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The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library hosted its annual book sale last weekend, where thousands of paperback and hardcover books were sold at a low price. Browsers from Saturday morning are pictured as they scope out this year's immense selection.

Residents push for sidewalks

Speed, distracted driving make pedestrians worry on Old Ocean City Boulevard

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) Town of Berlin officials say they are working toward placing sidewalks along Old Ocean City Boulevard to enhance pedestrian safety and walkability. Residents from the neighborhoods near the road flocked to the Berlin mayor and council's meeting on Monday to implore the town to make real progress towards establishing walkways along the busy, and oftentimes dangerous, street.

Residents said many drivers speeding down Old Ocean City Boulevard are distracted and careless, and encouraged town officials to work towards creating pedestrian paths before someone is injured.

"There are a lot of distracted drivers on that road," said Matthew Stoehr, the chair the Berlin Planning Commission. "You go down that side of that road, it is full of beer bottles and mini liquor bottles. It is not a great road. We are getting to a place where someone will get hit and we will be reacting to it, instead of trying to get ahead of it."

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Berlin loses challenge of Dollar General assessment

State reaffirms reduction in property's assessed value

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) The Town of Berlin's effort to appeal a property tax assessment of Dollar General, which yielded a reduction in property value of more than 20%, failed as the state tax office affirmed the lowered valuation.

In May, Wayne Hartman, owner of the property leased to Dollar General on Decatur Street, complained to the Berlin mayor and council about their appeal of his assessment.

Hartman, who represents this area as state delegate to the Maryland General Assembly, said he learned of the town's appeal in a letter from the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

In a hearing last week in Snow Hill, the Tax Assessment Appeals Board for Worcester County affirmed the existing \$1.8 million assessment.

In a July 23 letter spelling out its reasons, the board said it "finds from its examination of the condition of the improvements, the lease, the location and the derived net income that the value proposed by the assessor is appropriate."

The town appealed the \$1.8 million assessment because it was \$491,000 less than the property had been valued for tax purposes, and that reduction translated into a \$4,000 reduction in the town's tax bill to Hartman.

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Residents seek safety of extended sidewalks

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Vanessa Stein, the mother of two young children, told the mayor and council when she's on a run, she takes her earbuds out until she reaches Main Street to ensure she can hear when a car is near.

She added that when she takes her kids to get ice cream, she is constantly worried about the unpredictable vehicles on Old Ocean City Boulevard, exacerbated by a lack of pedestrian safety. Stein said she teaches her children they always have to be alert and cannot trust drivers to do what they're supposed to do.

Dirk Widdowson, another planning commission member, presented facts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on the importance of sidewalks. Widdowson's wife, Gayle, submitted a petition of about 50 signatures from affected citizens in the area.

According to Widdowson, "studies show that streets without sidewalks are more than twice as likely to have driver-pedestrian crashes compared to streets with sidewalks" and that "providing walkways separated from travel lanes can prevent up to 88% of walking along the roadway crashes."

"Well-designed sidewalks can incorporate a buffer zone between the sidewalk and roadway, further enhancing pedestrian comfort and safety," Widdowson said.

"A well-maintained and connected network of sidewalks encourages walking, which offers a safe, accessible means of transportation, especially for older adults who are maybe more dependent on walking options. Sidewalks allow application of the central pedestrian safety skills such as stopping, looking left to right for traffic, and being aware of surroundings."

The mayor and council assured the audience that sidewalks along Old Ocean City Boulevard have been and are a priority of the town. However, while the project is on the radar of the State Highway Administration, it has yet to see any real progress.

"For five or six years now, we've been waiting for the state to pay for [the sidewalks]," Stoehr said, addressing the council. "I'm asking you guys to start looking at how Berlin can pony up and help us be safe."

The project remains stalled, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said, because of uncertainty concerning the easements along Old Ocean City Boulevard that would be required to install side-

"The hard part is that the state is on board with wanting to do the project," the mayor said. "The challenge here is the easements. There are no easements along Old Ocean City Boulevard to place the sidewalk. The first step is to secure those easements... Where we need to go is getting those easements from the folks that live on the south side of Old Ocean City

Boulevard."

Rather than continuing to take the "wait and see" approach, Councilman Steve Green asked the council to come to consensus on funding an engineering study of the stretch of road, similar to what the town did in 2011 when Broad Street sidewalks were waiting

Green thought the petition, the packed house at town hall and an engineering study may help with presenting the case to move forward to the state. The council agreed and Tyndall said, "it would be another tool" for

Green said he supported using impact fees to fund the study as well as the entire stretch of sidewalks is needed. Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the impact fee account has See EASEMENTS Page 4



A sidewalk is pictured along Old Ocean City Boulevard as part of the West View residential community's development. Area residents asked their elected officials to prioritize extending the sidewalks to Main Street at Monday's meeting.



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State reaffirms Dollar General assessment

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ments at the Berlin Town Council's regular meeting, Hartman informed the body that before the municipality's involvement, he had applied for a reconsideration of a tax bill on his Dollar General property. The delegate said his petition was granted after two years and the parcel's value was reduced.

"Back when I bought the property three years ago, interest rates were very low," Hartman said in May. "So, the cap (capitalization) rate was very low, and it was fixed based on the rent. So, if you do the math, the value of the property was very high. I paid nearly \$2.5 million for the property. Since then, we have had a dramatic increase in interest rates, and now the cap rates are much higher, so rent being the same ... the value of the store is much lower ... I had valuations from different Realtors, and the valuation that the state came back with lowered my assessment to \$1.8 million."

The Town of Berlin became involved because the assessment decrease was more than 20% of the property's initial value. The State of Maryland is authorized to issue a letter to the Town of Berlin in cases of such an extreme reduction. The municipality opted to petition against the new valuation. Notably, however, it was revealed at the May meeting that the Town Council

was unaware that an appeal had been filed on behalf of the town.

Hartman was outraged at Berlin's decision to appeal the estimation and had reached out to Councilman Jay Knerr about his concerns, who appeared sympathetic.

"I think it's a very bad look for the town to be fighting these [reductions]," Knerr said at the May meeting. "...We could have gone to [Hartman] and said, 'Hey, what's going on here?' I think that would have been a fair approach."

Still, a few members of the town staff pointed to the \$4,000 decrease in

property tax revenue as a loss to the town's income stream.

"My standpoint on the appeal is reduction of assessed value, which is lost revenue for the Town of Berlin," said Town of Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh. "As the finance director, I would advocate to appeal because we're losing the revenue that provides services to the citizens and residents of the Town of Berlin."

It was never revealed at that May meeting who initiated the appeal. According to Saleh, she sent a petition letter to the state at the direction of Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall to gather additional information on why the assessment was lowered.

Tyndall maintained that his role in the process was simply asking the staff to handle the issue "at the staff level" to keep politics out of the decision.

Hartman said at the time that his primary concern was that if the reduced property value was overturned, the taxes would discourage Dollar General from renewing its lease, which would end the company's ability to offer its discounted products to the Berlin community.

Easements needed for sidewalks

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Part of the engineering process will involve conducting surveys to identify the number of easements in place and determine how many the town needs for the sidewalk project to proceed. Jamey Latchum, the town's director of water resources, said that the firm Davis, Bowen, and Friedel has surveyors who can take on the initial task.

"DBF has a survey team," Latchum said. "They can do the survey part of it first before we do the engineering, because if we don't do the survey, the engineers are going to be confused. We can conduct a survey first to determine what the town or state owns. ...it could be something real quick. The survey cost should be under \$10,000. The survey will determine everything. It will tell us where we have to start with our easements."

Tyndall added that the town will also send letters to property owners along the proposed routes, informing them that surveying of easements will occur to get the sidewalk initiative underway. Furthermore, the council and residents agreed that it would be beneficial for the town to use impact fee funding for the initial stages of the project, like the survey or an engineering study, to inform the state that steps are being taken, thereby encouraging the State Highway Administration to provide the remaining project funding.

"I would hope that there is impact fee funding for at least the engineering study, so at least we can move forward in some sort of direction," Green said.



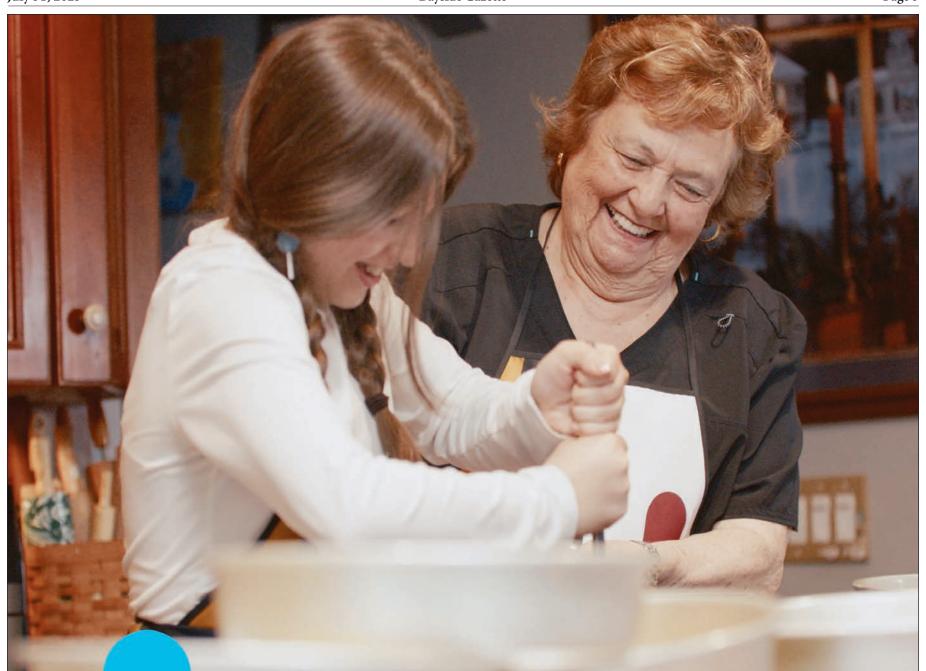
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Ocean Pines Golf Club gets recognized for improvement

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) Ocean Pines Golf Club is a destination activity on the Eastern Shore, according to an annual online poll conducted by OceanCity.com.

The Ocean Pines Association's golf course was named as a 2025 winner in a Best of Ocean City poll open to locals and visitors for voting. The accolade was reported on OceanCity.com, an online magazine highlighting restaurants, bars, activities, hotels, and excursions within the resort town and its surrounding

John Viola, OPA's general manager, said that the community's golf club was named as one of the best courses on the Eastern Shore at Ocean Pines' Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, July 26.

Viola credited the recognition to the association's decision to invest in the course, rather than make cuts to its budget, which the general manager said had been the model in the years preceding his arrival.

"It was six, seven years ago when we all came in and said we were going to invest," he said. "So instead of cut, cut, cut, which happened three or four years before that, we invested. It's a credit to the board, the association. We got the results. You cannot cut the golf budget 3% each year, and then expect the place to do well."

Viola added that the decision to prioritize the amenity's budget has vielded success in recent years.

"Golf is in the black," he said. "It was in the black the last two years, and it'll be in the black this year."

Viola notes that hiring Justin Hartshorne, the Ocean Pines Golf Club's superintendent, has contributed to the amenity's success, which the course enjoys today.

"It was five years ago that we hired [Hartshorne]," the general manager said. "It was probably one of the best things we did."

According to Viola, when the golf

superintendent was onboarded, the OPA staff and the golf team implemented a five-year plan that prioritized maintenance and course enhancement. Since then, membership in the sport has increased and has consistently performed well financially.

Staff have since kick-started a new five-year plan, with a course irrigation project to replace a 50-yearold failing system at the center. Earlier this spring, the initiative's first phase was completed, which included work on the pump station, the first and ninth holes, and the driving range. A second stage of the project will see irrigation improvements at holes four and eight. This portion of the endeavor is expected to begin in October and continue into the winter. In May, OPA's Board of Directors unanimously approved \$810,500 for the upcoming portion of the project.

Viola also credited the course's recent success to the hiring of Bob Beckelman, the amenity's golf professional, who was appointed in 2022. The community's general manager said that the decision to bring Beckelman on board was rooted in the professional's commitment and experience in customer service.

These efforts, OPA officials maintain, have led to the golf club's prosperity. Community leaders reported at this week's meeting that membership for the amenity is up for the third consecutive year and that golf club sales have seen an increase. Those interested in getting fitted for clubs can contact Beckelman.

According to OPA Board of Directors President Stuart Lakernick, the course's monetary success continues to generate revenue for the community, ultimately benefiting residents.

"I want to highlight that the critical investment in the golf infrastructure is paying off in spades and keeping our investments low," Lackernick said. "It's an economic engine that's keeping everything running."



Sasha's Jewels treats you like family

Peach Festival to celebrate its 18th year on Saturday

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) Berlin's annual Peach Festival is back this weekend for its 18th year with vendors, games, and sweet treats inspired by the fruit that was once an economic and cultural staple in the town.

Berlin's Peach Festival, sponsored by the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and held on the facility's lawn, will kick off this Saturday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. and wrap up around 3 p.m. Town residents and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy delicious peach-centered dishes, listen to live music, stock up on locally grown peaches, and partake in engaging, community activities.

Taylor House President Melissa Reid said that the Peach Festival will feature free kids' games that will be ongoing throughout the day. Included in the lineup is the attendee favorite cupcake walk, an activity similar to musical chairs, but where the winner receives a cupcake.

New to the fruit-themed event this year are enhanced yard games. Through a partnership between the Town of Berlin and Buckingham Elementary School, the educational facility is bringing blown-up versions of checkers, chess, and Connect Four. Cornhole will also be set up on the museum's lawn.

Also available for the kids will be temporary water-activated peach tattoos.

Peach Festival staples like the amateur pie-baking contest are on the schedule, as is the annual pie-eating contest. Reid said that there are three categories for the eating competition: adult, older kids, and younger kids.

"We have little pies, almost like peach dumplings, and whoever eats it the fastest, they win a prize," the museum president said.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be for sale from the Germantown School. The proceeds from these purchases will directly benefit the Rosenwald school. The Purnell Cemetery Foundation will also be on-site as a vendor serving barbecue chicken. The Purnell Cemetery Foundation, Reid said, is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting an African American, local family cemetery.

Furthermore, the Taylor House will host a kids' story time on Saturday. The museum will also be open, and Reid encourages festivalgoers to take a tour of the facility.

As per the event's name, fresh peaches will be available for sale. Reid encourages attendees to buy some peaches, as each dollar spent at the festival "goes right back to supporting [the Taylor House] in telling the stories of Berlin."

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Taylor House plans peachy day

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According to Reid, this year's event will feature the band The Berlin Airlift for the first time. Reid said that in years past, the Peach Festival's music selection was exclusively George and Pat Bilenki of the local Bilenki Duo. This time around, however, the celebration will welcome stylings from another local group. Both the Bilenki Duo and The Berlin Airlift will play their tunes to entertain attendees.

The inclusion of the Berlin Airlift will add another layer of town heritage to the day, Reid said. The director noted that the music group's name is inspired by a music festival, to be called Berlin Airlift, that was to take place around 1970 near Stephen Decatur High School. The event's lineup included headliners like The Allman Brothers Band. Worcester

County officials ultimately canceled the multiple-day festival to prevent excessive crowding in the area, but it did take place in Washington, D.C.

Adding the local music group, The Berlin Airlift, inspired by another piece of Berlin's history, will enhance the Peach Festival's commitment to the town's culture and heritage.

Also on the entertainment lineup is local magician Magic Jack, who will be conducting a live performance.

Saturday's festival was started as an annual event 18 years ago to honor the town's peachy history. From around the 1890s until the 1940s, the Berlin-based Harrison Orchards was the "largest mail order fruit orchard in the entire world," Reid said, and dominated the United States' peach market.

Seasonally dependent, the farm, which also produced fruits other than



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Berlin's Taylor House has been preparing for the annual Peach Festival, the museum's largest fundraiser. The event attracts thousands of visitors to the facility's lawn fun and fruity treats.

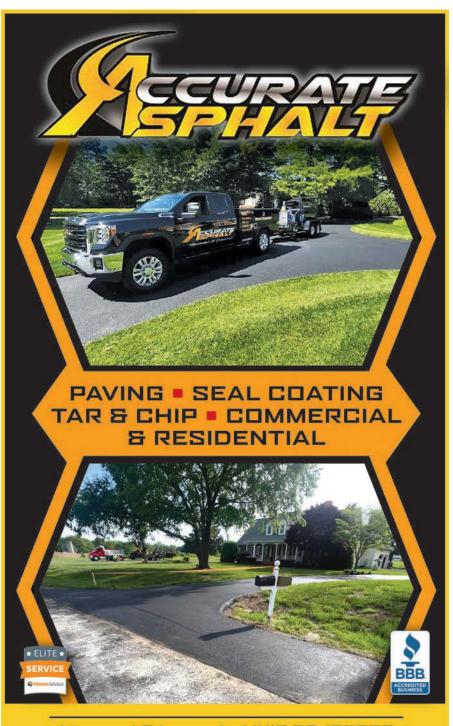
peaches, created between 250 and 500 jobs in and around Berlin. While the fruit nursery no longer exists, Harrison's home, Windy Brow, also called the Orlando Harrison House, still stands near Berlin's railroad tracks.

Reid noted that the fruit-themed celebration was kick-started by the Taylor House's former curator, Susan Taylor. While reviewing the facility archives, Taylor discovered a photo from 1910 of a festival held at the Harrison House.

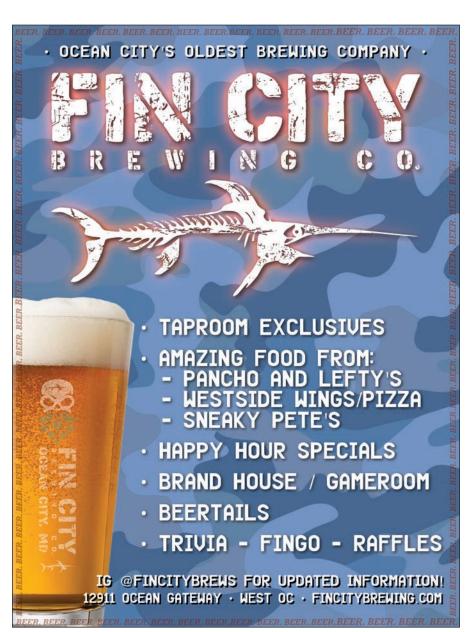
"It looked like it was probably other orchard owners and other people involved in the fruit festival, and that's where [Taylor] got the idea to start the Peach Festival," Reid said. Now, 18 years later, the event attracts approximately 3,000 attendees annually and is the Calvin B. Taylor House's largest fundraiser and the largest event in Berlin.

"Berlin now is known for a lot of festivals, which is wonderful, but the Peach Festival was the first one," Reid noted. "We are so pleased that it keeps going."

The Peach Festival will start at 10 a.m. this Saturday in front of the Calvin B. Taylor House. To manage the crowds and in-town parking, a shuttle sponsored by Ocean Downs Casino will transport visitors from Berlin Intermediate School and drop them off directly in front of the Taylor House's lawn.



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The Blessing of the Combines event this Saturday will include a parade of farming vehicles through Snow Hill. Pictured is a scene from a previous parade.

Snow Hill's farming tradition hits the streets on Saturday

(Aug. 1, 2025) The 25th Annual Blessing of the Combines returns to Snow Hill on Saturday, Aug. 2 with the goal to honor and celebrate local farmers.

A highlight of the event, which will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., is the annual parade of combines at 11 a.m. Drivers will include Rev. Oren Perdue, Brent Ennis, William Figgs, Brad Hauck, Lee Holloway, Logan Lambertson, Ben Merritt, Buster Powell, Marcus Robins, David Shockley and Atlantic Tractor.

The event, celebrating its 25th an-

niversary this year, brings the farm community together along with locals and Lower Eastern Shore visitors to honor the agricultural roots of Worcester County.

The Snow Hill Blessing of the Combines is organized by a small private committee that has been led by the Payne Family since its inception. Becky Payne's three daughters, Kirby, Courtney and Ashley are all involved, bringing their husbands and friends along, too.

"I never dreamt it would have lasted this long," Becky said. "It's



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Snow Hill to celebrate farmers

been my pleasure to do this for the farmers. I have a lot of help."

Becky said the idea came out of talking around the dinner table about finding a way to highlight the town and county. She was tasked with getting farmers on board to shine up their harvesters and drive them through town. Nobody she asked said no and they chose the first Saturday in August as the date.

"They later admitted they thought I had lost my complete and total mind," she said with a laugh.

One farmer after the first year told Payne when he drove his machine over the Snow Hill Drawbridge heading into town and saw the street decorated with corn stalks and bows, "He said, 'I have to admit, the hair stood up on my arms."

In the first year, the crowd was estimated at about 500 people and in the years since, the event, the crowd and the combines have grown. The parade is now led by the Snow Hill Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp Color Guard and includes antique tractors, garden tractors and other vehicles along with the headlining combines. Last year featured more than 60 vendors, 129 classic cars on display, live entertainment, games for kids, food, a petting zoo and free pony rides. An estimated 6,000 people attended.

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"Now, it's turned into a full-blown festival," said Brianna Dix, Worcester County communications and marketing manager. "This is very, very special because there isn't anything else like it."

Dix said the annual heritage event is a great opportunity to thank local farmers, pray over the upcoming harvest, engage with educational organizations, and enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities and tasty food.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with live music from Carley Twigg. The parade is set for 11 a.m. As has become tradition after the parade, the combines park along Green Street for spectators to view and tour during the rest of the event. Rachel Leigh Deao will perform during the program. Live music will also be provided by Jason Lee from noon-3 p.m..

A "throttle thrust" will signal the Master of Ceremonies to begin the program which includes a keynote address from a "special guest" and the actual blessing given by Pastor Ken Elligson of Spence Baptist Church and individual equipment blessings by members of the Snow Hill Ministerial Association. The combines will head back to their respective farms at 3 p.m.

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increase the use of the lot.'

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Steve Green

Parking restrictions to take effect in Berlin

On-street parking ban on West Street expected soon, will alleviate safety worries

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) To establish and encourage use of the Town of Berlin's new parking lot on the corner of West and Washington Street, the municipality's Town Council green-lit the allocation of funds for improvements to the carpark, and approved updated parking restrictions.

At its meeting on Monday, July 28, the Berlin Town Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$75,000 from development impact fees to the general fund for improvements to the parking lot at West and Washington Street. Upgrades will likely include a fence and a parking bumper arrangement, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

Other improvement work may include a railroad tie or similar type of framing to create a perimeter or island around the signs denoting where cars can park within the new lot.

Additionally, to enhance town safety and encourage the use of the new parking spaces, the Town Council has passed upgraded no-parking designations. The restrictions, passed

by the municipality's governing group unanimously, will prohibit onstreet parking on the west side of West Street, from Broad Street to Evans Road/Buckingham Lane; "therefore, making the full length and both sides of West Street 'No Parking," Monday night's meeting packet reads.

Parking will also be banned on the

west portion of Washington Street, from West Street to Broad Street/Washington Street. Signage noting the no-parking rules will be erected, letting drivers know that violations may result in their vehicles being towed.

Councilman Jack Orris stated that a resident had reached out to him, suggesting that the no-parking designation on both sides of West Street should end at West Buckingham Road, rather than extending down to Evans Road.

"The reasoning behind that was, in [the resident's] view, parking does not seem to be that much of an issue down there because it is a further walk to the town center," Orris said.

Berlin Police Department Chief

Arnold Downing maintained that the parking ban should be consistent all down West Street for simplicity, and, because, "when you're parking, you're almost halfway in the driving portion," he said.

The police chief added that they will begin writing citations to parking violators once the appropriate signage is installed.

Pointing to recent usage trends, Councilman Steve Green said the new parking restrictions are needed. Green counted 28 cars parked along West Street last Sunday during the farmers market, despite the

new lot being avail-

able and less of a walk. Green added approximately 80 vehicles used the the town's new lot.

"It proves the point, we have to keep [cars] off the street for public safety reasons and increase the use of the lot," the councilman said. "If we don't do it, it will continue to happen, and it's going to continue to spill into other areas."

The on-street parking restrictions will take effect once the signs are received and erected. Residents or businesses impacted by the new rules may contact the town via email at mayorzack@berlinmd.gov. The municipality will review potential issues on a case-by-case basis and assist in problem-solving. A possible solution could be to permit the use of the lot free of charge to Berlin locals who are adversely affected by the change.

Tyndall maintained at the governing group's July 14 meeting that these measures would expire after 12 months. At that time, the resident or business owner must have had a long-term plan in place to accommodate the parking ban.

Officials maintained that the decision to enforce no-on-street parking zones is to guarantee public safety, given that West Street is already narrow. When cars are parked along the road, the limited space can restrict emergency access and increase the risk of accidents.

Furthermore, adding a pay-topark lot, which the new carpark will eventually become with the installation of ParkMobile, near free onstreet options, would discourage use of the new lot and exacerbate the safety issues on the already too small West Street.

The new parking restrictions were passed by the Town Council unanimously at Monday's meeting.





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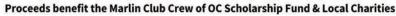






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Obituary

CAROL LOUISE HALEY

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With heavy hearts and deep gratitude, the family of Carol Louise (Cable) Haley announces her peaceful passing on July 26, 2025, at the age of

Born on April 6, 1934, to Arnold Cable and Roberta Duffield. Carol spent many cherished

years in Colorado, New Jersey, and Maryland. Her happy place was always near the water — whether it was the beach, a pool, or just a sunny seaside breeze. Blending her love of people, travel,



Carol Haley

and the coast, Carol found great success and joy in her career as a realtor on the Jersey Shore before retiring to Ocean City.

Carol was preceded in death by her beloved husband of over 60 years, Glen Haley — her trusted copilot on countless road trips and adventures and by her dearly loved son, Michael Haley (Cathy).

She leaves behind two heartbroken daughters, Jeanne (George) and Janet (Don), who will forever carry her spirit in their hearts.

Known to those closest to her as "Mommom," Carol was a doting and proud grandmother to Ashley (Thomas), Matthew, Logan, Krista (Brennen), as well as Emily and Mason (Celine) Stone. In her later years, her greatest joy was spending time with her great-grandchildren: Kaylee, Ashton, Harper, Paisley, and Silas who brought her endless laughter and light.

Also preceding Carol in death were two of her siblings, Lois Bosch (Red) and Jack Cable. She is survived by her remaining siblings, Col. Richard "Dick" Cable, Mary Miller (Randy), and Judy Weir (Ed).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Carol's memory to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, whose compassionate and respectful care helped carry her peacefully through her final days: https://lifecare.org/donate/

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Voting deadline approaches for Ocean Pines board seats

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) Ocean Pines homeowners will have until this Wednesday, August 6, to cast their votes for the three open seats in the community's board of directors' election.

The Ocean Pines Association's Board of Directors, a seven-person body tasked with community-wide police setting, has three positions available for this year's annual election. Four candidates are running. The winners will each serve three-year terms.

Campaigning for this year's voting cycle are Stuart Lakernick, Steve Jacobs, Monica Rakowski, and Amy Peck. Lakernick, the body's current president, Rakowski, treasurer, and Jacobs, director, are incumbents, vying for another term on the board. Peck is the sole challenger. Peck ran last year and is looking to break into the governing group once again.

The OPA Elections Committee met on Monday, July 28, to discuss the team's roles and responsibilities for the week leading up to the ballot count. According to committee chair Steve Ransdell, electronic voting will formally close at 4:30 p.m. on August 6. The drop box located at the neighborhood's administration building at White Horse Park will be open to collect voting forms until noon on Aug. 6.

The elections team will collect the drop-box ballots upon closure and send all materials obtained throughout the voting cycle in one lump shipment to MK Election Services, the Pittsburgh-based firm OPA has contracted with to handle this year's board selection process.

Part of OPA's decision to work with MK Election Services again, as they also oversaw last year's election, was because they offered an observable count. Reiterated throughout this voting cycle and years past is the community's commitment to transparency, particularly when choosing the homeowner association's govern-

ing team.

Ransdell stated that an in-person count of all ballots will be viewable at the OPA Administration Building on Friday, August 8. A Microsoft Teams link will also be provided for virtual viewing.

The election outcome will be announced upon the conclusion of the formal count. The Elections Committee will be tuning into the count to review any questionable votes. A questionable vote is one that unreadable to the machine that processes the ballots. Ransdell said that these are typically easy to decipher, wherein an association member puts an 'x' next to a candidate's name rather than filling in the corresponding bubble. The vote is still counted if the committee reaches a consensus on what the homeowner meant. If the form is confusing, even after further inspection, the ballot is dis-

The final results will be certified at OPA's annual meeting on Saturday, August 9, at 9 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center's Assateague Room, provided that a quorum is reached. If the meeting on August 9 does not have a quorum, the OPA Board of Directors will hold a special meeting to confirm the election outcome

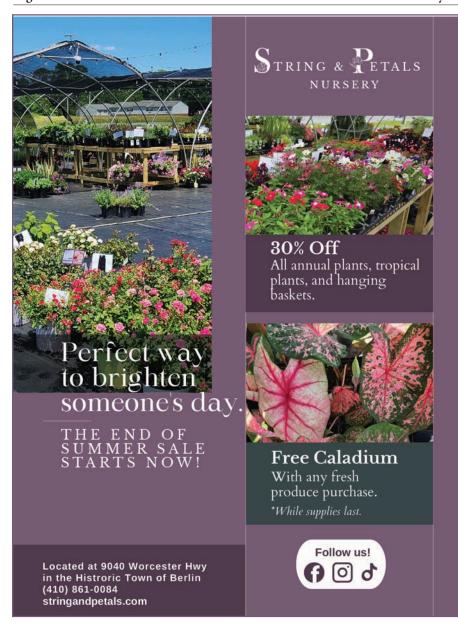
The election chair maintained that this year's voting cycle has been running smoothly.

"Things have been proceeding well," he said.

Also of note for 2025's board election is a referendum included on the voting materials for community funding, amounting to a little over \$3 million, to be allocated toward the reconstruction of a new fire station for the community's south end. OPA officials and fire department personnel maintain that the upgraded facility, with more space and repairs to improve current decrepit conditions, is vital for the emergency services group to continue providing exemplary service to the neighborhood.







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Comfort station for Stephen Decatur Park moving ahead

Town to use two months of slot revenues to pay for the project's soaring expense

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) A comfort station will soon be installed at Stephen Decatur Park, featuring two restrooms, a drinking fountain, and a maintenance room, after town officials covered an unexpected funding gap of nearly \$60,000.

At its meeting on Monday, July 28, the Berlin Town Council unanimously agreed to contract with Henley Construction of Montgomery County for the construction of the comfort station at Stephen Decatur Park, in the amount of \$290,320.

The park's upgrades will include the construction of a 225-square-foot block comfort station. The structure will feature two restrooms, a maintenance room, a drinking fountain, and site improvements. According to a staff memo, the scope of work to be completed by Henley Construction will include plumbing, mechanical, electrical, HVAC installation, doors, windows, sidewalk installation, transition to an asphalt parking lot, site grading, utility connections, and a complete restoration of the site.

"This project aims to significantly enhance public outdoor recreation access in Berlin by supporting existing park amenities, such as walking trails, a playground, a pavilion, tennis courts, and picnic areas," the memo reads. "The comfort station is designed to meet accessibility standards and accommodate the long-term service needs of residents and visitors."

The project is expected to cost \$324,320. The town memo notes that when the initiative was resubmitted for consideration for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in March 2024, the total price tag for the comfort station initially came to approximately

\$266,000, with \$34,000 allocated for engineering and design and \$232,000 for construction.

The funding sources are to be broken down as follows: \$133,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant, \$99,000 from Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds (CPP) Grants, and \$34,000 from a match from the Town of Berlin.

However, upon receiving six bids, it was revealed that the lowest bid, from Henley Construction, totaled \$290,320 for construction alone.

The original engineering costs of \$34,000 remain unchanged, resulting in an adjusted total project cost of \$324,320, which is \$58,320 over the originally approved funding package.

Town staff reviewed three options to cover the gap, including allocating approximately two months of slot revenues, which would amount to \$59,000. This was ultimately the recommendation that was approved unanimously by the Berlin Town Council this week.

Another option included reallocating \$55,000 currently budgeted for a fence replacement at Henry Park and \$4,000 from the general fund's contracted engineering services budget line. Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall expressed his disapproval of this suggestion, arguing that Henry Park's fence replacement is a vital project that must be carried out in this fiscal year.

Staff also debated allocating \$59,000 from the general fund contingency, which totals around \$94,000, but Tyndall said that he would prefer to preserve this balance for the upcoming comprehensive plan update.

Thus, the town will use two months of slots revenue to cover the roughly \$59,000 funding gap for the Stephen Decatur Park comfort station. Jamey Latchum, the town's director of water resources, said that he intends for the work on the new structure to begin as soon as possible.





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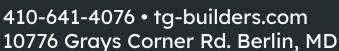






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Maintenance work planned, completed for Ocean Pines

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) The Ocean Pines Association continues to prioritize maintenance efforts to ensure neighborhood remains operational and aesthetically pleasing, officials reported this week.

At the OPA Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, July 26, John Viola, the community's general manager, updated residents on the association's upcoming and ongoing maintenance efforts. According to Viola, many of these initiatives have taken place at Ocean Pines' racquet center.

An updated clubhouse was recently erected at OPA's racquet center, and Viola said that while construction was taking place, one of the site's water fountains was damaged. A new touchless fountain was installed to replace the one that was lost during the construction of the enhanced building. Before and while the drinking amenity was being assembled, the general manager stated that water bottles would be available to racquet sport players at no charge during heat alerts.

Lighting was also recently implemented at some of the tennis and pickleball courts.

"That is big because now [the players] have the other new courts where they can play at nighttime," Viola said. "That's a big win for everybody."

Viola added that a slat board was installed inside the racquet center's new building with the hope of increasing paddle sales. The general manager said that racquet members told him and his team that enhancing the clubhouse's presentation, like a slat board to display merchandise, would stimulate addi-

tional purchases. Viola said that while the "numbers aren't showing it yet," he's hopeful transactions at the center will pick up soon.

To maintain the racquet area's beauty, landscaping occurred within the past few weeks, in the form of mulching, trimming, and disposing of

"I did get several emails on [landscaping]," Viola said. "With the weather and the change of the weather and the [rain], weeds popped up and we needed to catch them, which I believe we did."

To ensure the racquet center's safety, the courts were reevaluated, and upon receiving a positive inspection report, they have been reopened for play. A few cracks on the pickleball courts are also scheduled to be filled in sometime in August. Viola said the repair work is expected to take around five to seven days to complete.

In addition to the work at the racquet center, maintenance efforts have popped up throughout the community. The Bay Colony sign was painted, and the structure's lighting is scheduled to be replaced at the end of August. The new illumination will match the style found at the community's bridge at the North Gate entrance, Viola said.

The North Gate bridge will also undergo improvements. On July 10, a car hit the bridge, impacting the railing and the flower box. The garden and the railing are scheduled for repairs sometime this week. OPA's Public Works team will spearhead the work. The bridge will be closed, likely at night, for the repairs to be made.

"It's unfortunate, but we do have it on the list and hopefully we get it corrected quickly," Viola said.

Old Bay Club land talk Aug. 14

(Aug. 1, 2025) The Lower Shore Land Trust invites the community to attend an upcoming community connector event on the future of the former Bay Club golf course property.

This meeting will be a follow up to invite interested community members to join the volunteer opportunities regarding trail maintenance, educational events, bird walks, dog hiking, bike trail naming and other projects. This "Friends of Group" can provide insight into the property's new role as a natural resource and explore opportunities for public engagement in its restoration and management.

The meeting will be held at the Berlin Branch of the Worcester County Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 14 at

Updates on the restoration projects including meadow preparation and

wetland construction will be discussed. · Restoration Projects: Ongoing and

planned restoration efforts led by MD

DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Lower Shore Land Trust.

· Citizen Engagement: Opportunities for community involvement in conservation, habitat restoration, and stewardship.

The former Bay Club Golf Course represents a unique opportunity to restore vital habitats and enhance public enjoyment of natural resources on the Lower Eastern Shore. The collaboration between MD DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Lower Shore Land Trust underscores the importance of partnerships in advancing conservation goals.

All residents and conservation enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the exciting project, which is being spearheaded by the new Friends of the Libertytown Branch Tract group.

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Snapshots



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432 POUNDS OF LITTER COLLECTED IN TWO HOURS

The Ocean City Surf Club recently teamed up with community organizations to do a big beach and street trash clean up in downtown Ocean City. Together the OC Surf Club, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Assateague Coastal Trust, Beach Heroes of OC, Surfrider Foundation OC Chapter, The Green Team and the Town of Ocean City all joined forces with 86 volunteers to collect 432 pounds of litter in two hours.



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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City-Ocean Pines recently hosted Realtor Marlene Ott as its guest speaker. A 39-year Realtor, Ott has gleaned lots of historical information about her beloved Ocean Pines and even knows where the bodies are buried in the 3,600 acres of Ocean Pines as there are two cemeteries within Ocean Pines. Ott answered many questions asked by Kiwanis members after her impressive presentation.



PAT WINKEMAYER REMEMBERED

One of Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's outstanding members unfortunately passed away earlier this year. Two of Pat Winkemayer's close friends, who were also Kiwanis members at one time, organized putting a bench in Pat's name at the south gate pond near the Veteran's Memorial. Pictured are Kiwanis members and friends who went to the bench on July 23 to honor Pat, share remembrances and say goodbye. Her favorite daisy flowers were set on the bench which has a plaque stating, "In Memory of a Fellow Friend & Kiwanian, Pat Winkelmayer, An Elegant, Strong Caring Lady."



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MARLIN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Crew of the OC Marlin Club recently honored the recipients of their 2025 scholarships with a celebration breakfast and award ceremony. Pictured, standing from left, are Mara Minkey, Madison McGinnis, Brooke Berquist, Walker Hastings, Graham Geiser, James Haley, Allen Zhang, Ethan Quick, Sarah Nottingham and Eli Scott; and, seated, Keyonnie Planter, Abigail Gaskill, Zoey Tinker, Chloe Kohut and Sidney Tingle. Recipients not pictured include Ksenia Drakos, Ethan Gladwin, Clay McCabe, Lucas Nicastro, Josephine Palmer and Emma Zajdel.



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DIAKONIA SPOTLIGHTED

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club recently hosted Susan Blaney, community Coordinator for Diakonia homeless shelter in Ocean City. She is reaching out to the fishing community for volunteers that could provide some of their time to assist the shelter in processing fish donated by the various fishing tournaments. Anyone interested in helping out can contact Susan at 443-953-5039 or SBlaney@diakoniaoc.org for more information. Blaney is pictured with Anglers Club meeting coordinator Jim Spicknall.

County eyes island guard options

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) State and local officials say they're trying to work around a federal hiring freeze to supply lifeguards for the remainder of the summer season at Assateague Island National Seashore.

Lower Shore state Sen. Mary Beth Carozza said she's been in contact with the National Park Service and the state's Department of Natural Resources to see about the possibility of lifeguards on the state park side of the island picking up some shifts on the national side.

"I think all the partners are trying to work together to see what the options might be to have coverage this summer with lifeguards on Assateague on the national side in Maryland," said Carozza (R-38, Worcester).

Carozza struck out with the Ocean City Beach Patrol (OCBP) when asking whether they could spare any lifeguards.

Resort officials declined to share personnel because "we've got to cover our own beach," said Capt. Butch Arbin, who leads the Beach Patrol.

"The city manager has basically said, I can give technical assistance," Arbin said this week, "but we're not going to share personnel. We're local government and we work at the wishes of our

City Council and our city manager."

Arbin added that there was no good way to make it work, between the infrastructure that Ocean City lifeguards use – their radios, their ATVs, their team supervision – as well as the liability that would be involved.

The lifeguard shortage on the National Seashore is a direct result of the federal government enacting a hiring freeze earlier this year for seasonal employees.

While some 55 seasonal and public safety positions in the U.S. Interior Department – the parent agency of the National Park Service – were exempted from the freeze, lifeguards didn't make that list.

The Park Service typically staffs about a dozen lifeguards in specific areas on both the Maryland and Virginia side of Assateague Island National Seashore, park Superintendent Hugh Hawthorne has stated. He did not respond to requests for comment for this report.

By the end of summer, that crew typically dwindles, when some leave to attend fall classes – and this year, Labor Day falls at its earliest possible point on the calendar, affecting coverage for all seasonal lifeguards.

For now, emergency responders from the Berlin Fire Company are tasked with making water rescues on the island, officials have said.

Worcester County leaders also have been involved in trying to find temporary Assateague lifeguards.

"We're kind of at the 11th hour," said County Administrator Weston Young. "We've confirmed the National Park Service has approximately \$90,000 they'll put towards it. Whoever does it would use their stands; all the equipment's there."

Young also said the Virginia said of the National Seashore will be staffed with lifeguards from a private lifeguard service that also operates out of Virginia Beach. But that company isn't licensed to operate in Maryland.

"What actually seems to make the most sense ... partnering and expanding with what the Assateague State Park has," Young added. "I'm hoping to hear more today from the state as to what they can do, and what they may or may not need. Maybe we do a scaled-down version. We have 3 lifeguard booths manned this year – that's better than nothing."

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has stated that Lifeguards are fully staffed at nearby Assateague State Park and will continue to monitor emergencies on the National Seashore. A spokesman did not respond to a question about sharing guards in the summer's final weeks.

Berlin approves key pump station replacement bid

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

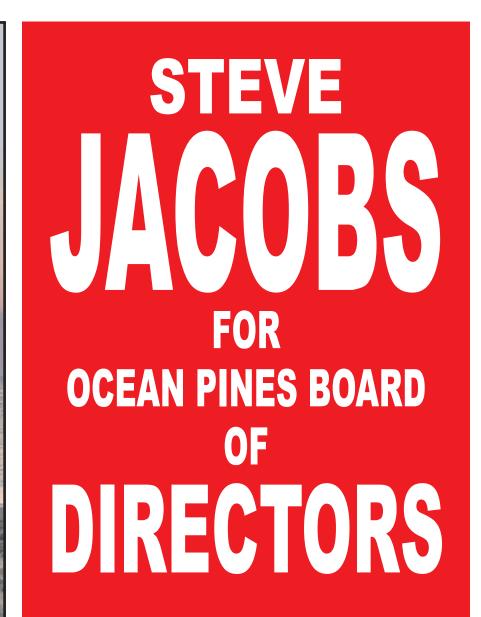
(July 31, 2025) The Town of Berlin is set to go forward with a complete system replacement at its West Street pump station, intending to purchase new equipment for \$137,708.

At its meeting on Monday, July 28, the Town of Berlin unanimously authorized the municipality to purchase a factory-built Smith and Loveless Everlast Series 3000 pumping station to replace the current equipment at the West Street pump station.

The West Street pump station "serves a critical role in the Town's wastewater collection system," a Berlin staff report reads. "The current infrastructure has reached the end of its service life, with increasing maintenance needs and a growing risk of failure."

The enhanced equipment is the Everlast Series 3000, manufactured by industrial supplier Smith and Loveless. The hardware is a pre-engineered, factory-assembled pumping station that the staff memo says offers benefits such as compact, above-ground installation, ease of maintenance and operation access, an advanced control system, and dual vacuum-primed pumps with a 10
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Opinion

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Town's tax challenge not wrong, but ...

Well, that was awkward.

So it might be said of the Town of Berlin's appeal of a state property tax assessment that it believed was lower than the property owner deserved.

Although the argument by town staff didn't say that exactly, that was the implication when they formally objected to the reduction in value the state assigned to Delegate Wayne Hartman's Dollar General property on Decatur Street.

While appeals of assessments by taxpayers are a common occurrence, it isn't that often that a town or other taxing district officially challenges the assessment office's finding — much to the consternation of the property owner.

In fact, you'd be hard-pressed to find another incidence of a local government officially trying to ramp up a property owner's tax bill by alleging that the assessed value of a property didn't reflect its true market value and therefore cost it money.

In Berlin's case, town officials felt the reassessment would lead to it being shorted by \$4,000 of already-budgeted money, and that was significant enough to warrant a challenge.

No one here is saying they shouldn't have done that, considering that state law gives the town and other taxing districts just as much of a right to appeal as the property owner.

It just happens that the financial interests of these two sides of the tax equation do not coincide, and hence the awkwardness and resentment.

As it is, the state assessment office reaffirmed the downward adjustment of the Hartman property's assessed value, vindicating his position that the town got it wrong.

But right or wrong is not the standard by which this interaction between government and the taxpayer ought to be measured. Given the state's rejection of the town's appeal, it's really a matter of whether the town's pursuit of a few dollars more was worth it.

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STATT CAMP

During a summer STATT camp tour at Worcester Technical High School July 16, student Tyrell Topping (13) plays the song that he created in digital audio production, "What If We Made It," for Commissioner Eric Fiori. Those pictured include Topping (seated), and Worcester County Workforce **Development Specialist** Nancy Schwendeman (from left), Board of Education members Donald Smack, Sr. and Elena McComas, and Commissioner Fiori.

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Grants given to honor history, culture

Funding awarded for heritage projects to groups across shore

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) Modernday stewards of Ocean City's historic Henry Hotel plan to use new grant funding to track down former guests who stayed at the property in the mid-to-late 20th Century.

In an era of segregation, the hotel on the corner of South Division Street and Baltimore Avenue famously was one of the few establishments in Ocean City that provided rooms for Black guests. Now, using old guestbooks once owned by longtime proprietor Pearl Bonner, the Henry Hotel Foundation now hopes to find lodgers from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s.

They'll put to use a \$27,000 state grant for heritage tourism organizations to conduct the search, according to foundation board member Nancy Howard.

"The story of the Henry Hotel needs to be told and hopefully we will find some of the people to tell that story," she said. "These people were the very backbone of the hospitality industry; they worked in hotels, restaurants, amusement parks, etc. but were not allowed to take advantage of any of these establishments."

Grant funding will flow from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, which awarded 91 matching grants for nonprofits, local jurisdictions, and heritage tourism organizations.

Totaling more than \$4.6 million, the awards will support the development of heritage-related, place-based projects across Maryland that promote economic growth through tourism and community enhancement, the governor's office announced July 11.

Overall, organizations receiving awards include museums, parks, arts organizations, historic sites, schools and other educational institutions.

On the Lower Eastern Shore counties of Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset, six grants were issued, totaling \$286,700.

The largest grant goes to the Beach to Bay Heritage Area. The Berlin-based non-profit will get both a \$100,000 management grant and a \$25,000 block grant. The agency is tasked with preserving, protecting, and promoting the Lower Shore's cultural, natural and historical heritage, according to its website.

Another \$50,000 each will be awarded to both the City of Salisbury and the Crisfield chamber of commerce. Salisbury's funding is for its Maryland Folklife Stage, and Crisfield will use the money to enhance its an-

nual Hard Crab Derby.

Also in Salisbury, a \$34,700 grant was awarded to Salisbury University for a program called Her Common Thread: Women and the Fiber Arts.

"History is an active force for promoting economic development and building strength in our communities," Gov. Wes Moore said in a statement. "Projects funded through our Heritage Grant Awards will make Maryland more competitive, support a diverse array of new partnerships, and enrich the lives of thousands of people."

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit of government chaired by the Maryland Department of Planning and is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust.

Since 1997, the authority has awarded more than \$74 million dollars in grants to hundreds of organizations. These grants have generated over \$175 million in nonstate matching funds for heritage tourism projects and activities in the state's 13 heritage areas.

Several projects being awarded money are connected to honoring Maryland's role in the nation's upcoming 250th birthday, or semiquincentennial, according to Rebecca L. Flora, the state's Secretary of the Department of Planning and chair of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Upzoning allows Salt Life to move next phase forward

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 31, 2025) An upzoning request for the next phase of an affordable West Ocean City housing project was approved by Worcester County leaders this month.

Home developer Mark Odachowski may now expand into a Phase 3 of his Salt Life mobile home park, located along Old Bridge Road. The County Commissioners on Tuesday approved his request to re-classify an 18-acre parcel from R-2 Suburban Residential to R-4 General Residential zoning.

When it comes to the county's zoning designations, R-2 is meant for single-family homes and duplexes, while R-4 is for denser and more mobile home-friendly developments.

Odachowski hopes to start construction sometime in early 2026, pending not only site plan approval from county planning officials, but also when they're able to secure additional water-sewer hookups for the property.

Notably, Odachowski's own singlefamily home on this parcel will ultimately fall to a bulldozer in order to make way for another cohort of his cozy but modern stick-built mobile homes.

He'd already cleared out the frontage of the expansive property to construct 34 new mobile homes for Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 of involved taking the adjacent Greenridge Trailer Park and renovating 58 homes there, including new water and sewer connections. For now, it's unclear how many more properties Phase 3 would add.

Odachowski held a grand opening for the rechristened Salt Life mobile home park on June 20. The community offers 92 two-bedroom homes, about 1,200 square feet apiece, and priced in the \$200,000s. Homes aren't available for short-term rentals but can be rented on a 12-month basis.

"Trying to find affordable housing in the area, with the costs and everything, See SALT Page 25

Pump station project approved

Continued from Page 21 year volute/impeller warranty.

The equipment is to cost \$137,708, which has been budgeted in the fiscal year 2026's sewer fund.

Town of Berlin Director of Water Resources Jamey Latchum said that the council's approval allows municipality staff to sign a letter of intent to purchase the equipment, to get ahead of price hikes expected next month.

"We are pretty much signing a letter of intent to buy it now to beat the tariffs," Latchum said. "They're talking about anywhere from a 15% to a 25% price increase starting in August. That could stop the project from moving forward, so we're signing a letter of commitment that we're purchasing it."

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall added that as part of this project, the current lift station will be relocated from the center of the roadway to the area near Buckingham Elementary School, aiming to increase employee safety.

According to Latchum, accessing the lift station now requires laying in the street to work on and maintain it.

"A lot of the time you're lying in the street while trying to hook up pumps, so this will get us out of the street and protect our employees much better," the water resources director said.

The station's move towards BES was green-lit earlier this month by the Worcester County Board of Education. The body approved the utility easement, allowing Berlin to implement the new pump station on land belonging to the elementary facility, ensuring the municipality can construct, access, and maintain the infrastructure to support the town's sewer system. School staff ensured that the utility easement would not disrupt the daily learning operations of BES, nor would it interfere with the construction of the new school, expected to break ground in May 2027.



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TEN POINT SPREAD BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Schlossberg is an internist in Bend, Ore. This is his 15th crossword for The Times. His favorite part of puzzlemaking is creating a theme. "Sometimes I have a great phrase in my head that I know would make a terrific puzzle if I could only figure out the right crossword angle." His wife knows that he's mentally working on a theme when he seems distracted and is staring off into space. — W.S.

- 1 The small screen's second Golden Age, informally
- 7 Completed in two under par
- 13 Indian tourist mecca
- 16 Scoundrel
- 19 One working near home
- 20 Flourish
- 21 "Wait for it ... finished!"
- 23 Cardinal point?
- 25 Philanthropist French Gates
- 26 Ignore the alarm, say
- 27 Tipping point?
- 29 Few and far between
- 32 Terse affirmation
- 33 Scottish regional
- accents 34 [My word!]
- 38 Father of Transcendentalism
- 41 What makes a twister twistier?

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PROPANE REFILLS

- 43 "Absolutamente!"
- 44 Really really
- Miss
- 47 Cry near a scarecrow
- 49 Airport sign carrier
- 51 Fine point?
- 53 Plot point?
- 56 Swear

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles,

- 57 Tree ring, to a dendro- 120 Home to Uganda's chronologist
- 59 Potpourri feature
- 60 What the Mosquirix
- vaccine targets 63 "Take a hike, pal!"
- 65 Supergiant, e.g. 69 Match point?
- 72 Flash point?
- 75 Comic who said "One thing about being narrow-minded vou'll never be lonely'
- 76 Singsong refrain syllables
- 78 Total
- **79** Mary Westmacott, for Agatha Christie
- 81 Bring up the rear?
- 84 Galoots
- 85 Style point?
- 89 Low point?
- 93 Sawbones, in brief
- 94 Alternative to Yahoo Mail
- 95 It's just a guess: Abbr.
- 96 More cunning
- 97 Japanese pitcher nicknamed "The Tornado"
- 98 Frodo's sidekick
- 101 Gym
- 104 Stately trees
- 105 Barn-raising participants, maybe
- Paulo

- presidential palace
- 121 Brownie point?
- 124 Biting
- 125 Flagship Honda model
- 126 Lover of Bassanio, in Shakespeare
- 127 Like hemoglobin
- 128 Still
- 129 Wise king in the "Iliad" and "Odyssey"
- 130 They're not good looks

DOWN

- 1 Kisser
- 2 Jannings who won the first Best Actor Oscar
- 3 Sunday school recess?
- 4 Chinese symbol of hope and prosperity
- 5 Beater of pocket rockets, in Texas hold 'em
- 6 "The Floating City"
- 7 "You get the picture"
- 8 Sound while sticking out one's tongue
- 9 Greek sisters of myth
- 10 Pop star Dua 11 Beforetimes?
- 12 Second-most-populous city in the world

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- 15 Fly by the seat of one's pants
- 16 Repentant
 - 17 Author of "The Princess and the Pea" and "The Ugly Duckling"
- 18 Letter opener
- 22 Derelict
 - 24 Charm
 - 28 Nutrient inits.
 - 30 Race with an anchor
 - 31 Brunch station offering
 - 34 Astronaut Grissom
 - 35 Finsteraarhorn, e.g.
 - 36 Furtiveness 37 Triumph
 - 39 Common lampshade
 - shade 40 Scottish negative
 - 42 Muslim leader
 - 45 Festoon
 - 48 "Star Trek II: The
 - of Khan"
 - 50 Epic time 52 Stick on a tree
 - 54 Joie de vivre
 - 55 More than wanna
 - 58 Biblical shepherd 60 Many residents, for
 - short
 - 61 Org. with a "Tipsy Tow" service
 - 62 Up
 - 64 Lhasa
 - in the kitchen
- 67 QB stat: Abbr. 68 Fraternity letter
- 70 Plans for the future, in brief?
- 71 Actress Smith of Fox's "Empire"
- 73 Funk

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- 74 Annual celebrations, informally
- 77 Enough
- 79 "The Golden Bachelor" network
- 80 Without

82 Newbery-winning author Scott

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- 83 Twangy
- 85 Cousin of a man crush
- 86 Took in
- 87 Cock
- 88 Alley 90 "The plan has been
- approved!" 91 Kind of cycle at night
- 92 Partner, with "the"
- 93 Hot, hot, hot

- 99 Facet 100 Petting zoo noise
- 102 Suburban setting?
- 103 IHOP selections 106 Woodworking or
- bird-watching 108 Heart, e.g.
- 110 Place atop
- 112 New York theater award first given in

of Egypt

- 1956 113 One of the 10 plagues
- baddies

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116 One of 24 in Yankee Stadium

114 Dungeons & Dragons

- 117 Ouench
- 118 Gulf bigwig
- 119 Some cruise ship amenities
- 122 Ticketmaster spec
- 123 Navy submarine head: Abbr



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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Students named to Wor-Wic's Dean's List

(July 31, 2025) A total of 551 Wor-Wic Community College students have been recognized for superior performance by being named to the dean's list for the recently completed spring term. Students from Worcester County included:

Berlin: Cameron Andrews, Aaron August, Jason Baione-Leiderman, Jacob Bauer, Emily Bitner, Samantha Boger, Raelyn Bonebrake, Kirby Bounds, Michaela Brown, Brock Brushmiller, Alexandra Burton, Riley Calloway, Morelia Camacho-Arriola, Sydney Charlton, Chance Coley, Claire Cutlip, Julia Danner, Brodie Dehart, Kelly Dellies, Amani Dixon, Kimberly Duffy, Christian Elliott, George Eppard-Annis, Guadalupe Espinoza-Fonseca, Honey Evans, Carter Fannin, Mitra Fooks, Aydin Gordon, Bai-

ley Griffin, Sydnie Harrington, Nadeen Hassanein, Chakirah Henry, Isabel Hernandez, Jennifer Higgins, Juan Hinojosa, Amy Holland, Matthew Holland, Victoria Hornsby, Emily Hyatt, Jeff Jacobson, Dylan Jung, Lydia Kappelmeier, Brandon Karvoski, Zach Ketterman, Paul Knight, Sam Krasner, Elizabeth Kufchak, Jessica Lee, Kyle Lokey, Tiffany Long, Colin Martin, Nicole Mays, Sean Mc-Crystal, Samantha McManus, Brittany McTernan, Mara Minkey, Brandon O'Brien, Adelina Olerta, Reid Phillips, Payton Piercey, Jonathan Pinkham, Bayley Price, Landon Pryor, Daisy Pugh, Grace Riekert, Katherine Rimel, Hunter Simon, Riley Smith, Stacey Smith, Jeff Spurrier, Bri'Kyra Tingle, Alexandria Urbanski, Blake Wallace, Lukas Wandling, Sarah Wasem, Kimberly Wheeler, Rowan Wilkins and Vienna Williams.

Bishopville: Safaa Alsharaydeh, Brooke Berquist, Shayleigh Boyle, Juliana Brown, Dalton Bunting, Ellie Cheynet, Jessica Cropper, Autumn Drew, Cristina Esch, Jessica Morris, Chase Ponton, Lucas Popielaski, Kylie Record, Mary Soghomonian and Lilly Zalewski.

Girdletree: Riley Richardson

Newark: Rebecka Keller and Laura

Ocean City: Jazmine Abu-Zaid, Amber Alexander, Amanda Berry, Jamie Consigli, Madelyn Dill, Miranda Garliss-Griffith, Lizzie Grasso, Seth Hetherington, Tiffany McClain, Amella Mehan, William Melgar, Paul Mihalek III, Isabella Milite, Garv Patel, Tyler Pursel, Lana Sbih, Hannah Snyder, Abigail Stabinski, Alexandra Szabo, Tina Walas, Alexander Ward, Samantha Whitehead, Delaney Williams and Meredith Windsor.

Pocomoke City: Jose Castillo Enriquez, Rylee Covington, Deyton Dean, Edward Fulton IV, Elisha Kees, Jermaine Logan, Zach Outten, Sherita Taylor and Lucas Webster

Showell: Allison Swift

Snow Hill: Brad Boyer, Kendyl Cylc, Alexis Harper, Victoria Harper, Anthony Jenkins, Elizabeth Lonsdale, Kernighan Mitchell, Jaymee Pay, Paul Pierson Jr., Laylynn Prettyman, Michael Smith, Cheyanne Tunnell, Diana Walsh and Savvy Wertz

Stockton: Abigail Gaskill Whaleyville: Eric Weaver

Salt Life project in WOC plans next phase

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is so difficult. That was really our goal, to provide affordability," Odachowski said at his zoning hearing in Snow Hill before the commissioners.

To that end, Odachowski – whose family operates both a disaster cleanup service and an electrical contractor under the umbrella of Royal Plus, Inc. – admitted that he absorbed the unexpected \$500,000 cost that came with ex-

tensive roadway improvements along Old Bridge Road as mandated by the State Highway Administration.

Punctuated with quirky street names like This Way and My Way, residents of Salt Life also will have to a bundled community fee that includes ground rent, lawn service, water and sewer, property taxes, and trash pickup.

Because it's a private community that targets homeowners in their 50s, Oda-

chowski said he reserves the right not to sell to younger buyers.

With the expansion of this project, county officials have recognized that this part of West Ocean City is undergoing a bit of a growth spurt.

According to the county's planning commission, there's a "strong demand" for affordable housing and manufactured units that's coincided with an increase in commercial growth, as mentioned in the commission's May 1 findings of fact for this project.

To that point, just down the street on Old Bridge Road, another project underway called Crepe Myrtle Court will build 25 new homes on what's now an empty lot.

Other projects in the pipeline hinge on water-sewer availability, officials say, meaning leaner and smaller home projects are more likely to move forward in the near future.



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Thurs., July 31

NEXT WAVE BEACH BASH FUNDRAISER WITH SHAUN TOMSON

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. World Champion Surfer Shaun Tomson keynote, film, raffles, giveaways, photo ops. Tickets:

https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/898441 06/surfers-code-shaun-tomson-oceancity-oc-performing-arts-center.

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys" (country), sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay and free admission. https://www.ococean.com/things-todo/free-family-fun/sunset-park-partynights/

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring music by Local Vocals. 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

STORY TIME: COLORS IN NATURE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. 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

MISTER BOOM BOOM PRESENTS 'COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Children explore instruments from around the world through play, singalongside and rhythm games. For families. 410-641-0650, 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

MISTER BOOM BOOM PRESENTS 'COLOR OUR WORLD WTH MUSIC'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Children explore instruments from around the world through play, sing-alongside and rhythm games. For families. 410-9570878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join in for a spellbinding adventure with crafts and fun games. For all ages. Light refreshments served. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books you have read and want to share. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Fri., Aug. 1

17TH ANNUAL OCMC FRANKY PETTOLINA HEELS & REELS LADIES TOURNAMENT

O.C. Fisherman's Marina, 12806 Sunset Ave., Ocean City. Weigh-ins held at Fisherman's Marina, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Awards banquet: Sunday Aug. 2, 6:30-9 p.m., OCMC Clubhouse. https://members.ocmarlinclub.com/event-6153384, 410-213-1613, info@ocmarlinclub.com.

3RD ANNUAL MARLINS FOR MASON TOURNAMENT

Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City. Also held at the Sunset Marina. The entry fee (donation) is \$500 to Marlins for Mason. Benefiting the Dravet Syndrome Foundation. Register: https://marlinsformason.com/register-online/. 603-377-0706

OC MAHJONG CLUB

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

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR AUGUST EXHIBITS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists! Free event. All are welcome. https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/first-friday-opening-reception-3/, 410-524-9433

SIPPIN' WITH SLOTHS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, DE, 6-8 p.m. Music by Sound Living/Glenn Stern. Cost is \$40 and includes sloth encounter, selfguided tour, and one complementary glass of wine. Tickets: https://book.singenuity.com/469/activity/details/2284/ rates. 302-829-1548

THE HAUNTED PORTRAIT ESCAPE ROOM

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill

Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 7 p.m. Solve the mystery of "The Haunted Portrait" and end its curse on their historic manor. Adults only and registration required. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

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

Sat., Aug. 2

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47TH ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Held in the community center and White Horse Park. Hand crafted items, jewelry, home décor and so much more. Free parking, free admission. The Artisian Gift Shop will be open as well.

PEACH FESTIVAL

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Purchase fresh peaches and peach pies, ice cream, preserves, drinks and more. Live music, non-profits, food vendors, demonstrators, contests and museum tours. https://berlinmainstreet.com, 410-641-1019

CRAB CAKE SANDWICHES, PEACH COBBLER & PEACH ICED TEA

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST, SLIGO BY THE SEA, SUMMER MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m.-noon. Scripture & Song - Pastor Kermit Netteburg, Musicians-Reid and Karpenko families accompanied by James Brostrom. sligochurch.org/sligobythesea, 301-270-6777

TIE DYE WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10-11 a.m. Learn basic tie-dying techniques. Participants must bring their own pre-washed T-shirt. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration: 410-641-7052.

SATURDAY WRITERS

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

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., Aug. 3

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Mike Hines and the Look" (high energy dance music), activities and entertainment for the kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic baskets & beach chairs. Followed by fireworks.

PRE-HOMECOMING SERVICE

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, Berlin, 3:30 p.m. Guest preacher Rev. Diallo Purnell from John Wesley & Shiloh along with the Inspirational Choir. Open to all. Bring your friends to worship and fellowship. Annette Purnell, 443-513-1420

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

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Mon., Aug. 4

52ND ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 419 14th St., Ocean City, 4-9:15 p.m. World's Largest Billfishing Tournament. Weigh-ins are held from 4-9:15 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge. Register: https://whitemarlinopen.com/onlineregistration. 866-328-4554

WHITE MARLIN OPEN MARLIN FEST

Ocean City Inlet Beach, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live music, food and drinks, vendors, live stream of White Marlin Open Weigh-Ins and White Marlin Open and Marlin Fest merchandise. https://marlinfest.com, 866-328-4554

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY & FIREWORKDS

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Rupe. Bring chairs and blankets. Fireworks display begins at 9 p.m.

STORY TIME: FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

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

ESL CONVERSATION CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join non-native English speakers for casual conversation practice and a short lesson prepared by an ESL instructor. 410-524-1818,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

MOVIES AND MUNCHIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Explore the Spider-Verse. Munchies included. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. A safe place for families, partners and other caregivers who shares similar challenges and rewards of providing care for adults who have any type of serious illness. Nicole.Fry@TidalHealth.org, 410-641-2626

WARHAMMER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Use the library's armies or bring your own. Tutorials and demos will be available, so novice and veteran players alike are welcome. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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., Aug. 5

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OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP EVENT AT THE WEDGE

The Wedge Bar, 806 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Grab a photo with OC Photo ops, win smile swag and more. Download the app to play games and win swag at the event. https://www.ococean.com/event/ocean-city-tourismpop-up-event-at-the-wedge/2419/

2025 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Willam Edward Henry Park, 125 Flower St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Free food, music, displays, educational booths, medical screenings, fun things for the kids and more. Sponsored by the Berlin Police Department.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 6-8 p.m. Free food, family fun games provided by the Ocean Pines Recreation Department. Free event. Open to everyone. Ocean Pines Police Department, 410-641-7747

STORY TIME: OCEAN

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke

Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878,

www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Story time geared or ages 0-5 years featuring seasonal themes designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and finger plays. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ART LAB

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Experiment with a variety of artistic materials and mediums. Visit each station to explore paint, clay, collage, doodling and more. For ages 6-18 years. 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

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: DONUT DESIGNS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Make and create your own donuts. All materials provided. For tweens and teens. Call to register: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

THE COLORS OF TEA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Teas chosen for their bright hues and delicious taste will be sampled and discussed. All attendees will receive their own brightly-colored tea to take home. Registration required: 410-524-1818.

TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: GREEN SCREENS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Bring your phone, tablet or any type of camera for this photography lesson on green screens. There will be some cameras available to use. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, 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

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., Aug. 6

52ND ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 419 14th St., Ocean City, 4-9:15 p.m. World's Largest Billfishing Tournament. Weigh-ins are held from 4-9:15 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge. Register: https://whitemarlinopen.com/onlineregistration. 866-328-4554

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WHITE MARLIN OPEN MARLIN FEST

Ocean City Inlet Beach, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live music, food and drinks, vendors, live stream of White Marlin Open Weigh-Ins and White Marlin Open and Marlin Fest merchandise. https://marlinfest.com, 866-328-4554

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

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

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

FINGERPRINT ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m.-noon. Make different art projects using your own fingerprints. For ages 2-18 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIDS MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate National Wellness Month

with a series of activities and exercises designed to help you take care of your mind. Led by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818

PUZZLE SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Bring your gently used puzzles and leave with new-to-vou puzzles. Don't have a puzzle to exchange but still want one? That's OK too. Puzzles must be in their original boxes. 410-641-0650

YOUNIQUE ART JOURNALS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Learn the benefits of art journaling and make your own paper bag journal to keep. All supplies provided. For ages 6-18 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. Providing discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Patti Yocubik, 410-208-9761, Patti.Yocubik@TidalHealth.org

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.

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

ONGOING EVENTS

CREATIVITY CORNER

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., during August. Students are invited to engage in STEAM-related projects and crafts. Activities change monthly. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Aug. 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

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

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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

















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Sunday 11am-1pm	1114 Ocean Parkway Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$330,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
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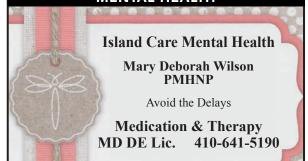
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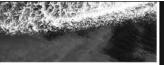


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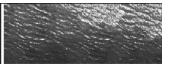
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DOXYCYCLINE HYCLATE

DULOXETINE

DUTASTERIDE

ENALAPRIL

ERGOCALCIFEROL

GENERIC DRISDOL®

ESCITALOPRAM

ESOMEPRAZOLE

ESTRADIOL

EZETIMIBE

FAMOTIDINE

FELODIPINE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

FENOFIBRATE

FINASTERIDE

FLECAINIDE

FLUCONAZOLE

FLUOXETINE

FOLIC ACID

FOSINOPRIL

FUROSEMIDE

GEMFIBROZIL

GLIMEPIRIDE

GLIPIZIDE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

GLYBURIDE

GLYBURIDE/METFORMIN

GLYCOPYRROLATE

HYDRALAZINE

HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE

HYDROXYZINE HYDROCHLORIDE

HYDROXYZINE PAMOATE

HYOSCYAMINE

IBUPROFEN

IMIPRAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

INDAPAMIDE

IRBESARTAN

ISOSORBIDE MONONITRATE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

LABETALOL

LAMOTRIGINE

LETROZOLE

LEVETIRACETAM

LEVOCETIRIZINE

LEVOFLOXACIN

LEVOTHYROXINE

LISINOPRIL

LISINOPRIL /HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

LITHIUM EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

LOSARTAN

LOSARTAN /HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE

LOVASTATIN

MECLIZINE

MEDROXYPROGESTERONE

MELOXICAM

MEMANTINE

METFORMIN

METFORMIN EXTENDED
RELEASE (ER)

METHIMAZOLE

METHOCARBAMOL

METOCLOPRAMIDE

METOPROLOL

METOPROLOL EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

METRONIDAZOLE

MIDODRÍNE

MINOCYCLINE

MINOXÍDIL

MIRTAZAPINE

MONTELUKAST

NABUMETONE

NAPROXEN

NEVIRAPINE

NIFEDIPINE EXTENDED

NORTRIPTYLINE

OLANZAPINE

OLMESARTAN

OMEGA-3-ACID ETHYL ESTERS

OMEPRAZOLE

ONDANSETRON

OXCARBAZEPINE

OXYBUTYNIN EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

PANTOPRAZOLE

PAROXETINE

PENICILLIN V POTASSIUM

PIOGLITAZONE

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

PRAMIPEXOLE

PRAVASTATIN

PREDNISONE

PROMETHAZINE PROPAFENONE

PROPRANOLOL

QUETIAPINE

QUETIAPINE EXTENDED RELEASE (ER)

QUINAPRIL

RAMIPRIL

REPAGLINIDE

RISPERIDONE ROPINIROLE

ROSUVASTATIN

SERTRALINE

SIMVASTATIN SOTALOL

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TELMISARTAN

TERAZOSIN

TERBINAFINE

TOPIRAMATE

TORSEMIDE

TRANDOLAPRIL

Generic Mavik®
TRAZODONE

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VENLAFAXINE EXTENDED
RELEASE (ER)

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WARFARIN

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