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EVENTS KICK OFF AG WEEK

Worcester County government's Agriculture Week, slated for Aug. 2-10, kicked off last Saturday with two featured events. Top, the Blessing of the Combines was held in Snow Hill, attracting approximately 8,000 people to celebrate local farmers. Above, thousands also attended the Berlin Peach Festival to celebrate the fruit once grown and harvested in the historic town.

Chefs tie on aprons for big-time chance

Farmer's market cook-off gives winner golden ticket to world championships

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Aug. 7, 2025) A handful of local chefs will compete at the Berlin Farmers Market this Sunday for a chance to attend 2025's World Food Championships.

This week, on Aug. 10, Berlin chefs will compete in a Guy's Grocery Games-style competition at the town's farmers market. The winner will receive a "golden ticket," otherwise known as a qualifying slip, to participate in the World Food Championships (WFC) in Indiana in Octo-

WFC is a global food sport competition. According to the WFC's website, the contest is a multi-day, live culinary event that "showcases some of the world's best cooks competing for food, fame, and fortune across twelve categories: Bacon, Barbecue, Burger, Chef, Dessert, Live Fire, Noodle, Rice, Sandwich, Seafood, Soup, and Vegetarian."

This year's event is set for October 16-19 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. One winner will be selected from each of the 12 categories. These competitors will then spar for the top prize of \$150,000. There are over 800 official qualifying events across the globe throughout the year, and on See LOCAL Page 3

Yacht club offering cruises to Seacrets

Restaurant ups its game with 35-minute ride across bay ... with beverages, too

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Aug. 7, 2025) Improvements and new partnerships are coming to the Ocean Pines food and beverage service, including a party boat experience from the community's Yacht Club to Seacrets in Ocean City.

Since this spring, restaurant group Touch of Italy (TOI) has been the operator of the Ocean Pines Association's food and beverage services. TOI and OPA signed a five-year contract in January for TOI to oversee the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, the Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City, and the Clubhouse Bar and Grille. The arrangement was inked upon the expiration of previous vendor Matt Ortt Companies' agreement with the homeowners' association.

Now, with a few months under their belt, TOI is enhancing OPA's food and beverage experience.

One such development is the new partnership between the Ocean Pines See YACHT Page 8



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Five Berlin chefs are slated to participate in a live cooking demonstration at Sunday's Berlin Farmers Market. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Local chefs will square off at Berlin Farmer's Market

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Sunday, Berlin will get in on the action.

Set to square off at the municipality's farmers market for WFC's coveted golden ticket are Justine Zegna of Blacksmith Berlin, Toby Gilbert of Gilbert's Provisions, Yancey Carapico of The Cap'ns Slice, Brandon Juarez of The Sterling Tavern and Josh Morrison of Roadie Joe's Bar and Grill, according to a press release from the Town of Berlin.

Judging Berlin's contest will be local professionals Paul Suplee, the executive chef at Seacrets Hideaway, Phil Cropper, culinary teacher at Worcester Technical High School, and Tami Webber, WBOC's morning news anchor.

Berlin's director of economic and community development, Ivy Wells, said the Maryland Restaurant Association is coordinating this week's chef's challenge in collaboration with Maryland's Best and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The event will be run similarly to the Food Network's Guy's Grocery Games with a farmers market twist, Wells noted. On Sunday morning, the competing chefs will choose a protein from one of the Maryland farmers, with options including a seafood item caught by Skilligalee Seafood, a pork item from Foxhound Farm, or mushrooms from The Bay Mushrooms.

Once the participants have made their first selections, they will pick out three additional ingredients from other Maryland farms at the market to include in their dish. The chefs will then return to their stations, where they will cook the creations live, viewable by farmers market attendees. Cooking is scheduled to begin at 10 a m.

"Everyone is welcome to come down and watch the chefs prepare and cook," Wells said.

The winner will be announced around noon

Wells said that the Berlin Farmers Market was selected as a qualifying event for this year's WFC after she attended the Maryland Farmers Market Conference over the winter and asked the organizers to consider the Eastern Shore municipality.

"We have 15 restaurants to choose from, some of the best food on the Eastern Shore, and the best chefs," the community director said.

The chefs competing on Sunday were chosen by the event planners, each selected based on specific criteria.

Wells added that she is ecstatic about the qualifying event making it to Main Street, particularly at the town's beloved farmers market.

"The competition will showcase our local chefs and our local culinary scene here in Berlin," she said.

The winner of Sunday's contest will get the chance to compete in the World Food Championship this fall. The competition debuted in 2012, according to its website, and has since amassed a global following.

"The WFC platform has revolutionized competitive cooking, known as 'Food Sport,' by offering a level playing field, a fair judging system, and innovative culinary programming," the webpage continues. "Over the years, WFC has facilitated the creation of more than 10,000 new dishes and has partnered with countless local non-profits, charities, and food banks across the U.S."



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Live music events coming to Berlin's downtown this week

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 7, 2025) This Sunday, Berlin will be filled with live music and family-friendly community events.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, in addition to the weekly farmers' market, this time accompanied by a live cooking competition, the municipality will host a variety of summer events for residents and visitors alike. First up is the town's Art and Vintage Market, held every second Sunday of each month.

Town of Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said that at the market, a variety of artistic pieces and vintage items will be available for tourists and Berlin citizens to browse. Like always, it will be held in the parking lot of the Berlin Welcome Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wells added that the event will feature musical stylings from the group Lucky Shoes.

Also kicking off Sunday is a multiday festival from Chamber Music by the Sea. The classical musical group, an organization with a commitment to music education and outreach activities, will begin its annual fair on Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. with a "musical stroll," Wells said.

According to the community de-

velopment director, the musical team's first stop is the Berlin Welcome Center, followed by performances at Reverie Arbor and Wine Bar and the Mermaid Museum.

Chamber Music by the Sea will treat Berlin to its classical sound throughout the week. On Monday, Aug. 11, the group invites community members to a free open rehearsal at the Berlin Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Later that night, at 7 p.m., there is a sound bath collaboration with Zenna Wellness yoga studio on Franklin Avenue.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13, Chamber Music by the Sea will perform at the Atlantic Hotel at 7 p.m. On Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m., the musical group will host a concert and reception at Temple Bat Yam. The small ensemble will also perform on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

Wells said that the town is ecstatic for the chamber festival to begin, and with the popularity of shows featuring classical, small ensemble music, like Netflix's "Bridgerton," organizers expect the event to yield high attendance.

"Everyone is a fan of 'Bridgerton," See BERLIN Page 6



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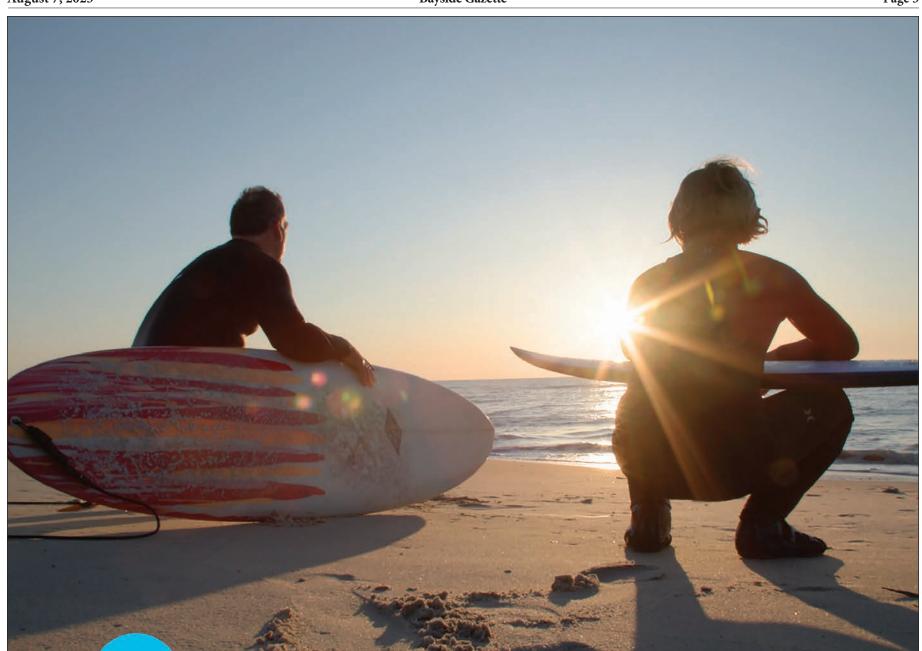




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Housing gap in state, Worcester, study finds

(Aug. 7, 2025) The 2025 State Housing Needs Assessment released this week by the Department of Housing and Community Development, shows that Worcester County's housing affordability and availability gap generally mirrors the state average.

The survey, done in concert with the National Center for Smart Growth at the University of Maryland College park, found that elderly and low-income households here and elsewhere continue to struggle to find housing that fits their budgets.

Department Secretary Jake Day said key findings of the study include:

• Housing production has not notably increased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; the state will need approximately 590,186 new units to accommodate projected

household growth through 2045. Chronic underproduction exacerbates the mismatch of supply and demand, resulting in high housing affordability problems.

- Homeownership is increasingly out of reach for Marylanders, with only 49% of moderate income households able to afford the median home in 2022, down from 75% in 2000.
- Maryland's older adult population is increasing, with older adults aged 65+ projected to make up 21% of the total state population by 2040. Maryland currently lacks sufficient housing options, including notably age-restricted affordable housing, to meet the needs of its aging population.

One of the critical measures employed by the study is the "cost burden" many homeowners endure. Generally, households spending

more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs are considered costburdened.

Those spending over 50% are considered severely cost-burdened. This burden can limit a household's ability to afford other necessities like food, transportation, and healthcare, and can increase vulnerability to financial hardship

The study analyzes Maryland's regulatory landscape, recent trends in housing production, and zoning capacity related to the state's projected housing growth through 2045. Per this study's findings, Maryland needs more than 590,000 new housing units to accommodate projected growth, which cannot be supported by the current pace of construction.

In Worcester County, the study found that about 12% of homeowners (951 owners) are "cost burdened" or are spending a disproportionate amount on housing. The state average is 12%. Renters fare somewhat better than the state average, in that 47% (678) of Worcester's renter population is cost burdened as compared

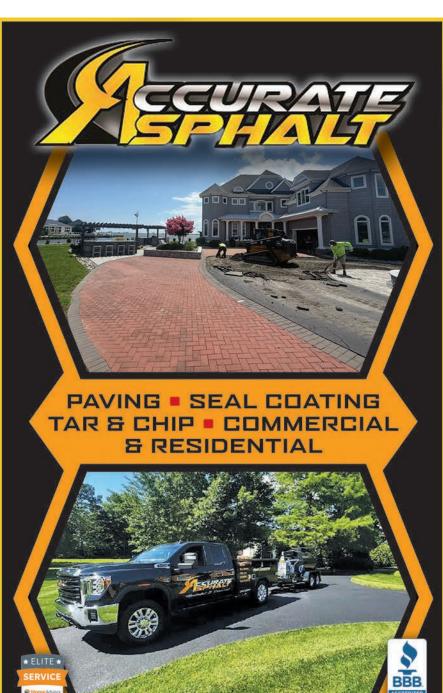
to 55% in the state overall.

In 2022, the most recent analysis of housing cost versus income, the survey found that the average home cost in Worcester was \$404,400, the median household income was \$76,689, but the income needed to bring the ratio of cost to income down to 30 percent or less is \$88,166.

One other factor the survey examined is how a widening spread between income and cost might affect the housing market in areas with a higher percentage of senior citizens whose earnings are relatively fixed.

Worcester County stands out in that category, according to the survey, which found that 28% of its population is 65 years of age and older. The only county with a higher percentage of seniors was Talbot, where 30% of its citizens fall into that category.

In that regard, the state's report concluded that the housing market will be affected, as these residents decide whether to modify their homes to age in place or move in with relatives, add roommates, or move into older adult living facilities.



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Berlin to host live music events

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Wells said. "Chamber music has a new fanbase now, so if you come down to Berlin, you get to hear some chamber music performed live. There are probably kids out there who haven't heard this style of music before. We should all be exposed to a variety of different music, and we have the opportunity to be able to bring this to Berlin, and we're excited about it."

More live music will take over Berlin this weekend by way of the Taylor House's regular second Sunday at the museum event. On Aug. 10, the band Slomfire will perform on the facility's lawn at 6 p.m. The concert is free.

Berlin residents and visitors are invited to the upcoming happenings around town, organized to foster community togetherness and development. The week will be particularly crowded with live music, a priority of town staff, Wells said.

"We are an arts and entertainment district, so we try to add live music to everything that we do," she said. "You can never get enough of live music in downtown Berlin."



Customers may receive one time grant for electricity bill

Low-income consumers to be eligible for funding to pay off late electric balance

By Brian Shane

(July 31, 2025) Worcester County residents may qualify for some relief from electric bills in the form of a joint program through the governor's office and the power company.

Delmarva Power is now offering up to \$300 in grant funding. Eligible recipients include limited- or moderate-income customers carrying a balance of at least \$250, with a bill at least 60 days past due. Effective July 18, the one-time grants also will be available to customers in Wicomico, Somerset, and Harford counties.

The grants are sourced from a \$19 million Customer Relief Fund, which was provided through a one-time donation from Delmarva Power parent company Exelon. Other customers across Maryland, who get their power from Potomac Electric Power (Pepco) and Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) also are eligible for

Grants are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Nonprofit partners Shore Up! and The Salvation Army will work with Delmarva Power to administer the program, according to Exelon spokeswoman Mary Oakey.

"We are opening applications as the partners are ready to receive them, wanting customers to have access to funding as soon as each partner is ready to process the applications. We anticipate all counties to be launched in the coming weeks and will communicate to customers when they open," she said.

Major Wilma Mason, Area Commander at The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command, said in a statement that she's proud to work with the utility company.

"Every person and family in Maryland deserves to live with dignity and respect, without consistent stress over critical needs like how to keep your electricity on," she said.

Marylanders get electricity from four providers: BGE, Allegheny Power, Delmarva Power, and Pepco. In recent years, some coal-fired power plants have gone offline, and the resulting bottleneck of electrical generation capacity has put stress on the electrical grid, according to an August 2024 report from the state Office of People's Counsel.

In the meantime, state officials have been keeping their eye on the rising cost of electricity.

Earlier this year, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38, Worcester) sponsored a new law requiring the state's Public Service Commission to weigh

the pros and cons of various sources of electricity generation, including natural gas, nuclear power, and offshore wind. That report is due by the end of next year.

Also during the 2025 legislation session, state lawmakers passed the Next Generation Energy Act, which authorized tapping into a \$200 million Strategic Energy Investment fund to offer two rebates for residential electric customers.

Gov. Wes Moore announced the ratepayer credit program last month, saying the funds would provide "meaningful relief" in the immediate future. As demand rises without the supply to meet it, customers can expect another increase in energy costs driven by increasing supply costs, his administration said in a June12 statement.

"Not a day goes by without me hearing from Marylanders about their real and justified concerns over steep bill increases. We need to work together to get them relief - and today, we are taking new actions to achieve exactly that," Gov. Moore

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Yacht Club announces cruises to Seacrets

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Yacht Club and Seacrets Coastal Cruises. This party boat ride will now offer a journey through the bay between the OPA establishment and the iconic Ocean City bar and restaurant.

The boat has a restroom onboard and is stocked with a full tiki bar for guests to enjoy during the 35-minute voyage. A round-trip experience is offered, and, according to a press release issued by OPA, private charters for groups of 35 to 45 passengers are available.

TOI founder Bob Ciprietti said that the Yacht Club's newest experience kicked off last weekend. The boozy Seacrets cruise will be offered through Labor Day and then will hit the ground running early next summer. For adults, the round-trip ticket price is \$24.95. For children, who are also wel-

come for those visitors looking for a more family-friendly journey, tickets are \$14.95.

"In my opinion, it's an inexpensive Uber on the water," Ciprietti said.

The TOI founder noted that the new service will offer Ocean Pines residents a fresh and fun way to experience two sought-after Eastern Shore locations.

"I think [the cruise] gives another overall part of the experience that if you come to the Yacht Club and you want to go over to Seacrets and have some great food and some great drinks and entertainment, and you want that vibe, you can hop over, and then you can come back," he said. "And if you're at Seacrets, you can do the same thing. You can hop over to Ocean Pines and come back. It's a win-win for everybody, and we look forward to its suc-

Ciprietti added that he recently took a Seacrets cruise himself, and maintained that the experience will only be advantageous for the community and its residents.

"I just took this Seacrets cruise this past week, and it was great," he said. "I saw parts of Ocean City I have never seen before. I think it's going to be awesome.'

In addition to the new water adventure, TOI is looking to enhance its onsite experience at the Yacht Club. Ciprietti said that throughout the summer, his team has taken feedback from Ocean Piners on the establishment's service and menu, and the restaurant group intends to make some adjustments leading into the fall and winter.

The food has been an ongoing point of discussion among community members, Ciprietti said, and the Yacht Club is now on its fourth iteration of the menu since TOI took over earlier this year.

We were constantly getting feedback," said the Touch of Italy founder. "Hey, we like this, hey, we don't like that.' The biggest one was, 'We don't want you to do Italian.' And then three weeks later, 'where's all the Italian?"

As such, a few Italian dishes have been added, including the restaurant's beloved chicken parm, which Ciprietti said has been well-received.

TOI is also preparing to introduce new events and specials this fall. According to Ciprietti, during the offseason, the Yacht Club plans to reinvent its trivia night, host wine and bourbon dinners, and offer cooking classes.

Notably, Ciprietti added to enhance the facility, Ocean Pines has agreed to build an outdoor kitchen at the Yacht Club. The addition will aid in the establishment's staff's ability to provide quality and speedy service. While the new kitchen will not be as big as the one indoors, it will be fully functional.

"There are some Saturdays that there are 2,000 people that we serve, and the kitchen struggled a little bit because that's a lot of people at one time, and we're only human," Ciprietti said. "This will give us some diversity in the menu and also speed up the food experience for when you're at the pool or tiki bar and you want something easy and quick. We're looking forward to

The outdoor kitchen is expected to be finished in the spring of next year.

Ciprietti said that TOI's first summer season overseeing OPA's food and beverage operations has been success-

"For us, it's a great summer," he said. "It's our maiden voyage. The people in Ocean Pines have been warm and receptive to us."

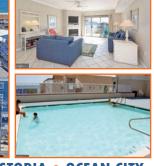


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Riddle Farm treatment plant to be updated by year's end

A county wastewater facility offline for years will now be up and running once again

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(August 1, 2025) Long-awaited upgrades to Worcester County's water and wastewater treatment facility at Riddle Farm are scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving.

The project was scheduled to be done in December. But after a progress meeting with Public Works last week, the contractor says work will wrap up in mid-November, pending delays with a new electrical membrane control systems – what Worcester County Public Works Di-

rector Dallas Baker called "the heart and brains" of the plant.

Riddle Farm's water plant and water tower went offline in 2019 after problems were discovered with the efficiency of its flow: a new filtration membrane wasn't working as it should have. It led to the shutdown of the water plant.

The key issue, according to Baker, was the water filtration process. It involves pushing water through a membrane to remove iron. But over time,

that iron builds up, and it has to be backwashed into the wastewater plant. This requires reversing the flow of water to flush the iron sediment.

But the backwash ended up clogging the filtration membrane. It meant the plant couldn't treat as much water as it was supposed to. This was the part of the plant that failed and had to be turned "off" in the last few years, Baker said.

One plant upgrade included in this project, Baker noted, will now separate that iron backwash to a different physical location. The iron will be sent to a holding lagoon, and the remaining effluent gets sprayed onto the Glen Riddle golf course.

This plant's sewer treatment works when membranes filter solids from treated wastewater, separating out the "clean water" from the rest of the solids and sludge. That water is sent out for disinfection using ultraviolet light. It eventually ends up in a lagoon and is used for spray irrigation at the Riddle Farm golf course.

Baker said the problems on the water side led to problems on the sewerage side: the plant's capacity for treating wastewater was greatly reduced. It meant there was now more



Work continues at sewer plant

wastewater coming into than the plant than its systems could treat, and the plant soon became overloaded.

To keep up, the excess and untreated sewer sludge had to be pumped into trucks and hauled to processing facilities in Ocean Pines and West Ocean City. This ended up costing Worcester County's enterprise funds – the financial backbone of the county's 11 water and sewer districts – hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

"It's not an economic question," Baker noted. "We either haul this off, or it rolls down the street."

Wastewater plants are not revenue generators. Financially, they're designed to be self-sustaining, and cover their own operational and capital costs, paid for by user fees.

For now, one of two processing tanks in the wastewater plant has been shut down temporarily, as crews complete an upgrade that will support the new filtration membrane. A short-term, standalone treatment unit has been brought to the plant to make up for the one that's offline.

Since last month, about \$1.3 mil-

lion out of a budgeted \$3.6 million had been spent on labor and materials for the project, according to a June 12 internal county memo.

Baker says they know the new membranes at Riddle Farm will work better than the old ones because it's the same product used at the Mystic Harbor wastewater treatment plant.

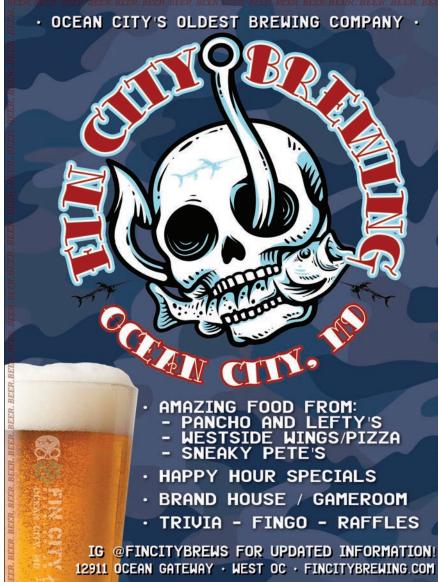
When it's all done, Baker says residents of the Glen Riddle community shouldn't notice anything different.

"Right now, they flush their toilets, and it goes away, and we treat it," he said

What will change is that trucks won't be going in and out of the plant hauling sludge to Ocean Pines and West Ocean City for treatment. The water plant will come back online and the tall Glen Riddle-branded water tower along Route 50 will be repainted and refilled.

That painting operation is an inside job, Baker noted – literally. It's the interior of the water tower that needs repainting, to seal the metal, protect it from the long-term effects of water, and maintain its structural stability. It's been 20 years since that last occurred.







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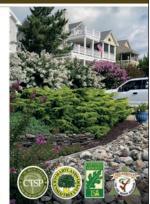
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Basketball event scheduled for next week at Henry Park

First 100 children to get a free basketball; Day will honor youth, healthy living

(Aug. 7, 2025) The Berlin community is invited to a day of fun, fellowship and celebration with a special event hosted by Dr. William L. Harris, also known as Dr. Shawn Harris, on Sunday, Aug. 17 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Henry Park.

The engaging event aims to inspire youth, honor community leaders and promote active lifestyles through basketball and community service.

Event highlights include a free basketball giveaway, the first 100 children will receive their own basketball, encouraging practice and active play; knockout competition, show off your shooting skills in this exciting classic game; and a threepoint contest, test your accuracy for a chance to win prizes.

Complimentary food and refreshments will be offered.

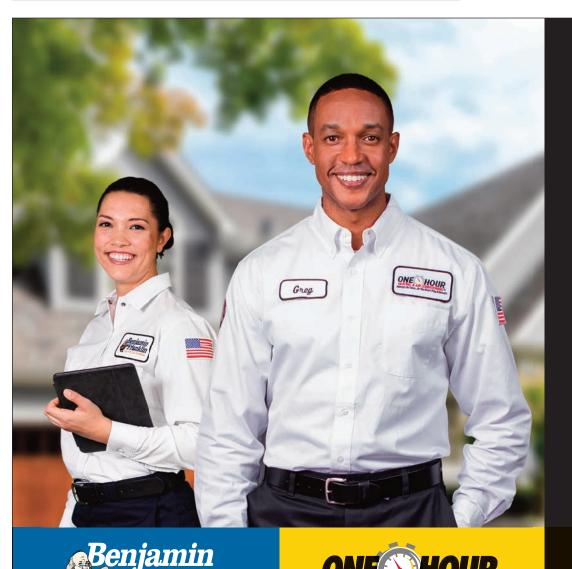
Harris will also be honoring three outstanding community pillars for their dedication and service -- Dr. Darlene Jackson-Bowen, Patrick Henry and Derrick S. Fooks.

Harris is a proud veteran of the

United States Marine Corps, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and a member of Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons. He is a dedicated community leader with extensive experience as a WNBA agent, sports consultant and collegiate athletic director. With a passionate commitment to youth development and community service, Harris strives to inspire young people to work diligently, stay active, and give back to their communities. Harris is the son of Cynthia Harris and the late William E. Smith Jr. and grandson of Joyce Harris Cottman.

This event transcends basketball; it is a heartfelt celebration of community, health, and active living," an event press release said. "Dr. Harris's mission is to empower youth through engagement, encouragement, and opportunities for growth, fostering smiles, friendships, and lifelong memories.'

Organizers wish to give special recognition to Al Hondo Handy, author of Defying Expectations and sports enthusiast and coach; Bernie Fisher, founder of BASIC; Paster Briggs of St. Paul's Methodist Church; and Council Member Shaneka Schoolfield Nichols, Jason Bowen and Virginia Harris.



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Pictured is what a cell phone tower in Ocean Pines could like look, blending in with the surrounding community to resemble a tree. If approved, the structure would be placed near the maintenance building at the Ocean Pines golf course.

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Goal of cell tower to aid congestion for OP community

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Aug. 7, 2025) A potential cell phone tower in Ocean Pines could benefit the majority of residents, with equipment redirection and small cell towers serving as supplementary support toward more reliability.

Last week, representatives from Milestone Towers, a cell tower building company, and Verizon Wireless hosted a question-and-answer-style town hall for Ocean Pines residents on the intricacies of a possible new cell phone tower within the wooded community's bounds. The meeting was held virtually.

A possible cell tower could help alleviate Ocean Pines' spotty reception, a hindrance to the vast majority of the community's citizens. The connection issue is particularly problematic during the busy summer months when an influx of tourists and part-time residents flock to the coastal neighborhood and its surrounding areas, crowding and straining the nearby network connection sites.

A new tower, representatives said last week, could spread out where cell phone users receive their service, alleviating the overcapacity problem and thus improving residents' abilities to make calls and send texts.

The project to build a new tower on community property has been led by Ocean Pines Police Chief Tim Robinson, whose central worry is public safety. While emergency calls can be made with an 'SOS' signal, indicated at the top of a phone where bars are typically located, a 'No Signal' reading means that no phone calls, including those to 911, will be picked up. The chief has held talks with Ocean Pines officials, carrier representatives, and Milestone Towers over the past several months, attempting to advance the initiative. Last week's Q&A session was held to allow residents to ask questions about their specific con-

The town hall began with an overview from Matt Forkas, the project manager for Milestone Towers. According to the representative, the company, based in Virginia, has built over 200 cell sites with over 50 municipal landowners, many of which are located in Maryland. A few of these can be found in Worcester's neighboring county of Wicomico.

If approved by the Ocean Pines Association and the Worcester County government, the cell phone tower will be built behind the maintenance facility at the community's golf course. Forkas added that two other locations were considered: the OPA Community Center and the eastern part of the golf club, but were ultimately deemed less viable than the chosen site.

The Milestone Towers representa-

Proposed cell tower a first step

tive noted that the area near the golf course's maintenance building is centrally located, ensuring the maximum amount of community impact possible. It is also in an ideal spot to avoid interfering with Ocean Pines operations.

"The area itself was flat and easy to get to and would cause the least amount of friction for the community itself," Forkas said.

If erected, the cell phone tower will be approximately 150 feet tall, constructed of steel, with room for up to four wireless carriers to offer service. Signed on are Verizon, T-Mobile, and AT&T. The structure will be camouflaged to resemble a tree, blending in with the Ocean Pines aesthetic. Once passed by the necessary parties, the project will take 12 to 18 months before service goes online and reception noticeably improves. Forkas said that a year and a half is likely a more accurate estimate.

Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile will offer service out of the tower upon its completion. Milestone Towers would put up the structure at their cost, while Ocean Pines would not incur any of the build's price tag. Furthermore, the cell tower will yield funds for OPA. Each carrier is to pay approximately \$ 2,500 per month for the use of the infrastructure, and Milestone Towers and OPA would split the resulting revenue.

Much of the town hall was spent discussing the level of impact OPA residents can expect from the tower. A previous presentation revealed that the area within a one-mile radius of the structure will feel the most benefits. The signal would weaken further from the cell site. Forkas maintained that the houses closest to the infrastructure would experience the most noticeable improvement in reception. However, homes outside the closest zone will also see some connection enhancement.

Paul Plymouth, Verizon's director of state government and local engagement, said that while the most significant level of impact will be in that one-mile radius, the areas further from the tower will still experience im-

provements. This is because other wireless connection structures currently in place near Ocean Pines, which are now overcrowded, will feel less of a strain with a new tower available, thus increasing service for all of Ocean Pines.

'What we want to get across is that the network right now is so congested, so putting in that tower makes things a lot better in that general area," Plymouth explained. "We've all been in a situation where we've been caught up in Bay Bridge traffic, and it's like a five-mile backup. What we're looking to do would essentially eliminate four to four and a half miles of traffic in the backup that you're experiencing. While there's still going to be some congestion, and there are some ways we can deal with that congestion, there's going to be a much bigger impact for the general area."

He added that the new tower will alleviate reception issues for those closest to the golf course facility. For those furthest away, such as the community's southeast, there are steps they can take to enhance their connection, if needed.

For instance, Plymouth stated that once the new tower is constructed and pressure is taken off the current infrastructure, equipment from the existing towers can be redirected to OPA's southeast to enhance service in those neighborhoods not directly within the new build's impact zone.

Some residents at the town hall inquired why small cell towers, which are smaller structures that target areas within 250 to 600 feet, weren't being considered. Homeowner Dave Tanner maintained that small cells are less noticeable than a 150-foot tower, preserving Ocean Pines' natural beauty.

Plymouth stated that a large tower will help improve service to a larger portion of the community, and that if a few streets require additional assistance in the future, small cells may be considered. Still, Verizon would first like to assess the impact of the big tower. Any necessary next steps may then be reviewed.

"We think a tower is the most ap-See APPROVAL Page 16





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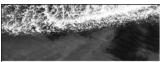
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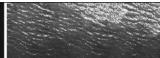
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Approval sought for cell tower

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propriate first step," he said. "A cell tower is going to be most appropriate for covering the largest area, helping with coverage and capacity, and in the future, if we need to install small cells, we can do that in a targeted manner. Those small cells just help with capacity. For those who live in the southeastern portion of Ocean Pines, if we build the tower and reposition some of the surrounding equipment, and it turns out not to help the southeastern portion as we thought, then we can consider the small cell route. But we would have the right infrastructure in place with a new tower for those small cells to offload the capacity stress on the network, versus if we just put small cells all across Ocean Pines.

Officials agreed that the proposed 150-cell phone tower is the best first step and will yield the largest improvement to the community's reception

"This is the optimal solution for your area," added Dave Reinauer, a Verizon representative. "There's no question. You are going to see significant improvement in all of Ocean Pines as a result of this. Will it be perfect for everyone? No, but it will be the best way to enhance coverage in a fairly quick manner...What I don't want to leave you with is that once the service is up and running, it's the end,

be-all. It's a constant process of tweaking our network, updating equipment, and adjusting other cell sites to achieve different orientations. But the first step is this cell site. If you want to enhance your coverage here, this is your way to start. This is the solution."

Verizon and Milestone Tower representatives maintain that a new cell tower within the limits of the Ocean Pines Association will help alleviate the community's spotty reception. According to officials, they plan to build new wireless infrastructure, which will likely remedy service issues for roughly 85% of Ocean Pines, and then assess any further improvements that can be made. This will likely come in the form of repositioning existing towers towards the portions of OPA that will experience limited effects from the new structure, particularly the southeast. If this supplemental measure has minimal impact, the carriers will consider using small cells to target specific streets.

The notes from the town hall were forwarded to OPA leadership for review. Forkas said that the next step in the tower initiative is to seek approval from the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, and if approved, the project will then be considered by the county government. The community will be notified with updates as they become available.

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Obituaries

BARBARA A. HAGER

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Barbara A. Hager, 88, of Berlin, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Aug. 2, 2025, at their home in

The Cottages in Berlin.



She was born in Lutherville on February 18, 1937, daughter of the late Charles and Mabel Spera. Barbara married Ronald Hager on Nov. 5, 1955, and they enjoyed 70 years

together. They had two daughters, Kathy Lynn and Rhonda Jane, while living in Timonium.

She was a founding member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City and attended many services and Bible studies.

Barbara was involved in the Ocean City Art League from its beginning. She loved to paint and participate in workshops and art shows in Ocean City and the Worcester Arts Council of Berlin. She won numerous art awards and spread loving messages with her watercolor cards, many of which were sold at Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill. Barbara enjoyed traveling with her art friends locally and internationally, sketching, painting and eating.

They owned apartments in downtown Ocean City and homes in Public Landing, Waves, N.C., and Herring Creek in West Ocean City, where they had many gatherings with family and friends. Barbara would say, "the door is always open". Their homes were filled with love, art, crazy times and many books for reading.

Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Butch, Rocky and Jimmy Spera and son-in-law Steve Mumford. She is survived by her two daughters, Kathy Huegel and husband John, Jane Hager and husband Michael Dalto.

Pines Library to adjust schedule for paving project

(Aug. 7, 2025) The Ocean Pines Branch Library parking lot will be milled and repaved Aug. 7-12.

To accommodate this improvement project, the library will adjust its schedule on the following days: Thursday, Aug. 7, branch will close at 1 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 8-11, library will be closed all day; and Tuesday, Aug. 12, library will reopen at 1 p.m.

The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change. If the contractor is unable to complete the work as planned, construction may continue on subsequent days while the library remains open. In such cases, traffic control measures will be in place.

For up-to-date information regarding library hours during the paving project, please contact the Ocean Pines Branch Library at 410-208-4014.

She also left behind her four grandchildren, Sage Harrington, Cory Harrington, Laurel Harrington and Jason Mumford.

Barbara had six great-grandchildren, Brandon Harrington, Jacob Sturgil, Ellie Sturgil and Cade, Coah and Cavin Harrington. Plus, one great-great granddaughter, Averie Harrington and one on the way.

There will be a private family graveside service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Art League of Ocean City, the Worcester Arts Council and the Michael J Fox Foundation.

ANNE CHILMAN FRICK

Marco Island, Fla.

Anne FitzGerald Frick, a resident of Marco Island, Fla. and Bethany Beach, passed away peacefully at her home on

July 28, 2025.



Anno Erick

Born in Bethesda on Jan. 25, 1935, Anne was the daughter of the late Francis J. FitzGerald and Florence Johnson FitzGerald. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joseph L. Frick; her

son, Michael Frick; and her daughter-inlaw, Stacey Frick.

Anne was a devoted and loving mother to 10 children: Joseph (Lisa) of Sarasota, Fla.; Gary of Ocean City; Robert (Rhonda) of Bishopville; Theresa Simpson of Marco Island, Fla.; James of Naples, Fla.; Linda (Austin) Nammack of Locust Grove, Va.; Lori Hyatt of Locust Grove, Va.; Carol Lynn (Michael) Nakamura of Rockville; and Craig (Julie) of Gaithersburg.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Sue FitzGerald of Smithville, Tenn. and Julie FitzGerald of Ashland, Va. and brother-in-law, Richard Frick (Angie) of Gaithersburg, Md. She was preceded in death by her three brothers: James FitzGerald, Francis J. FitzGerald, Jr., and Donald FitzGerald. Anne also leaves

behind 22 cherished grandchildren.

A viewing was held on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home located at 577 W. Elkcam Circle, Marco Island, Fla. 34145.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at San Marco Catholic Church located at 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island, Fla. 34145.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society in Anne's memory.

Burial will be private.



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Opinion

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What happens when systems aren't 'go'

To quote an old land use aphorism, development goes where the sewer flows, meaning the days have long since passed when developers could build a house just about anywhere if they could plop a septic tank in the backyard to handle the bathroom waste.

Those systems seemed to work well enough as long as they were well maintained by the property owner or resident. But then we learned that these individual systems allowed pollutants such as nitrogen to seep into local waters, wastewater absorption didn't work quite right in low-lying areas, and the easy availability of septic tanks was a big contributor to developmental sprawl.

That's when we came to understand that highly complex and properly operated wastewater treatment systems that served entire communities were the solution.

And then there was Glen Riddle.

The Riddle Farm's water plant and water tower went offline in 2019 when problems with the wastewater plant's membranes began reducing the amount of flow the wastewater plant could process. It also meant that Glen Riddle would be trucking untreated sewage to the Ocean Pines plant for processing.

That burden will be lifted soon as long-promised repairs are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving - 11 months after the December finish date promised last year.

Obviously, no one can help it if the parts needed to make the plant operational again couldn't be brought in immediately but given that system's trouble over the last few years, it does beg the question, what happens to development when the sewer stops flowing or doesn't work as it should?

Treating and transporting our waste is a highly complicated and extremely expensive proposition, and as standards inevitably become more rigid, we're going to need better and more innovative answers to a problem that's not going away.

It's either that, or, as County Public Works Director Dallas Baker says, "it rolls down the street."

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Letter

One Big Beautiful Bill yields benefits

Editor,

I, and many others here on the Shore, are very excited about the many benefits for us and all Americans in the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump.

First and foremost is the provision which makes the tax cuts passed during President Trump's first term permanent, and prevents a four trillion dollar tax increase on all Americans. That tax increase would absolutely wreck our economy (even worse than it was wrecked over the last four years). I know that my husband and I breathed a huge sigh of relief

over this.

The OBBB also eliminates taxes on overtime and tips - can you just imagine the benefit to our local hardworking employees?

Another huge benefit is that the OBBB includes the largest ever investment in the U.S. Coast Guard. This is kind of important here in Ocean City - right?

Funds for modernization of our air traffic control system are included. Secretary of Transportation Duffy was stunned to find out when he assumed office that, despite a huge budget presumably for that very purpose, very little was spent or accomplished in that regard over the previous four years.

I personally am thrilled about the Federal School

Choice Program which will help parents who are dissatisfied with their local public schools to make another choice that works better for their families. We are blessed to have a good school system here, but that is certainly not the case everywhere. In Baltimore, as an absolutely tragic example, a huge percentage of students cannot read or do math on grade level. To allow this to continue is just evil.

I hope people will take the opportunity to educate themselves about these and other provisions of the OBBB and also be patient and give time for these policies to work.

Carol Frazier Ocean Pines

OP library to host summer concert

Local talent to play classical tunes at Ocean Pines branch

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Aug. 7, 2025) Classical music — with a twist — is coming to the Ocean Pines Library later this month for a summer concert, hosted by the volunteer organization Friends of the Ocean Pines Library

According to Jim Meckley, the president of the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, the classical music event will feature three vocalists with piano accompaniment, two piano soloists, a flute solo, a piano duet, a string trio, and a flute duet. Attendees can expect to hear a diverse range of classical selections, with hints of ragtime, jazz, Latin, Broadway, and popular tunes.

The show will last approximately one hour and is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Meckley added that each individual on the concert lineup holds a college degree

in music education or the performing arts and is from Berlin, Salisbury, or the surrounding areas. The performers are all active or former music teachers, private instructors, and/or choir members, as well as church cantors, organists, and/or choir directors.

Notably slated to perform is Jennifer Hope Wills, an Ocean City native and graduate of Salisbury University, who has performed in several Broadway shows. Wills' time in New York City included portraying Belle in "Beauty and the Beast," a four-year run as Christine Daaé in the "Phantom of the Opera," and a part in "Won-Town" derful opposite Brooke Shields. Wills is the daughter of Bill and Sue Wills of the former Parker Playhouse in Ocean City.

Wills has since returned to the Eastern Shore and will attend the Ocean Pines Library concert, singing three songs, two of which are from Broadway productions.

Other performers include Julie Mills, an SU graduate who will sing two songs in a foreign language, a flute solo from retired Wicomico County music teacher Sally Hendon, and a string trio from members of the Salisbury Orchestra, among others.

Meckley said that the string trio will play a classical piece, but is also set to perform a more popular song that event organizers hope will remain a surprise. A vocal trio will also close out the concert with an unexpected ending.

The FOPL president said that the idea behind hosting a classical-themed night is to highlight the talent right here on the Eastern Shore.

"I am just always amazed at the talent that springs up in our area, Ocean Pines and Berlin," he said. "Fortunately, I've met a lot of them, so I can make this available to people. However, there's a lot of talent here that remains undiscovered, as some people move in from larger cities and states. We have a lot of rock and roll and hip hop, but I don't think we have much on the classical side. I just feel that this year we had to do it."

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New OC bike event receives liquor license, nears fruition

OC Rock and Ride to take over vacancy left by town's former OC Bikefest event

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(August 1, 2025) A re-tooled Ocean City motorcycle extravaganza is one step closer to reality after Worcester County's liquor board granted a liquor license to the new promoter.

The Board of License Commissioners approved a promoter's license for Matt Odachowski and his son Tyler, the organizers of OC Rock and Ride, at its July 16 meeting. In their application, they said four different bars will sell alcohol within a fenced-in

area. **Spotters** will be on-site to police bartenders and customers, Matt Odachowski said.

Odachowski's company, the disaster cleanup outfit Royal Plus, had been a sponsor of OC Bikefest for several years, "so we're very familiar with some of the operations. We provided the generators; we provided the distro – we assisted with anything logistic-wise," he told the board.

"With this plan, we took into consideration how it was done in the

marshal Tim Price at the liquor board meeting vouched for Odachowski.

Now an employee of Royal Plus after retiring in 2020, Price told the board he'll be on the team that will assist with OC Rock and Ride. He also said the event will have metal detectors and security staff with wands to check all incoming guests prior to entering the site.

"I think it was a great honor for Matt to ask me to join in his endeavor. I support him wholeheartedly from a life safety, fire protection standpoint. I look forward to maintaining the safety aspect of this," he

Another security lead for Royal Plus is Kevin Chmielewski. Speaking at the meeting, he told the board of his experience

> security for presidential inaugurations, Super Bowls, and more during a long career with

running

the U.S. Secret Service and Department of Homeland Security. He said OC Rock and Ride will outsource 25-30 security personnel from a contractor.

Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association director Susan Jones, who came to speak on Odachowski's behalf, told the board she'd



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Puzzles

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John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer specializing in cybersecurity. This is his 13th crossword for The Times. It has five carefully chosen, elegantly clued theme answers running across the grid. Each one made me say "wow." Also, note the livel answers at 9- and 67-Down, each crossing three theme lines. That's a sign of expert puzzle-making. - W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Maintains, as a superstition
- 9 Subject of the 2017 musical film "The Greatest Showman"
- 15 "Same with me"
- 20 Not funny
- 22 Ralph Ellison novel about a nameless protagonist's journey in racist America
- 24 Forgiving middle-aged dads for their dad jokes, say?
- 26 Picket line?
- 27 Bud in Cooperstown
- 28 Dorm room staple
- 29 Cross-country conveyances
- 30 Darth Vader's childhood nickname
- 32 Inflexible
- 34 Have away with words?
- 36 Muppet of Mexican descent
- 39 Knows just when to hold 'em and when to 89 Avatar of Vishnu fold 'em, maybe
- 42 Gives lip
- 47 Attire for Larry Page and Sergey Brin when visiting Google incognito?
- 51 Columbus sch.
- 52 Carnage
- 53 Down Easter
- 54 One with a set of pipes

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PROPANE REFILLS

- 55 Come out of one's shell
- 57 Sherlock's sister on
- TV
- bag
- 62 Much-maligned 2019 movie about which one review said
 - "It's 'Battlefield Earth' with whiskers"
- 63 One of classical music's Three B's
- 66 Landscaper's supply 69 Tundra or taiga
- 71 "You think that hunk of junk'll pass inspection? Please!"?
- 78 Trademarked refrigerant
- Uncle Sam's land, informally
- 80 Lithe
- 81 +/-
- 84 Drink mixed in mixed drinks
- 86 Handy
- 90 Back in, in a way 92 Try to hit in laser tag
- 95 Older sister of Rachel, in Genesis
- 98 Basic BASIC statements
- 99 Real chess playa?
- 104 Contemporary of Gauss and Faraday
- 105 James who played Scotty on "Star Trek'
- 106 "No , Bob'
- 107 Part of une pièce de théâtre
- 110 Plunderers of Rome

- 112 Hindu honorific
- 113 Clock toggle 117 Hollowed out, as an apple
- 120 Hogwarts's "Half-Blood Prince"
- 122 Burnt pigment 126 Greeting from a famous Italian
- character to a famous Italian American actress?
- 130 DC power player in the late 1800s?
- 131 Good thing to play in a trick-taking game
- 132 Magical symbol 133 Dispensing, with
- "out 134 Art lovers

DOWN

- 1 One always cooking up new ideas?
- 2 Ritzy
- 3 "That's my cue"
- compensation (stock options, for instance)
- 5 Revegetation, e.g.
- 6 Canon option, in brief 7 They may be Thai or
- chai 8 Cuisinart competitor
- 9 Noted rapper with an oxymoronic name
- 10 Director Lee 11 Traveler in no need
- of hotels, for short
- 12 Columbian caravel 13 "I'm your guy"
- 14 Bogged down
- ___-right (political category)
- 16 Twice tres

- 17 Out of control
- 18 Nail salon request, familiarly
 - 19 1980s band among Australia's all-time best-selling groups
 - 21 Quartz compound
 - 23 Cast out
 - 25 When doubled, "Sleep well"
 - 31 Langston Hughes poem that begins
 - sing America' 33 Word with mine or
 - dump the Town (punny fast-food restaurant
 - name) 36 Vacation package offerer, perhaps
 - 37 Visionary?
 - 38 Lot unit
 - 40 Prefix with angular
 - 41 D.C. 100: Abbr.
 - 43 Mickey Mouse's boss in "Fantasia"
 - 44 Whale of a tale
 - 45 Géorgie, par exemple 46 Identity thief's
 - acquisitions, in brief
 - 47 The pyramids, essentially
 - 48 Stimpy's TV pal
 - 49 Rookies
 - 50 Bond's man? 56 Skill taught to Luke Skywalker
 - 58 Texter's gasp
 - 59 Feast with kalua pig 61 Skedaddles
 - ___ de Glace (glacier in the French Alps)
 - 65 Fr. holy women

- 67 Desperate pursuit of fame, in modern lingo
- 68 Weight

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- 70 Channel that popularized video jockeys
- 72 Shower scrubber
- 73 Split
- 74 Mai
- 75 TV friend of Jerry, George and Kramer
- 76 Money for your money
- 77 Slightest

- 81 Black-and-white hunter 82 Longtime NPR host
- Diane 83 Part of a flight
- 85 Bone-dry
- 87 Business entity inits.
- 88 Shrill cries
- 91 Slimy veggie 93 Brian who co-founded
- the Long Now Foundation
- 94 In awe
- 96 Chums, in Chamonix
- 97 "Bah, humbug!"

- 100 Nashville and New Orleans, for musicians
- 101 Stomping ground 102 Bringing up the rear
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- 123 Army
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- Dream Theater, familiarly)
- 116 Apt name for a narcissist? 118 Release
- 119 He loved Lucy
- 121 Nesting pair in the Outback
- 124 The Emerald Isle
- 125 Photosensitive cells
- 127 Seasoning for una margarita
- 128 Bit of plasma
- 129 One whose uniform bears the Star of Life, for short



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HARD - 74

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Rock and Ride scheduled in fall to take over OC Bikefest

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Liquor board member Marty Pusey, who made a motion to approve the application, hinted at some of the tourism turmoil Ocean City has seen this summer. That would include a violent July 4 night where a still-unknown perpetrator launched fireworks into a Boardwalk crowd, setting off an active shooter scare.

"I know how seriously you take this, with some of the stuff that's been happening of late in Ocean City, that you have concerns. But it sounds like you're well-prepared for this," Pusey said.

While the board issues different licenses for a bar, restaurant, or retailers to offer beer, wine, and spirits, the promoter's license is a new addition to Worcester County.

It was created legislatively in 2023 with the specific goal of permitting alcohol to be sold at the resort's Oceans Calling festival. The law, brought forth by Lower Shore state Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) specifically says a promoter's license is for-profit events that operate on Ocean City municipal property with the approval of the police department.

The liquor board already offered a festival license for events selling or

sampling beer and wine, but an applicant already must possess a state-issued liquor or winery license.

OC Rock and Ride will feature performances by the heavy metal bands Queensrÿche, Slaughter, and Quiet Riot, as well as stunt acts, charity auctions, street performers, a drone show, and fireworks. A nighttime stage will host national acts, while a daytime stage will feature local and regional performers.

Classical music for Pines library

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The performances will be held in the library's meeting room, or, if the weather is nice, outside on the new learning center patio. Those looking to attend are encouraged to register by calling the Ocean Pines Library at 410 208-4014 or online through the Worcester Library website. The first 100 people are guaranteed entrance.

Meckley noted that there is no cost for the performance, but a free-will offering will be taken at the end of the



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DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Daily 3-7pm	415 14th St Unit 55A Harbour Island, Ocean	City 6BR/4.5BA	Townhome	\$2,497,000	David Dypsky/Newport Bay Realty
Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Friday Noon-2pm	10366 Keyser Point Rd., West OC	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$738,000	Linda Moran/BHHS PenFed Realty
Friday 2-5pm	8500 Coastal Hwy #1108, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$459,900	Terry Riley/ReMax Advantage Realty
Friday 3-5pm	6308 Coastal Hwy. #305, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$269,900	Kim Heaney/BHHS PenFed Realty
Friday 4-6pm	1404 N. Chase Street, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$679,888	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10am-Noon	105 63rd St. #402 Sunset Pointe, Ocean C	ity 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$485,000	Sharon Daugherty/SDG/Keller Williams
Sat & Sun 10am-Noor	n 12301 Jamaica Avenue, C209, Ocean Cit	y 1BR/1BA	Condo	\$299,900	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 11am-1pm	11204 Coastal Highway Unit 3C, Ocean C	ity 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$699,900	Tim Meadowcroft/Long & Foster Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	1114 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$330,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	6 Duck Cove Circle, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$374,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	13031 Hayes Avenue, Unit 4, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$577,500	Christine McCoy/Coldwell Banker
Sat & Sun 11am-3pm	12434 Sea Oaks Lane #2, West OC	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$519,900	Terry Riley/ReMax Advantage Realty
Saturday 4-6pm	76 Birdnest Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$415,000	Sharon Daugherty/SDG/Keller Williams
Saturday 11am-1pm	21 Birdnest Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$499,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday 11am-3pm	240 Charleston Rd, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$695,000	Chris Jett/ ReMax Advantage Realty
Sunday 10am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Sunday Noon-2pm	9401 Fooks Road, Bishopville	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$549,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday 12:30-2:30pm	10300 Coastal Hwy #1802, Ocean City	1BR/Studio	Condo	\$268,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty

Calendar

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

Thurs., Aug. 7

52ND ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 419 14th St., Ocean City. 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/online-registration. 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

THE ULTIMATE VEGAS VARIETY SHOW

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:30 p.m. Featuring Anthony and Eddie Edwards. All live vocal. Tickets cost \$35/\$55. Tickets: https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/66309830/the-ultimate-vegas-variety-show-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center.

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Fitzkee Brothers" (jam band), sunset over the Isle of Wight Bay and free admission.

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

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

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

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointments required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME: PINK IS FOR BOYS

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

RAINBOW COLLAGES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Make rainbow collages in the style of Frank Stella. For ages 6-11 years. 410-641-0650

'THE MUSEUM OF LOST COLORS' - A KRIS AND HOLLY SHOW

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Kris and Holly use balloons, magic, art and children's creativity to make the show come alive. For ages 0-11 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DI AV 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

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

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Test your Mario Kart skills against fellow patrons for the chance to win a prize. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

EMBELLISHED PHOTOS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. The library provides the black-and-white photos and sewing materials; participants sew them into the next level. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Fri., Aug. 8

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STORY TIME AT THE THEATER

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

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. For babies, 0-2 years, and their caregivers to socialize, play, read and explore in the library's bright play space. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SIPPIN' WITH SLOTHS

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

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

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. 9

ESA SURF SERIES

Between 16th and 18th streets, Ocean City, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Amateur surf contest. Rain/no wave date is Aug. 10. https://surfesa.org

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Bear Trap Dunes Clubhouse, Coastal Kitchen Restaurant, 7 Club House Drive, Ocean View, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring more than 40 vendors.

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY: GIANT BOARD GAMES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m. Classic family board games, giant sized. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST, SLIGO BY THE SEA, SUMMER MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m.-noon. Pastor Mark Sigue - Children's and Family Ministries, Loma Linda Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Chruch, Loma Linda, CA. sligochurch.org/sligobythesea, 301-270-6777

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Pitt Stop Premises, 9040 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$8 for sandwiches or \$12 for platters. Platters include potato salad, green beans, roll. Soda and water for sale. Place orders in advance: 443-513-1420. Benefits New Bethel U.M.C. Homecoming.

THE NATURE FAKERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. President Theodore Roosevelt and writer John Burroughs led a campaign against several prominent nature writers, describing them as frauds and fakers. An informative and humorous talk. 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/fa

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Sun., Aug. 10

OC CRUZERS ON SOMERSET PLAZA

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

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Guys in Thin Ties" (your alternative '80s band), activities and entertainment for the kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic baskets & beach chairs. Followed by fireworks.

2ND SUNDAY BERLIN ART & VINTAGE MARKET

Berlin Main St. & Maryland Welcome Center Parking Lot, 14 S. Main St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Takes place during the Berlin Farmers Market. https://berlinmainstreet.com

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6-7:30 p.m. Featuring Slomfire. Bring a chair or blanket. Beer, wine, soda, and snacks available for sale. Donations are appreciated to cover event costs. https://www.taylorhousemuseum.org/event s#AugustEvents

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. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

SEWING FOR A CAUSE

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

Mon., Aug. 11

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY & FIREWORKS

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

STORY TIME: WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

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

Calendar

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA OPEN REHEARSAL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 11 a.m. The musicians of Chamber Music By the Sea invite the public to their open rehearsal. Watch the fascinating process of preparing for a live performance. 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 50 plus 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. 12

STORY TIME @ THE DELMARVA DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts that feature one of the museum's special animals. 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. Join in for a story time geared for ages 0-5 years featuring seasonal themes designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and fingerplays. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

RADICAL REPTILES

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Participants will have the chance to engage with a huge variety of reptiles while learning fun, quirky facts about their biology, environment and more. For families. 410-632-3495

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

RADICAL REPTILES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Participants will have the chance to engage with a huge variety of reptiles while learning fun, quirky facts about their biology, environment and more. For families, 410-208-4014

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Providing discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, Kay.Kinnikin@TidalHealth.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.

SONG CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song and share it with other players and writers. Original compositions encouraged. Listeners welcome. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK CLUB @ TIDES & VINE: 'FIONA AND JANE' BY JEAN CHEN HO

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. An evening of books and wine. Stop by the Snow Hill Library to pick up your book. Must be at least 21 years of age. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. There will be two guest speakers from DNR. Doctor Steve Doctor and Sarah Chavez along with the biology team from the MD DNR. The public is invited. Refreshments served. Doors open at 6 p.m.

CROSS FARMS POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

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

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin,

3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

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

Wed., Aug. 13

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

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

20TH ANNUAL ARTISTS PAINT OC - PLEIN AIR 2025

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. Professional artists set up along the boardwalk, streets, harbors, bay and marshes to capture the beauty of our coastal town while competing for cash prizes. 410-524-9433, artleagueofoceancity.org

SURFERS HEALING

Castle in the Sand Hotel Beach, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. Surf camp for children and young adults with Autism. https://surfershealing.org

BABY TIME

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

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CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a free family concert followed by a workshop conducted by violinist Elena Urioste at noon. Everyone is welcome to participate. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MERRY MAKERS: ZIPPERED POUCHES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The group will use paper napkins to elevate and transform a plain canvas zipper pouch. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

DECOYS AND CARVERS OF THE EASTERN SHORE

Snow Hill 50 plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. A presentation on local decoy carvers and the trends and traditions of local waterfowl and wildfowl art. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, Betty.Darby-Glime@TidalHealth.org

ARTISTIC KEYCHAIN

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 p.m. Using clay, create an art palette keychain. All materials provided. For tweens and teens. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TABLETOP ROLE PLAYING GAME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Come play selected role-playing game for teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

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

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

Snapshots



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

Twenty-one law enforcement officers from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties graduated in the 94th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy (ESCJA) operated by Wor-Wic Community College at the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury. Worcester personnel, pictured front from left, Elizabeth Peasley of the Pocomoke City Police Department; Gena Donalds and Timothy Stedding Jr. of the Ocean City Police Department; and Matthew Swistak of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office; and, back from left, Cole Bennett of the Pocomoke City Police Department and James Lerch Jr. of the Ocean City Police Department.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CLUB'S NEW MEMBER

On July 16, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City inducted Karen McInturf as a new member. Pictured with the new member are sponsor Skip Flanagan and Kiwanis Club President Tom Southwell. McInturf shared she's been a resident of Ocean Pines for only one year and learned about Kiwanis from the many events she's attended where Kiwanis was involved.











OC LIONS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ocean City Lions Club Outgoing President Scott
Stark presented recognition awards for the 2024-2025 service year to
(clockwise from top) Sarah
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