GAZETTE BAYSIDE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

BERLIN • NORTH WORCESTER COUNTY• OCEAN PINES



TARA FISCHER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Tech students examine the engines of the Chevy Tahoe donated to the school by the county.

County helps school shift gears

Donation of high-mileage cars to tech school class puts program in overdrive

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Students of Worcester Technical High School's automotive technology program have something old to work on — four Chevy Tahoes donated to the school

by county government.

School Principal Tony Bevilacqua, auto program teacher Tony Saullo and students gathered with county officials and county school Superintendent Annette Wallace last Thursday as the keys and titles to the high-mileage vehicles were handed over to the school. The SUVs had reached the end of their service life per county policy.

Rather than sell the used cars

through an online auction marketplace for a "nominal, one-time return," the county commissioners voted to donate them to the technical school for its automotive technology classes.

"While these aged vehicles may no longer meet county fleet needs, they run just fine and hold tremendous value as training resources for workforce development," said Commis-See BERLIN Page 6

Jobs program helps people in recovery

Town of Berlin joins work program to rebuild resumes

By Tara Fischer Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The Town of Berlin is kicking off a new program this fall that will help people who are in recovery from substance abuse disorders find employment opportuni-

At its meeting on Monday, Sept. 8, the Town Council approved a partnership with the recovery center

non-profit Hope4Recovery Worcester Goes Purple, an really great organization that supports healthy lifestyles, to create the cap for RecoveryWorks Berlin: Opioid Recovery Through **Employment Pro**gram.

'It's just a feather in the Town of Berlin.'

- Sara Gorfinkel

According to Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, the municipality is seeking one to two parttime workers this autumn who are in the process of rehabilitating their

The positions will be paid for by the Opioid Restitution Fund, established with money received through prescription opioid-related legal action. According to a memo to the mayor and council from Sara Gorfinkel, the mayor's executive assistant, \$20,000 is available, with access to over \$30,000 in additional funds to apply to the recovery program. The money will be used to cover training, wages, supervision See VEHICLE Page 4

Kozma Jewelry

Your Custom Design Jeweler Since 1978

e specialize in creating custom-designed jewelry that is as unique as you are.
reate a custom piece, update your current jewelry, or simply explore our collection.

WE BUY Gold & Silver Coins Gold Jewelry • Silver Jewelry • Silverware

D.A. KOZMA JEWELERS RT 50 & 611 in the **FOOD LION SHOPPING CENTER WOC** 410-213-7505 • DAKOZMAJEWELERS.COM

Enjoy 50% off First 3 Months Rent





HARRISON SENIOR LIVING



Assisted Living | Respite | Memory Care Salisbury's Historic "Mansion on the Hill"

Voted Best Assisted Living in Wicomico County 2024 and 2025.

Safety is our Priority!

Newly Installed - Insperien, an industry Leading Artificial Intelligence Camera for fall prevention and care tracking!









Schedule a tour to see our historic renovations at HarrisonSeniorLiving.com



Berlin's Rt. 113 project receives good news

County government helps town's reconnection efforts in wake of revoked funding

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The Worcester County Commissioners last week agreed to help the Town of Berlin secure state funding for the early stages of what could be an audacious public works project after the federal government rescinded nearly \$1 million in grant money.

The commissioners on Tuesday agreed to reallocate \$24,000 in county grant funds toward a Berlin initiative to better connect the downtown and the Flower Street corridors, which are separated by Route 113. Walking paths, bike paths, and pedestrian overpasses to span the busy roadway are all on the table, town leaders say.

Funding for the planning and design phases of the project was supposed to have been paid for by the federal government with a \$1.2 million Reconnected Communities and Neighborhood grant. Berlin did get the first \$250,000 from that grant, but in July, Congress rescinded the remaining \$950,000 in its budget reconciliation bill.

Working with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Berlin sought new funding sources. MDOT let the town know it had located \$643,000 in unspent earmarked federal dollars that the agency could steer toward Berlin's project. However, to accept that money, Berlin must provide a 20% match.

While MDOT gave Berlin a twoyear window to complete the match, the agency only gave Berlin 48 hours to decide whether to claim the funding, town officials said.

At the same time, Worcester County had already given Berlin \$113,000 toward a Rails and Trails project – that's the initiative that builds bike-walk paths parallel to, or in place of, old train tracks – but the funds were restricted to that purpose only.

Berlin's solution to fully funding the 20% match was to formally ask the commissioners to repurpose the Rails and Trails money for the Route 113 project. Adding \$124,000 to another \$104,000 already on hand would bring Berlin to the minimum 20%.

Sara Gorfinkel, executive assistant to Mayor Zack Tyndall, addressed the commissioners on this issue at the meeting because the mayor was unavailable due to a work conflict.

Explaining how Berlin's elected leaders agreed via email vote to pursue this funding solution given the tight timeline, she asked the commissioners for the full \$113,000 from the Rails and Trails fund to be repurposed for the Route 113 project.

"MDOT came to us last week, very last minute, and said that we would be eligible to get earmark funding that was distributed," Gorfinkel said. "It's been 10 years that hadn't been used, and they could redistribute it to the town of Berlin to focus on this project."

Commissioner Eric Fiori asked her why Berlin hadn't used the Rails and Trails money yet. Gorfinkel replied that the death of the town's planning director last year, Dave Engelhart, slowed the process, and as a result that project was not ready to move forward.

Fiori came close to sidelining the issue for a later date, saying he felt that the issue – which came as a literal last-minute addition to the com-

missioners' agenda Tuesday – was being rushed and lacked detail.

"I have to make the motion to table this until the next meeting, because I just don't think we're 100% prepared for this," he said. "Obviously, I don't want to hold up money for the town of Berlin or anything you guys want to do with it. I just don't know if due process has been followed on this. I'd like to see that before we move the money."

However, after some discussion among the commissioners, in consideration of the short timeline to confirm the 20% match, they agreed to move \$24,000 from Rails and Trails funding and would reconsider moving the remainder of the \$113,000 in the future. The vote was 6-1, with Commissioner Jim Bunting voting

Combining that \$24,000 county funds to another \$104,000 already on-hand for Berlin gets the town to the minimum threshold for a 20% match, which would be \$128,000.

(Technically, 20% of \$643,000 is \$128,600. But \$128,000 is the amount Berlin cited in its written request to the county.)

Up next, the town will ramp up a public comment about the Route 113 project through community meetings, Mayor Tyndall said in an interview Wednesday.

He said the plan to bridge the divide between Berlin's west and east sides, cleaved by Route 113, has been in the works for years.

"What it truly means is, we are looking at how we overcome the highway infrastructure that divides the See BERLIN Page 4



Berlin work program helps rebuild resumes

Continued from Page 1 and administrative costs.

Tyndall said the intent is that the endeavor will be long-lasting, and that the financial assistance for the project is "not something [the town] is anticipating drying up.

"It is a recurring revenue stream from the Opioid Restitution Fund that should continue for many years down the road," the mayor said. "We're not going to start this program and then have funding dry up. And, if needed, we can apply for more grant funding."

The program aims to help people who have employment gaps on their resumes that prevent them from securing meaningful work. Berlin's initiative will bridge those lapses. The hope is that the part-time job will lead to full-time roles with either the municipality or another employer.

"The funding has to be used in a way that leads to something that helps recovery," Tyndall said. "We tried to think about the best way to do that, and what we settled on is a program in partnership with Hope4Recovery and Worcester Goes Purple that allows the town to work with those organizations to help folks that are in recovery toward getting employment on their resume that hopefully springboards into something

that further allows them to reenter the work force and do well in their lives. We want to be helpful in that approach."

The town jobs will likely be with the public works department. The individuals hired will assist department personnel with activities such as events, setting up and breaking down equipment and supporting beautification efforts downtown, including watering, weeding and park maintenance

According to Gorfinkel's memo to the council, to be eligible, applicants must be enrolled and in good standing with a recognized recovery program and cannot have a history of violent offenses.

Treatment facilities will vet the applicants. From there, they will undergo the normal hiring process with the Town of Berlin. Furthermore, a standard job description will be created outlining responsibilities and education requirements. The post would not be released to the public, but instead would be sent to the recovery centers, which would screen potential candidates.

Tyndall said town staff are working out the details of what they would expect in this type of role, but hope to get the program started within the next few weeks.

The recovery project would cement Berlin as a safe space for those seeking treatment from addiction, town officials said.

"There's a whole movement," Gorfinkel said. "Other parts of the state are already engaged in a recovery-friendly workplace movement, and now Berlin would be able to be the first place on the Eastern Shore that is moving in that direction as well. The Town of Berlin is becoming a recovery-friendly workplace ... it's just a really great feather in the cap for the Town of Berlin."

The motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between

the town and Hope4Recovery and Worcester Goes Purple for Recovery-Works passed easily, with Council members Steve Green, Shaneka Nichols and Jay Knerr voting for it. Councilman Jack Orris abstained due to being employed by the health department and Councilman Dean Burrell was absent.

"I think [RecoveryWorks] has the potential to be a win-win for everyone, the Town of Berlin, your organization and the folks that are looking for a new beginning," Green told Gorfinkel. "From a humanitarian perspective, this checks all the boxes."

Berlin looks to reconnect town

Continued from Page 3

Town of Berlin in half," he said. "Everything is on the table: improved lighting, better crosswalks, sidewalks, maybe a pedestrian bridge."

He said Route 113 crosspoints under consideration for improvements include Route 50 across from Atlantic General Hospital, at Bay Street, and at the Germantown Road/South Main Street intersection

An eventual Rails and Trails proj-

ect would link Berlin to Snow Hill on a biking and walking trail, which dovetails with the master plan for greenways recently adopted by the county, Tyndall added.

Berlin has been split by Route 113 for nearly 70 years. The predecessor of today's State Highway Administration, The Maryland State Roads Commission, began construction of what was called the Berlin bypass in 1955 and opened the road in 1957, according to state archives.



24 Hour Awake Staff
All Private Rooms & Baths
Three Home-Cooked Meals a Day!
All Inclusive Pricing
In-House Doctor Visits

In-House Doctor Visits
VA and MAC Subsidy Approved
Respite Care and Hospice Care

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





Keep creating. Keep charting your course.

For some, painting is a passion. For others, it's a way of life. A story told one brushstroke at a time.

Your art captures more than beauty — it reflects resilience, reflection, and joy. And while life doesn't always stay within the lines, creativity finds a way forward.

At TidalHealth, we're here to care for your health so you can keep focusing on what matters most—your next masterpiece.

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



Vehicle donation puts auto class in high gear

Continued from Page 1

sioner President Ted Elder in the county-issued memo. "When you weigh the benefits, donating these vehicles just makes good sense."

According to Bevilacqua, the cars will join the auto program's fleet of vehicles used for mechanical lessons. It also helps that the cars are the same year and model.

"When [Saullo] is teaching something specific like brakes and rotors, it gives the students pretty much the same experience because he can then tailor the lesson, so they are doing the same thing on four of the same vehicles, as opposed to having four different vehicles where it's going to be different," Bevilacqua said.

Not only will the Tahoes offer additional educational resources to the tech school, but they are also another step in raising the profile of the school's career programs.

"Auto kind of goes underrepresented sometimes," Bevilacqua said, adding that the school's engineering and biomedical science departments are frequently recognized, while programs like auto technology and cosmetology go more under the radar despite their great success.

Both cosmetology and auto have 100% state exam pass rates, meaning that when the students finish the pro-



State, county, and school officials meet outside the garage bay doors at Worcester Technical High School, as WTHS Automotive Technology (AT) Program Instructor Tony Saullo and Worcester County Fleet Maintenance Superintendent Derrick Babcock exchanged the keys and titles to four retired Chevy Tahoe SUVs. Those pictured include Delegate Wayne Hartman (front row, from left), Saullo, Babcock, and Commissioner Vice President Eric Fiori; and Commissioner President Ted Elder (second row, from left), Superintendent of Schools Dr. Annette Wallace, WTHS Principal Tony Bevilacqua, and students in the AT program.



13 DOG LEG COURT **INNERLINKS · OCEAN PINES**

- Elegant home on 17th hole Robert Trent Jones championship course
- Resurfaced hardwood floors, new LVP & custom window treatments
- Gourmet kitchen all-new appliances, Corian counters & breakfast bar
- · Living room gas fireplace & whole-home Bose
- music system. Primary BR California Closet & spa-inspired BA
- new tiled shower & glass door. Back deck with retractable awning & views of lush
- Recent upgrades: new roof, hot water heater, irrigation system
- Amenity-rich area with pools, trails, Yacht club
- Ocean City is a few miles away



5 LAPORT COURT OCEAN PINES

- · Elevated home on cul-de-sac lot with 120+ feet of bulkhead
- 8K lbs. boat lift close to bay with no bridges! · Waterfront decks & oversized screened porch
- with Vinyl Tech windows.
- Renovated kitchen newer appliances with wet bar opens to living & dining areas
- · Hardwood floors flow throughout main spaces Sunroom year-round enjoyment & gorgeous
- waterfront views
- Primary suite updated BA double sinks & custom
- Primary Suite multiple private decks
- Garage/basement, carport & room for entertaining New roof Feb 2023

\$749,900

Call Now for Your Private Showing!



27 HATTERAS STREET OCEAN PINES THE PARKE 55+ COMMUNITY

- Enjoy the best years in community known for charm & amenities.
- Open lavout Villa has hardwood floors throughout &
- remodeled kitchen. · Sunroom wall to wall windows across back of house has
- wooded area views · Primary suite walk-in closet, spa-like BA with dual
- sinks & seated shower.
- Modern updates newer roof, HVAC & hot water heater.
- · Encapsulated crawl space for protection & energy

\$318,000

- · 1-car garage & 2 separate driveways
- Negotiable furnishings available
- · Clubhouse, indoor 55' heated pool, fitness center
- shared library & walking trails
- · Minutes to Ocean City beaches

Tech school is steering futures

a 100% pass rate. He puts

these kids to work, making

good money.'

School Principal

Tony Bevilacqua

gram and are required to take their certification boards, every student leaves the school with the ability to work in the trade.

"We have a 100% pass rate for the cosmetology exam, where the state is like 60%, and everyone is calling and saying, 'How are you all doing it?'" Bevilacqua said. "Same thing with [Saullo]. He is the opposite end, for the guys. So, cosmetology is killing it. Auto is killing it. [Saullo's] got a 100% pass rate. He puts these kids to work, making good money."

To maintain that level of success schoolwide, Bevilacqua said the

school's vision is for 100% of its students to be enrolled, enlisted or employed upon graduation. To promote this mission, each fall, from September to the end of October, Bevilacqua and his vice principal meet

with every senior, asking them about their post-school plans.

The administration team will catch up with these students again in December, January and the spring to gauge their progress. Administrative personal also reach out to the guidance counselors at other local schools to help students who need that extra push to the finish line.

'What we've found is students will say, 'I started my Wor-Wic application, but I haven't completed it.' They need help. 'I don't know what to do for FAFSA (federal student aid).' They'll say, 'I want to do an apprenticeship, but I don't know where to get started.' They'll say, 'I'm going to go to work," Bevilacqua said. "They're going to say those things. So, then the next round is, we want to find out, 'Where are you at in all that? Did you finish your application? Did you get FAFSA started?

"That has been our focus. It's making sure no one falls through the cracks," the principal continued. "We know their names, we know their strengths and then we find out our seniors and what their needs are.' And we can email Pocomoke High and say, 'These students said that they're stuck on their Wor-Wic applications.

'They're like, 'I'm on it.' And then those kids come back the next day and say, 'What did you do? My guidance counselor pulled me off the bus and made me come in and finalize all this.' I think we've got a good system,

and if we can continue that, then 'Auto is killing it. [Saullo's] got everybody is in a purposeful, meaningful space when they graduate."

School leaders and local officials agree that they would like to see graduates remain in

the area, where they can maintain and improve services and quality of life on the Eastern Shore.

In addition to helping the school, the donation of the cars helps the relationship between the school and county government.

"Donating these surplus vehicles is such a win for everyone," said County Commissioner Eric Fiori. "The students gain valuable experience working on these late-model SUVs, our businesses benefit from a stronger pipeline of skilled workers and our citizens know that their tax dollars are being invested wisely stretched as far as possible.'

Residents or businesses who have working vehicles they no longer need, are invited to donate them to the school's auto program. Those interested can contact the WCPS Finance Office at 410-632-5063.





FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Aside from the funded relocation and replacement of an existing pump station located in the middle of the street, the future redesign of a new West Street is unknown at this time.



Licensed & Insured • MHIC 05-136088
410.697.3167 • 4th Generation
www.accurate-asphalt.com
info@accurate-asphalt.com

West Street overhaul eyed in Berlin but plans unclear

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The Town of Berlin is working towards improving the roadway and utilities on West Street. This project would include readjusting pump stations, addressing stormwater challenges and enhancing public safety with the implementation of a sidewalk.

At the Berlin Mayor and Council meeting on Monday night, Nick Bradley, an engineer with the firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel, provided the public and governing body with an update on improvements to West Street. According to Bradley, the initiative was kick-started initially to assess the feasibility of a bike lane on West Street. The engineer said that during the preliminary planning period, "it became very obvious that the existing utilities and infrastructure would have to be repaired and replaced as part of this project."

Mayor Zack Tyndall said that a bike lane was expressed as a desire by residents who had concerns about pedestrian safety on the roadway. However, per this week's project presentation, the possibility of that amenity on West Street has been vastly diminished.

"We discussed, 'Is there an ability to add some sort of area where people can still walk and bike, in addition to having car traffic?' But it turns out there isn't, without really addressing the overall street itself," Tyndall said.

The scope of the original work would have included modifying the existing roadway to fit a bike lane, designing and installing a sidewalk along West Street, relocating the existing West Street pump station out of the roadway, replacing aging and sewer utilities within the roadway, extending the water main to provide service along Buckingham Lane and reducing localized flooding experienced along West Street. The revised project will now be broken up into phases and will focus on utility improvements and a sidewalk, rather than the initial bike lane

Bradley's presentation noted that the new phased approach was determined to be necessary "due to the significant increases in the construction cost estimates for the original scope, caused by the anticipated needs for resolving the localized flooding issues," and "due to the rapidly deteriorated state of the existing West Street pump station."

Phase one of the endeavor will primarily target pump station replacements. On the south side of the intersection of Bottle Branch Road and West Street is the larger of the West Street pump stations, which Bradley said is deteriorating at a quick pace. To maintain the site, town staff have been visiting it every one to two weeks, and due to its location within the roadway, portions of West Street must be shut down during the frequent repairs.

On the north side of West Street are two smaller pump stations. The town owns one, and the other is privately owned. Both sites serve two homes, Bradley said. As part of phase one of the improvement initiative, both pump stations would be removed and consolidated into a single system to support all four houses. The initial stage will also see the replacement of aged water and sewer utilities in the areas being disturbed.

Phase one is currently in design and permitting and is "moving along at a pretty quick pace," Bradley noted. Construction costs for the first chunk of work are estimated at around \$1 million.

Staff agreed finances are currently sufficient for the pump station rearrangement work. Jamey Latchum, the town's water resources director, noted that earlier this summer, the municipality signed a letter of intent to buy a factory-built Smith and Loveless Everlast Series 3000 pumping station to replace the current equipment at the larger of the West Street pump sites, for \$137,708. The decision was made to sign the purchase agreement with the company to avoid future price hikes.

Lathcum added that factoring in the \$137,000 already pledged, that leaves approximately \$1.35 million budgeted to complete the pump station work.

"Right now, we are budgeted, but as we proceed, I am hoping we stay bud-See WEST Page 10





SELBYVILLE

Open 11am Every Day

Happy Hour 2-5pm Every Day

Friday, September 12 \$22.99 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT RIBS, SHRIMP & SIDES ALL DAY

SPECIALS ALL DAY

(Selbyville Location Only)

Sunday: Happy Hour All Day Tuesday: 25% Off Burgers

Wednesday: 25% Off Cheesesteaks

Thursday: 25% Off Entrees

Saturday: 25% Off Margaritas

38223 Dupont BLVD., Selbyville, DE • 302-988-2220 • pitandpub.com

Berlin continues next well site evaluations

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The Town of Berlin is looking to install a new well, with the initial plan to implement a test site on municipal property to ensure water flow is between the desired 600 and 800 gallons per minute.

At its meeting earlier this week, the Town Council agreed to allow Somerset Well Drilling Co. to install a well test site on 113 Flower Street at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, per the recommendation of engineering consultant Davis, Bowen & Friedel. The funding is designated in the fiscal year 2026 budget for Capital Outlay Equipment.

Sieve samples will be collected at the site, and a geophysical log will be conducted. Town Director of Water Resources Jamey Latchum said that first, the location's flow rate will be evaluated. If the capacity is adequate, a water quality test will follow.

Berlin is going through the process of installing a new well to ensure the town's water supply remains stable. According to Latchum, most of the municipality's wells were installed in the 1950s, except for the one on Branch Street, which was replaced a few years back.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall noted that a new site will prevent any future issues if an existing well became nonoperational for a time. "The infrastructure is not something we feel comfortable saying, 'Let's not build another well," Tyndall said. "We were in a position where one of our largest wells was out of service, and that led to us having to plan for, 'What happens if we have to ration water?' We didn't have to, but we don't really want to be in that position as a town."

The Flower Street site is not the first location to be tested. The town inspected a piece of land near Atlantic General

Hospital, but Latchum said the flow rate was not sufficient at less than 400 gallons per minute.

"That's not where we want to be," he said

That initial pilot hole was drilled to about 135 feet, a bit deeper than the standard 115-125 feet wells currently in town. Councilman Jay Knerr asked if digging even deeper would have yielded higher water capacity. Latchum maintained that the water quality status would have outweighed any benefit to the flow rate.

"We [would be] looking at a good substantial increase in budget because... we'd probably have to build a treatment plant," Latchum replied. "We are trying to stay away from that right now because ... We have three wells in town that need no treatment other than two chemicals."

The test site was approved unanimously by the council, with Dean Burrell, the body's vice president, absent.

West St. improvements discussed

Continued from Page 8 geted," said Natalie Saleh, Berlin's finance director.

A bid for the pump station replacement phase is likely to go out in December or January, Lathcum said. The project may begin in March or April, with an expected completion by October or November of 2026.

Once the pump station relocation phase is finalized, the town hopes to move on to phase two. This portion of the West Street endeavor would primarily focus on roadway improvements and fixing the existing flooding issues.

"The reason is if you don't fix the flooding issues, anything you install there is going to break down over time, and you're going to decrease the value of whatever you installed if you don't address the flooding issues first," Bradley said

Phase two would require the upsizing of the existing storm drain network system.

"As part of phase two, not only are we upsizing pipes, but we're also having to install an offline detention facility," the engineer added. "Essentially, when you upsize pipes, you need to move that water somewhere else to contain it offsite before it goes wherever it ends up going offsite. Really, you're trying to make sure you don't flood anyone else's downstream."

According to Bradley, an offline detention facility for this project would need to be located downstream of Bottle Branch Road, where West Street interconnects to it, or located near Bottle Street along West Street. This would require purchasing property not currently owned by the town.

Phase two also includes the installation of a sidewalk along West Street.

The second portion of the work is awaiting additional funding and the availability of properties to establish a detention facility. Construction costs for this phase are estimated at around \$1.25 million, excluding the cost of upsizing the conveyance system and the acquisition of land. If the upsized pipes were factored in, the price tag would likely increase to around \$2.5 million, according to town officials.

The municipality's governing group noted that they would like to see the project further broken down, adding a third phase, which would be determining where an offline retention facility could be established.

At the conclusion of Bradley's presentation, he touched on where a bike lane, the project's initial dream, could fit in amongst all the improvement work. The analysis revealed that this type of roadway addition may be too complicated, and pedestrian efforts should instead prioritize a sidewalk.

"I love a bike lane, but I think it is going to make West Street really difficult to navigate," Tyndall said.

Phase one of the West Street improvements, which includes the relocation of the pump station, is underway. The following steps require additional planning and funding before they can be promised.



3 BR, 3 BA CUSTOM-BUILT COASTAL HOME



10 CANNON DRIVE • OCEAN PINES

Opportunity knocking for you to own the home of your dreams! This custom-built 1 story design has 1786 square feet of Coastal Contemporary living space that includes 3 bathrooms- one for each of the bedrooms. New carpeting just installed in the living spaces and 2 bedrooms. The open floor plan from the front entrance hall shows the full length of the home. Its bright Sunroom has walls of windows with views of the rear yard that is fenced in for approximately 38 x 17 feet. Primary bedroom has a large walk-in-closet and a whirlpool tub and shower. Located on a corner lot on a quiet street close to the South Gate and Yacht Club and pools. 2 car garage has a pull downstairs for attic storage and a driveway for 4 additional cars. Separate laundry room with newer washer and dryer replaced in 2019. Roof was replaced in 2021 and garage door and hot water heater in 2019. Easy to see.

the et. and the et

WAS \$485,000. NEW PRICE \$469,900





HARBOR MARINE

WINTER BOAT STORAGE

410-213-2296

Boat Storage, Winterizing & Shrink Wrap Available for all Makes & Models

Trailer & Boat Storage by the Day, Week, Month or Season

OPEN YEAR ROUND!

SYAMAHA

12731 Sunset Avenue • Located 1 Block from the Worcester County Boat Ramp in West Ocean City

Family Owned & Operated for 48 Years

410-213-2296 www.harbormarineoc.com

©2025 BHH Affiliates, LLC. An independently owned and operated franchisee of BHH Affiliates, LLC. Berkshire HomesServices and the Berkshire
Hathaway HomeServices symbol are registered service marks of the HomeServices of America, Inc.® Equal Housing Opportunity.

Route 50 bridge closure planned for early January

Two-week shutter will allow repairs to key equipment

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Repairs will close the Route 50 bridge into Ocean City for several weeks and vehicular traffic will be detoured around Route 90 through Ocean Pines, according to the State Highway Administration.

Starting January 5, State Highway Administration (SHA) crews are scheduled to work on the Harry W. Kelley Memorial Bridge's interlocking system that connects draw spans when they are closed.

The project will require the bridge to be closed to vehicular traffic. All motorists will be detoured to Route 90 for a period of 15 days, with work scheduled to end Jan. 20.

Work also will close the Sinepuxent Bay channel to all marine traffic for a period of about 75 days, through March 20.

Motorists also can expect intermittent, periodic lane closures throughout the work period with traffic being diverted to MD 90 through MD 589, according to SHA. The project window closes in March.

Concrete repair work continues on the underside deck of the bridge to remove and replace spalling concrete using hydro-blasting. Single-lane closures will be scheduled throughout 2025 and into 2026.

Other work in recent years to the 83-year-old bridge has concentrated on replacing rivets, some purloins, and work on the machinery of the draw span, SHA said.

Correction

Last week, an article headlined, "Committee considers Ocean Pines aquatic improvements" ran in The Bayside Gazette, where the quote, "I was kind of shocked by the condition of the Swim and Racquet building ... I was shocked about it because it's in bad shape. My sister went into the bathroom, and she said, 'That was interesting. It's like a cave in there.' You can't even really see where you're walking. It's very dark," was incorrectly attributed to aquatics committee member Vivian Koroknay. The statement was not made by Koroknay, but a different member of the aquatics advisory group. We regret the error.

Your Online Community: www.baysideoc.com



Come See the Experts!

RENTAL CARS AUTO DETAILING AVAILABLE AVAILABLE

Most Vehicles

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

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



PARKING **AFTER**

Huge Box Cards Inventory, PSA/SGC Grading & Graded Cards, Jerseys, Pokémon, Collectibles



JUST ARRIVED!

Garbage Pail Kids

Obsidian Soccer

RacetrackOC.com

Need Automotive, Body or Marine Repair?

Visit One of Our 3 Locations:

RACETRACK AUTO & TIRE CENTER

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

RACETRACK MARINE & BOAT SALES

10438 Racetrack Road, Berlin 410-641-5204

RACETRACK AUTO & BODY SHOP

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

POKEMON IN STOCK MASTER S

Paradox Riff **Obsidian Flames Brilliant Stars**

Battle Styles Scarlet Violet Base **Chilling Reins**

Modern 151 Celebration

New Arrivals: White Flair/Black Bolt



Soon: English Mega Evolution





'25 Topps Chrome Logofractor Baseball \$125





NOW IN STOCK!

Topps Chrome

Star Wars

10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS AD

September Hours: Sun-Thurs 9am-6pm • Fri & Sat 9am-7pm 302.537.6330 • BethanySportsCardsPlus.com 123 Garfield Pkwy, Unit 7, Bethany Beach, DE

WOC rental licenses revoked over parking

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Worcester County zoning officials have revoked rental licenses from select homeowners in one West Ocean City neighborhood because their rental properties failed to meet county-mandated parking requirements.

Homeowners at The Landings at Bayside, a community of single-family homes and townhouses along Route 611, were informed by mail last month that their rental license was "issued in error and is no longer valid."

A total of 16 letters went out, according to Jennifer Keener, the county's director of Development Review and Permitting. Several letters obtained by OC Today-Dispatch gave detailed explanations to each homeowner explaining how their rental property isn't code compliant.

According to the county's zoning code, for any unit to be rented on a short-term basis – that's 28 days or fewer – it must provide an additional off-street parking space beyond the two required.

However, this rule only applies to homes built after January 1, 2020, which affects nearly all the recently built townhouses built in The Landings, according to Keener.

She said eight licenses were revoked from rental townhouses because they didn't have a dedicated third parking space.

"While there is parking within the

common areas of the multi-family sections, the spaces are not allocated to any individual unit. If adequate parking is assigned for this purpose in the future, short-term licenses may be reinstated," Keener explained in an email.

Another eight rental licenses were pulled from single-family homes with short-term rental licenses built after January 2020. To meet the requirements ahead of a license revocation, Keener said these homeowners have been contacted about installing a third parking space on their lot. Stacked parking and garage spots don't count.

According to Keener, these parking problems came to light after hearing from homeowners and other parties in The Landings. Some were concerned that short-term rentals generated unwanted traffic. County officials visited and did a walk-through, with an eye on parking and public safety.

As a result, the county conducted an internal audit of rental licenses issues in the development and found that some short-term rental licenses had, in fact, been issued erroneously, according to Keener.

Brian Davis was one of the eight single-family homeowners who received a letter from the county. It said he had to apply for a zoning permit to widen his driveway. The county gave him 12 months to complete the work.

"When we bought the home, we under-

stood they allowed short-term rentals in the development," he said. "We saw there were people short-term renting. When I looked online at what the requirements were —you know, three parking spaces, two of them unstacked, it did not say the third parking spot had to be unstacked."

A cybersecurity expert who lives fulltime in New Jersey, Jones said he visits Ocean City often to enjoy his beach house at The Landings. He said he's noticed the community has been full of chatter in person and on social media about how short-term renters are the problem – which he disagrees with.

"There's no mark on somebody's head that says I'm a short-term renter or I'm a long tern resident to identify where the problem is. That leads me to believe there's a prejudice or a stigma, a jealousy against people who short-term rent theirs out. Otherwise, there's no way to say this is because of short-term renters. You can't honestly say that," he said.

Another Landings homeowner who occasionally rents out his single-family property said he's upset by the county's decision and believes homeowners property and free speech rights are being violated.

A full-time Delaware National Guardsman, Rob Knauer says he's leading the charge by rallying a cohort of homeowners who aren't happy with how this is playing out. He feels the HOA wrongly went on the offense, trying to squeeze out short-

term renters by calling in county officials.

He has asked the county for a "collaborative resolution" that would reinstate short-term licenses, clarify the rules about when a third space is needed, and to verify any community complaints.

"People bought the homes with the intent to rent their properties responsibly under the HOA's guidance," he said. "Instead of following a democratic process, if you will, through bylaws or whatever, they pressured the county to pull everybody's licenses."

Added Knauer: "The board is holding those parking spaces basically hostage as a means to ban short term rentals in the community. Everything's being stripped from the homeowners and it's very unfortunate. It's unjust, in my opinion."

Charlie Crawford, current president of The Landings homeowners association, declined to comment by phone other than to say it's a county issue based on rental license law, not an HOA issue.

A note sent to residents by community management company Legum & Norman offered refunds for canceled rentals as a result of people losing their rental licenses.

"While it is unfortunate that this regulation was not more clearly emphasized in the [short-term rental] application process, it remains a County requirement that all short-term rental properties must meet," the note said.



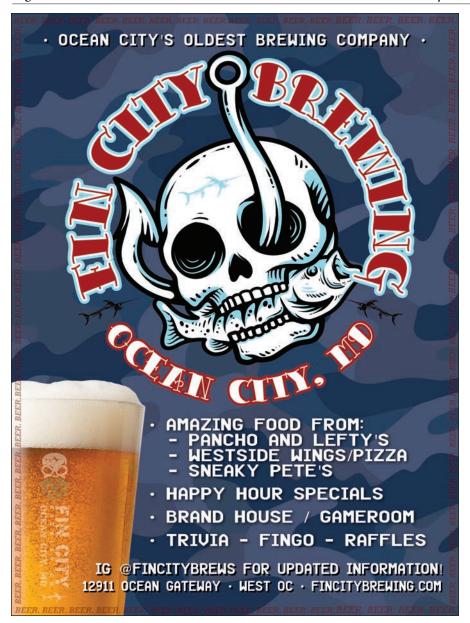
WATCH ALL NFL GAMES LIVE SUNDAYS AT THE CLUBHOUSE!



OPEN DAILY AT 8A.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

410.641.7222



WARCESTER DEMOCRATS

Annual Kennedy King Dinner October 9, 2025 6:30PM **Worcester Technical High School**

Please Join Us to Honor **County Commissioner Diana Purnell**



\$100 per person \$750 table sponsorship

For reservations and/or questions please email lainerad@comcast.net

Please make checks payable and mail to:

DCCWC PO Box 1582 Berlin, Md. 21811



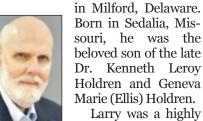
Cherie McNett, Treasurer

Obituaries

LARRY ELLIS HOLDREN

Ocean Pines

Larry Ellis Holdren, age 83, of Ocean Pines, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Bayhealth Hospital



Larry Holdren

respected figure in the coastal real estate com-

munity. As the founder of Larry Holdren Real Estate, Inc., he faithfully served the region for 54 years, maintaining professional licensure in both Maryland and Delaware. Since 1971, he dedicated himself to the real estate market in Ocean City, Maryland, with particular focus on the Montego Bay Community. Through decades of service, he not only witnessed Montego Bay's growth but contributed meaningfully to its development, including his service on the Montego Bay Civic Asso-

A man of deep Christian faith, Larry was a devoted and long-standing member of Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, where he worshipped and served faithfully for over 52 years. His commitment to the church and its mission was a central part of his life. Larry will be remembered for his unwavering faith, professional excellence, and enduring love for his family, church, and community. His legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the community he helped build.

Above all, Larry was a loving and devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his four children: Carrie Holdren-Serrell, Larry E. Holdren II, Scott L. Holdren, and Donna C. Holdren. He also leaves behind three cherished grandchildren-Hannah, Philip, and Erika; his brother, Robert L. Holdren; his son-in-law, Philip Serrell; and his daughter-in-law, Nery Holdren.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years, Donna K. Holdren, with whom he shared a life rooted in faith, family, and service to others.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. A memorial service celebrating Larry's life will take place on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Atlantic United Methodist Church, located on 4th Street in Ocean City. An additional visitation will be held one hour prior to the serv-

Expressions of sympathy and letters of condolence may be shared with the www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to The Burbage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Donna K. Holdren Praver Shawl Ministry at Atlantic United Methodist Church, a ministry dear to both Larry and Donna's hearts.

JOE REYNOLDS

Ocean Pines

John Joseph Reynolds III (Joe) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at his home in Ocean



Joe Revnolds

Pines. He was the son of the late John Joseph Reynolds, Jr. and Dorothy (McKenna) Revnolds.

During a long career in writing and photography, Reynolds was an active member of the Outdoor Writers Asso-

ciation of America and served on the association's Board of Directors. After a successful career as a full-time freelance writer and photographer, including an eight-year stint as Eastern Editor for Field & Stream magazine, Joe and his wife Jeanette moved to Ocean Pines on Maryland's Eastern Shore in 1989.

Reynolds received numerous awards for his writing and photography, including selection for the coveted Nikon Outdoors Photographers Showcase. The State of Maryland selected Reynolds as Travel Writer of the Year in 1982. He also received the Gurney Godfrey Award, presented by the Maryland Fly Anglers, for "Outstanding Achieve-



Obituaries

ments and Continued Dedication to Conservation as Related to Maryland Fishing."

In 1985 he was given an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Master Anglers Association, known as "the world's most exclusive group of sport fishermen."

He was a lifelong, avid fly fisherman, and hosted the Maryland Public Television series Goin' Fishin' produced by Anne Darlington in the early 1970s.

Reynolds was one of the pioneers in developing online communities, beginning in the early 1980s with outdoorsrelated forums on CompuServe. Those communities became some of the most popular on CompuServe until Reynolds left in 2000. He also developed successful forums on The Microsoft Network over a two-year period. A Microsoft press release at the time called Reynolds one of the "super stars" of the Internet. In 1995, Reynolds and Outdoors Network received accolades and a nomination for the coveted ComputerWorld-Smithsonian Awards for "Heroic Achievement in Information Technology" for creating Outdoor Bytes, a magazine-on-a-disk. A copy of the project is in a time capsule at the Smithsonian.

In 2004 Reynolds created the Ocean-PinesForum.com website where for over 20 years community members and officials of the Ocean Pines Association, the second largest HOA in Maryland, discussed issues related to all aspects of the community and management of the HOA. As publisher and editor, he wrote extensively about news, life and politics in Ocean Pines. He doggedly pursued presenting facts to his readership. OceanPinesForum.com was named Business of the Year by the Ocean Pines Area Chamber of Commerce in 2007.

Working with local community leaders and state legislators, Joe was instrumental in ensuring passage of state legislation to provide the Ocean Pines Association with annual impact funding from Ocean Downs Casino.

Joe is remembered for his sense of humor, integrity, fairness and humility. He enjoyed boating and spending time with his family most of all.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Jeanette (Daum), daughter Jennifer (Christopher), three granddaughters, Julia, Jessica and Anna, as well as his brothers Michael, Mark (Jean) Paul (Marie) and Carroll (Paulette).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Joseph Reynolds IV.

Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, 2025. Holy Savior Catholic Church, 1705 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Mount de Sales Academy was very

dear to Joe. If you feel so moved, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joe's name to Mount deSales Academy, 700 Academy Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 or online at: https://www.mountdesalesacademy.or g/giving/make-a-gift

ROELOF HUBERTUS OOSTVEEN

Ocean Pines

Roelof Hubertus Oostveen, affectionately known as Dutch, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, at



Roelof Oostveen

the age of 93. Dutch was one of seven children born in Eygelshoven, Holland to the late Roelof Oostveen and Elisabeth van de Hoeff on October 16, 1931. He was educated in the Eygelshoven school

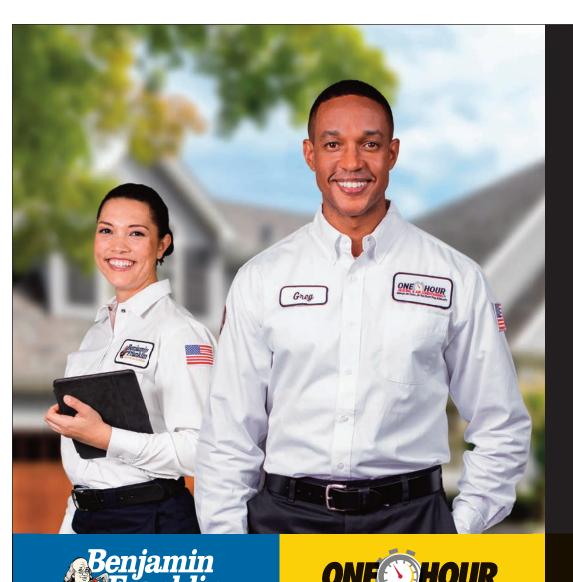
system. He served as a Green Beret of the Netherlands. On May 2nd, 1957, he married Maria Fernanda Peters and from this union they had three children; Roelof (Rob), Mary-Ann and Timothy. In 1958, with his wife, eldest son Rob, and \$50, they immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands. Dutch was a deeply religious man. He was a member of St. John Neumann for 32 years and he joined Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

after moving to Easton. You could find him at church, bible study or the widows group every week. Dutch was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Fernanda Oostveen on December 13, 2015, she was 83 years old. Dutch leaves to cherish his memories his children, Roelof F. Oostveen (Jeannie) of Eldersburg, Mary-Ann E. Milligan (Scott) of Easton and Timothy C. Oostveen of Oklahoma; grandchildren, Garth, Justin (Galen), Bradley (Tessa), Kaitlyn (Alaina), and Roelof Jr; one great grandchild, Myles; special friend, Laura Bennett; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, from 10am until 11 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, Md. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11am at Sts. Peter and Paul. Following Mass a luncheon will be held at the church in the social hall. Please RSVP to Mary-Ann if you are able to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to: Mid Shore Community Foundation, 102 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD. 21601. Please specify "Brookletts Place - Talbot County Senior Center" in the memo section of your check.

For online condolences, please visit: www.fhnfuneralhome.com



TWO GREAT COMPANIES READY TO SERVE

\$75 OFF

Plumbing or HVAC Repairs

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

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

OneHourHeatandAir.com/Delmarva
BenjaminFranklinPlumbing.com/Delmarva

Outdoor televisions added to OP Clubhouse

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Ocean Pines is preparing for fall staples, football season and Halloween, with new outdoor televisions at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille to feature NFL and college matchups and a spooky haunted trail planned for next month.

At the community's Clubhouse Bar and Grille, an eatery at the neighborhood golf course, two 55-inch LG TVs have found their way to the outdoor patio. The screens, set up by operator Touch of Italy last weekend, will enhance the customer experience, particularly during football season, says the Ocean Pines Association's website.

The Clubhouse will be open for all NFL games, and, weather permitting, the contests will be displayed on the new outdoor televisions. Gametime will also yield updated drink and food specials, to be communicated upon arrival at the establishment.

The NFL is not the only league to inspire autumn deals. Per the OPA's website, the Clubhouse will host a 'Tailgate on the Patio' every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The fresh event will feature college football on the outdoor TVs, cornhole, TOI founder Bob Ciprietti's signature grilled sausage and peppers and drink specials.

The new football-focused events are an addition to Ocean Pines' food and beverage amenities, part of Touch of Italy's commitment to enhancing the establishments. This past summer, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club collaborated with Seacret's Coastal Cruises to offer boozy boat rides through the bay from the Pines restaurant to Ocean City's iconic bar.

The waterway party experience kicked off in early August and extended through Labor Day. TOI hopes that the Seacrets cruise will hit the ground running early next summer.

Restaurant group Touch of Italy has operated the Ocean Pines Association's food and beverage locations since this past spring, which include the Clubhouse Bar and Grille, the Yacht Club and the Beach Club in Ocean City. In January, TOI and OPA signed a five-year contract, authorizing TOI to oversee the establishments upon the expiration of the previous vendor, Matt Ortt Companies' agreement with the homeowners association.

Now that summer is ending and fall is just around the corner, the restaurant team is transitioning into autumn, along with football-inspired specials and events. The site's latest news and updates can be found on Facebook at The Clubhouse Bar and Grille's official page.

In line with the season change, OPA is also gearing up for its fifth annual Haunted Trail. The event is scheduled for Oct. 17-18 and again on Oct. 24-25 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the boat ramp trail at White Horse Park.

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is seeking volunteers for the frightening project. Those interested in helping out as a haunted house actor or in another capacity are invited to attend an interest meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. at the OPA Community Center, in the East Room. Ages 16 and up are welcome. Actors under 18 must have a parent or guardian present.

More information about the association's fall calendar can be found on the community's official website and social media channels.

State funding given to Snow Hill for new park restrooms

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The Maryland Board of Public Works, the three-member committee that controls much of the state's capital spending, has committed new state funds to Snow Hill for upgrades to Sturgis Park.

The board, which consists of the governor, state treasurer and the comptroller, pledged \$298,215 to the planning and construction of a new restroom and associated amenities at the park, which is located in downtown Snow Hill on the banks of the Pocomoke River. The general obligation bonds come from the state's Community Parks and Playgrounds Program.

Snow Hill Town Manager Rick Pollitt traveled to the Maryland State House on Aug. 27 to accept the money and give his thanks in person. From a lectern in the governor's reception room, he extended his arms widely, telling the board to "look at me as one great big thank-you note."

"It's so easy to get trapped in the paperwork and the meetings and the constant conversations and considerations back and forth," Pollitt said, "that sometimes we miss sight of the people that are on the other end that are going to be actually out there enjoying the things that you've helped us fund."

Pollitt also remarked that sometimes the Easter Shore feels separate from the rest of the state, divided by Chesapeake Bay, to the point of becoming a proxy for the differing viewpoints of rural and urban America.

"As I was sitting here this morning, listening to all the progress in what we call 'the big city,' it makes you feel proud – even from the lowlands, the marshy areas of the Lower Shore – to see all this energy, to see this great sense of community, this commitment that we are one state and we are one community. We want to be a part of that," Pollitt said.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, chair of the Board of Public Works, welcomed Pollitt's remarks warmly.

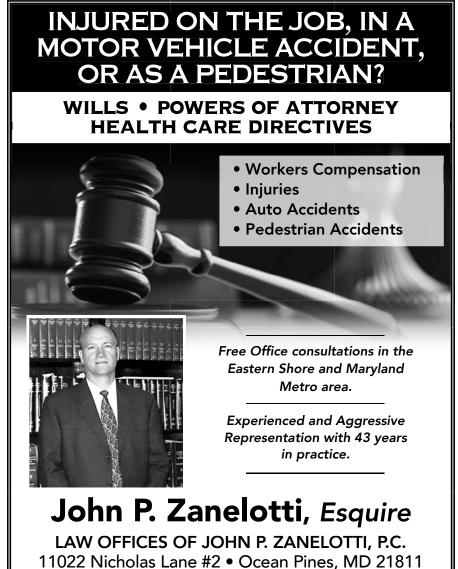
"You are amazing and we're grateful for your leadership," the governor replied. "And what you say is exactly right. It's important for this entire state that all 24 jurisdictions, everybody that calls the place of Maryland home, they are the priority."

"Please come to Snow Hill to see us," Pollitt said in closing.

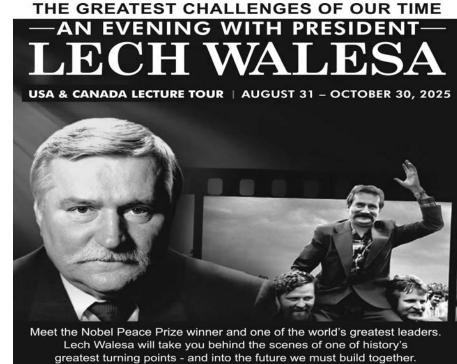
At its meeting, the Board of Public Works also distributed funds to other Worcester County projects.

Under Maryland Department of the Environment (DNR) grants for enhanced nutrient removal at wastewater treatment plants, Pocomoke City was awarded \$53,335 and Snow Hill got \$34,875.

These were among 18 total DNR proj-See PROJECTS Page 17



johnzlaw.com • (410) 975-4441



REGISTER NOW: www.HistoryExplorer.com

Artists to capture Worcester County, reception will follow

(Sept. 11, 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, so don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting celebration of art and place. For registration details, guidelines, and event updates, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.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."

Projects receive funds from state

Continued from Page 16

ects the board approved for a total of \$11 million in funding. Agenda items were approved without discussion.

The board also approved the acquisition of forest lands located along Route 113. The 27-acre property will be managed by the Maryland Forest Service as an addition to Pocomoke State Forest. The \$325,000 purchase was made using money from Program Open Space.

Lands will provide a buffer for Forest Interior Dwelling Species habitat recognized by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area and will contribute to the "Maryland 5 Million Trees Initiative," according to state officials.



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

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

FALL - WINTER

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



Hardscaping

Landscape Lighting

YEAR-ROUND

Landscaping

Plant Health Care

Tree Care

Irrigation

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





State-of-the-art equipment for maximum efficiency



Highly trained experts certified arborists with decades of experience



Comprehensive services to solve every problem

302-227-1980 302-645-6262



LANDSCAPE SPECIAL

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

Book Summer - Fall and get

SUSSEX TREE, INC

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

TREE SERVICE SPECIAL

Trimming or Removal over \$1,000 SUSSEX TREE, INC

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

"Duchess for a Day" **Delaware Learning Institute is now** only \$43 Enjoy a haircut, facial, manicure, pedicure, conditioning treatment and blow dry. The Salon Professional Academy Nothing is changing about the school you know and love COUPON GOOD FOR ONLY 1 PERSON Coupons cannot be combined with other offers or specials. Expires 9/30/25 it's all about our updated name and look. \$5 OFF Call Today to Book Classes Now Forming Full Set of Acrylic Nails Your Appointment! COUPON GOOD FOR ONLY 1 PERSON upons cannot be combined with other offers or specials. Expires 9/30/25 All the same services Manicuring as your favorite salon/spa at a fraction Master Barbering \$5 OFF Advanced Education Teacher Training 1 Hour Facial of the cost. Next Class Starts September/October All services are performed under the supervision of elaware Licensed Instructors pons cannot be combined with other offers or specials. Expires 9/30/25 Call (302) 207-4021 for more information Financial Aid available to those who qualify **Free Makeup** with Any Color Service 32448 Royal Blvd., Suite A Dagsboro, DE 19939 COUPON GOOD FOR ONLY 1 PERSON Coupons cannot be combined with other offers or specials. Expires 9/30/25 NEW \$50.00 **PROFESSIONAL** 302.732.6704 ACADEMY www.tspadelaware.com Hydroderm Facial Treatment



Sportsmans Bash

The Best Gun Bash on the Shore! SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 11AM-6PM \$50 Ticket Includes

Your Chance to Win 26 Guns, 2 Crossbows, 1 Side by Side and 6 Cash Prizes

All You Can Eat Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & More

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Showell Vol. Fire Department 11620 Worcester Hwy. Showell, MD 21862 410-352-5916

Must be 18 old to enter or participate. ID required at door.

Rt. 90 bridges identified as priority in Worcester County

Per a state transportation plan, other local roadway efforts will take back seat

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) The only major road in Worcester County getting any state funding anytime soon is Route 90, according to a report on transportation spending issued this week.

The Maryland Department of Transportation has budgeted \$10.8 million for operational improvements to Route 90 for fiscal years 2026 through 2031, according to a draft capital projects update released Tuesday. The report says both of Route 90's bridges over the St. Martin River and Assawoman Bay would be included in any upgrades.

Additional travel lanes, interchange, and at-grade intersections would be evaluated, as well as pedestrian and bicycle needs along Route 90, which is also known as the Ocean City Expressway. The report notes that an environmental analysis and engineering are anticipated to begin during fiscal year 2027.

Approximately \$1.85 million already has been spent out of a \$12.6 million budget for planning and engineering during fiscal year 2025, which ended June 30, according to the report.

Worcester County officials have made it clear to the State Highway Administration that Route 90 bridges into Ocean City were their top priority, according to SHA Administrator Will Pines.

"We got a very old bridge that needs lots of work, that is one of the two routes into Ocean City from Maryland, that has a lot of age behind it," Pines told OC Today-Dispatch in an interview in May. "That's the feature project. That's the one that the county asked for. That's the major infrastructure need for the area."

Hundreds of millions of dollars in state and federal revenue support the six-year capital budget for transportation projects, formally known as the Consolidated Transportation Program report. Broadly, the \$21.5 billion budget includes investments across all modes of transportation in the state, including aviation, ports, and light rail.

Two other Worcester County roads that already have been studied will not see any additional funding in this draft budget.

Ocean City's Route 50 bridge has been designated as a "project on hold," the report notes, after the state spent \$2.9 million in fiscal 2025 on a planning study. It investigated options to eliminate or upgrade the draw span on the 82-year-old bridge, as well as possible improvements to the median and sidewalks.

Named for former resort mayor Harry W. Kelley, the future of the bridge over Sinepuxent Bay has been the subject of studies and planning dating to 2010, when the State Highway Administration said the bridge has outlived its useful life and proposed replacing it at some point.

The other project mentioned in the report was a study of potential improvements to Route 589, or Racetrack Road, through the Ocean Pines corridor.

While a feasibility study – one that considered expanding Route 589 to four lanes, plus new sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike lanes – has already been completed at a cost

See SMALL Page 19



WE CANCEL TIMESHARES

Many people think they're stuck with their timeshare forever— but that's often not the case. Wesley Financial Group has helped more than 50,000 families break free from unwanted timeshares, and we may be able to help you, too. If you were misled, pressured, or deceived during your purchase, you could qualify for cancellation.

How Does the Cancellation Process Work?

- Start with a FREE consultation to tell us your story.
- If we determine your case qualifies, you'll be paired with a specialist to guide you through the process
- Our Resolution Department works diligently to cancel your timeshare and help stop related

Thousands of timeshare owners have already found relief through our proven process. You could be just one phone call away from peace of mind. Our dedicated team is ready to help.

Get your free information kit and see if you qualify:

Call 1.888.984.2917

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

BJ's club membership offers deals via OPA collaboration

Partnership to benefit the Pines memorial park, new and returning customers

(Sept. 11, 2025) BJ's Wholesale Club is again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effect Oct. 1-30, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

With this offer, new members receive The Club Card Membership for 12-months for \$15, or The Club+Card Membership, which receives 5¢ off per gallon at BJ's Gas every day and 2% back in rewards on most BJ's purchases, PLUS Two FREE same-day deliveries per year (on eligible orders of \$50 or more) for \$40 with BJ's Easy Renewal.

Existing members can purchase a 12-month renewal for The Club Card Membership for \$50, or a 12-month renewal for The Club+ Card Membership for \$100.

In addition to offering special membership discounts, BJ's will donate \$15 for each completed new Club+ Membership application, or \$5 for each completed new and renewal Club Card Membership and each completed renewal Club Card+ membership application received, to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

To take advantage of this special offer by phone, call 800-313-8887 and use promo code 100407. Phones are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

New members only can sign up online: https://www.bjs.com/membership/club?storeId=&market-Code=CF2335.

Membership payments can be made via cash (in club) and credit cards.

This offer is not available online, at any BJ's location, or for any current Easy Renewal members.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in spring 2026.

Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer. Members can check their current expiration dates by checking their BJ's receipts or the BJ's app, or by calling 800-313-8887



OPEN SATURDAYS
OR
BY APPOINTMENT

PLEASE CALL 251-7528



Small road projects for county

Continued from Page 18

of \$1.4 million, the report notes that this project, too, is officially on hold.

Other minor roadway projects slated for Worcester County include various safety and road resurfacing improvements for a cost of about \$15 million. Design of a pedestrian safety action plan for Coastal Highway in Ocean City between 15th Street and 67th Street is underway at cost of

\$3.1 million, according to the report.

Before MDOT submits the final transportation budget to the state legislature in January, transportation officials will visit every Maryland county so they can hear from the public and local officials. MDOT officials are scheduled to visit Worcester County during the Oct. 7 meeting of the county commission-





- and more!

www.agh.care/volunteer

Tech school chef up for state's top educator

Cropper's practical lessons pay off, instructor named teacher of the year finalist

By Tara Fischer

Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Worcester Technical High School Culinary and Pastry Arts Program Lead Phillip Cropper is one of seven finalists up for the distinguished honor of Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Chef Cropper oversees the tech school's culinary department. He has kickstarted initiatives like the Pines Café and a collaborative cultural partnership with a school in France, providing his students with real-world, hands-on instruction. Cropper's commitment to honing his kids' skillset for high school and beyond has landed him a slot as a finalist for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Each county in the state, of which there are 24, including Baltimore City, selects a Teacher of the Year. Seven of these were chosen to vie for the honor of 2026's Maryland Teacher of the Year. The person who receives this recognition will then be up for the National Teacher of the Year award, to be announced in April, and will spend the school year as an advisor and speaker on the



PHOTO COLIRTESY WCP

Worcester County Teacher of the Year Phil Cropper was presented on the first day of school last week with a Jeep Compass to use this school year, courtesy of the Hertrich dealership. Cropper is pictured being surprised with his new ride outside Worcester Tech, where he leads the culinary arts program.



habitatrestoreworcester.company.site habitatworcester.org





Maryland to name teacher of the year soon

state's educational issues.

Cropper said that he learned of his selection as a candidate for the statewide accomplishment on Wednesday of last week, but had to keep it a secret until the Maryland State Department of Education issued its press release with the top seven on Friday. Aside from Cropper, the finalists include Jacqueline Sanderson, Anne Arundel County Public Schools; Jevons Liu, Baltimore City Public Schools; Alonna Soward-Puryear, Frederick County Public Schools; Natalie Pretzello, Howard County Public School System; Marcie Mamas, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; and Emma Cohn Matthews, Wicomico County Public Schools.

The WCPS teacher noted that he has his final interview for consideration on Sept. 20. A special gala reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 26, at Martin's Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley. At this time, the Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced.

"Each of our finalists represents the very best of Maryland educators," said State Superintendent of Schools Carey M. Wright in the MSDE memo. "Their dedication, creativity and leadership are shaping the future of our students and communities."

Cropper said that he believes he was nominated for Maryland Teacher of the Year in part because he is a "true career and technical education" instructor.

"Most of our kids in CTE aren't heading off to college, so for them to actually see classroom instruction and how it relates to hands-on learning and then how it can prepare a future for them after school is something I do think is unique," he said.

Cropper's selection as a top seven Maryland teacher is due to his creative instruction style, led by his commitment to CTE. Last year, he organized an exchange culinary program in collaboration with chefs and students from the Hôtelier Lycée in Lille, France, a "sister city" of the State of Maryland. Developed in partnership with MSDE and WTHS, the young French cooks and educators visited Worcester Tech for a 10-day immersive Eastern Shore experience.

The American and French students worked alongside one another in professional kitchens, on farms and during "curated community experiences," Cropper said. The kids participated in workshops, prepared a dinner and visited aquaculture

sites and dairy producers.

That cultural program will continue every other year. Next time, Cropper's WTHS students will make their way to France, where Hôtelier Lycée will host a multi-day culinary practice. Cropper said that he and his kids are slated to go next year, around February or March.

In addition to a cross-continental food exchange, a foundation of Cropper's teaching includes the successful Pines Café. Located in the TidalHealth facility in Ocean Pines, the establishment offers a variety of items, including sandwiches, soups, salads and grab-and-go dinners, to the community. The food is prepared by WTHS' culinary students at the tech school, and then transported by Cropper to the site. A few apprentices and workers are employed at the shop, where they oversee the daily operations.

The café and the French partnership provide the young chefs with experience working outside a traditional school setting. The café, Cropper said, teaches the children not only cooking skills, but how to manage a food service business, something many of the kids hope to one day run. The unique instruction made the WTHS teacher stand out as a top educator in Maryland, he helieves

"My whole platform is about a classroom without walls," Cropper said. "Meaning, my kids are still coming to school in a brick-and-mortar building, but they're learning so much more than just inside the brick and mortar. They're hands-on learning, they're thinking outside of the box. They're in the kitchen relating to real life. It's just a whole new approach or philosophy on traditional learning."

Cropper said that he is excited to be honored as a finalist for Maryland Teacher of the Year. Worcester County has had one educator receive the award during its over 30 years in existence, Michelle Hammond of Stephen Decatur Middle School, who was named the top state instructor in 2007. Now, the Eastern Shore school system has another chance at the accolade.

Cropper was named the tech school's Teacher of the Year in January. In April, he was recognized as the county's educator. In honor of the accomplishment, the chef was given a Jeep Compass to use for the year by Hertrich. He will go on to vie for the top spot in the state, to be announced at the end of the month.

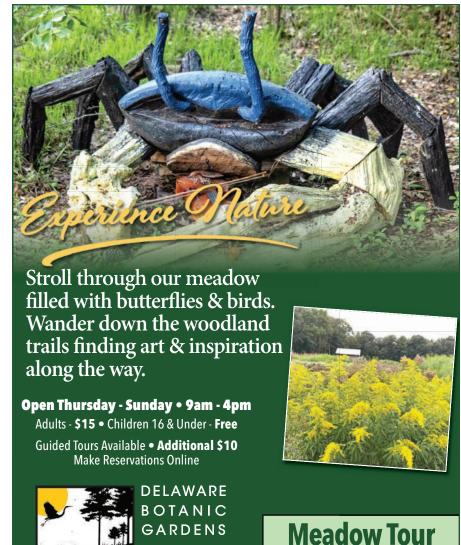
"Being a finalist is amazing," Cropper said.

Friday, October 10

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Free with Garden Admission





AT PEPPER CREEK

To reserve tickets, delawaregardens.org

B0220 Piney Neck Road | Dagsboro, DE 19939

Opinion

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

Berlin jumps in to aid individuals' recovery

The Town of Berlin should be commended for joining Hope4Recovery and Worcester Goes Purple in a program to reintroduce recovering addicts to the workplace and to help them reclaim their place in society.

By agreeing to take on former substance abusers as employees so they can fill in the blanks on their resumes, the town is doing the right thing for the right reason: helping those who wish to help themselves.

That is to say, people who have been all the way down and earnestly want to stay straight and contribute to society deserve a second chance, which is what these organizations and the town are aiming to provide.

Realistically, employment by the town is a stepping stone or a starting point and not a long-term situation. It will give the selected individuals the opportunity to demonstrate their desire to assume responsibility for themselves and the tasks assigned. Employment with the town will also allow these employees to prove their reliability, answering beforehand a big question prospective employers will most certainly ask.

The goal, of course, is not just to help these individuals get back on track, but also to open the door for them in their pursuit of their full potential.

As for the financial risk of joining the program, there is none. These are part-time jobs, with the town's share of the state's Opioid Restitution Fund being used to cover the costs of these additional personnel.

Money from the fund, which comes from the proceeds of opioid-related legal action, must be used to help people who were addicted to prescription opioids, have broken free of that deadly entanglement and are seeking higher ground personally, morally and financially.

It won't be easy, which is why Berlin's participation is so important to the program's success. A good reference from a legitimate employer like the Town of Berlin would go a long way toward showing other employers that these are workers on whom they can depend.

BAYSIDE W GAZETTE

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

EDITOR Stewart Dobson
EXECUTIVE EDITOR Steve Green
ASSOCIATE EDITOR Bethany Hooper
STAFF WRITERS Tara Fischer, Brian Shane
ACCOUNT MANAGERS Mary Cooper, Renée Kelly,
Terri French
CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS Pamela Green
ART DIRECTOR Cole Gibson
SENIOR PAGE DESIGNER Susan Parks
SENIOR AD DESIGNER Kelly Brown
PUBLISHER Christine Brown
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Gini Tufts

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

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

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

Copyright 2025



OC ART LEAGUE

On Wednesday Sept. 3, Art League of **OC speakers, Executive Director Rina Thaler and Director of Development** Jessica Bauer, were the guest speakers at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines -Ocean City. They shared information about the organization informing who they are and what they do. A nonprofit 501c3 located at 502 94th Street in Ocean City whose purpose is "to promote artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in the community." Pictured, from left, are Bauer, Thaler, and Kiwanis Club President Tom Southwell. Click over to www.artleagueofoceancity.org for more information about events. fundraisers and how to appreciate all that is available.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Wastewater system changes possible

County considers OC sewage plant to fix capacity problems

By Brian Shane Staff Writer

(Sept. 11, 2025) Tentative plans are forming that could connect some West Ocean City sewerage facilities to Ocean City's midtown wastewater treatment plant to ease the burden on Worcester County's capacity.

At the close of Tuesday's meeting of the Worcester County Commissioners, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said it's a scenario that's being talked about behind closed doors but shared few details.

"In discussions with the Town of Ocean City and staff, we looked at a couple different scenarios for sewer disposal over in the West Ocean City area, to pump across to Ocean City," said Mitrecic, who represents Ocean City. "There has been some different scenarios floated out there and we'd like to see those, so we can make a formal ask of the town."

Eventually, he added, President Ted Elder and Vice President Eric Fiori could attend an Ocean City Council work session with a proposal in hand.

In an interview Wednesday, Mitrecic said his strategy could help the county with its sewerage flow.

Potentially, two of the county's wastewater systems could be taken offline – Mitrecic declined to specify which – and instead routed to Ocean City's treatment facilities, which are headquartered at the 65th Street public works campus.

Mitrecic, who spent a decade as an Ocean City Councilman, added that the resort's wastewater plant can process about 15 million gallons a day – even as the island is almost completely built-out – and could have room to spare to accommodate flow from the county.

The upside to offloading county sewer capacity could be big. If Ocean City were to agree to a deal, it could lessen the strain on the existing sewerage plants, bringing down the cost of upkeep and replacement in the long run, and lower customer bills.

County Administrator Weston Young said this agenda item for discussion would be added to the commissioners' Sept. 16 meeting agenda, and he planned to formally present the idea to county staff this week for brainstorming.

"I don't know how it'll be received by Ocean City," Young said in an interview Wednesday. "There's a lot of unknowns. Is there even a pipe that does that, or do we have to build one? We need time to pull all that together."

In Worcester County, and West Ocean City in particular, growth is stifled by capacity. There's a tight market for development because West Ocean City's sewerage facilities can only handle so much. Mystic Harbor's plant in particular is at its limits, Young said.

Some developers in the county have noted that potential housing projects are limited by the amount of equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs – a measurement of water and sewer demand – they have at their disposal. Ocean City doesn't use EDUs as a measurement, but instead uses a fixture count to establish a baseline for quarterly customer billing.

There are also a lot of developer-built plants in service areas, but they're cheaply built and cost more to maintain in the long run, Young said. That's what happened at the Glen Riddle plant, where some treatment equipment failed, which forced the county to pump and haul its effluent to Ocean Pines at a cost of millions of dollars.

"They're never run as effectively and efficiently as legitimate wastewater treatment plants like Ocean City or Ocean Pines has. By connecting into Ocean City's, you tend to get a higher level of treatment, and it's more cost effective to treat," Young said.

NEW WPS PARENTS

On Thursday, September 4, the **Worcester Preparatory School** (WPS) Parent Association hosted a **New Parent Coffee to welcome** families who are new to the school community. The event provided an opportunity for parents to connect with one another, enjoy coffee and breakfast, and meet WPS faculty and staff. The gathering was a warm introduction to the school year and highlighted the strong partnership between home and school that is central to the Worcester Prep experience. Right, **WPS** parent Kirsten Kohr smiles with Parent Association member Jessica Brittingham during the New Parent Coffee event. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE





WPS Parent Association members Pam Farr, Melissa Nieli and Emily Bishop volunteered their time to help host the New Parent Coffee event at Worcester Prep.



Allen and Susan Rutter, whose daughters joined WPS as juniors this year, speak with Director of College Counseling Kelly Hawse (right).



Pre-K parents Anastassiya Suprunova, Kirsten Kohr, and Samantha Cameron enjoy time together during the New Parent Coffee event at Worcester Prep.



THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR A CALL TO ACTION A CALL FOR RENEWAL



JOIN TEMPLE BAT YAM IN THE CELEBRATION OF: THE HIGH HOLY DAYS - THE DAYS OF AWE 2025/5786

Live Services in the Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah Services:

Yom Kippur Services:

Monday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.



Temple Bat Yam

A Year-Round Reform Jewish Temple
Ocean City - Berlin
11036 Worcester Hwy. Berlin, MD 21811
www.templebatyam-oc.org

For Visitor and Guest Tickets Call 410-641-4311 or Email office@templebatyam-oc.org

26

42

Puzzles

A MAN OF CHARACTER BY DANNY J. ROONEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Danny J. Rooney is a musical-theater writer in New York City. His credits as a composer/lyricist include "The Game Boy," "A Smalltowne Christmas" and "GLUE: A Pony Tale." Last year he stumbled on The Times's article "How to Make a Crossword" and dived headfirst into constructing. This is his first one for The Times. - W.S.

ACROSS

- 1 Maximum extent, in an idiom
- 5 "Suitable, I guess"
- 11 Small storage unit
- News Central" (daily program)
- 18 Sea adventure novel by Herman Melville
- **19** Rump
- 20 Sounds of amazement
- 21 Spoils
- 22 "Don't flick that cigarette over here!"
- 24 "Incredible! This mosquito net didn't let in even one bug!"
- 26 Greatest potential accomplishment, metaphorically
- 27 Non-free-range farm fixture
- 29 Container weight 30 Pick up at school
- 31 Actor Pascal
- 32 Kiss
- 34 Celestial sphere
- 35 Went from 0 to 60, say 91 Hero's partner in 37 Nipsey Russell's role
- in 1978's "The Wiz" America (And
- So Can You!)" (Stephen Colbert best seller)
- 42 Device for cutting bangs?
- 45 More in need of a sticky roller
- 47 Zealous

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

BEER • WINE

LOTTERY

PROPANE REFILLS

- 48 Guide for writing a perfect letter
- 49 Adorn
- 50 Some skin care products
- "Dear Lord! His Majesty's beard is out of control!"
- 55 Comics cry of dismay
- code
- 59 Tiny and scurrying, perhaps
- 63 "Just dropped off some of your newly buffed knight's protection!
- 71 Green gemstone 72 Brand of bubbly, informally
- de vie
- 74 "Can you offer me anything bigger than skiffs, dinghies and pontoons?"
- 82 Composure under pressure
- 85 Firmly planted
- 86 Sizable wine orders 90 Zest
- myth
- 93 Real ladies' man 94 Bit of work
- 95 It's always getting into hot water 96 Theatrical
- constructions 97 Unburden
- 98 Computer shortcuts
- 100 Muse of love poetry
- 103 "You can't win 105 Writer Stanley Gardner
- 106 "Is that a certainty?"
- 109 Unruly, as a beard

- 111 Secret agent first introduced in 1953
 - 113 Classic 111-Across portrayer, whose iconic accent is suggested by the answers to the
 - italicized clues 115 Langston Hughes poem
 - 116 Aston Martin, e.g.
 - 117 Charm 118 Member of a watery quintet
 - 119 Adriatique, e.g.
 - 120 School attended by both 111-Across and his creator
 - 121 Debate-ending reply 122 Figs, most people have memorized

DOWN

- 1 Win for an away team 2 "That doesn't bother me anymore
- 3 Winsome
- 4 It's human, in a saying 5 Big events on Wall St.
- 6 Full of tension 7 Abbr. on a paper tray
- 8 Whiled away the hours
- 9 Gave medicine
- 10 Different 11 Poke
- 12 Start of a pirate chant
- 13 "There I am in the photo'
- 14 Winter hours in Conn. 15 Exhibiting some force

No Wait • Walk-In

No Appointment Necessary

Mon-Sat 8am - 4:45pm

- 16 Part of a personal air filtration system
- 17 Degree in math?
- 21 [Ha ha 2 funny!!!!]
 - 23 Thirst

- 25 Lots and lots
- 28 Certain URL ending
- **31** A pop 33 Favorite drink of
- 111-Across 35 What wine or citrus
- adds to a sauce
- 36 Hairstyle helpers 38 Allergic reaction
- 39 Company originally named Blue Ribbon Sports
- 41 E.R. V.I.P.S
- 43 High school subi.
- 44 Base figure, for short
- 45 Bank security feature
- 46 Perfect match
- 47 It's right on a square 49 Port on the Adriatic
- 51 Airing
- 53 Shout of triumph
- _-El (Superman's birth name)
- 55 Relative of an adder 56 "Evita" role for
- Antonio Banderas
- 57 royale (cocktail)
- 60 Indignation
- 61 New Zealand parrot that can solve logic puzzles
- 62 End of an academic address
- **64** Williamson who played Merlin in "Excalibur"
- 65 Biblical kingdom near the Dead Sea
- 66 Feature of this puzzle's circled squares that. when connected by a single line. sually represents 111-Across
- 67 Stitching on a Cardinal's cap

115

119

- 68 Mid-Atlantic state capital 69 A good one might
- generate good karma
- 70 J.F.K. prediction 75 Far from bright
- 76 University in New Rochelle, N.Y.
- 77 Obergefell v._ milestone case for marriage equality
- 78 Improvise à la Ella Fitzgerald
- 79 Avocado variety
- 80 Portfolio holding, for short
- 81 Give a bad review
- 82 Imitate

116

120

- 83 Spread throughout
- 84 Greaves and cuisses, but not gauntlets and helmets
- 87 Those who hunt and gather
- 88 Feature of many a gloating movie villain 89 "Alas, it is true"

92 Grounder to second.

often

117

121

- 93 Corp. bigwig
- 95 _ leches cake 96 Beau
- 99 Late jazz singer Laine
- 101 Sly schemes
- 102 Paris's Dôme de Paris, e.g.
- 103 Sea eagle 104 Zebra features that
- mirror their body stripes 107 "You're
- something"

118

122

- 108 Japanese noodle 109 Many a get-rich-quick offer
- 110 Heart
- 111 Beam on a bottle 112 Modern pet name
- 114 Platform for Super Mario Bros., for short

WE PAY CA For Like New & Used Cars & Trucks **RACETRACK AUTO SALES** Place That Does It AN **AUTO DETAILING AVAILABLE LOAD RITE & ANDERSON** PREVIOUSLY OWNED TRAILERS FOR SALE VEHICLES for SALE **MD STATE** '10 HONDA CRV INSPECTED **2002 MOUNTAIN UTILITY TRAILER** TAG & TITLE SERVICE

11740 Worcester Hwy. Showell, MD 21862 • 410-352-5070

(Located on Rt. 113 - 1 min. North of Racetrack Road)

su do ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

HARD - 69

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.

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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





The Black Excel**lence Community** Fund recently awarded three grants. Pictured, from left, are Lori Carter, BECF founding member; Sonya Whited, BECF founding member; Jermichael Mitchell, Minary's Dream Alliance; Daniel Bowen, Symphony 21; Oscar Meija Garcia. UMES MADE. **Sharon Morris**, **BECF** founding member.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Funding awarded to Black-led organizations

(Sept. 5, 2025) The Black Excellence Community Fund, a Giving Circle of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, celebrated Black Philanthropy Month by awarding grants to three Lower Shore nonprofits at an evening dinner event on August 23rd. The grants benefit Black-led local nonprofits which impact the quality of life for the local community.

Each organization received a \$750 unrestricted grant for their work. Grantees were:

Minary's Dream Alliance, Inc. provides opportunities for mentoring, tutoring, vocational training, and college readiness. MDA offers families and youth a safe, welcoming environment where they feel comfortable, not intimidated, and accepted for who they are.

UMES MADE empowers, inspires, and encourages the personal maturation and intellectual development of campus men through an array of activities and workshops aimed at promoting and providing access to achievement in the areas of social responsibility, academics, and professional development.

Symphony 21 works to inspire, educate, and transform the lives of young people through the power of music and creative arts. Since 2017, Symphony 21 has exposed youth in rural areas to modern approaches to music, technology and visual arts.

Additionally, Joe Morse and Mary Gladys Jones were honored in recognition of their leadership and achievements as philanthropists in the local community.

BECF was created in 2022 at the Community Foundation to preserve cultural awareness and pride by expanding the benefits of education, health, and welfare in the Black Community, while teaching the values of philanthropy. Members work together through the power of collective philanthropy to create a positive impact in the community.

	OPEN HOU	JSES	Sept. 11 -	18	鱼鱼鱼鱼鱼
DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family from	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 1-3pm	104 125th Street Unit 106, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$625,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	609 Bayshore Drive #32, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Townhome	\$899,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10 am-1pm	703 Loop Road, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$1,249,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	3001 Atlantic Ave Unit 108, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$424,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	27 Hatteras St. The Parke, Ocean Pines	2BR/2BA	Townhome	\$318,000	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Sat & Sun 11am-2pm	122 Huntingfield St., Snow Hill	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$360,000	Glenn Bechtold/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sat & Sun 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd, West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 11am-3pm	415 14th St. Harbour Island, Ocean City	6BR/4.5BA	Townhome	\$2,350,000	David Dypsky/Newport Bay Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	612 Saint Louis Ave #2, Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$620,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 1-3pm	13 Dog Leg Court, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$599,900	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	27450 Covered Bridge Trail, Harbeson, DE	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$575,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	201 S. Heron Drive #G5, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$398,400	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	8 60th Street #101, Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Condo	\$859,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	124 75th Street #103, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$829,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-Noon	609 Bayshore Drive #32, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Townhome	\$899,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-Noon	201 S Heron Drive #G5, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$398,400	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	12140 Pimlico Lane, Glen Riddle, Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$999,000	Kim Heaney/BHHS PenFed Realty
Sunday 11am-2pm	11204 Coastal Highway Unit 3C, Ocean City	y 2BR/2BA	Condo	\$674,900	Tim Meadowcroft/Long & Foster Real Estat
Sunday Noon-2pm	55 High Sheriff Trail, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$419,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate









PUPPY SWIM
The Mumford's Landing Pool in Ocean
Pines hosted on Saturday its annual doggie swim benefitting
the Worcester County
Humane Society. The
event is held each
year before the pool
is closed for the season. The event serves
as a fundraiser for as a fundraiser for the shelter with sup-ply and monetary do-nations welcomed.

PHOTOS COURTESY NICK DENNY PHOTOGRAPHY









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., Sept. 11

OC ROCK AND RIDE BIKEFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Also held in the convention center for 10 a.m to 7 p.m. Featuring 23 bands, 85 vendors, fireworks, 9/11 tribute, bike show and prizes, stunt shows and passport ride. Tickets:

www.ocrockandride.com.

RED KNIGHTS PARADE OF BROTHERS BOARDWALK RIDE

Firefighters Memorial, 10 S. Boardwalk, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Donation of \$30 per motorcycle as a ride fee. Registration begins on 27th Street at 10 a.m. Ride begins at 11:30 a.m.; memorial service at noon and scenic ride at 1 p.m. Mike Fiazzo, 610-470-6071

STORY TIME: LITTLE BLUE TRUCK

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Songs, crafts and a story. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014,

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 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

BACK IN ACTION PHYSICAL THERAPTY FREE SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 11 a.m.-noon. Join Dr. Sandra Kappes for "Balance & Fall Prevention." Register: 410-641-7052. www.oceanpines.org

REGENCY RIDDLES: CELEBRATE JANE AUSTEN'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY!

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Step into the witty world of Jane Austen with an afternoon of clever word play, riddles, tea and scones, a favorite pastime of the regency era. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Play a lively game of Bingo and win fun prizes. 410-524-1818

MONTICELLO VIRTUAL TOUR

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:15 p.m. A Monticello guide will lead the group in real-time through the first floor of Thomas Jefferson's mountaintop home. Learn about Jefferson's ideas that helped shape a nation. 410-641-0650

DRY PANTRY

Thursdays - St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower Street, Berlin, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For those in need of resources such as paper products, laundry products, baby items, and personal care items. Limits apply. 410-641-0270

Fri., Sept. 12

OC ROCK AND RIDE BIKEFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Also held in the convention center for 10 a.m to 7 p.m. Featuring 23 bands, 85 vendors, fireworks, bike show and prizes, stunt shows and passport ride. Tickets: www.ocrockandride.com.

BINGO NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$35. Up to \$500 on the line (minimum \$75). Cash bingo night featuring 50/50 raffles and more. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. For babies (0-2 years) and their caregivers to socialize, play, read and explore in the bright play space. Drop by and make some friends. 410-641-0650, 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

BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'KIN: ROOTED IN HOPE' BY CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library circulation desk. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DISCOVERY DEN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30-4:30 p.m. Come enjoy a new topic every week. Week 1: Art Studio. Best of elementary and middle school students, but all are welcome. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6 p.m. One crab cake sandwich platter, \$14; two

crab cake sandwich platter, \$24; and crab cake sandwiches, \$10. Platters include green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw. Bake sale table available.

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., Sept. 13

OC ROCK AND RIDE BIKEFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Also held in the convention center for 10 a.m to 7 p.m. Featuring 23 bands, 85 vendors, fireworks, bike show and prizes, stunt shows and passport ride. Tickets: www.ocrockandride.com.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Nancy Gaither, Assateague Island Alliance Board President, will be discussing the history of Assateague Island Refuge and State Park; what it was like to live there, development plans and more. 410-641-7662

LIBRARY FUN FEST

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. Explore what happens behind the scenes, meet the staff, learn about new services, play games and create crafts. Kids enjoy face painting, a mini story time preview and Bingo. 410-632-3495

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. Sandwiches cost \$10 and platters cost \$12. Sides are potato salad and green beans. To place order or delivery over \$30: 443-513-1420. Supporting New Bethel U.M.C. Homecoming.

BEARHOLE FARMS ANNUAL FALL ART FES-TIVAL

Bearhole Farms, 37756 Bear Hole Road, Selbyville, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate the fall season at Bearhole Farms Annual Fall Art Festival. A day of art, music, food and fall fun. 302-344-3140

OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS

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., Sept. 14

OC ROCK AND RIDE BIKEFEST

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring 85 vendors, bike show and prizes, stunt shows and passport ride. Tickets: www.ocrockandride.com.

OC CRUZERS ON SOMERSET PLAZA

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

2ND SUNDAY BERLIN ART & VINTAGE MARKET

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

SECOND SUNDAYS AT THE MUSEUM CONCERT

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Featuring The Berlin Airlift with live blues and rock music. www.taylorhousemuseum.org

PRE-HOMECOMING SERVICE

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, Berlin, 3:30 p.m. Join in for heartfelt worship and fellowship. Guest preacher Rev. Gary Meekins with choir and congregation from Wesley Temple U.M.C. in Salis-

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., Sept. 15

STORY TIME: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages Continued on Page 28

Calendar

Continued from Page 27 o-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Meets twice a month to discuss selections from the Great Books Foundation. The group will be reading "Ironweed" by William Kennedy. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BRIDGE

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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Elissa, 410-641-8050; on social media; or delmarvachorus.org.

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., Sept. 16

OCEAN PINES HAUNTED TRAIL INTEREST MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, East Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. For characters and volunteers of any level. Those ages 16 years and older welcome. Actors under 18 years of age must have a parent present. Debbie Donahue, 410-641-7052, ddonahue@oceanpines.org

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, if you can. Registration required: 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME AT CYPRESS PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Meet at the playground for stories and outside play. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch if desired. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME

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

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SELF-CARE SEPTEMBER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. Treat yourself to some homemade sugar scrub. Mix in your favorite color and scent, and enjoy. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

COLONIAL CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 4:30 p.m. Create your own quill pen to take home and explore the traditional technique of tin punching. Learn how everyday items were made in the 1700s. For ages 6-11 years. 410-957-0878

CROSS FARMS POP-UP FARMERS MARKET

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

BEACH HEROES-OC

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th

St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

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

www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., Sept. 17

PAINT & SIP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Must be 18 years and older to participate. Register: 410-641-7052.

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7-8:30 p.m. Adult singles and couples welcome. RSVP: 908-229-8799.

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

SENSORY STAY AND PLAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Get ready to squish, build, splash, shake and scoop through several fun stations. For ages 0-5 years. 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, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WHAT WE COLLECT. WHAT WE TELL: SENOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 11 a.m. Join in for casual conversation and coffee. Share stories and reminisce about the past through prompts and activities. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PUZZLE SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1-7 p.m. Bring your gently used puzzles and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Don't have a puzzle to exchange but still want one? That's OK too. All puzzles must be in their original boxes. 410-641-0650

GOING TO EXTREMES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. Travel photographer Peter Mandel zooms in to show slides of his most extreme travel experiences such as surviving a coup in Ecuador, sailing on an Arctic icebreaker and more. 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

BUS TRIP TO BRANDYWINE MUSEUM

Sponsored by the Art League of Ocean City. The exhibit features 50 of Andrew Wyeth's paintings inspired by Kuerner Farm. A visit to Kuerner Farm is also available (\$12). Cost is \$95 for members and \$115 for non-members and includes transportation and museum ticket. The bus will leave from the ACME parking lot (94th Street and Coastal Highway) on Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tickets: https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2630.410-524-9433, frankie@artleagueofoceancity.org

CREATIVITY CORNER

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

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., throughout September. Take a self-guided tour of the library's local history collection. For help with finding your roots or navigating historical records, contact the local history librarian at history@worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-3495.

HISTORY-TO-GO: CROSS STITCHING

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., throughout September. Pick up a History-to-Go kit about the colonial art of cross stitch. Includes info sheets, recommended activities, supples and more. 410-632-3495

Classified

MARKETPLACE

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

by Monday, 5 p.m.

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







HELP WANTED

AMERICAN LEGION Assistant Manager, PM Shift 2 Line Cooks, Part-time. Exp. required. Apply at Post, 2308 Philadelphia Avenue

JOLLY ROGER Small Engine Mechanic. Ride Maintenance.

or call 410-289-3166

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



NOW HIRING!!

Production Crew

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

Apply online at: www.delmarvadd.com

Classifieds 410-723-6397

HELP WANTED

PT DENTAL HYGIENIST Ocean City, MD 410-213-1032

RENTALS

YEAR ROUND

or WINTER RENTAL

Coconut Malorie 1BR, 1BA \$1,600/mo. YR or \$850/mo. Winter Rental (Oct. 1-Apr. 30) 301-437-2799

WINTER RENTAL

Carousel 2BR, 2BA \$1,000/month plus electric. Starts Oct. 1-April 30. 301-437-2799

YEAR ROUND & WINTER BAYSIDE CONDO 4 - 2BR/2BA FULLY

FURNISHED Units. W/D, AC & parking. Starting September. **Call** Mike at 410-603-6120. www.mbjcproperties.com

HELP WANTED



Currently Hiring Manpower For:

Carpenter | Laborer | Painters Stucco & EIFS Mechanics **Concrete Work**

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

Please Apply Online:

Or Contact Our Office at 410-352-9800

CARPENTERS & CARPENTERS HELPERS

Must have Tools, Transportation, Drivers License Experience preferred, but will train.

> **PATTERSON & SONS BUILDERS** rhp510@aol.com 410-641-9530

RENTALS

Welcome to your sunlit. stylish studio in one of Midtown Manhattan's

premier full-service buildings at 420 W 42nd St. This modern home features floor-to-ceiling windows with stunning city views, a sleek kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, and an open layout ideal for relaxing or entertaining. Enjoy luxury amenities including a 24-hour doorman, concierge, fitness center, pool, sun deck, resident lounge, on-site laundry. Steps from Times Square, Hudson Yards, and the Theater District, this apartment offers upscale city living at

its finest.

CALL/TEXT 415-466-1813. Email lw182206@gmail.com.

OCEANFRONT WINTER

RENTAL 2BR/2BA, furnished Condo, Avail. Oct.-Apr.
Direct ocean views, balcony, parking, WiFi incl.
Ideal for 2 mature adults
w/strong rental history. Ocean City, Md. **Contact Mary Beth**

410-241-3376

Seeking YR & Seasonal Rentals!

Call Howard Martin Realty 410-352-5555.

YEARLY RENTAL 319 Robin Drive Available Immediately 2BR, 1BA, Unfurnished. Dog friendly, ground floor.
Ideal 2 mature adults w/strong work history. \$2,000/mo. + electric. Call/text 703-819-7400

Holiday

Yearly & Seasonal Rentals We Welcome Pets 7700 Coastal Hwy

410-524-7700 www.holidayoc.com

ROOMMATES

ROOMMATE HOUSESHARE Looking for mature female to share house in Ocean Pines Priv. Bedrooms, full use of house. \$800 per mo., Incl's all utilities. No pets, no smoking. **443-497-2332**

410-723-6397

COMMERCIAL

Prime Location Commercial Storage Unit West Ocean City, 10'x12' Garage Door opening with Small office and kitchen. 1,000 sq. ft. **Call 301-748-1977.**

Avail Oct. 1

Contractor Shop/ Warehouse For Rent West OC. 1,000 sq.ft. w/Bathroom and HVAC. Call 443-783-2125.

Commercial Space for Lease. ONLY 1 UNIT LEFT!

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

Call 443-880-8885 for

more information. **Industrial Space**

Yard and Storage Shed. Approx. 10x25+/-Route 90/Bishopville. Call 443-497-4200.

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

SERVICES

LARRY'S HANDYMAN SERVICE

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

Classified **Deadline** is Monday @ 5pm

DONATIONS

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

FOR SALE

3 Window A/C Units. Used only 4 days while main HVAC compressor was replaced. 2 LG brand 12K BTU, \$300 ea. & 1 LG brand 8K BTU, \$200. All 3, \$750. Brad, 410-935-1963

CEMETARY PLOT FOR SALE SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK Plot # 171-C

\$800 (\$1,000 Value!) Rt. 50, Berlin, MD Call 410-641-1734.

Classifieds 410-723-6397 **Deadline** is Monday @ 5pm

ESTATE SALE

ESTATE SALE: Furniture Tools. Housewares. Books. Games. Toys. Supplies.
September 20th and 21st. 8am to 2pm

33 Fort Sumter South in **Ocean Pines**

YARD SALE

GLENRIDDLE COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Open to the Public.
Saturday, SEPT. 20TH 8 AM - 1 PM

WHISPERING WOODS

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE (WOC, off Rt. 611) Saturday, Sept. 13th, 8am-noon.

Items for the whole family!!

MISC./OTHER

Rolling back the stone,

The full ledger of my heart,

Would lay before You! Please mark my account,

"late, but well along"!

SERVICES

BUDGET MOVERS

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

Full Packing Service Piano Movers - Full Service

www.facebook.com/OCBudgetMovers

District of Columbia since 1908.

MARYLAND STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

MISC. FOR SALE Get Boost Infinite! Unlimited

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

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

CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK

FOR SALE

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

VEHICLES WANTED

DONATE YOUR CAR/TRUCK/ RV - Lutheran Mission Society MD Compassion Place ministries help local families with food, clothing, counseling. Tax deductible. MVA licensed #W1044. 410-228-8437

www.CompassionPlace.org

REAL ESTATE

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

SERVICES

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

www.dental50plus.com/ MDDC #6258

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



Classifieds Public Notices e-Edition

Q 💄





- No Waiting, No Calls
- Days, Nights & Weekends

ORDER YOUR CLASSIFIEDS ONLINE!

www.octodaydispatch.com

3ervice

CLEANING SERVICES



Family Owned and Operated Since 1983

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Licensed and Fully Insured

Free Estimates

Locally Owned

Maintenance

410.713.8599

Andersen www

• Roofing

Cleaning Specials

DePalma Dental, LLC



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

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Eastern Shore

Home Improvement Services LLC

Home Repair, Maintenance and Millwork

410-600-5243

Blake Fleming, Owner

500 Franklin Avenue, Unit 3 Berlin, Maryland 21811

Veteran Owned and Operated

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

Licensed & Insured, MD # 162919

HANDYMAN SERVICES

"WE DO IT A

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

 Staining
 Caulking Gutter Cleaning & Powerwashing •

 Deck Repairs Licensed • Bonded • Insured • MHIC 17433

410-893-9707

HOME IMPROVEMENT



"One stop shop for Home Improvement"

Home Improvement Design & Bertch Cabinet Retail

- · Cabinets & Countertop
- General Carpentry &
- Flooring & Tile Residential & Commer
 Servicing Maryland &
 Delaware Beaches

US Veterans Approved Contractor

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

(410) 208-1518 • (410) 982-8368 pipelinecontracting.net • info@pipelinecontracting.net

MDHIC # 107489 • DE # 2014100304 • Insured & Licensed

LANDSCAPING

HOME IMPROVEMENT

* 0 Payments * 0 Interest **PARADISE** * 12 Months

CLEANING SERVICES

Complete Home Improvement Contractor

* NOW OFFERING *

DISPOSAL ROLLOFF SERVICE

Quick Reliable Service 7 Days A Week

Clean Up Crews Available • 15 & 20 Yard

* Free Estimates

410-430-2583 ROOFING - SIDING WINDOWS - DOORS

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

MHIC 114960- Insured- Affordable

HOME IMPROVEMENT



Home Improvement, Inc.

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

Let's schedule your Fall & Winter Projects!

We accept MC/Visa (410) 641-3762

Island Care Mental Health

Mary Deborah Wilson

PMHNP

Avoid the Delays

Medication & Therapy

MD DE Lic. 410-641-5190

Licensed ~ Bonded ~ Insured • MHIC #8465 **MENTAL HEALTH**

Lawncare, Landscaping & Hardscapes Driveway Seal Coating



Hauling

Brush Removal

- Mulch
- Planting
- Stone Driveways Patio & Walkway
- Custom Landscape

FREE ESTIMATES 410-430-7543

MDA #30202

LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Paramount Lawn and Irrigation Specialists

- ✓ Lawn Sprinkler Systems -Installation, repairs & service
- Spring Start-Ups and Winterization service
- Low Voltage Landscape Lighting
- Residential and Commercial

All Brands serviced

Call Today! 410-600-0007 or email paramountsprinklers@gmail.com

MVA LICENSED

NEW TITLE AND TAGS AND MORE

www.westoceancitytagandtitle.com

JODY PALMISANO 410-629-5600

MHIC: #164045 - Fully Insured

PAT'S PAINTING IN THE PINES

Delaware ~ Ocean Pines ~ Ocean City ~ Berlin



Powerwashing

✓ Drywall Repairs

✓ House/Deck Staining ✓ Wallpaper Removal

✓ Custom Painting

410-641-5957

Resident of Ocean Pines

Licensed

MOVING SERVICES

The Area's **#1** Moving Company **LOCAL . ENTIRE EAST COAST**

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



MHIC #12398

Call Maria: 443-664-5797

www.Facebook.com/ocbudgetmovers

PAINTING

& Son llc

Painting & Powerwashing Interior & Exterior

Serving Delmarva for Over 35 Years Licensed & Insured

• DECK & HOUSE STAINING ALWAYS PROMPT

SERVICE Free Estimates

NOW ACCEPTING

CUSTOM PAINTING

WALLPAPER REMOVED

• DRYWALL REPAIRS

CREDIT CARDS!



Bill Zimmerman cell 443-373-4539

10% Discount with this ad.

WEST OCEAN CITY NEW LOCATION! 507 Sunset Ave. #8 West Ocean City Open Mon., Fri., 9-2 & Wed. 9-5

PAINTING

Reliable and Affordable Painting

SPECIALIZING IN CABINET PAINTING



Bayside OC. com

ervice

PIANO TUNING



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

PLUMBING



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

We Install:

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

Winterization Packages • Repairs

CALL FOR ANY OF YOUR PLUMBING OR GAS NEEDS

410-430-3490 • LMSPlumbingandgas.com

PRINTING & DESIGN

NOT YOUR AVERAGE COPY CENTER

Full Business Center Custom Gifts Graphic Designs Retail Gift Items Wedding Print Services



ONE STOP SHOP For ALL YOUR PERSONAL & BUSINESS NEEDS

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

ROOFING



Your Roofing, Siding & Home Improvement Specialist Since 1989

ROOFING • SIDING • DURADEK • WINDOWS • GUTTERS

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

9240 Peerless Rd. • Bishopville, MD

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

YOUR BUSINESS

Your **Business Card Here!**

Call 410-723-6397

Home Need Improvements? Check out For a variety of local contractors













MDDCPRESS.COM





DENTAL Insurance

Great coverage for retirees.

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

Call 1-855-337-5228

Dental50Plus.com/Mddc

Product/features not available in all states. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. To find a network provider, go to physiciansmutual. com/find-dentist. This specific offer not available in CO, NV, NY - call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for a similar offer in your state. Certificate C254/B465, C250A/ B438 (ID: C254ID; PA: C254PA); Insurance Policy P154/B469 (GA: P154GA; OK: P154OK; TN: P154TN).

Consumer Cellular[®]

Plans start at just \$20/month.

Switch & Save Today.

866-337-1676

msamer Centuar Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Plans shown above include \$5 credit for AutoPay and laxes and other fees apply. Credit approval required for new service. Cellular service is not available in all areas and to system limitations.

Be prepared before the next power outage.



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

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

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

GENERAC

VACCINES

- Flu Shots
- High Dose Flu Shots for Seniors age 65+
- Prevnar 20
- RSV Respiratory Syncytial Virus
- Shingle Vaccine

FLU SEASON AHEAD

COASTAL DRUG PHARMACY is offering the most convenient way to receive your next vaccination.

WALK INS WELCOME

Appointments Recommended Curbside Available

WELCOME RITE AID CUSTOMERS



We Accept All Insurances - Delivery Available - Open Saturdays

HOMEBOUND?

We will schedule a nurse to come and administer the vaccine. Call for details.

HIRING Pharmacy Tech Full & Part-Time

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



410.629.0089

This pharmacy is independently owned and operated under a license from Health Mart Systems, Inc