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Berlin trash pickup becoming too much

Public Works getting worn down as businesses' need for collection service grows

By Tara Fischer
 Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) Before the Town of Berlin ceases to offer commercial trash pickup, municipal officials are seeking ways to address hazardous and unsightly overflow of restaurant food waste that the public works department says is becoming too burdensome to handle.

At Monday's Berlin Town Council meeting, Public Works Director Jimmy Charles reported that 11 of the shared commercial trash containers used by downtown businesses are consistently overflowing, with excess waste ending up on the ground.

The Berlin Public Works Department collects this trash every Monday and Friday. However, the participating businesses only pay for one pickup a week. Even with the extra subsidized service, Charles said the waste thrown out in the bins is at max capacity when his crew shows up.

"In the last months, the last six months or so, we've seen a volume where we're actually going twice a week to a specific location," Charles said. "When we've gotten to this location on a Friday, all trash cans are filled. There's trash on the ground. Then when we get there on Monday, See TRASH Page 3

Beach Club demolition will lead to big upgrade

Modernization will include Touch of Italy's installation of kitchen in upstairs space

By Tara Fischer
 Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors has approved moving forward with about \$100,000 of demolition work to the association's Ocean City beach club building in an effort to modernize and enhance the structure.

On Monday night, the OPA board unanimously approved the demolition of the club on 49th Street in Ocean City. Absolute Demolition will handle the job on the outside for \$51,616, while the inside work will be completed for \$49,957 by My Hands Handyman.

OPA General Manager John Viola said that the beach club renovations will kick off around Labor Day, when the summer season starts to wind down.

"First stage, we need to demo the outside," Viola said. "All the decks will come down...inside will have to be demolished because Touch of Italy will be putting in some new kitchen equipment. We're going to have to re-inforce the floors. With material, kitchen, stoves and all that, we be- See OP BEACH Page 6

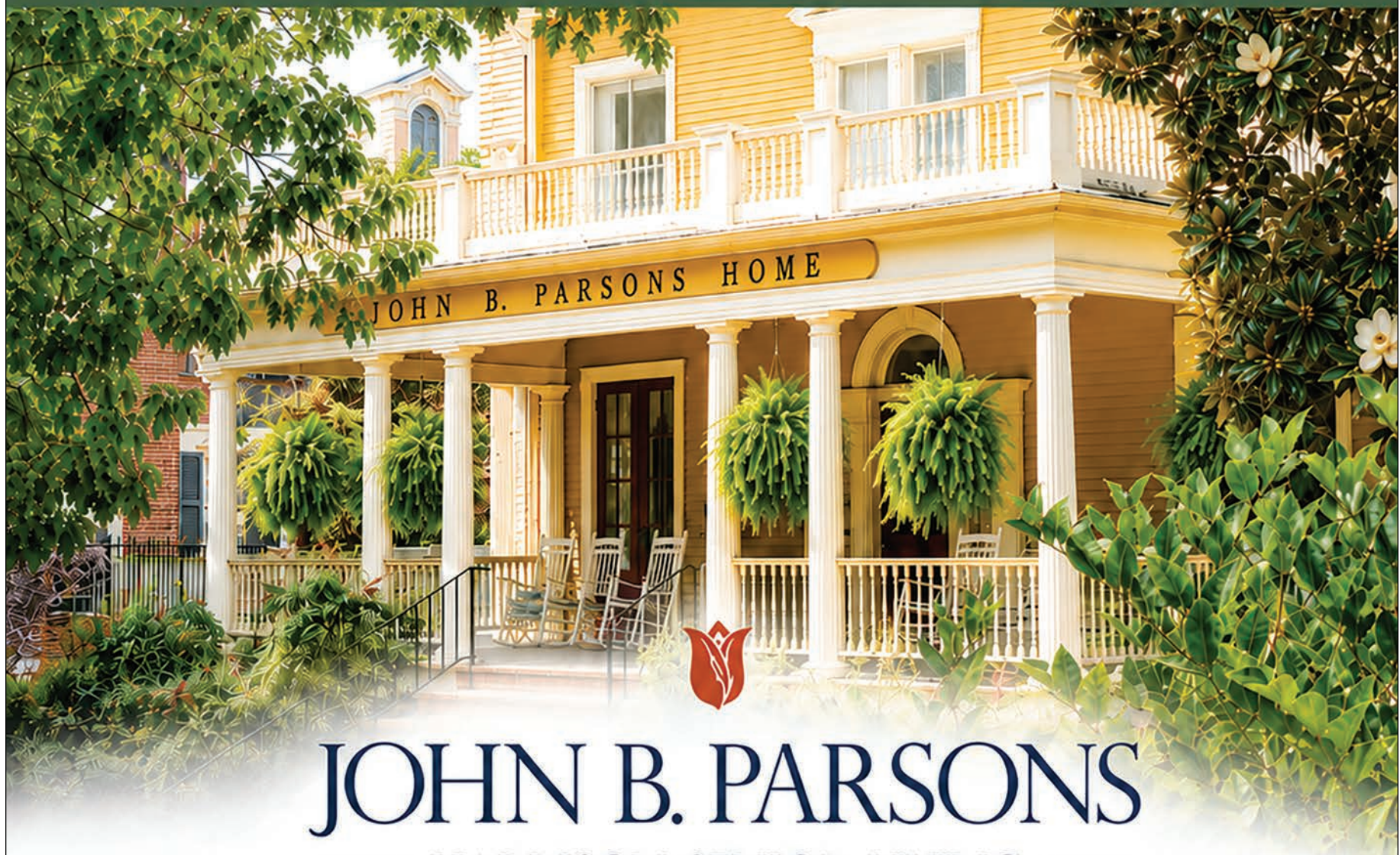
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Trash cans on Pitts Street are pictured in June during the Berlin Farmers Market. The volume from the nearby businesses is taxing the town's public works department and could lead to the end of commercial trash pickup.

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Trash pickup needs increasing

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it's the same thing. They're only paying for one pickup, but we're doing it twice a week."

The public works director asked the mayor and council for permission to notify the businesses that the town will return to one trash collection per week unless they pay for an additional pickup. He said the current arrangement is placing a strain on public works employees, as the containers' volume and weight continue to worsen.

"I would like to send them a notice that it will either go back to once-a-week trash pickup and then they have the option of paying for the additional pickup," Charles said. "To pay for the service for what we're providing to them. It's becoming a hardship on the crews. This trash is very, very heavy."

He added that his team has been dealing with the issue since the spring.

"It's a repeat every week, every Friday, every Monday," he said. "We're not getting the payment for the volume of trash we're picking up."

Council Vice President Dean Burrell questioned whether the town should continue providing the service at all.

"The taxpayers are actually subsidizing this trash pickup," Burrell said. "Why can't we say...we're done, and you need to contract with someone to remove your trash?"

Charles responded that his original recommendation was to provide five more weeks of service before requiring businesses to secure private commercial trash collection by Sept. 1, giving them time to make arrangements.

However, the council ultimately favored delaying any decision until restaurant owners could return with potential solutions. Affected businesses are encouraged to attend the Berlin Town Council meeting on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. to discuss the problem.

"I want to really give them the opportunity to speak," Berlin Mayor

Tyndall said. "I don't disagree that it's challenging and we need to have a plan, but bring them in on Aug. 10 so we're not moving the needle to the end of the month."

Tyndall also suggested public works gather additional information on the weight of the overflowing trash to better understand the true cost of servicing the businesses.

"We spend over \$200,000 a year in tipping fees," he said, referring to charges the county assesses to dispose of waste at the landfill. "If we're talking about cost recovery ... we need to have an idea what this sample weight could be so we can make sure the cost is there as well."

Charles told the council businesses currently pay \$150 per can, per quarter, for commercial trash collection. While one business pays \$600 quarterly for four containers, he estimated the amount of waste generated would more accurately reflect a cost of about \$1,000 per quarter to service.

"We're trying to somehow eliminate this area because the volume ... we're losing money," Charles said.

Additionally, Tyndall questioned whether additional collections were a realistic long-term option if the department lacks the personnel and equipment to handle the workload.

"If what I'm hearing from public works is that we really can't handle the additional pickup with the personnel and equipment you have, then we need to remove the idea of additional pickup," he said.

Charles agreed the underlying issue is the amount of food waste being generated.

"This has been going on since March and April," he said. "The volume has been there for months. It's hard on our equipment because of this weight ... it's a huge volume."

Council members agreed to continue the conversation at their Aug. 10 meeting. Downtown restaurant owners may present possible alternatives for managing commercial food waste.

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Pines ambulance involved in wreck, replacement secured

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) Ocean Pines is replacing one of its ambulances a year ahead of schedule after it was so heavily damaged in a collision that officials deemed it beyond repair.

At the Ocean Pines Association’s Board of Directors meeting Monday night, General Manager John Viola reported that one of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department’s three ambulances was damaged during an accident on July 11 while heading to Salisbury. OPVFD President Joe Enste said the damage was primarily to the apparatus’s front end and would cost about \$66,000 to repair.

The ambulance was slated for replacement in 2027. However, fire company officials and OPA staff have opted to move that date up in light of the wreck.

“The board of directors of the OPVFD consulted with our engineers and felt that investing \$66,000 worth of repairs into a unit that only had about a year left of useful life wasn’t in the best interest of the community,” Enste said.

The new medical unit will cost OPA \$372,000. Viola said the ambulance costs about \$436,000, but the community is expecting to receive a \$64,000 insurance check for the collision.

According to Enste, the fire department has been working with the Maryland vendor Fresco Emergency Sales to find a new medical vehicle.

The company has a demonstration unit currently available that they have promised to the OPVFD, to be delivered in about 45 days.

“[Fresco] actually has a unit in stock right now,” the fire president said. “It’s considered a demo unit. They take it around to different trade shows and things like that. It’s a little different than what we would normally set up, but it will work for the needs that we have.”

During the interim, Enste maintained that they still have two working medical units in service. If an incident were to occur while both ambulances were previously occupied, Enste said the fire department would call in help from a nearby company like Berlin or Showell.

In the case that one of the two existing units were to become completely nonoperational, Ocean Pines has confirmed that either the Ocean City Fire Department or the Berlin Fire Company will temporarily lend one of their apparatuses to OPA.

“We have a plan,” Enste said.

Ocean Pines Board of Directors member Stuart Lakernick asked Enste if the damaged ambulance was totaled. The fire department representative said that the vehicle was “not technically totaled” because of the type of insurance it had.

“We have an agreed-upon value insurance,” Enste said. “To get to the total side of it, it needs to be 65% damage. There was \$66,000 worth of damage.”

Event raises funds for museum

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day’s celebration.

While the peachy fun is outside the Taylor House, museum operators encourage visitors to come to tour the inside of the historic 1832 property.

Reid said the Peach Festival is the Taylor House’s largest fundraiser.

“There are no other fundraisers or events that we do that come even close to the Peach Festival,” she said. “For us, it’s crucial...Every dollar that gets spent on the lawn of the Taylor House during the Peach Festival goes right back to helping us stay open and telling the stories of Berlin.”

Reid added that this year’s Peach Festival T-shirt designs have a local tie-in. The executive director said that one of the shirts was created by a Worcester Technical High School student, and a Salisbury University graduate created another.

“This year we branched out, and instead of sourcing a design and paying somebody or looking through stock designs, we’ve been working with local, young artists to showcase their work,” the museum director

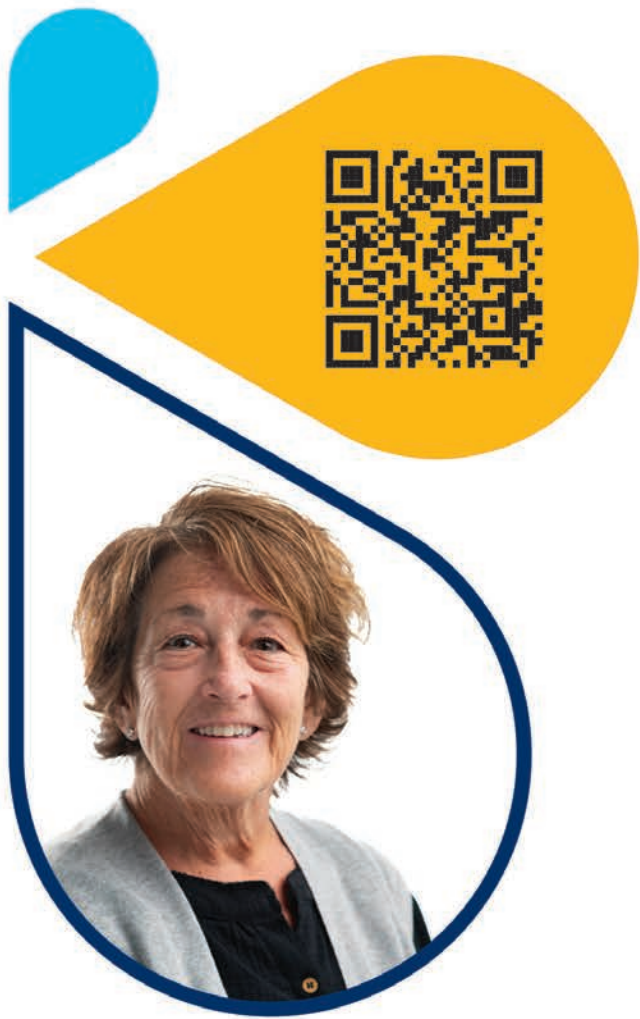
said. “If people buy a Peach Festival T-shirt, they should make sure they actually buy it on the lawn at the Taylor House.”

The fruit festival has been held in Berlin for the past 18 years to honor the town’s history as a powerhouse in the country’s peach industry. For about 50 years, from around the 1890s until the 1940s, the Berlin-based Harrison Orchards not only dominated the United States’ peach market but was also the largest mail-order fruit orchard in the world.

The farm created between 250 and 500 jobs in and around Berlin depending on the season and grew various produce in addition to peaches.

The fruit nursery no longer exists. However, Harrison’s home, Windy Brow, or otherwise called the Orlando Harrison House, is still situated near Berlin’s railroad tracks.

Admission to the event is free, and more information is available on the Taylor House’s website at www.taylorhousemuseum.org. The Berlin Heritage Foundation sponsors the annual Peach Festival.



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OP Beach Club to get major overhaul in fall

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lieve we will have to reinforce the floors.”

The initiative is a collaboration between Ocean Pines and the association’s restaurant operator, Touch of Italy. While OPA is responsible for the structure itself, as well as installing a new, ADA-compliant elevator, TOI will put in a new upstairs kitchen to expand the club’s offerings.

Stage two of the endeavor will see the replacement of the building’s pilings and a new deck and glass railing on the structure’s second floor. During the third step, accordion doors leading out to the new outdoor platform will be added, plumbing and electrical will be revamped, and the facility’s siding and windows will be replaced. The final phase is the cre-

ation of an elevator.
“We have been saying we’re going to focus on the beach club and we have,” Viola said.

Assovciation officials and staff are hoping the project is completed by Memorial Day 2027.

“We’re trying to get permits...let’s say we start right after Labor Day,” the general manager added. “We are striving to be done by Memorial Day...but it is a big undertaking.”

According to Viola, the association had planned to renovate the beach club in some capacity, but the top-floor kitchen is only possible because of the partnership with TOI.

“This was all planned; we were going to do this,” he said. “Obviously we would not have done a kitchen. At most, maybe upstairs we would have liked to have had a bar. Having Touch



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Once Labor Day weekend passes, the Ocean Pines Association plans to undergo a massive interior and exterior renovation of the beach club in Ocean City.

of Italy as a partner has given us the ability to put a kitchen upstairs.”

OPA Board of Directors President John Latham added that the collaboration will provide expanded services to Ocean Pines Beach Club patrons.

“The partnership we have with Touch of Italy is wonderful,” Latham said. “In our reserve study, we were

slated to spend a lot of money...but doing this with a partner is a huge benefit to our community. I don’t know the last time someone used that upstairs. I’m excited to see that, and I know a lot of people are.”

Additional updates will be provided to the community as the project continues to move forward.



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State legislature's special session excludes takeovers

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) A push for emergency legislation targeting so-called “teen takeovers” will not make it onto the agenda when Maryland lawmakers return to Annapolis next week for a special session.

Legislative leaders announced that the Aug. 3 special session will deal strictly with congressional redistricting, and no other topics.

The decision rebuffs a request backed by Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli and several statewide law enforcement and public safety organizations.

“We’re seeing these now nationwide,” Crisafulli told OC Today-Dispatch last week. “It’s the phenomenon of social media, where they can rapidly deploy in such a quick time. We need some relief for our law enforcement partners.”

Police use the term “teen takeovers” to describe smartphone-driven gatherings in which large numbers of young people use social media to converge on a particular location at a designated time, sometimes with little advance warning to authorities.

The gatherings are not inherently

illegal, Crisafulli said, but they can quickly strain police resources and increase the potential for fights, robberies, property damage and disorderly conduct.

Crisafulli said the Maryland Sheriffs’ Association unanimously voted to join a July 16 letter, sent to Gov. Wes Moore, seeking both emergency legislation and a broader statewide response.

Crisafulli is currently the association’s first vice president and is scheduled to be sworn in as president at its September conference.

The letter was submitted by the Maryland Municipal League with support from organizations representing Maryland sheriffs, state’s attorneys, police chiefs and municipal police executives.

The coalition asked the governor to create an interagency task force, one that would bring together state and local police, courts, educators, juvenile services, and municipal leaders.

It also requested legislation that would give local governments additional tools to respond to recurring gatherings, including the ability to target organizers of events that turn violent.

Four days after the coalition letter went out, Senate President Bill Ferguson and House Speaker Joseline Peña-Melnyk informed lawmakers that the special session would be limited exclusively to congressional redistricting.

“We recognize that affordability, energy costs, and other issues facing Marylanders remain important, and the Maryland General Assembly took meaningful steps to address many of those concerns during the 2026 session,” they wrote.

Earlier in the summer, the Ocean City Police Department documented a separate planned takeover-style event in June that was promoted through social media, and said investigators identified people advertising additional events targeting the resort.

Locally, the “teen takeover” issue surfaced over Fourth of July weekend in Ocean City, where hundreds of young people gathered at 120th Street, prompting police intervention.

Crisafulli described a chaotic situation for his deputies, with people densely packed onto a small street corner and spilling toward Coastal Highway.

He also said juveniles taken into custody are typically released to an adult while the Department of Juvenile Services determines what action to take.

“We are just trying to find a way to combat these teen takeovers and be able to hold these juveniles accountable for their actions,” the sheriff said.

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Worcester enacts data center moratorium

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) Worcester County officials decided July 21 to halt all data center and cable landing station projects formally for up to one year, effectively freezing a project already under county review.

The county commissioners voted 6-0 to pass the resolution for a 12-month moratorium. The measure takes effect immediately but can be rescinded or amended at any time.

“We need to take our experts within the county and our staff to address this new challenge. I think this moratorium will give us the time to do so,” said Commissioner Eric Fiori, who made the motion.

The resolution blocks new permit applications and approvals while also suspending all related proceedings before the county Board of Zoning Appeals. County zoning rules currently do not

specifically address cable landing stations or data centers.

Fiori represents the West Ocean City district where Globalinx plans to build a cable landing station. That proposed 25,000-square-foot building on the bay-side of Route 611 would bring undersea transatlantic cables ashore for client Amazon Web Services.

That project has now been stopped in its tracks.

The Virginia Beach-based Globalinx expressed disappointment with the commissioners’ decision in a statement Tuesday from attorney Demetrious Kaouris.

“We are confident that, once the County completes the study referenced in the resolution, it will conclude that cable landing stations are compatible with, and are complementary to, existing development within the County,” the

statement said. “In the meantime, Globalinx will consider and evaluate all its options.”

The company had been scheduled to appear before the zoning appeals board Aug. 19 to challenge the county’s determination that the facility is not a public utility while also seeking approval through a special exception.

County officials said the pause will give them time to study the potential effects of the facilities, including their energy demands, water and wastewater use, environmental consequences, and visual impact on neighboring properties.

The moratorium also allows the county to consider where such projects may be appropriate and what regulations would be needed to limit their effects.

Commissioner Jim Bunting seconded Fiori’s motion Tuesday after vot-

ing against the commissioners’ initial 5-2 decision to pursue the moratorium. Commissioner Chip Bertino, who also opposed the earlier motion, was absent Tuesday.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic also voted for the moratorium Tuesday after previously warning that a full stop on data centers could expose the county to a court challenge.

Globalinx wants to build the facility on a 7.3-acre parcel along Route 611. The proposal has drawn opposition from nearby residents over its size, utility demands, and proximity to homes.

The state is also preparing a comprehensive analysis of data centers that is due to the governor by Sept. 1. Other Maryland counties are taking action this year, including Frederick County, which recently enacted a six-month moratorium.

County students’ test scores best in state

(July 30, 2026) Worcester County Public Schools outperformed all school systems in the state in both mathematics and English/Language Arts in the latest round of student testing, according to a state Department of Education announcement Tuesday.

During the state Board of Education meeting, State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright and staff provided an update on student performance on state assessments administered in spring 2026 in English/Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. Statewide, assessment results showed Maryland’s students experienced progress in both ELA and mathematics.

Worcester County student performance on the spring ELA assessments continued to top all other school systems in Maryland with 69.9 percent of students scoring as proficient or higher, over 18 percentage points above the state average of 51.7 percent.

For the second consecutive year, seventh grade proficiency in ELA grew at every school across the county, with all schools increasing proficiency by four percentage points or better.

Additionally, eighth grade proficiency also rose across all schools, with Pocomoke Middle School making the largest jump with an increase of 6.4 percentage points. Another stand-out performance in ELA was Pocomoke Elementary School’s (PES) third grade, which increased 17.5 percentage points over last year.

Worcester County topped the state by over 21 percentage points in mathematics with 48.8 percent of students reaching proficiency across all assessments.

A particular highlight is Buckingham Elementary School’s fourth grade results, which increased by 20.1

percentage points over last year. Additionally, third grade results at Ocean City Elementary School and PES increased by 17.5 percentage points and 17.4 percentage points respectively.

“We are incredibly proud that Worcester County Public Schools con-

tinues to lead the state in both English/Language Arts and mathematics,” said Dr. Annette Wallace, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools.

“At the same time, we know these scores tell only part of our story. They

are an important measure of student learning, but they also remind us that our work continues. We remain committed to using this data to strengthen instruction, support every learner, and ensure each child is known by name, strength, and need.”

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Berlin discusses changes to town's sidewalk repair code

Municipality's cost-share program may soon include hardship deferral options

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) Berlin officials are considering changing the town's sidewalk ordinance to clarify how repair costs are shared between property owners and the town. The revision also would give homeowners more time to address hazardous pathways and create a hardship deferral process.

The changes were discussed at length at Monday night's Berlin Town Council meeting, as they relate to the town's sidewalk cost-share program and would clarify certain procedures.

Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said the proposed changes are intended to explain a program that has been part of the town code for decades.

"The cost share program has always been a part of Town Code," Bohlen said. "Hopefully this language clarifies."

Council members spent part of the discussion debating whether residential and commercial properties should continue to be treated equally under the cost-share program.

Councilman Jack Orris initially suggested the town consider requiring commercial property owners to cover 75% of repair costs while the town pays the remaining 25%.

However, following further conversations, officials opted to keep the cost split 50/50 for both residential and commercial properties.

"If we're talking about repairs, I would keep it 50/50 for both residential and commercial," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said.

Councilman Steve Green said he also favored the equal split.

The council maintained that while the cost-share program is standard in other municipalities, they understand the financial burdens they could be placing on residents by requiring them to pay for sidewalk repairs.

Green said many homeowners are unaware they are responsible for maintaining sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

"I think folks are startled to hear the sidewalk in front of their homes ... that is causing a public safety hazard, that it's their responsibility," Green said. "Even if it's shared with the town ... But I have done the research to see that it is common practice in government that the cost is split."

Bohlen noted the policy has existed in Berlin's code since at least 1994.

Still, Tyndall proposed adding a hardship clause allowing property owners to request a 12-month deferral on a case-by-case basis.

"I think there should be some exercisable ability by the homeowner to say, 'Hey, look, I can't do this for whatever reason. Can we defer this one year?'" he said.

Bohlen emphasized the proposal would not eliminate a homeowner's financial obligation but would simply provide additional time.

Tyndall stressed that his reasoning for making a hardship provision available to homeowners is only fair, given that the town's own participation in the cost-share program depends on available funding.

"It is budget dependent on us having the available funds," he said.

Bohlen added there is no guarantee funding will be available every year because it relies on annual budget allocations.

As such, Tyndall encouraged residents to contact the town before making sidewalk fixes rather than assuming reimbursement funds would be available.

The discussion also touched on whether the town could address minor trip hazards by grinding uneven sidewalk panels instead of replacing entire sections.

Tyndall said that would depend on whether town staff had the equipment and expertise to safely complete the work while meeting accessibility standards.

"If it's something that needs to be outsourced ... then we have to look at it a little bit differently," he said.

Public Works Director Jimmy Charles said grinding may be possible for smaller hazards but would become difficult for larger elevation differences.

Council members also considered changes to the amount of time property owners would have to address dangerous sidewalk conditions after receiving notice from the town.

Current code establishes a minimum of 20 days and a maximum of 60 days.

Councilman Jay Knerr argued 20 days was too short and proposed increasing the minimum to 45 days.

Council members and staff agreed weather and contractor availability can delay projects. Planning Director Ryan Hardesty suggested requiring property owners to secure a contractor within the deadline rather than complete the repairs.

Residents also had the opportunity to provide their comments on the issue at Monday's meeting.

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OP cleans up its community trails, new Tiki Kitchen

Initiatives to enhance the neighborhood's amenities

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association continues to prioritize maintenance projects across the community, including improvements at the Yacht Club's new Tiki Kitchen and walking trails.

During the Board of Directors meeting Monday night, General Manager John Viola said the new Tiki Kitchen at the Yacht Club is already enhancing food service for patrons.

"We built the structure. [Touch of Italy] is leasing it, they put the kitchen inside," Viola said.

Touch of Italy operates Ocean Pines's food and beverage operations, including the Yacht Club. The restaurateur built the outside kitchen this spring to improve service to poolside guests.

Recent maintenance work included installing screens around the Tiki Kitchen for pest control and placing red stone in areas disturbed during construction. Viola said additional work around the Yacht Club, including cleanup near the grease trap area, has been completed, with more improvements expected during the offseason.

Director Monica Rakowski said residents have already noticed the difference.

"I've had several people in the last two weeks come up and say, 'I ordered french fries and they came out hot,'" she said. "Because they were coming from the Tiki Kitchen. So, it has been a good amenity increase for us."

Senior Director of Administration Linda Martin also provided an update on maintenance of the community's walking trails, noting that public works crews finished clearing debris from the trails beginning July 13.

However, she said the work continues because some homeowners have continued placing branches back onto the paths.

She urged citizens to stop cluttering the trails.

Martin also reminded community members that the association's public works yard will remain closed for the rest of the summer after being deemed unsafe because of loose soil from the new firehouse construction site, debris pickup materials, dredged material, and pieces of dock stored in the yard.

Residents needing yard debris pickup should place paper-bagged debris at the curb and contact public works to schedule collection. There is no limit on the number of paper bags that will be collected.

Council talks sidewalk cost-share

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mayor and council to amend the town code by shifting responsibility for sidewalk repairs to the town's Public Works Department.

Reading a prepared statement, Velong argued sidewalks are public infrastructure that should be maintained through municipal planning rather than by individual homeowners. She said the current ordinance unfairly places the financial burden on property owners when sidewalks crack because of tree roots or natural settling, potentially exposing them to code enforcement and fines if repairs are not made.

While acknowledging that the proposed 50-50 cost-share program would provide some relief, Velong said it should only serve as a temporary solution. She encouraged officials to

pursue full municipal oversight of sidewalk maintenance, establish a long-term improvement plan for repairs, and include a hardship waiver for residents who cannot afford their share of the costs.

She also suggested the town explore state and federal grant opportunities to help fund future sidewalk improvements.

Bohlen did note that shifting full responsibility to the town would require a costly study to determine which sidewalks would need to be prioritized.

At the end of the discussion, Tyndall summarized proposed amendments that would increase the minimum response time from 20 to 45 days, extend the maximum period to 90 days, require property owners to procure repair services within the es-

tablished timeframe, and eliminate permit and fee costs for homeowners.

Council members also debated whether code enforcement officers should have authority to determine when a sidewalk is required or whether those decisions should come before the mayor and council.

Knerr expressed concern that homeowners could be forced into the appeals process unnecessarily.

Tyndall argued staff should retain authority to make those determinations, noting the ordinance already provides property owners with the right to appeal decisions to the Housing Board of Review within 10 days and includes multiple levels of administrative oversight.

The ordinance will advance to a public hearing scheduled for the council's Aug. 10 meeting.

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Third phase of golf course irrigation project okayed

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors this week approved moving forward with the third phase of the community's golf course irrigation replacement project, authorizing a \$925,000 contract that will update the system at four additional holes.

During the board's meeting on Monday night, OPA General Manager John Viola said the project continues to make progress as the association works to replace the golf course's 50-year-old irrigation system.

Golf Course Superintendent Justin Hartshorne added that the next stage will include work on holes 11, 15, 16, and 17.

"Very exciting to keep that project moving forward," he said. "Working with the contractor through the first phases has been terrific...and we're very pleased with what has been installed so far."

The board unanimously approved staff's request to proceed with the project.

The irrigation replacement is

part of a multi-phase effort to modernize the golf course's failing system. Earlier phases upgraded holes 1 through 10 and 18, along with the main pumping station, practice range, and practice green.

Viola also updated the board on planned improvements to the golf course's cart paths. He said that repairs will begin in the coming weeks after bids came in within the amount budgeted by the association.

"One of the areas of the golf course is the cart paths, and the cart paths did have cuts from the irrigation system, and there were areas that needed to be replaced," Viola said.

He said crews have already marked the locations requiring repairs, including irrigation cuts, the maintenance parking area, and the cart path leading to the maintenance facility. The work is expected to be completed over the next couple of months.

Also for the golf course, the board approved the purchase of a new triplex mower for \$56,258 from Toro Equipment, the low bidder.

Berlin advances process on new Heron Park road design

Funding will allow firm to complete design of access points to future projects

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) The Berlin Town Council has approved an engineering proposal to advance design work for an access road to serve Heron Park. It's a step town officials believe will push the long-awaited redevelopment of parcel 57 closer to construction.

At Monday night's mayor and council meeting, the municipality's governing body authorized a proposal from Davis, Bowen & Friedel (DBF) for design and permitting services for a Heron Park access road in the amount of \$35,000.

The work will establish roadway elevations, coordinate how the developer's entrance ties into the town's road, and prepare the project for future permitting and construction.

"What you have is a proposal by DBF to enhance the design work of the roadway for Heron Park to a further level to allow us to take the design of where it is now to a point where it's more shovel-ready," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall told the council. "More specifically, to allow us to get

the elevations needed for the roadway, the town's portion of the roadway and the developer tie-in, to a place where they need to be."

According to the proposal included in the meeting packet, the engineering firm's scope of work includes additional topographic surveying, preparation of construction documents, and permitting. The agreement estimates a \$5,000 cost for additional surveying and \$30,000 for construction documents and permitting.

Monday night's discussion also focused on stormwater management, which is excluded from DBF's proposal. The stormwater design will be reviewed separately by the town's stormwater engineering consultant, EA Associates.

Councilman Jack Orris questioned language in the agreement that stated stormwater management design was absent from the engineering contract.

Tyndall explained that the town's consultant must verify the developer's final drainage plans comply with municipal standards.

"The town's stormwater engineers, EA, need to work with [the developer] to make sure ... their final drawing is compliant and makes sure it adheres to the town's standards," he said.

Developer Palmer Gillis said his team had already addressed concerns raised by the town and submitted revised plans to EA Associates.

"We had already submitted a re-design to EA Associates," Gillis said. "They've conceptually approved it. I think they're close to finalizing approval."

Gillis said the updated design eliminates any discharge to town-owned infrastructure.

Tyndall maintained that the town wants its engineering consultant to make the final determination on compliance.

"We bring on engineers that we trust for stormwater management," he said. "We should continue to allow them to make the decisions and advise us if it's compliant."

The discussion also touched on curb-cut design. Tyndall noted that the town's agreement with parcel 57's developer, Coastal Ventures Properties, requires the builder to pay for those improvements. He said the town recommends maintaining that arrangement, with roughly \$5,000 in curb-cut expenses remaining the developer's responsibility.

Gillis told the council his company would prepare those plans at its own expense before submitting them to DBF for review.

"We have and will design the curb cuts so there will be no expense to the town," Gillis said.



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The council approved the DBF proposal unanimously.



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The Marlin Club Auxiliary recently awarded its annual scholarships to graduating seniors in the area. This year's recipients included, back from left, Brandon Trego, Jack Brady and Max McGuire; middle, Sage Myers, Lilly Phillips, Anisha Batra, Jay Moyer, Samuel Hurney, Zoe Hinkle, Avery Lorah and Addison Somoskey; and, front, Eliza Myers, Bhoomika Chimani and Abigale Windsor. Since the auxiliary's transition to the nonprofit Marlin Club Crew in 2016, a total of 97 scholarships, amounting to \$190,000, have been awarded. When considering all scholarships awarded from 2004 through 2026 the organization has distributed 156 scholarships with a cumulative value of \$312,000. In honor of the late Franky Pettolina, the Franky Pettolina Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021. To date, it has provided 37 students with financial awards totaling \$75,000.

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Fiori's signature advances potential accessory change

Proposal means BZA could approve buildings on lots near primary residence

By Brian Shane

Staff Writer

(July 30, 2026) Worcester County property owners could seek approval for larger storage buildings on undeveloped lots located across the road from their homes under a bill introduced Tuesday by the county commissioners.

The proposed zoning change would allow the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve accessory buildings of up to 1,600 square feet on lots without houses. The owner's primary residence would have to be located within 100 feet, and the properties would be tied together through a recorded deed restriction.

The county's current zoning rules allow for an accessory building of less than 500 square feet on an otherwise vacant lot, mostly so property owners can store equipment needed to maintain the property.

Commissioner Eric Fiori agreed to sponsor the bill at Tuesday's meeting, allowing it to advance to a future public hearing and vote.

"What this is trying to address is to allow a little bit larger storage building, that's large enough to be practical to use," Fiori said.

The amendment grew from a property owner's unusual situation involving two parcels separated by a county road: while one parcel contains the owner's home, he can't build a larger accessory building on the other parcel because of septic and well limitations,

according to internal county documents.

Ordinarily, owners of adjoining parcels can consolidate them and build a larger accessory structure. That option is unavailable when a public road divides the properties, county planning director Jennifer Keener told the commissioners.

"We can't do a typical declaration of consolidation like we would normally do," she said. "This is kind of an exception to that rule."

If approved, the change would not automatically authorize a 1,600-square-foot building. Property owners would first have to obtain a special exception, where nearby residents could comment and the applicant would have to justify the request before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Keener said relatively few properties countywide are expected to qualify.

The proposal was submitted in April by attorney Mark Cropper on behalf of property owner Thomas Johnson, who wants additional space to store vehicles, watercraft, tools and building materials, internal county documents show.

County planning staff initially questioned the proposal. In a May memo, Keener described the request as "arbitrary" and designed around one property owner's circumstances. Staff also questioned why the desired building could not be accommodated on the residential property.

The Planning Commission nevertheless voted 6-0 on July 2 to recommend the amendment after adding a deed restriction intended to prevent either property from being sold separately.

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YOUTH FISHING

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted youth in three age categories from 4-16 at their annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest last Saturday at the South Pond in Ocean Pines. There were 75 youth registered and over 100 prizes were caught by the group. Trophies were awarded for largest fish in each age category along with prizes for second and third places. Additional awards were given for the most fish, plus a Grand Prize drawing for an Adam Burton custom rod and reel. All participants received a prize. All the contest winners are pictured above. Winner of the grand prize drawing was Xavier Holden.

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CHECK FOR SAFETY COLORING BOOK

The Marlin Club of OC presented the USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-05, Ocean City a check for \$500 for their continued support of the 'Dock Safety' coloring book. Making the presentation on behalf of the Marlin Club Crew of OC were, from left, Chris Butter and Susan Seifert and accepting the donation are (l-to-r) Dan Collins, Frank deLaurentis, and Flotilla Commander Glen Duffy. The 20-page coloring book is a unique teaching tool that addresses an unforeseen danger. It is designed to provide an opportunity for parents and grandparents to spend quality time with their children. Each page has a safety message to encourage caution and the proper behavior near the water.



PINES LADIES LUNCH

Ladies on Drawbridge Road, Ocean Pines enjoyed a pot luck luncheon at Jackie Choate's home and home made dessert at the home of Kathy Hill. The ladies usually do this event once a year and enjoy the friendly neighborhood get togethers.

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Obituaries

MARGARET A. WARFIELD
Ocean City

"A beautiful body perishes, but a work of art dies not." — Leonardo da Vinci.



M. Warfield

Margaret "Peggy" Ann Warfield, 84, of Ocean City, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Macky & Pam Stansell House.

The morning after her passing, dawn broke over Ocean City, Maryland in a radiant cotton candy sky – an inspired collage of color, texture, and light layered with ribbons of bright pink and shredded striations of purple. That morning's masterpiece was a canvas of thoughtful depth, loving devotion, and quiet determination that felt reminiscent of one artist's life work. Her family believes that sunrise was her final gift, one last glimpse of her loving light.

Peggy was born on October 3, 1941, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of the late Margaret (Halverson) Hoey and John Ellsworth "East" Hoey. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from McDaniel College (Western Maryland College) and taught high school English in Anaheim, California, and

in Worcester County, Maryland.

While at McDaniel, she met her future husband and lifelong dance partner, Robert E. "Bob" Warfield Sr. The couple married and moved to Ocean City almost 50 years ago, where they built a blessed life centered on family and friends. Their home was the epicenter of activity - hosting work parties, book clubs, birthday parties, family reunions, and abundant crab feasts. All who visited felt welcome due in part to Peggy's warmth and welcoming spirit. Guests often enjoyed a cup of tea with Peggy on the screened porch overlooking the tapestry of color in her garden and the marsh beyond.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Peggy poured her greatest gifts into raising her children, Claire and Rob, and later into loving her grandchildren, Maddie, Emerson, and Oakes well. With quiet elegance and abundant joy, she made her family and friends feel heard and seen, and she taught the importance of contented gratitude, honest integrity, compassion, and grace.

An accomplished artist, Peggy was galleried at the Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery as a Co-Op Artist and Member and at Gallery One in Ocean View, DE. With an eye for composition, she began in water-

color and became an award-winning collagist and published author. Peggy's view of the world was such a gift when translated to her canvas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Ronald E. Hoey Sr.; and her loving husband of 47 years, Robert E. (Bob) Warfield Sr.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Claire (Warfield) Reynolds, and her husband, Mike, of Berlin, Maryland; her son, Robert "Rob" E. Warfield Jr., and his wife, Sarrin, of Greenville, South Carolina; three beloved grandchildren, Maddie, Emerson, and

Oakes; her sister-in-law, Ann Irene Hoey; nieces Susan Hoey Auvil and Wendy Hoey Otto; nephew Ronald E. Hoey Jr.; and her faithful and watchful grand dog, Reggie.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation was chosen, and a private family service will be held. The family encourages all who knew Peggy to honor her in a way that is special to them.

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Opinion

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Trash collection sign of downtown success

Success always comes at a price, as the Town of Berlin is discovering with the demand for commercial trash collection now outstripping the town’s ability to deliver it.

According to Public Works Director Jimmy Charles, his waste disposal crews are struggling to keep downtown bins and containers from overflowing between the two rounds of trash pickup the department provides.

These efforts to keep waste stations free of refuse aren’t just taking a toll on department personnel, he said, but are costing the town money because businesses are paying about half of what they should for the service.

As Charles told the mayor and council this week, businesses sharing trash containers downtown pay for one pick-up a week but get two. That’s because the groupings of the bins quickly become too unsightly to ignore, as business activity continues to grow.

Charles believes the best solution would be to require businesses to engage a private hauler to do the job and restrict the town’s trash collection services to residential only. It’s either going to be that or the businesses that are depending on the town’s trash collection services will have to pay for what they’re getting.

Charging for that second pick-up does make sense, too, assuming that it produces a rate that covers the department’s costs. It’s still likely to be less than a private hauler would charge.

In addition, if public works restricts its trash collection to residential services, it locks itself into a slow-growth situation, when the costs of personnel, materials, and equipment continue to rise.

Instituting that additional charge for the second business pick-up, however, allows the department to grow with business to meet the demand, while leaving residential taxpayers unaffected.

Businesses may not go for the second charge and prefer to contract with a private hauler, and that’s fine too. Either way, it does lighten the load on the crew.



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Partners Sterling Tavern and Bearded Men Society of Ocean City recently presented Diakonia with a check for \$23,055, raised during a Cinco de Mayo Shootout event.

Group secures \$23,055 for Diakonia

Funding will help the nonprofit expand its services to veterans

(July 30, 2026) Diakonia, Inc. recognized this week an extraordinary community partnership between The Sterling Tavern in Berlin and the Bearded Men Society of Ocean City, whose shared commitment to giving back is helping shape the future of homelessness services on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.

Through their inaugural Cinco de Mayo Shootout, the organizations presented Diakonia with a check for \$23,055, marking an incredible first step toward their three-year, \$50,000 commitment to sponsor two Veteran Support and Outreach Offices within Diakonia's new Supportive Living Campus.

The dedicated offices will provide private meeting space for case managers to work one on one with Veterans and individuals experiencing or at risk of

homelessness, helping connect them with housing, employment, healthcare, benefits, and other critical resources that lead to long term stability.

"Community partnerships like this are what make transformational projects possible," said Ken Argot, Executive Director of Diakonia. "Matt and Brooke Borrelli, the Bearded Men Society, and everyone who supported the Cinco de Mayo Shootout have demonstrated what it means to invest in hope. Their generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of the individuals, families, and Veterans we serve."

Located on Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City, Diakonia's \$15 million Supportive Living Campus will expand the organization's ability to provide food assistance, Veteran services, homeless outreach, and transitional supportive housing across Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties.

The partnership reflects the mission shared by both

organizations: strengthening the local community through service, compassion, and collaboration.

"We are incredibly grateful to The Sterling Tavern, the Bearded Men Society of Ocean City, every event sponsor, golfer, volunteer, and supporter who helped make this first tournament such a tremendous success," said Amanda Shick, Development Director for Diakonia. "This partnership is proof that when our community comes together around a shared vision, we can create lasting change."

Diakonia continues to seek community partners, businesses, foundations, and individuals interested in investing in the Supportive Living Campus Capital Campaign.

For more information about the campaign or to learn how you can invest in hope, please contact Amanda Shick, Development Director, at ashick@diakoniaoc.org or 443.523.2686, or visit www.diakoniaoc.org.

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SPEAKER**
At the July 22 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean City-Ocean Pines, Jessica Meehan, Senior Director of Advancement at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, was the guest speaker. She shared highlights of the Foundation's work, including Donor Services and the Education Grant Cycle. Meehan, right, is pictured with Kiwanis President Sarah Walker.

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Countywide burn ban lifted as rainfall lessens drought

(July 31, 2026) Due to improving drought conditions and recent rainfall across Worcester County and the Lower Eastern Shore, the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office in coordination with the Worcester County Department of Environmental Programs has lifted the countywide Open Burning Ban, effective immediately.

The decision follows continued improvements in drought conditions reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor and consultation with state and local environmental officials. Recent thunderstorms have significantly improved soil moisture and reduced wildfire risk throughout much of the county. While groundwater levels and streamflows continue to recover, current conditions no longer warrant the temporary restrictions that were put in place.

Although the burn ban has been lifted, residents are reminded that conditions can still change rapidly, particularly during periods of hot, dry, or windy weather. Anyone conducting open burning is urged to do so responsibly and in accordance with Worcester County's Open Burning Regulations.

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office encourages residents to take the following precautions when conducting any outdoor burning:

- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Avoid burning on windy days or when weather conditions could cause embers to spread.
- Keep a water source, hose, or fire extinguisher readily available.
- Burn only approved natural vegetation and materials permitted by county regulations.
- Ensure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.

Residents are also reminded that smoke from outdoor burning can impact neighboring properties and roadways. Burn responsibly to help reduce air pollution and prevent unnecessary fire department responses.

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office will continue to monitor

weather conditions and wildfire activity. If conditions deteriorate, additional restrictions may become necessary.

For questions regarding open burning regulations or to determine whether burning is permitted, contact the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office at 410-632-5666 or visit the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office website for additional information.

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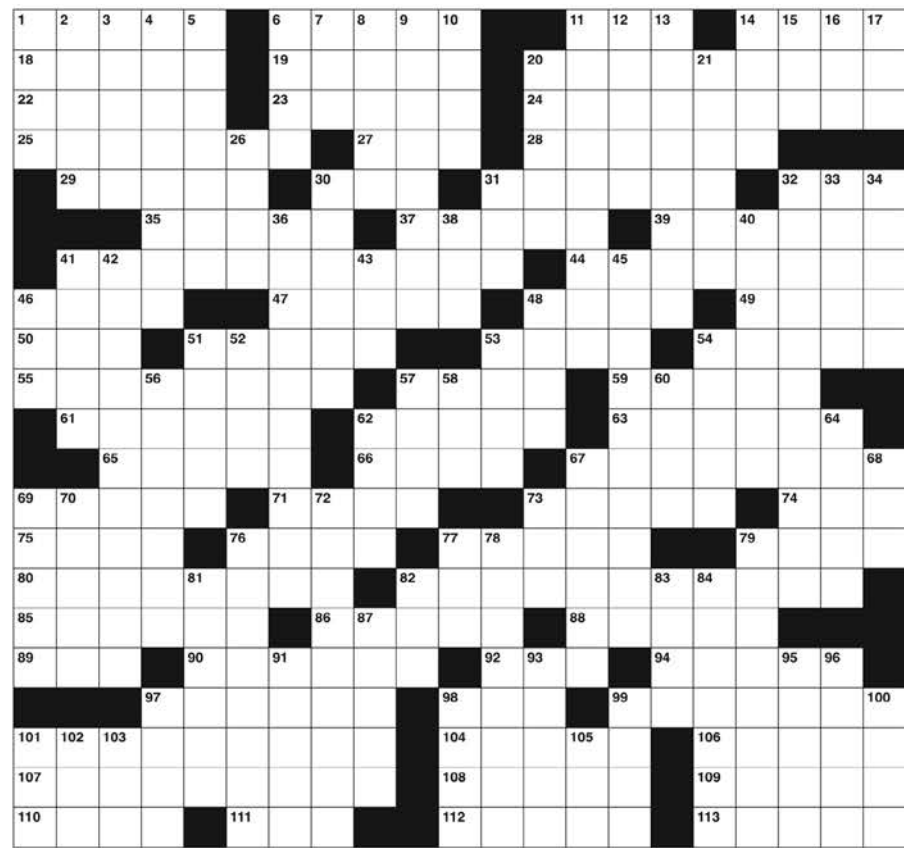
Puzzles

RAISING CAPITAL
BY MICHAEL LIEBERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Lieberman, of Washington, D.C., is a lawyer at Fairmark Partners, an antitrust firm. This is his 27th crossword (and eighth Sunday) for the paper. The idea for it grew out of the phrase that eventually became the puzzle's title. His favorite clue and answer here is the silly joke (his mother's favorite) at 103-Down. "I'm excited for her to see it under my byline in The New York Times!" — W.S.

- ACROSS**
1 Teacher's summons
6 —
11 Bench press muscle, for short
14 —
18 ___ Basin (D.C. attraction)
19 Progeny
20 Didn't turn away
22 Texas A&M athlete
23 Prefix with media
24 Person providing a sworn account
25 "I really, really appreciate it!"
27 Unspoken communication syst.
28 After-the-fact discount
29 Not fresh
30 Big movie theater chain
31 Website that calls itself "the heart of the internet"
32 Paramedic's skill
35 Reward for a good puppy
37 Harbingers
39 One-named singer with the 1994 hit "You Gotta Be"
41 Score usually resulting from an error, in baseball
44 Like sheep, so to speak
- 46 Degree holder, informally
47 Displayed audacity
48 The Psychedelic ___ (rock band)
49 Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay
50 Explosive stuff
51 —
53 Dancing hippo's wear in Disney's "Fantasia"
54 —
55 Actress Shirley of "The Apartment"
57 —
59 "Nice idea!"
61 Beethoven's Third
62 David Foster Wallace's "Tense Present," e.g.
63 Conspiring cliques
65 Judge of diamond value?
66 Grab (onto)
67 Word order
69 Britain's most prestigious military decoration
71 Fantasizes about
73 Block someone's passage, say
74 Scribble on, say
75 Egyptian symbol of life
76 Exits
77 Allow to enroll
79 Brand seen on the U.S. World Cup jerseys
80 Gets more expensive
82 Vague approximation
- 85 Restrictive undergarment
86 Word employment
88 Pia ___ (brain covering)
89 Pained yelps
90 Linings of nautilus shells
92 Hired detectives, for short
94 Slow ___ (Asian primate)
97 —
98 Prefix with -bar
99 —
101 Stayed somewhere temporarily
104 Peak of religion?
106 "No worries!"
107 Number ones
108 You're doing it every day
109 "I'll pass"
110 Bank offering for a property buyer
111 Roommate who doesn't pay rent?
112 2000 Christina Aguilera No. 1 hit
113 "T-bone steak, cheese eggs and Welch's ___" (Notorious B.I.G.'s breakfast in "Big Poppa")
- DOWN**
1 "Right now!"
2 This clue's number, cubed
3 Hairstyle similar to a bowl cut
4 Top priority on the agenda
5 Strauss opera inspired by a Sophocles tragedy
6 [See title]
7 Baton Rouge institution, familiarly
8 Five Pillars religion
9 Defeat in competition
10 Mötley Crüe frontman Vince ___
11 Accepts a deal from the D.A., say
12 Spanish folk hero
13 Meets head-on?
14 [See title]
15 Nabokov novel
16 Whitesmith's material
17 Doc using an otoscope
20 TV's Don Draper and his co-workers
21 Took orders, say
26 Fortuneteller
30 Calm
31 "Star Wars" character Kylo ___
32 Plastic cap?
33 Tube-shaped pasta
34 Do some road maintenance on
36 Et cetera
38 Clear as ___ (not clear)
40 Western mountain range, informally
41 Arm bones
42 Christmas display pieces
43 E.R. V.I.P.s
45 Classic Italian appetizer

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- 46 Paper source?
48 Rage
51 [See title]
52 Puerto ___
53 Player's club
54 [See title]
56 Despises
57 [See title]
58 Brandy letters
60 Artist Chagall
62 Big heads
64 Travel a winding route
- 67 They're at the ends of some rainbows
68 Test for M.A. seekers
69 Explorer da Gama
70 Following behind
72 Making a comeback
73 Ambulance initials
76 "Keep it together!"
77 Summer mo.
78 Expression of frustration
79 Sam Elliott's role in "The Big Lebowski"
- 81 Suppressed, as emotions
82 It's in the pipeline
83 "___ never fly"
84 Asking for a human's attention, perhaps
87 They're often covered with dirt
91 ___ slalom (event at the Summer Olympics)
93 Coastal region of ancient Greece
95 The 'gram
- 96 Pound the pavement?
97 [See title]
98 "You don't need to tell me"
99 [See title]
100 ___-Ball
101 Any of the U.C.s
102 Cry of playful discovery
103 Q: Why was the road sticky? A: Traffic ___
105 Kitchen intruder

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Answers to last week's puzzles

3	8	1	7	4	6	5	9	2
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Obituaries

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tions may be made to the Coastal Hospice Stansell House, 1500 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811, or the Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

EDWARD HENRY WISCH Berlin

Edward Henry Wisch, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, and community leader, passed away on May 31, 2026, at the age of 95.



Edward Wisch

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 29, 1931 and was the son of the late Walter J. and Maria Konradi Wisch. Ed graduated from St. Paul's School for Boys in 1950, where he was recognized as Athlete of the Year and lettered in basketball, football, and lacrosse.

Edward proudly served his country as a Marine Sergeant during the Korean Conflict, carrying a lifelong commitment to service, honor, and dedication. Following his military service, he studied engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

Ed's career began in sales with Ellicott T. Brandt. He went on to build

successful manufacturing companies in New Oxford, Pennsylvania, and later in Illinois, producing fireproof building columns. He and Beverly made their homes in Baltimore and Howard County, Maryland; Hanover, Pennsylvania; and Naperville, Illinois. In 1984, they made the decision to permanently relocate to their beach house in Ocean Pines, Maryland.

After moving to the Eastern Shore, Ed obtained his real estate license and embarked on a second career in real estate and construction consulting, earning the respect of colleagues and clients alike through his knowledge, integrity, and strong work ethic. Together with Beverly, he helped establish The Wisch Team, a family business that continues to serve the community today. He was a member of Coastal Association of REALTORS®, Maryland REALTORS®, Eastern Shore Association of REALTORS®, Virginia REALTORS® and National Association of REALTORS® during his real estate career.

A devoted family man, Edward was the proud father of two children, grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of nine. His greatest joy was time spent with his family. He especially loved boating and fishing with his children and grandchildren,

creating countless memories on the water. He was also a faithful supporter of his grandchildren's sporting events and activities, rarely missing an opportunity to cheer them on. His family was the center of his life, and their lives were enriched by his guidance, wisdom, and unwavering love.

Ed was also an active member of the Lions Club, dedicating countless hours to serving his community and helping others. His commitment to civic service reflected the generosity and compassion that defined his life. In 2007 he was he was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellow recognition for "Dedicated Humanitarian Service" from Lions Club International.

Edward will be remembered for his strength, kindness, sense of duty, and the lasting impact he made on his family, friends, and community. His legacy of service and love will continue through the many lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Beverly June (Teal) Wisch; his daughter, Wendy Wisch of Ocean Pines, Maryland; and his son, Brent Wisch (Mary) of Parrish, Florida. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Walter Wisch.

Known affectionately as "Grandad," he is also survived by his grandchildren: Heather Ohrel (Les),

Matthew O'Grady (Alicia Cagnoli), Jenna Randazzo (Jay), Mackenzie O'Grady, Jaclyn O'Grady (Al Wilson), Zachary O'Grady (Brigid), Julia Wilson (Spencer), and Conner O'Grady; and his great-grandchildren: Riley, Savannah, and Madeline Ohrel; Grace, Sadie and Avery Randazzo; Ryan Maxwell; Alexandria Wilson; and Lucas Wilson.

Family and friends will celebrate Ed's life on Aug. 1, 2026, at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Rd, Berlin, MD 21811 Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Edward's memory may be made to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, P.O. Box 1576, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811 or the Ocean City Lions Club, P.O. Box 71, Ocean City, Md. 21843.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.bishophastingsfh.com

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Thurs., July 30

2026 PRO FOOTVOLLEY TOUR
Ocean City Beach at N. Division St., 1 N. Division St., 12-9 p.m. Six nations compete in the 2026 Nations Cup. Featuring elite competition, free youth clinics, and All-Star exhibitions. Free for spectators. Schedule: <https://footvolley.net>. 305-213-3275

SUNSET PARK CONCERTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Pistol Whipped.” Admission to the park is free. <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sunset-park-party-nights/>

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

4TH ANNUAL MARLINS FOR MASON TOURNAMENT
Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and at Sunset Marina. Benefiting Mason Prather and others who suffer with Dravet Syndrome. Schedule and tournament details: <https://marlinsformason.com/tournament-details/>.

STORY TIME: ‘TRIANGLE’
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

DINING WITH DINOS
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Learn what dinosaurs ate and their diets. Kids will make a simple healthy snack, explore balanced eating and meet a very hungry T-Rex. For ages 6-11 years. Registration required: 410-641-0650.

COFFEE & CRAFTS: FELT FRUIT COASTERS
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

PRE-HISTORIC PAINT-A-LONG
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Create your own pre-historic masterpiece with artist Mike Carmean, in this step by step paint-a-long. For families. Registration required: 410-957-0878. worcesterlibrary.org

DINOSAUR TOOTHPASTE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines

Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 p.m. Make toothpaste for dinosaurs using a variety of ingredients and a little science. For ages 6-11 years. Registration required: 410-208-4014. 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

Fri., July 31

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BEACH TENNIS MARYLAND - 4TH MARYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES OPEN 2026
Park Place Hotel, 208 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. ITF BT50 Qualifying. Selected live streaming: youtube.com/c/IDoLivestreaming. 410-708-4261, cmacleod@mlg-lawyers.com

4TH ANNUAL MARLINS FOR MASON TOURNAMENT
Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and at Sunset Marina. Benefiting Mason Prather and others who suffer with Dravet Syndrome. Schedule and tournament details: <https://marlinsformason.com/tournament-details/>.

THE BOY WHO LIVED BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop in to celebrate Harry Potter’s birthday with magical crafts, games and wizarding fun. For families. 410-957-0878, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HARRY POTTER!
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Join in for a spellbinding adventure with crafts and fun games all afternoon. Light refreshments served. For families. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

Sat., Aug. 1

2026 PRO FOOTVOLLEY TOUR
Ocean City Beach at N. Division St., 6-9 p.m. Six nations compete in the 2026 Nations Cup. Featuring elite competition, free youth clinics, and All-Star exhibitions. Free for spectators. Schedule: <https://footvolley.net>. 305-213-3275.

PEACH FESTIVAL
Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Peaches for sale, pie baking contest, live cooking demos, children’s activities, pie eating contests, bands and food. www.taylorhousemuseum.org

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48TH ANNUAL ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and White Horse Park. Featuring more than 60 crafters, face painting, playground, food, snacks and bake sale. Stop by the Ocean Pines Pine’er Craft Club.

26TH BLESSING OF THE COMBINES 2026
Downtown Snow Hill, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The parade begins at 11 a.m. Also featuring car show, vendors, crafters, children’s activities, live entertainment and food. blesscombin@gmail.com, 443-783-1715, blessingofthecombin.org

GREAT POCOMOKE FAIR
Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City, 9:30 a.m. Exhibits, live stock, harness racing, motorsports, food competitions, Duck & Goose Calling Championships, dog show, tractor pull, various competitions and more. Schedule: www.thegreatpocomokefair.org.

ROPENASTICS - ROPE JUMPING IN A NEW DIMENSION
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. Guinness World Record Holder, David Fisher, The Rope Warrior brings his visually entertaining and interactive jump rope show right to the library. For fami-

lies. 410-524-1818

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE/PEACH FESTIVAL
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crab Cake Sandwich, \$10; Homemade Peach Cobbler, \$5; Peach Tea, \$2. Held in front of the church during the Peach Festival.

SUMMER CHURCH SERIES
First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 10 a.m. Ocean City’s own Sligo by the Sea celebrates its 63rd summer offering worship services, with Dr. Kermit Nettebuirg. Bible study at 10 a.m., church worship at 11 a.m. Music by Larry Karpenko.

CRAFTY SATURDAY: SUMMER TIME
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for summer-themed crafts. For families. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

FREE KIDS CRAFT SATURDAYS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring “Yarn Painting.” 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., Aug. 2

2026 PRO FOOTVOLLEY TOUR
Ocean City Beach at N. Division St., 6-9 p.m. Six nations compete in the 2026 Nations Cup. Featuring elite competition, free youth clinics, and All-Star exhibitions. Free for spectators. Schedule: <https://footvolley.net>. 305-213-3275.

BEACH TENNIS MARYLAND - 4TH MARYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES OPEN 2026
Park Place Hotel, 208 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. ITF BT50 Finals and 1st Junior J100. Selected live streaming: youtube.com/c/IDoLivestreaming. 410-708-4261, cmacleod@mlg-lawyers.com

GREAT POCOMOKE FAIR
Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City, 9:30 a.m. Exhibits, live stock, harness racing, motorsports, food competitions, Duck & Goose Calling

Calendar

Championships, dog show, tractor pull, various competitions and more. Schedule: www.thegreatpocomokefair.org.

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Radio Hero: Party Rock Band.” 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., Aug. 3

53RD ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN
Harbor Island Marina, 419 14th St., Ocean City. The World’s Largest Billfish Tournament with over a million dollars in prizes. Open to all anglers. Weigh-ins are held daily from 4-9:15 p.m. Visit the White Marlin Open Store. whitemarlinopen.com

MARLIN FEST
Ocean City Inlet Beach, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live music, food, drinks, vendors, live stream of White Marlin Weigh-Ins, and White Marlin Open and Marlin Fest merchandise. No pets allowed. <https://marlinfest.com>

OCEAN CITY TOURISM POP UP AT MARLIN FEST
Marlin Fest, 809 S. 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.

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STORY TIME: PIRATES
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

MONDAY MOVIES AND MUNCHIES
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Sink your teeth into a dino-rrific movie. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, worces-terlibrary.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>.

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

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

Tues., Aug. 4

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merchandise. No pets allowed. <https://marlinfest.com>

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 5-7 p.m. Featuring free food, family fun, games provided by OPA Rec. Dept. Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Police Department, 410-641-7747.

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FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP
Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m. Please register to learn about this month’s meeting location: 410-641-9725, gail.mansell@tidalhealth.org.

DINO ACADEMY: A DINOSAUR DISCOVERY SHOW
Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 10:30 a.m. Featuring life-like, colorful dinosaur puppets, the show blends science, storytelling and imagination in the style of your favorite nature programs. For families. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

STORY YOGA
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Move, stretch and imagine through a playful blend of stories and yoga. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, 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 fingerplays. For ages 0-5 years. 410-641-0650, worces-terlibrary.org

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.

ANGELS IN OILSKINS - A LIVING HISTORY EXPERIENCE
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. A special curated tour of the museum, highlighting the nation’s earliest form of marine rescue. Outside the museum enjoy interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities and live music. 410-289-4991

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

RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES ON THE EASTERN SHORE
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Archaeological sites related to Eastern Shore Tribes, Harriet Tubman and her family, and 18th century occupations will be discussed. 410-524-1818, worces-terlibrary.org

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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/>.

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. Continued on Page 28

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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., Aug. 5

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youtube.com/c/IDoLivestreaming. 410-708-4261, cmacleod@mlg-lawyers.com

MOVIES ON THE BEACH
Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featured movie is "Zootopia 2." Free movies on the beach every Wednesday, June 3-Aug. 12. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Movie lineup:
https://www.ocean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/.

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

PAINT & SIP
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Must be at least 18 years

of age. Register: 410-641-7052.

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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 Wednesday of the month meetings are offsite and in-

formation 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

TAKE AND MAKE: BACK TO SCHOOL FOLDERS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, throughout August. Stop by the library to grab a special monthly take-home craft while supplies last. For families. 410-524-1818

OC READS: 'HUSBANDS & LOVERS' BY BEATRIZ WILLIAMS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Aug. 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



OPEN HOUSES



July 30 - August 6

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	18 79th Street #103, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$610,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 11am-1pm	201 S. Heron Drive #26B, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$549,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 1:30-3pm	779 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$389,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 2-4pm	5907 Atlantic Avenue #205, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	12120 Pimlico Lane, Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$939,000	Sally Todd Stout/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	12 Leigh Drive, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,295,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-Noon	735 Bradley Road #204, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$299,000	Ann Holtz/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10am-1pm	403 14th St #13 Harbour Island, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,259,000	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	12301 Jamaica Ave #351N, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm	24 Stacy Court, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$609,000	Katie Landon/ Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11-1pm	9 127th St #201, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$475,000	Rob & Anne-Marie Bouse/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	1465 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$680,000	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-2pm	37304 Lighthouse Rd #10, West Fenwick/Selbyville, DE	4BR/4BA	Condo	\$959,900	Bryan Baylis/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 1:30-3:30pm	953 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$479,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	17 Sundial Circle, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$449,900	Debbie Hileman/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 1-3pm	6201 Coastal Highway #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,778,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 2-4pm	421 Bayshore Drive #202, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$480,000	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 10am-1pm	403 14th St #13 Harbour Island, Ocean City	3BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$1,259,000	Sandra Dougan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	30847 E Annie Lank Avenue, Milton, DE	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$449,900	Katie Landon/ Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-2pm	2212 Corbett Road, Monkton, MD	5BR/3BA	Single Family	\$850,000	Laurie Duncan/BHHS PenFed Realty
Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$829,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 2-4pm	30847 12300 Jamaica Avenue #209, Ocean City	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$222,900	Shawn Kotwica/Coldwell Banker Realty
Tuesday 10:30am-12:30pm	18 79th Street, #103, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$610,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Tuesday 1-3pm	13700 Coastal Hwy., #202, Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$775,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm	201 S. Heron Drive, #26B, Ocean City	2BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$549,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Thursday 11am-1pm	401-13th Street, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$1,875,000	Tina Dorsey/Coastal Life Realty

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