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Bertino out? Green, Taylor win districts

(June 25, 2026) Worcester County voters dethroned three incumbents, reelected two others and added a former school superintendent to the board in Tuesday's primary elections for county commissioner.

Leading the charge to create a pro-public education majority on the seven-member board of commissioners was Lou Taylor, who defeated Sherri Clifford 601 votes to 267 in the District 6 Republican primary. Taylor, who retired as the county's school superintendent last year, has no opposition in the fall's general election.

The only Republican winner Tuesday who will have a challenger in November could be Joseph Schanno, who appears to have dislodged Commissioner Chip Bertino 396-331. Absentee votes have yet to be counted, but the winner will face Vicky Wallace (D) in the general election.

In District 4, Steve Green knocked off incumbent Ted Elder 409 votes to 241. Placing third in that Republican race was former commissioner Virgil Shockley with 165 votes.

Incumbent Eric Fiori withstood a challenge from Tim VanVonne, collecting 498 votes to VanVonne's 368, in District 3 while in District 2, Democrats went for Roxie Dennis over incumbent Diana Purnell, 314 votes to 194. In District 1, Republican voters gave incumbent Caryn Abbott 473 votes to 283 for Laura Morrison and 105 for Shaun Shockley.

Voter turnout in some districts was down as compared to the ballot count in the 2022 primary. Ocean Pines saw a 27% drop in Republican primary voting totals as compared to 2022.

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Members of the Joseph A. Ferko String Band are pictured on Main Street during the Maryland State Firefighters Association parade, which was held in Berlin for the first time ever last Saturday. See more photos on page 16.

Police recruiting incentives OK'd

Town to use salary savings to issue retention bonuses as temporary measure

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2026) The Berlin Town Council this week authorized the use of up to \$118,000 in police department salary savings to fund retention bonuses for current officers and recruitment incentives for new hires to remain competitive with neighboring

law enforcement agencies.

The funding comes from a projected surplus in the Berlin Police Department's fiscal year 2026 salary account, created by four vacant officer positions. Police Chief Howard Drewer told council members Monday night that the proposal would not require any additional town funding. The project is intended as a temporary measure while officials work toward a long-term compensation strategy.

"We request to reinvest a portion

of the existing salary savings back into the workforce," Drewer said. "This is a Band-Aid; this is not a fix."

According to a staff report recommending the program, approximately \$118,000 remains in the salary account after all projected payroll obligations through the end of the fiscal year have been satisfied. Drewer initially proposed using \$100,000 of that amount for retention bonuses and \$10,000 for recruitment incentives.

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Berlin police hope retention bonuses help

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The department’s retention program will apply to nine current non-exempt employees. Participating officers will be required to sign an agreement committing to remain employed with the Berlin Police Department through July 1, 2027. Employees who voluntarily leave before that date would be required to repay based on the provisions outlined in the agreement.

Drewer said the department’s starting salary, recently increased by 5%, now sits at \$64,600 annually. However, he noted that several surrounding law enforcement agencies have raised starting salaries up to \$70,000 and above.

“A lot of the agencies in the region around us have increased their salaries into the \$70,000 range,” Drewer said. “... If we continue to fall behind in these areas, we will continue to lose people.”

The chief said the department lost four officers over the past year. He added that retaining existing personnel remains a greater challenge than recruiting new ones.

“Berlin does not have a recruitment problem,” Drewer said. “We have two right now that we are looking at bringing on board here in the next couple weeks. We’re getting

them into the door. We, like many agencies, have a retention problem.”

The proposal also includes \$10,000 in recruitment incentives for two Maryland-certified police officer candidates currently undergoing the hiring process. Under the plan, each candidate would receive a one-time \$5,000 incentive payment upon successful appointment.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said maintaining adequate staff levels is a problem in all factions of public safety.

“This is a common theme we’re hearing in public safety as a whole,” Tyndall said. “... The labor pool is tight. It’s difficult to recruit police officers.”

Tyndall noted that the salary surplus exists because existing officers have worked additional shifts to cover vacancies.

“When you’re looking at the vacancies that led to this budgeted salary surplus, there’s a lot behind that,” he said. “You have a team that has doubled down and worked hard and filled in all those gaps of four people.”

Councilman Jay Knerr asked whether Drewer anticipated neighboring agencies continuing to raise salaries.

“I think yes,” Drewer replied. “Do I think it’s going to continue into next

year? That has yet to be seen.”

Drewer noted that some jurisdictions will likely struggle to sustain increases in compensation due to a limited tax base.

“Three of the departments that significantly increased outside of the county, I don’t think they have the tax base that will be able to continue to support that,” he said. “One of those being Salisbury. It’s going to be hard for them to continue that pace.”

Tyndall emphasized that the proposal is a temporary measure and not a long-term salary solution.

“It’s a one-time bonus,” he said. “As Drewer said, it’s a Band-Aid. It gets us through FY27. It does not increase salaries long term, although that is something we’re going to need to take a real hard look at.”

Councilmember Steve Green ques-

tioned why the town would limit the program to \$100,000 when approximately \$118,000 was available. He added that retaining a reliable police force is beneficial to the town’s community spirit, as well as public safety efforts.

“When we know the officer and we see them at events and can wave to them, it means a lot,” Green said. “I would support the total \$118,000.”

Drewer responded that department leaders wanted to maintain a financial cushion but would be open to using the entire surplus balance.

The council ultimately approved a motion allowing the department to use up to \$118,000 from the FY26 salary surplus for the retention and recruitment initiative. The vote was unanimous with Vice President Dean Burrell absent.



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School personnel explain college readiness

System staff present how students are deemed ready for life beyond graduation

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2026) School personnel last week outlined the various avenues students may take in high school to demonstrate readiness for college, careers, or other postsecondary pathways.

On June 16, Worcester County Public Schools Coordinator of Accountability and Assessment Jen McDowell and Coordinator of Research and Student Information Systems Tom Hamill presented to the school board on how students can be considered college- and career-ready, per state guidelines.

College- and career-ready (CCR) means that students have demonstrated they can succeed in entry-level college courses or postsecondary training.

WCPS Superintendent Annette Wallace maintained that her team asked for the presentation because the state of Maryland had adjusted CCR requirements over the past few years.

“[We] felt it was important for the public and board to hear specifics

around college and career readiness,” she said.

McDowell said that currently, high schoolers can reach CCR status “through multiple pathways.”

These include achieving a high enough GPA with proficient math academic performance, scores on math and English benchmarks, Advanced Placement exams, or state-approved industry credentials.

School officials initially assess where each student falls at the end of their sophomore year. The preferred route to reach CCR is to have a cumulative 3.0 GPA at the conclusion of 9th and 10th grade, along with math mastery through either an A, B, or C in Algebra I or a designation of proficient or above on the Algebra I state assessment.

If the student is not considered CCR through the GPA and math mastery pathway, they may instead reach CCR by being deemed proficient on the state ELA 10 test and scoring greater than or equal to 530 on the SAT math section, the PSAT math section, or by achieving high marks on ACT math.

“They can use those scores, but they don’t have to be the same assessment,” McDowell said. “If the student has not met CCR with GPA and math mastery, then we’ll look to

see if at the end of tenth grade, then we see if they’ve made it with these assessments.”

McDowell said that if a student is not considered college- and career-ready through GPA and math scores or the assessment pathway, school personnel will create a plan to propel the learner toward the CCR designation.

Teachers and administrators will offer guidance so the student can achieve a high enough GPA by the end of their junior year, as well as a proficient grade in a math class. The high schooler may also be considered CCR by taking dual-enrollment courses that earn them college credit before graduation.

“They could pursue some dual enrollment, AP exams, or industry credentials,” McDowell said. “At the end of 11th grade, we will look at their GPA, just their one-year GPA. And then that math mastery of either an A, B, or C in a high school math course at any point in high school. They could also receive the CCR recognition through dual enrollment or dual credit. They would have to get a C or better in a math course plus an ELA, science, or social studies [class] to be able to get that dual enrollment CCR recognition.”

According to Hamill, college- and

career-ready guidelines have undergone a few iterations. When the program was introduced about a decade ago, there were roughly 15 ways a student could become CCR-certified.

A few years later, the state moved to a strictly assessment-based CCR identification process. Now, Maryland uses various GPA and exam pathways to determine whether a student will excel in their postsecondary endeavors.

Hamill gave the board of education statistics on how many WCPS students are deemed college- and career-ready by graduation.

Of the class of 2025, 78.4% received their CCR designation. About 81% of the class of 2024, when the current standards were first applied, were considered college- and career-ready. Hamill said that of the 2026 outgoing seniors, over 98% are college-ready and career-ready.

Hamill compared these figures to 2023, when one of the last graduating classes was under the assessment-only based CCR framework. Of these students, only 4.89% of students earned CCR recognition.

However, Hamill said that data show that, of the class of 2023, despite low CCR achievement, 43% of those students enrolled in a four-

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Public hearing on county's comp plan slated for July 9

Residents encouraged to provide comments on the revisions before adoption

(June 25, 2026) The Worcester County Planning Commission will host a public hearing on the 2026 Comprehensive Plan. Residents are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives on future growth and development. The hearing will take place July 9 at 1 p.m. in the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill.

The Comprehensive Plan serves as Worcester County's long-range roadmap, guiding decisions related to land use, housing, transportation, environmental protection, infrastructure, and economic development. The current update is the first comprehensive revision since March 2006, with amendments in 2010 and 2011.

“Following years of public outreach, community meetings, surveys, stakeholder engagement, and work sessions with the County Commissioners, the Planning Commission is now presenting a final draft plan for public review and comment,” Development Review and Permitting Director Jennifer Keener said. “The Planning Commission has made edits to the plan that reflect State comments and public feedback on several topics important to the community.”

Among the key updates are revisions to the Housing Chapter to re-

Schools push for dual enrollment

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year college upon graduation. 32% of that class went to a two-year institution and later transferred to a four-year program, and 25% went to a two-year community college.

“We had about two-thirds of that graduating class go to college despite only 5% being considered college and career ready,” Hamill said.

Wallace added that dual enrollment is tied to the school system's CCR program. The superintendent noted that a goal of WCPS is for every student to take at least one dual-enrollment course so they may earn college credits before they graduate high school.

Hamill said that in the class of 2026, about 329 graduates took at least one dual-enrollment class.

“Back in 2023, the number was 216,” he said. “Each one of our cohorts is more and more taking advantage of the opportunities we're offering them.”

flect new State guidance on fair housing and the Land Use Chapter to modify the County's approach to the E-1 District.

Following the July 9 public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider any additional comments received and may recommend further revisions before forwarding the draft plan to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners will then conduct a separate public hearing before considering formal adoption of the plan. The date of that hearing has not yet been scheduled and will be announced at a later time.

The draft Comprehensive Plan is available for review at www.worces-termd.gov/comprehensive-plan.

Knerr, Weeg declare candidacy

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forts last year to sell the former, dilapidated chicken-processing plant at Heron Park to developer Palmer Gillis. The initiative to transform the derelict site into a commercial property is moving forward.

Furthermore, the governing team reinvigorated efforts to build a community center and has secured \$1.4 million for conceptual plans and pre-construction work.

“That's a project that has been going nowhere for years and years and years until this mayor and council took the initiative to start moving it forward,” he said.

Knerr outlined some priorities he hopes to address.

Those concerns include striking a balance between year-round residents' interests and remaining a lively tourist destination, as well as continuing to

grow without sacrificing the small-town aesthetic.

“We fought off the big developers, we don't see sprawl,” Knerr said. “... I think one of the biggest projects is protecting our neighborhoods' community and character. We don't want this massive growth to spread. It would not serve our town well.”

The incumbent also hopes to continue securing grants to address aging infrastructure, roads, and sidewalk maintenance, ensure the police department is fully staffed and equipped, and maintain a stable tax rate.

Knerr is originally from Massachusetts. He moved to the Eastern Shore in the 1980s and settled in Berlin in 2000. He is a longtime business owner of the Ocean City Kite Loft and has served on the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the TidalHealth Atlantic Board of Trustees.

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Property rezoning paves way for new antique business

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 19, 2026) The Worcester County Commissioners this week approved a commercial rezoning for a Snow Hill storage building after concluding county officials likely made a mistake when they downzoned the property to agricultural use in 1992.

The commissioners 5-2 vote reversed their 2023 denial of the request. Supporters of the rezoning said that testimony showed county officials had mistakenly swept an active commercial property into a broader agricultural downzoning.

"I contend the baby got thrown out with the bathwater," said attorney Hugh Cropper, arguing on behalf of property owner Amy Kelly. She has been fighting to open a consignment and antique shop, Black Water Relics, on the Market Street property.

Cropper said county staffers had spent months reviewing records and compiling a lengthy report on the rezoning, but overlooked a simpler source: the neighbors.

Cropper said he'd searched land records, found out who'd lived there decades ago, and reached out.

"It was a two-second call," he said. "I said, 'What was there in 1992?' He said, 'I remember it well.'"

The man he reached was Tom Aydelotte, who grew up in a house adjacent to the property and lived there 30 years. At the June 16 hearing, he testified that the structure was used to store World War II aircraft parts for a distribution business when the county conducted its 1992 rezoning.

Aydelotte recalled seeing the 11,000-square-foot warehouse packed chock-a-block with the husks of old warplanes, many still riddled with bullet holes. "It'll blow your mind how full it was," he said.

Commissioner Eric Fiori, who had opposed the rezoning during earlier stages of the dispute, said the additional testimony presented Tuesday ultimately changed his mind.

"I was outspoken against this," said Fiori (District 3, West Ocean City). "Although the purchaser should have done some more research, in this particular case, there was enough evidence presented for me to change my mind. ... It is a mistake."

Commissioners President Ted Elder said officials were under the impression there was "no business going on" when zoning changes were considered in 1989.

"There was an actual commercial business going on there at that time. That is what I think is the reason we should really consider this," said Elder (District 4, Western).

The decision caps a three-year dispute that wound its way through



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Worcester County officials agreed to rezone this Market Street property in Snow Hill from agricultural to commercial after its owners took their case to Maryland's second-highest court. The appellate judges sent the case back to the county commissioners. Its owner plans to open a consignment and antiques shop.

County reverses rezoning ruling

Worcester County Circuit Court and the Appellate Court of Maryland before returning to the commissioners for a second court-ordered public hearing.

Property owner Amy Kelly purchased the .78-acre parcel and its bunker-like warehouse in 2023 with plans to open a second Black Water Relics antique store in Snow Hill. Before she could move forward, however, the property had to be rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

Worcester County's planning commission unanimously recommended approval of the request, but the commissioners rejected it later that year.

Under state law, a property owner seeking a rezoning must show the original zoning was based on a factual mistake, not simply argue that officials exercised poor judgment.

Kelly appealed the denial and, through her attorney, argued that county officials made a factual mistake in 1992 when they rezoned the property as agricultural despite its long history of commercial use.

In court, Cropper said the county had wrongly assumed the 75-year-old building was a farm shed, despite

records showing it had operated as a grocery and was later used for produce storage.

A Worcester County Circuit Court judge later vacated the commissioners' decision, finding they failed to explain their reasoning in public. The Appellate Court of Maryland agreed in February and sent the matter back for further review.

That ruling sent the case back to the commissioners for Tuesday's rehearing. The courts never weighed in on whether the rezoning itself was correct, only whether the commissioners had adequately justified their original denial.

Kelly already operates a Black Water Relics store in Pocomoke City. Renovations can now move forward at the Snow Hill location, though she must still obtain permits before opening the business.

"Obviously we're very pleased with the outcome and we're thankful to the commissioners for holding a brand-new public hearing," Cropper said.

"We think they carefully considered it and they made the right decision."



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County reallocates millions in surplus to future projects

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 19, 2026) Worcester County ended up with a \$30 million surplus from its fiscal 2025 budget year, the result of what officials described as lower spending and increased revenues.

The entire amount isn't free to spend. More than \$8.6 million already had been earmarked for existing initiatives. That left the county to spend about \$21 million on education, public works, and parks projects.

Commissioner Caryn Abbott made the motion at last Tuesday's meeting to approve the proposed surplus assignments. Without any discussion, the motion passed 4-3. Abbott, Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, and Ted Elder voted in favor and Eric Fiori, Joe Mitrecic, and Diana Purnell voted in opposition.

Budget officer Lynn Wright told the county commissioners Tuesday that the surplus resulted from revenues that exceeded projections and below-budget expenditures. She also noted the surplus figure could change slightly once the county's audit is finalized.

Wright said \$13.9 million is from higher-than-expected revenue from income tax, property taxes, recreation fees, transfer taxes, room tax, and interest earnings. Other revenue came from a contract with US Marshals, which pays the county to house detainees at the jail.

Wright also said \$15.8 million came from spending being lower in the areas of salaries and benefits, operating accounts, and capital equipment. She said this reflects a combination of vacant positions, delayed purchases, and other budgeted costs that ended up lower than anticipated.

Because the county's budget must be balanced, a surplus always has to land somewhere.

Commissioners approved putting the \$21 million toward school construction, road repairs, public safety upgrades, and a new library in Pocomoke City. No surplus money will be spent on personnel or salaries.

Of the 68 projects approved for surplus spending, 32 had already been on the county's to-do list. Another 36 projects came in as new requests.

The majority of spending is for school construction, public safety infrastructure, as well as public works-led projects that will serve multiple county departments and facilities.

Topping the surplus spending list are two school projects: \$5.5 million for a roof replacement at Worcester Technical High School and \$4.8 million for the rebuild of Buckingham Elementary School.

The list also includes \$4.2 million for the new Pocomoke City library branch, \$2.3 million for radio equipment, and about \$2 million toward design of the new Berlin Intermediate School.

Rounding out the Top 10 projects are HVAC upgrades to the county's recreation center (\$1.9 million), various paving projects (\$1.7 million), expansion of the fire training center (\$1.7 million), pipe replacement on Unionville Road (\$1.5 million) and replacement of the outdoor warning siren (\$1.4 million).

County Administrator Weston Young said the surplus reveal is the result of what he called a conservative budget process.

"It's a real good problem to have," he said. "We're not using one-time money to grow government. We're trying to make sure it fixes a lot of stuff across the spectrum."

Young also said the surplus reveal took months longer than usual because the county has been working with a new auditing firm.

He also expects the county to return to a regular auditing schedule, which means the surplus from fiscal year 2026 will be ready to announce this fall.

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Wallace blasts county for budget reductions

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 19, 2026) County Superintendent of Schools Annette Wallace last week accused a majority of the Worcester County Commissioners of misleading residents about who is to blame for nearly \$2.8 million in reductions to student programs in the educational system’s fiscal year 2027 budget.

During Tuesday’s Worcester County Board of Education meeting, Wallace delivered a lengthy and impassioned statement defending the school board’s recent decision to cut certain budget items and criticizing commissioners who voted to give the district less funding than it requested.

“I felt compelled to once again address misinformation that continues to be circulated regarding the fiscal budget year 2027 and the difficult reductions that resulted from actions taken by the Worcester County Commissioners,” Wallace said. “The facts matter.”

The comments come after the board unanimously approved \$2.8 million in spending reductions to balance its budget following a vote earlier this month by the county commissioners.

On June 2, the commissioners voted 4-3 to provide the school system

with \$134.2 million in county funding, about \$2.8 million less than what the board had requested. In response, on June 3, the school system administration cut funding for dual enrollment courses, technology upgrades, behavioral support initiatives, summer programs, instructional materials, maintenance projects, and other expenses.

Wallace said commissioners had publicly outlined which portions of the school system’s request they intended to fund and which they would not.

Reading from the list discussed during the commissioner’s June 2 budget meeting, Wallace said that the county officials approved funding for negotiated salary increases for teachers and support staff, bus contractor rate increases, health insurance costs, pension obligations, substitute pay increases, and bus attendants.

She then listed items she said commissioners opted not to fund, including pre-kindergarten positions in Pocumoke, dual enrollment, technology upgrades, an additional RISE behavioral support program for elementary school students, summer school, instructional materials, and teacher recertification costs.

“Their motion was explicit,” Wallace said. “They approved funding for

the things I just read. They did not approve funding for the remaining components of the board of education’s budget request.”

Wallace argued that criticisms that the board voluntarily cut student programs is inaccurate, because the board had no choice but to reduce FY27 expenditures after the commissioners decided not to fully fund the school budget.

“The [education] board’s June 3 actions did not create the budget shortfall,” she said. “Their actions addressed it.”

Wallace also reported that several parents had contacted school personnel after receiving communications that suggested the board was responsible for eliminating student services.

The superintendent said that the commissioners have attempted to spin the narrative to claim that the school board, not the commissioner majority, bears responsibility for the absence of funding in some areas.

“[The commissioners] are purposefully trying to obscure these facts in emails back to parents,” she said. “...Unfortunately, we’re now seeing attempts by the commissioner majority to suggest that this board and the reductions affecting dual enrollment, summer programs, and other student services were made by this board.

That is not true. It is simply not true.”

Wallace named Commissioners Caryn Abbott, Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, and Ted Elder as the parties responsible for the underfunded programs and budget.

“The [school] board did not vote to reduce these programs because it believed the reductions were good,” she said. “The board was forced to identify reductions because Commissioners Abbott, Bertino, Bunting, and Elder voted against funding those items in the budget. Public officials are entitled to defend their votes. They’re entitled to explain their reasoning.

“But stand on business. If you voted for it, be honest... [Public officials] are not entitled to rewrite the history that’s been recorded and receipts kept online during their meetings.”

The superintendent also questioned the local government’s financial priorities, noting that commissioners had recently announced a \$29 million surplus for the county.

Wallace argued that this excessive amount of unused county dollars contradicts the commissioner’s decision to give the school system less money than it sought.

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SNOW HILL MURAL
Muralist Olga Deshields (right) and Dawn Tara (right) continued their work last Tuesday on a community mural for the Maryland’s Coast building on Green Street in Snow Hill.

School leader addresses cuts

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last fiscal year was cut by over \$2 million,” Wallace said. “That leaves me with a lot of unanswered questions.”

One area the board chose to protect despite the commissioner’s vote against it was the pre-kindergarten program at Pocomoke Elementary School.

Wallace said eliminating the PES pre-K classes would have disproportionately harmed students in one of the county’s most vulnerable communities.

“Cutting opportunities for three- and four-year-olds in the most vulnerable area of our community just doesn’t align with my values and doesn’t align with the values of this board,” she said.

To preserve the program, the school system opted not to fill a vacant executive-level position immediately.

She added that this move will place more work on the remainder of the administrative team, but said the burden is worth it to maintain what she described as a vital student service.

The superintendent also referenced the upcoming primary election in which three of the commissioners who voted against the education board’s budget request, Bertino, Abbott, and Elder, are seeking reelection.

“Those who seek the privilege of holding another term should expect their constituents to hold them accountable for the decisions they make and the consequences those decisions carry,” Wallace said.

Tuesday’s meeting coincided with the last day of school for WCPS. Wallace praised teachers, support staff, bus contractors, custodians, and other employees for their work throughout the school year.

“Their dedication, their professionalism, and their commitment to excellence, for that, they have my deepest gratitude,” she said. “I promise you we will continue to do that regardless of the budget.”

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Girl Scout troop proposes sensory garden to council

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2026) Junior members of Girl Scout Troop 365 are bringing a new sensory garden to Stephen Decatur Park after presenting their proposal to the Berlin Town Council on Monday night.

The project, which previously received approval from the town's Parks Commission, will be installed along the walking path surrounding the pond at the park. The troop plans to create the garden as part of its effort to earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award while also offering a mindfulness-focused resource to the community.

According to the troop's presentation, a sensory garden is a natural



The Berlin mayor and Town Council is pictured with the local Girl Scout troop that plans to build a sensory garden in Stephen Decatur Park.
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space designed to help visitors connect with nature through their senses. The goal is to create an environment that promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and provides therapeutic benefits for people of all ages, including

individuals with sensory processing disorders, neurodivergence, and other mental or physical health challenges.

The proposed garden will feature three stations along the pond path, fo-

cusing on the senses of smell, touch, sound and sight.

Visitors will enter through a welcome area marked by a sign mounted on a wooden base near the existing pond entrance sign. The sign will explain the purpose of the sensory garden and recognize the troop's contribution.

The first stop, the smell station, will include a pollinator garden planted with fragrant native perennials selected to bloom from spring through late summer. The station will feature a 10-foot-by-5-foot raised wooden garden bed located near the path. Planned plantings include daffodils, coral bells, blue moon woodland phlox, homestead purple verbena, anise hyssop, and peacock white garden phlox. An instructional sign will encourage visitors to explore the scents of the plants.

The second stop, the touch station, will invite park-goers to interact with natural materials of varying textures. A mulch pathway designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards will lead from the pond trail to a wooden sorting box divided into six sections labeled smooth, rough, spiky, bumpy, soft, and crunchy. Participants may collect natural objects and sort them according to texture.

The final station will focus on sight and sound. Visitors can sit on a bench and observe the natural environment around them, from the sky and trees to ripples on the pond. They will also be invited to listen for sounds such as birds, wind, and water.

To enhance the experience, the troop proposed installing three or four birdhouses designed for local bird species, a bat house, and an interactive rain stick.

The rain stick will consist of a capped PVC pipe attached to a wooden post, allowing visitors to fill it with natural objects and listen to the sounds they create as they move through the pipe.

The final area will also include an imaginative play space where children can build fairy houses, animal shelters, and other creations using sticks, bark, leaves, and stones found nearby. Troop members plan to construct a toad house and fairy house to inspire visitors' creativity.

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STAFF PHOTOS



Berlin to install signs urging drivers to slow near children

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2026) The Town of Berlin will install a few “Slow, Children at Play” signs along Flower Street over the next few weeks to improve public safety after a resident said the neighborhood has become increasingly popular with young families.

During public comments at Monday’s Berlin Town Council meeting, resident Helen Lockwood urged the municipality to consider placing signs on Flower Street to encourage drivers to reduce their speed.

“Since [Cannery Village] is there and with younger families moving in, we have so many children who play on the sidewalk and in the street,” Lockwood said. “Even though we have signs up, everybody in Berlin knows they can speed through.”

Lockwood said children in the area frequently ride bicycles, play tag, and cross the street while playing outside.

“I just think signs like that that aren’t going to break the budget will be helpful to people coming through,” she said.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall asked Public Works Director Jimmy Charles whether the town could install any state-regulated signage to address the concern.

Charles said his understanding is that “Slow, Children at Play” signs are not enforceable traffic-control measures and serve only as a warning to motorists.

“It’s more like a suggestion,” Charles said. “They can’t do anything with that sign.”

Police Chief Howard Drewer said

he would not oppose the signs as long as residents understood they would not create additional penalties for drivers.

“There’s not a charge we can charge somebody with if somebody comes through there and strikes a child, there’s nothing we can charge them with outside of the normal [charges],” he said. “... It’s an informative-type sign.”

Council member Shaneka Nichols said the goal was not necessarily to create a new traffic violation but to make drivers more aware of children in the area.

“I don’t think [Lockwood] is looking for it to be an additional enforceable sign,” Nichols said. “At least make people look and go, ‘Oh, slow down, there are children around here.’”

Town officials discussed possible locations for the signs and noted that placement would likely be within the public right-of-way, though some signs could be installed near or on private properties.

Tyndall asked Lockwood to identify any property owners who might be willing to have signs installed nearby, noting that not every resident may want signage placed near their yard.

Charles said the town would investigate the ask and noted the initiative might take a few weeks as the public works team does not have the requested signage immediately on hand.

“We will look at maybe putting two to three signs,” he said. “... It’s going to take me a week or two because I’ll have to order signs ... just letting you know, it won’t be tomorrow.”

Telecom developer protests county’s zoning conclusion

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(June 19, 2026) Telecom developer Globalinx is fighting Worcester County’s determination that its proposed cable landing station outside West Ocean City is not a public utility, setting up an August hearing that could determine whether the controversial project can move forward.

Globalinx on June 9 submitted two applications to the county’s Board of Zoning Appeals: one challenging the county’s determination that the facility is not a public utility, and another seeking a special exception that would allow the project to proceed even if that interpretation stands.

The company’s first zoning appeal must succeed before the second application can move forward, according to Jennifer Keener, the county’s

director of development permitting and review. A hearing on that appeal is scheduled for Aug. 19.

If the appeal succeeds, the county’s planning commission would then take up the issue before being heard by the county commissioners.

Keener issued a June 2 ruling that effectively blocks Globalinx from moving forward in the normal planning and zoning approval process.

In her letter, Keener rejected the developer’s argument that its proposed facility on Route 611 qualifies as a public utility under existing zoning rules.

While utility structures that serve the public are permitted uses in the property’s C-2 General Commercial zoning, county staff said the facility does not qualify because it would not directly serve the general public.

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Congratulations go to Tuesday's victors

Congratulations to the winners, and in some cases, the survivors, of Tuesday's primary elections in Worcester County. For them, the race is over and the contest is won.

Facing no opposition in the general election this fall, these victors from Tuesday will begin serving on the Worcester County Board of County Commissioners in December: Steve Green from District 4, Lou Taylor of District 6, Roxie Dennis in District 2, Eric Fiori from District 3 and Caryn Abbott in District 1.

For Joe Schanno in District 5 and Joe Mitrecic in District 7, the finals in their contests won't take place until the first Tuesday in November.

Republican Schanno will face Democrat Vicky Wallace in that contest. Mitrecic has no competition but must stand for election to make it official since he was unopposed in the primary.

What is official regardless of November's election results is the welcome demise of the misguided four-member commissioner majority that seemed to pride itself on sticking it to the board of education at budget time every year.

Its end was almost guaranteed when Commissioner Jim Bunting decided not to seek reelection after serving four terms beginning in 2010. His decision to step down allowed Taylor to step up and, facing lesser-known opposition, bust up that anti-education core group.

Meanwhile, Green knocked off Elder to lock up the District Four seat and Schanno appears poised to give long-suffering Commissioner Mitrecic a clique-free board to work with as they take — we hope — a kinder, more reasoned approach to covering the cost of education in the county.

Tuesday's election also should deliver a big change in style at the county government level. A more low-key approach to doing business with the communities should prove fruitful, considering that the adversarial style of the past four years caused as many problems as it solved.

Financial relief available for farmers

Federal aid offered to agriculturalists for freeze crop losses

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(June 19, 2026) Local farmers could qualify for emergency assistance after the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week declared Worcester County and other surrounding jurisdictions as natural disaster areas following a late-April freeze that resulted in significant crop losses.

On Monday, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins issued a natural disaster declaration for 12 Maryland counties and eight contiguous areas, including Worcester. The declaration will make farm operators in those jurisdictions affected by a late-April freeze eligible for federal disaster assistance through the Farm Service Agency.

"We hate relying on payments like this, but when there is a natural disaster, they certainly help — not to help the farmer make money, but to help them recoup some of their expenses," Worcester County Farm Bureau Vice President John Bruning said in an interview this week.

During the early morning hours of April 21, following weeks of unseasonably warm weather, farmers across Maryland reported significant crop losses as temperatures in some areas of the state dipped into the low 20s, according to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Office of the Governor. Data show that the crop losses across multiple jurisdictions exceeded the 30% threshold for a federal natural disaster declaration.

In Worcester County, Bruning said the freeze hurt those who planted crops early. He talked of a small grain farmer in Newark who lost between 60% and 70% of his barley yield when the freeze hit the barley heads in a critical growing period known as a dough stage. He also reported that Barefoot

Farms Produce in Snow Hill lost an estimated \$3,000 in revenue when the freeze hit the farm's strawberry crop.

"The trouble was we had a warm spell in March, so the plantings take off with premature blooming," he explained. "We got that frost and it toasted all the strawberries we had and their blossoms."

In May, both the Maryland Farm Bureau and Gov. Wes Moore, backed by Maryland's congressional delegation, submitted formal requests for a disaster designation to the USDA. And on Monday, the federal agency made its declaration.

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reviewed the loss assessment reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating 12 counties as primary natural disaster areas," Rollins wrote.

"In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your State and adjacent States are named as contiguous disaster counties."

The declaration follows a advocacy campaign spearheaded by the Maryland Farm Bureau. A statewide damage survey led by the agency showed nearly 90 affected growers had average estimated production losses of 67% across frost-damaged crops, with some operations reporting losses of 90% or higher.

"Since the days immediately following the late April frost, Maryland Farm Bureau has constantly stressed the need for assistance for our hardworking farmers who were affected by this extreme weather event," Maryland Farm Bureau President Jamie Raley said in a news release. "We are grateful to the USDA and our partners in government for giving our farmers this much needed relief and security for them to keep going."

Primary natural disaster areas have been declared for 12 Maryland counties: Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Washington and Wicomico. Eight additional counties — Allegheny, Anne Arundel, Hartford, Kent, Prince George's, Talbot, Worcester and Baltimore — have been named as contiguous natural disaster areas.

With a disaster declaration now in place, growers in those jurisdictions could be eligible for low-interest emergency loans and credit extensions to aid in their recovery. Officials are encouraging them to contact their local Farm Service Agency office to begin the application process.

"Maryland's farmers are the backbone of our state's economy, our heritage and our food security," the governor said in a news release this week. "When our agricultural community faces unprecedented climate challenges through no fault of their own, it is our duty to respond with urgency."

"We are grateful to Secretary Rollins and our federal partners at the USDA for their swift, collaborative response. And we thank the Maryland Farm Bureau and Maryland's Congressional Delegation for their partnership in supporting the needs of Maryland farmers and the statewide effort that helped secure this critical USDA designation.

"This disaster declaration provides a vital financial safety net to keep our hardworking family farms operational so they can continue to feed Maryland families while putting food on their own tables."

Congressman Andy Harris (R-District 1) also applauded USDA's disaster declaration in a statement this week.

"The April freeze was a devastating setback for many of the farmers I represent in Maryland's First District," he said in a news release. "I was glad to work with Secretary

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Berlin makes July 7 Tindley Day to honor faith leader

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(June 25, 2026) The Town of Berlin officially recognized one of its most influential natives this week, proclaiming July 7 as Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley Day in honor of the African American gospel music pioneer, preacher, and civil rights activist born in Berlin in 1851.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall read the proclamation during Monday night's Town Council meeting surrounded by the native religious leader's relatives and supporters. Tyndall highlighted Tindley's journey from humble beginnings to national importance.

"Though born free, Dr. Tindley experienced the hardships of labor and poverty, yet through perseverance, self-education, and unwavering faith, he overcame barriers to become a pioneering voice," Tyndall read.

The proclamation noted that Tindley, the son of an enslaved father and a free mother, became one of America's most influential preachers, hymn writers, and community leaders. His ministry in Philadelphia inspired thousands through sermons, music and advocacy for social justice and education.

Under the proclamation, July 7 of each year will be recognized as Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley Day in



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Berlin officials are pictured with Tindley's relatives and supporters after the mayor and Town Council declared July 7 as Tindley Day.

Berlin "in honor of his life, his contributions of faith and music, and his lasting impact on the world and Berlin," the mayor said.

According to Beach to Bay Heritage Area Executive Director Lisa Challenger, who facilitated the proclamation, the recognition was devised from a conversation held at the annual Tindley Festival in April.

"I only helped facilitate this, but this all came about at the Tindley Festival in April when Gregory Purnell suggested this," Challenger said. "I'm just the middleman."

Purnell praised the municipality's decision and reflected on Berlin's history. He noted that in the past, the town was less than favorable to non-white citizens, but this week's recognition is just one example of Berlin's progress in social justice issues.

"Today the Town of Berlin has made a colossal leap, a giant step," he

said. "I'm old enough to remember when it was a sundown town. But now I'm able to stand here today because Berlin is a rising sun town."

Purnell said the proclamation ensures Tindley's contributions will not be forgotten.

"We're taking this step for Berlin to ever remember the contributions of Tindley," he said. "We are here today to witness this. It is extraordinary. I thank the mayor and council for doing this proclamation."

According to the Beach to Bay Heritage Area website, Tindley is considered one of Worcester County's most famous native sons and is widely known as the "Grandfather of Gospel Music." Through determination, Tindley educated himself in all aspects of the ministry despite poverty and limited opportunities.

Additionally, Tindley's musical legacy endures. His composition "I'll

Overcome Someday" is credited as the foundation for the Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome," while another of his songs, "Stand By Me," later became associated with the famous recording by Ben E. King. Five of Tindley's hymns continue to appear in Methodist hymnals used around the world.

Tindley also founded one of the largest Methodist congregations serving the African American community on the East Coast. Philadelphia's Tindley Temple United Methodist Church bears his name, and he is often remembered as the "Prince of Preachers."

The proclamation comes as Berlin continues efforts to celebrate Tindley's legacy. Other projects include the mural honoring him that was completed on the Bruder Hill Building at 25 Commerce Street in downtown Berlin in 2022.

Drought worsens local crop crisis

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Brooke Rollins to secure this disaster declaration and provide the relief our producers need. As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I'll continue working directly with USDA to ensure Maryland farmers receive the federal support available as they recover."

Officials say the crop crisis is compounded by severe drought conditions throughout Maryland. Currently, most counties remain under a severe or extreme drought designation by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Worcester County is currently in an extreme drought.

"This federal designation provides an important safety net to support what will be a multi-year recovery process," Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Kevin Atticks said in a news release. "Our producers are facing millions of dollars in ongoing maintenance costs without the crop income they rely on. Moving forward, the state will continue to work side-by-side with federal agencies and our congressional delegation to deploy every tool at our disposal to navigate this environmental volatility and preserve marketplace stability."

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LIMITED RUNS
BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer specializing in cybersecurity. This is his 20th crossword for The Times — most of them Sundays. “I do love this theme,” John writes. “It really pushes the silliness envelope. I’m imagining a lot of ‘what the hell?’ comments from solvers.” — W.S.

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68 Order to go

71 Actress Lee Nolin of “Baywatch”

73 “No joke!”

77 Scottish cryptid spotted by the French?

83 Bad sound from a fan

84 Bothered to no end

85 Java tea

86 Bygone retail giant

88 Senatorial greeting

89 Bathroom brand

91 1998 tech debut

93 Volcanic gems found on every continent

94 Harsh taskmaster taken to task?

98 Totally played out

99 Alien leader?

100 “... to hold, as _____, the mirror up to nature”: Hamlet

101 Spot for a cooling pie

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105 Opening of le soliloque d’Hamlet

107 Innocent sort

110 What a modest play has in common with the answer to each italicized clue?

116 Appropriately misspelled genre for Korn and Limp Bizkit

117 “Woo-hoo!”

118 Kid-friendly rocker?

119 “Oh, please”

120 Pub quaff

121 “Moving right along ...”

DOWN

1 Network supported by “Viewers Like You”

2 “Altho ...”

3 Cacio e _____ (Roman pasta dish)

4 Nervous agreement

5 Make-up artist?

6 General with a chicken dish named after him

7 Goofball

8 Some, in Saltillo

9 “S.N.L.” alum Nwodim

10 Tom _____, “Poisoning Pigeons in the Park” satirist

11 Tahini, essentially

12 Certain open enrollment options, for short

13 “Roundabout” rock band, 1971

14 “Gross!”

15 Onetime stargazer’s education channel

16 Cries of self-described “idiots”

17 “Now I get it”

18 Fireball-throwing demons from Doom

20 In good spirits

23 Name in many skyscrapers

24 Jam band with a Ben & Jerry’s flavor

30 _____ paint (sign tragically noticed after sitting on a park bench)

31 End of a redundant legal doublet

32 Jorts material

33 Kind of code

34 _____ to go

35 Face in the crowd, say

36 Emergency removal, in brief

37 Light in the night sky also known as Alpha Lyrae

38 Whiskey mixer

39 Altitude sickness side effect

40 Returned to air, as an old pilot, perhaps

41 Have an inkling

42 Cousin of tempeh and seitan

48 Powerful Romanov

50 Viola score symbol

53 Actress Gardner

54 Chess pieces

55 “Absence makes the heart grow fonder” or “Out of sight, out of mind”

56 Social class

58 Unpacked, say

62 “Let’s just stay calm”

63 2023 Nobel-winning physicist L’Huillier

65 Spoon bender Geller debunked on “The Tonight Show”

66 Shout in a slasher film

67 Female-friendly fandom event

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68 Sam who putted croquet style until the U.S.G.A. banned it

69 Catapult

70 Kitchen brand

72 Martial art mastered by Steven Seagal

74 Taper

75 Empty inside

76 Tater _____

78 How sun-dried tomatoes are packed

79 Dog-_____

80 Dog _____

81 Town, cape or river of western Alaska

82 Scorch

87 Lunged (for)

90 “The Relentless Pursuit of Perfection” automaker

92 It can carry a tune

93 Modern art?

95 Word after high or holy

96 Fast-food chain whose name has two hyphens

97 Washstand item

101 Old Medicare IDs

102 Sleepy murmur

103 Spiritual teacher in Tibet

104 Rory’s school on “Gilmore Girls”

105 Shade in the desert

106 “_____ remains to be seen”

108 Clubber’s tank top material

109 Verve

111 4G letters

112 QB Ward or Newton

113 To’s opposite

114 Band with the 1980s multi-octave “Take On Me”

115 Move the needle?

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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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County and developer at odds

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County staff concluded the facility was neither a public utility nor a data center under existing definitions.

In their BZA application, Globalinx says it intends to build a 25,000 square foot cable landing station on a 7.3-acre parcel.

The building would house electronic equipment that will receive transmissions from a subsea cable and transform those transmissions so they can be used as a neutral inter-connection point for communications networks.

“It is the position of Globalinx that the use of the Property as a [cable landing station] is a permitted use (a public utility structure),” the application says.

Globalinx argues it meets the standards and definitions for a public utility facility because the cable landing station is, and will be used, in a manner consistent with public utility structures.

The Virginia Beach-based developer also says it meets the criteria for a special exception because it will conform with the county’s comprehensive plan and would have no detrimental effects on the neighborhood or vehicular traffic.

County leaders, meanwhile, are examining the implications of re-writing the county’s zoning laws to

prevent data centers or cable landing stations from being legal uses of property.

“We are actively working to strengthen and update our zoning code to address emerging development pressures,” wrote County Commissioner Eric Fiori in a June 10 social media post, “and close gaps that may leave our community vulnerable to projects that were not contemplated when the existing regulations were written.”

Fiori, whose District 3 includes the project site, has been a vocal opponent. He hosted a public forum last month where Globalinx senior leaders laid out their plans and took dozens of questions from a somewhat hostile crowd.

Dozens of people attended the May 14 town hall, raising concerns about the project’s size, environmental impacts, and power demands.

Among the most emotional issues was the future of the Purnell Cemetery, an African American cemetery located on the project site. Descendants and community members have expressed concern about how the 200-year-old burial ground would be protected.

The county’s zoning determinations have focused on land-use questions and have not addressed those concerns.



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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 2-4pm	6201 Coastal Highway, Unit #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,778,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	745 Mooring Rd #202, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$393,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	624 94th Street Unit 129, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$549,500	Cathy Soule/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	12971 Inlet Isle Lane, Ocean City	5BR/5BA	Single Family	\$2,350,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday 11am-1pm	12021 River Run Lane, Berlin	5BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,259,000	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty		
Saturday 11am-1pm	58 Hingham Lane, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$549,500	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate		
Saturday 11am-1pm	4505 Burbage Crossing Rd., Pittsville	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$699,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/RE/MAX/Advantage Realty		
Saturday 11am-2pm	11530 Country Club Dr., South Pt/Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$899,000	David Dysky/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 11am-3pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday Noon-2pm	88 Newport Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$848,800	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate		
Saturday 2-4pm	37033 Barrington Pkwy., Millville, DE	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$609,000	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty		
Saturday 2-4pm	10429 Brighton Rd., West OC	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$699,900	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/RE/MAX/Advantage Realty		
Saturday 2-4pm	4 Oxford Court, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$649,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate		
Sunday 11am-1pm	12414 Sea Oaks Lane Unit 3, Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$499,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty		
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty		



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., June 25

OCEAN PINES CONCERTS IN THE PARK
White Horse Park Pavilion, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Free community event featuring “Nick Vox.” Food for sale. BYOB welcome. 410-641-7052

NARFE CHAPTER MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Meeting is open to federal employees active/retired, and surviving spouses. Karleen Hagan, 703-729-2103

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY FEATURING ADVENTURES IN RHYTHM
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Enjoy hands-on activities and “unearth stories” through music and history during an interactive percussion concert with Steve Cyphers (Mr. Steve). For families. 410-641-0650

STORY TIME: CIRCLE
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

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, worcesterlibrary.org

MD 250 EVENT - COFFEE & CRAFTS: RED, WHITE, AND WATERCOLORS!
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in every month for a new craft. Materials provided. Limit 30. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY FEATURING ADVENTURES IN RHYTHM
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Enjoy hands-on activities and “unearth stories” through music and history during an interactive percussion concert with Steve Cyphers (Mr. Steve). For families. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

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

FIT & FABULOUS
Thursdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zum-bajoyceoc@gmail.com

Fri., June 26

BARK ON THE BEACH
Ocean Pines Beach Club, 49th Street, Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Featuring cocktails, pup cups, and raffle giveaways for owners and K-9’s. Free event. Collecting donations for The Worcester County Humane Society. Adult beverages must be purchased on-site. 410-641-7052

ENCHANTED CARNIVAL A 4TH FRIDAY EVENT
Downtown Pocomoke, 813 Market St., Pocomoke City, 5-9 p.m. Sidewalk vendors, food vendors, cash bar with local brews and music by DJ Kay. Fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. Rain date for fireworks is June 27. 410-957-1333, mshannon@pocomokemd.gov

FANDOM FRIDAY: POP MUSIC
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Drop in any time for crafts, quizzes and discussions about the monthly topic. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

BABY BOP
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Dress up and dance along to music with glow sticks. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

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

MONTHLY MOVIE MATINEE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Catch a movie you might have missed in the theaters. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

Sat., June 27

OC PRIDE PARADE
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. Meet at 10 a.m. in the inlet parking lot, walk begins at 10:30 a.m. The 30-45 minute parade goes around the pier, up the Boardwalk to 2nd Street and back. There will be tables with OC Pride merch.

CATHY REITER MEMORIAL “ONE MILE’ER” WALK/RUN
Cork Bar, 3 Wicomico St., Ocean City, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets \$40. One mile run on OC’s historic boardwalk to benefit the scholarship fund of the A.M. Foundation awarded annually to a

Stephen Decatur senior!

POCOMOKE POKER RUN
Dockside, 2 Riverside Drive, Pocomoke City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Play by boat or car. Visit locations and compete in challenges. Prizes for Best Poker Hand and Best Mini-Games. <https://app.seemylegacy.com/community/2649/campaign/8882/overview>, 410-957-1333

KID’S KITCHEN
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The group will be making and baking pizza pockets. For ages 6-11 years. Registration required: 410-208-4014. worcesterlibrary.org

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, 410-524-9433

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

Sun., June 28

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Rick K: Rock N’ Roll Revue/Decades of Hits.” Activities and entertainment for kids, ice cream (available for purchase) and fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/events/>

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

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

Mon., June 29

SUMMER KIDS CAMP – THEATER
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, June 29, 10 a.m. through July 2, 3 p.m. Kid’s theater summer camp based on The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. Live performance on Thursday afternoon. Register: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2858>. 410-524-9433

SUMMER KIDS CAMP – VISUAL ARTS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, July 29, 10 a.m. through July 2, 3 p.m. Inspired by The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. For ages 6-13 years. Student art show on Thursday. Register: <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/classes/2860>. 410-524-9433

STORY TIME: ZOO
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, worcesterlibrary.org

MONDAY MOVIES AND MUNCHIES
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Come sink your teeth into a Dino-rrific movie. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

SPEED PUZZLING
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4 p.m. Grab some friends or form a team at the library to see who can put their puzzle together the fastest. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

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

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, 410-641-6876 or Membership Coordinator: 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 30

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, worces-terlibrary.org

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 finger plays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, worces-terlibrary.org

LIVING FOSSILS: EXPLORING HORSESHOE CRABS WITH MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM

Snow Hill Elementary School, 515 Coul-bourne Lane, 10:30 a.m. Explore and unearth the stories about this prehis-toric creature that still plays an impor-tant role in our ecosystem. Get up close with animals that live right here. For ages 6-11 years. 410-632-5622

STORY TIME: DINOSAUR STOMP

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Roar, read and have fun with stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.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, worcesterlibrary.org

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Ex-plore and unearth the stories about this prehistoric creature that still plays an important role in our ecosystem. Get up close with animals that live right here. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014

BEACH HEROES-OC

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Prekindergarten class of 2026 gifted the Training Station preschool a Little Free Library. The Little Free Library is designed specially to hold children's books so that stu-dents can borrow or share them with their classmates and the community. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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. Experi-enced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome. No partner required. Info: Tangobythe-Beach.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 every-one. 410-641-4882, www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., July 1

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mum-fords Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. DJ, games and prizes. Cost is \$5 per swimmer at the gate. Food available for purchase. 410-641-7052, oceanpines.org

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featured movie is "The SpongeBob Movie Search for Squarepants." Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Movie lineup: https://www.oco-cean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/.

LIVING FOSSILS: EXPLORING HORSESHOE CRABS WITH MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Explore and unearth the stories about this prehistoric creature that still

plays an important role in our ecosys-tem. Get up close with animals that live right here. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818

LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:30 a.m. Join in for a Lego challenge event. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

PUZZLE SWAP

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

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Last Wednes-day of the month meetings are offsite and information can be found on the website and Facebook. www.kiwaniso-fopoc.org.

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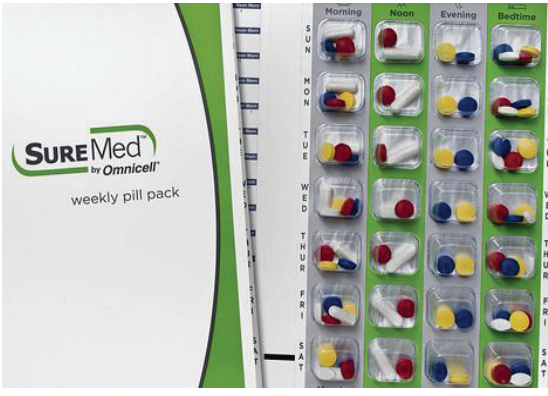
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