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Demolition began last week at the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's south station, which is being leveled to make room for a new \$6 million facility. The original station at 911 Ocean Parkway was built in 1981 and is now inadequate.

## Mayor, council meetings will shift to library

Temporary space required because of renovations

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) While Berlin's Town Hall building undergoes its major renovation, meetings of the mayor and Town Council will be at the Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library at 13 Harrison Avenue.

Per the Town of Berlin's website, meetings of the parks commission, the historic district commission, the planning commission, and the board of appeals will be held at the Berlin Police Department, located at 129 Decatur Street.

**'When we originally came up with the amount we thought we would need for Town Hall renovations, that was us throwing something against the board.'**

— Mayor Zack Tyndall

Last month, the Berlin mayor and council awarded the construction contract for the Town Hall project to the Keller Brothers for a total of \$3,156,693. This amount includes a base bid of \$2.391 million, a contingency of \$260,000, an elevator at \$204,999, and, conditional on the future presentation of an itemized list to be acted on by the council, \$300,703 for furniture.

At a council meeting on Feb. 9, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall explained that the project was initially expected to cost about \$2.5 million.

"When we originally came up with the amount we thought we would need for Town Hall renovations, that

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## Retail project planned for Rt. 589

Developer takes site plan for mixed-use center before county review committee

By Brian Shane  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2026) A developer is planning a mixed-use commercial center for an empty parcel on Race-track Road that would bring new retail, office, and restaurant space to

the Route 589 corridor.

Worcester County's Technical Review Committee had a major site plan review at its Feb. 11 meeting for what's being called the 589 Group Project. Plans call for four retail buildings.

The grassy 11.05-acre parcel is located to the north of Abi's Diner, and south of the new TidalHealth Gudel-sky Family Medical Center. The prop-erty owner is 589 Group, LLC, which

state business records show is based in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Preliminary site plans by Vista De-sign show two 7,000-square foot and one 4,625 square foot building design-ated for retail, office, or restaurant. Another 4,000 square foot building could be used for a fast-food eatery in addition to office space.

To the rear of the property are three buildings for self-storage or

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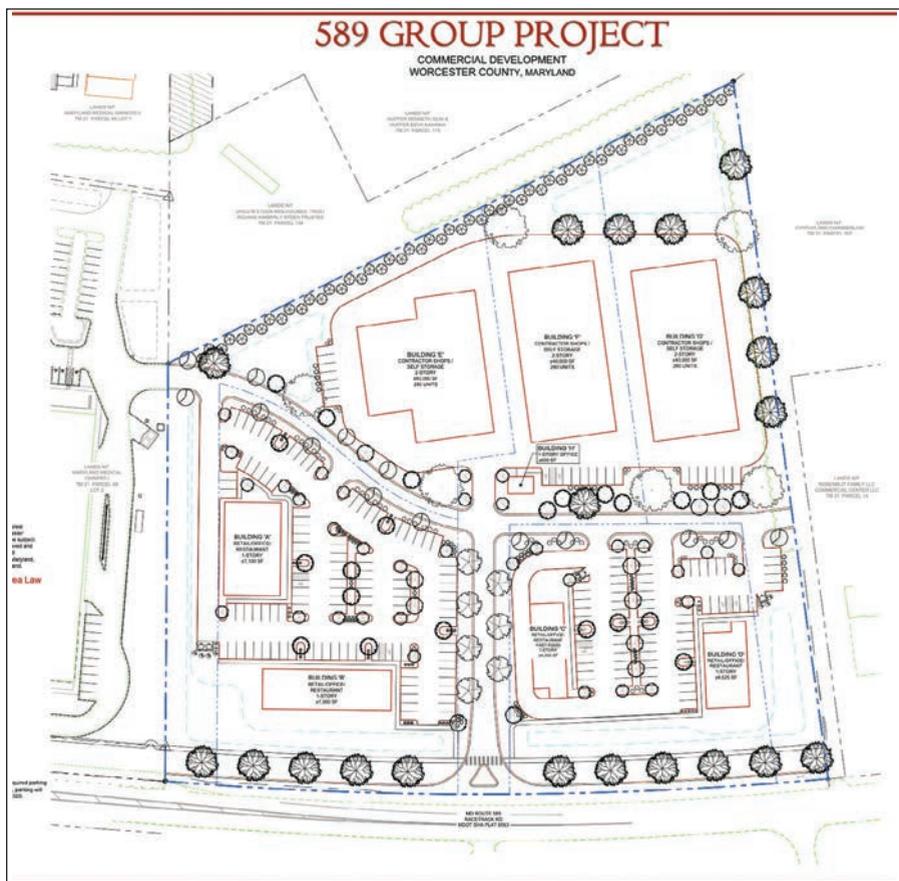
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A new commercial project is working through the county's planning process. The new development will be located south of the existing TidalHealth Gudelsky Family Medical Center.

# Another commercial project considered for Racetrack Rd.

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contractor shops, each 40,000 square feet in size. Another 600 square foot building nearby would serve as a standalone office. The project will require site plan review by the State Highway Administration.

Internal memos from the county's office of environmental programs show that there are currently no EDUs – or Equivalent Dwelling Units, the amount of water and sewer capacity assigned to a property – and all EDUs will need to be purchased before the agency signs off on permits.

Worcester County's Department of Public Works also will have to review and approve any connections to public water sewer collection for the Ocean Pines Sanitary Service Area.

This project represents the third major commercial development to date in the half-mile stretch of Racetrack Road.

The adjacent Gudelsky medical center opened in 2024, after first having been planned as a much larger building to rival Atlantic General Hospital in size.

Another project in the works is a 23-acre housing development known as Racetrack Village. It'll have 136 townhouse-style buildings with units upstairs and down.

Each 900 to 1,200 square foot unit would be designated for individual sale, and that the smaller home sizes – units would range in size from 900 to 1,200 square feet – might reflect a lower price point in the housing market, making them more affordable.

# Town shifts meeting locations

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was us throwing something against the board," he said at the time. "And along the way...We did not anticipate a full HVAC replacement; we did not expect the well failures with the geothermal unit...This bid includes making sure we replace those things."

To keep costs down, the council decided not to proceed with many of the options they had envisioned, such as renovations to the planning annex building, façade improvements, a new generator, and audio-visual upgrades. Those items were shelved for

future consideration.

However, one previously alternative item, an elevator to remain compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, will be factored into the upcoming work.

Also, last month, the council authorized transferring \$1.045 million from the town's unassigned fund balance into capital reserves to help finance the project.

Exactly when the change will be made is unknown, but meeting dates, times, and venues can be found on the Town of Berlin's official webpage.



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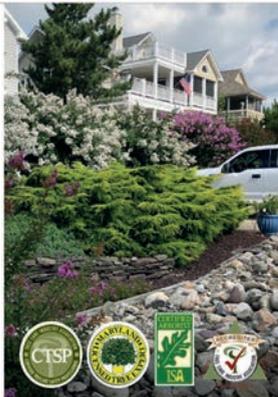
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# Ocean Pines Bocce League expanding outreach efforts

## Fundraiser for community recreation program set for March 15 at restaurant

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) As the Ocean Pines Bocce League continues to grow, the organization is offering new opportunities for businesses and community members to support the league financially.

On Sunday, March 15, from noon to 4 p.m., members and Ocean Pines residents are invited to Pancho and Lefty's in West Ocean City for "margaritas with friends and great food," reads a Facebook post from bocce director Mike Galello. All money raised at the event will go to the league.

Additionally, the league will have a leaderboard and is offering premium space to businesses to promote their services. The "premier location" is next to the Yacht Club pool at the east end of the bocce courts, where it will be viewable to patrons at the Yacht Club bars, deck, marina, and restaurant.

"The OPBL membership is growing larger with each new season (spring, summer, fall) and will be hosting tour-

naments with several other Maryland bocce leagues," a Facebook post by the bocce team says. "All ads will last for one full year on the leaderboard, websites, and OP's monthly newsletter."

Offered panel sizes are approximately 4 feet x 2 feet, 2 feet x 2 feet and 5 feet x 2 feet.

Bocce leaders encourage businesses to contact Gary Miller for more information. He can be reached at garywm1952@gmail.com.

The league continues to focus on growth and improvements. Earlier this year, Galello said aluminum bleachers, three rows high and eight feet long, have been purchased, and a shade structure is planned to help players and fans cope with intense summer heat, with a temporary tent to start.

A two-day camp was hosted last month to familiarize players with rules and skills, and a spring league was introduced this year. The summer season will begin around late May, with an autumn league to follow.

While the signup deadline for the spring session has passed, those looking to get in on the fun can keep an eye out for forthcoming registration information for the summer and fall seasons.

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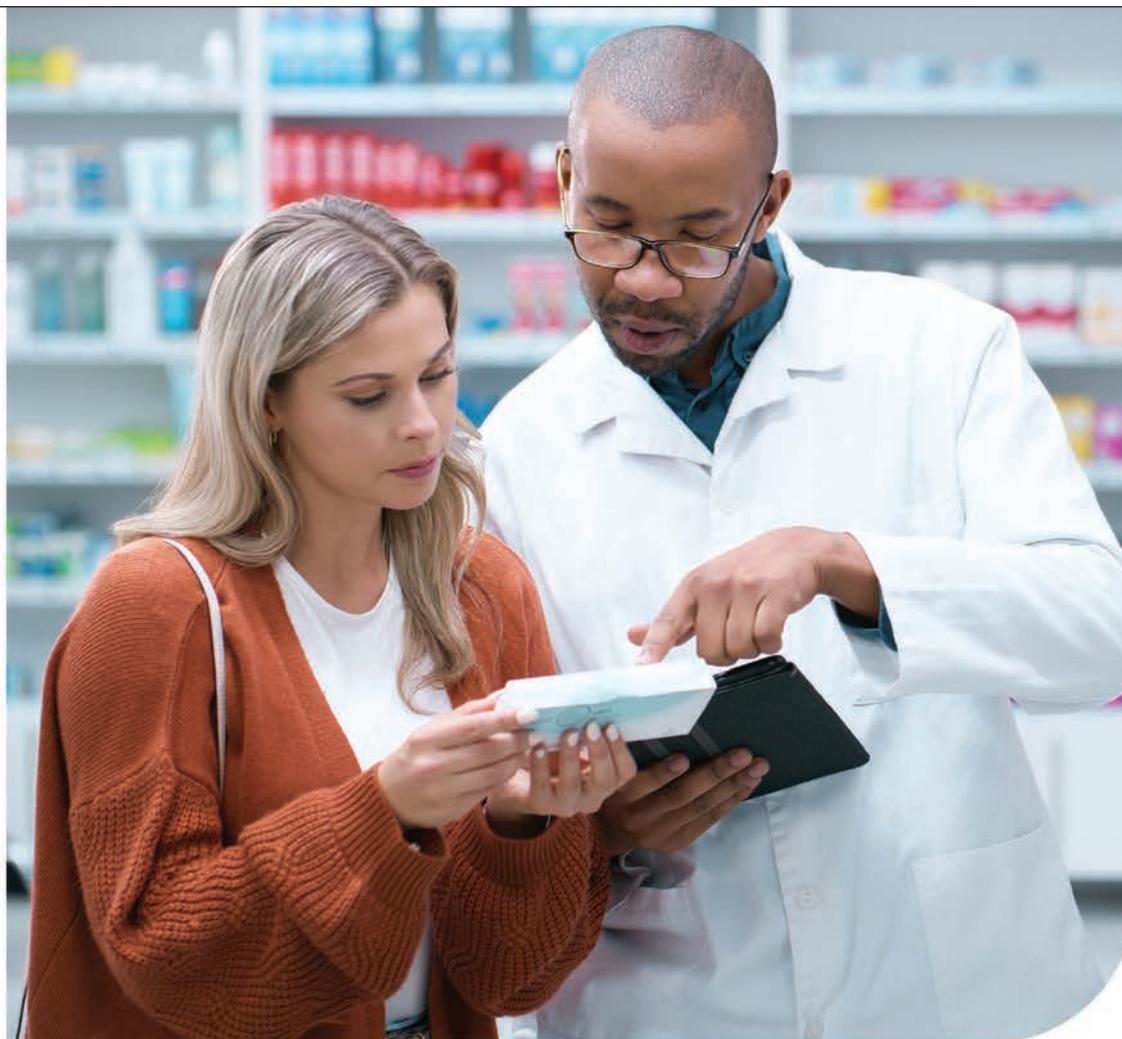
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# Update provided on food, beverage projects

General manager estimates yacht club's tiki kitchen will be open for summer start

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) Improvements at the Ocean Pines Association's food and beverage operations are still on track, but staff say their progress isn't moving as quickly as they'd like.

Part of the work will involve repositioning the indoor bar at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille. OPA General Manager John Viola said that restaurant operator Touch of Italy intends to proceed with rearranging the space.

During the project, the Clubhouse Meeting Room area will be used with a portable bar and tables to ensure

operations continue. The kitchen will also be open during the initiative.

Viola said that progress is "yellow," or behind, because "a lot is going on." The general manager said the work has had to take a back seat in light of the recent winter storm, and the association has pulled resources to prioritize demolition and the upcoming construction of the community's new South Station Fire House. The estimated completion is May 1, but the effort could take longer.

"We are a little behind there," Viola said. "I can tell you from talking to Touch of Italy that they do plan on going forward. Obviously, if it takes longer to get the permits, it might be relooked at, but now the plan is to go forward."

The association is also working towards building a pavilion with a

kitchen area at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. A request for proposals (RFP) was issued last month, with bids due on March 5.

The project will include a structure that offers refreshments to golfers, with the intent of improving the speed of play. Viola said restrooms will likely be added to the scope of work as well. The OPA Board of Directors approved securing engineering designs for the clubhouse's outdoor pavilion from Vista Design for \$51,000 last year.

"I also want to put restrooms in there," he said. "That will definitely help with the speed of play ... golfers explained they would still have to go into the building to use the restrooms. We are going to put that in there."

The pavilion and bathrooms are to be completed by the end of May, but staff noted that the effort remains at "yellow" status.

An outdoor pizza oven and grill at the Yacht Club's patio area remains in the works. The idea is that the new space will give Yacht Club staff a place to supplement the establishment's indoor kitchen, enhancing the service and quality.

Bob Ciprietti, TOI owner, said last year that this past summer presented challenges in getting orders to patrons at the facility's pool and patio

area, while keeping service quick and the food fresh.

The board unanimously agreed to proceed with soliciting engineering designs from Vista Design for \$40,800 for the project in October.

Viola said last Saturday that an RFP for the tiki kitchen endeavor was issued in February. These responses are currently under review.

"I like the concept of this," the general manager added. "We have the upstairs banquets, we have a kitchen up there. We have the downstairs kitchen. But then we have a patio and the pool, and it never really had something focused on it ... It makes sense to me ... We should be able to have better food, warmer food for the patio."

The estimated completion date is Memorial Day. Staff maintains that the project remains in "yellow" status.

The cost of the projects at the community's food and beverage facilities will be divided between OPA and TOI. The restaurant group is responsible for the building's interiors, such as the kitchens and bars, while Ocean Pines is to pay for the structures themselves.

At the Yacht Club, for example, the construction of the outdoor kitchen is the responsibility of OPA. TOI will pay for the equipment.

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# Ocean Pines considering night meetings for summer

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association's governing body may change the date and time of one or more summer board meetings from Saturday morning to a weekday evening so residents might find it easier to attend.

At the Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, Feb. 28, Director Steve Jacobs moved to authorize the president of the board to reschedule regular board meetings for May, June, and July 2026 to a different day and time from the calendar approved by the board last August.

Currently, these May, June, and July gatherings are slated for the last Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. The motion was approved 6-1, effectively allowing the board's leader, John Latham, to change the date and time for one, two, or all three of the board meetings in the summer months. Director Stuart Lakernick was the dissenting vote.

Jacobs initiated the conversation. "During the August 2025 organizational meeting, there was a discussion about changing the day and time of regular board meetings, in partic-

ular during the busier summer months," he said. "While there was no consensus on such a change, there was an agreement to revisit the matter later this year. This motion leaves the matter open to having these specific meetings left to the call of the chair."

The board said that if they decide to reschedule either the May, June, or July meeting, it would likely be moved from a Saturday at 9 a.m. to a weekday around 7 p.m.

Advocates of the change say in addition to more residents being able to attend, rearranging one or a few meetings will also mean that staff do not have to work on a Saturday during the busy summer season.

While the approved motion gives the president the authority to reschedule any of the May, June, or July assemblies, the group agreed that changing just one would be sufficient to see whether the new date and time offer additional public participation.

The president must announce the schedule amendment at least 10 working days in advance.

"Thinking about the staff and their time, what I would really like to see

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# Officials discuss meeting move

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is trying a month,” Board Treasurer Monica Rakowski said. “Instead of saying with this motion we’re going to do three months, since we can announce the date 10 days in advance, instead of committing to three months, how about trying it for one month.”

Lakernick voted against the motion, arguing that changing the regularly held meetings undermines the board’s commitment to consistency.

“The date and times were approved publicly to let residents know when they can participate in their community’s governance. This helps maintain trust and predictability,” he said.

He also maintained that some residents are part-time, only in Ocean Pines on the weekends. By altering the calendar, it limits the part-time homeowners’ opportunity to partake in the neighborhood’s governing process.

“I don’t think it’s fair to them,” Lakernick added. “Increasing schedule changes will only add to confusion and create the perception that meetings are harder for our members to follow or attend. For the sake of transparency, accountability, and stability, I believe we should honor the schedule we already adopted.”

Director Elaine Brady said that

“[citizens] are here at all different times, whether during the week or the weekend.”

“If they come down for just the weekend, they want to be on the beach in the summer, instead of coming to a board meeting,” she noted.

“I think it would be beneficial to give it a shot and see how that works.”

Additionally, Brady agreed that just one of the three summer dates should be changed, and suggested July, as it’s the month when the most part-time residents are in the area.

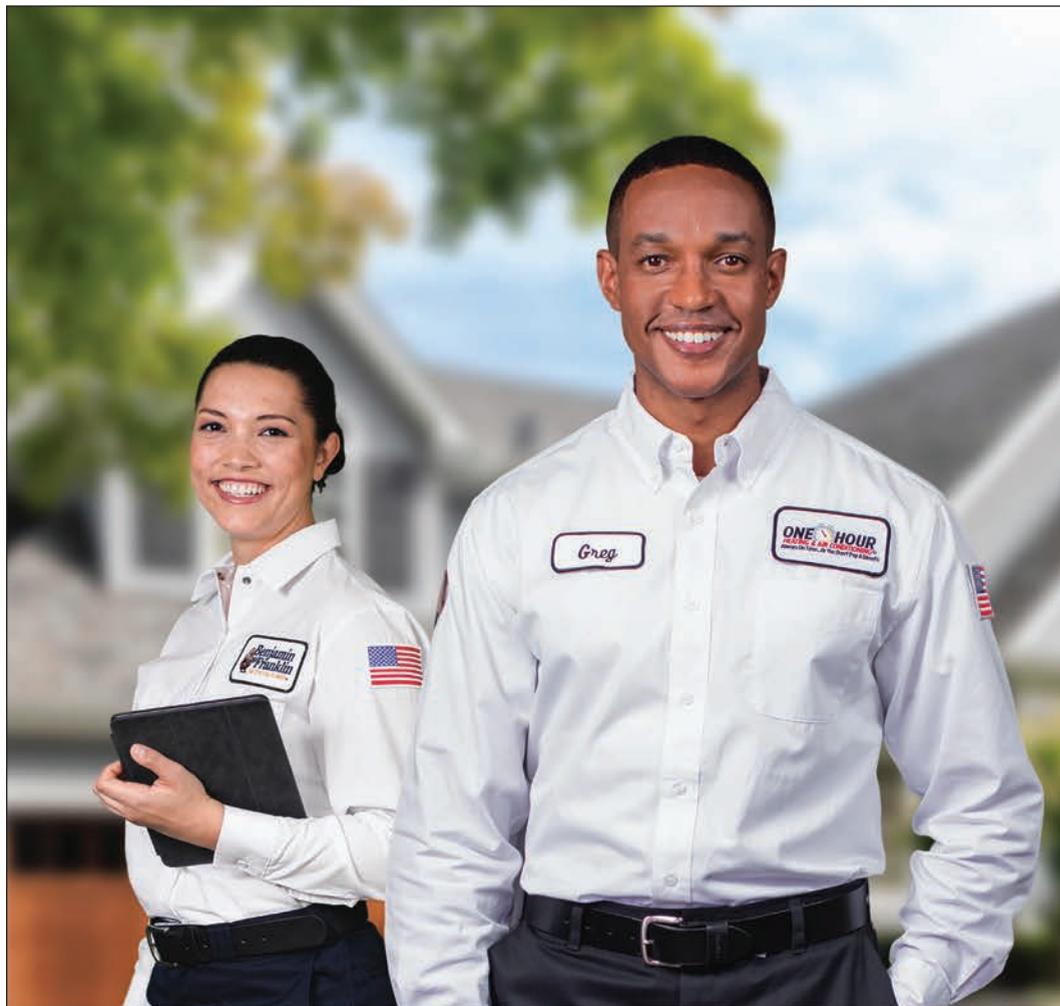
Board Vice President Rick Farr supported the motion and asked that the new times be established in the evenings to allow members of the body and Ocean Pines citizens who work full-time to attend.

Latham also backed the idea.

“We’re not talking about changing every meeting,” he said. “We’re talking about maybe taking July or something and...seeing what kind of feedback we get.”

Jacobs added that rearranging a meeting time later this year will give the board “some sort of census as to who attends in the evening as opposed to a Saturday morning” and could lead to further changes down the road.

“But this is just an experimental period,” he maintained.



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# Filing deadline passes with local races now officially set

## Senator Carozza, Delegate Hartman unopposed for new terms in Annapolis

By **Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) Multiple elected offices that serve Worcester County are going uncontested, including two state-level officials, as the filing deadline for the June 23 primary election passed this week.

At the state level, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) and Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) are running unopposed. In District 38A, three newcomers are vying for the seat vacated last year after the death of incumbent Charles Otto: Princess Anne Town Commissioner Shelley Johnson, a Democrat, Pocomoke City Councilman C.L. Marshall III, a Republican; and Timothy Howlett, a Republican from Crisfield.

Del. Kevin Anderson, who was appointed in November by Gov. Wes Moore to fill the 38A position for the 2026 Legislative Session, did not appear on the list of primary candidates as of Tuesday's 9 p.m. filing deadline. The district includes all of Somerset County, 20% of Worcester County, and a sliver of Wicomico County.

For most local races, whoever wins the primary will move onto the general election unopposed.

At the county commissioner level, the longest-serving incumbent, Jim Bunting from District 6, isn't running again after four terms. Candidates for the Bishopville district seat include Lou Taylor, the county's former school superintendent, and Sherrie Clifford, both Republicans. Clifford owns the Ocean Pines ROC newspaper.

The seat with the most candidates is District 1 (Pocomoke), where incumbent first-termer Caryn Abbott will face off against candidates Laura Morrison, Shaun Shockley, and Wayne Taylor. Because all four candidates are Republicans, and no Democrats filed for the Southern district seat, it means the winner of the primary will take the seat.

The same goes for District 2, where Democrats Roxie Dennis and Diana Purnell are the only candidates vying for the Central District seat, meaning the winner here, too, will take the seat. District 2 is structured as a majority-minority electoral district, and Purnell, a three-term incumbent, is the first Black woman to serve on the county commissioners.

In District 4, it'll be a three-way primary for Republican candidates Steve Green and Virgil Shockley as they face three-term incumbent Ted Elder, the current board president.

### 2026 ELECTION TIMELINE

- June 11-18** – Early voting for primaries
- June 23** – Primary Election
- Oct 22-29** – Early voting for General Election
- Nov. 3** – Election Day

Green, an editor at this publication, is a town councilman for Berlin.

Shockley's last-minute filing on Tuesday puts a new spin on the District 4 race. A Snow Hill chicken farmer, Shockley was a county commissioner for 16 years, at times serving as board president, before Elder unseated him in the 2014 primary.

In District 3, incumbent first-term Commissioner Eric Fiori will face primary challenger Tim Van Vonno. The two Republicans last faced each other in the 2022 primary, where Fiori won with 32% of the vote to Van Vonno's 28%.

In District 5, three-term incumbent Ocean Pines Commissioner Chip Bertino will face challenger Joe Schanno in the Republican primary.

Ocean City Commissioner Joe Mitrecic is running unopposed for the District 7 seat. Elected to the commissioners in 2014, Mitrecic has never been opposed at the ballot box.

Several other local incumbents for non-legislative positions are running unopposed. They include State's Attorney Kris Heiser, Clerk of the Circuit Court Susan Braniecki, Register of Wills Terri Westcott.

For Worcester County Sheriff, it'll be a rematch of the 2022 primary as Republican incumbent Sheriff Matt Crisafulli will face challenger Jeffrey Buhr.

Judge of Orphan's Court Cheryl Jacobs, the Republican incumbent, will face primary challengers Mary Burgess, Lisa Mitchell, and John Simms III. The winner will face Democratic candidate Martin Radinsky in the general election.

Four seats are up on this November's nonpartisan Worcester County Board of Education election, where terms are staggered among the seven seats. Candidates this year include Caroline Bloxom and Glen Ennis for District 1, Frederick Grant for District 4, Kathy Cater and Jackie Cutlip for District 6, and current board president Todd Ferrante for District 7.

Cutlip was appointed last year to fill the vacancy created by the sudden departure of District 6 incumbent Katie Addis. As of the filing deadline, two incumbents had not filed to run for reelection, District 1 member Bill Buchanan and District 4 member Bill Gordy.

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# Snapshots



## MAYOR VISITS

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Mrs. Jankowski and Mrs. Pur-nell's 4th-grade classes had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Zack Tyn-dall of the Town of Berlin to discuss the annual Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest. At Worcester Preparatory School (WPS), participat-ing in this essay contest has evolved into a cher-ished tradition. This year's theme, "90 Years Strong: Where Tradition Meets In-novation," encourages stu-dents to identify a tradition they value in their community and imagine how, as mayor, they would carry that tradition 90 years into the future.

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## TESTIMONY PROVIDED

Senator Mary Beth Carozza testified in strong support of Senate Bill 50, the Fairness in Girls' Sports Act, last month. This legislation would ensure a level playing field for girls' sports by only allowing biological girls (born female) to play on high school interscholastic and intramural junior varsity teams designated as a girls' team or sport. Team or sports that are designated as mixed or boys' teams would remain open categories for anyone regardless of biological sex or gender identity to try out, practice, and play. Pictured, from left, are Maddie Castaneda, former goalkeeper for Pocomoke High School's field hockey team who now is playing field hockey for Salisbury University; April Bondurant, captain of the Stephen Decatur High School Women's Basketball team; Carozza, who was a collegiate tennis player at The Catholic University of America; Field Hockey Head Coach Brandi Castaneda of Pocomoke High School; and Aubrie Castaneda, center for Pocomoke High School field hockey and future player at McDaniel College.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

The Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Alumni Association celebrated a significant milestone—the final 100 days before graduation—for the class of 2026. Held in the library lecture room, the occasion was marked by a delicious breakfast, stirring speeches, and wonderful advice from Lower School students. WPS Alumni Association President Ashlee Reed Hidell '00 welcomed the seniors and shared words of encouragement for the journey ahead. Guest speaker Roscoe Leslie '96, an attorney for Worcester County, is married to Worcester Preparatory School English teacher Megan Leslie and is the parent of two WPS students. He reflected on his path from Worcester Prep to college and career, and the lasting impact the school had on his future. Leslie is pictured with Hidell and his wife, English teacher Megan Leslie.



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## DONATIONS TO DIAKONIA

The American Legion Auxiliary of Unit 166 collected children's hats and gloves and delivered them to Diakonia. Items were also dropped off to the Cold Weather Shelter and the Soup Kitchen at Atlantic Methodist Church. Pictured are Tosh Ziggler, BJ Cain, Christine Whittenberger and Susan Blaney.



## FLORAL ARRANGING

At its recent meet-ing, members of the Worcester County Garden Club brought floral arrangements they had created in mugs to its recent meeting. The arrangements were then delivered to Gull Creek Senior Living Community and will be shared with residents for Valentine's Day. President Susan Fletcher is pictured with the many Valentine's Day flo-ral arrangements.

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# Worcester Prep's AP scores honored as Platinum Status

### Head of School: Academic excellence a result of high expectations, support level

(March 6, 2026) Worcester Preparatory School announced that it has earned Platinum Status on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll for the second consecutive year.

The AP Honor Roll recognizes schools across four levels of distinction — Bronze, Silver, Gold, and the highest level, Platinum, based on student access to and success in Advanced Placement coursework and exams.

For the 2024–2025 school year, nearly 16,000 schools nationwide were eligible for the AP Honor Roll. Approximately 5,700 schools earned recognition, and only 8% achieved Platinum Status.

Worcester Preparatory School is the only school in Worcester County, and one of just two schools on Maryland's Eastern Shore, to earn Platinum distinction. Notably, Worcester

Prep is the only school on the Eastern Shore to achieve this recognition two years in a row.

To qualify for Platinum Status, schools must meet the following criteria:

At least 80% of the graduating class must take at least one AP Exam during high school.

At least 50% of the graduating class must earn a score of 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam.

At least 15% of the graduating class must take five or more AP Exams, including at least one exam taken in 9th or 10th grade.

Head of School Dr. Betsy Hornung shared her pride in the accomplishment.

"I'm unbelievably proud of our students, faculty, staff, and supportive families for the combined effort, commitment, and dedication that contributed to this honor," said Hornung. "This recognition reflects not only academic excellence, but also the culture of high expectations and meaningful support that defines Worcester Prep."

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# Opinion

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## Town, OPA do their best to draw public

It might be said that Berlin and Ocean Pines don't have much in common beyond sharing the 21811 zip code. But recently they, as in their leadership, are thinking about how to ensure the public's presence at their meetings.

In Ocean Pines' case, the community association's board of directors on Saturday gave President John Latham the authority to change the date and time of the board's monthly meetings this summer from the usual Saturday morning to an evening during the week.

The theory is this change in time and date might make it easier for property owners to attend a meeting. Latham would have to give 10 days' notice of the schedule change ... if he chose to try a midweek session. It's up to him whether to pursue it, but it's worth a try and certainly won't hurt anything.

Berlin officials, meanwhile, have no choice but to move their meetings of the mayor and Town Council to the library. Extensive renovations of Town Hall — and some of this should have been done years ago — have made conducting the public's business in public impossible in some circumstances.

Altogether, the mayor and council will be spending about \$3.2 million on this overhaul, so it's much more extensive than earlier believed and that's after some planned improvements were set aside to reduce the cost.

It is also why the mayor and council and the town's regulatory bodies are unable to meet there, much less accommodate the public.

Even though the circumstances of these changes in Berlin and Ocean Pines are much different — with one attempting to draw a larger audience and the other being sure it can accommodate its citizens safely — the public should show its appreciation of these considerations.

And that would be by attending one or more sessions of these decision-makers regardless of when, where or what time they convene.

## Letter

### Legislation worth letters of support

Editor,

Did you know that, currently, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) is not required to conduct an analysis of the full costs and benefits of the various sources of electricity generation in the state? The PSC is the independent administrative agency that regulates the public utilities in Maryland.

As such, shouldn't one of its main responsibilities be to recommend policy changes to support the development of energy sources based on the lowest cost and

greatest benefit to the ratepayers?

It would seem that the PSC would not be able to make these recommendations without conducting the aforesaid cost and benefit analyses. I just learned that Maryland is currently importing more than 40% of its electricity, which certainly contributes to rising electricity costs impacting Maryland families and businesses. Another contributing factor is that since 2018 over 6,000 MW of electricity generation in Maryland has been retired while only 1,600 MW in new electricity generation has been added.

There is a bill before the

Maryland Legislature (Senate Bill 270 and House Bill 674) that will require the PSC to conduct a full cost and benefit analysis of electricity generation.

If you agree with this bill, you can show support for its passage by contacting the members of the Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee and asking them for a favorable report. You can also contact the members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee and ask them for a favorable report.

Please take action to protect your pocketbook.

Carol Frazier  
Ocean Pines

## Ocean Pines planning spring events

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association is gearing up for spring with a slate of seasonal activities and events.

To celebrate the Easter holiday, the community will host a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on Saturday, March 21. The event will kick off at 8 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center and conclude around 11 a.m.

According to a press release from the association, the Easter Bunny is scheduled to arrive at 8:15 a.m. and will be available to take photos with the children and their families until 11 a.m.

The breakfast menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, pastries, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. Admission fees are \$6 for ages four to 10, \$10 for ages 11 and up, and free for ages three and under.

More information is available by calling 410-641-7052.

A few weeks later, OPA will host an "Easter Egg Hunt and Pool Party." That event is to take place on Friday, April 3, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Crafts, music and

games will be offered to guests. Food will be available for purchase.

The Egg Hunt will be divided into three groups and times, an OPA-press release says. First is the "floaters", or those who cannot swim on their own and do not go underwater, at 5:30 p.m.

The next category, scheduled for 6 p.m., is for ages five to eight and will occur in three and a half to four feet of water. Rounding out the lineup are kids nine and up. This hunt is in three and a half to 12 feet of water and will kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Admission for the Easter Egg Hunt and Pool Party is \$8 for swim members, \$10 for OPA residents, and \$12 for non-residents. Fees are paid at the door upon arrival. For information, call 410-641-5255.

On Saturday, April 4, Ocean Pines is inviting families to White Horse Park for the community's annual Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt. The event is free and will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees should expect carnival games, food, a petting zoo, bounce houses, face painting, and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The Egg Hunt times are divided by age group: Ages one to three, 11:30 a.m.; Ages four to six, 12 p.m.; Ages 7 to 10, 12:30 p.m.

Residents may contact 410-641-7052 for additional details.

OPA gears up to host more activities as the weather continues to warm.

In May, the neighborhood will hold its free Ocean Pines Community Bike Ride. The event is set for Saturday, May 9 and will begin at 3 p.m. The trail will start and end at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse.

Riders must be 12 years old or over, and helmets are mandatory for all ages. While the event is free, organizers request that those intending to participate register. Individuals may sign up by calling the community's recreation department at 410-641-7052.

Registration for the Ocean Pines 2026 summer camps will open over the next few days. On March 6, signups will be open to OPA residents only, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Non-residents will get their chance on March 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OPA-sponsored camps  
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# Arts Council holding opening reception Fri.

(March 5, 2026) The Worcester County Arts Council will present "Roots and Reflections" – From Here: Stories of Home and Community, a juried exhibition and competition on view starting this week through April 30, celebrating the deep connections between people, place, and shared experience in Worcester County and across Maryland's Eastern Shore.

This thoughtfully curated exhibition invites viewers to explore what "home" truly means through the eyes of local and regional artists. Participating artists were encouraged to create original works reflecting personal or collective stories tied to local identity - whether expressed through landscapes, cultural traditions, family heritage, or moments that capture the spirit of community life. The result is a rich and diverse collection of artwork that highlights the many ways individuals connect to the places and people that shape their sense of belonging.

The exhibition is presented as a juried competition, with entries reviewed by local artist Evan Fitzgerald, who serves as the exhibition juror. Award recipients will be announced during the exhibition's Opening Reception on



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A new exhibit hosted by the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin opened this week and will run through April.

March 13, held from 4-6 p.m.

"Art has a powerful way of telling the stories of a place and the people who call it home," said Anna Mullis, executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council. "Through Roots and Reflections, we are celebrating the landscapes, traditions, and shared experiences that define our communities on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This exhibition is especially meaningful as we mark the Arts Council's 50th anniversary, honoring both our cultural heritage and the vibrant creative voices shaping our future."

"Roots and Reflections" is presented as part of the Arts Council's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2026, marking five decades of Arts, Community, and Connections. Since its founding, the Arts Council has remained

committed to championing creativity, supporting artists, and strengthening cultural life throughout Worcester County. This exhibition honors that legacy while looking ahead to the future of the region's vibrant arts community.

The public is invited to attend the Opening Reception on Friday, March 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., where guests will have the opportunity to meet participating artists and celebrate the announcement of the competition awards at 5 pm.

The exhibition is on view at the Worcester County Arts Council Gallery, 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Admission is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Artwork is available for purchase.

## Registration for camps opening

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are geared towards kids aged four to 12. This year's session will begin on June 15 and end on Aug. 21. The days will start at 7:30 a.m. and conclude around 5:30 p.m. Camp packets are now available at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

More information is available by calling 410-641-7052 or reaching out at [ddonahue@oceanpines.org](mailto:ddonahue@oceanpines.org)

## Obituary

### SALVATORE VINCENT CITRANO

Selbyville, Del.

Salvatore "Sam" Vincent Citrano, 75, of Selbyville, Del., died on February 18, 2026.

Born on March 14, 1950 he grew up in Perry Hall Maryland and graduated from The John Carroll High School in 1968. He worked in Demolition for Potts & Callahan in Baltimore and LVI in Denver.



Salvatore Citrano

He coached lacrosse for many years in Harford County Maryland from rec league through high school and college lacrosse at The Colorado School of Mines. He enjoyed spending the last decade of his life in the lower Delaware and Ocean City area. He was an avid outdoorsman and especially loved dancing and listening to live music.

Sam is survived by his children, Joe Citrano of Berlin, Melissa (Citrano) Maloney of Kailua, Hawaii, son-in-law Brendan Maloney, grandchildren Laina Citrano, Maggie Maloney and Seamus Maloney, Sister Peggie (Citrano) Ball, Brother-in-law Bob Ball and Brother-in-law Charles Hopkin. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Josephine Citrano and his sister Pat (Citrano) Hopkin.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation at [t2t.org](http://t2t.org).

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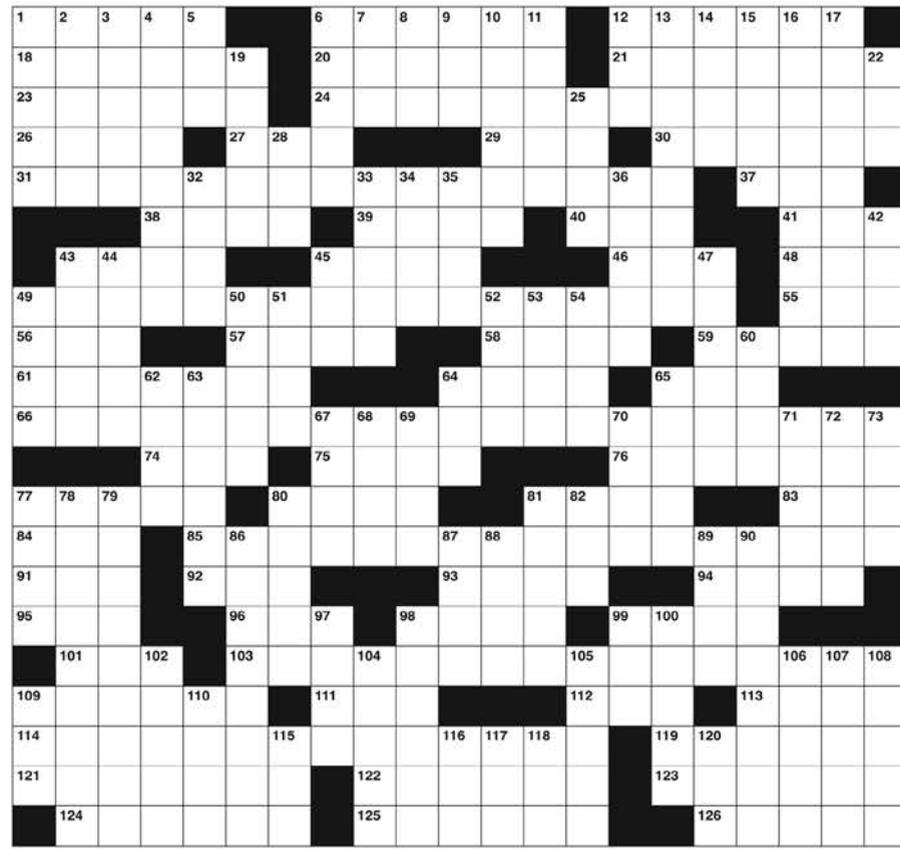
# Puzzles

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

BY JILL RAFALOFF AND MICHELLE SONTARP / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jill Rafaloff, of Forest Hills, Queens, and Michelle Sontarp, of Manhattan, are friends who met more than 30 years ago when they happened to join the same law firm at the same time. This is their third crossword collaboration for The Times. Their starting point was the clue and answer at 31-Across. They brainstormed from there ... and laughed a lot as they went. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ease up
  - 6 Setting for a landscape
  - 12 Like pickles, but not cucumbers
  - 18 Turn up
  - 20 If all goes perfectly
  - 21 Certain head jurors
  - 23 Like some 401(k) contributions
  - 24 *The Ten Plagues*
  - 26 Freeze
  - 27 Bolo, e.g.
  - 29 Farmyard call
  - 30 Print-ready
  - 31 *Sodom and Gomorrah*
  - 37 Literary fairy queen
  - 38 Outpouring of Pandora's box
  - 39 Erelong
  - 40 Part of T.G.I.F.: Abbr.
  - 41 Singsong syllable
  - 43 Season ticket holders, presumably
  - 45 Shoofly desserts
  - 46 Hopeless from the start, for short
  - 48 Janis \_\_\_\_, "At Seventeen" singer
  - 49 *Samson and Delilah*
  - 55 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Mel
  - 56 Fix
- 57** Calendar notation: Abbr.
- 58** Diamond stats
- 59** Certain trig functions
- 61** So-called "Hollywood of the South"
- 64** Big name in bubbly
- 65** Painter's medium
- 66** *Noah's Ark*
- 74** Nonclerical
- 75** Get the better of
- 76** Like Constantinople, in 1930
- 77** Interior style
- 80** Ballet bend
- 81** Europa, Ganymede or Callisto vis-à-vis Jupiter
- 83** The third
- 84** Ruckus
- 85** *Garden of Eden*
- 91** "Scrumdiddly-umptious!"
- 92** Crew need
- 93** Get the \_\_\_\_ (finally become aware)
- 94** Ingredient in some gels
- 95** Designated H.M.O. doctor, in brief
- 96** Vintage film channel
- 98** Letters on a crucifix
- 99** Word with rabbit or all
- 101** Sully
- 103** *Moses Parting the Red Sea*
- 109** Rush uncontrolledly
- 111** Most common last name in Somalia
- 112** Pressure meas.
- 113** It's verboten
- 114** *Jonah and the Whale*
- 119** Title woman in a 1965 Beach Boys hit
- 121** Took turns
- 122** Brimless topper
- 123** One bringing home the bacon
- 124** Surprisingly enough
- 125** Bars, legally
- 126** Follows
- DOWN**
- 1 Leader of the pack
  - 2 2006 mockumentary about a Kazakh journalist
  - 3 High-speed travel option
  - 4 Squealer's activity
  - 5 H, to Hera
  - 6 West Pointer
  - 7 Thoroughly enjoyed, with "up"
  - 8 Org. with the Nuggets and Nets
  - 9 Screen
  - 10 Rubbish receptacle
  - 11 Weasel with a black-tipped tail
  - 12 Where the coxswain sits
  - 13 Unity
  - 14 In a fury
  - 15 Blue material
  - 16 Counterfeit
  - 17 Whoop it up
  - 19 Glorify
  - 22 \_\_\_\_ Stark, "Game of Thrones" patriarch
  - 25 Gullible sort
  - 28 Hypotheticals
  - 32 Besides
  - 33 Part of a trunk
  - 34 First-year law student, informally
  - 35 "\_\_\_\_ Fan Tutte"
  - 36 Mathematician Paul
  - 42 \_\_\_\_ on a log (celery-stick snack studded with raisins)
  - 43 Confidence
  - 44 What may be right but not left?
  - 45 New Yorkie, say
  - 47 Delegate
  - 49 Pull to open
  - 50 Dilapidated
  - 51 Moonfish
  - 52 Yankees nickname until 2016
  - 53 "My eye!"
  - 54 Wielder of a red lightsaber
  - 60 "Casablanca" role
  - 62 Folk singer Guthrie
  - 63 Approaching
  - 64 1964's Nobel Peace laureate, for short
  - 65 Common bridge bid, informally
  - 67 Spanish "she"



- 68 Kristen of "Bridesmaids"
- 69 Slushy brand
- 70 Press
- 71 Protein-building acid, informally
- 72 Treat again, as a sprain
- 73 Actress Falco
- 77 Clammy
- 78 "Heeere's Johnny!" announcer
- 79 Measure against
- 80 Tree branch or power line, for a bird
- 81 One making an impression?
- 82 Woman honored in John Lennon's "Woman"
- 86 Where boaters hang with bowlers
- 87 Hyatt alternative
- 88 Spore-producing plant
- 89 Transport (around)
- 90 Castle in "Hamlet"
- 97 Heart of the matter
- 98 Subject for van Gogh
- 99 Aurora's counterpart in Greek mythology
- 100 Lit
- 102 Big name in movie theaters
- 104 First-year West Pointer
- 105 Olympic blades
- 106 "No man is an island" writer
- 107 Was over
- 108 Glides high
- 109 Middle: Abbr.
- 110 Noted Art Deco designer
- 115 Sponsored spots
- 116 Persian or Abyssinian
- 117 Enero a diciembre
- 118 Domino dot
- 120 "Yeah, right!"



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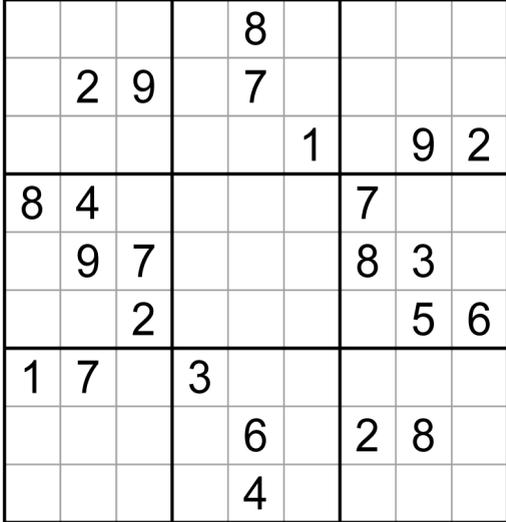
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



### Answers to last week's puzzles

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8	1	3	7	5	9	6	4	2
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LIMPED	IPAD	TEEPEE	
ERR	SATAY	TEX	BLANKED
ESC	DIY	AREPA	IRONED
ITSALL	DOWNHILL	FROMHERE	
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# Board approves capital requests

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(March 5, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday approved a series of capital requests related to the community's golf course and provided an update on ongoing improvement work at the links.

At its monthly meeting, the OPA board signed off on the purchase of three pieces of equipment for the golf site: a utility tractor for \$26,477 from Burke Equipment Company, a Holland loader for \$80,828 from Burke Equipment Company, and a range picker for \$24,343 from Burke Equipment Company.

The board also approved a bulkhead replacement for \$141,375 with Fisher Marine Construction at the golf course's pond at hole 18, and a bulkhead construction at the pond at hole number 16 for \$75,000 with Fisher Marine Construction.

OPA General Manager John Viola said the bulkhead work on the 18th fairway began the week of Feb. 9, and the association hopes the construction will be completed by the end of March. Viola added that the effort remains on track, even with February's intense blizzard.

"The bulkhead wall is to be made higher to help with water retention for the irrigation system," the general manager said. "We want to decrease the amount of water we pull from the aquifer. This will definitely help it."

Of the bulkhead construction on hole 16, Viola said he has "received a lot of feedback from the golfers and the prior golf committee about putting a bulkhead there." He added that this addition has been considered for the past two years, and the association believed now was the right time, while Fisher Marine Construction is in the area to work on the

bulkhead at the 18th's pond.

The board unanimously approved all five capital requests. OPA President John Latham said the items were already accounted for in the budget.

Viola also provided an update on the golf course's irrigation project. The community has been working to replace the site's 50-year-old failing system. Phase one included work on hole one, the fourth tee, hole nine, the practice range, and the pump station. The series cost \$934,000.

The next round of work began in December and will include holes 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and will cost \$810,500. The general manager said that hole number four is complete, and work is ongoing at holes five and six. Staff anticipates stage two of the irrigation initiative to be finalized by the end of this month.

"I am happy with the way it's going," Viola said.

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- 12 MAR** 2:00PM-3:00PM **BEEKEEPING** Learn about beekeeping in colonial America. Registration required. **Pocomoke Branch.**
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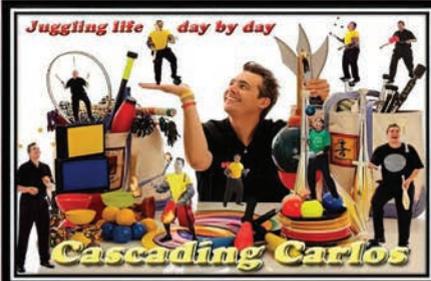
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# Calendar

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## Thurs., March 5

### 10TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL

Showcasing new films at venues throughout the Ocean City area. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-ocean-city-film-festival-tickets-1816458709899?aff=oddtcreator>. ocmdfilmfestival.com. Art League of Ocean City, 410-524-9433

### 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. 410-632-5622

### STORY TIME: DR. SEUSS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### OC CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxing game of chess monthly at the library. 410-524-1818, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### PINE TONES CHORUS RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 1-3 p.m. Pine Tones Chorus is holding a first rehearsal to prepare for its spring concert, Pine Tones Goes to the Movies. Jenny Anderson, 443-655-5636; Dave Holloway, 610-213-7472; [pinetoneschorus@gmail.com](mailto:pinetoneschorus@gmail.com)

### POCOMOKE BRANCH BOOK CLUB: 'THE ORPHAN TRAIN' BY CHRISTINA BAKER KLINE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Join in for a lively discussion each month. Stop by the Pocomoke Branch to pick up a copy in advance. 410-957-0878, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### IRISH HERITAGE FILM SCREENING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Mike Healy hosts this screening with two shorts he created. TRAD is about traditional Irish music and Still Standing explores stone circles, round towers and high crosses. 410-641-0650

### COMIC BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Learn about comics and create your own. No experience required. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### BINGO FOR HOPE SUPPORTING DIAKONIA

Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30

p.m. Your \$40 ticket includes \$10 in Free Play, dessert and a chance to win incredible prizes. Table sponsorships available for \$500. Tickets: [diakoniaoc.org](http://diakoniaoc.org).

### 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., March 6

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### PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for imaginative play and social interaction. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.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 are welcome. 410-524-1818, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### CURRENTLY READING BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Drop into this club to discuss what you are currently reading and share it with the group. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Come catch a movie you may have missed in the theaters. 410-208-4014

### FISH FRY

Remson Church, 4249 Sheephouse Road, Pocomoke City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 and includes flounder, Mac and cheese, green beans, corn bread and dessert. Carry out or eat in.

### DEADLINE TO COMMIT FOR STUDENT ART SHOW

Art Collective at The Factory, 16 S. Main St., Suite D, Berlin, 6 p.m. Submit works for the 2nd Friday Gallery Art Show featuring Student Art. All ages welcome. Email: [artcollectiveatthefactory@gmail.com](mailto:artcollectiveatthefactory@gmail.com) by 6 p.m. on March 6 to commit. Reception held March 13, 5-8 p.m.

### PIZZA AND PAINT NIGHT FOR TEENS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 6 p.m. Join in for pizza and painting on canvas. For ages 12-18 years. Registration is necessary: 410-957-0878. [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

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

## Sat., March 7

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### DOLLY PARTON EXPERIENCE COCKTAIL PARTY

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumfords Landing Road, 4-7 p.m. Enjoy Dolly Parton inspired cocktails/mocktails, dazzling performances and interactive fun. Costumes encouraged. Tickets: <https://www.cupofambition.live/media>. 267-994-1056

### KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults; children 9 years and younger eat free. Tickets available at the door or from Kiwanis members. Proceeds benefit the children of Worcester County.

### WALK WITH A DOC

Unity Square, 100 Circle Ave., Salisbury, 10-11 a.m. Join a practitioner for a health discussion and then enjoy a walk for the remainder of the hour. Held the first Saturday of each month. 410-912-2890, [bobbie.mcdonald@tidalhealth.org](mailto:bobbie.mcdonald@tidalhealth.org)

### SATURDAY WRITERS

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

### OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

*Saturdays* - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. 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-

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### LEPRECHAUN TRAPS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Build a trap that can catch a leprechaun. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

## Sun., March 8

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### SEWING FOR A CAUSE

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

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

*Sundays* - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

## Mon., March 9

### BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and giggles. For ages 0-2 years. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

### STORY TIME: HIPPOS

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### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. The group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, [worcesterialibrary.org](http://worcesterialibrary.org)

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Sat & Sun, 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday 10am-Noon	745 Mooring Road Unit 202, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$399,990	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	201 S Heron Drive #8A, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	401 S 14th St #4 Harbour Island, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$949,900	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	602 Crestview Lane, Salisbury	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$499,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	10 81st Street #210, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$599,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-1pm	104 125th Street #106, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$559,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	24 Fairway Lane, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$519,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
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Saturday Noon-2pm	13110 Coastal Hwy Braemar #206, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Terry Looney/Century 21 New Horizon
Saturday 1-3pm	6803 Atlantic Avenue #4H, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$425,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	26740 Chatham Lane, Millsboro, DE	3BR/3BA	Townhome	\$349,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
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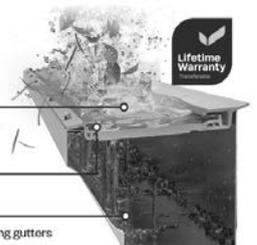
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