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## OP board gives GM extension

Solid performance by Viola, good financials lead directors to give him another five years

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last week expressed its confidence in General Manager John Viola by giving him an option to extend his contract until the summer of 2031.

Citing the association's continued financial and operational success, the directors voted unanimously Saturday to authorize an extension to Viola's contract.



John Viola

Before last week's motion, Viola's agreement with the association had his term ending on June 30, 2028, with the option to extend until June 30, 2029. That contract was executed in July of 2024, with Viola expected to receive an annual salary of \$210,000.

Last week's vote gives the GM two more one-year extensions, meaning that he could maintain the top OPA position until June 30, 2031.

"The motion is to authorize granting to the general manager options for two more one-year renewal terms under his existing contract," said

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## CAREER DAY

Among those attending the recent Buckingham Elementary's Career Day was Berlin business owner Jeffrey Auxer, who talked about the process to create his unique pieces with students. See more photos on pages 18 and 19.

## Council confirms parcel's size

Park's property boundaries adjusted so town can sell 8-plus acres to developer

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) Efforts to revive a dilapidated industrial site that was once home to a Tyson Food poultry plant in Berlin are moving forward after the Town Council voted this week to confirm the parameters of the property to be sold.

That decision concluded a months-long, near-project-ending debate over how much of the parcel could be turned over to developers.

At the Berlin Town Council meeting Tuesday night, the council, with Councilmember Shaneka Nichols absent, agreed to a second amendment to the land disposition agreement between the town its buyer, Coastal Venture Properties.

Under the contract terms, the 8.64-acre parcel is inn the town's Heron Park. Before the boundary line

adjustments approved this week, parcel 57 measured around 9.7 acres.

CVP, formed by developer Palmer Gillis and his wife, Sandy, aims to develop the property into a mix of commercial space with medical and professional offices and a restaurant or retail operation.

The move to affirm the property plat follows contentious discussions between the town and CVP last month.

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# Contract's extension could keep GM for five more years

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OPA Board President John Latham, presenting the now-passed action item. "By way of an amendment to that contract to be executed by the president...based on continued strong performance, results, leadership by the general manager, to provide John Viola with the option to extend his tenure up to three years through June 30, 2031, beyond the current term of the contract."

Latham added that Saturday's atopm came following discussions between the board and the general manager.

"Ocean Pines has never been in the financial shape it has been today," said OPA Board Secretary Jeff Heavner. "It's unbelievable what's been done...When John tells us and forecasts favorability, it's spot on every time. He accounts for every penny of our money, and it's much appreciated."

Heavner added that other aspects of Ocean Pines life have remained in exemplary condition with Viola at the helm.

"The maintenance hasn't been in any better shape than it has been today," he said. "John brings with him such experience: integrity, promises made, promises kept. John has an eye for the long game...We'd be stupid not to try to keep John as long as we can. And his staff."

Director Elaine Brady added that part of Viola's work as general manager includes mentoring his team, ensuring Ocean Pines will continue to operate just as effectively even when he finally steps down.

"I have watched John do amazingly to mentor his staff," Brady said. "If you look at all of the different departments and look at what they are all doing and how capable they are, he's mentoring them as they come along, so in the future...we'll have good people in place to stand up in his shoes."

Viola has served as the association's general manager since April 2019. While he was initially intended to fill the role temporarily following John Bailey's resignation, Viola signed a six-month agreement in June 2019, which has since been extended on several occasions.

Viola, originally from New York, is a certified accountant with an master's degree in business from Pace University, specializing in management and tax management. Additionally, he received his undergraduate degree from Manhattan College.

Viola has been an Ocean Pines homeowner for more than 15 years. He also chaired the Budget and Finance Committee for four years. Before accepting his current role in 2019, Viola volunteered as OPA's treasurer and chief financial officer.

# Parcel 57 boundaries defined

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On April 8, the Gillis' came before the Berlin Planning Commission, despite not being included on the agenda, to complain that the property lines for parcel 57 had yet to be agreed upon and that his repeated attempts to nail down the details with municipality leadership had been denied.

At that meeting, Gillis said if an unconditional extension on their initial study period was not granted by April 20, hi company would terminate its commitment to purchase the property. A little over a year ago, CVP entered into an arrangement with the Town of Berlin to buy the land for \$1.2 million.

Gillis said 12 months were needed to secure building permits, complete the Worcester County Soil Conservation processes, and work with the Maryland Department of Transportation, among other steps required before construction could begin.

The extension, which was approved last month, gives developers the right to walk away from the purchase contract until April 2027 and to receive their \$100,000 deposit back.

The boundary lines took some time to be established because the town

and developers disagreed on how much of parcel 57 could be turned over for development. Gillis had requested that the property include 0.35 acres of the land's boundary adjacent to Heron Park's parcel 410.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall had said the municipality was willing to negotiate the 0.35 acres, but that their engineering consultant, Davis, Bowen & Friedel, had to decide how much of the site could realistically be integrated into the sellable plat.

On Tuesday night, the Berlin Town Council voted to approve a second amendment to the land disposition agreement that incorporates a slice — not quite a quarter acre — of the requested property into the deal.

"I just wanted to thank you guys for giving us the 12-month extension," Gillis told the council. "We're not going to be sitting around doing nothing. We have to get the planning commission's final [approval], we have to go to the Worcester County Soil Conservation, we have to work with the State Highway Administration...if you look at all those tasks we have to do, we're not just hanging out for the next 12 months."



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# Berlin reports fiscal costs of special events

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) The cost of Berlin's events over the course of a year is more than \$90,000, according to its economic development people, but return on that investment is profits for downtown businesses and increased community pride.

At Tuesday night's Berlin Town Council meeting, Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells presented the mayor and council with findings from downtown business owners on sales, tourism traffic resulting from the town's festivities.

Additionally, the account includes each celebration's price paid by the municipality and the cumulative cost of the gatherings.

The town events, like the Independence Day fireworks, the Christmas Parade, Oktoberfest, and the Bathtub Races, among others, cost the municipality approximately \$93,000 for the 2025-2026 season.

"Downtown Berlin's events program generated significant operational costs across multiple municipal departments, including public works, police, electric, water resources, and economic development," the report reads.

Primary expenses include overtime and staffing support for setup and

cleanup, sanitation, maintenance, use of public works equipment like trash trucks and street sweepers, public restroom services, event electrical support, and event coordination.

The most expensive events were listed as the fireworks at \$13,440, the Christmas Parade at \$13,996, the Truck N Treat at \$5,791, and the New Year's Eve Ball Drop at \$5,143.

The document also notes that because the town is a nationally and Maryland-accredited and designated Main Street district, the downtown is required to promote downtown revitalization with community engagement, tourism, and economic development initiatives, including public events.

Wells said that under the Main Street designation, the town receives grant funding from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Department of Housing and Community Development for events. However, this money is earmarked for items such as live music, kids' craft projects, murals, and marketing.

"If we wanted some of that grant funding to also pay for staff overtime, there would not be enough grant funding to hold all of these events," Wells said.

The report adds that the downtown events boost sales for the businesses. Owners noted that revenue increases

range from 22% to 78% during major events, that they witness repeat customer growth, and that there is an increase in foot traffic for retail, restaurants, and galleries.

Some staff and Berlin officials maintain that, in addition to the quantifiable benefits of downtown events, the festivals also create community pride.

"I would like to add the quality of life of having events in a world where everyone is looking at their screens," Wells said. "...Events help people get off their screens, and it helps them come downtown. There's a loneliness problem in this world. It helps people come down, they socialize, and have a great time. I think it's really important to create an environment where people can come together."

However, some say the events are too expensive to maintain. This week's conversation arose from budget talks last month, in which residents suggested cutting events to save costs.

"Taxpayers are subsidizing," said citizen Marie Velong. "...You can talk about community events, but not everyone goes to them anymore because they're too crowded. Berlin is well-known now. We don't need to spend money to bring people in. They're coming."

Councilman Steve Green responded that, in his experience, most town res-

idents support community events.

"The majority of people I speak to, the citizens, are okay with the investment of the property tax revenue in these events ... because otherwise I think they would be [at council meetings], frankly," he said.

Tuesday night's discussion also included a conversation about business owners and how much they pay to function within the town limits.

While Ivy Wells confirmed that commercial operators downtown are charged much higher rents than those farther from Main Street, Council Vice President Dean Burrell said he found it unfair that a business's address does not matter when it comes to licensure.

According to Wells, the Town of Berlin's business licenses cost \$150.

"I do believe that the fee schedule for businesses here in the Town of Berlin should really take into consideration those businesses located in the downtown area," Burrell said. "You talk about how their profits increase during these events. That increase is supported on the backs of all the taxpayers here in the Town of Berlin...I do believe the fees for a business in the downtown area really should be looked at. Because downtown businesses pay the same fee as someone over on Flower Street. I think that's a consideration, and I've felt this way for a while."

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# Demolition leads to surprise at south fire house location

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) Work on a new Ocean Pines southside firehouse continues despite soil compaction issues discovered after the former building was demolished.

At an Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, May 30, members of the association staff presented an update on the construction of a new fire house in the neighborhood's south end.

OPA General Manager John Viola said residents who have recently passed the site at 911 Ocean Parkway have likely noticed that crews have completed demolition and prepared the property for construction.

"If anyone has passed by there over the last month, I kind of labeled it the big dig," Viola said.

Following the demolition of the structure, which was building in the 1980s, the site underwent testing to ensure the property met current construction standards. Viola said this step was necessary due to regulation adjustments made within the past 40 years when the original firehouse was first built.

During that process, questions arose regarding soil compaction beneath the former building. As a result, unanticipated work was conducted to prepare the site for the new facility.

"We addressed everything, plus," the general manager said.

Initial estimates suggested crews would need to remove and replace enough material to require approximately 20 truckloads. However, the testing revealed more extensive work was needed, ultimately resulting in more than 100 truckloads of material being removed and replaced to meet

compaction standards.

Viola said the work has now been finalized and remains within the project's budgeted site preparation costs.

To help control expenses, Ocean Pines employed a hybrid construction approach that combined contracted services with work performed by association staff.

The association also leased approximately \$10,000 worth of heavy equipment to assist with the site work.

According to association staff, the foundation permit has been issued, and foundation construction is expected to begin this month.

Viola added that the community remains committed to ensuring the finished facility meets the expectations established when the project was first approved.

"We're going to make sure this is the building we talked about," he said.

The new station is made possible with a \$1.52 million state grant approved in April 2022. The total project will cost about \$6 million, with OPA contributing \$3.4 million, approved via referendum by the majority of homeowners last summer. The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for funding the remainder of the initiative's price tag.

The OPA Board of Directors approved the construction contract with The Whayland Company in January.

The new building will include women's and men's bunk rooms spacious enough to accommodate the fire department's overnight needs, a proper decontamination station, re-configured parking, two new apparatus bays, in addition to other improvements.

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# Berlin budget introduced on first reading, final vote near

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) Berlin officials introduced the town's proposed fiscal year 2027 budget May 26, outlining spending across general and enterprise funds, and emphasized investments planned for public facilities, infrastructure upgrades, public safety and water system improvements.

During the first reading of the budget last week, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall presented an overview of the proposed spending plan, beginning with the town's general fund budget totaling \$17.6 million.

Of that amount, approximately \$4 million comes from prior-year carry-over projects or reserve contributions. The budget also includes a \$2.8 million public works bond and a \$1.2 million grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation, bringing total capital projects to \$8.3 million.

Major projects funded through the general fund include continued work on the planned community center, a new public works facility, renovations to Town Hall, street paving projects, the purchase of an F-550 truck for public works, and police vehicles and equipment.

The proposal also increases the town's contribution to fire and emergency medical services to help cover operating costs, with funding rising to \$734,000 in FY27.

Additionally, Tyndall outlined the town's enterprise funds, beginning with the electric fund, which totals \$9.1 million. The budget includes \$762,000 in reserve contributions and a \$300,000 bond for the town's advanced metering infrastructure project, also known as smart meters.

Capital projects in the electric fund total roughly \$1.1 million and include cooling towers, transformers, utility poles, AMI meters and underground utility services.

The proposed water fund budget totals \$7.3 million, partially supported by \$4 million in grants from the Maryland Department of the Environment and \$1.9 million in reserve contributions.

Planned capital projects total around \$5.8 million and include a new water well, lead service line replacements, valve replacements and a water system update study.

The sewer fund totals \$7.2 million, including \$1.2 million in MDE grants and \$2.1 million from reserves. More than \$3.2 million in capital improvements are proposed for projects such as the Flower Street lift station, West Street lift station, Bottle Branch Road stormwater main line improvements, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, grant-funded LED lighting and the purchase of a woodchipper.

The town's stormwater fund totals

\$2.6 million and includes approximately \$2.1 million in grants from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other sources, as well as a \$160,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Capital projects totaling roughly \$2.38 million include a watershed management plan, Hudson Branch stream restoration efforts, and wetland design work.

Following the budget presentation, Councilman Steve Green said the Worcester County Commissioners are expected to provide \$55,000 more to the town than had been requested.

"I just want us to be aware ... they have an additional \$55,000 coming to Berlin," Green said. "When that's adopted, that is additional revenue coming to us from the county to the town."

Tyndall said town staff would wait until county commissioners formally approve their budget before incorporating the additional funding into Berlin's proposal.

The Worcester County Commissioners adopted their budget June 2. The Berlin Town Council is expected to vote on the town's fiscal year 2027 budget June 8.

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# New liquor law allows to-go alcohol at approved events

## Ocean City excluded from rule, applies only to Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke

By **Brian Shane**  
Staff Writer

(June 5, 2026) Starting this summer, visitors to town festivals in Worcester County won't have to choose between finishing their drinks inside a restaurant or stepping outside to catch the band.

A new state law allows alcoholic beverages to be carried outdoors within approved municipal event footprints, but only during permitted events and only through participating establishments.

Gov. Wes Moore signed Senate Bill 846 into law May 26 after it passed both chambers of the legislature with no opposition. It takes effect July 1.

The law applies only to the towns of Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke City. Ocean City was not included in the bill at the request of resort officials, who raised concerns about public safety, liability, and whether to-go sales could cut into alcohol revenue for event promoters.

It also won't turn Berlin into New

Orleans: the law doesn't create a permanent open container law but applies only during approved events and only in a designated area, for up to seven days at a time.

The proposal came from Worcester County's tourism and economic development office – modeled after Wicomico County's to-go drinks approach during the Maryland Folk Festival in Salisbury – to help bars and restaurants hold onto revenue during special events.

With the blessing of the Worcester County Commissioners, the tourism office worked with state lawmakers to turn the idea into reality.

Ivy Wells, Berlin's director of economic and community development, said guests at town events weren't happy about not being allowed outside with drinks. And, if guests know they can't take their drink outside, they may not even go into a bar in the first place.

Now, more than a dozen Berlin bars and restaurants get to "share the playing field," Wells said, with beer trucks at town events. Restaurants also won't have to babysit patrons and keep them from walking outside with an open container during events.

"These are hard times we're in and anything we can do to advocate for our brick-and-mortar businesses, that's what we do," Wells said. "We want to make sure everyone's livelihood is protected."

To get started, each town would first apply to the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners for a special event license. That license would define the approved footprint where guests are allowed to carry drinks outdoors.

Then, bars and restaurants could apply to the town for their own temporary permit. If approved, they could sell drinks using branded, event-specific cups, which customers could carry into the approved event footprint.

The county liquor board also still has to write the rules for how this will work ahead of the effective date, according to Wells. The law itself stipulates that a town license costs \$45 per day and each participating bar or restaurant permit costs \$20 per day.

Wells estimates the new to-go event permits could give Berlin restaurants up to a 50% boost in alcohol sales during special events like Oktoberfest, the Fiddlers Convention, and a new event in August dedicated to chili peppers.

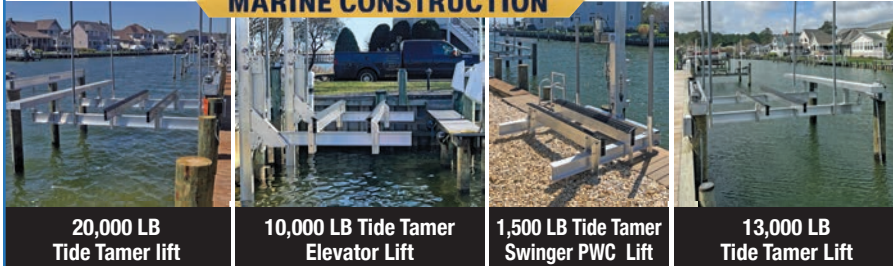
"They haven't lost revenue – they just haven't had the opportunity to get in the game. They've been sitting on the bench and they're called in now," she said.

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I worked to **lower by millions of dollars the County taxpayer burden** to replace Buckingham Elementary and Berlin Intermediate schools with state-of-the-art facilities. I worked to ensure that nearly the entire county now has internet connectivity.

I repeatedly voted to **support county law enforcement and first responders.**

I voted consistently in **opposition to wind turbines off our coast.**

I have met and talked with many of you at my **regular town meetings**, at the supermarket, on the phone or through email answering questions, discussing various topics and resolving issues. **That is my primary responsibility as your Commissioner.**

If you believe I represent your **best interests**, that I am a **responsible steward** of your tax money and am an **effective advocate** on your behalf, I hope **you will vote for me** in the Republican Primary on June 23 so that together we can ensure the best for our community.

*Chip Bertino*

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# OP seeks grant funding for waterways restoration idea

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association is seeking a waterways restoration project proposal to secure thousands of dollars in grant funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

At last week's OPA Board of Directors meeting, Director Patrick Lehnerd announced that the community had been made aware of a grant opportunity with the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The nonprofit organization awards millions of dollars each year to communities and teams that undertake projects to maintain the health of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay and the coastal bays.

The grant available to Ocean Pines could be up to \$5,000 and must promote community engagement and environmental restoration. Lehnerd said that the board will form a task force of homeowners who, over the next 12 months, will design a qualifying initiative, pursue the grant, and execute the project.

Lehnerd said he will act as the group's liaison, facilitating the collection of grant information and communication with OPA's operations team.

"The time frame for forming this task force is immediate...," he said. "We've already had several members show interest in this, and we'll be forming this task force soon."

Those interested in joining the

task force should contact the board member at plehnerd@oceanpines.org.

While the association has kicked some ideas around, Lehnerd maintained that creation of a qualifying proposal will be up to the task force. These individuals will then pitch their design to the board and OPA operations and proceed with the grant application.

"The plan is to empower this task force to develop a qualifying project based on brainstorming some ideas," Lehnerd said. "We have discussed some ideas...but we will leave it up to this task force to come up with the idea, pitch that idea to the board and to operations, and move forward with the grant application process."

The board will also ask the work group to collaborate with other community members if the grant is awarded.

"The goal of this is to engage the community to collaboratively improve our natural resources in Ocean Pines while getting folks outdoors and enjoying nature," Lehnerd said.

OPA Board President John Latham added that the association was made aware of the potential grant funds by an Ocean Pines homeowner.

"That came forth by a recommendation of a homeowner, which is pretty exciting," he said.

# Ocean Pines Anglers Club to host Teach a Kid to Fish Day

(June 4, 2026) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club (OPAC) will host the annual Teach a Kid to Fish Day on Saturday, June 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the South Gate Pond near the Sports Core Pool.

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# Pines implements amenity feedback groups

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) Ocean Pines officials will establish work groups to identify improvements in amenities, but say the teams approach will differ from the now-axed neighborhood committees.

At last Saturday's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting, General Manager John Viola said that over the next few months, the community will establish work groups for each amenity.

"This is different from a committee," he said. "We've had a lot of success with this."

The work groups will keep association members, staff and officials informed about current and upcoming projects scheduled for area responsibility. They will also provide feedback on the condition of the amenity and

consider ways to improve it.

The golf team was the first to be implemented, and had its inaugural meeting on May 15. Members are Frank Brown, John Ellis, Kathy Monaco, Kitty Sawchak, Denise Stevens, Darin Stuber, and Steve Zeigler

A racquet sports group had its initial meeting on June 1, with members Deb Downing, Cathy Levatino, Jack McLaughlin, Michele Starks, and Claire Walker.

The association plans to establish aquatic and recreation work groups soon.

Viola maintained that these teams will operate differently from the community's previous committees.

Although eliminated in September, the community traditionally operated in conjunction with homeowner com-

mittees that sought to advance various aspects of the neighborhood.

Groups included those focused on golf, racquet sports, aquatics, environment and natural assets, marine activities, communications, bylaws and resolutions, strategic planning, and recreation and parks.

However, last fall, the board voted 5-1 to dissolve these commissions. The governing body felt that the advisory panels had become unnecessary and unproductive. Board member Jeff Heavner put forward the motion and argued that the groups often worked on ideas and projects the association believed to be impractical and infeasible, as well as in conflict with board

and management goals and priorities.

This week, the general manager assured the directors that the new amenity work groups will not fall into the same routine as the former advisory panels.

The problem with the old system, its critics say, was that each committee meeting included an agenda item up for discussion, which led to the creation of unnecessary project ideas for the sake of having an objective rather than an actual need for such an initiative.

The new work groups' missions will be to share details of planned work for each amenity and offer feedback only when necessary.

## OP to review police salaries as force seeks new officers

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) The Ocean Pines Police Department is looking to strengthen recruitment efforts through a review of salaries and benefits, community officials said Saturday.

At the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting, OPA Senior Director of Administration Linda Martin said the department employs eight police officers — the same number it had three years ago.

"Where were we three years ago? There were eight police officers. Where are we now? Eight police officers," Martin said.

According to an OPA press release, while the department had been built back up to double digits, four officers left the Pines police force within the past year.

Martin expressed gratitude to the

department's command staff and officers for helping stabilize operations during staffing challenges.

"The heavy lifting is being done with Lt. Bailey, Lt. Schoepf, and Sgt. Martin, plus the rest of the team," she said.

To help maintain patrol coverage, Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola and the association have sought assistance from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

"The general manager has reached out to the Worcester County Sheriff's Department for assistance," Martin said. "They are covering a few night shifts."

Viola confirmed the partnership and said sheriff's deputies have been providing support when needed.

Officials are also conducting a salary study aimed at ensuring the department remains competitive with neighboring law enforcement agencies. The review will include an examination of starting salaries and compensation.

"We're currently doing a salary study and conducting a review of starting salaries to be competitive with neighboring agencies," Martin said.

Viola said recommendations from the study could be presented to the board in the near future.

"I hope to be coming soon to the board because there are some recommendations we would like to see and hopefully get that money to rebuild on that. It's a numbers game," he said.

The department currently has a starting salary of \$61,000 for entry-level police officers, increasing to \$63,500 after completion of field training. Certified lateral-transfer officers with at least two years of experience can begin at a starting salary of \$67,945.

The goal of the study is to be attractive to job-hunting officers in the region to ensure the Ocean Pines Police Department can maintain a fully operational staff.

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# Town Hall generator upgrade OK'd

Berlin officials vote to buy the new device after staff discovered cost savings

**By Tara Fischer**  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) The Town of Berlin will buy a new generator as part of the Town Hall renovation project, since the cost will not be as much as expected.

At last Tuesday's Berlin Town Council meeting, members unanimously voted, with Councilmember Shaneka Nichols absent, to buy a generator from Carter Machinery Company and have it installed for \$69,938.99.

The approval also includes fencing of the machinery from McGee Fence for \$5,692.

In February, the municipality decided to shelve the generator expense, along with additional improvements to the Town Hall, citing a desire to save money where they could. Among these items were façade adjustments and audio-visual upgrades.

But new Berlin Electric Utility Director Alan Parkinson said that before the previous director, Tim Lawrence, retired, he secured a generator estimate of about \$70,000 and fencing for approximately \$5,700.

The initial expected cost for the machinery was roughly \$115,000.

"At this rate, it's a savings of \$40,000," Parkinson said. "The longer we wait, the more the price goes up. It's needed in my opinion."

Water Resources Director Jamey

Latchum added that a new generator is required to ensure public safety, noting that the outgoing machinery was consistently unreliable.

"We also use Town Hall for inclement weather when we have emergencies," Latchum said.

"...This winter it did not work, the old one. When we had power outages, we couldn't go there because the generator wasn't working properly."

Parkinson said that Berlin's utility department will help the contractor remove the old generator and install the new one.

Additionally, the municipality will maintain the dated machinery for potential future use. Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said the old generator's parts could be used if components of the new one ever need replacement.

## Planting Seeds of Joy: A Father's Timeless Advice

by Stephanie Graves,  
Owner, String and Petals Nursery

As Father's Day approaches, I find myself reflecting on a piece of my father's advice: Choose Happy. These words may seem simple, but their impact on my life has been profound. My dad embodied this philosophy. As a man who struggled with depression, each day he made it a daily decision to find ways to choose happiness in his day-to-day life. His example taught me that even when life is uncertain or challenging, we can choose to seek the light and embrace moments of happiness rather than lean into the dark.

You might wonder how this connects to gardening, so let me share a story. I believe gardens are more than just spaces; they are our sanctuaries, places where peace and happiness take root and worries fade away. Not long ago, a couple visited the nursery with what seemed like a simple dilemma: their lavender had grown too woody and needed replacing. But as we spoke, it became clear that the real issue was more deeply rooted. The previous owner had planted a tree too close to a shed, leaving behind a legacy of challenges. This is something many gardeners face: inheriting choices that don't suit us, and feeling trapped by decisions made in the past.

Gardens, like life, can sometimes feel overwhelming or beyond our control. But every garden is also an invitation—to hope, to begin again, and to bravely let go of what no longer serves us. Each decision we make, whether it's removing an old tree or planting something new, is an act of faith in tomorrow and an investment in the peace and happiness that gardens provide. Sometimes, the mistake made is one we made ourselves, and we still owe it to ourselves to make a change if we are unhappy with something that we planted.

My advice to the couple and you is this: dare to start fresh. Remove what no longer brings you joy, and plant something that lifts your spirit. Choose happy. Trust that by letting go of the old, you create space for new beauty and possibility. After all, every garden holds the promise of renewal, if only we are willing to embrace it. I encourage you to "choose happy" like my dad. Survey your own garden, and if something is not serving you or sparking joy, perhaps it's time to make a change and plant a new beginning.

As always, happy planting!  
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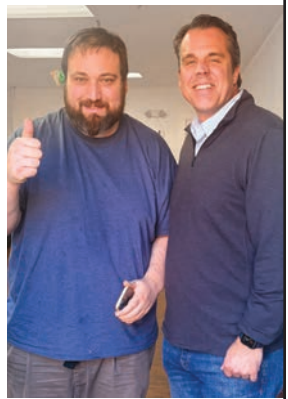
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# Residents say clear cutting will ruin OP's natural beauty

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) For some homeowners, Ocean Pines is losing its character as more trees in the heavily wooded community are chopped down to make room for additional houses.

More than 100 Ocean Pines residents have said that over the past six years they have witnessed an uptick in the number of trees being cleared from new home lots, despite association staff maintaining that guidelines and practices have remained consistent.

The issue was brought to light at last Saturday's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting when resident Tim Peck read a statement to community officials and staff with 113 signatures from OPA homeowners.

During public comment period of the board meeting, Peck said he, along with the 113 other residents, has witnessed an increase in clear-cutting as room is made for new homes.

"We are speaking as concerned homeowners about the systemic tree clear-cutting of new home lots in Ocean Pines, a practice that has significantly increased since the year

2020," he said. "This trend contradicts the longstanding tradition of our community and the specific mandates within our governing documents."

Peck argued that the perceived clear-cutting is in violation of OPA's established restrictions and guidelines. He said the community prohibits the removal of any tree over six inches in diameter without approval from the architectural review committee or the Compliance, Permit, and Inspections (CPI) Department.

Standards listed on the official OPA website read, "the removal of any tree six inches or greater in diameter from your property requires a tree removal permit. Please call the Compliance, Permits & Inspections (CPI) office to apply for the required permit or download the application below."

Peck said that these mandates have been ignored since around 2020. However, OPA staff maintained that tree removal has remained in compliance with community regulations, despite some residents' perceptions to the contrary.

"The same policy has been followed, and nothing has been changed going back to the guidelines pre-2020," said OPA Senior Director of

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# OP says excessive tree removal not an issue

Administration Linda Martin.

Peck also raised what he believes are inaccuracies in the legal hierarchy. The homeowner, who used to chair the now-eliminated environmental and natural assets committee, said that when he questioned clear-cutting in 2023, he received a response from the CPI department stating that the Worcester County permit plans outrank OPA guidelines.

In that correspondence, shared with the Bayside Gazette this week via email, Peck and the environmental committee wrote, "It appears to be common that builders practically clear new lots of all trees when building a new home. Is this clearing following the guidelines?" CPI responded that "the clearing of lots is per Worcester County guidelines, which supersede the OPA guidelines."

At last week's board meeting, Peck maintained that this statement was "legally inaccurate."

"While county law sets the minimum standard, including critical area rules, the association covenants are binding and enforceable just like for fences....," he said.

Still, Martin argued that Worcester County guidelines do outweigh OPA regulations in certain cases.

"While OPA may state that a tree needs to remain, if the county guidelines state it needs to go, then yes – the county does supersede the OPA guidelines," she told the Bayside Gazette on Tuesday.

In the 2023 response to Peck and the environmental committee, CPI also ensured that they possessed the resources to track operations and that, if trees are removed without a permit, the owner



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Over 100 Ocean Pines residents worry that more trees than necessary are being chopped down on new home lots.

receives a violation notice requiring them to replant the trees.

Peck's statement at the May 30 board meeting asked that OPA look into his claims and take action to mitigate excessive tree removal.

"The current pattern of clear-cutting has permanently altered the character that defines Ocean Pines," he said. "As witnesses to this practice, we respectfully request follow-up actions: A reevaluation of this altered policy for a return to the pre-2020 tree preservation and informing homeowners of the correct policy.

"We ask that the architectural committee and CPI properly adhere to all architectural guidelines for new and existing home lots...We ask for a com-

mitment to preserve the natural assets of our community as established over 50 years ago and not let some outside party decide what Ocean Pines will look like."

OPA resident Cindy Hoffman, who also spoke at last Saturday's community meeting, reiterated Peck's claims and urged the association to put an end to what they believe to be a recent uptick in clear cutting.

She said that her home in Ocean Pines, built in the 1990s, is surrounded by trees.

"I was attracted to the neighborhood because of the park-like setting," she said. "I have owned two houses in Ocean Pines. Both of them have had over

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20 trees on the lots...The builders didn't seem to have any issues building around those trees.

“Now I see lots cleared to put up new homes. Two in particular on my road, completely clear cut...even though there was plenty of room to keep a few of these trees. I also see existing home sites get stripped of all trees in a clear violation of Ocean Pines' own guidelines.

“I ask today that the board implement our own regulations that require the HOA to preserve the natural beauty and prevent indiscriminate clear cutting of our properties.”

Martin argued that what was presented by the concerned residents is

“misleading.” She noted that if trees are removed outside of what is allowable, owners are required to replant per landscaping agreements and OPA will not issue a final inspection (nor Worcester County issue a certificate of occupancy) until all is completed.

She added, “As always, residents can contact info@oceanpines.org if they have any questions or concerns about a particular property.”

Martin also said that Peck's grievances have been examined by community staff.

“All claims submitted by Peck have been investigated as he has emailed info@oceanpines.org earlier this year, as well as in 2025 and 2024,” she said.

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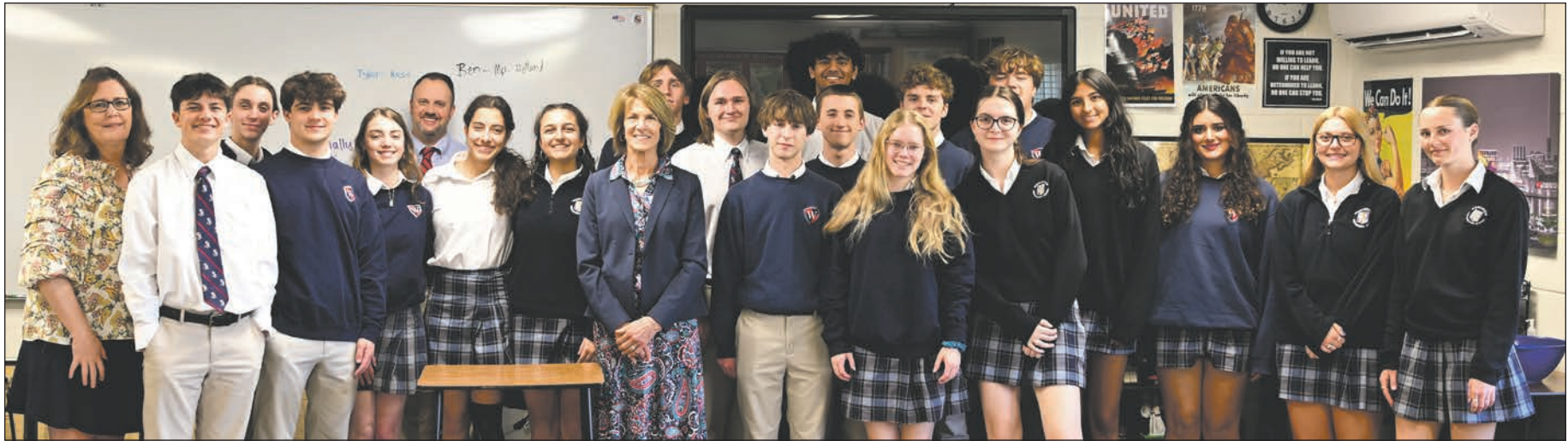
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# Snapshots



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## JUDGE VISITS SCHOOL

A group of Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) students recently participated in a WORX (Work, Observe, Research, Experience) seminar featuring the Honorable Judge Peggy Kent, Worcester County's first woman to serve as a circuit court judge. Kent, who made history with her appointment to the Worcester County Circuit Court in 2018, shared insights from a distinguished career. Before her appointment, she served for 22 years as a family court magistrate, earning widespread respect for her ability to manage complex and often emotional cases with both authority and compassion. Many WPS students participated in the WORX (Work, Observe, Research, Experience) seminar featuring Kent. Pictured, front from left, are WPS Director of Student Life Megan Wallace, students Emerson Bofinger, Jack Wells, Sydney Parker, Elena Gjoni, Isha Garg, Honorable Judge Peggy Kent, Jake Campbell, Lena Parker, Marina Farlow, Anisha Batra, Kobe Bouzaglo, Livi Owens and Sydney Todorov. Back, from left, are Nate Freidman, Upper School teacher Paul Cyrca, Preston Adkins, Josh Greulich, Jake Timmons, Ansh Batra, Beckett Green and Stephen Carullo.



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## PRESCHOOL ART SHOW

The Training Station Preschool hosted its annual Art Show on May 4. Children from each class shared their creations. The Training Station teaches that art is more about the process than the product. Pictured are prekindergarten students sharing some of their masterpieces.



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## COAST GUARD GOODY BAGS

In recognition of May as National Military Appreciation Month, members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) wrote cards of appreciation and filled goody bags with candy that were delivered to the United States Coast Guard Station in Ocean City. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org). Pictured are Seamen King and Garcia accepting the cards and bags.



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## ART EXHIBITION WINNERS

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary, the Worcester County Arts Council proudly announces the award winners of Threads of Connections, a special curated exhibition honoring five decades of artistic excellence while exploring the relationships that bind us across communities, generations, cultures, and shared experiences. The Worcester County Arts Council was honored to welcome local artist and muralist Olga Deshields as juror for the exhibition. Pictured, from left, are Jason Giusti, artist; Jiyeong Yun, first place; Suzy Quader, honorable mention; Gail Stern, second place; Anna Mullis, executive director; Olga Deshields, juror; Monika Karaosman, honorable mention; Joyce Rose, honorable mention; Cheryl Taylor, artist; and Rebekah Simonds, third place.



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## BINGO FUNDRAISER

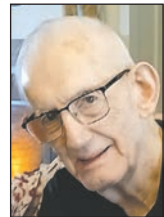
Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City Kiwanis Club had a successful bingo night fundraiser at Sterling Tavern. Tom Southwell, a Kiwanian, led this event which was a huge success. Last year this event raised over \$600 and this year it raised over \$900. Pictured is Southwell with his wife Barbara and a tavern staffer.

# Obituary

## JAMES R. CRABILL SR.

Berlin

James Ray Crabill Sr, age 84, passed away on May 25, 2026 in Berlin. Born in Brunswick, Maryland on June 20, 1941, he was the son of the late William Crabill and Evelyn (Staubs) (Crabill) Vest.



James Crabill Sr.

James was born in Brunswick, Maryland and graduated from Glen Burnie High School in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for over 20 years. He was proud to serve his country and earned the rank of Master Sergeant along with being awarded a Bronze Star for his service while stationed in Vietnam.

On August 19, 1961, Jim married Beverly Roberts in Springfield, Massachusetts. They were married for 64 years and were blessed with their three children. Following Jim's retirement from the military, they moved to Berlin, Maryland where he accepted a position with the Worcester County Sanitary Commission and Water Works. He retired in 2003.

Jim enjoyed watching his family grow and spending time with them. He had many hobbies including wood working, counted cross stitch, fishing, reading, old movies, traveling, calling bingo, and his work with the Knights of Columbus where he held many positions. Jim was a man of strong faith and was proud to be a long time member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ocean City, Maryland.

Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family takes great solace in knowing that he is no longer suffering and walking in peace with his Lord.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother – Harold Crabill; his sister in law – Carol Crabill; his sister Beverly (Becky) Hedrick; his brother in law – Robert Hedrick; and his grandchild – Victoria Crabill.

James is survived by his beloved wife – Beverly J. Crabill; his children – Donna Bogdachewski (Alex), James Crabill Jr. (Brenda), and Mary Smith; his sister – Barbara Whisenant (John); his grandchildren – Eric Bogdachewski, Todd Bogdachewski, Samantha Crabill (Max Nettell), Courtney Crabill (Kyle Gietzen), Alexandra Crabill, Natasha Smith, Trevor Smith, and his great grandchildren – Mia Lemp, Bella Bogdachewski, and Henry Gietzen.

A viewing and funeral service were held at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland on Wednesday June 3, 2026. A procession to Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Maryland followed the conclusion of the service for a burial. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home – Berlin.

*Our law enforcement officers and teachers serve Worcester County every single day and they deserve leaders who will stand with them. I'm committed to supporting those who protect our communities, educate our children, and help keep Worcester County strong.*

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# Opinion

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

## OP police pay study findings predictable

Rare would be any commissioned study of employee or executive pay that comes back saying, "No action warranted." It often seems that consultants are hired to provide evidence that justifies what the client has already decided to do. In other words, any governing authority would have a difficult time convincing its constituents that increasing the pay scale was in their best interests, "Because we said so, that's why."

No, any good argument needs a foundation to support it, and in Ocean Pines that would be the police pay study that will try to get a handle on the pressures that have caused payrolls at small departments to climb.

After all, it was just a couple of years ago, in 2024, that the starting pay for an Ocean Pines police officer was one of the highest on the Eastern Shore at \$63,500 after completion of field training.

Today, that's roughly the same as what other departments, such as Ocean City, Easton and multiple sheriff offices are paying, not that far ahead of Berlin and well behind Salisbury, which just raised starting pay to a little more than \$71,000, and \$78,000 up the coast in Rehoboth Beach.

Considering how easy it is to look up the pay schedules for law enforcement agencies in the region, there's no doubt that the study being conducted for the Ocean Pines will find that police pay will need to be raised if the department is to remain competitive.

The question at some point, however, is not whether the board will vote to raise the starting salary, but how much of a raise it will approve, since there are few signs that the competition between, towns, counties, cities and states for fewer applicants shows is abating.

This leaves citizens and their representatives having to decide not necessarily what the appropriate compensation for law enforcement personnel should be, but how much and what kind of law enforcement they want to afford.

## Letter

### South Gate bridge full of charm

Editor:

My wife and I retired to Ocean Pines 10 years ago. We made 6 trips up from Georgia and looked at dozens of houses in Maryland and Delaware.

The bridge and gatehouse told us we were entering a different kind of

community. Even the directions to get here included, "turn at the wooden bridge."

I cannot visualize a 3 or 4 lane chunk of concrete and iron in the bridge's place.

I feel we are part of a community that respects the past and provides up to date amenities to serve residents of all ages and interests.

While I would have preferred to keep the guardhouse and globe lamps, the landscaping has been great and the seasonal decorations are much welcomed.

When we are going to Route 50, we sometimes head south and turn at the Library.

*Don Agee  
Ocean Pines*

## Staff provides community updates

### Public Works yard remains closed due to required cleanup

By Tara Fischer  
Staff Writer

(June 4, 2026) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola and staff members on Saturday updated the association board of directors on current beautification work, property maintenance and the association's financial position.

The months-long cleanup following the February blizzard is finally complete, OPA Senior Director of Administration Linda Martin reported. The snowstorm knocked down an unprecedented number of branches and trees in the heavily wooded community.

Martin said that during the cleanup, 181 loads of mulch were hauled from the Public Works yard and White Horse Park. She added that hauling costs totaled \$10,637.

"I know people were saying, 'Why did it take so long?'," Martin said. "It was 181 loads ..."

The Public Works yard will remain closed until further notice, as the cleanup effort has made the area

dangerous for public use, she said. Residents will be notified when the site is reopened.

Landscaping in Ocean Pines has been upgraded just in time for the summer season. Palm trees have been added to the association-owned and Ocean City-located Beach Club, as well as the Yacht Club. The enhancement work cost the community \$9,805.

Repairs are also ongoing, staff said. The North Gate Bridge was hit by a truck on May 9, causing modest damage. Work to fix the structure has begun, which will cost around \$3,120.

Additionally, on May 19, a sinkhole was repaired on Ocean Parkway near Cathell Road. The work was completed by an outside contractor, the Deppe Brothers, who had everything fixed in a day and a half.

The area was temporarily filled in with stone and then patched over by the vendor. Viola said the pipe beneath the road will be added to the list for CIPP (Cured-in-Place Pipe) this year. The cost of repair was \$27,325.

Viola updated the community on food and beverage projects and where they stand, leading into the busy

warm-weather months.

For instance, the new Tiki Kitchen at the neighborhood Yacht Club officially opened for business on May 29. Viola noted that the kitchen will operate as food service only for patio and pool patrons. Food will continue to be ordered through wait staff.

Viola reiterated that the golf pavilion initiative, which would allow golfers to quickly grab a bite to eat while staying on the course, remains on hold. Furthermore, renovation plans at the Beach Club are moving forward, but are not expected to begin until at least the fall. Additional information will be shared with the community as it becomes available.

Viola also reported the association's finances for the previous month. Unaudited April results show an overall favorable variance of approximately \$40,000 compared to the budget, he said. Unaudited year-to-date data shows a favorable variance of roughly \$460,000. Viola added that those amounts will be finalized following a yearly external audit process. That procedure is expected to conclude in late July.

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**GARDEN CLUB AWARD**

The Worcester County Garden Club recently recognized member Sue Ann Hudson as its 2026 Mary Ann Royal Award recipient. Established by the club's first president in honor of her friend, Mary Ann Royal, the award is given to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the club. The recipient is selected by the past three awardees and is presented with a certificate along with the trophy bowl, which was filled with a beautiful floral arrangement. The Worcester County Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, whose mission is to provide support, leadership and education for garden clubs and the public about best practices for horticulture, conservation, and landscape design. Individuals interested in learning more about Worcester County Garden Club can contact the membership chair at WorCtyGardenClub@gmail.com. Pictured, from left, are Jan King, Hudson, Pat Arata and Martha Bennett.

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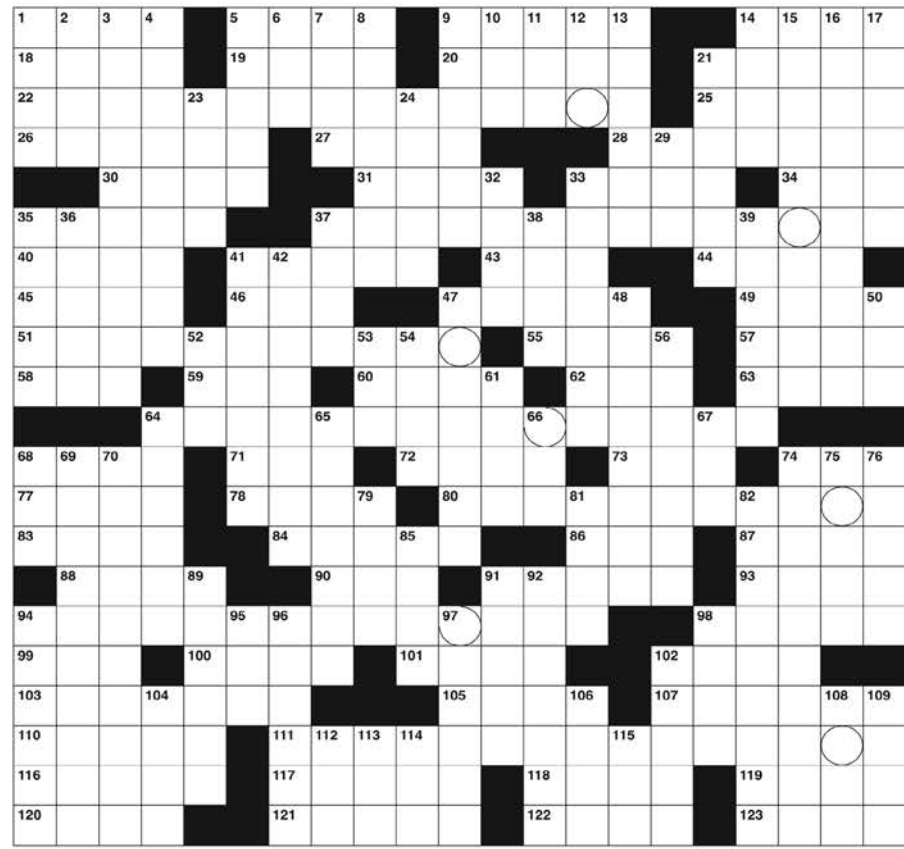
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# Puzzles

**NEXT, PLEASE!**  
BY DAVID STEINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

David Steinberg, 29, of Palo Alto, Calif., is the editorial manager of puzzles for the Andrews McMeel media company. This is his 113th puzzle for The Times. During his first chat with his now-girlfriend, she lamented that her favorite Times puzzle, the Mini, was now behind a paywall. David said, "No problem." The only puzzle of ours he did was the main crossword, and if they ended up dating, she could share his subscription. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Second attempt
  - 5 Hunk of marble, e.g.
  - 9 Very proficient
  - 14 What many plants do in the heat
  - 18 Neighbor of Turkmenistan
  - 19 Word with happy or half
  - 20 Unusual trinket
  - 21 \_\_\_ furniture
  - 22 Stoical British guys?
  - 25 Creative spark, in slang
  - 26 Avoid
  - 27 Sleepover challenge
  - 28 It's made with grains
  - 30 They twist beneath the surface
  - 31 Poles support this
  - 33 Prefix with watt
  - 34 "\_\_\_ Miz"
  - 35 Assortment
  - 37 "The skin cream you're using must be Neutrogena or CeraVe!"?
  - 40 Hollywood's Johnny
  - 41 Stuck in the mud
  - 43 Fitting
  - 44 Baseball legend who dated J.Lo
  - 45 Lying on
  - 46 Tai \_\_\_
  - 47 Filthy, in slang
  - 49 Like 2026, but not 2025
  - 51 Pined for an ex-boyfriend?
  - 55 Awl, for one
  - 57 Richard of "Pretty Woman"
  - 58 Grasp
  - 59 Muscle below a delt
  - 60 [Pow!]
  - 62 Save the Children, e.g., in brief
  - 63 Roughly
  - 64 Exasperated television producer's plea?
  - 68 '20s architecture style
  - 71 Bridal line
  - 72 They can be candied
  - 73 HVAC measure
  - 74 Molecule with the nucleotides G, U, A and C
  - 77 The Arabian Sea's Gulf of \_\_\_
  - 78 Pickle type
  - 80 Reach out to people born between July 23 and August 22?
  - 83 When repeated, "Oh, please"
  - 84 Phrase on a Spanish candy heart
  - 86 \_\_\_ carte
  - 87 Sister of Osiris
  - 88 Actress Ryan of the "Star Trek" franchise
  - 90 "Me?!"
  - 91 Like milk that isn't worth crying over
  - 93 Warning after a slice
  - 94 Good name for a salon specializing in mani-pedis?
  - 98 Floppy hat
  - 99 Aromatherapist's workplace
  - 100 Common forecast in Portland, Ore.
  - 101 Struggling to decide
  - 102 Musical group?
  - 103 Princess Leia or Hester Prynne
  - 105 Visitor center handouts
  - 107 City west of Montreal
  - 110 Worship
  - 111 Loading the dishes and unloading the dishes, e.g.?
  - 116 Agitated
  - 117 Selfish person
  - 118 Coin, commonly
  - 119 Stink
  - 120 Pen \_\_\_ (corresponding pair)
  - 121 Like the strawberry champagne in Bruno Mars's "That's What I Like"
  - 122 Neuter's partner
  - 123 Tibetan oxen
  - 8 "Relax. Calm yourself"
  - 9 One of two found on résumés?
  - 10 "Of course!"
  - 11 Distinct period
  - 12 Domino dot
  - 13 Add at no extra cost
  - 14 Sorcerer's stick
  - 15 "We're toast!"
  - 16 Experts in body language?
  - 17 Foot, cutesily
  - 21 Something a child takes a swing at
  - 23 Count (on)
  - 24 Really not look forward to
  - 29 Earlier
  - 32 Ruler in Russian history
  - 33 Finished
  - 35 President in 1800
  - 36 Knot again
  - 37 Windy City paper, with "The"
  - 38 Trouble \_\_\_
  - 39 Only U.S. state whose flag features a different design on each side (the back is a beaver!)
  - 41 N.H.L. star Connor \_\_\_
  - 42 "Awful! Awful! Awful!"
  - 47 Relative of an alpaca
  - 48 Accessory used in some stretches
  - 50 Paleo- : old :: \_\_\_ : new
  - 52 Pharmacist Lilly
  - 53 She may have a little lamb
  - 54 Sailor's opener
  - 56 Feline that a neighbor may find
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  - 70 Miniature photo gallery
  - 74 Touristy destination
  - 75 Bête \_\_\_
  - 76 Insider, in spy lingo
  - 79 So-called "Land of a Million Elephants"
  - 81 Follow closely
  - 82 Individual account?
  - 85 Spray, in a way
  - 89 "It was my best effort"
  - 91 Wrap name
  - 92 Parts of card-swiping machines
  - 94 G flat's equivalent
  - 95 Pink-slip
  - 96 Misinformed, say
  - 97 "Stop!"
  - 98 Place for miniature boats
  - 102 Arrogant
  - 104 Sources of lead or gold
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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.

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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3	6	5	4	8	7	1	9	2
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MATTRESS	TRUSTBUSTERS							
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Second-grade student Barney Hall was excited to exhibit his diorama of the Rainforest at this year's Habitat Fair. Barney is pictured with his mom, Samantha Hall.



Second grader Gunner Derrickson shared his habitat project on the Desert with his mother, Sarah Campbell.

**WPS HABITAT FAIR**

Earlier this spring, Worcester Prep's 2nd-grade students hosted a Habitat Fair for fellow lower school students, staff, and families. Attendees learned about the various places where animals make their homes, from the rainforest to the Arctic and all the habitats in between. In class, the students explored different types of land and water habitats, the animals that inhabit each one, the adaptations they make, and the food chain. They also examined the various types of plants, landforms, and threats present in each habitat. After their lessons, it was the students' turn to teach by spending a month researching and writing about their selected habitat. They chose an animal from that habitat, and with the assistance of the lower school art teacher, Mrs. Roman, they each created a model of the animal in art class. The project also transitioned to computer class, where Mrs. Lyons guided them in compiling their research into a digital presentation. In the end, students learned how each habitat can be conserved and ways they can contribute.

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Second grader Charlotte Cacoperdo was thrilled to share her Coral Reef habitat project with her family.



Parents Ben and Julia Shapiro were delighted to visit their son, Harper Caleb to view his Savannah Grassland habitat project on display.



Second grader Duke An was thrilled to share his Coral Reef habitat project with his parents, Tae An and Joyce Chin.



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Saturday 11am-1pm	2301 Philadelphia Ave #406, Ocean City	Studio/1BA	Condo	\$197,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
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Saturday 11am-1pm	403 14th Street Unit 13, Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$1,550,000	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	19208 Sandstone Lane Millsboro, DE	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$359,900	Ann Holtz/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sat & Sun 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday Noon-2pm	91 Watertown Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$599,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday Noon-3pm	401 Bayshore Dr Unit 6, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Townhome	\$627,500	Alexander Piela/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 1-3pm	37033 Barrington Pkwy., Millville, DE	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$609,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	12971 Inlet Isle Lane, Ocean City	5BR/5BA	Single Family	\$2,599,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-2pm	11100 Coastal Hwy Unit 1404, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$689,000	Terry Riley/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	1 66th Street #101, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday Noon-3pm	9900 Coastal Hwy PH Unit 2505, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$625,000	Donna Jupitz/Long & Foster Real Estate

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**Deadline for space is Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., June 4

### OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP AT DRY DOCK 28 & BUXY'S

Dry Dock 28 & Buxy's Salty Dog Saloon, 2709 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Stop by to grab a photo in front of OC photo ops, win smile swag and more. Be sure to download the app to play games and win swag at the pop up. <https://www.ococean.com/events/>

### GRAD WEEK ACTIVITIES - FREE PICKLEBALL

Ocean City Racquet Center, 104 61st St., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Must bring High School ID to participate. <https://www.ococean.com/event/grad-week-activities/2620/>, 410-250-0125

### STORY TIME: 'THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A DINOSAUR'

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,

### 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 0-5 years. 410-632-5622

### OC CHESS CLUB

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

### DINO-RIFFIC SKELETONS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. What did Dino skeletons look like? Discover their inner workings and create some of your own. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014

### 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

### FIT & FABULOUS

*Thursdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. [zum-bajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zum-bajoyceoc@gmail.com)

## Fri., June 5

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

### CANCER SURVIVORS DAY CELEBRATION

TidalHealth John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Cancer Center Healing Garden, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 12-3 p.m. Register: 410-641-2626 or [nicole.fry@tidalhealth.org](mailto:nicole.fry@tidalhealth.org).

### CLAY-A-PALOOZA - KICKOFF NIGHT - FIRST FRIDAY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Pottery Market and Pottery Pong (5-7 p.m.), live demonstrations and artist talks (5-6 p.m.) and Try the Wheel hands-on experience (6:30-7:30 p.m.). <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/events/22>

### ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY'S FIRST OPENING RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Monthly opening exhibit: free food, meet the artists, mingle, and observe new artwork. The event is free and open to the public. Offsite galleries include Princess Royale and Coffee Beanery. 410-524-9433

### PINE TONES GOES TO THE MOVIES CONCERT

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20. Under the direction of Jenny Anderson. Facebook: Pine Tones Chorus, [@pinetoneschorus](https://www.facebook.com/pinetoneschorus), 410-641-6057

## Sat., June 6

### OCEAN BOWL SKATE PARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY BASH

Ocean City Town Skate Park, Third Street, 4-6 p.m. Featuring memorabilia display, awards, music and some awesome skating. <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/skate-park/>, [AP-aterson@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:AP-aterson@oceancitymd.gov), 410-250-0125

### SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE SERIES

On the Beach between Wicomico and N. Division streets, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. A 5-on-5 soccer tournament for youth aged 8 through 18 and adults with divisions based on age, gender, and ability. <https://ocbeachsoccer.com>

### FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING IN BERLIN

Berlin Branch - Hebron Savings Bank, 10006 N. Main St., 9 a.m.-noon. Safely dispose of your sensitive documents by bringing them to the Berlin branch of Hebron Savings Bank. You do not need to be a Hebron Savings Bank customer to participate. 410-546-6223

### FREE KIDS CRAFT SATURDAYS

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring "Welcome Summer Sun Hanger." Guided crafts led by

friendly instructors. All supplies provided. Jessica Bauer, [development@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:development@artleagueofoceancity.org), 410-524-9433

### PRIDE PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 p.m. Kick off Pride Month with friendship bracelet making and socializing with iced tea and refreshments. All adults are welcome. 410-524-1818, [worcesterlibrary.org](http://worcesterlibrary.org)

### OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

## Sun., June 7

### SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE SERIES

On the Beach between Wicomico and N. Division streets, 1 N. Division St., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. A 5-on-5 soccer tournament for youth aged 8 through 18 and adults with divisions based on age, gender, and ability. <https://ocbeachsoccer.com>

### SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Real Diamond: The Premier Neil Diamond Tribute Band." Activities and entertainment for kids, ice cream (available for purchase) and fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/events/>

### CLAY-A-PALOOZA - RAKU POTTERY WORKSHOP WITH ROBBIE JOHNSON

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 12-5 p.m. Experience the exciting and unpredictable raku firing process. Cost is \$45 for ALOC members and \$54 for non-members. Register: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2981>.

### BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

*Sundays (May-October)* - Pitts, Commerce and Main streets, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Producers only market, petting farm (9-11 a.m.), live music. [www.TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com](http://www.TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com)

### SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE

*Sundays* - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10-11 a.m. Youth of all ages 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., June 8

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

### 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

### FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DELMARVA AUTHOR PANEL

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. FOPL members enjoy refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by an open membership meeting at 10 a.m. The Delmarva Author Panel, featuring noted local writers starts at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. 410-208-4014

### STORY TIME: RAINBOW CELEBRATION

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,

### 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. This group uses exercises to stimulate create expression. 410-208-4014,

### TOPS OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

TidalHealth Atlantic, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is an educational group that promotes weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. <https://www.tops.org/home>

### BRIDGE

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

### DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. If you plan to visit, please Contact: Director: [Ludwig692@outlook.com](mailto:Ludwig692@outlook.com), 410-641-6876 or Membership Coordinator: [ocelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:ocelissa@yahoo.com), 410-641-8050.

### OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

*Mondays* - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

# Calendar

## Tues., June 9

### GRAD WEEK ACTIVITIES - FREE SKATE

Ocean City Town Skate Park, Third Street, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Must bring High School ID to participate. A signed waiver is required. Must have your own skateboard and helmet. Free event. <https://www.ococean.com/event/grad-week-activities/2620/>, 410-250-0125

### STORY TIME

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

### 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, worcestertlibrary.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, worcestertlibrary.org

### PLAY TIME AT THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 10:30 a.m. Join in at the playground for a casual meet up. Play, have fun and meet friends. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcestertlibrary.org

### MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring any questions you have and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, worcestertlibrary.org

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

TidalHealth Neurology, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month. 410-641-4765, kay.kinnikin@tidalhealth.org

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

### T(W)EEN SWITCH GAME NIGHT: MARIO KART

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5-6 p.m. Join in for an hour of Switch gaming. This month's game: Mario Kart. Light refreshments provided. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, worcestertlibrary.org

### ATLANTIC COAST SPORT FISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:15 p.m.

Guest speaker, Lenny Rudow, is the Angler in Chief at Rudow's Fish Talk. He will be giving his unique perspective on the industry and share tips for catching fish.

### ARTIST TALK WITH MATT MEINHARDT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Artist Matthew Meinhardt discusses his creative process and inspirations at this free event. <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/events/26>, 410-524-9433

### BOOK CLUB @ TIDES AND VINE: 'THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS' BY LAURIE FRANKEL

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. An evening of books and wine. Stop by the Snow Hill Library to pick up your book, then meet for a great discussion at Tides and Vine. Must be at 21 years of age. 410-632-5622, worcestertlibrary.org

### BEACH HEROES-OC

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

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

### ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Lewes Senior Center, 32083 Janice Rd. Lewes, DE, 7-9 p.m. Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome. No partner required. Info: [TangobytheBeach.com](http://TangobytheBeach.com).

### ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:15 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com)

### WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

Tuesdays - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, [www.htcanglican.org/activities](http://www.htcanglican.org/activities).

## Wed., June 10

### MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featured movie "The Land Before Time." Free movies on the beach every Wednesday, June 3-Aug. 12. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Movie lineup: <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/>.

### GRAD WEEK ACTIVITIES - FREE DODGEBALL

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Must bring High School ID to participate. <https://www.ococean.com/event/grad-week-activities/2620/>, 410-250-0125

### CLAY-A-PALOOZA - POTTERY STUDIO OPEN HOUSE WITH SARAH HALCOTT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Take a peek inside the studio and learn more about our pottery programs. <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/events/22>

### BOOK CLUB @ 50PLUS CENTER: 'HUM IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE WORDS' BY BIANCA MARAIS

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Stop by the Snow Hill Library for the 50plus Center to pick up your copy. 410-632-5622

### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

TidalHealth Neurology, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. 410-641-4765, [betty.darby-glime@tidalhealth.org](mailto:betty.darby-glime@tidalhealth.org)

### MODEL MAGIC DINOSAUR

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Using inspiration and images of actual dinosaurs, create your own breed of dinosaur with air clay. For ages 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, [worcestertlibrary.org](http://worcestertlibrary.org)

### KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Last Wednesday of the month meetings are offsite and information can be found on the website and Facebook. [www.kiwanisofopoc.org](http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org).

### 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

### ZUMBA PLUS!!

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. [zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com](mailto:zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com)

## ONGOING EVENTS

### 'GOLDEN TICKET' 50TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

Sponsored by the Worcester County Arts Council. Winner will receive a \$7,000 original painting, "Foggy Morning - Ocean City" by Patrick Henry. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Patrick Henry Arts Scholarship. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 9 at the Worcester County Arts Council's 50th Anniversary Luncheon. Tickets cost \$10 (cash or

check) and are available at the Worcester County Arts Council Gallery.

### DINOSAUR DIORAMA CONTEST

Throughout June, pick up a kit from any Worcester County library branch (while supplies last), or make one at home using your own materials. All dioramas must be submitted by the end of day June 22 for display and voting. Dioramas should be no larger than a shoe box. Age divisions include 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-632-5622

### LAMBEOSAURUS LOOSE IN THE LIBRARY

Pocomoke library, 401 5th Street, Unit 100, Pocomoke City (temporary location), throughout June. Can you find the lambeosaurus loose in the library and answer the question he has for you? Answer correctly and be entered into the prize drawing. Different hiding places and questions each week. For families. 410-957-0878

### TAKE AND MAKE: PERLER BEADS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, throughout June. Stop by the library to grab a special monthly take-home craft while supplies last. For families. 410-524-1818

### DINO HUNT

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, June 1-8. Discover more about dinosaurs as you hunt them down in the library. Find all the dinosaurs and get a prize. While supplies last. For families. 410-208-4014

### MD 250 EVENT OC READS: 'A MERCY' BY TONI MORRISON

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, June 1-30. Pick up a copy of this month's read, then come in before the end of the month to share your impressions and enter the drawing to win free books. 410-524-1818

### RUNAWAY BRIDE WALKING TOUR

Stroll down Main Street in Berlin and visit the shops where Ike fell in love with Maggie. Visit the Atlantic Hotel where many of the scenes were filmed. Map of filming locations: <https://berlinmainstreet.com/Runaway-Bride-Walking-Tour.pdf>.

### OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com)

### MARYLAND FIREFIGHTER 50/50 FUNDRAISER

Drawings are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. Ticket sales open Thursdays at 8:05 p.m. and close the following Thursday at 7:59 p.m. One winner takes home 50% of the total jackpot and the remainder supports the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets: <https://md.5050raffle.org/give/md-fire/50-50-raffles/md5050/charities/ocean-pines>

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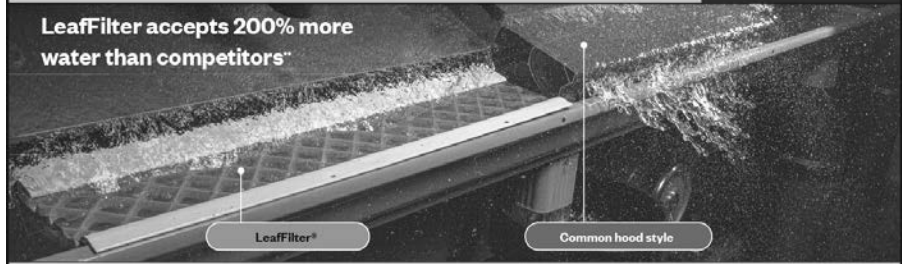
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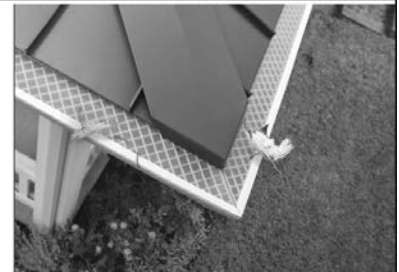
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