

# BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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#### **TOP CHEF**

Five Berlin chefs showed off their skills on North Main Street in Berlin during the town's farmers market last Sunday. The event was timed and attracted hundreds to Berlin to observe the chefs prepare their dishes, which had to include products found at the market. The dishes were judged by a panel and announced at noon. The winner was Blacksmith owner/chef Justine Zegna, who received a "golden ticket" to participate in the World Food Championships in Indiana in October.

# Incumbents return, station vote passes

Pines voters approve OPA contribution to new southside station by 4-1 margin

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) For the Ocean Pines Association, the board of directors will remain as is, as incumbents Monica Rakowski, Steve Jacobs, and Stuart Lakernick secured the most votes in this year's election.

In OPA's 2025 Board of Directors election, four residents campaigned for the governing body's three open seats. Incumbents Rakowski, Jacobs, and Lakernick will continue their tenure with the group, each serving three-year terms. Sole challenger Amy Peck fell short of breaking into the leadership team.

Of the 8,500 Ocean Pines lot owners, 2,824 voted in this summer's board election for a 33% turnout. To secure their positions, Rakowski obtained 2,085 votes, Jacobs received 1,935, and Lakernick, who had served as the body's president the previous year, gathered 1,730. Peck, unsuccessful in her run for OPA office, garnered the lowest number of ballots with 1,464.

Furthermore, a referendum asking Ocean Pines citizens to support the community's contribution of up to \$3.4 million toward a brand new South Station for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department passed. For this, 2,145 'yes' votes were cast (80%), overriding the 537 'no' ballots.

The effort to build a new firehouse on the neighborhood's south side has been ongoing, as the current structure, constructed in the 1980s, has undergone only See NEW Page 3





Jacobs - 1,935 votes



Lakernick - 1.730 votes

# Free parking could be going away

**By Tara Fischer** 

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) Although a timeline has not been established, paid parking could be introduced in the Town of Berlin to generate money to cover the repair for existing spaces, potentially ending the longstanding practice of free downtown parking.

Parking issues and their solutions have been a recurring topic of discussion among Berlin officials.

To address a shortage of vehicle spaces, the town established a mu-See COUNCIL Page 4

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# New fire station backed by voters

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minor improvements since then. The station is not of adequate size or proper layout to host both volunteer and career staff, and has drainage issues, mold concerns, and leaks.

OPA and the fire company will fund the new building. At a public hearing in June, OPVFD President Joe Enste stated that the department has \$1.7 million in grants and bonds, as well as \$750,000 from fundraising and savings, which have been allocated for the project. That leaves \$3.4 million to be financed by the homeowners association.

At the public hearing earlier this summer, OPA General Manager John Viola noted that the millions of dollars the community will contribute to the station, now a promise via the successful referendum vote, could incur an additional cost of up to \$50 on OPA's annual assessment fees. This figure is not concrete.

Despite the potential cost to residents, voters overwhelmingly supported Ocean Pines' financial assistance to the new South Station. Work on the firehouse is expected to begin in October. Construction will take approximately 65 weeks to complete.

The results of OPA's 2025 Board of Directors election were announced at the community's annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 9. The reelected officials maintain that they are excited for their upcoming terms.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone who has put their support behind me,
allowing me to serve you," Rakowski said.
"It's been an honor, and I look forward to
continuing that dedication to you. Please,
anytime you see me, if you have a question,
would like to ask me something, or would
like to share something, approach me. I
look forward to seeing everyone around."

"Thank you for all your support and engagement," Lakernick echoed.

Upon the election results, Lakernick, in a letter, encouraged OPA residents to engage in respectful discourse, calling out online division among community members.

Lakernick wrote, "Here's my call to action: If you care about your community, support those who lead, even if you don't always agree; if you see online abuse or toxic behavior, speak up against it; and if you're considering stepping forward to lead, know this: You are not alone. You'll find allies who will have your back."

Current board members also expressed their satisfaction that the governing group will remain intact for the upcoming year.

"This board...gets it done. This is why the incumbents were reelected," said a Facebook post from Rick Farr, board vice president. "You have seven hard chargers on this board with executive-level experience that they bring to the board and the membership; and continue to have an outstanding relationship with the general manager with the same vision to continue to enhance Ocean Pines in every way, from the food and beverage, golf, aquatics, racquet sports, etc."

The election outcomes were certified at a special board meeting Tuesday.





# Council considers paid parking possibilities

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nicipal lot on the corner of West and Washington streets earlier this year, securing a 10-year lease agreement with the Esham family. The parking lot is now operational with planned improvements and the intention to implement the ParkMobile pay-to-park system. On Sunday, the free parking lot hosted more than 100 vehicles for the weekly farmers market.

At a meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall stated that municipal staff and engineers have evaluated previously existing downtown parking lots, determining what repairs are needed on lots owned and used by the town. These capital improvements are likely to include resurfacing, lighting upgrades, and replacement of underground water pipes. The expected cost to cover these projects is approximately \$1.2 million.

"I think the reality is we have existing parking lots that if they are not liabilities, they are close to liabilities, and it would be irresponsible for the Town of Berlin not to acknowledge that and to maintain them properly," said Councilman Steve Green, who also serves on Berlin's parking committee referring to the existing lots on West and Main by the war memorial, Commerce Street and the larger lots

behind storefronts on Main Street.

Councilman Jay Knerr, another member of the parking committee, agreed that the lots "are in terrible, terrible shape."

While paid parking is unlikely to be introduced in Berlin in the near future, the mayor and council acknowledge that it will need to happen at some point to help offset these expensive improvements.

Having the conversation and providing notice to the public is an early and necessary step. An open meeting is scheduled for September, where officials will discuss the upcoming fees with the municipality's merchants, who the pay-to-park program may impact if potential customers opt out of visiting to avoid the new rates.

Tyndall adds that while tourists benefit from free parking, this practice is a financial drain for the Town of Berlin.

"I have heard the term, 'We love free parking in Berlin, free parking is part of what Berlin is," the mayor said. "... Free parking doesn't exist. We don't have free parking in Berlin. We have parking that either the town's general budget pays for, subsidizes, or we have funding that we seek through other sources."

Green notes that paid parking is the most practical measure to gener-

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ate the \$1.2 million for the lots' repairs. The alternative would be to draw from other revenue sources, such as property taxes. Officials are wary of this, arguing that it would require an increase in property tax rates, ultimately putting the financial strain on residents and business owners

"It needs to be funded by consumers, and in this case, the consumers are the ones who come to Berlin," Green said.

The councilman added that with paid parking comes a question about the confidence of Berlin and its attractiveness to tourists, and if they would still be enticed to come with lot fees. Green said that he is confident in the town's character, pointing to the busy weekly farmers markets that bring in visitors and residents alike as one example. He also referenced that these festivities are special events and charging for premium parking "is a discussion we have to have" as these practices are the norm up and down the Eastern Shore.

"There aren't many towns you can go and visit on the shore where you don't have to pay for prime parking," Green said. "Ocean City, obviously that's different, but it's a \$7 million revenue source, primarily paid by those that come to the town. We can look to Lewes and Easton as our guides."

Knerr added that by implementing ParkMobile, parking fees could be adjusted based on the date and time of use. Special events and weekends typically yield higher prices, while weekdays often result in lower or no costs for consumers. Prime zones, such as those located closer to services and amenities, may also have steeper rates than those further away.

As an example of potential options, the first two hours of parking could also be less expensive, Tyndall said, and the third hour could increase in price.

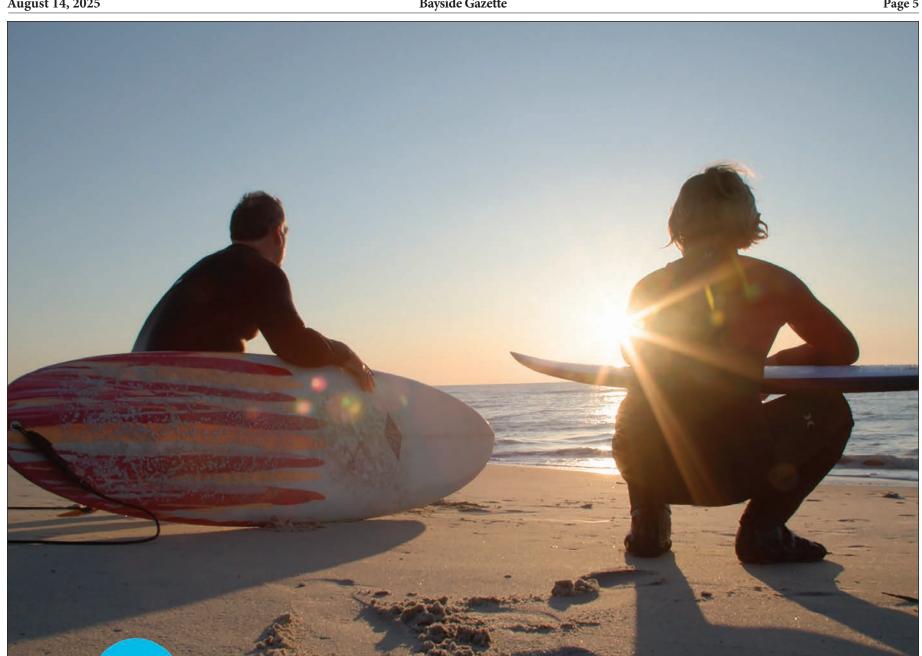
"We are cognizant, we want people able to come ... we want the ability for people to come downtown," the mayor said. "We understand that people might come for 15 minutes. They might get their teeth cleaned, or they might pop into a shop. Is there a way we can make the first two hours cheap? Can we find a strategy where two-hour parking is cheap, and then three hours, you know that's going to escalate?"

Town of Berlin officials will provide parking updates to the community as they become available. The next step is a meeting with town merchants in September.



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# Biz license ordinance modified then passed

A new regulation in Berlin gives the council the power to revoke business permits

#### **By Tara Fischer**

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) The Berlin Mayor and Council now have the authority to revoke business licenses from town establishments if their operation creates a risk or nuisance for residents and tourists.

At the governing group's meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, the body unanimously passed an ordinance that allows the municipality to refuse to grant, suspend or revoke, or place restrictions on licenses obtained by businesses operating within the Town of Berlin limits on the basis that the establishment is hazardous to those

residing in or visiting Berlin.

Town officials may invoke the ordinance if it can be proved that the establishment is guilty of the following: creating disruptive noise, excessive traffic, excessive loitering outside the business during or after hours, littering or immense trash accumulation, fighting and/ or disorderly conduct on the premises, illegal activities, or inflicting a common law nuisance.

Licenses may be reversed or limited after notice of any complaints and the opportunity for a public hearing if it is determined the business is "detrimental to or adversely affects the health, safety, peace, and general welfare of surrounding properties and residents and/or the public in general," the newly-adopted ordinance reads.

A discussion on the law's language

took place during its public hearing this week, just before the council voted to enact it.

Before Monday night's meeting, a permit could be suspended on the basis that the business impacts the morals and comfort of the town, as well as its health, peace, safety, and general welfare. The words "morals" and "comfort" were taken out of the document to avoid inviting discrimination.

Patricia Gregorio, co-owner of selfpublishing company Salt Water Media, spoke out against the inclusion of the term "morals" to be used as a basis for business license discipline. Gregorio noted that she is a member of the LGBTQ community, and someone could file a complaint against her simply for her identity.

"While I support protecting public health and safety, the word 'morals' is subjective," she said. "What's moral to one person may not be to another. Whose morals are we using when evaluating complaints about a business? This creates bias against people like me, an LGBTQ business owner... this language could be misused against pediatricians in our town who give vaccines or bookstores carrying books on topics people may find immoral, or a restaurant serving alcohol. Such vague wording risks censorship. Historically, morals clauses have been used to silence lawful businesses and services. Vague laws have unintended consequences...Our town is diverse and welcoming, and let's make sure our laws reflect that."

Berlin's Mayor and Council agreed that the term should be eliminated from the ordinance.

"I think morals are subjective. It's something different to every single person, and I don't think the government should be in that position," Councilman Steve Green said. "By removing that, the ordinance still accomplishes what was requested."

Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols added that the word "comfort" should be removed as well, arguing it could propagate racial discrimination.

"Comfort is as subjective as morals," she said.

Green agreed, saying, "This group, we share a lot of the same values. We don't know if it will be like that in two, four, six, eight, or 10 years from now. I don't like words like that, that are subjective and open to interpretation. We are trying to protect the community and ensure that the businesses operate on the same playing

Council Vice President Dean Burrell asked if the ordinance could be condensed even further by stating that business licenses may be revoked or suspended in the case that the establishment interferes with the public's health, safety, and general welfare. In this case, the term "peace" would be removed from the regula-

Other town officials argued the word should be kept in the document, as it was the basis for why the council tasked staff with drafting the ordinance in the first place.

The Berlin Mayor and Council asked town attorney David Gaskill this spring to develop the ordinance passed this week, in response to railbike excursion company Tracks and Yaks' disorderly operations that disrupted life for Baker Street residents and surrounding areas.

Adam Davis, owner of Berlin Beer Company on Broad Street, said in April that the railbike group does not have restrooms for guests or staff, and as such, was using his restaurant's facilities. Davis added that Tracks and Yaks customers were parking in spots designated for Berlin Beer Company, an already too-small lot. Other Berlin residents claimed that the company employees were smoking marijuana in their cars and loitering on the streets.

When the problems were first brought to light, the railbike excursion operated in such a way that guests were directed to Broad Street in Berlin, exacerbating the nuisance issues there and on Baker Street. Now, when customers register, they

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# Ocean Pines in a goldilocks place financially, audit says

OPA officials reveal annual economic report, says that community is in good place

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) The Ocean Pines Association is in stellar financial health, officials said last week.

On Saturday, Aug.9, OPA held its annual membership meeting. Here, community leaders provided residents with updates on ongoing initiatives and the homeowner association's financial position. Reports revealed that Ocean Pines' coffers are in good standing, being referred to by OPA General Manager John Viola as a "goldilocks situation."

Viola delved into the community's finances deeper at Saturday's meeting. According to the general manager, at the end of fiscal year 2024-2025, OPA was operating at a surplus of \$3.1 million. Last year, annual assessment dues for residents were \$850. This year, that figure was increased to \$875, but is still lower than most years since FY 2013. Expenses are controlled, safety is funded, and staff continue robust drainage, bulkhead, and road programs

To put these numbers into perspective, Viola compared them to those of 2017. At that time, the community was operating at a deficit of approximately \$1.6 million, with yearly assessment fees reaching a high of \$996. Drainage, bulkheads, and roads were not funded, and all amenities were operating at a loss. The general manager maintained that today, amenities continue to improve and are the economic engine of the association.

Looking at a schedule of net revenues and expenses, 17 of 20 departments have an increase in revenue and/or a reduction in costs for 2025, Viola said. For instance, aquatics operations are projected to run at a \$254,562 loss in 2025, improved from last year's shortfall of \$263,597. For

golf operations, revenue is expected to increase to \$188,221, up from \$76,868 in 2024. The general manager noted that this money is allocated to infrastructure.

"We are well-positioned going into major construction initiatives," Viola said.

Per the passage of a referendum, the association prepares to start the work on a new fire station, to be funded in part, up to \$3.4 million, by OPA. Officials maintain that, although not definite, this project could result in an additional \$50 charge for residents on their annual assessments.

The community is continuing its golf course irrigation initiative, a phased project that improves the old, failing infrastructure. Drainage work also continues throughout Ocean Pines, made possible by the neighborhood's financial health.

The association's yearly audit backs up Viola's claims of economic stability. Chris Hall of the accounting firm UHY, which reviews OPA's fiscal situation annually, noted that the community is flourishing.

"I'm pleased to report it was a very successful year financially," Hall said. "The results prove that in the financial statements."

# Berlin approves new license law

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are given a West Ocean City address and are then transported by bus to the railroad. This has seemed to lessen the company's burden on the

The Tracks and Yaks situation revealed that the municipality was lacking a defined guideline for addressing disruptive businesses in town. Now, as it was passed this week, Berlin officials can invoke the new ordinance if an establishment receives consistent, proven complaints.





# Golf tourneys planned at Ocean Pines club

Tournaments at OPA course to benefit local charities later this summer, autumn

#### By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) This summer and fall, tournaments will be held at the Ocean Pines Golf Club to benefit local charities and outreach programs.

First up on the community's golf docket is the 18th annual Ernie Stiles' Memorial Bavarian Hops Golf Classic, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council. The ninehole scramble is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22, with a 4 p.m. shotgun start at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The maximum number of players permitted is 72. The tournament organizers must receive registration by Monday, Aug. 18. An Ocean Pines Association-issued press release notes that entry forms may be hand-delivered to planners Don McMullen or Patty Curtin, or mailed to the Ocean Pines Golf Members Council, P.O. Box 1356, Berlin, Md. 21811.

This month's tournament will raise funds for local charities Diakonia and the Worcester County Humane Society, the organizations most beloved by the event's namesake, Ernie Stiles. McMullen, a golf member and organizer, said that over the nearly two-decade run of the golf competition, they have raised approximately \$36,000 for local charitable groups.

Each year, organizers aim to secure at least \$3,000 for the nonprofits. The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council also accepts in-kind dona-

"We have raised that money more so over the last six or seven years than in the beginning because we didn't have a full field in the beginning,' McMullen said. "But it has grown. We hope to be able to contribute to those two charities again.'

The tournament's entry fee is \$25 per person. The competition is formatted as a two-person scramble for nine holes. Men play from the orange tees, while the women play from the charcoal tees.

The tournament organizers hope the contest will be a day of fun for all participants.

'On the first hole, we all raise our drinks to the sky and say 'Nostrovia' (to good health)

and attempt to down four drinks of our choosing during the round," the OPA press release reads.

Furthermore, participants are invited to dinner at the Clubhouse Grille upon the conclusion of the scramble. Menu items available will be grilled Italian sausage for \$13, pulled pork for \$14, shrimp salad for \$17, or a caprese sandwich for \$14. Those prices do not include sides, tax, or tip.

The event is named after Ernie Stiles, who was a "big golfer," Mc-Mullen said, and lived right on the Ocean Pines golf course on the 16th hole. The former OPA resident passed away in 2018.

"[Stiles] was huge about giving back to the community," McMullen said. "He came up with the idea to have this tournament. There have been different charities over the years, but he liked [Diakonia and the Worcester County Humane Society],

so we, as a golf community, concurred and continued his legacy as far as that's concerned."

The tournament is just another way that the Ocean Pines community aims to help the Eastern Shore.

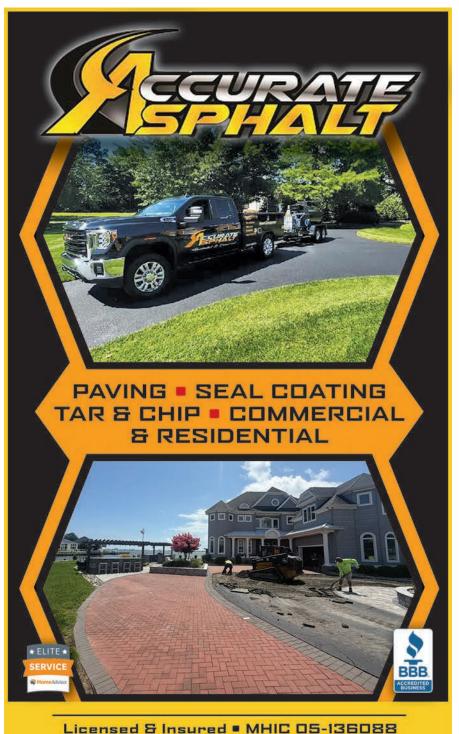
"This tournament states how we like to give back," McMullen said. "Our golf community here in Ocean Pines is always giving back to the community and to different local charities. This is a continuation of that. This is one we have annually, and we will continue to have to benefit our two charities."

Also coming up is the 18th annual golf tournament to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines. The event is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Player registration is \$150 per person. According to McMullen, the price includes green fees with a cart and range balls, a grab-and-go breakfast, door prize entry, lunch, and an awards goodie bag. Check-in for the event will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A lunch buffet and awards will follow at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The tournament will benefit the outreach program at the veteran's park. These include the field trip that every fifth grader in Worcester County takes each year to the grounds, which strengthens the area's commitment to educating students about the impact of service members on the Eastern Shore and the United States as a whole.

For more information about either of the upcoming tournaments, individuals can contact McMullen at dmcmullen1@aol.com.



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# Town council reviews community center study

#### By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) A proposed community center in Berlin could take the steep price of \$35 million to get off the ground.

This week, Daniele Haley of Haley Architecture presented a community center feasibility study conducted by the firm, which revealed the proposed space, incorporating each and every resident wish, would be a \$30 million-plus endeavor with the town hiring 15 new employees to run it.

Haley maintains the study is a "snapshot" of what a community center in the Town of Berlin could look like. The proposed amenities are a wish list and the end product would likely be scaled down.

"This is everything we would really want if we could have everything," she said. "Then we put pencil to paper and start designing and get actual numbers. That's the schematic and design. This is a roadmap of what you want."

Included in what Berlin residents and officials "really want" at the community center is a recreational pool to hold high school competitive swim meets, lessons, and water aerobics classes, a multipurpose gymnasium for major public events and indoor sports, a functional fitness room for group fitness classes, an indoor walk-

ing track, a flexible health services office for physicals, vision, and hearing exams, a historical display, a small video viewing room, rooms for special events, a technology lab, a community/demonstration kitchen, Head Start program classrooms, and Head Start support spaces, kitchen, and offices

Outdoor areas for the center could include athletic fields, a walking trail, a community garden, an outdoor classroom, a playground, and patios and gathering spaces.

The feasibility study's current plan, which includes all desired services, envisions a community space of approximately 45,000 square feet and a construction cost of up to \$35 million. The price tag would not end with just the build-out. Noted in Haley Architecture's evaluation are the ongoing operational expenses that the community center would incur.

The center would be open year-round, with proposed hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. To ensure daily operations, approximately 15 staff members must be hired, including facility managers, front desk workers, program coordinators, maintenance, a medical assistant, and aquatics staff. Expected annual operational expenses, account-

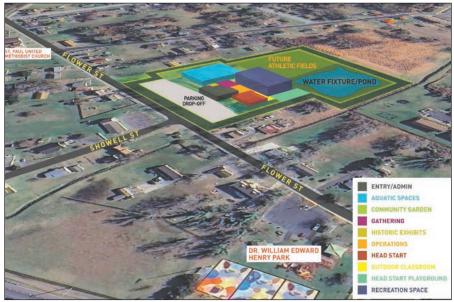


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A potential schematic of a new Berlin Community Center is pictured with amenities shaded and marked by color.

ing for personnel, utilities such as water and sewer, electricity, office supplies, and computers, as well as capital improvements, amount to roughly \$1.5 million, adjusted for 2027's projected inflation rate.

To make the daunting cost more digestible, Haley reviewed possible revenue streams. Money-making options to help subsidize the center include membership dues and daily admission

rates for non-Berlin residents, vending and concessions, donations, partnerships, grant funding, and facility rentals for special occasions such as birthday parties and fitness classes. These measures could generate around \$600,000 per year, to be reinvested in the center's operating costs.

Haley notes that the high end of the building's price tag is upwards of \$35 million for 45,000 square feet, while



# Facility could cost up to \$35M

the lower end could be closer to \$21 million for 37,000 square feet. She said that the design phase could reveal duplicates of space, like if the Berlin library is already meeting a service planned for the center. In this case, the structure's size and price could be scaled down.

If the project had to be phased out for funding constraints, Haley said that space for the Head Start program would be a priority, as would a community room, a historical exhibit, and front offices. The recreational areas and swimming pool could come later.

Next steps in the push for a community center are contracting preliminary design services, completing site work, and developing a list of potential funders. Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said that programs like the town's recent street sign auction, which raised over \$10,000, and additional community-backed efforts are a start in leveraging other possible financial sources.

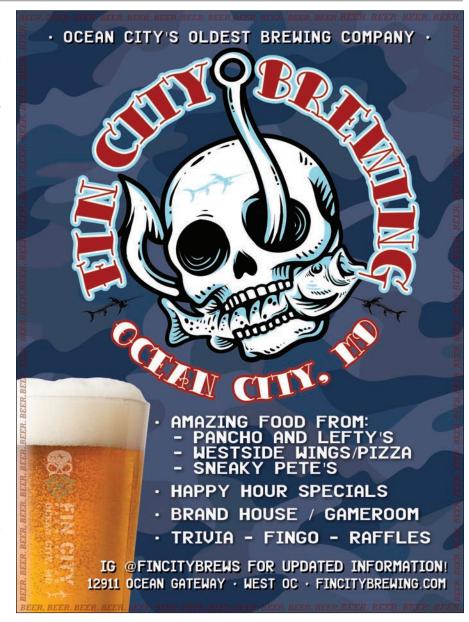
"Community-driven fundraisers show we have skin in the game," Tyndall said. "People like to hear that the residents are chipping in. We just gotta think strategically. Certainly, a capital request from the state is something we would be seeking. We are going to pull every lever we can."

Part of the efforts to pay for the center includes funds from Worcester County. This week, the Berlin Town Council approved the submission of an application for the Worcester County Reinvestment and Repair Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000. If awarded, the finances will be gifted to the town out of a \$1 million cannabis sale revenue pot.

Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell was present at the Berlin meeting when the grant application was approved for submission and expressed her support of the municipality's community center effort. The grand application would be funded by cannabis distribution revenue.

"When I found out this was going to happen, I wanted to make sure because we were looking at Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke. We wanted to make sure those towns got the biggest portion of these funds," she said. "... We need to make sure this money, whatever is spent for, is lasting."

A community center has been a long-held dream of Berlin officials and residents. That wish was pushed further to fruition over the past few years, particularly when four parcels of property on Flower Street were combined to be the site of the new space through a partnership between the Town of Berlin, the Berlin Community Improvement Association (BCIA), SHOREUP! Inc., and the Worcester County Commissioners.





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# **Obituaries**

#### **RALPH IRVIN FRAZIER**

Berlin

Ralph Irvin Frazier, age 76, of Berlin, died Monday, August 4, 2025, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.



**Ralph Frazier** 

He was born in Fairfax, Va. and was the son of the late Russell H. Frazier Sr. and Florence Mae (Jewel) Frazier.

He was a master carpenter and owned and operated R. I. Frazier Construction.

Ralph was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Berlin, where he served as co-leader of children's ministry for many years. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a member of the American Legion.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Carol M. Frazier; five children, Jennifer Beesley of Berlin, April Simmons of Marshall, Va., Laura Masten and husband Chris of Milford, Del. Matthew Dillard of Arlington, Va., and Jamie Frazier of Fairfax, Va.; two brothers, Randy Frazier of Charleston, S.C., and Rusty Frazier of Virginia Beach, Va.; one sister, Cherry Fortune of Fla.; six grandchildren, Bailey Cashman, Sarah Beesley, Liam Masten, Noah Masten, Jesika Garcia, and Samantha Alford; and a dear sister-in-law, Ginny Felin.

He will be greatly missed by dear friends, Pastor John and Laurene Abent.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Charlene Minnick, and two grandchildren, Lily Grace Masten and Greg Simmons, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Ocean Pines White Horse Park Pavilion, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.bishophastingsfh.com.

#### THERESA MARIE COSTELLO

Glassboro, N.J.

Theresa Marie "Terri" Costello, of Glassboro, NJ, passed away on Aug. 5, 2025, in Voorhees, N.J.

Born on Oct. 26,

1964, in Philadelphia,

Pa., Terri brought a vi-

brant, joyful spirit into

the world - a spirit

that left a lasting im-

pression on everyone

lucky enough to know



Theresa Costello

Terri's birthday, Oct. 26, was a special date shared with her beloved father, Joseph Costello,

her.

and his mother, Catherine Costello — a unique bond that spanned three generations. Terri and her father shared not only a birthdate, but a deep mutual love and admiration that endured throughout her life. Joseph, a proud and well-respected member of the Ocean Pines, Maryland community, carries forward her memory with strength and grace.

A 1983 graduate of Edgewood Regional High School, Terri was a true self-starter, building and running her own successful cleaning business for many years. As a single mother of three, her entrepreneurial spirit allowed her the flexibility to raise her children with love and dedication. In more recent years, she transitioned into real estate, working first with Exit Homestead Realty in Vineland, and then with Keller Williams, where she brought her signature warmth and determination to every client interaction.

Terri was a woman of many passions. She loved her garden, her home, and the simple joy of creating beauty and comfort for those around her. Her Glassboro home of 34 years was more than a place — it was a sanctuary filled with music, laughter, and light.

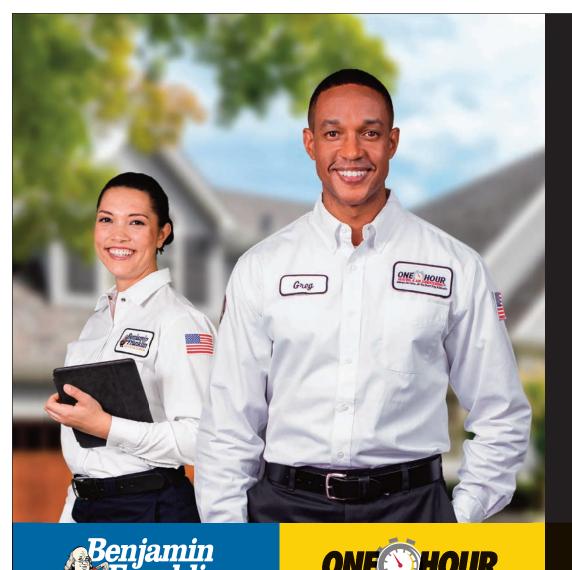
She loved spending time with friends-fishing, cooking, traveling, and laughing-but her greatest joy was her family. Terri was endlessly proud of her children — Taylor Willmot, Madison Reader, and Michael "Mickey" Reader — and adored her granddaughter, Nova Ivy Haltiwanger, who brought her immense joy.

Terri was a proud, passionate Eagles fan, even if she didn't always know all the calls. She loved a cold Blue Moon with extra oranges and found joy in the everyday-especially in the company of her beloved morkie, Toby.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter. Terri is survived by her children and granddaughter; her father Joseph Costello and stepmother Mary "Mitzi"; her sister Dorothy "Dottie" DeMarco (Michael) of Marlboro, N.Y., and their children, Megan and Michael; and her brother Joey "Bung" Costello (Melinda) of Temecula, Calif. She was predeceased by her mother, Dorothy "Dee" (née Stonis) Costello.

Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Barclay Funeral Home, 208 Maple Street, Clayton, N.J. 08312. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family.

Terri's memory lives on in the many lives she touched and in the laughter, warmth, and fierce love she gave so freely.



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# **Berlin loses nearly \$1M in funding for Route 113 work**

Mayor says the grant cut is 'heartbreaking,' as funds were to be for safe crossing

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) The future of a project to create safe bicycle and pedestrian crossings on Route 113 in Berlin now looks bleak, as a significant portion of already awarded funding has been rescinded due to an action by the federal government.

An initiative aimed at improving pedestrian and biking conditions across Route 113, a highway that has long divided the Berlin community, has been severely impacted by federal funding cuts. The news that \$950,000 allocated towards the proposal has been revoked was announced last week.

The almost \$1 million was to be used on the "Bridging the Highway that Divides Berlin: Reconnecting Neighborhoods Split by US-113" project. The initiative's goal is to create crossings and bicycle access across 113 to provide residents, particularly those who live on Flower Street, safe avenues to healthcare facilities, the town's only grocery store, schools, parks, and downtown Berlin.

Route 113 was installed in the 1950s, which created an east-west divide through the heart of the community. The highway separates the two sides of Berlin and restricts safe, walkable access to amenities for those who reside on the east side across from downtown. The Connecting Neighborhoods effort aims to address this issue by implementing connectivity projects, such as a bike and pedestrian bridge over the route.

That project will now face significant roadblocks. A grant of \$1.2 million was awarded last year through the Department of Transportation's Neighborhood Access and Equity

Program, established by the Inflation Reduction Act. The town was recently notified that \$950,000 of that money has been cut due to a congressional action that eliminated all unobligated balances from the NAE Program under the Trump administration's Big Beautiful Bill that was signed into law by the president on July 4. A Berlin press release notes that \$250,000 in obligated funds are still available, but that the municipality's "comprehensive efforts to evaluate and plan for safer pedestrian crossings over US Route 113 will be significantly decreased."

The nearly \$1 million, which has now been rescinded, was awarded for the design and planning phases of the project. This money was not to be used for the construction of the bridge or other safe crossing measures. Town officials maintained during a November Mayor and Council meeting, in which this effort was discussed, that they were seeking additional funding sources to cover the actual implementation costs.

Town officials expressed their disappointment over the cuts.

'We have spent years working to address the safety concerns created by the installation of US-113 in the 1950s," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said in a statement. "Losing this critical funding is heartbreaking, especially to the children and families of the Flower Street neighborhood, who were looking forward to this grant so they could safely bike to school and downtown Berlin. Currently, the only way we can provide them with that opportunity is by completely shutting down Route 113 with police support every year. That's not a sustainable solution—it's a reminder of just how urgently we need longterm, safe, and equitable infrastructure in place."

The town will continue to explore alternative funding options.





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# **Opinion**

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# **Voters like way board handles OPA business**

No big news is good news in the minds of Ocean Pines voters, who took a "no-changes" approach to this year's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election.

Rather than make headlines by shaking up the board despite a strong challenge by Amy Peck, a majority of voters concluded this was not a time to replace the incumbent candidates when the work is getting done and the volume level of board discussions has remained moderate.

By reelecting Monica Rakowski, Steve Jacobs and Stuart Lakernick, voters endorsed a continuation of a board that has established itself as a body that prefers to avoid waves rather than make them.

One of the reasons — and maybe the biggest reason — for this board's low-key approach to decision-making is that the OPA isn't facing critical choices brought on by board misadventures or by haphazard management.

It has been handling problems in a straightforward manner when they arise instead of setting them aside and hoping, illogically, that trouble will somehow go away on its own. Neither does this board suffer from public clashes of egos or intense personal dislike among its members.

This has been and looks as if it will continue to be a business-as-usual governing body. Naturally, it will make mistakes and members will disagree, but not so strenuously that the disagreement become a greater story than the problem that led to it.

As for the other matter on the ballot this year, the most notable aspect was not that voters approved a referendum that would allow the OPA to spend up to \$3.4 million to help cover the cost of a new southside fire station, but that they did so by a 4-to-1 margin.

That leaves no about the public's wishes in that regard. In addition, the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company ought to feel good about where it stands with the public, after receiving that kind of support.

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# **Letters**

# Snow Hill looks for equitable funding

Editor,

(The following letter was addressed to Maryland Gov. Wes Moore with a copy sent for publication.)

We, the undersigned elected officials representing the Town of Snow Hill, respectfully write to express our concern regarding the equitable distribution of State funding to our community—specifically as it impacts Snow Hill's African American residents

We deeply appreciate your leadership and your commitment to ensuring that no Marylander is left behind. However, we are increasingly concerned that longstanding inequities in resource allocation persist in our town. These disparities are particularly evident in neighborhoods historically impacted by systemic racism, including redlining, discriminatory lending practices, and intentional disinvestment.

We believe that the State of Maryland has both an opportunity and a responsibility to address these historic harms by ensuring that state-funded programs—whether related to housing, infrastructure, education, or economic development—intentionally prioritize equity and inclusion.

To that end, we respectfully request a meeting with you or a member of your senior staff to discuss our concerns and explore actionable solutions that align with your administration's vision of an equitable Maryland.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together to ensure that all residents of Snow Hill benefit fully from the progress your administration is committed to delivering.

Councilwoman Margaret Fletcher Councilman Edward S. Lee Snow Hill

# **Local reps there for Berlin couple's issue**

Editor

We are writing this letter to let our fellow citizens know how our local government representatives from the offices of Delegate Wayne Hartman, Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Congressman Andy Harris, were there for us when my husband and I needed some help dealing with some medical issues.

This past week after requesting help from these 3 government officials, they assisted my husband and I, by answering our request for assistance the very same day that we sent word to them that we needed help. These 3 officials heard and listened and took action to help us. For this type of response, we are truly grateful!!!

We wanted to give thanks and recognition to these 3 government representatives for their prompt help and assistance with our issue. Thank you for truly caring and taking action to remedy our medical issue!!

To all our fellow citizens, please take note of this when

our election time comes again for voting. We are very blessed to have these government representatives who are devoted to assist us here on the Eastern Shore.

My husband and I are so grateful and thankful that we have these excellent members of our government here on the Eastern Shore. May God Bless you all.

> Rob and Katherine Azbell Berlin

# Spending too high for county workers

Editor

It seems like our local police and county workers are behind the wheel of our economic development, literally.

In about five short years, both the sheriff vehicles and the county staff vehicles have turned over three times. I have found out what the last two Chevrolet Tahoe models looked like by seeing what the sheriff drives. And the county has just an incredibly large fleet of V8 long bed trucks that are perpetually empty, Toyota camry's, various SUVs, vans and even electric and hybrid vehicles. They all have brand new logos on them and most of these vehicles are take home cars that live their lives in people's driveways.

The cost of all of this, including the logo that is shared by a soap company launched in 1976, is enormous. Capitalism has been replaced by communism in this county by way of generational corruption.

Greg Gunther Snow Hill

# **Health screenings available in Berlin**

(Aug. 14, 2025) Residents living in and around the Berlin area can learn later this month about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Ocean Pines Community Center will host this community event on Aug. 26 at 235 Ocean Parkway in Berlin.

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# Berlin sets a new fee structure for peddler licenses

**By Tara Fischer** Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) The Berlin Council adopted an ordinance this week that restricts peddling in town outside the hours of Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and prohibits the practice on holidays. A new fee structure for solicitors was also implemented.

At its meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, the Berlin Town Council unanimously passed an ordinance outlining peddling guidelines within the municipality's boundaries. Town of Berlin Attorney David Gaskill drafted the updated code earlier this summer. Town officials then reviewed the document, and upon the closure of a public hearing this week, approved it.

The enhanced ordinance was necessary for the benefit of Berlin residents, who are the target of solicitors, Gaskill said at the document's first reading last month. According to town staff, the previous regulations were inadequate.

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

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

The updated standards also note that soliciting is strictly prohibited on town-sanctioned holidays.

Furthermore, a new fee structure was approved this week for peddlers in Berlin, increasing the soliciting rate from \$25 per year per person. In an email from Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, absent from Monday night's meeting, she suggested that "each company that wishes to obtain a permit pays \$150 and then \$50 for each individual that would be doing the leg

The town council agreed to increase the charges. However, Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols proposed raising the per-person price to \$75, which the governing group ultimately approved. Now, if a business wishes to sell products in the Town of Berlin, it must pay an initial fee of \$150 annually, in addition to \$75 for each registered representative. At a previous meeting, complaints were raised over an employee with Anderson Windows being See PEDDLER Page 19

**OP** haunted house group honored

Volunteers for Ocean Pines annual Halloween activity recognized at OP meeting

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) Ocean Pines' annual haunted house volunteers were recognized this past week with the Sam Wilkinson Award, an honor given each year to an individual or team that lends a helping hand to community-wide efforts.

On Saturday, Aug. 9, at the neighborhood's annual membership meeting, the crew responsible for putting on Ocean Pines' yearly haunted house was honored with the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award. The accolade was established in 2003 in memory of eight-year-old Sam Wilkinson, who died in a water accident in Ocean City and whose father was a volunteer coach for Ocean Pines' youth soccer.

Recipients of the praise are often participants in recreation and parks programs. This year, the award was given to several volunteers: the crew that organizes the Halloween haunted house at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The Sam Wilkinson Award was announced by Ocean Pines Association's Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue. This year's grantees were Timmy and Christy Cooper, Erica Henry, and Brooks Henry.

Donahue said that Timmy Cooper is the "brains of the group."

"He sits at night, while he's supposed to be sleeping, and figures out how [the haunted house] is going to work every year," the director added.

Donahue said that Erica Henry is the "creative lady who does all the face painting, artistic work, and keeps the kids in check."

The haunted house's project manager is Christy Cooper, while Brooks Henry is the "MacGyver" of the group, who can "take a rubber band and a piece of paper and build a building with it," Donahue said. The recreation lead noted that Henry acts as the construction and electrician for the program.

"This group of people has worked tirelessly and endlessly to be able to put this function on for us," Donahue said. "They start probably about three months ago with their thought process, how this is going to work, where we are going to go, how we are going to change it, and each year it becomes bigger and better."

"We are not doing the award with just one person this year; we are doing it with the whole group," she continued. "They're not just there with the haunted house, but with multiple things that if I call them, they are right here with the trucks and trailers. There are more than I can even say in all the things that they do for me."

Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors member Elaine Brady said that each awardee will receive the book, "History of Ocean Pines, Maryland," written initially by Bud Rogner and reprinted by a newly established historic workgroup. A plaque with the haunted house crews' names will also be erected in the community center lobby.

This October is the recreation and parks department's fifth annual haunted house. While the festivity is typically hosted inside the community center, Donahue said that this year's event will have a change of venue and will instead be held by the community's boat ramps. The rec and parks director said that the adjustment is the start of a "whole new tradition of having [the event] outside."





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# **Puzzles**

#### HEAVENLY VOICES BY JEREMY NEWTON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jeremy Newton, of Austin, Texas, is an engineering manager for a mobile-games company. This is his 30th crossword for The Times since 2008. He calls it "100 percent a love letter" for the puzzle's subject, which unfolds beautifully in multiple ways. Jeremy thanks "the crossword gods" that 22-Across, the figure that ties the whole thing together, could run through the heart of the shaded squares. - W.S.

#### ACROSS

- 1 Final act of a play? 4 Iconic sci-fi setting spelled out in this puzzle's shaded squares
- 8 Skyrocket
- 12 "Reckon so!"
- 15 Working without
- 17 Seemingly forever
- 19 Some spa jobs, in brief
- 20 Manner of speaking 21 Like used BBO pits
- 22 Member of this puzzle's shaded squares who might say "I cannot change the laws of physics, 58 Cry from Captain!'
- 24 Like being late or cutting in line
- 25 Something clicked to add an attachment
- 27 Take up space
- 28 Kind of protagonist in "Lethal Weapon" or "Die Hard" 30 Swear
- 31 Digital investment choices, informally 33 Not much, as of
- wasabi 34 Narrowly get (by)
- 35 "Now that we're all here, please proceed"
- 38 Lab reports?
- 41 Overzealous sort 43 Got acquainted
- 44 D.M.V.-issued card authenticated by airport security 47 Build a stockpile
- Online subscriptions: Today's
- puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles nytimes.com/cre (\$39.95 a year).

- 49 Didn't go fast?
- 50 Employee's status meaning "I'm currently away"
- 51 Take down a notch
- 52 Purveyors of
- provocative posts 53 8.5" x 11": Abbr.
- 54 Kris Kross No.1 hit with the lyric "How high? Real high,
- 56 El presidente ousted in a 1955 coup

cause I'm just so

fly'

- 58 Cry from a victor
- 59 Type that tends to be right-leaning
- 61 Like quality vocals 63 Looks inside?
- 65 Drug-busting unit
- 66 City whose Fushimi Inari shrine features 10,000-plus red torii gates
- 67 Brother of Disney's Louie and Dewey Duck
- 68 Something hit to get fit 70 Hands-on
- professional?
- 72 Baseball team whose mascot is Wally the Green Monster
- 75 Seeing romantically
- 76 Humble hold 'em holding
- 78 "The Bear" streamer 80 Cold War weapon
- inits. 81 Beethoven's No. 8?
- 82 Line of luxury hotels
- 84 Takes to school, in
- 85 Cosmic explosion

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For Like New & Used Cars & Trucks

- 86 It goes on the run
- 87 Be a wingman, e.g.
- 88 False
- 90 Inits. for this puzzle's shaded squares
- 91 Move like a supermodel
- 93 Unit of purity
- 95 Lower oneself
- 97 They study how knights move
- 99 Canyon's edge 100 On the (raging)
- 102 Gone skinny-dipping, e.g.
- 103 Significant stretch 104 Mr. Turkey
- 105 Some window
- installations, informally 106 Warp-driven device
- 108 Major exporter of mangoes
- 110 One giving the highlights?
- 112 By dawn's early light?
- 114 Intending to, casually
- 115 Bring upon oneself 116 Wordlessly indicate 'Please give me a
- hand' a broken (Emily Dickinson
- poem) 118 Iron Man's suit, e.g.
- 119 "Fire away!"
- 120 False
- 121 Docking station
- 122 Some draft picks

#### DOWN

- 1 Some farm sounds
- 2 Camped nearby and surveilling, in police jargon

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- 3 "Our window is closing for escape w-elocity!" as [circled letters] might say
- 4 Hardly spicy
- 5 Next in line
- 6 Goddess of daybreak 7 Fill in
- 8 Direct opposite of verso (found hidden in this clue!)
- 9 It's a promise
- 10 Enemy of the Jedi 11 By Juan's early light?
- 12 "Any time! I'm a doctor, not a do-nothing!" as [circled letters] might say 13 Way back?
- 14 Slight gripe, so to speak 16 Slip of the pen
- 18 Tantalizing 19 A low "Yo!"
- 20 Trampled (on)
- 23 Sound of a wardrobe malfunction
- 26 Euphemistic expression of commitment
- 29 Speaks roughly
- 31 Cherry or lime
- 32 Bask in 34 Reaction to a social
  - media post, maybe "Logic dictates that you control your emotions," as [circled letters]
  - might say 37 Sneakily exploits
  - 39 Thing of the past
  - "Stepping on the gas, Captain!" as [circled letters] might say
  - 42 Seaside flock
- "To protect my crew, the gamble was necessary," as [circled letters] might say
- 46 IHOP rival

115

119

- 47 Florida beach town, in brief
- "We received a distress signal. Any injuries?" as [circled letters] might say
- 55 Tough spot
- 58 Stranded during a winter storm, say
- 60 Texter's sweet sentiment

116

120

- 62 Big hits, in brief
- 64 Make a case against? 68 Old-fashioned
- 69 Backwoods bumpkin
- 70 Bite-size
- "Clearly!" in
- textspeak 74 Major e-tailing season
- 77 World capital with 400 kilometers of bike
- contraction
- 71 Former Wisconsin senator Feingold

- 79 He might be carrying a big picture 83 This puzzle's theme

117

121

- "I want to come back to the ship," as everyone circled in this puzzle seems to have said to 22-Across
- 87 NPR journalist Shapiro
- 89 Punch
- 92 Belly, in kidspeak
- 94 Carnival-themed Vegas hotel
- 96 In spades

97 Symbols of grace 98 Object 100 Garbage

122

- 101 " is more important than life" (Klingon proverb)
- 102 "Transformers" actor \_\_\_\_ LaBeouf
- 107 2004 landing site for Spirit
- 109 Land west of Eng. 111 "You get the gist":
- Abbr. 113 Alt-rocker DiFranco

114 Chinwag

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# Route 589 property rezoned for new homes

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Aug. 14, 2025) A new site plan for a mixed-use, multi-family development project along the Route 589 corridor could be in the works after Worcester County officials rezoned a 23-acre property from commercial to residential.

Attorney Hugh Cropper told the County Commissioners last Tuesday that the R-3 Multifamily Residential zoning would be less impactful than the existing C-2 General Commercial zoning, because housing would generate far less traffic than other commercial uses like a convenience store, fast food joint, or even a car dealership.

Residential development is going to be less impactful in every single respect," he said.

After an hour of presentation and discussion, the commissioners voted to approve the rezoning in a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Caryn Abbot absent.

In 2013, the property on the east side of Route 589 (Racetrack Road) opposite Taylorville Lane was rezoned

from agricultural to commercial. But neighbors appealed the rezoning, and had it reset back to agricultural. Cropper said, at the time, he appealed to the courts and won, so the commercial zoning was re-instated.

From there, the property owners – Maryland Medical Owners II, LLC and Maryland Medical Owners III, LLC made plans for a 100,000 square foot medical campus operated by Atlantic General Hospital on the 23-acre property, including four operating rooms, specifically for elective surgeries.

If completed, it would have included ancillary services like pharmacies, physical therapy and a wellness center, and would have rivaled AGH's flagship Berlin hospital in size, Cropper noted.

The project was fully fleshed-out and had earned site plan approval from county officials. However, because of changes to Maryland's hospital funding model, combined with the COVID-19 pandemic, this development plan proved untenable, and the original vision was scaled down.

The owners ultimately cut their

project in half and built a smaller outpatient medical center, now the Gudelsky Family Medical Center, on the property.

Now, the owners are targeting residential development, Cropper told the Worcester County Commissioners at their Tuesday meeting. Cropper estimated the new R-3 zoning designation could permit a density of up to 137 townhouse units.

Anything more than 20 homes is considered a major residential planned community and faces a litany of governmental check-ins along the way, according to Jennifer Keener, the county's director of development review and permitting. Even if a builder moved fast, it could take 18 to 24 months, she told the commissioners.

Cropper noted that, up and down the Route 589 corridor, there are no housing options that front the road-

"We have no multifamily, we have no workforce, we have no apartments; you'd have to go into Ocean Pines," he

While the Route 589 parcel does butt up against Ocean Pines, any development here would be a standalone enclave and would not provide any vehicular points of access into the Ocean Pines roadway system, Cropper also noted.

When Cropper quoted from the county's draft comprehensive plan, saying the availability of affordable housing is a major factor in the sustainability of the local economy and quality of life, it elicited a question from Commissioner Chip Bertino (District 5, Ocean Pines).

"Define affordable housing," Bertino asked Cropper. "How much are we talking about?"

Cropper hedged. "I can tell you these multifamily units would be more affordable than, say, the houses in Pennington Commons," he said.

Well, I would hope they would be," Bertino said, "but are we talking \$200,000 to \$300,000? \$300,000 to \$400,000? Somewhere? Or is it yet to be determined?

"I don't know how to quantify that," Cropper replied.

Okay, so, affordable housing is really a relative elastic term, depending on what the developer decides to do, Bertino said, "as opposed to affordable housing being pegged to specific square footage or cost." Cropper agreed.

Moving forward, Cropper said the next step for the property is for the county's planning commission, and ultimately the county commissioners, to review a residential community site plan, but there's no timeline for when that might occur.

# **Peddler permit fee to increase**

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too aggressive with at least one Berlin resident.

The increased rates are to cover administrative costs incurred by the town when distributing soliciting permits. Berlin staff must complete background checks and due diligence, and provide the necessary materials, all of which come with a price tag.

Berlin resident Sara Hambury, who owns The West-O Bottle Shop in West Ocean City with her husband, addressed the council regarding the fees, expressing her dissatisfaction with the allowance of peddling in Berlin.

"This is the bargain of a century," she said. "These people aren't even paying overhead, but they're allowed to knock on everybody's door and peddle their stuff? I own a business, and I have to pay the rent, the roof, the electricity, and the insurance just to open the

door. I have to pay for the insurance on the parking lot. So really, if I gave you \$150 and then \$75 for each of my employees, even though my business is in West Ocean City, I can just come up to people's doors?'

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall empathized with the resident, maintaining the fees are reviewed annually.

This is new," he said. "This has to be a recovery cost. This is a good step forward. Is it perfect? Probably not. It is likely it will go up, but we need to have something ... We are not setting this price or this ordinance to keep people out of Berlin. We are establishing a fee that is designed to cover costs, and we will continue to evaluate that annually."

The new peddling ordinance and the rate change were both approved unanimously by the Berlin Town Council with an effective date of Sept. 1.



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# **Worcester County Fair**









The Worcester County Fair returned to John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill last weekend, featuring livestock, 4-H cooking, live music, robot and drone demos, concerts, tournaments, a pipeline eating contest, catfish races, a cake auction, car, Jeep, and dog shows, local foods and brews, and a host of family friendly games and entertainment. Pictured are some scenes from the weekend. Above left, County Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young is pictured with his daughter, Rosie, 3, in the livestock area.

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# 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. 14

# 31ST ANNUAL CAPT. STEVE HARMAN POOR GIRLS OPEN

Bahia Marina at Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. Ladies only bill-fish release tournament benefiting breast cancer research. Raffle tickets, vendors, merchandise and more. https://www.ococean.com/event/31st-annual-capt-steve-harman-poor-girls-open/2252

#### **SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS**

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

### 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

#### **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring music by Rip Tide. 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: COLORFUL TRANSPORTATION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Song, dancing and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **RADICAL REPTILES**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 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. 410-641-0650

#### **PLAY TIME**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages birth to 5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **OC CHESS CLUB**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxing game of chess every Thursday at the library. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **RADICAL REPTILES**

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 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. 410-957-0878

### Fri., Aug. 15

# 31ST ANNUAL CAPT. STEVE HARMAN POOR GIRLS OPEN

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### FREE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR ADULTS

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

#### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for imaginative play and social interaction. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014

#### **CAST 26 CUPPING DEMONSTRATION**

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m. Learn the art of coffee tasting with Cast 26 Coffee Roasters. Registration required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **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

#### FANDOM FRIDAY: SCI-FI AND SPACE

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 p.m. Drop in any time for crafts, quizzes and discussions about the monthly topic. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH SISTA BIG**

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 6 p.m. A fantastic night of live poetry and music. Light refreshments. Performer sign ups are first come, first served. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### SIPPIN' WITH SLOTHS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, DE, 6-8 p.m. Music by Bryan Scar. 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

#### **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. 16**

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### 20TH ANNUAL ARTISTS PAINT OC - PLEIN AIR 2025

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City. Public Reception and Art Sale held from 5-7 p.m. at the Arts Center (Juried entries will remain on display through September 2025). 410-524-9433, artleagueofoceancity.org

#### **WALK WITH A DOC**

Southgate Pond, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 9-10 a.m. An AGH representative will speak on a topic of their expertise, then the group will walk around the park's trail. First 10 participants receive \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. Alyce.Marzola@TidalHealth.org, 410-641-9268

# SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST, SLIGO BY THE SEA, SUMMER MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m.-noon. Pastor Bonita Shields - Associate Secretary, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

sligochurch.org/sligobythesea, 301-270-6777

#### **BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER**

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 11 a.m. 1/2 BBQ Chicken platter with two sides, roll and drink for \$15 or 1/2 BBQ Chicken and roll and drink for \$12. Proceeds benefit St. Paul United Methodist Church Men's Ministry.

#### TANGER OUTLETS REHOBOTH BEACH TO HOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH AND SALTWATER ROOTS CRAFT FAIR

Tanger Rehoboth Beach - Seaside, 36470 Seaside Outlet Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Features face painting, music, games, giveaways and more. Plus, attendees can explore over 50 local artisans at the Saltwater Roots Craft Fair. Shoppers can also take advantage of Tanger Deal Days.

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL**

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m. Free outdoor concert. www.wced.foundation

#### STICKX GOLF TRADE-IN EVENT

Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 2-6 p.m. Golfers with major brand-name clubs collecting dust or no longer in use are invited to bring them in and exchange them for pro shop credit. 410-641-6057, oceanpinesgolf.org

### 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. 17**

#### 20TH ANNUAL ARTISTS PAINT OC - PLEIN AIR 2025

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Artists paint against the clock in the downtown area from 9-11 a.m. Judging will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Art League. Off-the-easel art sale, with live music and mimosa cash bar, 1-3 p.m.

#### SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "The 8 Trax" (East Coast's premier 70's revival band), activities and entertainment for the kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic baskets and beach chairs. Followed by fireworks.

#### **SPECIAL KNIGHTS BREAKFAST**

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Located behind St. Luke's Church on the bay. Special Buffet Breakfast to benefit Continued on Page 22

# **Calendar**

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#### **BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**

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

#### **SEWING FOR A CAUSE**

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

#### **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING**

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

# Mon., Aug. 18

### 34TH ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC TOURNAMENT

Sunset Marina, 12911 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. Weigh-ins are held at Sunset Marina in Ocean City and Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May, NJ. Livestream broadcasting will keep everyone informed in both locations. https://themidatlantic.com

#### **OC BEACH DANCE PARTY & FIREWORKS**

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

# 18TH ANNUAL ERNIE STILES' BAVARIAN HOPS GOLF CLASSIC REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Event is held Aug. 22 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. Cost is \$25 and includes cart, green fees and four hops beverages. 443-388-2941 Proceeds benefit Diakonia and the Worcester County Humane Society.

#### **STORY TIME: DOLPHINS**

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

#### **MOVIES AND MUNCHIES**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Explore the Mushroom Kingdom. Munchies included. 410-208-4014, 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 5 oplus 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. 19

### 34TH ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC TOURNAMENT

Sunset Marina, 12911 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. Weigh-ins are held at Sunset Marina in Ocean City and Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May, NJ. Livestream broadcasting will keep everyone informed in both locations. https://themidatlantic.com

#### **GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research followed by a Q&A. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information. Registration requested: 410-208-4014.

# SUMMER READING WRAP UP: BLACK AND WHITE ART ADVENTURE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Make some colorless creations and enjoy a sweet treat. All ages. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **STORY TIME**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Story time geared for 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

#### **JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING**

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

#### **PLAY TIME AT CYPRESS PARK**

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Outside play and socialize with other families. Bring your blanket. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, 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

#### **SUMMER READING WRAP UP PARTY**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Celebrate your accomplishments with ice cream and crafts. Collect all your prizes. All ages. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **SEAFOOD NIGHT WITH THE KNIGHTS**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Held Tuesdays in the Columbus Hall behind St. Luke's Church. Pre-order crabs Monday or Tuesday morning of that week: 410-524-7994. Non-seafood options will be available.

#### **SURGICAL CLASSES**

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Learn what to expect, information about your upcoming surgery and directions about post-operative care. No RSVP required. Atlantic General Hospital's Pre-Admission Testing Department, 410-641-9814

### 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.

#### 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 part-

ner 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. 20

# 34TH ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC TOURNAMENT

Sunset Marina, 12911 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, 5-9 p.m., Weigh-ins are held at Sunset Marina in Ocean City and Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May, NJ. Livestream broadcasting will keep everyone informed in both locations. https://themidatlantic.com

#### **MOVIES ON THE BEACH**

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m., Featuring "Surf's Up." Free, family-friendly event. Bring blankets, chairs, snack, drinks and warm clothing. Weather permitting. www.ococean.com/things-to-do/freefamily-fun/

#### **PAINT & SIP**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Register: 410-641-7052.

#### **BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**

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

#### **EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

# SUMMER READING WRAP UP PARTY @ OCEAN CITY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Featuring bingo Switch games and more. For families. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **BACKGAMMON CLUB**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Drop in for a game of Backgammon, whether you're an expert or want to refresh your skills. Beginners welcome. 410-208-4014, August 14, 2025 **Bayside Gazette** Page 23

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www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **PUZZLE SWAP**

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

#### **CEREMONIAL EMPLACEMENT OF A DEDICATED PAVER**

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 1 p.m. Council 9053 and Assembly 2454 of the Knights of Columbus will be joined by the Color Guard and American Legion Post 166 for a ceremonial emplacement of a dedicated paver at the veterans memorial.

#### **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

#### **SUMMER CONCERT**

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:30 p.m. "Classical Concert With a Twist" will feature classical selections along with a hint of ragtime, jazz, Latin, Broadway and

popular. Weather permitting this event may be held outside. Bring lawn chairs. 410-208-4014

#### **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

#### **BOARDWALK OTTER HUNT**

Held Aug. 15-29. Kids, 12 years and

younger, can pick up a playing card at the Boardwalk Information Booth or any of the participating businesses, find all the hidden Otters and return their stamped card to the Boardwalk Information Booth to collect a prize of a small stuffed otter.

www.ococean.com/event/boardwalkotter-hunt/2400/, 703-731-6515, events@ocdc.org

#### **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

#### 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

#### **LOUIS PARSONS III MEMORIAL PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS**

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., April 1-Sept. 1. Entry fee is \$5 per entry. Category winners will be announced on Nov. 1.

https://www.gogophotocontest.com/oce ancitymuseumsociety, 410-289-4991, emma@ocmuseum.org

#### **QUEEN OF HEARTS**

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

#### **2025 KIWANIS LOTTERY TICKETS** ON SALE

On sale every Saturday morning at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One \$20 ticket is good for all 365 drawings in 2025. Benefits the youth of the community.

#### **OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB**

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

# THE PEN HOUSES

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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	BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Friday Noon-2pm	204 33rd St #40201, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$259,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	12301 Jamaica Avenue, C209, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$299,900	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	31969 Morris Leonard Rd, Parsonsburg, MI	O 4BR/2BA	Single Family	\$304,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10-Noon	13-A 71st St, Ocean City	8BR/6BA	Side by Side Townhome	es \$2,250,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10-Noon	107 Convention Center Dr #140D, Ocean Cit	ty 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$485,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams 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	9540 Wedge Way, Delmar, MD	2BR/2BA	Townhome	\$254,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	11204 Coastal Highway Unit 3C, Ocean City	y 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$699,900	Tim Meadowcroft/Long & Foster Real Estate
Saturday 11:30am-1:30	Opm 89 Robin Hood Trail, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$419,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday Noon-2pm	1619 Mercers Way, Berlin	4BR/2.5 BA	Single Family	\$749,000	Nancye Vermillion/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 1-4 pm	124 75th Street #103, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$829,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	3701 Coastal Hwy #241I, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$265,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 10am-Noon	8 60th St. #101 The Merdian, OC	4BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$859,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 10am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Sunday 11-1pm	1201 Atlantic Ave #304, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$389,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Wednesday 9am-Noor	n 12633 Shell Mill Rd #56, Bishopville	3BR/3BA	Single Family	from \$169,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty

RESERVE SPACE by AUG. 19th for the SEPTEMBER COASTAL ASSOCIATION of REALTORS REAL ESTATE GUIDE! The C.A.R. Guide will insert to OC Today-Dispatch's August 29th/Labor Day Weekend issue. Contact Renee Kelly @ 667.288.1233 or renee@octodaydispatch.com

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