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Berlin gets new chief from Salis.

Drewer Army veteran retires from reserve as Sgt. Maj.

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) The Town of Berlin has appointed Col. Howard “Howie” Drewer as its next chief of police, marking a new chapter for the department following the retirement of long-time Chief Arnold Downing.



Howie Drewer

Drewer officially assumed his new role on Monday, April 20. A press release from the town said Chief Drewer has three decades of law enforcement and military service under his belt.

Drewer comes from the Salisbury Police Department, where he served for 27 years, holding leadership positions across operations and administrations. Most recently, he worked as the department’s assistant chief of police.

His experience also includes time as a detective with the Wicomico Narcotics Task Force, service on a SWAT unit and involvement in community policing efforts.

Before entering law enforcement, Drewer served in the United States Army, later continuing in the Army Reserve and retiring with the rank of sergeant major. His military career included deployments to Bosnia, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Drewer has received numerous awards throughout his career.

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RECORD TURNOUT

Solid crowds came to Berlin for the enhanced Record Store Day celebration highlighted by live music all day. Attendees are pictured about mid-day.

Town property tax rate going up?

Berlin budget has revenue coming in \$412,000 less than needed for expenses

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) The Town of Berlin is considering a modest property tax increase for the first time in several years as officials work to close a projected \$412,000 shortfall in the

fiscal year 2027 budget.

During a budget work session this week, Mayor Zack Tyndall proposed raising the town’s property tax rate by 1.25 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The increase, if approved, would bring the current rate of \$0.8275 up slightly and generate additional revenue to stabilize the general fund.

Tyndall is planning to propose the tax increase next week, but the council would need to approve. The next

fiscal year begins on July 1.

The town’s economic uncertainty stems from a nearly \$412,000 difference between revenues and expenditures in the general fund, with no contingency. The lack of a safety net fund leaves the municipality in a vulnerable financial position in the event of unanticipated expenses related to economic volatility, severe weather damage, or emergency infrastructure

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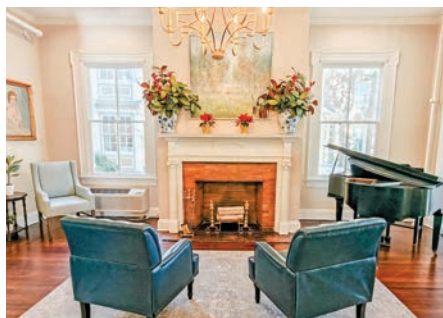


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Ocean Pines recreation has full slate of diverse events

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is rolling out new spring and summer programs ranging from creative kids' activities to fitness classes and day trips.

Kicking things off is a Kids Paint Night scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17, the event invites young artists to explore their creativity in a guided session. The \$22 fee covers all materials and instruction, and pre-registration is required.

Families and individuals looking for a hands-on creative experience can take part in a DIY Fairy Gardens workshop on Saturday, May 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Participants will design miniature gardens using real plants and decorative elements. The cost is \$20 per person, with all supplies included. Advance registration is required.

As summer approaches, the department will once again host its popular Family Fun Nights at the Yacht Club Pool. Held every Wednesday from June 24 through Aug. 19, the events run from 6 to 8 p.m. and feature a DJ, games, and prizes. Admission is \$5 per person, payable at the gate, with food available for pur-

chase.

For those looking to stay fit this year, a new Body Blast class offers a full-body workout targeting shoulders, back, core, legs, and calves while incorporating cardio. The 45-minute period begins with stretching followed by a comprehensive workout.

Classes are scheduled Tuesdays from 6 to 6:45 p.m. across three sessions: May 12 to June 16, June 23 to July 28, and Aug. 4 to Sept. 9. The cost is \$45 for Ocean Pines residents, \$50 for nonresidents, with a \$10 drop-in option available.

Rounding out the lineup is a Farmers Market Tour of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, set for Saturday, June 20.

The trip includes stops at Kitchen Kettle Village, featuring more than 40 specialty shops, as well as the historic Lancaster Central Market, established in 1730, and the popular Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market. The \$70 fee covers transportation only.

The bus departs the Ocean Pines Community Center at 6 a.m., with time in Lancaster scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for most programs. For more information or to sign up, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Drewer to build on foundation

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He is also recognized for mentoring fellow officers and emphasizing steady, community-focused leadership, the town's press release reads.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall welcomed Drewer's appointment, citing his extensive experience.

"On behalf of the Town of Berlin, I am proud to welcome Chief Drewer to our community," he said in the announcement. "His record of leadership, integrity, and service speaks for itself. Chief Drewer brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to community-oriented policing that aligns perfectly with Berlin's values.

"I am confident he will continue to build upon the strong foundation of our police department while fostering trust, transparency, and excellence in public safety."

Drewer said he is honored to take on the role and emphasized his focus on building relationships within the community.

"Serving the Berlin community is both an honor and a responsibility I take seriously," he said in the press release. "I am committed to leading with

integrity, building lasting relationships and ensuring our department reflects the values and expectations of the Berlin community."

Downing, who announced his retirement in November, served more than three decades with the Berlin Police Department, including over 20 years as chief.

He began his career with the department in 1991 and was appointed chief in 2002, becoming the first African American to serve in the role.

During his tenure, he oversaw significant expansion of the department's capabilities, including the development of specialized units such as SWAT, K-9, drone operations and traffic reconstruction.

He also played a role in improving officer benefits and advancing community policing initiatives, while advocating for vulnerable children and families through organizations like the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center and Lower Shore CASA.

As he steps into the role, Drewer is expected to build on that foundation, with a focus on public safety, community partnership and organizational excellence. A swearing-in ceremony is expected to be announced at a later date.



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Town has no contingency in general fund

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repairs.

“In addition to the almost \$412,000 deficit in the general fund, we have no contingency in the general fund, which is not a good position to be in,” Tyndall said. “In the event of anything unexpected, we have no backup plan for that.”

The town’s main source of revenue is real property tax. The current rate will generate \$328,000 for the municipality. However, in light of the \$412,000 shortfall, Tyndall would like to see the rate increased to provide additional income to the town.

Officials said that on a \$500,000 house, the suggested property tax rate would yield about a \$60 increase.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh added that each penny added to the tax rate generates about \$63,453 in revenue. The proposed increase would help chip away at the deficit but would not eliminate it entirely, meaning additional adjustments may still be required.

Tyndall maintained that he doesn’t take the boost, however modest, lightly.

“I think we ran some numbers on a \$500,000 home and \$60 for the year,” he said. “\$60 is \$60, I don’t want to discount that. I know that if

you folks that are living paycheck to paycheck or worried about whether I buy my medication or whether I do something else, we certainly understand those things, and we know \$60 goes a long way. However, we’re looking at these price increases that we’re facing.”

The mayor argued that an increase may be necessary to offset rising costs the town has been subjected to since the COVID-19 pandemic, when prices first began to soar. He added that the municipality has maintained the property tax rate for a few years to avoid passing these expenses on to ratepayers, but noted that a nominal shift could reduce the current fiscal strain.

“We understand that costs for every single person have gone up,” Tyndall said. “Costs for all residents across the board. We’re seeing more at the grocery store, more when we go out and buy different goods in other places.”

“Service contracts are coming in at much higher rates. Whether you’re

doing things for your home or going out and buying something, it’s not uncommon to see that price increase. Well, those things that you see on the residential side, we see the same thing here at the town level.

“They go back to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, when prices really went up. Over those five fiscal years, what we’ve tried to do is hope that there’s going to be a downward trend in some of that pricing. We’ve not really seen that. Equipment costs and pricing overall have remained high. We are continuing to draw year over year from our reserves in areas where we shouldn’t be drawing from reserves.”

Tyndall added that a slight increase now could prevent a drastic spike in future years. He pointed to May 2019, when the council adopted an 18% property tax rate increase for FY20, raising the rate from 68 cents to 80 cents per \$100 of assessed value to counter a debt of several million dollars.

Council members also raised concerns about the impact of potential

future rate increases, particularly for utilities.

Councilman Jay Knerr noted the possibility of rising water and sewer costs, warning that “when you double down on these increases, it hits people hard.” Tyndall responded that utility rate hikes are not for FY27 but could be considered in future years following formal rate studies.

Officials also debated restructuring how room tax revenue is split. In March, the council discussed using funds secured through a countywide policy that increased the hotel room tax on all short-term rentals (four months or less) in Worcester County from 5% to 6%.

Through talks this week, the town will likely allocate 10% of room tax revenue to parking and 90% to the general fund to create a more consistent funding stream for expensive lot repairs.

The proposed tax rate is expected to be formally introduced on April 27, followed by a public hearing scheduled for May 11. The town plans to hold the first reading of the FY27 budget on May 26, with final adoption set for June 8.

Tyndall emphasized that the proposal is not final and could change as more information becomes available and public input is considered.

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Mayor Zack Tyndall

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Legislative session ends with wins for shore

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) Lower Shore lawmakers have passed legislation that expands scholarship opportunities, makes gold bullion tax-free, and lets you walk around some special events in Worcester County with a drink in your hand.

The Maryland General Assembly's 90-day legislative session ended midnight Monday in Annapolis. Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) saw 10 of 22 sponsored bills pass, while the Lower Shore's two House of Delegates members had a more modest outcome.

One high-profile agricultural bill (Senate Bill 371) repeals the requirement that farmers must have an environmental permit in hand before building new livestock housing. Farmers may now build chicken houses, or

concentrated animal feeding operations, while the state finalizes a broader permitting framework.

"This has been, in effect, an unlegislated moratorium on new CAFO permits in Maryland, hurting our poultry growers and overall poultry industry, which contribute more than \$5.4 billion to Maryland's economy and pays more than \$254 million in state and local taxes," Carozza said in a statement.

One of Carozza's winning local bills (Senate Bill 846) tourism-related measure is intended to drive foot traffic during street fairs and festivals. It permits the towns of Berlin, Pocomoke City, and Snow Hill to allow attendees to carry open alcoholic beverages in approved to-go cups within an event footprint.

Another hotly debated bill from

Carozza that would permit only biological females to play high school sports on girls-only teams (Senate Bill 50), the Fairness in Girls Sports Act, did not make it out of a Senate committee.

Five more bills sponsored by Carozza that passed will expand educational and scholarship opportunities for various groups, including correctional officers and Delmar High School grads.

On the House side, one bill from Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) squeaked through on the session's final day.

A proposed sales tax exemption on sales of gold and silver coins and bullion, HB 500, came out of a Senate committee with a favorable vote and was approved by both the Senate and the House. Senators voted unanimously, 45-0.

Hartman also successfully passed a local measure (House Bill 914), which was paired with a companion Carozza bill, to expand Worcester County's liquor board from three to five members. It also staggers board members' terms and increases pay from \$2,100 to \$4,200.

Bills sponsored by Hartman that did not cross over to the Senate included a plan to lower the state's corporate income tax (House Bill 690)

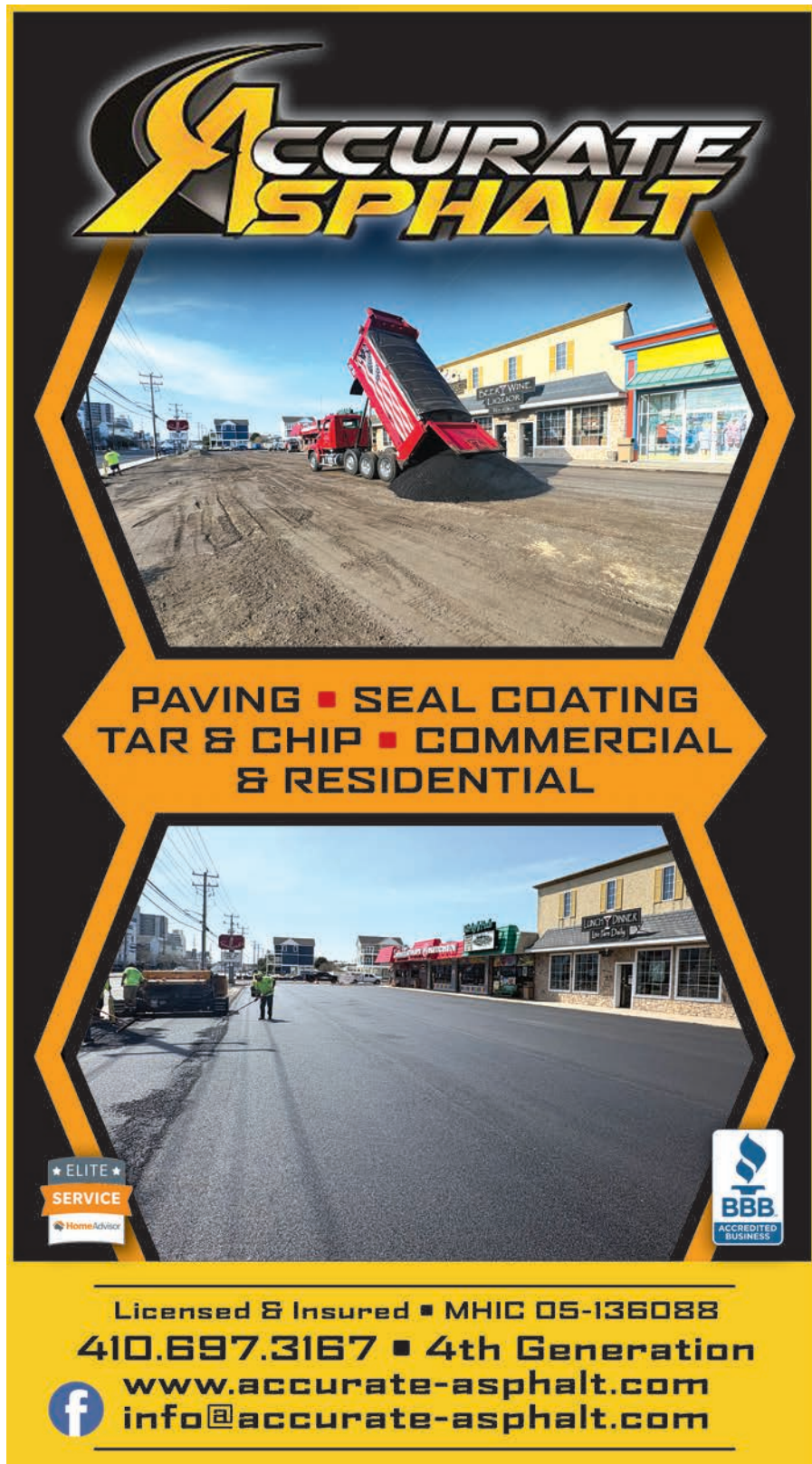
and a proposed repeal of greenhouse gas emission mandates for large buildings (House Bill 988).

District 38A Del. Kevin Anderson passed one piece of legislation (House Bill 1428). The bill adds student members to the Somerset County Board of Education and shifts vacancy appointments from the governor to the county commissioners. Also sponsored on the Senate side by Carozza, Gov. Wes Moore signed the bill into law Tuesday.

Anderson succeeded the late Del. Charles Otto in District 38A last year and is not running for a second term. Otto, 61, was a farmer from Princess Anne who represented his district for 14 years. He died last October.

Lawmakers also passed a separate measure, House Bill 972, named to memorialize Otto's legacy of farming. The bill establishes a fund to support agricultural events and education by earmarking \$1.45 million annually from lottery proceeds.

"More than anyone, Charles Otto understood that if you want to ensure food security for our state, innovation in agriculture, and maintain the \$8.25 billion economic impact of Maryland agriculture, we must engage our youth," Carozza said. "That's the purpose of the Charles J. Otto Agricultural Education Promise Act."



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Local police report limited contact with ICE

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) Maryland lawmakers this week approved legislation limiting when local police can share information with federal immigration authorities, though police agencies in Worcester County say they already have little or no involvement with ICE.

In the final hours of the 90-day session Monday, the General Assembly passed the Maryland Community Trust Act, establishing new firewalls on voluntary cooperation between local law enforcement and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Under the bill, police generally would not be allowed to share information about detainees with ICE unless required by a judicial warrant based on probable cause, a state legislative analysis shows.

Police in Worcester County, however, say communication and coordination with ICE are already limited and inconsistent.

When asked how ICE agents share details of activity in their jurisdictions, police chiefs had mixed reviews of the situation on the ground: sometimes they get advance notice, sometimes they hear about raids after the fact, and sometimes not at all.

Worcester County Sheriff Matt

Crisafulli said his office has never been contacted by ICE and his deputies have never taken part in immigration enforcement. Still, he hears “a couple times per month” about ICE operations in the county.

“Typically, I will hear about these operations after the fact,” Crisafulli said in an email, adding that off-duty officers, residents, and business owners have relayed information to him.

Crisafulli was critical of the law, calling it “a dangerous piece of political legislation” that “does nothing to protect Maryland communities” and said it could limit correctional facilities from communicating with ICE.

“My office will stand with all of our public safety partners,” he said. “We will have to be creative, moving forward, as Annapolis is trying to limit law enforcement.”

Ocean City Police said their agency already follows a 2025 memorandum from the Maryland Attorney General’s office that restricts sharing a detainee’s name and personal information with ICE – excluding citizenship or immigration status – without a judicial warrant.

When asked whether ICE had conducted any recent operations in Ocean City, department spokeswoman Ashley Miller deferred to ICE’s field office in Salisbury. That office did not return

a request for comment.

OCPD Capt. Dennis Eade told the town’s Police Commission on Jan. 12 that the agency had asked federal authorities to alert them to any operations taking place in the resort, in part so officers can address public concerns if residents witness ICE enforcement activity.

“On some occasions, they have given us a heads up when they are going to be doing work in town, and others, they certainly have not,” he said. “But we are not involved.”

In Berlin, Acting Chief Robert Fisher said his department does not participate in ICE operations but has been notified at times when agents are on their way.

“Each time I have heard reports of ICE being in the area, one of their personnel had called the PD prior to, advising they were going to be working in the area to include the town limits of Berlin. We also received notification when they left the area,” he said via email.

Snow Hill Police Chief Andy McGee said ICE has not informed his department of any operations, and his officers are not involved in ICE patrols in the community.

“Typically, they would only let us know if something didn’t go as planned or they may be looking for

someone who has an outstanding warrant that poses a risk to the community,” he said in an email.

Pocomoke City Police Chief Arthur Hancock also said his officers have no direct involvement with ICE enforcement and would never assist with federal law enforcement actions unless there’s an immediate threat of serious injury or death.

“I asked to receive notifications when they are in our area,” he said via email. “However, I have not yet received any.”

The new law will also require police to adopt written policies that mirror the statute and set penalties for violations. It also allows the Maryland Attorney General to pursue civil action against agencies that don’t comply, and gives individuals the right to sue if police unlawfully share their information.

Because the bill includes an emergency clause, it would take effect immediately upon Gov. Wes Moore’s signature.

Hancock said it’s unclear how the new law will affect local policing.

“It’s hard to say with all the constant changes,” he added. “Every day and every week is a continuous struggle in this profession.”

Associate Editor Bethany Hooper contributed to this report.



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OP director to serve on the memorial foundation board

Jeff Heavner named new member to oversee county veteran site in Ocean Pines

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) Ocean Pines Board of Directors member Jeff Heavner has been appointed to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation board, stepping into a seat vacated by Vin Morris.

Heavner currently serves as the secretary of the homeowners' association. Now, he will join the Veterans Memorial Foundation which oversees the remembrance park in Ocean Pines.

According to Rick Farr, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and a member of the OPA Board of Directors, the veterans memorial was established in 2004 as a nonprofit organization.

The group honors retired service members and those who "have given the ultimate sacrifice," Farr said. The nonprofit also has educational and outreach programs, which sponsor annual field trips to the memorial for all students in Worcester County.

The foundation is operated by 14 board members, each serving a three-year term. However, Farr maintained that if a board member wishes to remain on longer, they may do so.

That board will now welcome Heavner, who was nominated to the memorial board via a resume and interview process.

"The board wanted to ensure that [Heavner] fully supports the mission of the foundation and those who have served," he said.

The foundation president added that board members preferably have experience serving in the military.

Heavner graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis and worked as an intelligence officer, serving aboard the USS Midway to protect Arabian Sea global shipping

lanes. He said that he believes his background will aid him as he takes on this role.

"I am a patriot who believes the architects of our democracy provided a foundation for our freedom and that America represents the best way of life," Heavner said. "Many understand that freedom is not free...I have had worldwide military and corporate experiences that enable me to provide unique decision-making perspective that I believe will assist the foundation to project honor, respect, inspiration, integrity, dedication and learning."

Heavner added that he's looking forward to broadening his volunteer scope in the Ocean Pines community.

"The memorial continues to evolve and while I have bandwidth to volunteer, I want to be part of protecting the honor of those who protect all of us and inspire our youth," he said.

"The memorial is a wonderful reminder of our beautiful country and a place for all to reflect on the cost of freedom. I look forward to working with like-minded patriots to do good."

The memorial park is located in Ocean Pines and features flags for each arm of service and dedicated bricks for former, accomplished military members. The site is described as a place of reflection to remember the sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve the United States defense forces.

Fundraising events are held to maintain the site, including an autumn golf tournament. The site is also the location of a Memorial Day Ceremony and the yearly "Flags for Heroes" display.

For Flags for Heroes, individuals and businesses can sponsor a flag for \$50. Proceeds will benefit the park's educational outreach programs, the Rotary Club Scholarship Fund, and other community charities.

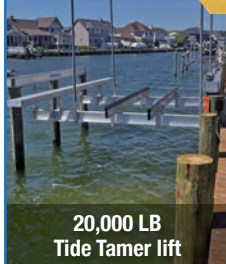
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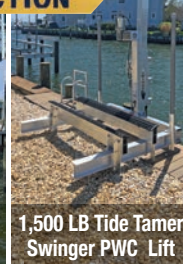
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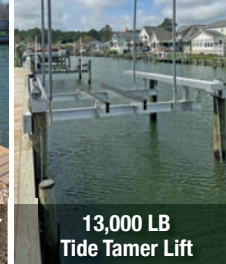
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Town to partake in state's mosquito control

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) The Town of Berlin will participate in Maryland's mosquito control program this year.

At a meeting last week, the Berlin Town Council agreed to once again take part in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's mosquito remediation for fiscal year 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$6,200, pending budgetary appropriation.

The program provides mosquito spraying services during peak season to reduce the pesky insects. Town staff said participation is contingent on available funding but has been a longstanding practice in Berlin.

"Mosquito control is an economic ne-

cessity in some parts of Maryland dependent on outdoor tourism during the summer," reads the MDA website.

"The program relies on surveys and monitoring of the larval and adult mosquito populations to coordinate control activities. Control techniques include breeding source reduction, public education, biological control and insecticide applications from aircraft or ground equipment."

Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said residents will have the option to opt out of spraying through the MDA website, as in previous years. More information on how to do so will be released once the program is scheduled.

Council members raised questions

about communication and effectiveness of the program. Councilman Jack Orris asked whether the town could provide more timely updates to residents ahead of spraying.

Bohlen said the state does notify the town in advance, though not always as early as the municipality would like.

Councilman Steve Green asked how effective the spraying program is. Bohlen noted that extensive scientific data is available through the state's website, and Public Works Director Jimmy Charles added that the program has a long track record.

"It's done by the State of Maryland. They've done tests over the years," Charles said. "They know what they're doing."

Mayor Zack Tyndall explained that

while the decision is often handled at the staff level, officials opted to bring it before the full council this year due to ongoing public feedback.

"Consistently what happens is, this is an item that can be actioned at the staff level," Tyndall said. "It doesn't always come before the mayor and council. [Bohlen] and I were talking, and every year we receive feedback from the citizens, 'Hey, look, we like the program' or 'We don't like the program.' We thought it was best to bring it before the group for consideration and the public for feedback before we action it. I know it's something historically we've done for a very, very long time."

The council approved participation in the program for the 2026 season.

Berlin refines housing board of review rules

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) The Berlin Town Council last Monday approved an ordinance that reduces the housing board of review from five to three members and fills the seats with chairpersons of other existing town commissions.

At a meeting on April 13, the Town of Berlin advanced a proposed ordinance that refines how the housing board of re-

view—a group of volunteers that hears appeals related to building code interpretations and housing violations—operates. Under the updated guidelines, the board will now function as a three-person body. These individuals are the respective chairs of the planning commission, the board of appeals, and the historic district commission.

During a first reading of the ordinance last month, David Gaskill, the town attor-

ney, said that the board of housing review meets as needed, which hasn't happened in over 15 years. As such, securing volunteers to serve on the group has remained a challenge. The board will now maintain a consistent team with the new structure.

"The board has met so infrequently over the years, and it is difficult to get anyone to volunteer for a board that never meets," Gaskill said last week. "What we've done is make the board consist of three members and those members shall be the respective chairpersons of the planning commission, board of appeals, and the historic district commission. That way we'll have a permanent line of membership."

Mayor Zack Tyndall added that sporadic meetings have made it difficult to follow proper procedures, as the board's volunteers would not have enough practice conducting hearings. Appointing those already familiar with these processes—leaders of the planning commission, the board of appeals, and the historic district commission—ensures the group operates effectively.

"Wherever a body meets, there are processes and rules of order they have to follow," Tyndall said. "When a group doesn't meet frequently, those processes are unknown and unfamiliar, so it creates a lot of time being focused on how

things should work and flow rather than the case or matter at hand before the board of housing review."

Aligned with the now-reduced membership, two representatives of the housing board of review shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, rather than three under the previous guidelines.

The council unanimously green-lit the changes at its meeting last week.



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Obituary

SHIRLEY AMMANN EPPARD

Berlin
 Shirley Ammann Eppard died peacefully on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at The Macky & Pam Stansell House Coastal Hospice in Ocean Pines. She



Shirley Eppard

was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, sorority sister, neighbor, and artist.

Shirley was born on May 10, 1934, in Camp Springs, Maryland, to Robert Warren and Brittanica Park Ammann. The area was

largely agricultural when she was growing up. Shirley graduated from Surrattsville High School in Clinton in 1952. She was a fierce competitor, active on the women's sports teams, and attended their high school reunions for decades. She was an active member of the Phi Pi Epsilon Sorority and engaged in charitable activities, organized memorable soup dinners, and enjoyed close relationships with her sorority sisters for decades.

After high school, Shirley worked as a bank teller at the National Capital Bank in Washington, D.C. She met the love of her life Philip Fenton Eppard and they married on November 30, 1957. Together they built a life in Camp Springs, raising six daughters – Lynn Eppard (Kenneth Young), Pamela Howard (Jim Howard), Robin Tomaselli (Kenneth Tomaselli), Michele Eppard, Nancy Leah Olsen (Eric Olsen), and Diana Nicole Eppard. The family kept growing, and there are now 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Phil and Shirley were married for more than 66 years and eventually moved to a waterfront dream home in Ocean Pines.

When their children were young, Shirley went to work for her father's F&A Bricklaying Contractors business. Many homes in Auth Village, as well as commercial development around the Branch Avenue Metro Station, stand as a testament to those efforts. During that time, she also cultivated her love of good food and gin rummy at the office compound on Auth Rd.

Shirley was a talented artist. She nurtured her own and her children's creativity in all kinds of art classes and media. She created beautiful works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and ceramic, and many are proudly displayed in homes of family and friends across the country. Her interior decorating talents were evident in her beautiful homes and on several commercial projects. In her later years, she enjoyed classes and friendships in the Southern Maryland Decorative Painters league and the Art League of Ocean City.

Shirley supported the Silver Hill Lions Club in many ways, too. Phil was an active member and leader for nearly 50 years, and they both contributed greatly to the club's biggest fundraiser, the annual Demolition

Derby. Shirley's people skills were well known and profitable at the ticket window.

Faith was also important to Shirley. She was an active member and eventually became a trustee of the Bells United Methodist Church in Camp Springs, one of the oldest churches in that local area of Prince George's County. She also supported her husband's parish, St. Philip the Apostle Church and School in Camp Springs, where she contributed generously to fundraisers, especially her popular spaghetti dinners. She recently converted to Catholicism at St. John Neumann Church in Berlin in 2023.

Shirley will be dearly missed by her large family, countless friends, fellow artists, and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Robert J. Ammann; her nephew, Robert V. Ammann; and her grandson, Saleem Abdullah Wakil.

A funeral mass will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Monday, May 4, at 11 am. The church is located at 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin, Md. 21811. An interment will be held immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations by check to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802, or online to <http://www.coastalhospice.org/donate>.

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School spending plan looks for higher teacher salaries

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) State-mandated salary requirements for teachers are driving up the budget for Worcester County Public Schools for fiscal year 2027.

School officials came before the Worcester County Commissioners recently to present a \$157.2 million operating budget that includes a \$12.6 million spending increase, the majority of which is fueled by pay raises, health insurance costs, and other benefits.

More than half the increase, or 51.5%, comes from higher salaries.

Rising teacher pay is driven by the state's landmark 2021 education legislation, called the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, which set a July 1 deadline – the start of fiscal 2027 – for all state school districts to meet a mandatory minimum teacher salary of \$60,000.

"We must be clear: The investments outlined here are not optional," Superintendent Annette Wallace told the commissioners. "If we are to meet the state requirements, remain competitive and deliver the level of education our community expects, and the level of education our students deserve."

The WCPS budget accounts for a range of rising costs beyond salaries, including special education services, transportation needs, and ongoing technology investments, according to Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert.

He said the budget includes a \$305,000 expansion of the dual enrollment program, which the district also must fund under the Blueprint. Health insurance is set to increase by more than 16% – a cost projected to affect all county employees, not just the public schools.

While Tolbert did not present a standalone capital budget, the presentation included \$400,000 for construction tied to the Berlin Intermediate School rebuild.

The budget also funds bus aides on all elementary school bus routes, which officials said was a safety-based

request of contracted school bus drivers.

The spending plan also maintains funding for after-school and summer programs, along with continued support for pre-kindergarten positions in Pocomoke City, where officials said access to early childhood education remains a need.

Expanded student supports also include a proposed elementary-level program called RISE, aimed at addressing behavioral and mental health needs. The program is already in place at the middle and high school levels, and officials said there is growing demand to extend those services to younger students.

Commissioner Eric Fiori (District 3, West Ocean City) commended school officials for their detail-oriented budget presentation and expressed appreciation to Wallace for the RISE program.

"That was a big ask from the teachers and I think it's going to make a huge improvement for elementary school-aged children," he said.

Commissioner Chip Bertino (District 5, Ocean Pines) questioned an apparent discrepancy in full-time employee counts compared to the prior year. School officials said the difference likely reflects a reclassification tied to Blueprint funding rather than new hires, and said they would provide a follow-up explanation.

Bertino also asked about internal financial oversight in light of the recent legislative audit.

"Who has authority or access to transfer or make any changes, entries or whatever into the Board of Education's books?" he said. "Is there oversight? And you're comfortable with the way all of that is operating?"

"We are constantly looking to ways for improve," Tolbert replied.

School officials said they will continue working with county leaders as the budget process moves forward in the coming weeks. The commissioners are scheduled to approve a finalized budget by June 2.

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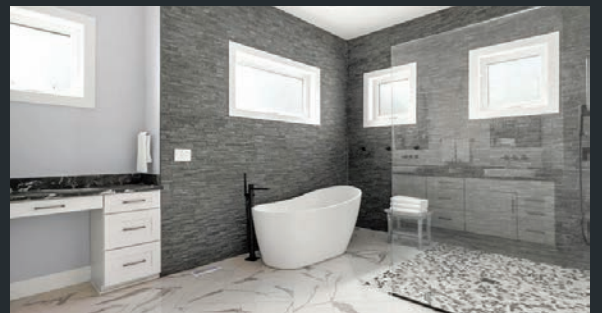


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ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club sponsors the Annual Optimist International Essay Contest. This year's winners are pictured, from left, third place, \$150, Dylan Pusey, Stephen Decatur High; first place, \$500, Fiona Guo, Pocomoke High; and second place, \$350, Lilly White, Worcester Prep. Far right is Optimist President Christina Dolomount-Brown.



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BASEBALL EXHIBIT

On Saturday, April 4, the Germantown School Community Heritage Center opened a special exhibit, The Negro Leagues: A Celebration of History with a talk by Dr. Clara Small. Thomas Jones, a member of the local Berlin Eagles, shared his experiences playing ball in the 1960s with teams in the Eastern Shore regional league. Jones shared his wealth of knowledge about the Negro Leagues and brought his collection of baseball cards of Baseball Hall of Fame players who began their careers in the Negro Leagues. The exhibit will run until June 30. For more information, email germantownschool@gmail.com. Jones is pictured with Day'len Tayler as his grandmother, Annette Purnell, looks on during the exhibit opening.

School system to host early childhood education event

(April 24, 2026) The Worcester County Judy Center Early Learning Hub, in partnership with Worcester County Public Schools, will host the Worcester County Early Childhood Extravaganza on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Worcester Technical High School. This free, family-friendly event is designed to support young children (birth-5) and their families as they prepare for a successful start in school.

The Early Childhood Extravaganza will feature 14 community partners, providing families with access to valuable resources, including early learning opportunities, health and wellness services, and family support programs. Participating organizations include the Worcester County Health Department, Chesapeake Health Care, Tidal Health, WOW Buses from Snow Hill High School and Pocomoke High School, First Wave Families, Berlin Activities Depot, and many more. Families will also have opportunities to connect with local schools and receive assistance with PreK registration.

In addition to community resources, the event will offer a wide range of engaging activities for children and families, including a Look Pretty Play Dirty Petting Zoo, Music with Miss Maria, participation from the Salisbury Zoo, bounce houses, yard games, and school bus tours. Families

can enjoy entertainment from DJ Kay, along with free lunch and Kona Ice. A special highlight of the event will be the First Wave Families Baby Sprinkle, offering essential items and support for families with infants and toddlers.

Families will also receive free books, school readiness materials, raffles for baby items, and baby essentials for new moms and dads, helping to ensure that every family leaves with resources to support their child's growth and development.

"The Early Childhood Extravaganza is an opportunity to bring families, schools, and community partners together in a meaningful way," said Dr. Christina Welch, Multi-Site Director of the Worcester County Judy Center Early Learning Hub. "Our goal is to ensure that every child enters school ready to learn and that every family feels connected, supported, and empowered."

The Judy Center Early Learning Hub serves as a central point of access for comprehensive early childhood services, supporting children and families through early education, family engagement, and connections to community resources.

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Opinion

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Berlin tax increase hardly guaranteed

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall’s proposal to add 1.25 cents to the town’s property tax rate suggests the town’s finances, constrained as they are by the slow-to-moderate growth of its assessable base, are headed toward red ink territory without an increase in revenue.

That would be so ... but only if the proposed expense budget emerges from the approval process with no changes. That doesn’t seem likely, especially if the Town Council and the public, for that matter, strike the word “deficit” from their vocabulary.

Although “deficit” is usually employed to describe the difference when expenses exceed income, it isn’t applicable in this case, because no money has been collected or spent at far as the FY27 budget is concerned. It’s all conjecture at this point.

What the town has currently in this stage of the budgeting balancing act is a variance between predicted income based on current circumstances and what the various departments want to spend.

Essentially, the proposed budget shows that government wants to spend about \$412,000 more than it expects to take in without an increase in the tax rate. It’s a snapshot in time.

Again, this presumes that the council shrugs its shoulders, says “Oh well,” and accepts this financial package as presented. But even if a month from now that is what the council chooses to do, it still has plenty of time to sift through and separate the “needs” from the “wants” and see more precisely where they are financially and whether any kind of tax increase is warranted.

They already have a head start because the anticipated increase in health insurance costs turned out to be about half the projected amount, making a significant dent in the proposed expense budget.

So rather than view this tax increase, income shortfall and spending plan as faits accomplis, Berlin residents and property owners should wait and see what the council can do.

County eyes overcharge corrections

New formula for commercial users viewed as unfair

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(April 23, 2026) A flaw in Worcester County’s water-sewer billing system may have overcharged some customers, and officials are now weighing whether to issue refunds or credits.

“I’d like to see a path forward that those businesses that were negatively impacted are reimbursed, compensated, credited in some form or fashion,” Commissioner Chip Bertino (District 5, Ocean Pines) said during a budget work session April 14. “I don’t think that the formula that was in place this current year was fair to them.”

The issue was raised during departmental budget hearings Tuesday. County staff outlined another year of rate increases aimed at stabilizing the utility system, which continues to operate at a financial deficit despite an across-the-board rate hike last year.

At issue is how Worcester County structured its usage-based billing tiers, particularly for commercial and domestic customers with multiple equivalent dwelling units, or EDUs.

What is an EDU? Consider the output of 24 hours of your home’s laundry loads, showers, flushed toilets, and dishwasher runs – your estimated daily output into the water-sewer treatment system that services your address.

That’s basically one domestic EDU, which Worcester County calculates at 250 gallons. It represents a sliver of what a treatment plant can process.

With multiple EDUs, a

property owner gets access to greater sewerage treatment capacity in the system – making them valuable to developers.

Under the current billing system, the county charges water-sewer customers at a lower rate – \$5 per 1,000 gallons – for the first 22,500 gallons of water, a household’s expected quarterly usage.

Beyond that threshold, a higher usage rate takes effect of \$15 per 1,000 gallons.

“The thought being, if you’re using more than you’re expected to use, you’ll be charged a higher tier,” enterprise fund controller Quinn Dittrich told commissioners April 14.

But officials reported that customers with multiple EDUs have been reaching the 22,500-gallon benchmark more quickly, flipping them into the more expensive rate tier, even when their overall usage was in line with their size.

Commissioners signaled that correcting past billing errors and determining whether customers are owed money back will be a priority as the budget process continues.

“I can say it wasn’t the intention of myself to be charging these commercial users overage fees when they have additional EDUs,” said Commissioner Eric Fiori (District 3, West Ocean City), who noted that customers in West Ocean City and Ocean Pines felt the brunt of the billing error.

County staff said they are now working to identify affected customers and calculate how their bills would have differed under a corrected system. Officials expect to return with options for issuing credits or refunds, though no timeline has been set.

The billing issue comes as Worcester County continues to grapple with longstanding financial problems in its water and sewer enterprise funds, which are intended to be self-supporting through user fees.

Officials discovered in recent years that several of the county’s 11 service areas were operating in the red, partly the result of going a dozen years without rate increases and continued to rack up maintenance and infrastructure costs.

To generate new revenue, the county last year implemented across-the-board rate hikes and other billing changes, including the tiered usage system now under scrutiny. Commissioners have said they hope to eventually lower rates once the system is financially stable.

Even with those adjustments, the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget calls for a 5% increase in base rates for 10 of the 11 service areas, along with more than \$1.1 million in general fund subsidies to support districts that remain in deficit.

“You’re outweighing your expenses, but you’re still operating at deficits,” Dittrich said. “We kept it as lean as possible while being as efficient as possible.”

For now, the cost of service for some is expected to remain high. In one service area along Route 611 called The Landings, the county’s fees, base charges, and debt repayment could approach \$500 per quarter – before a customer uses a drop of water, according to Dittrich.

Going forward, Dittrich also proposed standardization of commercial EDUs, which vary in gallons per day, across the system. Officials said the revised structure should prevent similar billing issues in the future.

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Hospital honors organ and tissue donors with flags

(April 23, 2026) TidalHealth proudly raised Donate Life flags at each of its three hospitals this month to honor organ and tissue donors and their families during National Donate Life Month.

Held in partnership with organ procurement organizations Infinite Legacy and the Gift of Life Donor Program, the tradition pays tribute to the lives saved and the hope made possible through donation.

In 2025, organ donors across the TidalHealth system made a lifesaving impact. At TidalHealth Peninsula Regional, 10 organ donors provided 14 or-



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TidalHealth raised Donate Life flags at its three hospital locations this month to recognize the lifesaving impact of tissue and organ donors.

gans, and the hospital facilitated 28 tissue donations. At TidalHealth Nanticoke, four organ donors provided 14 lifesaving organs, and the hospital facil-

itated 21 tissue donations. In Berlin, TidalHealth Atlantic facilitated 14 tissue donations and honored one donor in spirit for their selfless gift.

"Raising the Donate Life flag is a powerful reminder of the extraordinary generosity of organ and tissue donors and their families," said Steve Leonard, president and CEO of TidalHealth. "We en-

courage everyone to learn more about donation and consider registering, because the decision to donate can leave a legacy of hope."

TidalHealth encourages everyone to help save lives by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor on RegisterMe.org, at a local DMV, or through the iPhone Health app.

Former social worker given jail time for child porn plea

(April 23, 2026) A former Wicomico County social worker has been sentenced to 18 months in jail for child porn distribution.

Matthew Allen Powell, 47, of Berlin, has been held without bond since Sept. 22, 2025. Powell was most recently employed at a public school in Wicomico County.

Last September, the Worcester County Grand Jury indicted Powell after he was connected to events in 2020 and 2023 before Powell started working as a social worker at James M. Bennett High School, according to a statement from Wicomico County Public Schools. Powell was immediately removed from working with any children once the charges were filed.

Court documents confirm the school system's timeline, as the counts presented before the grand jury summarize events as taking place beginning in August of 2020 through November 2023. Two felony counts of child pornography distribution are listed in the indictment, while eight misdemeanor counts of child pornography possession were filed.

Count one of the indictment states the grand jury found on or about Feb. 20, 2023 that Powell, "did knowingly possess with intent to distribute a visual representation that depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sexual conduct ..." The promotion or distribution of child pornography is a felony with a maximum penalty of jail up to 10 years and \$25,000 in fines.

Count two alleges the same activity "on or about Aug. 30, 2020 through and including Aug. 25, 2023," according to the indictment.

Counts three through 10 allege on Nov. 2, 2023, Powell possessed images and video of an individual under the age of 16 engaged in sexual conduct.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser confirmed this week Powell was sentenced last Friday after pleading guilty one felony count of distribution of child pornography. Heiser recom-

mended 18 months of active incarceration and Judge Beau Oglesby complied issuing a 10-year sentence with all but 18 months suspended. Powell will be given credit for the 99 days he has been incarcerated. He has also been fined \$2,355.

According to Heiser, Powell will be placed on five years supervised probation after being released and is required to register as a Tier II sex offender.

Heider said, "... defendant's sentencing guidelines were probation to six months and we secured a sentence above the guidelines with backup time of 8 and 1/2 years if probation is violated at any time during the five-year long probation."

"I think it's a message to other online predators that they face serious jail time in Worcester County if they choose to distribute child sexual abuse material. These crimes are not victimless and we will fight to keep all children safe from this type of exploitation."



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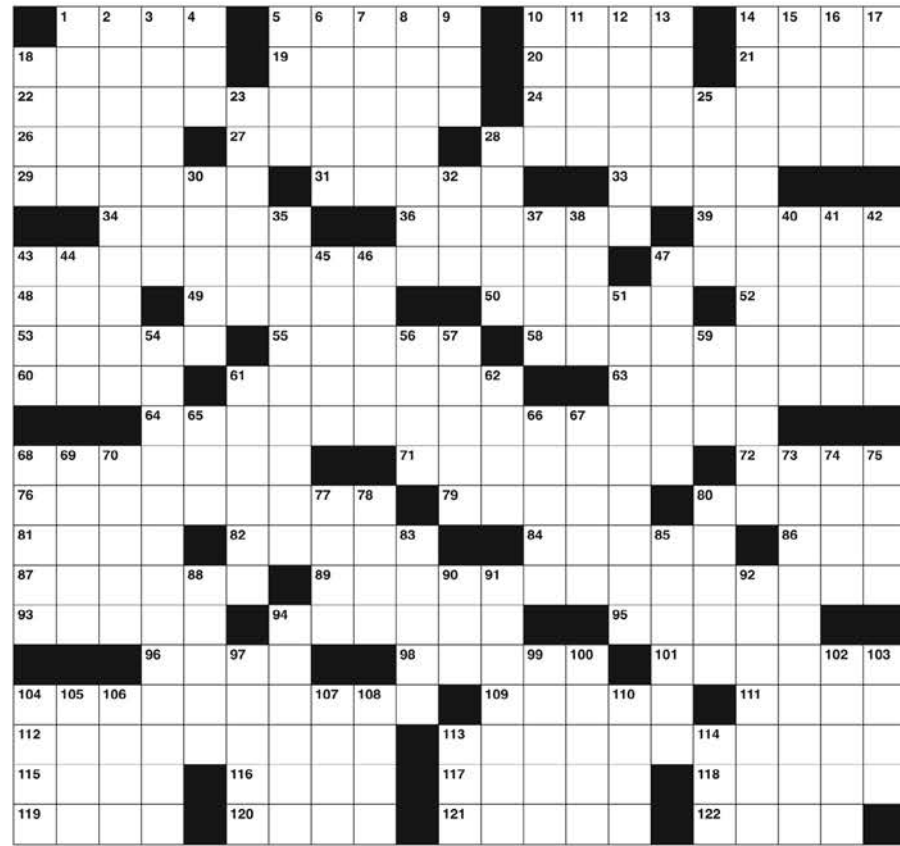
Puzzles

INITIAL THOUGHTS

BY LANCE ENFINGER AND JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Lance Enfinger is a community pharmacist at a Publix pharmacy in Charlotte, N.C. John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer specializing in cybersecurity. A year ago, Lance texted John: "Observation in search of a theme — [22-Across]." John liked it. Over the next 10 days, they brainstormed hundreds more examples of wordplay like this before choosing their favorites for this puzzle. That's dedication and teamwork. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Words ____ Friends
 - 5 Dunderheads
 - 10 Starting point of Diana Nyad's 2013 swim to Florida
 - 14 Reduce to a pulp
 - 18 Actress ____ Grace Moretz
 - 19 "The game's ____": Henry V
 - 20 Mystery writer?
 - 21 Soothing succulent
 - 22 HOT woman worth fighting for?
 - 24 Throwing weapon known in Japanese as a shuriken
 - 26 2010-12's ____ Spring
 - 27 Coronary insert
 - 28 GOT in the ballpark?
 - 29 Gomez of "Only Murders in the Building"
 - 31 Under, poetically
 - 33 Trick
 - 34 Music to a comedian's ears
 - 36 Some 1960s-style protests
 - 39 Contents of a black-and-white pod
 - 43 BOB Dylan album?
 - 47 Impossible to read, perhaps
 - 48 Word before cut or class
- 49** Fragrant compound
- 50** "It's _____. Do you know where your children are?" (old P.S.A.)
- 52** Butcher's cut
- 53** Takes a little off
- 55** Time's 2023 Person of the Year
- 58** A.I.-powered video hoaxes
- 60** In _____
- 61** Portuguese wine
- 63** Put out again
- 64** MOB wives?
- 68** Casino supervisor
- 71** Surround
- 72** Poker in the Olympics?
- 76** How an urgent text may be written
- 79** Affect emotionally
- 80** Carne _____
- 81** Word on either side of "à"
- 82** Org. founded to fund foreign projects
- 84** Vapes, familiarly
- 86** King's title, in brief
- 87** Turkish summit
- 89** SOAP film?
- 93** Alternative to a Les Paul, for short
- 94** Dad's deflection
- 95** One of the seven deadly sins
- 96** Vegetables rarely cut with a knife
- 98** Switch positions
- 101** Washington or Berlin
- 104** KID napper's demand?
- 109** Loses emotional control, in gamer-speak
- 111** Socialite Sedgwick, the supposed inspiration for Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone"
- 112** Winning country at the 2022 World Cup
- 113** THE big game?
- 115** "You're full of baloney!"
- 116** "Right on, man"
- 117** "Baywatch" actress Eleniak
- 118** Breathers
- 119** Goals
- 120** Reference
- 121** Fall perennial
- 122** Primatologists' subjects
- 12** Idiot mistakes
- 13** Pear variety
- 14** Dazzling displays of skill
- 15** Utah ski resort
- 16** Linger in the bath
- 17** Roll call response
- 18** Nickname that's an alternative to Chuck
- 23** Native Oklahomans
- 25** Bad lighting?
- 28** Treaty of _____, official close to the War of 1812
- 30** Some N.S.F.W. texts
- 32** Madre's hermano
- 35** Spicy dips
- 37** Named, informally
- 38** Madre's baby
- 40** Manipulates dishonestly
- 41** Common Wordle starting word (for all those vowels)
- 42** Feel
- 43** Crunchy sandwiches, for short
- 44** _____ Greiner, inventor and "Shark Tank" personality
- 45** Fresh cut
- 46** Prickly patch
- 47** Fetter
- 51** Disappearing from the earth
- 54** Hip-hop artists with unintelligible lyrics
- 56** Bona _____
- 57** Council of _____ (Counter-Reformation body)
- 59** Mild oath
- 61** Trading card error
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- 65** Big inits. in 1990s internet
- 66** Genre for Stevie Ray Vaughan
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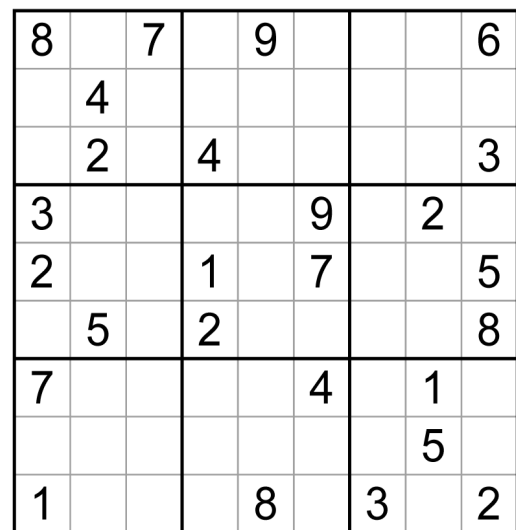
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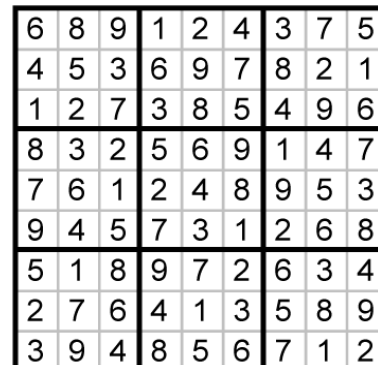
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HARD - 37

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



Calendar

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

Thurs., April 23

SPRINGFEST

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free live music all day long, food vendors, arts and craft vendors and more. Free admission. <https://www.ocean.com/springfest/>

THE FABULOUS HUBCAPS

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Bringing a taste of the American music scene from the 50's through 80's. Prices are \$25 and \$35. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/71943894/the-fabulous-hubcaps-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

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CHAIR YOGA

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m. Join Tidal Health Community Health Educator Bobbi McDonald for a morning of stretching and relaxation. Registration required: 410-957-0878. worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: 'CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM'

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, worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'SHAKE THE TREE'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. Speaker is Lino Creffotti candidate for State Senate District 38. 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., April 24

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WHO'S BAD: THE MICHAEL JACKSON EXPERIENCE

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. The longest-running Michael Jackson tribute act. Prices are \$45 and \$55. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/43743320/whos-badthe-michael-jackson-experience-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

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OC MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All adults are welcome. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

O.P.V.F.D. CASH BINGO

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-9 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Cash bingo (\$75 to \$500), 50/50 raffles and food truck. Cost is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Benefiting the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. 410-641-8272

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. At least \$1,000 in payouts and a chance for a \$1,000 big jackpot at the end of the evening. Light snacks sold. 410-524-7994

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

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ARE YOU READY FOR IT? A TAYLOR SWIFT EXPERIENCE

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Bringing the spirit Eras Tour. Prices are \$45 and \$55. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/46781766/are-you-ready-for-ita-taylor-swift-experience-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

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AUCE BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, Whaleysville, 7-10 a.m. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

OCEAN CITY MARLIN CLUB NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

Ocean City Marlin Club parking lot, 9659 Golf Course Road, 7:30-11 a.m. Rods, reels, tackle, art work and more. <https://members.ocmarlinclub.com/event-6524060?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=4/20/2026>

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POCOMOKE NATURE TRAIL: SPRING MIGRATION BIRD-WATCHING

Pavillion at Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 10 a.m.-noon. Bring your binoculars, bird guides and journals to look for the new spring migration arrivals. Weather permitting. For families. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

SERVICE SQUAD

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 11 a.m. Teens, help out with craft and program prep, or other activities that help the library to earn service learning hours. Open to students of Worcester County schools. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650

SPRING INTO GOLD CASH BINGO

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 2-5 p.m. More than \$3,500 in cash prizes. Bingo, pull tabs, and food and drinks available. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. All proceeds benefit Worcester County GOLD. Tickets: WorcesterGOLD.org

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HOMEMADE PASTA WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn the art of Southern Italian pasta and take home 8 oz. of fresh pasta with cooking tips. Cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$45 for non-residents. Registration: 410-641-7052.

TAYLOR HOUSE MUSEUM GUEST BARTENDING

Sister's Wine Bar, 113 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Also featuring family-friendly activities, music and unique shopping experiences. Open to the public, year round. 410-641-7052, <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>

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REEF FEAST 2026 - OCEAN CITY REEF FOUNDATION

Hooper's Crab House, 12913 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 12-4 p.m. An after-

noon of fun, live and silent auctions and mystery boxes. Tickets cost \$50. OCre-efs.org

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., April 27

MOMMY/DADDY & ME CRAFT TIME

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Come read a fun short story and do an easy age appropriate craft. All materials provided. Parents may need to assist child with craft. Participants must pre-register: 410-641-7052, www.oceanpines.org.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9:30 a.m. Jocelyn Abbot, Election Director for Worcester County, will speak about the upcoming elections in Worcester County. All are welcome. <https://dwcmd.org>

STORY TIME: COUNTING

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, worcesterialibrary.org

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER: SIGNERS HALL

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. A virtual tour of Signers Hall, an exhibit of 42 bronze statues of the signers of the Constitution. 443-783-6164

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

T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Mondays - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Cam- pion, 410-641-0157

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., April 28

SENSORY STORY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A story time featuring seasonal themes designed to support early literacy skills with stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, worcesterialibrary.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. 410-632-5622, worcesterialibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, worcesterialibrary.org

STORY TIME AT CYPRESS PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Stories, songs and outside play at Cypress Park. If inclement weather, story time will be held at the Pocomoke Library. For ages 0-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterialibrary.org

HISTORY OF MYSTERY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Magician and magic historian Mike Rose will talk to us about magic and magicians from the past while also including anti-quarian magic recreated and performed. 410-208-4014, worcesterialibrary.org

TEEN DIAMOND PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Come craft diamond painting magnets or mini pieces of art to keep or gift. All supplies provided. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, worcesterialibrary.org

PAGE ONE, VIRTUAL WRITING GROUP

Learn tips and tricks of writing fiction, nonfiction and poetry while offering critiques and receiving feedback from other writers, 5 p.m. Registration required: 410-632-5622. worcesterialibrary.org

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., April 29

KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$22 and includes all materials and instruction. For ages 5-17 years. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052.

COFFEE & CRAFTS: BUTTERFLY GARLAND

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in every month for a new craft. All supplies provided. Limit 30. 410-524-1818, worcesterialibrary.org

'BINGO WITH A HEART' LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER

St. Andrew Parish Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. Cash prizes. Tickets cost \$45 and include lunch, all bingo games & door prize entries. Supporting the Joseph House. Tickets/reservations: <https://ocla>

Calendar

dyknights.com. 302-364-5645

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 complete in their original box. 410-641-0650

SELF DEFENSE BASICS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Kevin Killian from Gracie Ocean City teaches

this class. Registration required: 410-641-0650. worcesterlibrary.org

DISCOVERY ROTARY

Shaffer Law Office, 11033 Cathell Road, Berlin, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Come find out how you can be a part of the OC/Berlin Rotary Club. Join in for happy hour fare. RSVP: ocerlinrotary@gmail.com or Gina Shaffer, 410-375-6006.

PUBLIC MEETING: HUDSON BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 p.m. Pub-

lic meeting to discuss the design of the Hudson Branch Stream Restoration along Bottle Branch Road. Virtual: www.facebook.com/townofberlinmd/. Info: Kate Daub, kdaub@berlinmd.gov.

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

16TH ANNUAL TASTE OF FINER THINGS

Harrison's Harbor Watch, 806 S. At-

lantic Ave., Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Entertainment by Adam McDonough, silent auction and raffle for OBX Beachhouse. Tickets: <https://www.coastalhospice.org/taste-donation/>. Benefiting Coastal Hospice Patient Care.

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.



OPEN HOUSES

April 23 - 30



DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside, Ocean City	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 10am-Noon	3010 Philadelphia Ave #S308, Ocean City	1BR/Studio	Condo	\$179,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 1-3pm	201 S Heron Drive #26B, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$574,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 1-3pm	9823 Golf Course Rd #10, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$539,500	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 1-4pm	8 60th Street #302, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$885,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 2-4pm	1 66th Street #101, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$479,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	11100 Coastal Hwy Unit 901, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$897,000	Katie Quinn/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	89 Cresthaven Dr, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$489,000	Christine McCoy/The Real McCoy Group/Coldwell Banker
Saturday 10am-Noon	8 60th St #302, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$885,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	8 Seay Court, Cape Charles, VA	5BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$995,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	9823 Golf Course Rd #10, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$539,500	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	11500 Coastal Hwy #209, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,999	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	11964 W War Dancer Ln #107, Glen Riddle	4BR/4BA	Single Family	\$469,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/ReMAX Advantage Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	11910 Back Creek Road, Bishopville	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$1,350,000	Cindy Poremski/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	8 Long Point Ct. The Parke, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$552,800	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	11900 Coastal Hwy Unit 102, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$629,000	Rick Meehan/Katy Durham/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	201 S Heron Drive #8A, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$499,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	12414 Sea Oaks Lane Unit 3, West Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$509,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	6201 Coastal Hwy #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,800,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-2pm	30799 Fairway Dr Frankford, DE	4BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$585,000	Kevin Heselbach/Engel & Volkers Real Estate
Saturday 11am-2pm	8500 Coastal Hwy Unit 1108 Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$459,900	Terry Riley/ReMAX/Advantage Realty
Saturday 11am-3pm	11530 Country Club Dr, South Point Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$899,000	David Dypsky/Newport Bay Realty
Sat & Sun, 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday Noon-2pm	139 Camelot Circle, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$335,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday Noon-2 pm	1 66th Street #101, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$479,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 12:30-2:30pm	216 Kingfish Road, Ocean City	4BR/2BA	Single Family	\$999,900	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	57 Hatteras St. The Parke, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$389,000	Debbie Bennington/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	12702 Coastal Hwy Unit 201, Ocean City	1BR/2BA	Condo	\$297,800	Gregg Holland/ Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2:30-4:30pm	9503 Seascape Ln #4, Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$539,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 10am-Noon	403 14th Street #13, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$1,600,000	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed
Sunday 11am-2pm	8500 Coastal Hwy Unit 1108 Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$459,900	Terry Riley/ReMAX/Advantage Realty
Sunday 10am-Noon	11400 Coastal Hwy #7A, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$899,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	10300 Coastal Hwy # 1808, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$435,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-2pm	11000 Coastal Hwy #308, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$539,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 1-3pm	39058 Crows Nest Ln, Frankford DE	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$649,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/ReMAX Advantage Realty
Sunday 12:30-2:30pm	13607 Wight St #203, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$525,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty

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