we can keep them for a longer period while they're learning to excel at their work is a big portion of what we consider to be our mission, the future of our company in this town."

Reister added that as part of the new construction plan, BBC is intro-

ducing a German apprenticeship as part of the J-1 Visa program, with which the proposed housing will help.

The front end of the property will include additional construction, likely to be completed in the project's second phase. Reister noted that these spaces may be sublet.

"There is a potential for some collaboration there with some other local business that might need a portion of that space to house stuff," he said. "We had talked about that originally with Adam Davis from Berlin Beer Company as an option."

Still, Reister added that while this collaboration is a possibility, it is likely that the BBC will need to access most of the building's capacity.

"I do believe we're going to need most of that space to do what we intend to do ... as everybody who has been involved in development knows. You know that space is the biggest limitation we currently face, for stor-See BURLEY Page 7





208 N Main Street, Berlin

Company to develop in phases

Continued from Page 6 age and all of those things."

The property will also feature a BBC staff lounge for training sessions, as well as a space for workers to relax and unwind.

The construction will likely look different than the historic architecture Berlin is known for. Reister said that BBC creates its new homes, made almost entirely out of concrete, which will be the basis of this project, specifically the bottom commercial

This material muffles sound, which is particularly vital when combining residential and retail spaces into one building.

The second floor will be set in lightweight construction and will be more traditional to what you would be used to seeing," Reister added.

"... It does represent a shift ... our work in Berlin, from the Taylor House Museum to the facade grants we do in Berlin to keep the historic stuff together has been a big portion of what we do, but our larger model as we move forward as a business does focus on more modern buildings and a lot of what we're doing revolves around meeting energy codes and managing future, potential crises. A lot of these ICF (insulated concrete forms) buildings have a 350-mph wind rating.'

Members of the Berlin Planning Commission seemed pleased with the proposal, giving its preliminary approval.

"Conceptually, it's something we

always touch on. Infill and mixed use is something we are always speaking of up here," said Austin Purnell, planning commission member.

"It checks those boxes, providing housing whether it's for your workers or anybody. And retail and business on the first floor. Conceptually, it's a great idea.'

Commission member Jenelle Gerthoffer asked if the property could include bike racks for the young employees who may not own vehicles.

"Absolutely," Reister responded. "That's a big portion of what we're trying to do here: make Berlin accessible to young tradespeople who are right on the cusp of being able to grow into a professional career. You know, Berlin has a particular draw. We want to keep it that way so that young people can stay in these spaces. We are using this to attract and maintain good talent."

According to Reister, achieving phase two is contingent upon the successful completion of phase one. If phase one flourishes, the equity obtained through the construction can be used to move on to the final aspect of the project.

"It's a lot of money," he said. "My biggest concern is getting to phase two. It does require successful completion of the first phase."

BBC will work to nail down the specific items to be completed within each stage of the project. Additional elements of the endeavor will come before the planning commission as the initiative progresses.



Continued from Page 3

The commissioners ended up rejecting the proposal unanimously. Officials said they couldn't support Battista's venture because several water taxi services already exist as licensed and established businesses.

Leslie, the county's attorney, noted how a limited number of boat slips on harbor's north side already are leased to commercial boats, and that the nearby boat ramp - separate from the commercial area – is supposed to be for recreational use by county code.

"This sounds like it would be a very profitable business venture that we would essentially be giving to one vendor without having a competitive process," he said.

Commissioner Eric Fiori (District 3, West Ocean City) said he'd used one of these existing shuttle boats, the Tipsy Tiki, during a visit last fall to Country Calling. He called Battista's proposal "fairly invasive" and said established maritime businesses shouldn't be end-run.

We already have licensed businesses that are doing this," he said. "I do appreciate the community need ney put it best: it un-levels the playing field."

Commissioner Caryn Abbott (District 1, Southern) said she likes the convenience for concertgoers to get back and forth to the event, but expressed concern for intoxicated passengers. "I want to make sure the county's not liable for somebody

falling overboard," she said.

Not only should Battista's liability be in the multimillions, but by giving their blessing, it would open the door for copycats, surmised Commissioner Joe Mitrecic (District 7, Ocean City).

"Everybody with a center console in the world could go start picking people up at that spot. There's no policing of it whatsoever," he said.

Despite the rejection, Battista could continue to provide his water taxi service - just not on country property.

"This can still happen. It would just need to be on a private location. This isn't killing the concept completely," County Administrator Weston Young said. "You just need to find a private dock or a private business to operate this."



Jail action review sought by Mailloux's team

By Bethany Hooper

Associate Editor

(July 18, 2025) An administrative case involving Tyler Mailloux, the Berlin man serving 18 months for a traffic offense in the hit-and-run accident that killed 14-year-old Gavin Knupp, will be appealed to Maryland's higher court.

On Tuesday, County Attorney Roscoe Leslie filed a notice to appeal a judge's motion in a case connected to Mailloux's housing status at the Worcester County Jail.

The decision came three days after Worcester County Circuit Court Judge Brett Wilson granted a motion filed by Mailloux's attorney, George Psoras, to permit discovery in his client's case.

"Discovery orders in administrative appeal cases directed at senior govern-

ment decision makers are appealable as final orders under the collateral order doctrine," Leslie's motion reads. "Accordingly, Respondents seek a stay of all discovery pending the outcome of the noted appeal."

Mailloux seeks review of county jail's actions

Mailloux has been incarcerated in the Worcester County Jail since Feb. 25, when he entered a guilty plea to a felony count in Knupp's death. Nine days later, he was moved to a more confined unit, known as a special management area, at his own request.

Since that time, however, Mailloux has sought the jail's permission to be placed back into the general population, which his attorney argued will give him an opportunity to earn diminution credits for an earlier release.

With those requests denied, Mailloux's attorney filed a petition in April seeking a judicial review of the jail's actions. Psoras argued the jail's actions were "an abuse of discretion" and had violated his client's rights as an inmate.

He also alleged Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser had a private conversation with the warden regarding Mailloux's housing status, and that he had been advised he could not share the conversations he had with jail staff with the state's attorney. It should be noted that Heiser has declined to comment on the Mailloux's administrative case.

It was on these allegations that Psoras filed a motion last month to permit discovery in the case. And last Friday, the judge granted his request, opining that it followed Maryland rules.

While mandamus cases, like the one filed on Mailloux's behalf, are typically based on the records of administrative proceedings, the court can permit additional evidence if there's a "strong showing" of fraud or extreme circumstances outside the scope of record.

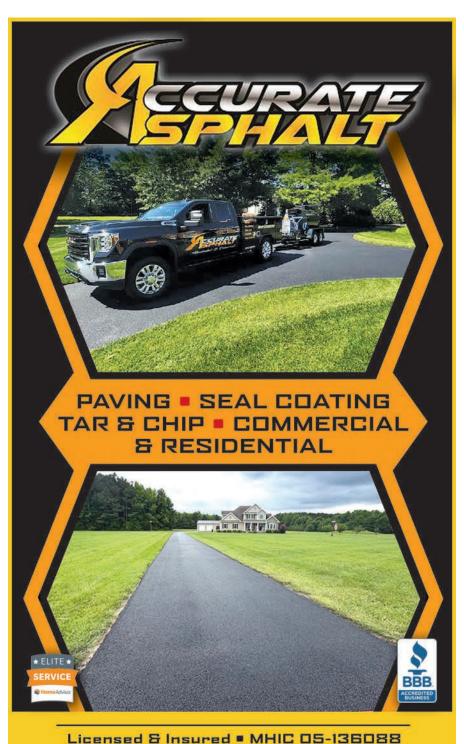
County responds

Last month, Leslie filed a response to Psoras' motion, arguing the petition had not met the criteria for allowing discovery. He also noted that Mailloux's request for relief had been met, as he has since been relocated to another area of the jail where he is able to earn credits toward his release.

"There is nothing in the Petition constituting a 'strong showing' of fraud or extreme circumstances – only unverified and unsubstantiated allegations and averments," he wrote. "There are no documents, no affidavits, no details – no evidence at all."

On Monday, following Judge Wilson's ruling on Psoras' motion, Leslie filed a motion to stay the case, pending the outcome of an appeal.

Leslie pointed to the collateral order doctrine, which allows a party to appeal a court decision before the entire case has concluded, so long as it meets certain criteria.



410.697.3167 • 4th Generation www.accurate-asphalt.com

info@accurate-asphalt.com

Thousands of books
Friday, July 25, 6PM - 8PM
(Members Only Night: join at the door!)
Saturday, July 26, 9AM - 4PM
Monday, July 28, 9AM - 4PM
(all ½ price on Monday)

Belong at Temple Bat Yam

A Reform Jewish Congregation

Call for More Information

410-641-4311 or

email office@templebatyam-oc.org

TempleBatYam-oc.org

Ocean Pines Library 2025 Annual

Sponsored by:

Friends of the Ocean Pines Library

Ocean Pines Library 11107 Cathell Road Berlin, MD 21811



SELENTIAL Every Day

Happy Hour 2-5pm Every Day

Friday, July 25 \$22.99 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT RIBS, SHRIMP & SIDES ALL DAY

SPECIALS ALL DAY

(Selbyville Location Only)

Sunday: Happy Hour All Day

Monday: 25% Off Pizza

Tuesday: 25% Off Burgers

Wednesday: 25% Off Cheesesteaks

Thursday: 25% Off Entrees

Saturday: 25% Off Margaritas

'Runaway Bride' screening on lawn planned

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) The Berlin-filmed "Runaway Bride" movie will be honored for its 26th anniversary this weekend with a showing on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

This Saturday, July 26, the Taylor House will screen "Runaway Bride," the 1999 film starring household names Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, which was shot primarily in Berlin. The showing will kick off at 8 p.m. on the lawn of the museum. Entrance into the event is free. Popcorn, candy, and soda will be available for sale.

The showing will commemorate the 26th anniversary of the film's release, which premiered in July of 1999. Taylor House President Melissa Reid said the film's screening will enhance the museum's mission of telling the stories of Berlin by remembering the iconic movie that, in some ways, brought life back to a small town rebuilding itself.

"Runaway Bride'...in my opinion, provided the economic stability that gave Berlin the foothold to continue to grow and become a cool small town," Reid said. "Runaway Bride' was a cornerstone of that because of the money the movie provided when they came here for extensive filming."

According to the Taylor House president, "Runaway Bride" came at a time when the Town of Berlin was on the rise after a period of stagnation, giving it the final push to become what it is today: a flourishing historic downtown district.

Before Berlin experienced its most recent period of prosperity, the municipality had endured times of economic stress. In the 1960s, a peach blight threw a massive wrench into the success of the Harrison family's orchards, a major employer in Berlin. Reid noted that the commercial health of many town businesses was dependent on the orchard's profitability. Without the agricultural fortune, Berlin's financial position struggled.

The museum leader added that the town also underwent a period of decline during an architectural movement in the 1940s and 1950s that favored more modern styles and less of Berlin's specialty: Victorian, old-fashioned buildings.

Reid said that the town was in a situation where they didn't have enough money to comply with the push towards modernity by tearing down the aged buildings and replacing them with new ones, but had enough financial room to cover up the structures.

"In the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, a lot of Berlin stores were boarded up and empty," she said. "There were plywood coverings over stained glass windows in Berlin, and formstone covering over some of the buildings. Where Relish and Treaty are now, that whole storefront on the second and third floor was covered over with aluminum siding. Also, we had these huge telephone poles going right down the sidewalks on either side of Main Street."

Berlin began to emerge from its depressed period slowly but surely. Reid said that a former mayor secured the financial backing to hide the aesthetically displeasing power lines underground. As part of a historic space appreciation resurgence in the 1970s, a group of townsfolk advocated for the restoration of old-fashioned staples, such as the Taylor House and the familiar Atlantic Hotel.

"That started this appreciation for Berlin," the museum president said. "It was starting, some small businesses were coming in."

Giving it that final boost, Reid said, was the filming of "Runaway Bride." Production staff were scouting locations in Maryland to shoot the movie and settled on Berlin for its intact historic downtown. The film not only brought the townspeople together but also gave the area notoriety, increased tourism, and put it on the map to even-

tually be named 'America's Coolest Small Town' by Budget Travel in 2014.

"We like to use the phrase at the museum, 'they threw money around like confetti," Reid said. "I mean, it's a Hollywood blockbuster movie, so they threw money all over the place, which gave those small businesses the economic stability to be able to weather the waves of tourism. Then, once the movie was released, tourism increased because people wanted to visit the town. It is a link in a chain that led us to where we are now."

The goal of showing the movie on the museum's lawn this week is to honor its impact on the Town of Berlin.

"It's always a great time to see that movie with Berlin people in a collective setting because Main Street, even at the time the movie's been made, Main Street itself has changed," Reid said. "So it's cool to see that sort of time capsule of what it looked like when the movie was being made, compared to what it looks like now with other community members. It's a cool collective event."

Reid, who was raised in Berlin, shared stories of what it was like to be a resident during the movie's production. In one particular story, Reid said that her grandmother was at Rayne's Reef when the town mayor entered

See TAYLOR Page 11



Taylor House honors film's 26th anniversary

Continued from Page 10

with Richard Gere and the film's director, Garry Marshall, on a site visit. Reid also noted that Gere's presence in Berlin brought quite a stir.

"There was a scene in the movie where one shot they needed was [Gere] walking through the doors going into the restaurant in the Atlantic Hotel," Reid explained. "Word had gotten out that Gere was filming, and so many women had come into the restaurant, to the point it was so crowded in there that when they would try to film the scene and they would open the door, there would be so many women screaming that they had to tell the restaurant that they had to close so that they could get this one shot filmed and move on with their day."

Reid added that the stars were active in Berlin, to the extent that Marshall would often show up at the Atlantic Hotel just to play the restaurant's piano. He also signed books and conducted talks at The Globe.

The movie brought the town together. When the piece was filmed and edited, Berlin received two early cuts. Townspeople could purchase a ticket, and they would be bussed to the West Ocean City movie theater, where the film played. Reid said that she remembers the excitement felt by residents during that initial screening.

"There was a scene in the movie, it was an early scene, where it was an overview shot, a long shot down Main Street," she said. "I have such a vivid memory of when that scene came up. We didn't know what the movie looked like. We had been there for the filming, but we had no idea what the finished product looked like. When that scene came up on a movie theater screen, the entire movie theater burst into applause, cheering and screaming. It was such a great collective community hap-

pening.

Reid hopes this weekend's lawn showing will reignite some of that community pride. She said that the town used to show the movie each summer, but interest tapered off. However, when the film was shown on the museum's lawn last July for its monumental 25th anniversary, Berliners flocked to the outdoor screening. Reid said that she believes this year's occurrence will yield similar attendance rates.

"We're glad we could, at least for this year, show ["Runaway Bride"] again just to provide people with another opportunity to see it with a group of fellow townspeople," she said.

of fellow townspeople," she said.

"Runaway Bride" is this month's movie on the lawn, but the museum has planned additional film showings for the rest of the year. Reid said that the Halloween classic "Hocus Pocus" is set for October, while "Night at the Museum" will play on the facility's grass in November.

Greek Festival back in Ocean City

(July 24, 2025) St. George's Greek Orthodox Church will bring its annual Greek Festiavl back to Ocean City this weekend, serving "all things Greek" for three full days of traditional food and entertainment at the Roland Powell Convention Center, 40th Street and Coastal Highway.

Free admission is offered with hours on Friday, July 25, noon-10 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, July 27, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

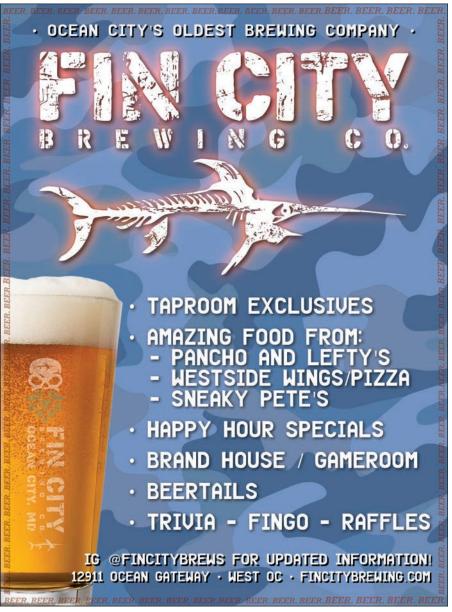
Give yourself permission to overindulge in your favorite Greek delights as the parishioners of St. George's will be cooking and serving mouthwatering favorites such as: Souvlaki, Spanakopita, Dolmathes, Tiropitas, Pastitio, Mousaka, Lamb Shanks, Greek Lemon Chicken, and world famous Loukomathes (Greek donut puffs soaked in honey and cinnamon sugar).

Local residents and visitors are invited to have a leisurely meal and treat yourself to unique gifts from vendors offering a variety of specialty and handmade items.

Then put your dancing shoes on and "opa" your way around the dance floor to the authentic Greek music of Golden Flame from Washington, DC who will be performing Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, 1-7 p.m. and Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m.

A press release for the event said, "St. George's Greek Orthodox Church's festival, not only raises necessary operational funds but also strengthens the Church's role as a vital and vibrant part of the community. Our 'little Church by the sea' welcomes all who visit Ocean City most especially our Eastern Orthodox young adults who come each year to support the small businesses that make Ocean City such a special vacation destination."





Melson's Funeral Services & Cremation Services

Frankford Chapel 43 Thatcher Street

Frankford, DE

302.732.9000

Long Neck Chapel 32013 Long Neck Road

Millsboro, DE 302.945.9000

Ocean View Chapel 38040 Muddy Neck Road Ocean View, DE

302.537.2441

Put a ring on it- Advertise with us!

Pelaware/Maryland Pelaware/Mar

THE PREMIER BRIDAL MAGAZINE FOR COASTAL DELAWARE & MARYLAND

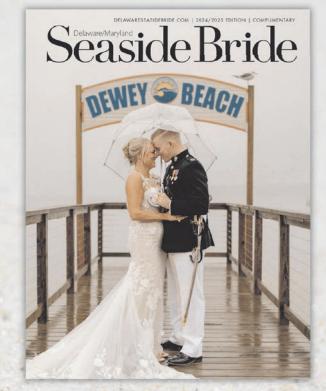
OUR MAGAZINE

FEATURES ALL THE LATEST TRENDS. TIPS, AND STYLING INFO FROM OUR **TEAM & LOCAL EXPERTS**

A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR FINDING LOCAL VENDORS AT THE BEACH

DISTRIBUTED TO OVER 200 LOCATIONS

PACKAGES INCLUDE AN AD IN THE MAGAZINE + DIGITAL MARKETING



Sean to check out our 2024 E-edition!



Contact Us Today! 410.723.6397 sales@baysidegazette.com

Summer rages on with performance **lineup at Freeman**

Arts center continues with shows, music this season

(July 25, 2025) Summer memories are still being made at Freeman Arts Pavilion.

The outdoor performing arts venue in Selbyville may be halfway through its 18th season, but there's a lot more in store. With performances continuing through mid-September, there's still plenty for residents and visitors of Delmarva to enjoy.

The lineup ahead includes a mix of cultural and free or low-cost events, such as The High Kings on Sunday, July 27; Pink Martini featuring China Forbes on July 30; Locals Under the Lights on July 31; SODELO: The Southern Delaware Orchestra on Aug. 12; Call Me Dancer: A Special Screening & Directors' Discussion on Aug. 14; Clear Space Theatre Company presents "Hairspray," on August 19; Go Go Gadjet on August 20; Arts & Jazz Festival on Aug. 22; Twitty & Lynn: Together Again on Aug. 23; First State Ballet on Aug. 27 and Bill Blagg Family Magic on Aug. 29.

Don't miss legendary music icons, such as John Fogerty on Aug. 2, Lyle Lovett and his Large Band on Aug. 6, ZZ Top on Sept. 11 and Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas on Sept. 14 or pop music favorites, including Andy Grammer on Aug. 28, Maren Morris on Aug. 31 and Lake Street Dive on Sept. 4.

Step back in time with fan-favorite tributes, including The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA on Aug. 8; Dark Star Orchestra on Aug. 13; Yächtley Crëw: Seas The Night Tour on Aug. 21; Changes In Latitudes — America's Premiere Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show on Aug. 30 and Face 2 Face: A Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel on

"Whether it's your first visit or your 10th this summer at Freeman Arts Pavilion, there's still so much to experience - from iconic performersto engaging community events," said Patti Grimes, executive director. "Whether you're a local or just visiting, we hope you'll come and enjoy world-class artists in your backyard this summer."

Freeman Arts Pavilion is located in Selbyville, about four miles from Fenwick Island and Ocean City. To purchase tickets and learn more, visit freemanarts.org.





Dee Brua, a member of the **Worcester County** Arts Council, is featuring her watercolor work at the Berlin Library's second floor gallery for the next few weeks. Pictured are some of Brua's landscape creations. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE







Berlin library branch will host shore artwork

Watercolor, abstract artist to showcase recent pieces within second floor space

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) An Eastern Shore artist's work is being displayed at the upstairs exhibit at Berlin Library over the next few weeks, showcasing abstract and landscape watercolors.

Artist Dee Brua's watercolor work is splashed across the walls of the library's second-floor gallery, brightening the space with her vibrant landscape pieces. Brua's creations were put up earlier this month and can be viewed for free throughout the next few weeks. The display is in collaboration with the Worcester County Arts Council, an artistic group that rotates featured artists at the Berlin location.

According to Brua, a resident of Captain's Cove, Greenbackville, Va., and a member of the Worcester County Arts Council, her preferred artistic medium is watercolor. Brua said that she discovered her appreciation for the form after her mother passed away, noticing that each holi-

day and birthday card she sent to her parent over the years was accompanied by a front watercolor picture.

"When my mother passed away, we were cleaning out her stuff, and you know how your mom always saves the cards you sent through the years? Well, all these cards that I sent her, on the front was a picture of a watercolor," Brua said. "So, I guess I liked watercolors and didn't know it this whole time growing up."

This love for the technique is rooted in its appearance and how it feels to use the watery paint to create works of art, the painter added. "I just like the look of [watercolors]," Brua said. "The transparency and how you can move colors around and glaze them."

Brua said that her foray into the art world began around 1999, when she attended a beginner's watercolor class with a friend. She ended up taking the course with the same instructor for seven years, over which time she said she learned to hone the craft.

"The first class was a Saturday morning with some kids and some adults, and my instructor said, 'Just put some paint down.' Well, it was a big bloody mess because you don't

FREE World Series Softball Event



July 28th–August 3rd
Lower Sussex
Little League Complex
Roxana DE
34476 Pyle Center Road
(DE Rt. 20)
Hosted by
Delaware District III
FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING



Senior League Softball World Series Little League Girls, Ages 13-16

Date	Game	Field	Region VS	Region	Time
7/28	1	Layton	District III	East	6:00 PM
7/28	2	Lyons	Canada	Southeast	6:00 PM
7/28	3	Layton	Central	West	8:30 PM
7/28	4	Lyons	Latin America	Southwest	8:30 PM
7/29	5	Layton	West	Canada	2:00 PM
7/29	6	Lyons	Southeast	Central	2:00 PM
7/29	7	Layton	Latin America	Asia Pacific	5:00 PM
7/29	8	Lyons	Southeast	EA	5:00 PM
7/29	9	Layton	East	Asia Pacific	8:00 PM
7/29	10	Lyons	Southwest	District III	8:00 PM
7/30	11	Layton	EA	West	5:00 PM
7/30	12	Lyons	Canada	Central	5:00 PM
7/30	13	Layton	District III	Latin America	8:00 PM
7/30	14	Lyons	Asia Pacific	Southwest	8:00 PM
7/31	15	Layton	West	Southeast	2:00 PM
7/31	16	Lyons	Asia Pacific	District III	2:00 PM
7/31	17	Layton	Southwest	East	5:00 PM
7/31	18	Lyons	Central	EA	5:00 PM
7/31	19	Layton	East	Latin America	8:00 PM
7/31	20	Lyons	EA	Canada	8:00 PM
8/01	21	Layton	A2	B3	11:00 AM
8/01	22	Layton	B2	A3	2:00 PM
8/01	23	Layton	B1	A4	5:00 PM
8/01	24	Layton	A1	B4	8:00 PM
8/02	Α	Layton	Loser of 21	Loser of 22	3:00 PM
8/02	В	Lyons	B5	A5	5:00 PM
8/02	25	Layton	Winner of (21)	Winner of (23)	5:00 PM
8/02	26	Layton	Winner of (22)	Winner of (24)	8:00 PM
8/02	С	Lyons	Loser of (23)	Loser of (24)	8:00 PM
8/03	D	Lyons	Loser of (25)	Loser of (26)	11:00 AM
8/03	27	Layton	Winner of (25)	Winner of (26)	3:00 PM

Please note that all rainouts will be played the following day at 10am and 12:30pm

Pool A: DE District III (Host), US East, US Soutwest, Asia-Pacific, Latin America Pool B: US Central, US Southeast, US West, Canada, Europe-Africa (EA)

Artist: 'This is a hobby for me'

know what you're doing," Brua said. "But I learned a lot."

The artist stated that over the past two years, her style has undergone slight changes. While she used to focus on Eastern Shore landscapes, like birds and the water, she has transitioned to more abstract landscapes.

"Abstract is fun to do," she said. "I saw some YouTube videos, and...it's just free flowing. You don't have to draw anything. You let it flow and do its own thing. It's painting outside the lines. It's just fun to do. This is a hobby for me. It's no stress; you can kind of just let them all turn out differently. You have some control, but not a lot. It's just, see what happens."

Brua added that she has always loved to use watercolors to highlight flowers. She said that her favorite piece, which received first prize at a WCAC juried show, is a close-up of poppies. The artist said that she has never tried to sell it, because she does not want to part with it.

"I have that hanging in my art room," she said. "I'll never sell it."

Brua grew up in a small town near Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The artist attended business school in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and subsequently worked in life insurance administration for approximately 35 years. When Brua and her husband retired in 2009, they relocated to the

Eastern Shore, situated on the Maryland-Virginia border, to be near the beach.

In addition to watercolors, Brua said that she also dabbles in other mediums, such as crocheting and knitting, and belongs to an organization that sews pieces for nursing homes and homeless individuals.

Brua is a member of Worcester County Arts Council and the Arts and Crafts League of Captain's Cove, Greenbackville, Va. She currently exhibits at the Worcester County Arts Council, Captain's Cove, and the Kitchen Gallery in Chincoteague.

The artist said that to her, art is about noticing the different techniques, styles, and creations possible with a paintbrush.

"I know that all the artists at the council have different techniques and different styles," Brua said. "It's just cool when someone goes into a local art gallery and sees all the different kinds of paintings. I contribute to all the uniqueness and what everyone does. When I travel, I always try to find a local art gallery. I'd rather do that, just to see what everybody does and all the different things that there are, and everybody has fun doing it."

Brua's work is featured on the second floor of the Berlin Library. The gallery is open during the facility's regular hours of operation.

Uways On Time...Or You Don't Pay A Dime

EVERY 6TH OIL CHANGE SPECIAL DISCOUNTS for VIP Members JOIN TODAY!

TRAILERS, TRAILER HITCHES, PARTS & REPAIRS

AUTO DETAILING AVAILABLE

PREMIUM TIRES

COME SEE THE EXPERTS!

RENTAL CARS AVAILABLE 10 OFF COOLANT

Cannot be combined with other discounts. Exp. //31/25

FREE TIRE ROTATION

With Purchase of Oil, Lube & Filter for life of tires when purchased at Racetrack Auto

Includes 10W30 or 5w30, Up to 5 Quarts of Oil, other weights available at extra charge. Diesel Oil & Filter extra.

All coupons must be presented before estimate. Cannot combine coupons.

10 OFF MD. STATE INSPECTION

Need Automotive, Body or Marine Repair? Visit One of our 3 Locations

REGULAR \$120



RacetrackOC.com

RACETRACK AUTO & TIRE CENTER

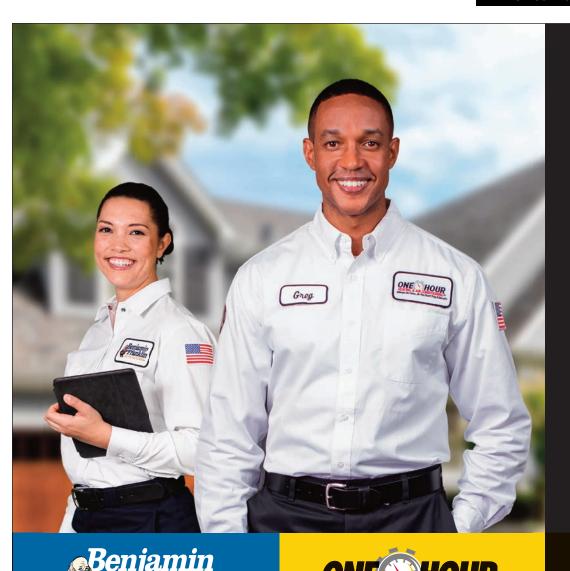
10436 Racetrack Road, Berlin **410-641-5262**

RACETRACK MARINE & BOAT SALES 10438 Racetrack Road, Berlin 410-641-5204

RACETRACK AUTO & BODY SHOP

10834 Ocean Gateway, Berlin **410-641-3200**

Complete Diagnostics and Programming · Custom Exhaust · Major or Minor Repairs ASE-Certified Technicians · Complete Auto Body Shop · 24-HOUR TOWING



TWO GREAT COMPANIES READY TO SERVE

\$75 OFF

Plumbing or HVAC Repairs

Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. Cannot be combined with any other offers.
Some restrictions may apply. Each location independently restrictions may apply. Each location
independently owned and operated. Expires 12/31/2025. © 2025 One Hour Air Conditioning
Franchising SPE LLC. All rights reserved. Each location independently owned and operated.
Licensed in the respective state or county. © 2025 Benjamin Franklin Plumbing Franchising
SPE LLC. All Rights Reserved. Each location independently owned and operated. Licensed in the
respective state or county.

Benjamin Franklin Plumbing: 410-705-5749
One Hour Heating and Air: 443-397-9750

OneHourHeatandAir.com/Delmarva
BenjaminFranklinPlumbing.com/Delmarva



Dagsboro, DE 19939



AT PEPPER CREEK

County expecting \$1.6M cut with federal hold on funding

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 18, 2025) Worcester County Public Schools could see a decrease of around \$1.6 million in funding for its fiscal year 2026 budget, per a federal hold on \$6.8 billion already allocated by Congress for education.

At the Worcester County Board of Education's meeting on Tuesday, Vince Tolbert, the school system's chief financial officer, said that WCPS's FY26 budget could lose that amount because of a federal funding freeze on money previously approved for education nationwide

At the federal level, on hold is Title II-A funding for professional development for \$2.2 billion, with a potential local impact of \$226,745; Title III-A for Englishlearner services at \$890 million with a local impact of \$20,553; Title IV-A for academic enrichment at \$1.3 billion with a local impact of \$168,312; and Title IV-B for before- and after-school programs at \$1.4 billion with a possible local impact of \$1.2 million.

Tolbert added that while these cuts have not been officially instituted, WCPS will see a dip of \$400,000 in its expected budget.

"We found out a couple of weeks ago that our Title I funding, the preliminary aid, is about \$400,000 less than what we received in FY25, less than what we had budgeted," the financial officer said.

If the federal money from the Trump Administration's freeze is cut, taking into account the \$400,000 decrease, WCPS could miss out on \$2,015,610 in next year's budget.

The announcement of the federal funding hold came from the US Department of Education on June 30, just hours before the money was to be released to all 50 states. Had the funds been dispersed according to the protocol, the Maryland State Department of Education would have received its portion of the financial aid and then reallocated it to local school systems.

Now, school systems throughout Maryland and the nation await a deci-

sion on the held funding.

"On June 30, the US Department of Education issued an email indicating it had been reviewing funding for certain programs that Congress had already approved," Tolbert said. "On July 10, I participated in a Zoom call with Carey Wright, Maryland's state superintendent of schools. She shared that title funding programs were still being reviewed at the federal level and that the Maryland State Department of Education had still not received grant awards for several programs."

Even though the proposed cuts appeared inevitable initially, the Trump administration announced a day before the July 1 disbursement date that the funding was subject to an "ongoing programmatic review."

"It's potential," Tolbert said. "Hopefully it won't be nearly as bad as what's shown here. But the executive team, the superintendent, we have already started talking about things that we may have to do, steps we'll need to take to absorb these kinds of cuts if they were to happen."

School board member Jon Andes pointed out that Worcester's three Title I schools — Pocomoke Elementary School, Showell Elementary School, and Buckingham Elementary School — will see the most impact if the frozen funds are permanently eliminated.

"If you have a student at PES, SHES, or BES, those dollars flow directly into those schools, and those dollars are at risk," Andes said. "This impacts all 50 states, and it has significant implications for all school systems across the United States."

The dollars on hold for after-school and summer school programs are particularly worrisome, Andes said, because these programs help young learners who need additional support to keep up with their peers academically.

"The after-school program has been a key to our success because it provides an opportunity for our students who need that extra support or extra help, or need that enrichment. I'm hoping this can be resolved very quickly."



State says wind permit rules have been properly followed

Federal government pushes for MDE to reissue US Wind license, department resists

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 25, 2025) We've done it the right way, federal rules don't apply here, and we won't be reissuing any permits.

That's the upshot of a July 17 letter from Maryland's Department of the Environment (MDE) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a response that pushes back against the federal agency's claim that Maryland mishandled a key permit for US Wind's offshore wind project.

Earlier this month, EPA regional administrator Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey told MDE that Maryland's final approval of the permit was flawed because it didn't explain how the decision could be appealed through federal channels. The omission invalidated the permit, EPA argued.

Based on this technicality, the feds told MDE not only to issue a new permit for US Wind, and to direct any public petitions to EPA's Environmental Appeals Board. Otherwise, the whole thing could end up being thrown out in court – at least, according to EPA.

However, the state rejected those claims. MDE Secretary Serena McIlwain wrote that Maryland has legally been issuing permits like this "for decades" under authority approved by EPA. She said appeals to these sorts of permits are handled through state courts, not the federal system.

"The authority to issue these permits is a state function under Maryland law, not a direct implementation of federal regulations," she wrote.

The state's rebuttal also says its offshore wind permitting process not only meets but exceeds federal requirements, and that EPA had already acknowledged and approved this already.

EPA in its July 7 letter to MDE also asked the state to direct any appeals to a federal process and to therefore scrub online mentions of a state appeals process. But the state rejected that request, too.

"MDE will not re-issue the permit and will continue to follow the proper state procedures to consider appeals," the state wrote. "We hope this response addresses your concerns and clarifies any misunderstanding."

US Wind has been working for years toward a planned offshore wind farm located about 11 miles off Ocean City's shoreline. Its field of up to 114 turbines would tower roughly 90 stories above sea level, providing enough power for more than 700,000 homes.

But opposition at the local level remains at a fever pitch despite state officials shepherding the process for US Wind. The municipal governments of both Worcester County and the town of Ocean City have promised to fight the wind farm, with each pledging a \$100,000 toward an ongoing antiwind PR campaign.

First District Congressman Andy Harris (R) called the EPA's ruling a victory for offshore wind opponents, and President Donald Trump in an Executive Order says he wants subsidies stripped from wind and solar projects. Congress' latest budget bill also rescinded subsidies for green energy projects that aren't completed by 2028.

A spokeswoman for US Wind said its permits were issued validly and the company remains committed to the project.



Your Online Community: www.baysideoc.com



KIOSKIGAME

JULY 17 - 19, 24 - 26

2:00PM - 10:00PM

WIN UP TO \$1,000 SLOT DOLLARS!

HARRINGTON

WHERE WINNERS PLAY!

Berlin looking to return to uplighting trees

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) Uplighting will replace the current in-tree string lighting found in the trees in downtown Berlin, along Main Street, per a favorable vote by the municipality's council last week.

On Monday, July 14, the Berlin Town Council green-lit a change in downtown that will see the transition away from cool, tree lights to warm uplighting. The discussion and motion were brought to the table by Councilman Jack Orris. The lighting modification was approved in a 4-1 vote, with Dean Burrell, council vice president, opposed.

Orris initiated the lighting conversation at last week's Berlin Mayor and Council meeting, arguing that the stark white lights do not match the aesthetic of historic downtown Berlin. Orris said that he spoke with town staff, including Berlin Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence, who stated that his team has the bulbs on hand to proceed with the change.

"I'm not sure how long it would take [Lawrence] to replace all those lights, but I think it would be great to get kind of a head start so it's in place for the holidays," Orris said. The majority of Berlin's governing

The majority of Berlin's governing group agreed that the downtown

trees' string lighting should be changed back to uplighting, which was previously in place, before a council vote in 2021 to install the wire lights used on Christmas trees.

Now, the town will transition back to uplighting, which Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall has long favored. The new illumination will provide downtown Berlin with a warmer, softer glow, officials agree.

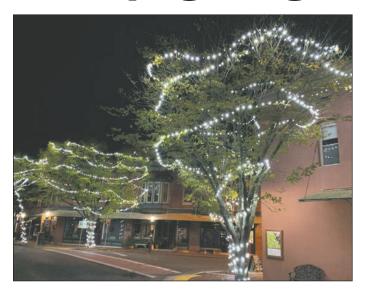
"[The string lights] don't fit the historic charm," Tyndall said. "In my opinion, it doesn't match. With the [string lights], you can't trim the trees."

"I prefer uplighting," Councilman Steve Green added.

The decision comes four years after the Town Council voted to replace the tree's uplighting with string lights in 2021. At that time, Councilman Jay Knerr initiated a discussion to replace the existing uplighting. He said that several businesses had advised him that this was their preference.

"I don't think the uplighting has the impact we're looking for," Knerr said in 2021. "They like the old-world charm of the in-tree lights and would prefer us to move in that direction."

At the time when Knerr advocated for in-tree lighting, Tyndall had directed staff to remove string lights and implement uplighting just a year



The downtown trees along Main Street have featured wire lights since a 3-2 council vote in 2021 did away with uplighting.
FILE PHOTO/
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

prior. The mayor noted in 2021 that string lights are more likely to fail and must be removed to conduct tree maintenance.

Lawrence also said at that time that string lights are not meant to be used all year long, thus making them more susceptible to deterioration over time.

Many on the council in 2021 pointed out that town residents preferred the string lights, leading to a 3-2 vote to replace the uplighting with in-tree wiring. Knerr, Burrell, and Troy Purnell, a council member at the time whose seat now belongs to

Green, approved the alteration. Orris and Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols opposed.

That decision will now be rolled back with the retirement of the string lights, to be replaced with uplighting. While Burrell maintained his position from 2021 opposing uplighting, Knerr changed his vote this time around, expressing his preference for the warmer uplighting.

"I was a big proponent of the tree lights, but I've changed my mind," Knerr said last week.

A specific timeline for the modification has not been announced.





Berlin to adopt new code on rules for peddlers, solicitors

Town is making changes to its door sales ordinance, to implement strict timeframe

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 24, 2025) The Berlin Town Council prepares to adopt a new ordinance that would restrict peddling in town outside the hours of Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and prohibit the soliciting practice on hol-

At its meeting last week, the Berlin Mayor and Council discussed a draft ordinance that would redefine the limitations on peddling and soliciting within the municipality's boundaries. Town of Berlin Attorney David Gaskill created the updated code. A first reading is planned for the governing group's upcoming meeting on Monday, July 28. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 11, with an anticipated adoption date of

The new peddlers code is likely to be implemented within the next few months. Berlin's Town Council initially discussed the drafted document last week. Gaskill stated that an enhanced ordinance was necessary for

the benefit of Berlin residents, who are the target of solicitors.

"Our [current] peddlers ordinance, in my opinion, was just poorly drafted," the town attorney said. "So, we're going to get rid of all of it and start over."

Per the proposed code, peddlers, defined as those "selling or offering for sale of any goods, wares or merchandise for immediate delivery which the person selling or offering for sale carries with him or her in traveling, or has in his or her possession or control, upon any of the streets or sidewalks or from house to house within the town," are required to obtain a peddlers license. Manufacturers or producers for the sale of bread or bakery products, meat products, milk products, produce, eggs, or other agricultural products are exempt from this rule.

The council's conversation also touched on the timeframe of when peddling is allowed in Berlin. The current code does not have a time limit. Gaskill's draft proposed permitting the activity between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day of the week, except Sunday. The council expressed a desire to restrict peddling further.

YEAR-ROUND

Landscaping

Tree Care

Irrigation

See PEDDLING Page 21



2025 Sunchaser Lucerne 22 LRDH Sport Tritoor VF115 HP Yamaha 4-Stroke • Burgundy Panel

> **ONLY \$462.52** PER MONTH

w/ Approved Financing

150 HP Yamaha V-Max 4 -Stroke • Onyx Panel **ONLY \$600.36**

PER MONTH w/ Approved Financing

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SERVING OCEAN CITY SINCE 1977 Personal Service at a Year Round **Full Service Marine Center**

Trailer & Boat Storage by the Day, Week, Month or Season with 24/7 Access

Located One Block from the Worcester County Boat Ramp in West Ocean City, MD

Email: harbordl@aol.com

12731 SUNSET AVE. WEST OCEAN CITY, MD .. HARBORMARINEOC.COM .. 410-213-2296

Your All-in-One Solution from Grass Roots to Tree Tops



- Turf Aeriation / **Turf Overseeding**
- Fall Cleanups

FALL - WINTER

- Dormant Pruning
- **SPRING**
- Turf Applications



Hardscaping

Landscape Lighting

Plant Health Care

Our expertise, proven track record, and innovative approach enable us to deliver top-tier services with...



State-of-the-art equipment for maximum efficiency



Highly trained experts certified arborists with decades of experience



Comprehensive services to solve every problem

302-227-1980 302-645-6262



LANDSCAPE SPECIAL

Try our landscape service and let us prove we are the best option.

Book Summer - Fall and get

SUSSEX TREE, INC.

lew landscape quotes only. Cannot be combined with any other offers or coupons. Some exclusions apply.
Expires 9/30/25

TREE SERVICE SPECIAL

Trimming or Removal over \$1,000

SUSSEX TREE, INC

Valid with coupon only. Cannot be combined with any other offers or coupons. Some exclusions apply. Expires 12/31/25



Anchor Atlantic, LLC

Property Management Rentals & Cleaning

Need a Rental?

Units are Available in July, for White Marlin Tournament Week & August-December



LUCAYAN
2 BR with Bayfront Pool



ST. TROPEZ Direct Oceanfront 2 & 3 BR with Pool



ISLAND CABANA



THE QUARTERS



POINTE ON THE BAY - 1, 2 & 3 BR units with Bayfront/Pool OCEAN HIGH - 2 & 3 BR Units with Bayfront/pool **SANDY SQUARE** - Direct Ocean Front 3 BR OSPREY RD - 3 BR Townhome on Canal & Bay with Boat Slip

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: 443-460-8827 OR EMAIL: Anchoratlanticllc@gmail.com Licensed and Insured

Bayside Gazette Page 20 July 24, 2025

Snapshots



FLOUNDER TOURNEY

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club recently hosted its annual Summer Flounder Tournament with close to 40 anglers participating. The top finishers, from left, were first place Josh Fallon (20 ½ inches); second place, Budd Heim (20 1/8 inches); and third place, Ron Kuhar and John Rokowski (18 ¾



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

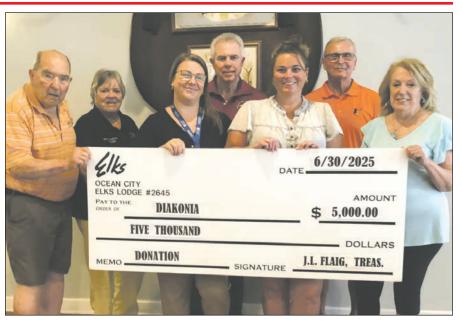
The Ocean City Lioness Lions Club presented scholarships to six Stephen Decatur seniors. The students pictured are Lily Olson, Sophia Robles and Christian Martin with Lioness Scholarship Committee members Ashley Furbay, Karen Hammond, Amy Bishop and Michelle Bankert. Not present are Josephine Palmer and Ksenia Drakos who won West Ocean City scholarships and Domanick Parris won the Worcester Technical High School scholarship.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LIONS CLUB TEAM

The Ocean City Lions Club begins a new service year each July. Steve McMIllan is the 2025 - 2026 Ocean City Lions Club President. Pictured, front row from left, are Corresponding Secretary Greg Cathell, Recording Secretary Bill Christmas, 2nd Vice President/Service Chair Mike Hooper, Marketing Chair Sarah Hooper, Director Danny Lewis and President Steve McMillan; and, second row, Membership chair Jeff Facello, 1st Vice President/Leadership Chair Sean Williams and Treasurer Joe Beran.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

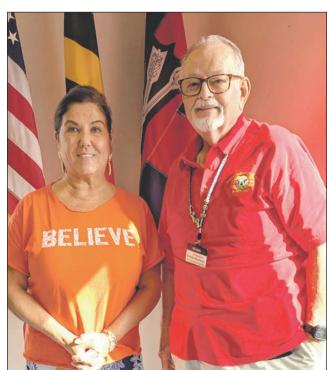
DIAKONIA DONATION

The Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645's Charity Committee recently provided a \$5,000 donation to Diakonia. Pictured are Jim Flaig, Susan Caldwell, Charlie Loane, Bruce Martinek, Carolyn Kuhn and Stephanie Hellman and Tony Stone, Sr. of Diakonia..



SUMMER CAMP HELP

Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club representatives Margaret Mudron and Cliff Berg attended **Rotary Work Days** at Camp Fairlee, an **Easter Seals Camp** in Fairlee, Md. to help spruce up the camp for summer campers. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Don's Seafood at the **South Gate of Ocean Pines. For** more information email ocberlinrotary@gmail.com. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



GUEST SPEAKER

Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation operates three Children's House By The Sea local facilities in **Ocean City and Fenwick** Island, Del. Program **Manager Mary Decker** Brown of the organization was the guest speaker at the July 9 meeting of the **Kiwanis Club of Greater** Ocean Pines-Ocean City. Decker is pictured with **Kiwanis Club President** Tom Southwell. Earlier this year the Kiwanis Club donated \$2,500 to the organization. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Obituary

JAMES PHILLIPS

Ocean Pines

James "Ray" Phillips age 75 of Ocean Pines, passed away Friday, June 27, 2025.

Born in Washington D.C. he was the son of the late James Phillips and Ann (Jefferson) Phillips. He was the loving husband to Cindy Phillips.

Ray was a volunteer fireman in Laurel, MD, a diamond miner in Venezuela and a Harbormaster for Pines Point Marina in Ocean Pines. He enjoyed acting in local dinner theatre productions, sailing to Key West and traveling with his wife, Cindy.

Ray is survived by his children Tr-



"Ray" Phillips

isha Moore (Jack) and Andrew Moore (Cindy Cooley) as well as his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Julia and Austin, brother Jeff Phillips. He was preceded in death by a brother Bradley

Phillips.
Cremation followed Ray's passing.
No formal services are planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. Condolences may be shared with the family via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Peddling restrictions to tighten

Continued from Page 19

Upon the council's request, peddling will be restricted to the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Soliciting in the early morning, late afternoon and night, and on weekends and town-sanctioned holidays will be strictly prohibited once the council adopts the new code.

Berlin Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said that the initial 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. timeframe was, in her opinion, reasonable as it extended an entire workday; however, she noted that it was ultimately up to the town council to decide.

The governing group said that they were in favor of tighter time restrictions.

"Part of this, too, is yes, we want to make sure it's reasonable, but people also in the Town of Berlin have the right to be able to reasonably enjoy themselves," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

Many on the council expressed dissatisfaction with the permission of peddling in Berlin at all.

"When I'm sitting on my front porch, I do not want someone stopping and asking me if I want to buy their nail polish," Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols said.

Councilman Steve Green added that while he was initially in favor of banning the practice of the town issuing permits entirely, research revealed that prohibiting peddling is unconstitutional.

Furthermore, peddlers are required to apply for an official permit and are subject to a basic background check. Licenses will not be provided to those with a criminal history.

Per last week's council discussion, peddling will be prohibited on holidays. The body decided to limit this to town-recognized holidays, to avoid any confusion. The Berlin Police Department, the group that issues peddlers licenses, will be provided with a list of days when door-to-door selling is banned.

The updated ordinance will have

its first reading at the Berlin Mayor and Council's upcoming meeting on July 28.

Concerns surrounding peddlers came to light in the spring when a resident, Mary Hedlesky, expressed her concerns at a public meeting about an unfortunate experience she had with a window replacement salesperson. The incident, caught on video, showed the salesman trying to get into the woman's home while she was reviewing the permit handed out by police.



ARTISAN GIFT SHOP

Located in the park next to the Farmer's Market, across from the Admin. Bldg.

OPEN THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL and every Sat. 8am-3pm; Sun. 10am-3pm



Page 22 Bayside Gazette July 24, 2025

Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Reliable cell service vital for Ocean Pines

Some cell phone service is better than no cell phone service, which is what many Ocean Pines residents frequently encounter when they try to use their mobile phones in and around the community.

For reasons understood best by scientists, engineering types and experts in wireless communications, Ocean Pines all too often finds itself sealed off from the rest of the world because of a weak or nonexistent cellular signal.

One of the suspected causes of the muffled signal, ironically, is the abundance of the tall pines for which the community is named. According to the tech book, "Wireless Crash Course," by Paul Bedell, pine needles are excellent at absorbing wireless signals, especially when they're wet.

Obviously, the pine trees aren't going anywhere. Just as apparent is the need for reliable cell service for as many people as possible. Consequently, the only solution is to find a site that offers the least interference and build on it a tower that rises above the trees.

That's what Milestone Towers proposes to do, as will be discussed during a virtual (as in via the internet) town hall meeting Monday, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Even though this session is billed as a Q&A opportunity, the critical questions shouldn't be about whether to proceed with erecting the tower, but should concern how well it will work and how quickly its construction can be accomplished.

As Police Chief Tim Robinson has said numerous times, cell phone coverage ceased being a matter of convenience years ago and is now the preferred means of telecommunications. More importantly, as he has also asserted repeatedly and strenuously, it's a lifeline when emergencies arise.

Erecting this tower will not destroy Ocean Pine's sylvan surroundings, and even if it won't offer improved communications in every section of the community, most residents will benefit from what has become an essential part of modorn life.

BAYSIDE W GAZETTE

11934 Ocean Gateway, Suite 6, Ocean City, Md. 21842 Phone: 410-723-6397 / Fax: 410-723-6511.

Dobson
Green
Hooper
Shane
e Kelly,
French
Green
Gibson
n Parks
Brown
Brown
ni Tufts

The Bayside Gazette is published weekly by FLAG Publications, Inc.
11934 Ocean Gateway, Suite 6, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

The Bayside Gazette is available by subscription at \$90/year or \$45/6 mos.

Visit us on the Web at www.baysideoc.com.

Copyright 2025



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CONCESSION FUNDRAISER

The Kiwanis "Dawg Team" had the opportunity to sell its concessions at the Ocean Pines 4th of July Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park to raise funds for the program to benefit children and families of Worcester County. Volunteering were Kitty Wrench, Skip Flanagan, Barbara Southwell, Ron Wildgust, Teri Westbrook, Tom Southwell and John Hanberry. More money raised for the good cause.

Blood shortage declared emergency

To refill a dwindling supply, residents are urged to give blood

(July 25, 2025) Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) has declared a blood emergency in Delmarva as the region's blood supply drops below a two-day inventory, far below the 7-day supply needed to meet hospital and patient needs. While all blood types are urgently needed, the shortage is especially severe for types O-negative and O-positive, which are vital for emergency situations and trauma care.

"We urgently need the community's help to rebuild the blood supply and prevent this situation from becoming more dire," said Keith Heim, Vice President at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Donating blood is one of the most direct and impactful ways to support our healthcare system and save lives."

Summer has brought an expected decline in donations, driven by vacations and school breaks, but combined with increased trauma cases, the impact on the local blood supply has been severe.

"Every time you hear a siren or see a helicopter overhead, there's a chance that patient will need blood," said Heim. "We need to make sure it's on the shelves before they ever get to the hospital."

Delmarva's hospitals aren't alone in this crisis. Blood shortages are a growing concern nationwide. But the solution is local — and immediate. BBD is calling on community members to step up now and ensure blood is available for those who need it.

Mark R. Marcantano, JD, President of Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley, emphasized the urgency.

'A successful blood transfusion can mean the difference between life and death for one of our young patients," he said. "The need for a diverse blood supply is constant, but the supply is not, which can cause blood emergencies like the one we are currently experiencing. Please consider donating blood with Blood Bank of Delmarva today, and as often as possible after that. Help us to maintain a healthy blood supply, and in turn, you will help to save the lives of community members in need."

State health leaders are also urging residents to take action, highlighting the essential role of blood donors in maintaining the state's healthcare infrastructure.

"Blood donations save

lives and support our neighbors. If everyone donated blood once per season, it's likely that shortages would not occur," said Delaware Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay, a blood donor herself. "Thank you to Blood Bank of Delmarva for doing this critical work, helping to build stronger, healthier communities in the First State."

Residents can help in three ways:

- Donate now. Schedule a blood or platelet donation at a BBD donor center or mobile drive near you including our recently reopened Salisbury donor center. Visit delmarvablood.org or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 to book an appointment.
- Host a drive. Start one at your school, business, or place of worship. Learn more on the website.
- Spread the word. Invite a friend to donate with you and share this urgent message.

In light of recent updates to FDA guidance, more people than ever may now be eligible to give.

Blood donors can donate every 56 days, and platelet donors can give up to twice per month.

To view current eligibility guidelines or make an appointment, visit delmarvablood.org or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8.

County gives \$100K to anti-wind campaign

'It's really, really good to see you

and Ocean City and everybody

working together as one.'

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic

Commissioners quick to approve using surplus funds on fighting project

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 18, 2025) Worcester County elected officials have pledged \$100,000 toward an ongoing public relations campaign to fight offshore wind projects, matching a contribution from Ocean City's City Council.

The funding request came from the county's head of tourism and economic development, Melanie Pursel, who updated the county commissioners on the activities of the nonprofit group Stop Offshore Wind.

The public-private coalition was formed to combat US Wind's proposed offshore wind farm off the coast of Ocean City, with the closest turbine projected to be about 11 miles off the beach.

Last Monday, the City Council also agreed to contribute up to \$100,000 to the cause. In her pitch, Pursel led with this fact – prompting Commissioner Chip Bertino (District 5, Ocean Pines) to jump in with an offer.

"So, you need \$100,000?" he asked.

Politely, Pursel said yes.

"I make the motion," Bertino said.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve his motion with a second from Commissioner Caryn Abbott.

As a result, up to \$100,000 will be paid from county surplus funds sometime during the 2026 fiscal year.

It won't be in one lump sum but would be paid as invoices are submitted to the county, according to county government spokeswoman Kim Moses

Pursel added that the group aims to stretch its funding through early 2026, dovetailing with the end of the 2026 Maryland General

Baywater Landing. 3908 Bayside Road, Snow Hill 5:45-7pm Participate in an aquaculture boat ride.

Assembly legislative session.

"It's really, really good to see you and Ocean City and everybody working together as one," said Commissioner Joe Mitrecic (District 7, Ocean City). "It's been a great campaign so far. I hope it'll continue to go in that direction. It's been a perfect storm, so to speak, for you all to work together."

Pursel said the group isn't just soliciting government contributions but is also seeking private sector donations to join a growing network of cooperating organizations. These include the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, the Coastal Association of Realtors, and the Worcester County Watermen's Association.

The campaign is fighting efforts of the developer US Wind's intention to install 114 wind turbines off the coast. Its talking points include the assertion that offshore wind energy production is inefficient and unreliable, that the 938-foot-tall wind turbines will de-

pend on fossil fuel backup systems, that wind turbines are the most expensive way to generate electricity, and that the high costs of development and

production would be passed onto ratepayers.

In an internal memo to the commissioners, Pursel added that the Stop Offshore Wind campaign, now an established 501(c)(4) nonprofit, is reaching a "critical period for public engagement and policy influence" that requires a cash infusion.

"The funds invested so far have been used judiciously and effectively, but the battle is far from over. Continued support from Worcester County will enable us to expand our outreach, respond to misinformation, and amplify the voices of residents, visitors, and businesses that depend on a healthy, vibrant, and accessible coast," she wrote.

It's not Worcester County's first foray into offshore wind opposition.

US Wind plans to construct an operations and maintenance hub at the West Ocean City commercial fishing harbor. To fight this, Worcester County officials continue to ponder the pursuit of eminent domain, to seize the properties – two legacy fish houses for commercial watermen – where the hub would be built.

US Wind initially reported holding the option to buy both fish houses, but updated its proposal to just one, a concession that ensures at least one fish house would stay open. The company has also raised the possibility of paying commercial fishermen directly to compensate for lost revenue.

County officials, meanwhile, also have mulled the prospect of buying the fish house properties themselves, a move that would snatch the properties out from under from US Wind, but could cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

Allowing US Wind to take the fish houses would "effectively dismantle the region's working harbor and industrialize our oceanfront," according to Stop Offshore Wind.



Puzzles

TUNNEL VISION BY BRANDON KOPPY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Brandon Koppy, of Dripping Springs, Texas, is a performance director for an ad agency. The big central wall of black squares splitting this puzzle's grid in two would usually be a crossword no-no, but there's a thematic reason for it here. — W.S. Note: This puzzle comes with eight bonus clues. Find their answers to reveal an apt alternative for traversing the grid. 1. Show how it's done 2. "Für Elise" composer 3. They can help with conflict resolution 4. Spy device in old cereal boxes shame upon 6. Bass-heavy musical groups, maybe 7. Valedictorians have them 8. New bride, quaintly

ACROSS

- 1 Cry from a guard tower 57 Many idol worshipers
- 5 Imaginary fiends 11 Assign a number, maybe
- 15 Takes orders at
- a restaurant
- 20 Great Plains tribe 21 "I'll be right with
- you' 22 Name that becomes a shape if you switch the second and fourth letters
- 23 They might leave you in stitches, for short
- 25 Not marbled, say
- 26 Electronic music
- genre
- 27 Pai gow game piece 28 Relieve
- 29 They have seniority
- 31 Bit of red in a salad 32 What accepts all
- cookies? 33 Bottom
- 34 Under, on a score of all
- 36 They might be padded
- 38 Gift in the 2000 movie "The Gift"
- 39 Here, in Paris
- 40 Alternative fuel source
- Noël 43 Yoga sounds
- 44 '60s war zone
- 45 "Wicked" protagonist 49 180
- 52 Acknowledge silently
- 54 Leave be

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/cr (\$39.95 a year).

- 56 Big hunk
- 62 Took an hour off
- midday, say
- 64 Phrase cooed en español
- 65 Dry, as Spanish wine
- 66 Monk known as "The Father of English History"
- 69 Geometric art style, familiarly
- 70 Going wrong
- 72 Two-stringed Chinese instrument
- 73 Gave a hoot
- 74 Gentleman's disagreement? 75 Website feed inits.
- 76 Basketball shooter's
- lament 78 Flattering lines
- 79 Subj. for John
- Maynard Keynes 81 Alma mater for John Maynard Keynes
- 82 Dot in la mer
- 83 It lets you move north
- 85 Windy City commuting org.
- 88 "A picture is worth a thousand words," e.g.
- 91 Mulligans
- 93 Big name in streaming
- 94 Gossip about
- 96 Champion's memento 97 Hold a grudge against
- 98 North Carolina university
- 99 "See if that's OK"
- 100 Chore-o-graph?
- 102 Significant start
- 103 Good person

- 104 Collectors' org.
- 105 Traded for cash
- 59 Cartoonist Silverstein 108 Letter-shaped opening
 - 110 Postgrad degs. 111 1962 Paul Anka hit
 - with the lyric "Kiss me mucho"
 - 113 Absorb, as a cost
 - "___ bin ein Berliner" 115 "
 - 117 Goddess of the rainbow

 - 119 State bird of Minnesota 120
 - __degree 121 Give bad marks
 - 122 Reason for a successful steal, maybe
 - 126 Unstable noble gas 129 French composer
 - 131 Eeyore-esque

 - 133 Black dialect, in brief
 - 134 Seemingly forever 135 Roar
 - 136 Soft palate appendages
 - 137 Some M.L.B.
 - highlights 138 Litigious threat
 - 140 "Bob's Burgers"
 - daughter 141 Group in charge
 - 142 Puffer or blazer
 - 143 Still looming, say 144 Shape that becomes a name if you switch the second and
 - fourth letters
 - 145 Wet bar? 146 Smooth with a
 - whetstone
 - 147 Like some bobsleighs 148 Hawk

DOWN

- 1 With 114-Down, some neighborhood bars ... or what connect eight pairs of answers in this puzzle?
- 2 Shopped at a farmers' market, say
- 3 Concern for a web game developer
- 4 Guiding principle
- 5 Morse 6 Opposite of WSW
- 7 Play with a trio of witches
- 8 Actor Jackson Jr.
- 9 State birds of Hawaii 10 Winfield ____, loser to Franklin Pierce for president in 1852
- 11 Chopper spinner 12 Still in the game
- 13 Pranksters may have
- tall ones **14** Tie
- 15 "Game of Thrones" land
- 16 Got going 17 Wedding exchange 18 See 68-Down
- 19 Deep split
- 24 Falls through the cracks, say
- 30 Strung rungs
- 35 Likely place for a hot mic
- 37 Certain religious pacifist
- 41 Gloss over, linguistically
- 46 French film director Varda
- 47 Italian lawn game
- 48 Just hate
- 49 Downright 50 Still-life vessels
- 51 Ouite a while
- 53 Jacks and jennies

55 The old you?

- 58 Bygone owner of Capitol Records
- 60 Tier

102

121

131

- 61 Like sperm whales among all animals
- 63 Slurpable noodle
- 66 Looked high and
- low in 67 Polliwog
- 68 With 18-Down, classic 1967 song by a group whose name is a hint to solving the eight bonus clues
- 71 Biotech crop, in brief

- 74 "Ah, thanks for explaining"
- 77 As an answer 80 Atlantic food fish

142

- 81 Breakfast brand
- 84 Fruit-shaped candies 85 Wide rift
- 86 Puccini opera set in Rome
- 87 Ancient symbols of life
- 88 Man's name that sounds like two consonants
- 89 Some luxury bags 90 "Consequently ..."
- noche (tonight: 95 One of 12 for Jacob
- 97 Classic detergent brand

100

104

134

138

143

147

- 101 Use for sleeping, say
- 103 Stealthy aquatic 106 Started broadcasting
- 107 Countrywide 109 "Lip Gloss" rapper, 2007
- 112 Stop being buds?
- 114 See 1-Down
- 115 Hosting site with a gallery of memes
- 116 Jersey boys? 118 Google action 123 Just not done
- 124 Birdlike
- 125 Beau
- 126 Bonnie with 13 Grammys
- 127 Beaming
- 128 AC___(G.M. subsidiary) 130 Some saxes
- 132 Grab bag
- 135 "We've all there'
- 139 Thurman of film

su do ku © Puzzles by Pappocom

HARD - 76

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

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

0 UNDERTHE X E N O N D E N T U R E HE

WE PAY CAS For Like New & Used Cars & Trucks **RACETRACK AUTO SALES** Place That Does It All? **AUTO DETAILING AVAILABLE** PREVIOUSLY OWNED **LOAD RITE & ANDERSON** TRAILERS FOR SALE VEHICLES for SALE MD STATE • '10 HONDA CRV

2002 MOUNTAIN UTILITY TRAILER

INSPECTED • '15 SUBARU FORESTER

SMITH'S

BEER • WINE LOTTERY **PROPANE REFILLS**

> 11740 Worcester Hwy. Showell, MD 21862 • 410-352-5070 (Located on Rt. 113 - 1 min. North of Racetrack Road)

TAG & TITLE

SERVICE

No Wait • Walk-In

No Appointment Necessary

Mon-Sat 8am - 4:45pm

Commissioners briefed on solar ag projects

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 18, 2025) Worcester County officials want more control over the outcome when a field of solar panels dies and the cleanup costs come due, but state law is tying their hands.

The issue came up through discussion of a proposed Queponco Road solar project, from Massachusetts-based developer New Leaf Energy. Planned for a 191-acre family farm outside Newark, the solar farm will cover 40 acres. It's scheduled to go online is 2027.

Cleanup of solar fields on agricultural land can be costly. The hardware at salvage sells for pennies on the dollar, and the acreage left behind may be sold at a loss because it's deemed hazardous property, county officials have said

Even more so, county leaders have said they don't want to be kept in the dark – no pun intended – if and when acres and acres of solar panels suddenly stop delivering power, for whatever reason, leaving behind electronic carcasses. Some commissioners have been quietly pushing the topic for months as new solar projects come before them for review.

The commissioners were briefed Tuesday on the Queponco 5 MW project as a "consultation" – where the county may offer input but have no real recourse if officials don't like the project

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked who held the decommissioning bond – meaning, the cash set aside to fund an eventual site cleanup when the solar farm goes offline – for a proposed 40acre, 5 MW project off Queponco Road.

Under Maryland law, it's the state who holds a bond valued at 125% of the project, less the salvage value, which gets renewed every five years, according to Jennifer Keener, director of the county's Department of Development Review and Permitting.

Keener also said the decommissioning part of a solar farm proposal doesn't come early, like in the consultation phase, but later on, when it goes before the planning commission for a site plan review.

But, she's been researching how other jurisdictions do it, and she's collaborating with the county's attorney Roscoe Leslie on how to approach this. The answer won't come quickly, she noted.

Bertino also wanted to know, in essence: could the county place a pause on a solar farm project until the law can be changed – giving us more of a hand in decommissioning?

If the county held a project's decommissioning bond, Bertino said, "we would be a little bit more in control," and be in a position to know first if a

solar farm was going offline.

"I want to make sure the county is protected. What is necessary to make that happen?" he said.

County attorney Roscoe Leslie reminded Bertino and his peers that, in a solar consultation, it's the county working in service of the solar developer.

State law also dictates that, here, it's the county's job to provide the feedback – for environmental review, for zoning, for how it aligns with the comprehensive plan – so the solar applicant can improve its final submission to county planners. The state also says counties can't adopt zoning laws or regulations that would block solar development.

Ultimately, all solar farm applications wind up before the state's Public Service Commission, or PSC, noted

"At the end of the day," Leslie told the commissioners, "we can't stop the project from moving forward."

Commissioner Bunting (District 6, Bishopville) said he recognizes that the commissioners have no power to make changes to any utility-scale solar project application.

"Us losing the authority to have control over these solar developments is a travesty. All they're doing is eating good farmland up. It's just a shame," he said.

The commissioners demanded at Tuesday's meeting, in a 6-0 decision,

that planning and development staffers bring forward emergency legislation that would give them more of that sayso over the decommissioning process. Bunting abstained from the vote.

While the request was to deliver this ASAP, procedurally, it first has to go before the county's planning commission for a favorable or unfavorable recommendation, because the commissioners are asking for a change to the county's zoning code, according to Keener.

The commissioners also engaged in a consultation Tuesday with a separate solar project proposed for Carey Road, also from New Leaf Energy. While it wasn't an approve-or-deny situation, the commissioners still voted 6-0 to oppose the project based on zoning concerns, again with Bunting abstaining.

Notably, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic (District 7, Ocean City) wrapped things up by asking project lead Drew Funk, in general, about the compensation New Leaf Energy offers landowners.

"What's the average rental that you pay the farmer for the per acre?" asked Mitrecic.

"I'm not at liberty to share that," Funk replied. "That's confidential with our lease agreement with our landowner."

Mitrecic replied,. "You can't even give me an idea of an average?"

"No. No, I can't," Funk said.





Get your **FREE** Information Kit from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

Call **1-855-337-5228**Dental50Plus.com/Mddc

Product/features not available in all states. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. To find a network provider, go to physiciansmutual. com/find-dentist. This specific offer not available in CO, NV, NY - call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for a similar offer in your state. Certificate C254/B465, C250A/B438 (ID: C254ID; PA: C254PA); Insurance Policy PI54/B469 (GA: PI54GA; OK: PI54OK; TN: PI54TN).





- Instant shade—at the touch of a button.
- Enjoy more quality time with family and friends.
- Up to 10-Year
 Limited Warranty.

Call 1-844-481-2902 now to **SAVE \$350 TODAY!**







You CAN Cancel Your Timeshare

We have helped over 30,000 American families save over \$450,000,000 in timeshare debt and maintenance fees. We can help you too.

Get your free information kit and see if you qualify:

Call 1.888.984.2917

'This is an Advertisement. Wesley Financial Group, LLC ("WFG") and/or-its affiliates successors, or assigns are not lawyers and/or a law firm and does not engage in the practice of law or provide legal advice or legal representation. Actual results depend on each client's distinct case and no specific outcome is guaranteed.

Calendar

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

Thurs., July 24

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Risky Business" (rock and roll), views of the sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay and free admission.

https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sunset-park-party-nights/

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring music by Colossal Fossil Sauce. Free family entertainment. Bring chairs, blankets, etc. Food will be available for purchase and BYOB is acceptable. Smoking area is in the rear. 410-641-7052

YOUNG CREATORS ART STUDIO

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Kids can explore their creativity and create their own masterpiece. Perfect for kids ages 6-11 years. All materials included while supplies last. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME IN THE PARK

White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a colorful story time at White Horse Park. There will be songs, dancing and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-632-3495, 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

MOBILE MENTOR

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Oneon-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4:30 p.m. This group is open to all caregivers and helps participants build a support system with others who understand. Heather Adkins, 410-632-0111, Heather.Adkins@worcoa.org

TEEN ART STUDIO

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Teens will experiment with different artistic techniques to create unique works of art. All materials provided while supplies last. 410-957-0878,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

Friday, July 25

GREEK FESTIVAL

Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Featuring authentic Greek cuisine, spirited dances and unique vendors. Admission is free. 410-524-0990, https://www.greekfestivalocmd.com

12TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Scales open at 4 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Vendors open every day in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. https://www.bigfishclassic.com

FREE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR ADULTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Held June 27, July 25, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. Join 1, 2, 3 or all sessions. Strength in Every Story — Understand how poverty affects everyone and explore real, local solutions.

STORY TIME AT THE THEATER

Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a special story time at the Mar-Va Theater with stories, songs and games about performing arts and drama. For families. 410-632-5622, www.worcesterlibrary.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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Fish Tales Bar and Grill and Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Winter wonderland with Santa arriving via the Cruisin' Tiki in the afternoon to bring treats for the kiddos. Brings cameras. A special gift for those who donate to Toys for Tots. 410-289-0990

FIBER ARTS PETTING ZOO AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2-4 p.m. Come learn about and try out different fiber arts tools and techniques. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-8 p.m. Friends only night. Thousands of book for sale, most priced at \$2 or less. Memberships available for \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines library. 410-208-4014

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., July 26

GREEK FESTIVAL

Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m.10 p.m. Featuring authentic Greek cuisine, spirited dances and unique vendors. Admission is free. 410-524-0990, https://www.greekfestival-ocmd.com

ILLUMINATE OCEAN CITY MIND-BODY-SPIRIT-ARTS FESTIVAL

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission, free workshops, exhibitors including aura photography, crystals, essential oils, luxurious spa products, psychic mediums, energywork, original art & more. www.illuminatefestivals.com, 575-519-5883

TOM PAPA: GRATEFUL BREAD TOUR

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8 p.m. Tom Papa's unique perspective on absurdities of daily existence will have you in stitches. Tickets:

https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/44670469/tom-papa-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center.

SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE SERIES

On the beach between Wicomico and N. Division streets, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. A 5-on-5 soccer tournament for youth ages 8-18 years and adults with divisions based on age, gender and ability.

https://ocbeachsoccer.com

12TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Scales open at 4 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Vendors open every day in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. https://www.bigfishclassic.com

18TH ANNUAL FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT

Ocean Pines Swim & Racquet Club, 10 Seabreeze Road, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Weigh Station closes promptly at 4 p.m. Registration is \$60 at

https://business.worcestercountychamber.org/events/details/18th-annual-flounder-tournament-in-ocean-pines-15 474. Rain date is July 27.

RUNAWAY BRIDGE FUN RUN/WALK

Berlin Main St. & Maryland Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Proceeds benefit Worcester County GOLD. www.WorcesterGOLD.org,

contact@worcestergold.org, 443-235-6525

MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 8 p.m. Featuring "Runaway Bride."

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thousands of books for sale, most priced at \$2 or less. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines library. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TASKMASTER LIBRARY EDITION

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. Compete against one another in fun, slightly quirky challenges. Finish some tasks, earn some points, win some prizes. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY: MESSY ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Create different art styles with a variety of materials. All ages. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CORAL REEF AWARENESS WEEK AT THE OCEAN CITY LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Book signing and reading of "A Fish Named Fancy" with author Ellwyn Autumn. Creature Feature and Take-Home Craft at 12 p.m. Watch a live feeding and learn about marine habitats. www.ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Bring your friends and explore your imagination with LEGO bricks provided by the library. Your creation will be displayed in the library for the next whole month. For ages 6-11 years. 410-641-0650

COMIC BOOK CLUB: BABYSITTERS CLUB AND BIG NATE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Check out this month's featured series,

Calendar

create your own comic and craft. No experience required. For families. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SIPPIN' WITH SLOTHS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 6-8 p.m. Music by Bob Wilkinson. Cost is \$40 and includes sloth encounter, self-guided tour, and one complementary glass of wine. Tickets:

https://book.singenuity.com/469/activity/details/2284/rates. 302-829-1548

OCEAN PINES 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. Also featuring family-friendly activities, music and unique shopping experiences. Open to the public, year round. 410-641-7052,

https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market

Sun., July 27

GREEK FESTIVAL

Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Featuring authentic Greek cuisine, spirited dances and unique vendors. Admission is free. 410-524-0990, https://www.greekfestivalocmd.com

OC CRUZERS ON SOMERSET PLAZA

Somerset Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, 3-6 p.m. Free, family-friendly car show featuring classics, hot rods and customs from the OC Cruzers Car Club. Also featuring a DJ. https://ocdc.org

12TH ANNUAL HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, 4-8 p.m. Scales open at 4 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Vendors open every day in the Big Fish Village at 3 p.m. Awards banquet at 8:30 p.m. https://www.bigfishclassic.com

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "City Groove" (pop cover band). Kids enjoy free activities and entertainment. Ice cream and beverages available for purchase. Free event concluding with fireworks.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Featuring a visit from Santa and music by Stevenson's Crossroads.

https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, May through October, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Producers only market featuring more than 50 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, seafood, meat and more. Also featuring a petting farm (9-11 a.m.), free kids art station and live music. The-BerlinFarmersMarket.com

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., July 28

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy half price on your entire purchase during the last day of the sale. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines Library. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP

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

MOSAIC ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Love art? Learn how to create a mosaic using glass beads. For tweens and teens. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. Whether you're newly diagnosed, in treatment or in remission, the group is here for you. Friends and family also welcome. 410-641-2626

FIBER CRAFT MEET-UP

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4 p.m. Bring your work in progress for community and shared knowledge. Held in the meeting room or in the garden, weather permitting. 410-632-3495, 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

COLORFUL SEASHELLS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Local artist, Evie Eggers, will guide participants through color theory as the group creates their very own painted seashell. Registration required: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING QUARTER AUCTION

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age. Tickets: Jackie, 443-735-4275; Marena, 443-944-3276.

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., July 29

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Make some new friends to play with and improve language and motor skill development. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME: CLAY-N-PLAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Mold, sculpt, squeeze and stamp with dough and clay. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MISTER BOOM BOOM PRESENTS 'COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Children explore instruments from around the world through play, singalongside and rhythm games. For families. 410-632-3495, 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

MISTER BOOM BOOM PRESENTS 'COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Children explore instruments from around the world through play, sing-alongside and rhythm games. For families. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SEAFOOD NIGHT WITH THE KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal

Highway, Ocean City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Held Tuesdays in the Columbus Hall behind St. Luke's Church. Pre-order crabs Monday or Tuesday morning of that week: 410-524-7994. Non-seafood options will be available.

CROSS FARMS POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays - Flower Street Field across from Henry Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting Maryland Department of Agriculture FMNP (WIC & Seniors) Checks and Maryland WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks. Also offering a "Produce Bucks' program, which doubles purchases for eligible residents. https://www.facebook.com/theberlinfarmersmarket.

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

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

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

www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., July 30

OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP EVENT

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. Celebrating 150th Anniversary. Stop by to grab a photo with the OC photo ops, win smile swag and more.

Continued on Page 28

Calendar

Continued from Page 27 Download the app (https://www.oco-cean.com/plan-your-visit/) to play games at the pop up.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Minions: Rise Of Gru." Free, family-friendly event. Bring blankets, chairs, snack, drinks and warm clothing. Weather permitting. www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/

MISTER BOOM BOOM PRESENTS 'COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Children explore instruments from around the world through play, singalongside and rhythm games. For families. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CASH BINGO

Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Door open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Food available before bingo and at intermission. Open to the public. 443-605-5028

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Wednesdays (through Aug. 20) - Ocean

Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. DJ, games and prizes. Food available for purchase. Admission is \$3 for OP swim members, \$5 for OP residents, \$7 for non-residents and free for non-swimmers. Cash only. 410-641-7052, oceanpines.org

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

BASEBALL BUS TRIP

Phillies vs. Orioles at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, PA, Aug 6. Game time is 12:35 p.m. Bus will leave at 8 a.m. from Ocean Pines Community Center. Tickets cost \$85 and include transportation and game ticket. Register: 410-641-7052.

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM

Summer programs take place at the OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., from 10-10:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, July 7-Aug. 29. Monday - History of Our Surfmen

Tuesday - Beach Safety Wednesday - Knot Tying Thursday - All About Sharks Friday - Land, Sky & Sea Saturday - Aquarium Feeding For more info: 410-289-4991, emma@ocmuseum.org

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER: COLOR BY NUMBER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, July 1-31. Grab an art kit to create at the library or take it with you. Most supplies are included. For children ages 0-11 years. 410-524-1818

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN'S 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE

Women Supporting Women, 1320 Belmont Ave., Salisbury, June 1-July 25. Tickets \$10. Daily raffle to win prizes for the 12 days of Christmas in July. 410-548-7880

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Weekly virtual drawings on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Winner receives 60 percent of jackpot. www.opvfd.com/queen-of-hearts. Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

2025 KIWANIS LOTTERY TICKETS ON SALE

On sale every Saturday morning at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One \$20 ticket is good for

all 365 drawings in 2025. Benefits the youth of the community.

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/oce ancitymuseumsociety, 410-289-4991, emma@ocmuseum.org

OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Don's Seafood & Chop House at the South Gate of Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. ocberlinrotary@gmail.com

OCEAN CITY CHAPTER OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY

Meets every month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Membership is open to individuals of Italian descent and their spouses. www.sonsofitalyoceancity.com

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF DELMARVA

Meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. A social organization of men and women of Polish or Slavic descent.



Classified

MARKETPLACE

Call 410-723-6397 or email classifieds@octodaydispatch.com

by Monday, 5 p.m.

Classifieds appear in OC Today-Dispatch & Bayside Gazette each week & online at octodaydispatch.com & baysideoc.com







HELP WANTED

AMERICAN LEGION Assistant Manager, PM Shift

2 Line Cooks, experience required.

Part-time.

Apply at Post, 2308 Philadelphia Avenue or call for information at 410-289-3166

FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN

Full Time/Part Time
Locally Owned Co looking
for an experienced
TECHNICIAN. Must have good driving record and some background in Fire Alarm systems. Competitive pay with benefits. 410-641-4411



NOW HIRING!!

Production Crew

for our WOC kitchen facility Up to \$20/hr.

Apply online at: www.delmarvadd.com

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE ULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND.

Competitive Salary, Health Insurance, 401K, Paid Vacation. Apply in person or call. Pyramid Condo, 9500 Coastal Hwy., OC 410-524-4479

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE PERSON For small community in the Berlin area. General maintenance knowledge

needed. Good pay! Large equip. exp. helpful. 410-641-5102

JOLLY ROGER Small Engine Mechanic. Ride Maintenance.

Year Round. Wage starts at \$15/hour & up based on experience. Benefits available 410-289-4902

CLEANERS WANTED

Vacation rental cleaners needed for OC and The Pines. Exp. preferred, but not required. OC PURIFIERS Call or text 443-397-1189 or email

Karen@ocpurifiers.com

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED BARBER wanted at Charlie's Barbershop, Berlin, MD. With clientele. To rent a

chair. 443-944-2240

THE IRENE CONDOMINIUM on 111th Street in Ocean City is hiring a full/part-time Maintenance Person for seasonal and/or year-round work. Great work environment with flexible hours in a friendly beachfront building. Competitive hourly

wage based on experience.
Duties include routine maintenance, minor repairs, light painting and grounds keeping. Light physical labor is required.

Text or call Ed @ 443-415-8000

RENTALS

WATERFRONT BAYSIDE

Newly remodeled 2BR, 2BA Condo in North OC. Full kitchen, LR, DR, W/D, balcony for sunsets. Perfect for crabbing, fishing, kayak-ing. 10 min. walk to beach. Weekly summer rentals & long term seasonal Nov.-May.

Contact Julie 443-223-4623

Seeking YR & Seasonal

Rentals!
Call Howard Martin Realty 410-352-5555

YEARLY RENTAL **Robin Drive**

Available Immediately 2BR, 1BA, Furnished. Ideal 2 mature adults w/strong work history. \$2,000/mo.

Background required. Call/text 703-819-7400

Holiday

Yearly & Seasonal

Rentals

We Welcome Pets

7700 Coastal Hwy 410-524-7700

www.holidayoc.com

Run your

business card

in our SERVICE IRECTORY

CALL

410-723-6397

for pricing!

Tidewater Physical Therapy NOW HIRING

PARTS STORE ASSOCIATE

Carquest Auto Parts & Marine, now has an opening for a

PARTS ASSOCIATE at our location in Ocean Pines.

We will train the right person. Must be reliable and

have great customer service experience.

Call: 302-344-9769

Physical Therapist
Ocean Pines, MD - FT/PT licensed PT. \$95-\$120K, benefits (FT only), growth and future shareholder potential.

Physical Therapist Assistant

Ocean View, DE - FT/PT licensed PTA (Delaware or compact), temporary license acceptable. \$27-\$30/hour, M-F schedule, NO weekends. Benefits for FT.

Apply on our website at tidewaterpt.com



Currently Hiring Manpower For:

Carpenter | Laborer | Painters Stucco & EIFS Mechanics Concrete Work

- o Experience preferred.
- o Tools, transportation & valid driver's license are a plus.
- o Excellent pay and a competitive benefits package available.

Please Apply Online:

Or Contact Our Office at 410-352-9800

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Space for Lease

ONLY 1 UNIT LEFT!

Approx. 1000 sq. ft. Busy major road in Town of Berlin.

Call 443-880-8885 for more information.

Industrial Space Yard and Storage Shed. Approx. 10x25+/-

Route 90/Bishopville Call 443-497-4200.

2 Office/Retail Spaces available in West Ocean City. Approximately 1656 sq. ft. and 1728 sq. ft. Call 443-497-4200

SERVICES

LARRY'S HANDYMAN **SERVICE**

No job too small. Entrance doors, interior doors, storm doors, shower doors, drywall repairs and paint, laminate floors, interior paint. Over 40 years of carpentry experience. Please call Larry, 410-251-9066

DONATIONS

Do you have an old bicycle **not being used?** It could mean a world of difference to mean a world of difference to a hard-working international student. We are looking to get as many bikes as possi-ble. Your donation will be tax-deductible. Contact Gary at 443-975-3065.

FOR SALE

CEMETERY PLOT FOR SALE SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK

Plot # 171-C \$850 Rt. 50, Berlin, MD Call 410-641-1734

VEHICLES

FOR SALE 2018 ISUZU NPR-HD BOX TRUCK Gas Auto 61,000 miles \$42,000

MISC./OTHER

410-213-1633

A warm afternoon, He whispers, "Come, sit with me.

See what I have done".

SERVICES

BUDGET MOVERS

443-664-5797 **LOCAL & EAST COAST MOVING**

> Full Packing Service Piano Movers - Full Service

www.facebook.com/OCBudgetMovers

11 D) Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia since 1908.

MARYLAND STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

MISC. FOR SALE

Get Boost Infinite! Unlimited Talk, Text and Data For Just \$25/mo! The Power Of 3 5G Networks, One Low Price! Call Today and Get The Latest iPhone Every Year On Us! 855-977-5719

Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-855-407-6870

CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK

FOR SALE

Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-993-0969 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

VEHICLES WANTED

DONATE YOUR CAR/TRUCK/ RV - Lutheran Mission Society of MD Compassion Place ministries help local families with food, clothing, counseling. Tax deductible. MVA licensed #W1044.

410-228-8437 www.CompassionPlace.org

REAL ESTATE

Prepare for power outages We Buy Houses for Cash AS today with a GENERAC Home IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-866-541-7929

SERVICES

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-337-5228

www.dental50plus.com/ MDDC #6258

GET IT RENTED HERE!

410-723-6397

www.octodaydispatch.com

www.baysideoc.com

OC Today-Dispatch A News Sports Lifestyle Business Opinion Obituaries Photo Gallery



Classifieds Public Notices e-Edition

Q 💄

www.octodaydispatch.com



Convenient

No Waiting, No Calls

Days, Nights & Weekends

ORDER YOUR CLASSIFIEDS ONLINE!

Service

CLEANING SERVICES



RSOLUTE CARPET CARE & EXT. CLEAN, LLC

- Tile & Grout
- Upholsterv
- **General Cleaning**
- Beach Vacation Rental Cleanings **Residential & Commercial**
- Cleanings

Call Today 302-259-1469

CLEANING SERVICES



Grout Cleaning Oriental Rug Cleaning and Repair

302-436-5652

Family Owned and Operated Since 1983

DENTAL

DePalma Dental, LLC



Michael DePalma, D.D.S. Errin DePalma, D.D.S.

500 Franklin Avenue, Unit 3 Berlin, Maryland 21811

Phone: 410-641-3222 www.depalmadental.com

HANDYMAN SERVICES

HANDY BEACH

"WE DO IT ALL

- Roofing Repairs
 Roof Cleaning
- Rain Gutters Screening Gutter Guards Painting

• Staining • Caulking

Pat Parrish

Andersen w

- Gutter Cleaning & Powerwashing •
- Deck Repairs •

Bonded • Insured • MHIC 17433

Phil Parrish

410-893-9707



Home Improvement, Inc.

Specializing in Additions, Kitchens, Baths and All Types of Custom Remodeling.

Let's schedule your Spring & Summer Projects!

We accept MC/Visa (410) 641-3762

HOME IMPROVEMENT



- **Complete Home Improvement Contractor**
- * NOW OFFERING *

DISPOSAL ROLLOFF SERVICE Quick Reliable Service 7 Days A Week

Clean Up Crews Available • 15 & 20 Yard

Maintenance

Licensed and Fully Insured

Free Estimates

Locally Owned

Roofing

Cleaning Specials

410.713.8599

HOME IMPROVEMENT



PipeLine Contracting, LLC Home Improvement Services Company

Home Improvement Design & Bertch Cabinet Retail

Cabinets & Countertop $\bullet \ Flooring \ \& \ Tile$ Residential & Commer
 Servicing Maryland &
 Delaware Beaches General Carpentry &

US Veterans Approved Contractor

"One stop shop for Home

Improvement"

11312 Manklin Creek, Rd., Ocean Pines, MD ~ Call or Stop in Today!

(410) 208-1518 • (410) 982-8368

pipelinecontracting.net • info@pipelinecontracting.net MDHIC # 107489 • DE # 2014100304 • Insured & Licensed

HOME IMPROVEMENT



* Free Estimates





ROOFING - SIDING WINDOWS - DOORS HOME IMPROVEMENTS

MHIC 114960- Insured- Affordable

HOME IMPROVEMENT



Licensed ~ Bonded ~ Insured • MHIC #8465

LANDSCAPING

Lawncare, Landscaping & Hardscapes



- Winter Cleanup Spring Ready
- Mulch
- Planting
- Stone Driveways Patio & Walkway
- Custom Landscape

FREE ESTIMATES MHIC #12398

410-430-7543

MDA #30202

MENTAL HEALTH



MOVING SERVICES

The Area's #I Moving Company **LOCAL . ENTIRE EAST COAST**

Residential or Office or Commercial Packing or Loading or Unloading or Complete Move Single Item or Certain Items or Full Home



Call Maria: 443-664-5797

www.Facebook.com/ocbudgetmovers

PAINTING

mmerman · Drywall Repairs Son LLC

Painting & Powerwashing

Serving Delmarva for Over 35 Years Licensed & Insured

- **CUSTOM PAINTING**
- WALLPAPER REMOVED
- DECK & HOUSE
- STAINING ALWAYS PROMPT SERVICE

CREDIT CARDS



Bill Zimmerman cell 443-373-4539



MVA LICENSED

NEW TITLE AND TAGS AND MORE www.westoceancitytagandtitle.com

WEST OCEAN CITY

Open Mon., Fri., 9-2 & Wed. 9-5

JODY PALMISANO 410-629-5600

PIANO TUNING



Nick French • 443-783-8255 Nfrenchti@gmail.com

PAINTING

PAT'S PAINTING IN THE PINES Reliable and Affordable Painting

SPECIALIZING IN CABINET PAINTING Delaware ~ Ocean Pines ~ Ocean City ~ Berlin

Estimates

Powerwashing ✓ House/Deck Staining ✓ Wallpaper Removal

> ✓ Custom Painting 410-641-5957

Licensed **Resident of Ocean Pines**

Drywall Repairs

Interior & Exterior

Free Estimates NOW ACCEPTING

10% Discount with this ad.

BaysideOC.com

Service DIRECTORY

PLUMBING



MD 62495 • DE 13060 • Insi

We do it all from ground work to rough in to final trim & fixtures.

We Install:

Faucets/Sinks • Showers/Tubs/Toilets Water Heaters • Water/Sewer Lines

Winterization Packages • Repairs

CALL FOR ANY OF YOUR PLUMBING OR GAS NEEDS

410-430-3490 • LMSPlumbingandgas.com

PRINTING & DESIGN

NOT YOUR AVERAGE COPY CENTER

Full Business Center Custom Gifts Graphic Designs Retail Gift Items

Wedding Print Services

Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm

ONE STOP SHOP For ALL YOUR PERSONAL & BUSINESS NEEDS

11065 Cathell Road • Ocean Pines 410-208-0641 • copycentral@verizon.net

ROOFING



Your Roofing, Siding & Home Improvement Specialist Since 1989

ROOFING • SIDING • DURADEK • WINDOWS • GUTTERS

Mike Moesle 410-629-1573, Fax: 410-629-1946

9240 Peerless Rd. • Bishopville, MD

mmoesle@shoresidingmd.com • www.shoresidingmd.com *Licensed in MD, DE &VA

Consumer Cellular[®]

BIG WIRELESS COVERAGE, WITHOUT BIG WIRELESS COST.

Plans start at just \$20/month.

Switch & Save Today.

866-337-1676

LET THE PROS

© 2024 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Plans shown above include \$5 credit for AutoPay and E-billing. Taxes and other fees apply. Credit approval required for new service. Cellular service is not available in all areas and is subject to system limitations.

Leaf Filter

Be prepared before the next power outage.



It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 855-993-0969 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

GENERAC

HANDLE IT! Say "No" to Cleaning Out Your Gutters. Protect Your Home With LeafFilter. Protect Your Home With LeafFilter. Protect Your Home With LeafFilter. Promo: 285 CALL TODAY FOR A 1-844-566-3227 FREE INSPECTION!

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK, RV

Your donation helps provide food, clothing, hope.



Tax deductible.
MVA licensed #1044



410-228-8437

www.CompassionPlace.org

Attention Rite Aid Clients - Bring Your Prescriptions to:





Ocean Pines Neighborhood Pharmacy

410.629.0089

WE WELCOME RITE AID CUSTOMERS LOWER PRESCRIPTION CASH PRICES **THAN WALMART & WALGREENS**

Coastal Drug Offers:

- Competitive OTC/Rx Cash Prices
 Immunizations
- Blister Packaging & Med Sync
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Wound Care
- Delivery

MANAGING MULTIPLE **MEDICATIONS?**



We Accept All Insurances **Delivery Available**

Open Saturdays

We're here to help keep your medications organized. This is beneficial for those with difficulty reading small print and help prevent double dosing and missing doses.

Bring in your list of medications to Coastal Drug. The pharmacist will assist you in signing up for the program. **IT'S THAT SIMPLE!**

Call Today!







Hiring Pharmacy Tech & Part-Time Pharmacist

Your Community

11005 Manklin Meadows Lane #1 • Ocean Pines (in front of Headlines Salon)

410.629.0089

M-F: 9am-6pm Sat: 10am-2pm

Sun: Closed

