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The On The Edge band drew a solid crowd to Ocean Pines Yacht Club last Saturday night, as members packed the outside venue to take in the nice weather and good music.

Fourth fests Friday, Saturday

Ocean Pines celebration will begin with day-long schedule, Berlin goes with ‘traditional’ day-before event

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) Berlin will be marking America’s 250th birthday a day early this week with its annual fireworks show on Friday, July 3.

As the country gears up to celebrate its declaration of independence from Great Britain 250 years ago, the town will again host its own festivities on July 3. The day-before-event has become a town tradition, as nearby Ocean City and Ocean

Pines light off their fireworks on the conventional July 4.

Berlin’s Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said Berlin’s July 3 celebration allows the town’s citizens to view the pyrotechnics without having to travel if they prefer not to.

“Holding our fireworks on July 3 has become a Berlin tradition,” Wells said. “Since so many people have the day off on July 4, it makes for a perfect evening to gather with family and friends the night before.

“Many residents host backyard barbecues and parties on July 3, so our fireworks fit naturally into

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Youth volunteers aid elderly owners with yard cleanup

Worcester Prep student and friends simply want to assist community

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) A Worcester Prep sophomore is offering a yard cleanup service this fall for Ocean Pines seniors who need a little extra help disposing of leaves, pine needles, and other autumnal debris.

At an Ocean Pines Association Board of Direc-
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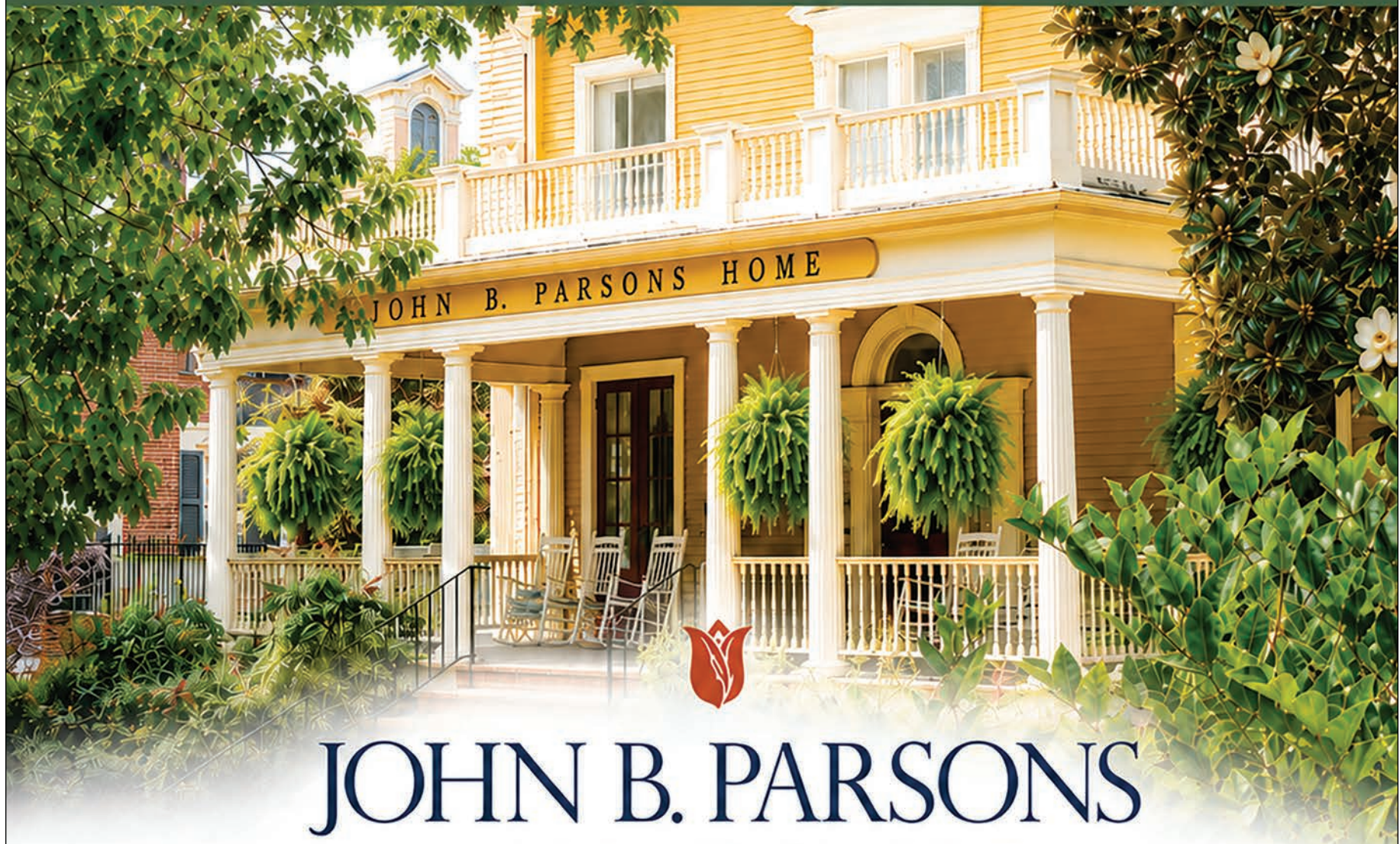
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Student lauded for helping others clean up

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cators meeting Monday, Liam McAllister, an incoming 10th grader from Worcester Preparatory School, presented his plan to clean the yards of about 16 to 20 elderly or limited mobility Ocean Pines residents this autumn. He added that additional volunteers will include his classmates.

McAllister said he and the other high schoolers will “rake leaves, pine needles, and other fallen debris from senior residents’ yards who are unable to do it.”

The project will take place over three or four days in October and November. Each day, the volunteers will aim to clean five to seven yards, for a total of 16 to more than 20 yards. McAllister said that his goal of the effort is to give back to the neighborhood by targeting those who need it most.

The student maintained that he hopes to continue the initiative each year of his high school career.

“This will benefit the community greatly,” McAllister said.

Additionally, McAllister asked the board of directors at Monday night’s meeting whether he should prioritize certain OPA citizens and zero in on a specific age group and/or mobility demographic.

Board members, however, cautioned him against implementing strict criteria.

“Maybe we could put something out there that says this opportunity is available. I don’t think we could put criteria about age,” OPA Board Treasurer Monica Rakowski said. “But I commend you. I am super impressed.”

McAllister will advertise the service throughout the summer with flyers at the Ocean Pines Library and other community boards, social media, and word of mouth. He noted that he has already coordinated with OPA General Manager John Viola and his operations team on the processes and procedures for leaf disposal.

“That is awesome,” OPA Board President John Latham said at the conclusion of McAllister’s presentation.

Director Pat Lehnerd added that he understands how hard it is for some residents to maintain their yards and noted what a relief McAllister’s service will be for the citizens with limited abilities.

“I want to commend you,” Lehnerd said. “There are a number of seniors, one lives [a few] doors down from me, who would be an excellent candidate.”



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Worcester Prep sophomore Liam McAllister outlined a plan where he and school friends will help Ocean Piners this fall with leaf and debris cleanups.



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Holiday weather hurt, but rebound expected

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) While rainy weather during Memorial Day weekend contributed to a slight budget shortfall in May, Ocean Pines Association officials say they are optimistic that membership subscriptions and amenity revenues will rebound as summer continues.

During Monday’s OPA Board of Directors meeting, the association General Manager John Viola told the board the association finished May approximately \$9,000 below budget. Viola attributed this drop primarily to gloomy weather during Memorial Day, Ocean Pines and the surrounding areas’ official start to the summer season.

“Memorial Day weekend, we’re weather-dependent, especially this time of year,” Viola said. “It was a tough weekend for weather, so it did affect several of our amenities. It also affected our memberships.”

According to Viola’s financial presentation, the association reported a May month-to-date operating income of approximately \$6.446 million, compared to a budgeted \$6.455 million, resulting in an unfavorable variance of about \$9,000.

Viola said the impact is likely temporary, noting that membership sales increase during periods of favorable

weather.

“We believe, and we track memberships daily, the memberships are coming,” he said. “Every time the weather’s nice, people come in and buy beach parking [and other memberships].”

While some amenities experienced lower-than-budgeted revenue, Viola said others are performing well.

Golf operations have largely stabilized and are tracking close to both last year’s performance and budget projec-

tions, Viola said. Aquatics is outperforming last year’s numbers while remaining in line with budget expectations.

The marina also has seen an increase in as weather conditions have improved.

“Now we’re getting good weather, and the demand is coming in,” Viola said.

Additionally, racquet sports continue to perform well. Viola said that

memberships from people who live outside Ocean Pines are increasing slightly.

“We heard about people from outside,” Viola said. “Membership from people who don’t live in Ocean Pines is actually up a little.”

Viola cautioned that it is still early in the summer season and said the association expects revenue to improve as additional memberships are purchased in the coming weeks.

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Berlin fireworks go up Friday night

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that celebration. Berlin has always liked to do things a little differently, and this tradition has become part of what makes our celebration unique.”

According to Wells, the town’s Independence Day fireworks display will begin at dusk, at approximately 9:15 p.m. at Heron Park and will last around 20 minutes.

Wells said that she ensures the selected pyrotechnics are those that shoot highest into the sky, so everyone within the municipal limits, no matter where they’re watching, has access to a prime viewing location.

However, she added that the best

spot to see the fireworks is SonRise Church at 10026 North Main Street.

Additionally, SonRise will be hosting a celebration in conjunction with the fireworks. Beginning at 6 p.m., the church will welcome spectators with free burgers and hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, inflatables and games, face painting, and more patriotic festivities.

SonRise’s event is open to all community members. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and stick around for the fireworks show at dusk.

While Berlin’s fireworks display focuses on residents, Wells added the

celebration is another reason for tourists to make their way to town and see what it has to offer.

“[The Independence Day celebration] reinforces our sense of community that makes Berlin special and introduces new visitors to our downtown,” Wells said. “The fireworks create an opportunity for people to spend time together and make memories. We hope everyone leaves with a greater appreciation for our town and looks forward to coming back year after year.”

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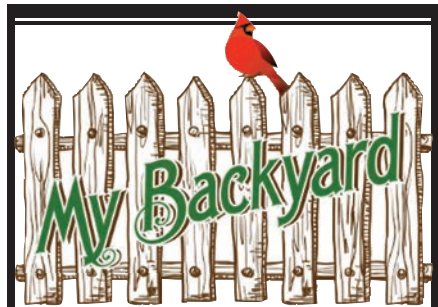
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Ocean Pines set for celebrations to mark holiday

(July 2, 2026) There's plenty of fun for the entire family this July 4 in Ocean Pines.

The day kicks off with the July 4 Freedom 5K at Veterans Memorial Park. Day-of registration begins at 7 a.m., with the race starting at 8 a.m. All ages are welcome! There will be awards for the top three females and males per age group, best July 4 costume, and a trophy for overall fastest time. T-shirts will be included for all pre-registered runners, however, sizes are not guaranteed for day-of registrations.

5K registration is \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the race. Pre-register online at <https://events.elitefeats.com/26ocean-pines>.

Come back out for the Ocean Pines 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks at Veterans Memorial Park from 4-9 p.m. Enjoy carnival games, music, food, and fun for all ages! Carnival admission is \$20 per wristband for unlimited fun. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Parking will be available in the green lot next to Taylor Bank and the Ocean Pines Library. Handicap parking will be available on-site at Veterans Memorial Park.

Several road closures will also take effect throughout the day. Cathell Road, from the Ocean Parkway entrance to the Sports Core Pool entrance, will close at approximately 1 p.m. on July 4 (or when the fireworks truck arrives).

Both sides of Ocean Parkway from Offshore Lane to the Manklin Meadows intersection will close one hour prior to fireworks launch (approximately 8:15 p.m.). No seating will be allowed between Offshore and the Manklin Meadows intersection.

Southside Ocean Parkway will reopen once cleared by the Fire Marshal following the fireworks display. Cathell Road will reopen once approved by the Fire Marshal, all fireworks are cleared, and the fireworks company has left the property.

Revenues should return to budget

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"I do believe some of this is going to be timing," he said. "We will see memberships and everything coming in over the next month. We seem to be keeping track with last year's budget."

He added that the association will have a better indication of the season's financial outlook after the Independence Day holiday.

Despite the slight monthly shortfall, Viola said the association remains in a strong financial position with roughly \$10 million in reserve funds, including approximately \$6 million in general reserves.



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Taylor House celebrates Tindley

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audio-visual materials including Tindley’s famous sermons and videos of the Tindley Family Choir, a chorus of the reverend’s descendants, performing in front of downtown Berlin’s Tindley mural.

These archived recordings will be projected onto a screen on the museum’s lawn during Tuesday’s event.

“Our goal is to use that audio-visual material and actually have it projected onto a screen on the lawn like we do our movies,” Reid said.

Reid added that while normally closed on Tuesdays, the museum will be open to welcome residents and visitors to the two Tindley collections.

The Seaside Sweets truck will also be onsite with Chesapeake Bay Farms ice cream.

The Taylor House director said the goal of the event is to teach individuals from Berlin and the surrounding areas about Tindley, who she maintained is sometimes underappreciated by the community.

Reid noted that Stephen Decatur, a naval officer born in Worcester County to a father who served during the Revolutionary War, is recognized more than Tindley, despite having loose ties to the Eastern Shore.

“Everything around us is named after Stephen Decatur,” she said. “And Decatur was only born here. He

just happened to be here because his father was here during the Revolutionary War helping on the Eastern Shore. He was not part of our community. He was born here and moved on.”

Reid added that despite Tindley’s relocation to Philadelphia, he remained committed to aiding Berlin’s African American congregations.

“Rev. Tindley did move on but came back frequently to Berlin and helped support places like [St. Paul United Methodist Church] and helped the local community here,” Reid said. “To me, Rev. Tindley exemplifies the ultimate American story of pulling yourself up...he taught himself to read, put himself through night school and became a beloved humanitarian both in Philadelphia and Berlin. He to me exemplifies everything we would want community members to be.”

The museum hopes to build on Tindley Day. Reid said that the facility’s mission is to add local gospel singing and continue strengthening the relationships between the Germantown School, the Taylor House, and the area’s churches.

“[Tindley’s] story is really crucial to the history of Berlin,” Reid said.

The creation of Tindley Day by the town grew out of a suggestion by local historian Greg Purnell and was facilitated by Beach to Bay Heritage Area.



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Multiple cosmetic projects have taken place at the Ocean Pines Association-owned Beach Club in recent months.

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Major remodeling planned for Ocean Pines Beach Club

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) The Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City will undergo extensive remodeling this fall, with a focus on creating a welcoming second-floor space by installing a top-story deck, an ADA-compliant elevator, and durable, storm-proof windows.

At the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting Monday, General Manager John Viola reported on an upcoming project at the OPA-owned Beach Club on 49th Street in Ocean City.

According to Viola, beginning in September, Ocean Pines will begin modernizing the building and optimize its guest experience. The plan is

to transform the facility's top story into an inviting summer hangout spot by revitalizing the largely unusable upstairs space.

Planned renovations include the installation of a second-floor deck and glass railing, an elevator, a remodeled second-floor interior kitchen and bathrooms, accordion doors leading to the new outdoor platform, and hurricane-proof windows.

Additionally, the Beach Club is slated for both interior and exterior demolition work. Crews will reinforce the interior floors, replace and install new pilings, and redo the structure's first floor deck.

The association is preparing to re-quests proposals from contractors to undertake the remodeling project. The work will be divided into phases, with construction elements grouped by similarity.

"What's next at the Beach Club? Well...we are going to replace much of it," Viola said. "...We are working on that now; we are going to send out bids. We're going to chunk it out."

The general manager said that the club's current decks will be torn down and replaced with a two-tiered porch. The lower platform will be built at the same height as the outdated structure, while the top-story deck will be accessible from the building's second floor.

The facility's plumbing will also likely be inspected and improved as needed.

The work's price tag will be divided between OPA and the Beach Club's restaurant operator, Touch of Italy. TOI will invest in the upstairs kitchen work, while Ocean Pines will be responsible for the new ADA-compliant elevator.

OPA Board Vice President Rick Farr maintained that installing an elevator is required in conjunction with the upstairs enhancement work, per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This is an ADA requirement that we have to have," Farr said. "That investment is because ADA mandates it, so we have access for those who need that...that is a requirement for us to have."

The goal of the project is to maintain the Beach Club's first-floor functionality while creating an upstairs dining space, providing patrons with additional space to socialize and enjoy the summer season.

"I think that upstairs will be pretty amazing," OPA Board President John Latham said. "I can't remember the last time it was used other than a storage shed, and if you go upstairs there, it's an unbelievable view so it will be very, very nice."

Board Treasurer Monica Rakowski asked for clarity on the proposed timeline. Viola said that the hope is for the renovations to begin as soon as summer ends.

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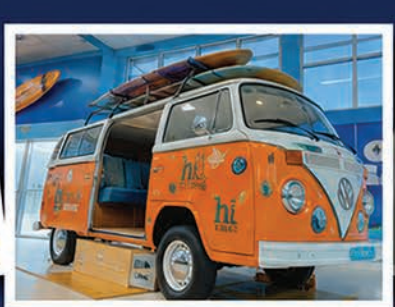
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Despite delays, firehouse build on schedule

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) Ocean Pines officials say construction of the community’s new southside firehouse remains on schedule despite requiring more extensive site preparation than originally expected.

During the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting Monday, OPA General Manager John Viola updated residents and the board on the project, saying crews have completed the necessary soil work and are preparing to move into the next phase of construction.

“We had more work than we thought on site preparation,” Viola said. “We identified it, we addressed it. I believe we will have a good solid foundation.”

According to Viola, crews brought in more than 190 truckloads of material to raise the site’s elevation and achieve proper soil compaction after testing uncovered conditions that required additional work. He said all compaction testing has now been completed.

The association recently received the project’s final construction plans and intends to meet with contractor, The Wayland Company, and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department next week before submitting applications for the next round of construction permits.

“The next step is to meet with [The Wayland Company] and the fire department next week so we can submit the permits for the next stage, which is

the construction permits,” Viola said.

Despite the additional groundwork, Viola said the anticipated project timeline has not changed.

“To me, it’s still on track,” he said.

He added that construction will take approximately 60 weeks once foundation work begins.

The latest update follows concerns expressed this spring after demolition of the former firehouse uncovered soil density issues beneath the site.

In May, Viola reported that testing required under modern construction standards revealed more work than originally expected. Initial estimates

called for roughly 20 truckloads of replacement material. However, more than 100 truckloads were needed to meet compaction requirements.

To help reduce costs, Ocean Pines leased heavy equipment and completed portions of the site work using its own staff in collaboration with the outside vendors.

Viola said at Monday’s meeting that some of that equipment has continued moving between the firehouse site and the public works yard. This has contributed to the association’s decision to keep the public works yard closed to residents for the rest of the summer.

The new southside firehouse, located

at 911 Ocean Parkway, will replace the aging station built in the 1980s. The updated facility will include separate bunk rooms for male and female firefighters, a dedicated decontamination area, two apparatus bays, expanded parking, and other operational improvements.

The firehouse is expected to cost about \$6 million. The upgraded station was made possible with a \$1.52 million state grant approved in April 2022. OPA as agreed to contribute \$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 price tag.

Volunteers lead Operation Flip Flop

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) A team of Ocean Pines do-gooders is once again rallying to support children in need by collecting personal supplies to help underprivileged kids enjoy a summer camp experience.

The volunteer group Ocean Pines Get Involved, founded by community resident and former member of the board of directors Esther Diller, has launched its annual Operation Flip Flop Drive in collaboration with local social services organization Worcester Gold.

Each year, Worcester Gold provides scholarships to children from lower-income households, allowing them to attend summer camp and participate in other enrichment activities while they’re off from school. OP Get Involved has contributed to that effort for about four years now by soliciting donations of camp items.

This year is no exception. Diller and her volunteer group are again asking citizens to provide goods such as flip-flops, backpacks, beach towels, sunscreen, sunglasses, Chapstick, and water shoes.

The items will be delivered to Worcester Gold, which will provide the supplies to its at-need summer campers.

“What Operation Flip Flop does is provide articles of things that are needed for camp,” Diller said. “Sunblock, backpacks, beach towels, Chapstick, goggles, things like that. Anything you would put in a child’s beach bag to send them to camp...We’ve had real success with it.”

Those looking to donate can drop off the products at a drop box at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Contributions will be

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Estate zoning safe for now, county planning group says

E-1 zoning will not be axed or expanded, per a vote by the commission last month

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) Worcester County planning officials have backed away from a proposal to eliminate the county’s E-1 Estate District zoning after residents expressed concerns that it could open the door to more intense development in rural residential areas.

Planning Commission members voted June 11 to support language in the county’s draft comprehensive plan saying that E-1 zoning should not be expanded, but also should not be eliminated.

Changing E-1 land to R-1 Residential would allow for greater density, board members noted, increasing the potential density from one unit per two acres, to one unit per acre.

County Planning Director Jen Keener said public comments on the issue “came in hot and heavy with concerns about eliminating the E-1 district.”

The E-1 district allows residential development, but Keener said it also has a strong agricultural component. County code places agricultural uses ahead of residential uses in the district.

The district applies to several parts of the county, including South Point, an area near Bishopville, and a small portion of Public Landing.

“It’s kind of an amalgamation of residential and agricultural was the intention for the E-1 district,” Keener said.

The county’s draft comprehensive plan had recommended eliminating the district – which would have required county officials to then figure out what kind of zoning should replace it, whether residential or agricultural, Keener said.

She said the South Point area, extending from Assateague Road south to the end of the peninsula, contains one of the county’s largest concentrations of E-1 zoning.

The proposal drew particular concern from South Point residents. The South Point Association, a civic group representing about 325 households, has formally opposed eliminating the district.

If the county did away with its E-1

zoning, then many South Point homeowners would see their property converted either to residential or agricultural zoning. Under the new zoning, future property owners could have the option to build more densely.

“Our community looks and feels more like a nature preserve than a residential neighborhood,” association president Michael LeCompte wrote in an April 10 letter to county officials. “We moved here because the low residential density creates the type of nature-filled, rural community in which we wanted to live.”

At the meeting, planning commissioner Alec French asked why the county was considering eliminating the district, noting that some environmental advocacy groups had opposed phasing out large-lot zoning.

“Why? Why this push to get rid of E-1?” French asked.

Commission member Phyllis Wimbrow, who was on the board when the E-1 district was created in 1992, replied that the designation was originally intended to prevent sprawl.

However, E-1 ultimately didn’t work as intended, Wimbrow added. She said large-lot zoning

can spread homes across rural expanses, instead of clustering development and preserving open space.

“What would you rather have: 20,000-square-foot lots on 100 acres with 80 acres preserved as open space? Or 50 two-acre lots spread over that 100 acres?” Wimbrow said. “Which is more conducive to sprawl? We tried to get rid of it.”

Wimbrow also pointed to rural parts of Delaware, where former farmland has been converted into residential subdivisions that require additional public services.

“It just upsets me,” she said. “That is poor planning at its worst, so may we never go down that path.”

The planning board’s discussion was not the final decision on the county’s revised comprehensive plan, but a chance to settle the language before the public hearing, according to Keener.

A public hearing on the draft comprehensive plan is scheduled for the planning commission on July 9. After that, the plan will go to the Worcester County Commissioners for their own public hearing. Keener said a new comprehensive plan is expected to be approved by this fall.

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JAMES E. WELSCH
Bishopville

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of James E. Welsch, of Bishopville, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated educator, who departed this life on June 23, 2026, at the age of 83. He was born on August 2, 1942, in Baltimore to the late John Welsch and Dorothy (Sommers) Welsch.

Jim was a retired athletic director for Howard County Public Schools, where he inspired countless students with his passion for sports and education. He was a proud member of the Friendship Church of Berlin, the Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club, the Friendship Church of Berlin Men's Group, and a Bible Study group, reflecting his dedication to community service and his faith.

James is survived by his wife, Anita R. Welsch; daughter, Jo Ann Huber (Phil); son, Jimmy Welsch (Elaine); grandchildren, Riley, Sarah, Drew, and Kaitlyn. Together, they will carry his legacy of kindness, strength, and leadership forward.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn

Beachley.

A funeral service was held at the Friendship Church of Berlin. Entombment was at Granite Memorial Mausoleum on Worchester Highway in Bishopville.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105.

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ANITA C. ROBERTS
Ocean Pines

Anita Claire Roberts, age 74, passed away on June 12, 2026, in Baltimore, Maryland. Born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on September 7, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Joe Miller and Claire (Mensing) Miller.

Anita grew up in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and never lost her love for the place she called home. She cherished memories of summers at the Jersey Shore with her family and remained closely connected to a special group of lifelong friends affectionately known as her "Jersey Girls."

She attended Salisbury State College, graduating in 1974 with a degree in education, where she met Russ, the

love of her life and husband of 51 years. Anita went on to dedicate 31 years to teaching in Anne Arundel County. She cared deeply about her students and took great pride in a career spent helping young people learn and grow.

After retiring from teaching, Russ and Anita relocated to Ocean Pines, Maryland, where they built a wonderful community of friends filled with laughter, fun and lasting memories. Anita loved the beach, gardening, flowers and special lunches at the inlet in Ocean City, where she and Russ enjoyed watching the tide roll away.

Above all, Anita adored her family—her husband, Russ; her only son, Chad; and her grandsons, Carter and Landon. Anyone who knew Anita knew how fiercely she loved "her boys." She was incredibly proud of Chad and the life he built — his career, his family and his home.

She cherished every opportunity to be part of Carter and Landon's lives, whether attending concerts and sporting events, taking trips to the zoo, the beach and museums, or baking pies together. Her love for her grandsons was boundless, and they brought her immeasurable joy.

She was a devoted member of P.E.O., Chapter AK, a sisterhood committed to celebrating, supporting and motivating women. She was a mem-

ber of P.E.O. for 41 years. She was proud of her work with the organization and of the meaningful friendships she built there.

She was also a member of the Ocean Pines Garden Club and created a book club for friends in Ocean Pines. Anita treasured her many friendships and especially enjoyed Friday walks, bagels and time with her beloved "OP Posse."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Joseph Paul Miller.

She is survived by her beloved husband — George Roberts; her son — Chad Roberts (Jessica); her grandchildren — Carter and Landon Roberts and her adored labrador retriever, Creek.

Cremation followed her passing. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m., with a Celebration of Life immediately afterward at Light-house Sound Restaurant in Bishopville, Maryland.

In honor of Anita's vibrant spirit and love of life, the family invites guests to wear bright colors or cheerful patterns. Beach or resort casual attire is warmly welcomed in place of traditional funeral attire.

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Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.burbagefuneral-home.com. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home – Berlin, MD.

GABRIEL P. LITTEN

Newark

Gabriel “Gabe” Preston Litten, of Newark, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, June 25 at the age of 55.

Born on February 16, 1971, Gabe was known for his strong work ethic, his devotion to family, and his deep love for his grandchildren, who were truly the light of his life.

Gabe is survived by his wife of nearly 27 years, Theresa “Tina” Litten. His children: Rebecca Repsher and her husband Charlie of Berlin, Jenna Goodspeed and her husband Cody of Berlin, Nina Dryden of Crisfield, and Jared Litten and his wife Kyndall of Pocomoke. Gabe’s beloved grandchildren include Brayten Bradley, Brody Bradley, Dominic Kulp, Jaylynn Goodspeed, Brinlee Bradley, Lucas Goodspeed, Arianna Goodspeed, Elianna Goodspeed, Charlotte Repsher, Chase Repsher, and Maverick Litten. Gabe had a deep love for his dogs, who were constant companions to him and brought him comfort, loyalty, and joy.

He is also survived by his mother, Linda Litten, and his father, George Michael “Mike” Litten, as well as his siblings: Charity Merryman, Daniel Litten, George Litten, Sarah Litten, and Rebecca Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Margaret and George Litten, and Violet and Omar Turner.

Gabe graduated from Crisfield High School, class of 1989. Gabe worked for Steamfitter Local 602/M&M Welding & Fabricators Inc., in Gaithersburg, Maryland, as a skilled steamfitter for fifteen years before becoming disabled in 2006. Following that transition, he continued to work with his hands and stayed active by starting a small landscaping business, which reflected his determination, work ethic, strength, and resilience.

Gabe will be remembered for his love of family, his hardworking nature, and the lasting memories he created with those closest to him. His presence will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 5 at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and service will immediately follow.

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Proposal looks to establish Worcester's third dispensary

Applicant hopes to turn old Pocomoke restaurant on Rt. 13 into new cannabis shop

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) A long-vacant former restaurant on Route 13 in Pocomoke City could become Worcester County's next cannabis dispensary under a pending proposal before the town's Board of Zoning Appeals.

Shreif Shata, 30, of Columbia, is seeking approval to operate a dispensary at 1621 Ocean Highway. Empty since 2013, the building was a Plaza Tapatia and a Bonanza Steakhouse.

Application materials describe the business as Summit Wellness and include floor plans and architectural renderings for a retail dispensary operating from the former restaurant.

Property records show the 9,489-square-foot building was constructed in 1988 and sits on just under an acre of commercially zoned land along the Route 13 corridor.

For now, two other dispensaries are already operating in Worcester County. Shata is currently the only person licensed by the Maryland Cannabis Administration who could open a third dispensary – but that license is scheduled to expire Aug. 7.

At issue now isn't whether a dispensary is permissible on the property, but the site's proximity to New Beginnings Outreach Ministries, a church on southbound Route 13.

Town law says dispensaries must be located at least 500 feet from Pocomoke's houses of worship, schools, childcare centers, playgrounds, and parks.

Planning director Kristin Tremblay said this week's hearing - held too late for inclusion in this paper -

would focus solely on whether the Board of Zoning Appeals should grant relief from the town's 500-foot rule.

She added state law limits how strictly local governments can regulate cannabis businesses, requiring them to be treated similarly to comparable retail uses such as liquor stores.

Shata had been scheduled for a June 3 hearing but that was postponed after only a quorum of three board members attended, according to Tremblay. "The developers weren't comfortable that they'd receive a favorable recommendation having a limited board," she told OC Today-Dispatch.

The Pocomoke proposal marks Shata's second attempt to establish a dispensary in Worcester County.

Shate won the state's licensing lottery for Worcester County in 2024 and as granted a conditional license in 2025, doing business as Guru Ventures. His dream had been to open up shop in Ocean City but efforts to open a dispensary at 21st Street in Ocean City stalled after the site ran into municipal zoning obstacles.

Shata and his former business partner, Mike Ramadan, had spent months pursuing approvals before the project unraveled in a zoning dispute with the Town of Ocean City. That led to litigation, and Shata later withdrew as a plaintiff in the case.

The collapse of that venture led to a breach-of-contract lawsuit filed by Ramadan on April 2. The case is scheduled to be heard July 8 in Worcester County District Court.

Separately, Ramadan is appealing Ocean City's denial of the dispensary to the Appellate Court of Maryland after a circuit court judge ruled he lacked standing to challenge the decision without Shata's participation.

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OPA recommends pay raises to bolster police recruiting

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) Amid a staffing shortage, Ocean Pines will strengthen the police department's recruiting and retention efforts by boosting officers' starting salaries.

At Monday night's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting, association General Manager John Viola presented his recommendation to increase pay for members of the OP Police Department.

Currently, fresh hires who have not yet graduated from the police academy earn an annual salary of \$63,500. Viola recommended increasing this to \$72,000. Certified officers, meaning those who have completed the academy, have undergone training and a background evaluation, and have been sworn in, are now paid \$67,945. The general manager said that he proposes this be adjusted to \$73,500.

ment agency currently employs eight police officers — the same number it had three years ago.

At one time, the department had 12 officers but four officers left the force within the past year. To offset the shortages, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office has been offering assistance to maintain patrol coverage, particularly on night shifts.

Viola said that recruiting law enforcement personnel and other first responders is a challenge for agencies across the peninsula and that pay remains the determining factor in a department's ability to secure quality employees.

'It's numbers game just like any other police department down here on the Eastern Shore'
General Manager
John Viola

"We are not fully staffed," he said at Monday's meeting. "It's numbers game just like any other police department down here on the Eastern Shore."

The pay recommendation follows a recent salary study that analyzed what the association could offer to remain competitive with neighboring agencies while remaining fiscally responsible.

According to Viola, the police department is already making progress in increasing its staffing levels. The agency has a new officer starting the academy this month, and likely two more coming in January.

In the meantime, staff says that despite the personnel struggles, the current team has worked hard to ensure the community is safe and that there are no gaps in coverage.

"I'm hearing positive stuff from Lt. Bailey and Lt. Schoepf who are handling the day-to-day operations in the interim as we move forward," Viola said.

Viola also recommended a salary hike for all staffing levels. He added that he has discussed the raises with the board of directors and maintains that the increases are doable within the current budget.

"I have spoken to the board, and it's all within the budget that we have," Viola said.

The general manager said he hopes the salary boost will help recruit new officers to the Ocean Pines police force and keep current members. Viola said the department is understaffed at present.

At the board's May meeting, OPA Senior Director of Administration Linda Martin noted the law enforce-



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Mysterious river find flummoxes Snow Hill

Wood and metal object discovered by a magnet fisherman may have been a boxcar

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 2, 2026) A mysterious wood-and-metal frame snagged and hauled from the Pocomoke River has left Snow Hill authorities wondering exactly what they've got on their hands.

"We're still scratching our heads on it, actually," Snow Hill Police Chief Andy McGee said.

Police were contacted June 19 when a person who was magnet fishing – the increasingly popular practice of casting a strong magnet on a fishing line into waterways – found something underwater near the Byrd Park boat ramp, near the basketball courts.

McGee said a sonar scan showed what appeared to be a vehicle frame. Not knowing what they were dealing with, police requested help from the Ocean City Police Department.

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Authorities recovered this unknown object, suspected to be part of a trailer or boxcar, from the Pocomoke River at Byrd Park in Snow Hill on June 19.

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Beat the Heat: 6 Unstoppable Flowers for a Water-Wise Summer

by Stephanie Graves,
Owner, String and Petals Nursery

It's the time of year when gardeners battle intense heat and drought just to keep their beds vibrant. If you're like me, you've probably spent countless hot summer days chasing after wilting foliage with hoses and sprinklers, hoping to keep everything alive. Luckily, you don't have to rely on constant watering. There are plenty of stunning, drought-tolerant flowers that thrive with minimal fuss.

Here are six of my favorite summer-blooming choices to make your garden both beautiful and resilient:

1. Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan):

A true native powerhouse and the official Maryland state flower. There are four native species and countless cultivars to choose from. My personal favorite right now is 'Rising Sun Chestnut Gold', which boasts massive, striking bicolor blooms.

2. Lantana:

An absolute champ for a baking, dry summer garden. If you want something that thrives in conditions that would make other plants crisp up, Lantana is an exceptional choice. This tough annual provides vibrant, non-stop color all summer long.

3. Zinnias:

My favorite budget-friendly summer annual. They make excellent cut flowers, attract a parade of pollinators, and are incredibly easy to grow from seed. Best of all, the more you cut them, the more blooms they produce providing you with countless bouquets all summer long.

4. Nepeta (Catmint):

This incredibly low-maintenance, long-blooming perennial produces dense spikes of soft lavender-blue flowers. My top pick is 'Cat's Pajamas' (a fantastic Proven Winners introduction) it stays beautifully compact and blooms early and heavy.

5. Gaura (Whirling Butterflies):

A brilliant, airy perennial that brings incredible movement and texture to a summer landscape. It handles tough, hot conditions with ease and looks absolutely spectacular when paired with the hazy texture of Pink Muhly Grass.

6. PURPLE CONEFLOWER (ECHINACEA):

A native classic that stands up to severe drought once established. It offers weeks of blooms and acts as a pollinator super-magnet. Leave the spent seed heads standing in the fall—they are a favorite treat for local goldfinches. *Tip: Stick to the straight native species or older cultivars for true longevity; many of the flashy new hybrids are short-lived by comparison.*

You don't have to choose between a gorgeous yard and a low-maintenance summer. With powerhouses like Rudbeckia, Lantana, and Coneflower on your side, you can build a resilient garden that thrives on minimal fuss and maximum sunshine.

As always, happy planting!
~Stephanie

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Snapshots



CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS

The Ocean City Lions Club officers for 2026-2027 term were installed by Guiding Lion Greg Cathell. Those installed were, from left, Vice President Roberta Taylor, Director Billie Terrones, Treasurer Susan McHenry, Past President Bev Topfer, Secretary Faye Cathell, President Donna Greenwood, and Directors Amy Bishop and Judy Raymond. Not pictured are Directors Dawn Hodge and Kathy Engle.

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SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

The Worcester Co. Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians honored scholarship recipients at their annual luncheon. Pictured are Ann Cottingham, President; Kirby Bounds, Decatur graduate and scholarship recipient; and Maureen Morly, Scholarship Committee Chair.



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250TH OBSERVED

The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) celebrated America's 250th anniversary at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on June 24. The evening entertainment was a Patriotic Sing-Along provided by the Delmarva Chorus. Over 100 guests joined in the festivities.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Ten local graduating high school seniors were awarded scholarships after competing in the 2025-2026 Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition sponsored by the Elks National Foundation and Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645. Scholarships were presented to, April Bondurant, \$1,000; Kirby Bounds, \$2,000; Allyson Coleman, \$2,000; Olympia Gill, \$2,000; Lilah Johnstone, \$2,500; Lilly Karvoski, \$1,000; Luciana Russo, \$1,000; and Eleanor Zollinger, \$2,500. All are graduates of Stephen Decatur High School. Also receiving scholarships were Camryn House of Worcester Prep, \$3,000, and Mia Tritapoe of Sussex Technical High School, \$1,000. The awards were announced by Pat Flynn and Dave Poore, chairpersons of the local Lodge Scholarship Committee. Pictured, from left, are Flynn, co-chair of Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 and Stephen Decatur scholarship winners Russo, Karvoski, Bondurant, Coleman, Zollinger, Gill, and Johnstone. Not pictured is Kirby Bounds.

Ocean City dive team called in to investigate object

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ment's dive team.

Divers spent about two hours in the silty, murky river before crews recovered a large wooden frame with metal cross supports.

McGee said the item could have been part of an old trailer, wagon, boxcar-style frame, or a railroad cart once used to haul materials.

"What we recovered – we don't think it was a vehicle," he said. "All the experts on the scene aren't 100% sure."

The frame included two 6-by-6 wooden beams and metal rods spaced about 3.5 to 4 feet apart, McGee said, a configuration that appeared consistent with an old cart, wagon or trailer.

He also said he does not believe the item predates the 1900s, because the metal likely would have rusted away by now.

The river did not give up its answer easily. McGee said the water was dark enough that divers could not make out the object underwater, and the brackish channel had a swift current. The water is only about 10.5 feet deep in that area, but conditions made the search difficult.

When the frame was pulled up, McGee said, it had several dozen fishing lines attached to it. The dive team's spokesman did not return a request for comment.

"People have been losing their lures on this particular piece of wood for many, many years," he said.

For now, the item remains unidentified. A June 19 Facebook post by the Snow Hill Police Department had been viewed more than 190,000 times, McGee said.

Police also believe there may be more metal in the area. McGee said the magnet attached to additional material, and boaters have reported striking something while backing away from the ramp. Some had assumed they were hitting debris or a log.

The Maryland Natural Resources Police are expected to bring a more advanced sonar machine after July 4 to conduct a detailed scan of the boat ramp area and bulkhead around the park. Depending on what the scan shows, McGee said crews may need to bring in an excavator.

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Govt. vs. freedom requires balancing

Even though the Declaration of Independence was presented to the Continental Congress 250 years ago, Americans still argue over its most fundamental question: how much power should a central government hold over the states and the people?

After the 13 colonies broke free from British rule, they operated as a loose federation. Each individual colony made its own rules, printed its own money, and conducted trade as it saw fit. However, the new states quickly realized they could not survive alone and needed something more to handle self-defense, foreign relations, and interstate commerce.

The irony is that they—and we—tend to resist what they created. Our view of independence is that we all want total freedom until we need support. For example, the federal government stepped in five years ago to save local businesses through the multi-billion-dollar Paycheck Protection Program.

Similarly, citizens rely on FEMA for disaster assistance and Medicare for vital healthcare insurance—a program that supports more than 65 million Americans. The federal government even stabilizes our food supply — between 1995 and 2024, for instance, Worcester County farmers received \$57 million in subsidies to protect them from wild crop price fluctuations.

Demanding less government intervention is almost instinctive, but it is often simplistic and hypocritical given how frequently we look to federal agencies in difficult times.

The fact is, between 1776 and the arrival of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, the founders built a complicated, imperfect system. Its purpose was to hold a fragile nation together by striking a delicate balance between tyranny and anarchy.

On this July 4, we should remember that our job, like that of every generation before us, is to maintain that wobbly balance. As Benjamin Franklin famously warned in 1787 when asked if the convention delegates had created a republic or a monarchy: "A republic ... if you can keep it."

SU, Wor-Wic create new agreement

Program seeking to improve students' transition process

(July 2, 2026) Two of the Eastern Shore's higher education institutions are joining to provide more educational opportunities than ever for students in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties.

SU President Carolyn Ringer Lepre joined Wor-Wic President Deborah Casey in signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to create "Wor-Wic to SU," a wide-ranging program articulation agreement through the Maryland Transfer Intensive.

Starting this fall, the initiative will help ensure a smooth transition for students transferring from the community college to the university in more than 20 academic areas.

"For decades, students have begun their academic journeys at Wor-Wic Community College before continuing at Salisbury University, making transfer students an important and valued part of our campus community," said Lepre.

"This partnership builds on our long-standing relationship and shared commitment to student success by creating even more seamless pathways for students to transfer credits, stay on track toward graduation, and achieve their educational goals."

"When Wor-Wic students complete their associate degree and transfer to SU as juniors, they are positioned for greater access, stronger academic success and meaningful career opportunities," said Casey.

"This partnership between our sister institutions reinforces our shared commitment to student achievement and helps build the skilled workforce our region

needs to thrive. This collaboration not only empowers students but also strengthens the local workforce that depends on well prepared, homegrown talent."

The partnership is part of the Maryland Transfer Intensive, a multiyear initiative of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and Aspen Institute College Excellence Program designed to significantly improve community college transfer outcomes.

While 55% of Maryland community college students are in transfer programs,

'This collaboration not only empowers students but also strengthens the local workforce that depends on well prepared, homegrown talent.'

Wor-Wic President Deborah Casey

and providing the holistic support students need to achieve their goals," said Dr. Michael Hutmaker, vice president for student affairs at Wor-Wic.

"By expanding these pathways with Salisbury University, we are ensuring our students have a direct, clear roadmap to their bachelor's degrees. This partnership allows them to transition smoothly after earning their associate degree and build upon the confidence that their hard work at the community college level will seamlessly carry them through to graduation at SU."

Under the recently signed MOU, SU and Wor-Wic will maintain its current articulation agreements in engineering, with new or continuing agreements for computer science, mathematics, biology, chemistry, business, psychology, interdisciplinary studies, and secondary education programs in chemistry, mathematics, biology, earth science, physics, and history.

Potential future programs that could be added to the agreement include forensic science, data science, criminal justice, nursing, early childhood education, and secondary education programs in English, Spanish, and French.

In addition to providing a pipeline for students, SU and Wor-Wic officials hope the partnership will be beneficial for local and regional employers seeking to attract and retain talent in key areas.

According to the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University, and the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, 88% of community college students stay in their states after they graduate, working and contributing to the local economy.

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Pictured, from left, are past executive director Dave Wilson, current Executive Director Eva DiDonato, and past executive directors Dave Blazer, Steve Taylor and Frank Piorko.

Coastal Bays Program staff, officials celebrate 30 years

MCBP marks three decades with anniversary programs throughout summer months

(July 2, 2026) Some of the original architects, former directors, staff, and partners of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program gathered at Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill last Wednesday to celebrate the program's 30th anniversary and its three decades of working to protect the five Coastal Bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

The celebration took place on the same date and at the same location where the program's journey began. Thirty years ago, the future of these waters was uncertain. Rapid development, increasing tourism, and mounting environmental pressures were beginning to take a toll on this fragile ecosystem.

Natural resources advocates found that excess nutrients fueled harmful algal growth, critical habitats declined, and fish and wildlife populations showed signs of stress. Residents, watermen, scientists, and conservationists recognized that the environment and its contributions to the way of life and the local economy were at risk.

Senator Mary Beth Carozza represented the Maryland Senate's recognition of the programs' 30 years of protecting and conserving the Maryland Coastal Bays and watershed with the cooperation and help of farmers,

businesses, nonprofits, and the community.

As part of the National Estuary Program, the local coastal bays program has been involved in restoration projects, scientific research, environmental education, habitat protection, and community engagement.

As a result, the bays that once faced serious challenges now support flourishing habitats, cleaner waters, and countless opportunities for recreation and enjoyment.

To commemorate this milestone anniversary, the program will host a series of special events throughout the summer, culminating in "An Evening on the Estuary" gala set against the background of Assateague State Park on Sept. 17.

Guests will be offered local cuisine, a raw bar showcasing shellfish harvested from the coastal bays, live music, dancing, a silent auction, and the opportunity to celebrate three decades of environmental achievement alongside friends, supporters, and community leaders.

Tickets for An Evening on the Estuary and information about additional anniversary events can be found at www.mdcoastalbays.org.

For gala inquiries, contact Science Coordinator Carly Toulan at ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org. Individuals or businesses interested in donating items or services for the silent auction are encouraged to contact Education Coordinator Liz Wist at lwist@mdcoastalbays.org.



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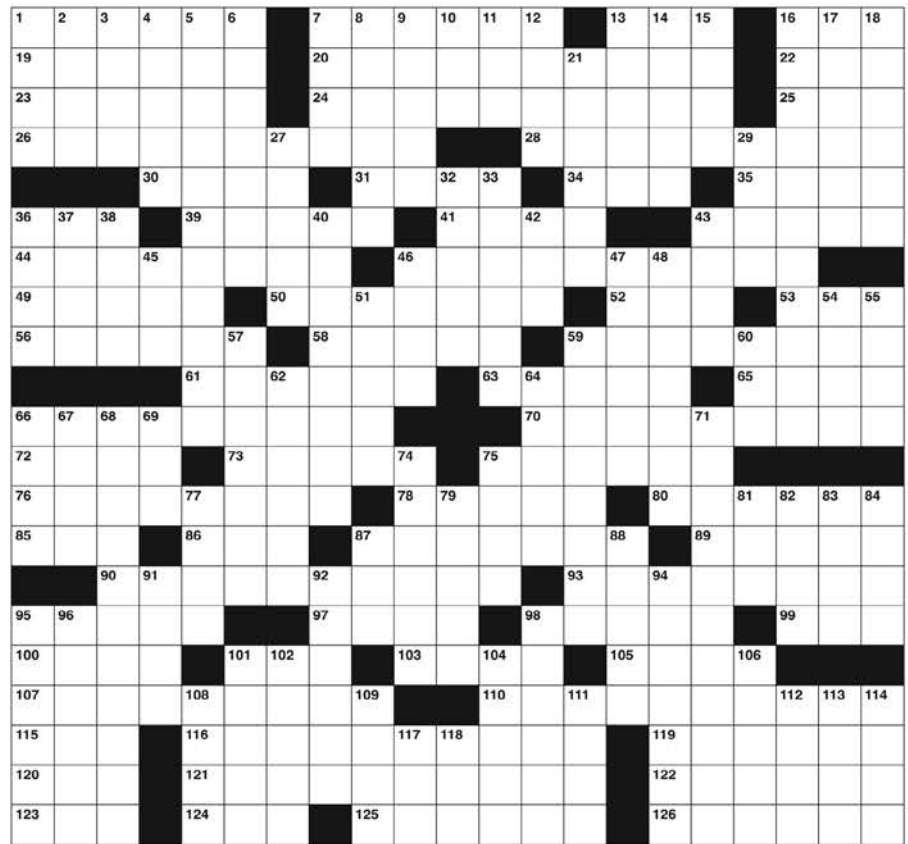
DO YOU HEAR THAT?

BY WYNA LIU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Wyna Liu is an associate puzzle editor for The Times, which she joined in 2020. She helps select and edit clues for the puzzles that appear in the paper. The thing she loves most about her job is “talking puzzles with other people who love them!” (That would be the rest of us on the Games team.) When Wyna isn’t working, she makes jewelry and magnetic objects, teaches yoga and spoils her dog. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
1 Villains’ antagonists
7 “Uh, sure”
13 Power project
16 Real mess
19 2007 Lil Wayne song that opens: “Young Money! You dig?”
20 Subject of clip art?
22 “What do we have here?!”
23 Word before the year on U.S. paper currency
24 Small thing to keep on track
25 Human rights activist Xiaobo, the first Chinese citizen to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (2010)
26 Presses CTRL+P + _____ + Easter egg coloring
28 _____ + Scroungy mull + Parent’s sister, in some regions
30 Active Sicilian volcano
31 European river that’s an anagram of REED
34 Promise to pay
35 [I’m frustrated!]
36 Fragrant noodle soup made with beef
39 Like Captain James T. Kirk, by birth
- 41 Número de “Años de Soledad” in a Gabriel García Márquez novel
43 Follows
44 _____ + Golfer’s cry + “Ugh!”
46 Column crossers + Sentry + _____
49 “Encore!”
50 Irks
52 Crossed off
53 Gangster-film prop
56 “Holy” city
58 Nongendered possessive
59 Insult that’s also a measurement device
61 “The landlords of New York,” once
63 One cast in a fantasy movie
65 Digging
66 French festival, familiarly + _____ + Actor Michael
70 Punching tool + Chopping tool + _____
72 Cherubic archer
73 Foil lookalikes
75 Seoul-based carrier
76 Influential sorts
78 Rod with seven A.L. batting titles
80 Athlete’s cup
85 Flattering verse
86 In the manner of
87 Demonstrate extreme flexibility, as an acrobat
89 Opposite of neo-
90 Tandoor bread + Harlem music venue + _____
- 93 Word of obligation + _____ + Punxsutawney name
95 Some origin stories
97 Response to “Shall we?”
98 H.S. science class for some college-bound students
99 Rocky Mountain bugler
100 Move, in real estate lingo
101 Pioneered
103 Immediately
105 Couple of llamas?
107 Rug rat + Magic stick + _____
110 Soccer score + _____ + Scottish inlets
115 Resistor unit
116 Iconic 1984 movie vehicle that was a combination ambulance/hearse
119 “Anything for you!”
120 Actress de Armas
121 Annoyances when trying to make change
122 Challenging, informally
123 Corleone, for one
124 Toilet-paper spec
125 Most likely to offer solace, say
126 Calm
- DOWN**
1 Fastener used with a padlock
2 The “E” in FEMA: Abbr.
3 “Diamonds” singer, to fans
4 QB protectors, collectively
5 Time to decide who’s in or out
6 Polite Spanish assent
7 ThinkPads, e.g., once
8 “Doc” in the Mets Hall of Fame
9 Removed, as a knot
10 Language suffix
11 Spanish seasoning
12 Hindu goddess in the “Ramayana”
13 Serpentine constellation
14 Ambidextrous features?
15 It may have just desserts
16 Converter of natural heat energy
17 Doohickey
18 Tweens, e.g.
21 Making level
27 Welcomed at the door
29 Broccoli follower
32 Intestinal bacterium
33 Choir platforms
36 Buggy stuff
37 Literary award shaped like a rocket
38 Milky gemstone
40 Common solvents
42 Some R.P.I. grads
43 Chances
45 Hurry
46 Waze suggestions: Abbr.
47 Armpit, anatomically
48 Move to a larger pot, say
51 More than a couple
54 Doesn’t just sit there
55 Boxing stats

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- 57 Influential leader of the Seminole people
59 Burrito-shaped lunch counter item
60 Part of X-X-X
62 [Is this thing on?]
64 Scenic stroll, from the Spanish
66 Baja Peninsula resort, for short
67 In the thick of
68 Hardly Mr. Nice Guy
69 Hippocratic oath takers: Abbr.
- 71 Path covered with diamonds
74 Vamooses
75 Pretentiously affected
77 “Frozen” villain
79 Existential emotion
81 Goofus
82 Dance squat
83 Where 95-Down’s Wild Ride ends, at Disneyland
84 Key ingredient in Key lime pie
87 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame city: Abbr.
- 88 Floated down a river, say
91 “Hmm, gotcha”
92 Unteachable sort, in a saying
94 Tesselations
95 “The Wind in the Willows” squire
96 “Nice try, but I don’t think so”
98 Islands that form atop underwater volcanoes
101 Making all the stops
102 Portion of a log
- 104 Quick to think or act
106 [Grrr!]
108 “Eh, what can you do?!”
109 Black cat, classically
111 For fear that
112 Michael of “Superbad”
113 Wraparound garment
114 Eye affliction
117 Belt worn with a yukata
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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TEACH A KID TO FISH DAY

Over 45 youth plus parents and grandparents attended the Ocean Pines Anglers Club's Teach A Kid To Fish day at the South Pond in Ocean Pines. Young aspiring anglers were introduced to tackle, bait selection, regulations, casting and safe environmental practices. Many young anglers tried out their newly acquired skills and were rewarded with several nice catches. A free drawing was held for two rod and reels. Many of the young anglers are looking forward to the OPAC Youth Fishing Contest held on the third Saturday in July. Pictured are scenes from the event including the rod and reel winners Roman Enderle, left, and Miriam Keeley surrounded by family.

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JULY 3RD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 5-DUSK

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Downtown Snow Hill and Sturgis Park

FIREWORKS at dusk

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Calendar

Thurs., July 2

OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP
Flamingo Coast, 3 Atlantic 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.

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

STORY TIME: DINOSAURS LOVE UNDERPANTS
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

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, <https://worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH READATHON
On the beach at 100th St., 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Bring your own book or borrow one. Water and a treat provided. Follow the group back to the library to log your Summer Reading hours. Rain date is July 16. 410-524-1818, <https://worcesterlibrary.org>

LIVING FOSSILS: EXPLORING HORSESHOE CRABS WITH MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Explore 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. 410-641-0650

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

DIY FIREWORKS
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Join in for a STEAM adventure. For ages 6-11 years. Registration required: 410-208-4014. worcesterlibrary.org

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Test your knowledge of our nation and its history. Prizes awarded to the top three teams. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

LIVING FOSSILS: EXPLORING HORSESHOE CRABS WITH MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Explore 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. 410-957-0878

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. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

Fri., July 3

ANNUAL FIREWORKS CELEBRATION IN BERLIN
Heron Park (formerly Berlin Falls Park), 10009 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. 9:15 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/911816081891789>.

FIREWORK WATCHING IN BERLIN
Berlin First Baptist Church, 613 William St., 6 p.m. Moon bounces, face painting, games, hot dogs, chips, drinks and more. Bring a blanket or chair and watch the fireworks. All are welcome.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARYLAND!
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Maryland declared its independence from England 250 years ago. Celebrate by watching a movie and enjoying a tasty treat. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY'S JULY FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Join us for July's Opening Reception at The Art League of Ocean City. Free entry! Mingle, meet the artists, enjoy local refreshments. 410-524-9433

Sat., July 4

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS - DOWNTOWN
Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 6 p.m. The Broken Hearts: A Tribute to Tom Petty & The Heartbreak-

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ers, 6 p.m.; Live Speed Painter Jessica K. Haas, 7 p.m.; Real Diamond: The Premier Neil Diamond Tribute Band, 8 p.m.; and Fireworks, 9:30 p.m.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS - UPTOWN
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 8 p.m. Featuring music from DJ BK and Radio Ocean City, 8 p.m.; and Fireworks, 9:30 p.m.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS
Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 4-9 p.m. Carnival games, music and food. Carnival admission fee is \$20/wristband. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. Parking in green lot next to Taylor Bank, OP library. Handicap parking on-site. 410-641-7052

4TH FREEDOM 5K
Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. Day-of registration starts at 7 a.m. Cost is \$30 in advance or \$35 day of. Pre-register: events.elitefeats.com/26oceanpines. T-shirts guaranteed to those pre-registered. Dress in patriotic outfits. 410-641-7052

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS MARKER DEDICATION
Worcester County Veterans Memorial, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, 1 p.m. General Levin Winder Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will unveil and dedicate a Patriots Pathway marker honoring American Revolutionary War Patriots. All are welcome.

FISH TALES ANNUAL HOT DOG EATING CONTEST
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 2 p.m. Register now through 12 p.m., July 4. Open to all those 18 years and older. Winner receives at least a \$1,000 cash prize, a trophy and bragging rights. Visit the Bahia Marina Tackle Shop to sign up.

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., July 5

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “M80: Best of 80’s & 90’s.” Live music, kids’ activities and ice cream for purchase. Followed by fireworks.

<https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sundaes-in-the-park/>

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., July 6

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, worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME MERMAIDS
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 celebrate our nation with a patriotic movie. For ages 9 years and older. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
TidalHealth John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Cancer Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4 p.m. Held the first Monday of each month. 410-641-2626, nicole.fry@tidalhealth.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. Held weekly on Mondays. <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

Calendar

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

Tues., July 7

MOMMY/DADDY & ME CRAFT TIME
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 11 a.m.-noon. Featuring a short story and craft. Parents may need to assist child with crafts. All materials provided. Cost is \$4. Pre-registration required: 410-641-7052, www.oceanpines.org.

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP
Worcester County, 10-11 a.m. Please register to learn about this month's meeting location. 410-641-9725, gail.mansell@tidalhealth.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, worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

IMPROV 4 KIDS!
Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourne Lane, 10:30 a.m. Through hilarious skits, spontaneous songs and audience participation children will tap into their creativity, build confidence and develop essential communication skills. 410-632-5622

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, 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

IMPROV 4 KIDS!
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Through hilarious skits, spontaneous songs, and audience participation, children will tap into their creativity, build confidence and develop essential community skills. Best for ages 6-18 years.

410-208-4014

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEAFOOD NIGHT
Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Steamed crabs, crab cakes, fried seafood platters, and a menu for all is available. You must pre-order crabs by calling 410-524-7994 or visiting https://koc9053-seafood-nights.square.site/.

BAD ART NIGHT
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 p.m. Art so bad, it's good. All supplies provided. The best bad art will receive a certificate. Light snacks provided. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.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.

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

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

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: Tangobythe-Beach.com.

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP
Tuesdays - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., July 8

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumfords 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 Bad Guys 2." 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/.

WATER BEAD DECORATION @ 50PLUS CENTER
Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Make a Water Bead, water decoration. All supplies provided. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

SINGO BINGO
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Love music? Play Bingo with a twist and choose a prize. For families. 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.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP
TidalHealth Neurology, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Held the second Wednesday of each month. 410-641-4765, betty.darby-glime@tidalhealth.org

SEA GLASS ART: SUMMER SEA GULLS
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 5 p.m. Make a summary scene with sea glass, wine corks and paint. Limit 15. Registration is required: 410-957-0878. worcesterlibrary.org

IMPROV 4 KIDS!
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Through hilarious skits, spontaneous songs and audience participation children will tap into their creativity, build confidence and develop essential communication skills. 410-524-1818, worcesterlibrary.org

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

CASH BINGO
Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Door open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Food available before bingo. 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

ONGOING EVENTS

ESCAPE THE APEX PREDATOR
From June 29 through August 21, stop by any Worcester County library branch to solve puzzles and clues to escape the anomalocaris in this virtual game. Must register to receive the link, which will stay active until August 21 so participants can play at their own speed. For families. Registration required: 410-632-5622.

TAKE AND MAKE: COLOR-IN MAGNETS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, throughout July. Stop by the library to grab a special monthly take-home craft while supplies last. For families. 410-524-1818

OC READS: 'WE ARE ALL GUILTY HERE' BY KARIN SLAUGHTER
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, July 1-31. 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

POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF DELMARVA
Meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. A social organization of men and women of Polish or Slavic descent.

OCEAN CITY-BERLIN ROTARY CLUB
Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. ocerlinrotary@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.505oraffle.org/give/mdfire/50-50-raffles/md5050/charities/ocean-pines

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.

2025 KIWANIS LOTTERY TICKETS ON SALE
On sale every Saturday morning at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One \$20 ticket is good for all 365 drawings in 2025. Benefits the youth of the community.

OCEAN CITY CHAPTER OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY
Meets every month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Membership is open to individuals of Italian descent and their spouses. www.sonsofitalyoceancity.com

 OPEN HOUSES			July 2 - July 9		
DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENT/AGENCY
Fri-Mon 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside, Ocean City	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$284,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 10am-Noon	11400 Coastal Hwy #7A, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$799,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 10:30am-12:30pm	12301 Jamaica Ave #351N, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker
Friday 11am-1pm	10700 Coastal Hwy #507, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$949,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday Noon-2pm	17 Sundial Circle, Ocean Pines	3BR/ 2BA	Single Family	\$475,000	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Friday 1-3pm	13700 Coastal Hwy #202, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$775,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker
Friday 1-3pm	3 63rd Street #14, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$225,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 2-4pm	5907 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 3-5pm	5105 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 101, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,190,000	Terri Moran/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 3-5 pm	746 94th Street, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$1,150,950	Sally Todd Stout/BHHS PenFed Realty
Friday 4-6pm	8715 Old Ocean City Rd, Berlin	4BR /2BA	Single Family	\$439,900	Terri Bradford/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10-11:30am	26 Mallard Drive West, Ocean Pines	8BR/8.5BA	Single Family	\$2,249,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	4 Martz Court Cape Charles, Virginia	5BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$920,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	10700 Coastal Hwy #507, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$949,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 10am-1pm	5105 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 101, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,190,000	Terri Moran/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	37033 Barrington Pkwy Millville, DE	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$609,000	Katie Landon/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	22 Leigh Drive, Ocean Pines	6BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$2,250,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	10700 Coastal Hwy #507, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$949,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 10am-2pm	37304 Lighthouse Road Unit 10, Selbyville, DE	4BR/4BA	Condo	\$959,900	Bryan Baylis/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	23143 Corsair Dr, Selbyville	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$424,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	13031 Hayes Ave #8, Ocean City	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$519,900	Elaine Davidson/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	12414 Sea Oaks Lane #3, Berlin	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$489,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 11am-2pm	5105 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 101, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,190,000	Terri Moran/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	302 Franklin Avenue, Berlin	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$439,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	6201 Coastal Hwy #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,778,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker
Sunday Noon-2pm	151 Sandyhook Rd, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$394,900	Cindy Crockett/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday Noon-2pm	50 Admiral Avenue, Ocean Pines	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$399,900	Michael Ray/Sunshine Properties
Sunday 12:30-1:45pm	5801 Atlantic Ave #608, Ocean City	1BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$379,900	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 2-3:45pm	5801 Atlantic Ave #108, Ocean City	1BR/1.5 BA	Condo	\$440,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Sunday 2-4pm	6 137th St #303, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$599,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Monday 11:30am-1:30pm	12971 Inlet Isle Lane, Ocean City	5BR/5BA	Single Family	\$2,350,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Monday 12:30-2:30pm	9823 Golf Course Rd #23, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$599,000	Sharon Daugherty/Keller Williams Realty
Monday 2-4pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$849,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker

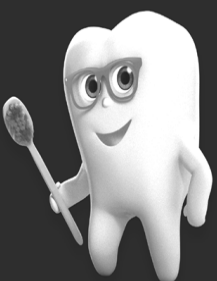
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