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Diakonia supporters, staff and volunteers celebrate the groundbreaking of the new House of Hope supportive living campus, which will feature transitional housing, an expanded thrift store, a larger food pantry and administrative offices.

# House of Hope breaks ground

Diakonia finally rewarded for working years to help give hope, help to others

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 22, 2025) A project years in the making along Route 611 broke ground officially last week. On land donated by local businessman Jack Burbage will soon be the highly anticipated “House of Hope” supportive living campus. The project, according to Diakonia, marks a major step forward in its mission to provide stable housing and essential services for individuals and families in need across Maryland’s Eastern Shore. The Aug. 13 ceremony was attended by local com-

munity members, volunteers, and elected officials, including Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Del. Wayne Hartman, and Maryland Secretary of Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Jake Day. When complete, the House of Hope campus will feature 42 units of transitional housing, an expanded thrift store, administrative offices, and a larger food pantry with increased donation and distribution capacity. “This is not just a new building — we are building a bridge to stability, compassion, and hope for our neighbors in need,” said Brian Roberts, chair of the Diakonia Board.

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# OPA directors select Latham

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) The Ocean Pines Association’s Board of Directors officer lineup has undergone a shakeup, with Director John Latham taking over as president, succeeding Stuart Lakernick, who held the position for the last year. Lakernick nominated Latham, who won unanimous board support. Director Steve Jacobs then moved to appoint

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# Commerce director, officials learn about Berlin on tour

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) Maryland Commerce Secretary Harry Coker visited Berlin last week as part of his effort to tour every county in Maryland, learning about each area’s economic challenges and opportunities, and identifying ways in which the state government can assist.

The secretary, joined by members of his office, was paraded around downtown Berlin by the municipality’s economic and community development director, Ivy Wells. Wells took Coker to town staples, such as the Worcester County Arts Council, the iconic mural of the Berlin-born minister and gospel composer Charles Tindley, the olive oil and vinegar store Una Bella Salute, and Jeffrey Auxer’s glass-blowing studio.

These stops were made to feature the people who make Berlin the thriving town it is today, furthering the secretary’s objective to learn more about the communities that comprise Maryland, and witness firsthand the successes and challenges faced by their local economies.

“We are taking tours of every county of the state because we want every county and every resident to know that they all count and they are all needed by the State of Maryland,” Coker said. “It’s a way of showing our partnership. And then we ask those counties, citizens, and residents: How can the Maryland Department of Commerce be an even stronger partner? We want feedback. We want to know what we can do to advance economic development for those individuals.”

The tour highlighted the unique charm and character of Berlin’s Arts and Entertainment District, a designation given to towns throughout Maryland that promote cultural and artistic centers. Coker aims to identify the distinct characteristics of each of the state’s municipalities and how they could benefit from specific strategies. The arts districts promote tourism, a central part of Berlin, and the Eastern Shore’s economy.

As such, last week’s walkthrough was also attended by Steven Skerritt-Davis, executive director of the Maryland State Arts Council. The arts personnel spoke to the economic benefits of an arts and entertainment status.

The goal of the entertainment program is to attract business, create a sense of community, and foster artistry. Tax incentives are provided to towns or counties with the designation, Skerritt-Davis said.

A local property tax credit, for instance, is offered to stimulate business development.

“There is a local property tax credit that encourages property developers and property owners to renovate for arts uses, to make a space that would be good for an arts organization or to build artist live-work spaces,” the executive director said. “It’s a very narrow tax credit, but it is very specific and targeted in trying to encourage development that will attract art and arts businesses.”

An income tax credit is also available for arts and entertainment expenses. This benefit allows artists making and selling work in any of the districts across the state to forgo income tax on art sold in the designated artistic areas. Furthermore, the admissions and amusement tax abatement applies to businesses that are eligible for that abatement, encouraging arts activity within the districts.

These advantages have had stellar effects on the Town of Berlin, said Skerritt-Davis.

As part of the commerce secretary’s mission to advance Maryland’s economy, he looks to determine the uniqueness of each jurisdiction. On the Eastern Shore, financial stability is primarily driven by tourism, and in Berlin, this visitation is further encouraged by the city’s arts and entertainment scene.

“One way is that a major industry on the Eastern Shore is tourism and hospitality,” Coker said. “You go further in

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Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells talks with state representatives outside Una Bella Salute during last week’s tour.

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# Diakonia breaks ground on Rt. 611 project

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“The House of Hope is a tangible expression of our decades-long commitment to serving the most vulnerable among us and creating pathways to independence.”

The ceremonial groundbreaking followed remarks from Amanda Shick, capital project manager, Roberts, and other distinguished guests, underscoring the community-wide effort and shared vision driving the project forward.

According to a press release, “The House of Hope is part of Diakonia’s ongoing commitment to meet the region’s growing need for supportive housing, consolidate vital services in one location, and expand its ability to assist individuals and families on their path to stability and independence.”

Diakonia currently operates out of

its current facility on Old Bridge Road where emergency housing, a food pantry and office space exists. The needs have recently grown beyond the nonprofit’s current infrastructure.

Back in January 2024, it was unclear whether the new project at 9601 Stephen Decatur Highway (Route 611 south of the Decatur Diner) would ever come to fruition due to the Worcester County Commissioners in a 4-3 voting against an agreement with Ocean City that would have given Diakonia access to the West Ocean City sewer system rather than the Mystic Harbor sewer system. Commissioners Eric Fiori, Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting and Caryn Abbott voted against it while Ted Elder, Joe Mitrecic and Diana Purnell voted for it.

Chair of Diakonia’s Board of Directors at the time, Reid Tingle, was candid in describing his agitation with the



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“The House of Hope is a tangible expression of our decades-long commitment to serving the most vulnerable among us ...,” said Diakonia Board President Brian Roberts.

commissioners for not letting the 32 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) be granted as part of the deal with the Town of Ocean City.

“It is unfortunate that the ‘Gang of Four’ decided to play politics with people’s lives and wellbeing instead of doing what is in the best interest of the citizens and communities they were elected to represent. ... We are currently looking into and pursuing options at the state and federal level that would allow us to move forward without the support of the Gang of Four,” he said. “If there are no options on the

state or federal level, barring a white knight coming forward and offering some sewer capacity, the project cannot move forward at this time.”

Two months later, Diakonia scaled back its request, seeking four EDUs from the Mystic Harbor plan to allow part of the project to move ahead. The commissioners unanimously approved that request.

Some state funding has been obtained for the project including a grant from the DHCD. Fundraising is continuing and information about the effort can be found at diakoniaoc.org.

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# Planning underway for new Pocomoke community center

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) Pocomoke City is beginning to make plans for a new community center and will soon begin soliciting design bids from architects and engineers.

“We need to create a space to serve as a hub for all residents – youth, seniors and families,” Pocomoke City Mayor Todd Nock said in an interview. “We want a safe space for recreation, education, and community connection. This is really about bringing the citizens of Pocomoke together and strengthening the fabric that makes us Pocomoke City.”

The proposed location for the new community center is along Clarke Avenue between Willow Street and Maple Street, on a vacant lot behind the just-raized Pocomoke Armory. Nock said the city also owns a building near there that had previously been used as a public works office and for storage.

According to the town’s request for proposals, such a facility could include multipurpose spaces, offices, meeting rooms, restrooms, storage areas, and other amenities based on community needs. Nock in particular said he’d like to see classrooms, an open gym, a recreation area, and maybe even a swimming pool.

The mayor also is planning to honor

a beloved community member by naming the community center after them: the late Will Stevenson, who died in 2021 at age 90. Nock said he was a major supporter of Pocomoke City and deserves the honor, though he’ll have to get members of the Town Council to agree.

“He donated and gave and sacrificed,” Nock said, “and we would be remiss to not name this community center after him.”

For now, it’s too soon for any definite timeline or cost for the project. But Nock did say the city has \$35,000 pledged from community members to put toward the project. They’re also going to seek financial assistance at the state and local level, in addition to the town’s own contributions.

Nock said Pocomoke is looking for an architect with relevant experience and qualifications that’s completed this kind of a job before. The town is hosting a mandatory pre-bid meeting for the project at City Hall on Sept. 4 at 10 a.m., to review the project, its scope, and applicable federal grant requirements.

“We want to see the beauty of our town incorporated in this building, just as when they built Pocomoke High School. We want to see the same thing because this is going to serve our community long after we’re gone,” Nock said.



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# Water, sewer extension considered along 589

**By Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(August 21, 2025) To aid in future development along the Route 589 corridor, Worcester County is considering – but not promising – an extension of water and sewer lines.

Public Works Director Dallas Baker on Aug. 5 told the county commissioners that his department commissioned a study to evaluate new sewerage service on Route 589 (Racetrack Road) south of Pennington Commons but north of Route 50. The Salisbury-based engineering firm George, Miles & Buhr conducted the study.

While the county has no plans for water and sewer service in the area for now, developers have been asking, Baker said.

“The question they ask us is: what do we have to put there? What size pipes? Where do the force mains have to go? What are the lift station requirements?” he said. “Our goal with this study is to answer that questions, provide a framework, so when these developers come in, they’re aware of what the county’s needs are.”

The engineering study divided the Route 589 corridor into two sub-sections, with Turville Creek being the dividing line, according to an internal county memo.

The first zone, above Turville Creek,

is bound by Gum Point Road to the south and Nottingham Lane to the north. It could have 536 EDUs for an average daily flow of 134,000 gallons per day.

The second zone, below the creek, would extend along the west side of Racetrack Road and butt against Route 50. A portion also extends to the east side of Racetrack Road, at the crossroads of Route 50 and Grays Corner Road. It would have 363 total EDUs for a flow of 90,750 gallons per day.

Each zone would have its own regional sewage lift station, served by a combination of sewer force mains, gravity sewer mains, and water mains. Sewage collected would be pumped to the existing Ocean Pines treatment plant.

Baker told the commissioners that the fewer pump stations built, the less costly it would be to maintain the system, because each comes with pumps that eventually need replacement and generators that need servicing.

One successful model to emulate is a regional water main in West Ocean City, where project developers know what size water pipes they need to connect with to meet firefighting flow demands, he said.

“That’s been very successful in making sure everybody’s informed up front,” Baker said, “and we want to try

to use that same model here. We’re asking for commissioners’ endorsement of the proposed plan, and we will share that with folks as they look to come in and develop.”

Baker also stressed that this plan is not a guarantee that infrastructure will be built. Rather, if development occurs in this area, the plan helps developers understand the county’s expectations and determine their own costs when evaluating a potential project.

“We’re not planning on building this infrastructure ourselves,” he said. “This would be developer-dependent and

(developer-) driven. It’s just a road map.”

The commissioners approved the recommendation unanimously, 6-0, with Commissioner Caryn Abbott absent. Commissioner Eric Fiori (District 3, West Ocean City) said this was smart planning ahead of development and thanked Baker for the foresight.

“A lot of times, when there’s water and sewer, we end up behind the eight-ball. We end up where development accelerates faster than the plan. This was a wonderful step moving forward, seeing that on the horizon,” he said.

## OP restaurant manager faces felony theft charge

(Aug. 21, 2025) An Ocean Pines employee has been charged with felony theft after a restaurant investigation.

On July 2, the Ocean Pines Police Department launched an investigation into an alleged employee theft at the Club House Grille at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse. The probe began after the Touch of Italy management company discovered bank deposits from the Club House Grille, specifically, were not being completed as expected.

The probe centered on Grayson Ashley Mitchell, 39, who was serving as a manager of the restaurant. Mitchell was unable to explain what happened to the missing funds.

The police investigation has found multiple deposits dating back to May 10 are missing for a total cost of about \$13,715. Police believe Mitchell handled these deposits.

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# Child Advocacy Center sees need for public awareness

Facility wants to remind residents abuse ‘reports can be made anonymously’

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) While police- and physician-reported incidents of child abuse in Worcester County spiked over the summer, abuse reports that come from friends and family have simultaneously nosedived, according to one social services agency.

Abuse reports coming into the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center, or CAC, have increased about 12% increase in the last three years, according to Executive Director Lauren Cooper. About four in 10 cases are for neglect, which includes housing instability, food insecurity, or poor parenting issues.

However, in that same time frame, the agency also saw a 25% decrease in child abuse reporting from family members, friends, and neighbors.

Cooper attributed the drop to what she called “a gap in community awareness” – the fact that anyone from the community can confidentially report child abuse when they see it.

“This tells us there’s need for more public education, and to remind the community that reports can be made anonymously,” she said.

The agency – formerly the Cricket Center – received 1,075 child abuse reports in 2022, and 1,091 in 2023.

Last year, reported incidents rose to 1,205. Among those, reports shared by physicians increased 26%, from 84 in 2022 to 106 last year.

One reason for the spike in reporting, Cooper said, is that police agencies, school personnel, and health care providers – the agency’s top three reporting sources – are increasingly recognizing and reporting abuse. They’re all legally mandated to report child abuse to social services and generate 90% of referrals.

“This tells us that mandatory re-

porter training and CAC partnerships are strong in Worcester County,” she said.

Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli says a top priority of his office is its “unwavering support and partnership” with the CAC. He’s pledged his personal commitment to make sure the agency has the resources it needs.

The sheriff’s office alone accounts for a third of reports the CAC receives. Overall, reports from law enforcement are up 31%, from 308 in 2022, to 404 in 2024.

“There is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of our children,” Crisafulli said. “That principle remains at the

very heart of our mission and public service. Our children need to be protected from the potential evils of society.”

The opening of a new satellite location last year in the Pocomoke City area has also boosted

child abuse referrals and forensic interviews.

Past referrals primarily came from the north end of the county, Cooper said, because there was “reluctance and resistance” from residents of southern Worcester County to engage with the CAC.

“We knew that abuse was happening in Pocomoke and those surrounding areas,” she said, “but we weren’t necessarily getting the engagement because of those barriers.”

Barriers include lack of access to transportation for families, or for parents to take time off work or school to make a 30-mile, one-way trip to Berlin for the services CAC offers.

In summer months, law enforcement is the primary source of child abuse referrals. Police may encounter unsupervised minors at a hotel, for example, or officers might find children left in cars with an intoxicated caregiver, Cooper noted.

Getting moved to different environments throughout the summer, like time spent with relatives or at-

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# Center’s goal to be voice for abuse victims

tending summer camp, also may present new risks.

Summertime tourists to the Ocean City area are encouraged to report incidents of abuse, too, said Worcester County State’s Attorney Kristin Heiser, the current president of the CAC board of directors.

Her office staffs a dedicated prosecutor at the CAC. To corroborate what children tell them, they’ll seek out video evidence from hotel surveillance footage, or even video doorbells.

Statistically, abuse is mostly committed by someone within the child’s own household, or an adult who has a lot of unrestricted access to them, which is often a parent or a caregiver.

Abuse may occur when the child isn’t around any other adults.

“For example, a mom and mom’s boyfriend, and mom’s kids are there,” Heiser said. “(Authorities) find out when kids go back to school about these incidents, but the kid didn’t feel comfortable sharing with adults until they see their teachers again.”

During the 180-day school year for Worcester County Public Schools, the CAC averages one report of abuse per day from school staff. Cooper said a “seasonal surge” hits September and October when students return to classes after summer break.

Recent reporting also reflects an increase in exposure among children to domestic violence. A child may not be physically harmed during an incident, but “the exposure can leave lasting trauma effects,” Cooper said, “so these cases are just as important

to report.”

In the meantime, the CAC is also seeing decreased reports of sexual abuse – which is also the most difficult type of abuse to detect, because investigators typically have only a child’s statement to work with, and no witnesses or corroborating evidence.

“Many sexual abuse allegations remain unreported – because of feelings of shame, guilt, self-blaming, fear of the perpetrator, because of threats. Or because children don’t realize that there’s a team dedicated to serving them and don’t know where to turn for help,” said Cooper, who was a full-time forensic interviewer in Delaware before joining the CAC.

For victims of sexual abuse, the agency will coordinate with law enforcement and the courts to conduct a forensic interview. It’s a serious sit-down to determine whether a crime has been committed against the child, and if they’re in immediate risk of harm.

Instead of having the child tell their story multiple times, they get it over with once. Conducting a single interview one time, with police and prosecutors in earshot, helps to minimize a child’s trauma, Cooper said.

“We’re asking them before the interview is over: ‘do you have an adult that you can talk to if you’re ever scared or worried or upset about something?’ And often times, they’re naming a teacher or someone that is at school. So that tells us firsthand that children are obviously relying re-

ally heavily on school personnel to advocate for them, to report the abuse,” Cooper said.

To help calm children during a forensic interview, the CAC has turned to an emotional support dog, a two-year-old black Labrador Retriever named Belle. She’s trained to provide comfort to children and to sit with them in the courtroom should they need to testify.

“Having that familiar furry face is always a good thing on a day that they really don’t want to have to relive,” Cooper said.

Ultimately, the CAC team doesn’t just respond to abuse allegations. Cooper said her team works with families on day-to-day needs, too, like helping them make doctor’s appointments, arranging transportation, even providing gift cards to

afford basic provisions.

Each child’s case, and the ultimate healing process, is different. That’s why the CAC team will stay close to a family over the months- or years-long process of handling one child’s case-work.

Many families will thank them, years later, for the impact made in a child’s life, long after the case has made its way through the courts. Some teens even go into law enforcement or social work based on their experiences with the CAC, Cooper said.

“These kids, they don’t have a voice and they’re the most vulnerable,” she said. “As dark of a job as it can be sometimes, and as hard as the days are, knowing that we saved a child’s life is what makes it all worth it for us.”

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For sale signage has been featured on the former Snow Hill Fire Company fire house for months. The 13,470-square-foot space is listed for \$325,000.

# Former firehouse provides opportunities for Snow Hill

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) Snow Hill’s old firehouse is ready for one last rescue.

The vacant 75-year-old landmark is officially on the market, listed by its owner, the Town of Snow Hill. Volunteer firefighters here haven’t occupied the building since 2002. Since then, the space has been used for the town’s Blues Jam, storing town Christmas decorations, municipal meetings, and the occasional dance class upstairs on squeaky pine heart floors.

The asking price for the 13,470-square-foot, quarter-acre building at 212 W. Green Street – which includes the adjoining Snow Hill police station, soon to be vacated for a new departmental home – is \$325,000. It in-

cludes three garage bays, office space, and meeting rooms.

Listing agent Bryan Coates with the firm Keller Williams said there are plenty of possible outcomes for the two-story building, with a heart of downtown location just 500 feet from the Pocomoke River – which he called “a gold mine.”

“People love the river. The proximity to the river is opportunity. It’s the potential of this space,” he said, adding, “We’re trying hard to find somebody that would be interested in making it their own while at the same time keeping the historical aspect of it.”

Because there’s also a restaurant for sale next door, Elliott’s Tavern, some inquiries have floated an interest in purchasing both properties to make way for a large-scale attraction like a brewery or a distillery. Additional space throughout the building could be made into apartments, Airbnb rentals, or even a micro-hotel.

“Snow Hill has some wonderful bed and breakfasts,” Coates said, “but we do have a lot more traffic coming through than we used to. People that pass through and might want the opportunity for an Airbnb – you know, a shorter stay. There’s always people asking for apartments and rentals.”

But, as with any older building, it needs somebody to come in and fix it up. Plenty of code compliance issues would loom large for a buyer. For example, if it were to host big events, the building would need a new sprinkler system, according to Coates.

Snow Hill Mayor Janet Simpson said the town is hoping for a buyer with creativity and deep enough pockets to revive the empty firehouse as a business or mixed-use space that’s a downtown draw. The online property listing suggests several possible uses like a banquet hall, bed and breakfast, theater, or even a funeral home.

While she would encourage any business to explore the opportunity, “I’m staying kind of neutral,” she said in an interview. “If somebody else has a great business plan, or another idea for us, I’m always open to other ideas. But I really would like to have a business in there, because it’s right on Green Street in the center of town. That’s where a lot of our businesses are.”

That Elliott’s Tavern and several other Green Street shops and storefronts are empty or up for sale along Green Street hasn’t gone unnoticed by local officials.

At one point, there were 14 vacant properties downtown, Simpson said. In response, the town passed a commercial vacancy property ordinance – owners would be penalized with a fine if they didn’t put a business in those properties – with mixed results.

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considerate with those she cared about. She never hesitated to stand firm in her beliefs, and her passionate nature and fearless voice enriched every conversation.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the Burbage Funeral Home, 108 Williams St, Berlin, Md. 21811. A visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Entombment will follow at Granite Memorial Mausoleum, 12840 Worcester Hwy, Bishopville, Md. 21813. Letters of condolence can be sent to the family via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Deborah's memory to Worcester County Humane Society, 12330 Eagles Nest Rd, Berlin, Md. 21811, or American Lung Association at [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

"Her strength, kindness, and fierce spirit touched many lives.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her."

## JAMES G. WHALAN

New York

James ("Jim") G. Whalan, 77, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025, at Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility, in Liberty, N.Y. He is the brother of Judith Ann Whalan, of Ocean City, and the uncle of Caitlin Whalan Jones, formerly of Ocean City.

Jim, the son of Francis and Joan Whalan, was born on October 18, 1947, in Yonkers, New York.

At age 13, he and his family moved to Highland Lake, New York, in the Catskill Mountains, where he attended and was graduated from Eldred Central School, Eldred, New York.

## Old firehouse for sale in Snow Hill

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"People are saying, 'oh, we don't want to do that, so we're going to sell.' Personally, when I go to a town and storefronts aren't filled, I'm thinking, what's wrong? There are too many things going right in Snow Hill for us to have that look," she said.

As for the police station, Snow Hill Police Chief Andy McGee says his department will soon double its office space after completing a move from the cramped firehouse into a 5,000-square-foot office on West Market Street, in the same building as the local Parole and Probation office.

That upgrade will be temporary, McGee added, as police are hoping for a new headquarters to be built eventually on donated land at the corner of Federal and Market streets.

He attended Sullivan County Community College, prior to serving in the United States Army.

Shortly after his return home, he began working for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, from which he retired as a Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant. Following his retirement, he worked with his brother at Bill Whalan Auto Sales in Mongaup Valley, New York.

Jim had a great love for animals, the beach, and was a dedicated son, devoting his Sundays to spending time with his late mother.

In addition to his sister, he is survived by his two daughters, Rachel (Will), and Christine

(Florencio); son, Frank (Susan); four grandchildren; brother, Bill (Lynn); and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Vanlnwegen-Kenny Funeral Home, at 401 Broadway in

Monticello, New York, on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025. Interment of his ashes with military honors followed at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery in Liberty, New York.

Contributions may be made to Catskill Animal Rescue ("CARE"), [www.catskillanimalrescue.com](http://www.catskillanimalrescue.com); Sullivan County SPCA, [www.sullivanspca.org](http://www.sullivanspca.org); or a local animal shelter of your choice.

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# Opinion

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## Diakonia perseveres and moves forward

Diakonia, the West Ocean City-based provider of services to the homeless, knows something about adversity as well as how to overcome it through perseverance.

The nonprofit organization demonstrated the latter last Wednesday at the groundbreaking for a project that at one time appeared to be forever doomed.

It's not clear how Diakonia managed to regroup and revise its plan to build a new campus on Route 611, replete with flexible rent housing, administrative offices, food pantry and thrift store, but it did with the help of contributors, supporters, volunteers and excellent leadership.

The Worcester County Commissioners had all but killed the shelter's plans in January 2024 when a voting majority of four members rejected a solution to Diakonia's need for wastewater treatment services the county was unable to provide.

Thwarted by the lack of treatment capacity in the county district it occupied, Diakonia struck an agreement with the Town of Ocean City to tie into its services.

The four commissioners, however, refused to allow it, apparently believing that accepting the homeless shelter's workaround would put them in a politically awkward position with homebuilders who also had projects they wanted to build but faced the same wastewater treatment problems.

Even more ridiculously, the commissioners tried to justify their refusal to accept the Diakonia deal by saying they wanted to "level the playing field" — as if would-be home sellers and the homeless shelter were competing for the same clientele.

But Diakonia's resourcefulness and the generosity of contributors such as Jack Burbage's Blue Water development and hospitality business, found a way forward by deciding to build the project in phases. That allowed them to seek a much-reduced treatment capacity, which the commissioners had little choice but to approve.

In light of Diakonia's successful approach, we applaud its leadership and its supporters for their problem-solving ability. But, most of all, we admire their perseverance.

## Letters

### Courts need to do better

Editor,

The recent from Ken Kuyawa hits the nail on the head with respect to strict sentences as one of the most effective deterrents to the lawlessness we see throughout Ocean City.

Whether it is participants in these pop-up events terrorizing our streets and beaches, guys beating up on wives and girlfriends, combative drunks who don't hesitate taking a swing at our police, or the drug and gun toting criminals that seem to increase every year, a message needs to be sent that we will come down on you, and come down hard.

Unfortunately, that is not the case. For those of us here well past the craziness of summer, we often read in the *OC Today-Dispatch* about the disposition of cases that took place many months earlier. Serious crimes of guns, assaults, and even drugs get a slap on the wrist. How many more times do we need to read about stiff sentences that are then suspended? We have seen very serious crimes waved off with time served waiting for trial and the balance suspended—and this has been the case for years.

The city council talks tough about cracking down and zero tolerance but if the courts don't do their job,

then it is pointless. And spare me the nonsensical argument that we don't want to appear to be a police state and scare off tourists—the people we are talking about are not the kind of "tourists" we want coming here to begin with.

This isn't just the violent crimes, we were hit in a near head on collision last year by a drunk driver and by some miracle we were not killed, although there were injuries. The driver, with previous infractions, got probation with no loss of driving privileges.

Send the message-- you come into our town with guns and drugs and expect mandatory time. You drive drunk and have no regard for the safety of others, you won't drive again for a long time. The cops are doing a great job. The city, our Congressional delegation, and all of us need to demand better of our courts.

Doug Durante  
Ocean City

### School district puts politics above kids

Editor,

In a closed-door meeting in May, the Somerset County Board of Education voted to terminate School Superintendent Ava Tasker-Mitchell. The Board left the meeting without answering questions from parents who waited outside the closed doors. No reason to support the firing


was provided. One parent politely asked a question while videoing the departing members; the Board Chair called the police, saying that there was a man engaging in a violent confrontation against Board members.

When the Board announced the firing of every school librarian many parents objected. Firing librarians was the final straw. Steps had already been taken that would allow the Board to determine which books must be removed from school library shelves. The library should be the heart and soul of every school, the repository of learning, a place for community engagement, a place to encourage wisdom and truth seeking, welcoming to everyone. A library must not be a tool to limit learning.

The fate of Superintendent Tasker-Mitchell is in the hands of the Maryland State Board of Education. Coming from a party that espouses parental rights when it comes to their children's education, it is particularly hypocritical that parents are barred from voicing their opinions, that doors are closed to parents during important decisions, and that parents are cast as aggressors when exercising their rights.

Kudos to the parents of Somerset County who put their children above politics.

Ronald W. Pilling  
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## Grace Center event set for Sept. 11

(Aug. 21, 2025) The community is invited to join friends and neighbors for an unforgettable evening of raffles, prizes and heartfelt community building set against the serene backdrop of the bay.

The Tricky Tray Open House will support the efforts of the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health located in Berlin. The Grace Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing compassionate care and vital

resources to women and families navigating pregnancy, motherhood, and parenting challenges.

Plan your evening on Thursday, Sept.11, anytime between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. to spend some time at The Inn on Turville Creek located at 11450 Gum Point Road in Berlin. Peek inside the newly renovated inn. Enjoy its charm while mingling with friends and supporting a worthy cause that strengthens mothers, families and futures. Try your

luck at winning fabulous prizes donated by many local businesses.

If you own a business and would like to support the cause by serving as a sponsor or by donating gift cards or services to be raffled off that evening, please contact Joann Manole, executive director, at 443-513-4124. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Space is limited so reserve your spot today by emailing [info@gracematernalhealth.org](mailto:info@gracematernalhealth.org).

# More townhomes eyed for West Ocean City

Developers changes plans, opts for duplexes for new project along Route 707

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 21, 2025) A new townhome development in West Ocean City has cleared a planning hurdle at the county level.

What's being called Crepe Myrtle Court received site plan approval from the Worcester County Planning Commission on Aug. 7. The condominium development will have 25 units – 24 duplexes and one single-family home – in a seaside architectural style on a 4.82 acre site on Route 707.

The planning commission approved a waiver for sidewalks four

feet in width instead of five feet as required by county design standards.

Eight duplexes will line the perimeter and another four will be inside a private road loop. Amenities will include a swimming pool, playground, and a dock for waterfront access to Herring Creek. Homes will have one-car, 10x20 foot garages.

Property owner Kathleen Clark is developing the land on her own with architect Keith Iott. Clark previously had planned to develop the property as a complex called Shadyside that would have had more units on the property, but she decided to reduce the density and instead go with duplexes.

An earlier version of the plan was approved by the Worcester County Commissioners at their May 6 meet-

ing in Snow Hill.

For new residential properties in West Ocean City, it's been challenging for developers, because the amount of county water and sewer hookups available – known as equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs – are in short supply, according to attorney Hugh Cropper, who represents Clark and specializes in land use cases.

The reason Crepe Myrtle Court is moving forward, Cropper said, is because it already has EDUs available. He said residential developments in West Ocean City that aren't on public sewer, at least for now, just aren't feasible.

"It takes a very unique property to be developed right now because there's no EDUs and, in my opinion, that's running up the cost of housing," Cropper said. "The only people

developing are people with sewer. I think that's what's driven up the price in West Ocean City. The demand is just – the plant has run out of EDUs and they can't over connect it, so we're at a situation now where we have limited availability."

Cropper said he's a proponent of providing more public sewer and let zoning control growth.

"There's concerns that if you provide too much public sewer there'll be too much growth," he said. "It's both driven by, and constrained, by wastewater."

This is the most recent project along the Route 707 corridor for new residential development. Another project, called Salt Life, opened earlier this year and offers mobile home-style properties aimed at buyers age 55 and up.

# Sponsors sought for memorial golf tourney

Annual tournament serves as major fundraiser for veterans memorial efforts

(Aug. 22, 2025) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is seeking sponsors for its 18th Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament, to be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The event is the major fundraiser for the Foundation's education programs, which include annual field trips for all Worcester County fifth graders to the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

The tournament will feature a scramble best ball format with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is \$150 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, "grab and go" breakfast, lunch and tournament prizes.

Sponsorships are still needed at various levels, ranging from \$125 to \$2,500.

Foundation President Marie Gilmore said sponsor support directly impacts the more than 650 students who visit the memorial each year through the Foundation's programs.

"Since 2007, every fifth-grade student in Worcester County has visited the memorial as part of a special field trip," Gilmore said. "They learn about the military branches, the real-life stories behind the engraved bricks, and the meaning of service and sacrifice."

The tours are run in partnership with the Worcester County Board of Education and feature volunteer docents, as well as demonstrations by JROTC cadets from Stephen Decatur, Snow Hill and Pocomoke high schools. Local Coast Guard members also frequently participate.

"Our foundation covers all costs for these trips, including buses, drivers and educational materials," Gilmore said. "As those expenses grow, we rely more than ever on community support to make this possi-

ble."

The foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and all contributions are tax-deductible. In addition to sponsorships, the Foundation also welcomes donated prizes, gift certificates or items for the tournament's

silent auction.

To sponsor the tournament or donate, contact Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881 or opmarie@aol.com.

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BY ADAM WAGNER AND CHANDI DEITMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Wagner, of Oakland, Calif., is a creative lead at Patreon, a monetization platform for content creators. Chandi Deitmer, of Cambridge, Mass., writes puzzles for Elevate Labs, a brain-training app. They met through an online crossword constructor forum. Adam writes, "We're both used to being the person in a collaboration who pitches the wild, way-too-ambitious ideas and then relies on the other to talk us back down to earth." — W.S.

**ACROSS**  
1 Helpful site for a D.I.Y'er  
5 Thurman of film  
8 Need for a transfer of power?  
12 Make easier to swallow  
16 Basis for a write-off, perhaps  
18 Mann who wrote songs for 1999's "Magnolia"  
19 First name in country  
21 ... something big and rocky with a Space Force base in it  
23 "So weird ..."  
24 New York City's \_\_\_\_ Place  
25 Norse mythology's equivalent of Olympus  
26 Really tipsy  
27 Be possessive?  
28 Auctioneer's cry  
29 ... something pointy grown by Pinocchio  
30 Teeming  
34 "This is the first truth that \_\_\_\_ thine own tongue was guilty of": "All's Well That Ends Well"  
36 Mimic  
37 Rep who's not a Rep.  
38 Music genre associated with the tellum, or reverse mullet

39 ... something conical in a chemistry lab  
46 ... something round and metallic with kanji written on it  
49 Homes for hogs  
50 Run-down  
51 Figure (out)  
52 Disney snow queen  
54 Approves  
55 Many a hangout in Boystown, Chicago  
56 Tolerate  
59 Corner piece  
61 Common remote batteries  
62 In the style of  
63 Children's game phrase that should start the italicized clues ... or a hint to eight squares in this puzzle  
68 [Not another word!]  
69 Location marker on a map app  
70 Novelist James  
71 Mega-store?  
72 Alfred E. \_\_\_\_, mascot of Mad magazine  
74 Long-running drama with the protagonist Olivia Benson, for short  
75 Per \_\_\_\_  
77 Nowhere close  
81 Hall's music partner  
82 Certain water hazard  
84 ... something yellow and happy in a text message  
87 ... something soft and melty in a black tub  
90 Place with moving exhibits

91 Locale for a Snapple fact  
92 G.I. grub  
93 \_\_\_\_ Hammar skjöld, only posthumous winner of a Nobel Peace Prize  
94 Outdoor event with costumes  
96 ... something feathery sipping on nectar  
101 Final four event  
103 Store that sells protein powder  
104 Single facial feature  
105 One of the Jacksons  
107 Onionlike vegetables  
110 New home for a "fresh prince" in a 1990s sitcom  
111 ... something long and painted on a highway  
114 Down in the dumps  
115 Pungent  
116 Crispy tortilla-based dishes  
117 Funerary shroud  
118 Excellent, in 1990s slang  
119 Elect (to)  
120 Herb paired with brown butter in sauces

**DOWN**  
1 ... and so on  
2 One of the text reaction buttons on an iPhone  
3 Showy daisies  
4 Deliberate and unprovoked  
5 A password might be provided with one

6 First letter of "menorah," in Hebrew  
7 "Let's raise our glasses!"  
8 Fortresses  
9 Poet Khayyám  
10 Las Vegas's Harry \_\_\_\_ International Airport  
11 Thieves' place  
12 Wedge placed next to a wheel to prevent it from moving  
13 Iowan, by another name  
14 Sherlock's younger sister on TV  
15 Like the Río de la Plata vis-à-vis the Amazon  
17 Noted N.S.A. whistle-blower  
18 One going fishing  
19 You might get one in a row  
20 Contributes  
22 Source of some base humor, for short?  
26 Fast-food chain founded in New Orleans  
29 Some noblewomen  
30 Happy, dopey, sneezy, sleepy, grumpy and bashful: Abbr.  
31 \_\_\_\_ idéal  
32 Ones making "Out!" cries  
33 Advanced cautiously, front end first  
35 Upgraded with new machinery  
39 Several characters in nonfiction?  
40 Republican politico Haley

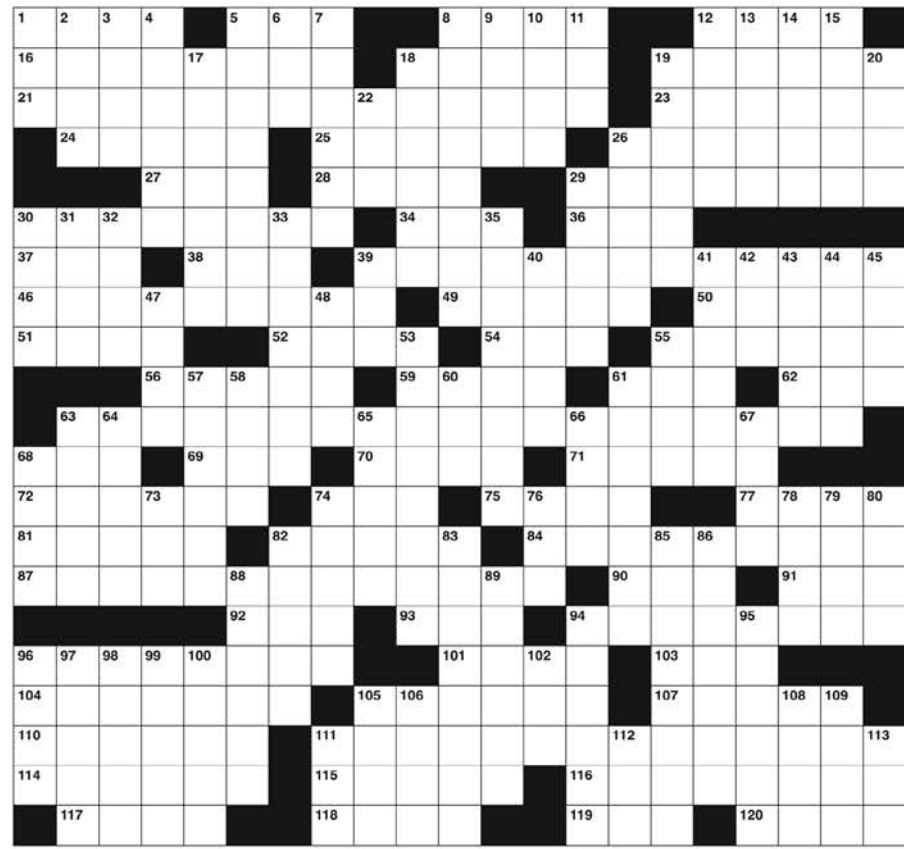
41 Brendan of "The Mummy"  
42 Ballad  
43 Held in check  
44 Tired  
45 Newswoman Phillips  
47 "Please rush!"  
48 Hole for a shoelace  
53 Archer's protection  
55 Fund-raising fete  
57 Way around  
58 "Take that, loser!"  
60 Spanish interjection  
61 Smash to smithereens

63 "Word has it ..."  
64 Sleep, informally  
65 Topsy-turviness  
66 That group  
67 Cheese typically wrapped in paraffin  
68 Sort who won't heed the advice "Don't look down?"  
73 What abuts une côte  
74 Diaphanous  
76 Can you believe it?  
78 An ellipse has two of these  
79 Slightly open

80 Ready to eat  
82 Turn (in)  
83 At all, with "the"  
85 Out of touch for decades, say  
86 Shakespearean potion ingredient  
88 Vacillator's confession  
89 Timeless  
94 Venice's \_\_\_\_ Bridge  
95 Express Amtrak options  
96 Transportation centers  
97 Slightly outdo

98 Brand of wafer  
99 Scrutinize  
100 Animated daughter of King Triton  
102 "Ridiculous!"  
105 Bit of blue on a map of Scotland  
106 Otherworldly glow  
108 Radiohead's first #1 album (2000)  
109 Holdup  
111 Greeting with the hands  
112 \_\_\_\_-eared  
113 Jargon suffix

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- 41 Brendan of "The Mummy"
- 42 Ballad
- 43 Held in check
- 44 Tired
- 45 Newswoman Phillips
- 47 "Please rush!"
- 48 Hole for a shoelace
- 53 Archer's protection
- 55 Fund-raising fete
- 57 Way around
- 58 "Take that, loser!"
- 60 Spanish interjection
- 61 Smash to smithereens
- 63 "Word has it ..."
- 64 Sleep, informally
- 65 Topsy-turviness
- 66 That group
- 67 Cheese typically wrapped in paraffin
- 68 Sort who won't heed the advice "Don't look down?"
- 73 What abuts une côte
- 74 Diaphanous
- 76 Can you believe it?
- 78 An ellipse has two of these
- 79 Slightly open
- 80 Ready to eat
- 82 Turn (in)
- 83 At all, with "the"
- 85 Out of touch for decades, say
- 86 Shakespearean potion ingredient
- 88 Vacillator's confession
- 89 Timeless
- 94 Venice's \_\_\_\_ Bridge
- 95 Express Amtrak options
- 96 Transportation centers
- 97 Slightly outdo
- 98 Brand of wafer
- 99 Scrutinize
- 100 Animated daughter of King Triton
- 102 "Ridiculous!"
- 105 Bit of blue on a map of Scotland
- 106 Otherworldly glow
- 108 Radiohead's first #1 album (2000)
- 109 Holdup
- 111 Greeting with the hands
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## HARD - 72

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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# Library to host Dylan’s festival retrospective

Sixty years after Newport Folk Festival controversy, residents to share views

(Aug. 21, 2025) In the summer of 1965, Bob Dylan and his back-up band plugged in their instruments at the Newport Folk Festival, shocking acoustic purists and changing music forever. Sixty years later, Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett examine the Newport controversy at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m.

Dylan rose to prominence in New York City’s Greenwich Village, and, viewed as the heir-apparent to folk singer Woody Guthrie, gave voice to the civil rights and anti-war movements with songs such as “Blowin’ in the Wind,” performing at Carnegie Hall and at the 1963 March on Washington. He was the obvious headliner for the 1965 Newport Folk Festival on Rhode Island, appearing with Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, Peter, Paul, and Mary, and scores of folk performers from across the country.

He had already stretched folk norms with the release of the album

Bringing It All Back Home earlier in the year, but acoustic tracks such as “Mr. Tambourine Man” kept him in the good graces of traditionalists. Yet Newport organizers should have heeded “Maggie’s Farm” and “It’s All Over Now, Baby Blue,” which foreshadowed his departure from folk music.

“We want to give the larger picture, which shows the 1960s generation was going to express itself through rock music instead of folk music, and that would have happened whether Dylan plugged in or not,” said DeLuco. “Dylan’s act of

defiance at Newport symbolized the change, but the Beatles had as much to do with folk music’s fading relevance as anyone.”

Burkett added, “We’ll address a lot of myths about Newport, too. Was Dylan the first to go electric at Newport? Was he really booed out of the festival? Did Pete Seeger try to chop the power cables with an ax? The story is more complex than most people realize.”

For more information on all Worcester County Library programs, check out the Events page at worcesterlandlibrary.org.

# Paint Worcester County contest announced

Plein air competition artists can apply until Aug. 31 with reception, sale on tap

(Aug. 21, 2025) The Worcester County Arts Council will welcome artists back for the annual Paint Worcester County Plein Air Competition, happening Sept. 14-19.

Artist registration is open, and the deadline to apply is Aug. 31 so don’t miss your chance to be part of this ex-

citing celebration of art and place. For registration details, guidelines, and event updates, visit [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org).

In partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation, this event invites artists from near and far to capture the magic of Worcester County en plein air — painting outdoors, directly from the landscape, the streets and the vibrant community around us and compete for attractive cash prizes.

This year’s competition juror will be William Buchanan, an accomplished painter and former art educator. He brings both deep artistic vision and a heartfelt connection to our region.

The week culminates in a festive Opening Exhibit Reception & Sale on Friday, Sept. 19, from 4-6 p.m. at the Berlin Library Meeting Room. The public is warmly invited to meet the artists, enjoy the freshly painted works, hear the juror’s remarks, and

even take home an original plein air masterpiece. The exhibit will remain on view at the Berlin Library Gallery through Oct. 22.

"Paint Worcester County celebrates the vibrant landscapes and artistic spirit of our community," said Anna Mullis, Executive Director of the Worcester County Arts Council. "We encourage artists to register, and we welcome everyone to join us on Sept. 19 to share in the joy of art, creativity, and community."



## OPEN HOUSES

August 21 - 28



DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
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 3-5pm	8 60th St. #101 The Merdian, OC	4BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$859,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	12301 Jamaica Avenue, C209, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$285,000	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-1pm	602 Crestview Lane, Salisbury	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$575,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10am-3pm	609 Bayshore Drive #32, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$899,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Sat & Sun 10:30am-12:30pm	12301 Jamaica Ave. #122F, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$489,900	Terry Miller/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	11204 Coastal Highway Unit 3C, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$699,900	Tim Meadowcroft/Long & Foster Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	87 Boston Dr, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$359,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
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Wednesday 2-4 pm	609 Bayshore Drive #32, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$899,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
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# Calendar

## Thurs., Aug. 21

### SUMMER SEND OFF

Ocean City beach between Dorchester and Third streets. Hot air balloons, giant kites and laser shows each night (9-10 p.m.). Four days of fun all throughout town. The main event held on two best weather days. [www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/](http://www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/)

### 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.

### OCEAN CITY JEEP FEST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Featured in the OC Inlet will be beach crawls, sand courses, and at the convention center will be Vendor Village, live music, Show & Shine and a kids’ area. Schedule: [www.oceancityjeepfest.com](http://www.oceancityjeepfest.com). 443-366-5944

### ‘SUMMER READING WRAP UP @ BERLIN: FOOD ART’

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Create some food-based art while logging the last of your summer reads. All ages welcome. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### STORY TIME: COLORS ALL AROUND

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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 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](http://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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### SUMMER READING WRAP UP PARTY: OUTSIDE PLAY DAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2-4 p.m. Outdoor games, spray paint art, clay sculptures, bubble station and snacks. Dress for a mess. All ages. If inclement weather, the event will be moved inside. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### COPYCAT ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Design

a canvas in the style of your favorite artist. For ages 6 years and older. Call to register: 410-208-4014. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### THIRD THURSDAY ADULT COLORING

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4:30 p.m. Decompress and enjoy refreshments, coloring activities and trending themes like Coco Wyo. 410-632-3495

### POP CULTURE BOOK CLUB

Game Theory Board Games & Coffee, 1822 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 5 p.m. Featuring “Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection” by John Green. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### 34TH ANNUAL MID ATLANTIC TOURNAMENT

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

### SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Full Circle” (rock and pop), 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 Jada Lee & 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

## Fri., Aug. 22

### SUMMER SEND OFF

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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.

### OCEAN CITY JEEP FEST

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### 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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### LOBSTER ROLL FUNDRAISER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 4-7 p.m. Lobster roll, mac & cheese and Cole slaw for \$20. Benefiting and hosted by VFW Post 2996.

### P.E.P. CLUB

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 5-7 p.m. Join in for a night of creativity and crafts. Menu includes hot dogs, drinks, chips and cookies. [www.oceanpines.org](http://www.oceanpines.org), 410-641-7052

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### SIPPIN' WITH SLOTHS

Coastal Wilds, 34215 Peppers Corner Road, Frankford, 6-8 p.m. Music by Sound Living/Glenn Stern. 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. 23

### SUMMER SEND OFF

Ocean City beach between Dorchester and Third streets. Hot air balloons, giant kites and laser shows each night (9-10 p.m.). Four days of fun all throughout town. The main event held on two best weather days. [www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/](http://www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/)

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

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m.-noon. Pastor Anthony Kent - Associate Ministerial Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-

day Adventists, Silver Spring, MD. [sligochurch.org/sligoibythesea](http://sligochurch.org/sligoibythesea), 301-270-6777

### LOTR ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 12-3 p.m. Solve puzzles, crack riddles and work together to help Bilbo in a new quest involving his infamous ring. Teens welcome. Reservations: 410-957-0878. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### CHILI PEPPERS FESTIVAL

Historic Downtown Berlin, 124 N. Main St., 12-5 p.m. Featuring chili peppers food, sauces, etc; vendors; and Hot Sauce Band, 12-1:30 p.m.; competition, 1:45-2:45 p.m.; Mariachi Los Mensajeros, 3-5 p.m.

### LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. Explore your imagination with LEGO bricks provided by the library. Your creation will be displayed in the library for the next whole month. For ages 6-11 years. 410-641-0650, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

### OCEAN CITY FILM NIGHT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 7-9:30 p.m. Free event. Join us under the stars to watch the next generation of film stars! Bring a chair. If inclement weather, event will be moved inside. 410-524-9433, [megan@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:megan@artleagueofoceancity.org)

### DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS X ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Perdue Stadium, 6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$30. Join the Art League of Ocean City for an exciting evening of baseball, fellowship, and fireworks as part of the Art League Games! Tickets: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/DMVART-OC>. 410-524-9433

### 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. 24

### SUMMER SEND OFF

Ocean City beach between Dorchester and Third streets. Hot air balloons, giant kites and laser shows each night (9-10 p.m.). Four days of fun all throughout town. The main event held on two best weather days. [www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/](http://www.ococean.com/events/summer-send-off/)

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**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 live music by “Bilenki Duo.” <https://ocdc.org>

**SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “The Mashup” (raw, funk, rock), activities and entertainment for the kids. Ice cream available for purchase. Bring picnic baskets & beach chairs. Followed by fireworks.

**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](http://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](http://www.jw.org)

## Mon., Aug. 25

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Members and prospective members gather to socialize and learn about “organizing in rural areas.” <https://dwcmd.org>

**STORY TIME: NATIONAL DOG DAY**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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

**FIBER CRAFT MEET-UP**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4 p.m. Bring your work in progress for community and shared knowledge. Held in the meeting room or in the garden, weather

permitting. 410-632-3495, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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 Champion, 410-641-0157

**OC BEACH DANCE PARTY & FIREWORKDS**  
Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Featuring music by Ocean 98.1 WOCM. Bring chairs and blankets. Fireworks display begins at 9 p.m.

**BRIDGE**  
*Mondays* - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Reserve a spot: Tish, 410-804-3971. [www.Worcoa.org/oceancity](http://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. 26

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

**PLAY TIME**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

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

**CROSS FARMS POP-UP FARMERS MARKET**  
*Tuesdays* - Flower Street Field across from Henry Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting Maryland Department of Agriculture FMNP (WIC & Seniors) Checks and Maryland WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks. Also offering a "Produce Bucks" program, which doubles purchases for eligible residents. [\[linfarmersmarket\]\(http://linfarmersmarket\).](https://www.facebook.com/theber-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.htcanglican.org/activities).

## Wed., Aug. 27

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

**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](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)

**COFFEE & CRAFTS: STAMP MAKING**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join in every month for a new craft. Materials provided. Limit 30. 410-524-1818

**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

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4

p.m. The goal of the group is to provide participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, [Gail.Mansell@TidalHealth.org](mailto:Gail.Mansell@TidalHealth.org)

**MOVIES ON THE BEACH**  
Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring “Moana 2.” Free, family-friendly event. Bring blankets, chairs, snack, drinks and warm clothing. Weather permitting. [www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/](http://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/)

**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](http://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](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

**BUS TRIP TO CAMDEN YARDS FOR DODGERS VS. ORIOLES**  
Game is Sunday, Sept. 7. Bus will depart from Ocean Pines Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$150 and includes seat for the game, bus transportation and food and beverages at the Picnic Perch at Camden Yards. Register: 410-641-7052.

**POLISH FESTIVAL BUS TRIP**  
Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Festival takes place Sept. 7. Cost is \$90 and includes bus transportation, tip and entrance to the festival. Bus will depart from St. Andrew Parish at 7:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 7:45 p.m. For information: Joyce Dabrowski, 410-615-0833, [jhd-abs@hotmail.com](mailto:jhd-abs@hotmail.com). Make checks payable to: Polish American Club of Delmarva and mail to Joyce Dabrowski, 129 Clam Shell Road, Ocean City, MD 21842.

**BUS TRIP TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ‘NOAH’ LIVE ON STAGE**  
Takes place at the Sight & Sound Theater on Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. Cost is \$127 and includes transportation and show ticket. Bus will depart from Ocean Pines Community Center at 9 a.m. Register: 410-641-7052.

**BOARDWALK OTTER HUNT**  
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# Snapshots



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## MAYOR SPEAKS TO CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall at its weekly meeting on Aug. 6. Tyndall discussed the latest developments in Berlin and answered many questions from Kiwanis members. The Kiwanis Club meets again on Wednesdays at the Ocean Pines Library.



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## HERITAGE CENTER BOARD SERVES

Calvin B Taylor House Museum in Berlin holds an annual peach festival to celebrate the local fruit's local history and partake in fellowship. Germantown School Community Heritage Center decided to grill the hotdogs and hamburgers at the event. Pictured are members of the Germantown School's executive board.



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## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club has installed new officers for 2025-2026. Pictured, from left, are Jay Warrington, Sgt. at Arms; Cliff Berg, co-president; Margaret Mudron, co-president and treasurer; and Tom Sweeney, president-elect. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at Don's Seafood at the South Gate of Ocean Pines.



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## OFFICERS GRADUATE

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.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Tim Lund, a former member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City, was the guest speaker at the Aug. 13 weekly meeting. Lund, a Delaware resident, gave up his membership when a change in his work location moved him farther from Ocean Pines meetings. A Merrill Lynch financial advisor, Lund gave a short financial presentation and took questions from the members. From left, are Lund and current President Tom Southwell.

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