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Latham, Lehnerd reelected; Peck wins

Activist Peck finishes third to win unfinished two-years of term vacated by Jacobs

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association’s governing body will look different this year after challenger Amy Peck ousted incumbent Elaine Brady in the summer’s board

of directors election.

In the OPA’s 2026 board election, five homeowners campaigned three open seats. The winners were announced Friday afternoon.

Incumbent John Latham, returning director Patrick Lehnerd, and challenger Amy Peck secured the most votes, each earning a place as an Ocean Pines director. Incumbent Elaine Brady and Bill Pickett failed to win a spot on the community board.

Latham, who served as the board’s president this past year, earned 1,503 votes to maintain his seat. Lehnerd, who was appointed in March to fill the seat left by the early resignation of director Steve Jacobs, received 1,473, and Peck garnered 1,421. Brady fell short of holding her position, securing 1,116 ballots, while Pickett received 1,021.

Per a press release issued by the association Latham and Lehnerd will

receive three-year terms. Peck will finish the last two years of the term previously filled by Jacobs, who was reelected last summer but stepped down from the board this past spring.

The successful candidates expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to lead OPA.

“I’d like to thank the homeowners of the OPA for supporting my re-election.”
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CHAMPION OF BREAKFASTS

Joe Porr of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, (foreground) powers through a massive “Pipeline” breakfast from Decatur Diner at the Worcester County Fair Saturday in Snow Hill. For more, go to page 22.

Berlin trims its furniture acquisition

Officials knock thousands off initially proposed price, but bill still tops \$230M

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Following a lengthy discussion Monday night, the Berlin Town Council approved a \$230,000 furniture package to outfit Town Hall once its extensive renovations have been completed.

The council unanimously approved a furniture package from the Canadian company Teknion for an amount not to exceed \$230,951.39.

An art and design portion of the package for the preservation and mounting of historic pieces found in Town Hall ahead of renovations, was reduced from \$16,500 to a maximum of \$10,000.

The decision followed the council’s July vote to table the original furniture proposal, which carried a price tag of \$230,951.39.
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Berlin Council directs staff to slash sidewalk cost share

Town attorney to draft new code, municipality to solely shoulder repair expenses

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) The Berlin Town Council on Monday rejected a motion to clarify its sidewalk cost-share program, and instead directed the town attorney to draft a new ordinance stating that it is the town’s responsibility to finance structural repairs on hazardous walkways.

Last month, the council discussed its sidewalk restoration program. Under a decades-old code, the municipality and the citizen split the expenses equally when either the town or a property owner deemed the sidewalk unsafe.

Following a conversation in July, officials amended that ordinance. Changes included setting a deadline for service procurement rather than a hard due date for completed repairs. This timeframe would also have been extended, increasing the minimum response time from 20 to 45 days and the maximum from 60 to 90 days. The revised code also eliminated permit and fee costs for owners.

However, when the modified code came before the Berlin Town Council Monday night for approval, the council voted to deny passage. Instead, the council directed Town Attorney David Gaskill to repeal the cost-share program and create new standards that make it the town’s responsibility to pay for structural repairs to every sidewalk abutting a town-owned street.

Staff will come back at a later Town Council meeting to propose a new code.

Council members maintained during this week’s discussion that they oppose requiring homeowners to pay for costly sidewalk repairs, even under a 50/50 cost-sharing process.

Councilman Jay Knerr said that walkway renovations are rare for Berlin. As such, when they do come up, the town should bear the financial burden.

“It’s a relatively small problem for the town,” he said. “Given that, I’m not cool with this 50/50 thing...I don’t think it’s fair to put 50/50 on the residents and make them pay for sidewalks on town property.”

Councilman Steve Green agreed. Green added that he was disappointed to see that a hardship provision was not included in the code changes presented, as the council had previously supported it. However, he acknowledged that such a modification could be difficult to codify without specific standards

and definitions of what constitutes financial adversity.

“I’m guessing the hardship couldn’t be figured out,” he said. “We talked about hardships, and I’m guessing it was hard to codify that... We’re going to run into hardship issues constantly. But I see why it wasn’t in here.”

A major driver of the sidewalk dilemma is the Berlin community of Walnut Hill.

Walnut Hill’s sidewalks have been described by residents as dangerous, exacerbated by improper tree planting. While a homeowners association governs the neighborhood, it does not have a reserve account to repair the unstable paths.

This has created a stalemate, with property owners and the municipality at odds over who is responsible for the necessary repairs.

Walnut Hill resident Ron Cascio said that when the community was developed, the streets and sidewalks were turned over to the Town of Berlin. Gaskill, however, maintains that the deed says otherwise.

Monday’s debate also touched on how the town would prioritize sidewalk projects.

Currently, there is \$20,000 in the budget for these initiatives. While not enough to overhaul Walnut Hill’s concerns, Knerr said the work could be completed in phases.

When Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall asked how other hazardous areas would be addressed, Knerr responded that unsafe sidewalks are “such a small problem,” and “Walnut Hill is the exception.”

Later in the meeting, Councilman Jack Orris suggested that a process could be developed to address each district’s sidewalks in different years.

“As an idea... perhaps we can develop a process in which we’re looking district-wise,” he said. “One year is district one and three, then two and four. Then we would also have time to prepare for the needs of that district.”

While Tyndall said that approach would be inefficient, Orris argued the town has to get the ball rolling in some capacity, and, in his mind, asking the taxpayer to shoulder repair costs is unsatisfactory.

“We have to start somewhere,” he said. “I’m not sure that not taking them over is the right way to go. Then we can develop a process.”

A new ordinance will be presented for a first reading at a later date that places the responsibility of sidewalk structural repairs solely on the Town of Berlin. The council maintained that this would only include fixes to crumbling or severely unlevelled paths. Maintenance, such as snow removal, remains the property owner’s responsibility.



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Redistricting amendment heading to ballot

Eastern Shore lawmakers criticize proposal, say it will give Democrats upper hand

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Maryland lawmakers approved a proposed constitutional amendment during a two-day special session last week that will ask voters statewide to change the rules governing how the state’s congressional districts may be drawn.

Lower Eastern Shore elected officials said the change could clear the way for Democratic Party lawmakers to redraw the First Congressional District, which includes all of the Eastern Shore, and potentially eliminate Maryland’s only Republican-held seat.

Rep. Andy Harris, the eight-term incumbent representing the First District, argued the change could strip his constituents of their voice in Washington.

He said he expects opponents to file lawsuits within days over what he described as a rushed effort to place the amendment on the ballot.

“This is not about me,” Harris told OC Today-Dispatch. “This is about disenfranchising the Eastern Shore and disenfranchising Republican vot-

ers based on their political belief.”

Harris also warned that lawmakers could not redraw the First District in isolation. Any effort to weaken it, he predicted, could force changes to Maryland’s 4th and 7th districts, where Black residents make up a majority of the voting population.

The proposal puts a constitutional change on the November ballot. Voters will be asked whether lawmakers should be allowed to draw congressional districts without following state rules meant to keep them compact and within existing political boundaries.

The change would not affect the 2026 congressional election. If voters approve it, lawmakers could use the new rules when drawing a future congressional map.

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38, Worcester) said special sessions should be reserved for emergencies and argued lawmakers were spending time on partisan redistricting while more pressing issues face Maryland residents.

She accused Democratic leaders of

rushing the measure through the legislature, limiting debate, and bypassing the usual deadlines and public review required for ballot questions. Her Senate committee was given only an hour to review the bill before it returned to the full Senate, she said.

“Gerrymandering is wrong, whether it’s in Texas or it’s in Maryland,” said Carozza, a Republican. “Two wrongs don’t make a right.”

The issue has hovered over Annapolis for much of the year. The House approved a new congressional map in February that could have made Harris’ district more favorable to Democrats, but the proposal died after Senate President Bill Ferguson declined to bring it forward in his chamber.

The Eastern Shore delegation voted unanimously this week to oppose the constitutional amendment, according to Carozza and Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C, Worcester). The delegation includes Del. Sheree Sample-Hughes, its only Democratic member.

Hartman said the problem extends

beyond which party wins a particular seat. When district lines are drawn to guarantee one party’s victory, he said, candidates have little reason to appeal to voters in the middle.

“It makes for very partisan policies,” said Hartman. “When your voter base is fixed in such a way, it makes for extreme policy.”

Hartman said he opposes that approach regardless of which party controls the mapmaking.

“I don’t agree with Texas either,” he said. “I don’t agree with any state, whether it’s Democratic or Republican, to gerrymander to this degree.”

Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat, defended the amendment as a necessary response to partisan redistricting in other states. In a statement last Tuesday, he said national reform remains the better answer, but Maryland cannot afford to stand still in the meantime.

“Until that happens, inaction is not an option,” Moore said.

The measure cleared the House 96-38 and the Senate 32-13, surpassing the three-fifths majority required in each chamber to place a constitutional amendment before voters.

Next, the final decision rests with Maryland voters, who will consider the proposed amendment at the ballot box on Nov. 3.

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Rep. Andy Harris

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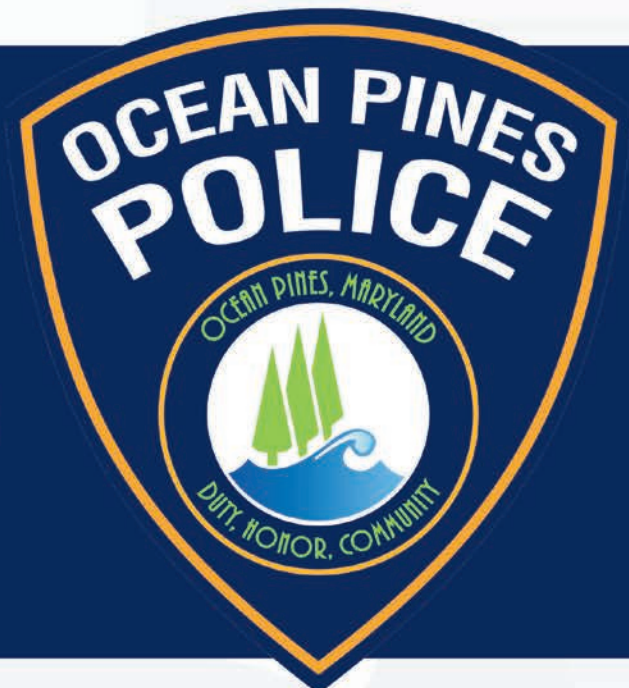
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Latham, Lehnerd, Peck win OPA board seats

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tion for three more years,” Latham told the Bayside Gazette this week. “I am excited to continue to serve our great community. I’d like to thank all the candidates who campaigned.”

Peck took to Facebook to share her thoughts on the election.

“Over the past weeks, I’ve had the chance to talk with so many neighbors about the issues that matter to Ocean Pines, including fiscal responsibility, thoughtful priorities, community input, transparency, and leadership that truly listens,” she wrote. “Those conversations reminded me how much this community cares about its future.”

As for Lehnerd, he noted he’s “thrilled” by the support he received and said he’s excited to continue his work on the board.



John Latham

“I’m looking forward to three years of working with the board and operations and the community to continue to make this the safest place in Maryland and look for opportunities to improve on safety, primarily on our roads for pedestrians and cyclists,” he told the Bayside Gazette on Monday.

And I’m on the communications work group. I think that the board and operations are improving [with communication] as we speak, but there’s always room for further improvement, so I’ll look to see that we continue down that path.”

At Saturday’s annual meeting, OPA Election Committee Chair Steve Ransdell provided some statistics



Patrick Lehnerd

from this year’s voting. Ransdell said that of the roughly 8,500 Ocean Pines property owners, 2,492, or 29%, voted. In last summer’s board election, 2,824 homeowners, or 33%, voted.

Ransdell added that 795 homeowners were not allowed to vote because of unresolved violations by the Compliance, Permit and Inspections Department or because their membership fees were not paid in full by the ballot-casting deadline. About 32% of the 7,756 eligible voters participated in this summer’s election.

Voters had the option to submit their ballots either by paper or electronically. The election committee chair said 1,802 votes were delivered the old-fashioned way while 690 were cast online.

“We can do better,” he said at last week’s meeting. “Please, get involved. At least take the time to go online, click the link and cast your votes so you truly have a say in what these folks do for us.”

Ransdell noted that 146 ballot packets were undeliverable and encouraged residents to keep their contact information current to ensure



Amy Peck

voting materials can be sent to them in the future.

Of those undeliverable ballots, Ransdell said, “Again, wasted money. That gets thrown in the trash. And that’s because

homeowners have not updated their mailing and email address with OPA. I encourage you to do that. You can change it as often as you want ...We strongly encourage you to do that.”

Homeowners can easily update their details on the official Ocean Pines app.

Furthermore, Ransdell urged voters to move away from paper ballots next year and adopt the simpler online option because it saves the association money.

“Every piece of mail that moves in the election, either to you or back from you, costs the association money,” Ransdell said. “The online voting costs us whatever we agreed to pay for that—And its instantaneous results. As the election chairman and as a homeowner, I encourage everyone to vote online. It’s quicker, easier, and less expensive for us.”

The 2026 election outcome was certified at a special board meeting on Tuesday.

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OP reports projects moving along, upkeep work persists

Community holds annual meeting, updates residents on initiatives, OPA upgrades

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) The Ocean Pines Association has spent the previous year maintaining the community's amenities, advancing capital projects, and repairing neighborhood infrastructure, officials reported at the association's annual meeting Saturday.

In addition to gathering to hear the election results, members also are brought up to date on association business and activities.

OPA Senior Director of Administration Linda Martin said the aquatics division had the patio paved at the Sports Core pool last fall and saw the facility's fence reinstalled last spring.

At the Mumford's Landing pool, a concrete pad was installed ahead of summer. The bathrooms at Swim and Racquet were also renovated. Additionally, while swim lessons at the Sports Core pool are at capacity, those interested can contact the association to enroll in fall and winter

sessions.

Martin noted that the community struggled to secure participation for its swim lessons for some time. However, the offering has once again gained popularity.

"The swim lessons are now at capacity," Martin said. "For years there was a lull, but now they're back at capacity."

At the Ocean Pines Beach Club on 49th Street in Ocean City, OPA General Manager John Viola said that palm trees were installed ahead of the warm-weather season, and repairs were done to the building's decking. Damaged boards were replaced, loose panels were nailed down, and painting was touched up.

Viola also reiterated the association's beach club renovation plans. This fall, work will begin to revamp the outdated structure. The general manager said that demolition on the club's exterior and interior is slated for phase one of the project.

Decks and a glass railing are planned for phase two; a set of accordion doors leading out to a new upstairs deck will be installed as part of phase three, and the integration of an ADA-compliant elevator will

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Town trims furniture purchase

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tag of more than \$250,000 and prompted concerns among residents and council members.

Daniele Haley of Haley Architecture, the firm overseeing the Town Hall renovation, returned Monday with three options and recommended the mid-priced Teknion package.

Haley said the initial attempt to reduce the furniture cost resulted in a higher price because the town was receiving deal pricing through Teknion. Therefore, a third option, Three H, was developed. However, the original recommendation was maintained.

"We are still recommending the mid-price one, which is the Teknion," Haley said.

The revised Teknion package totaled \$237,451.36 before the reduction to the art and design package. It included nearly \$120,000 in office, conference and council chamber furniture; \$58,731.32 in conference room, guest and staff seating; \$10,391.40 for council chamber seating; \$29,687.50 for delivery and installation; and \$2,100 for specifications and design.

The art and design package was reduced from the previously proposed \$25,000 in July to \$16,500 that was presented on Monday. Ultimately, the item was capped at \$10,000 by the council.

Haley clarified that the package does not involve purchasing new artwork. Instead, the town wants to preserve existing historical photographs and artwork found during the Town Hall cleanup by digitizing, enlarging, matting, framing, and mounting the pieces.

"It's not going and sourcing artwork," Haley said. "There is some labor involved that professionals will handle."

Councilmember Jay Knerr suggested the town seek grants to cover the preservation work, noting the historical value of the photographs.

However, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyn-
dall said he was skeptical that any such
aid would be available.

Councilmember Jack Orris initially moved to approve the less-expensive Three H furniture package while eliminating the \$16,500 art and design package. That proposal would have reduced the cost to \$197,428.62.

Haley, however, said that sticking with Teknion would ensure quality control, favorable warranty, and durability.

"I would rather cut the art and design than the staff's functionality," Haley said.

The discussion also focused heavily on the durability of the furniture.

Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh said employees frequently go through office chairs because of the amount of use they receive. She pointed to her own approximately eight-year-old office chair, saying it was now causing discomfort.

"We go through chairs like candy," she said.

She said the less-expensive option would provide more basic furniture, including desks with less storage and fewer features.

Council Vice President Dean Burrell questioned whether choosing the cheaper option would actually save the town money in the long term if furniture needed to be replaced sooner.

“Are we really saving if we buy 50 chairs and in four years we have to buy 25 more?” he asked.

Councilman Steve Green noted that through his research, he's found that Three H furniture is adequate for government agencies. He added that this week's presentation was not reduced enough from last month's \$250,000 proposal.

Tyndall said the town had already reduced the original proposal by nearly \$68,000, from approximately \$305,000 when all costs were considered to the revised \$237,451.36 package.

"We have hit the point where we are nickeling and diming over longevity and workability," Tyndall said.

The motion to approve the Three H option failed 2-3, with Orris and Councilmember Shaneka Nichols voting in favor and Green, Burrell, and Knerr opposed.

Green then moved to approve Teknion while reducing the art and design package to \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Haley also said she believed the town could identify approximately \$5,000 in additional savings by removing extra chairs and other furniture that staff finds are unnecessary.

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Solutions eyed as commercial trash mounts in Berlin

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Berlin officials are seeking approval from county government for a larger dumpster on county-owned property to address a buildup of commercial trash the town's public works department says is becoming more than it can handle.

The issue of overflowing waste from downtown businesses was back up for discussion at the Town Council's meeting Monday night.

In July, Berlin Public Works Director Jimmy Charles reported that 11 shared commercial trash containers used by town businesses are consistently overflowing, to the point that lids cannot close and waste ends up on the ground. The issue has persisted since the spring.

According to Charles, this spot on Pitts Street requires twice-a-week trash collection, on Mondays and Fridays, despite the businesses paying only for once a week. He maintained that while the cans should realistically be emptied even more frequently, his crew cannot continue to provide the current rate of service, citing a lack of manpower and increasing waste volume.

The public works director had initially recommended that these businesses seek outside trash collection from private companies. However, an alternate suggestion was agreed upon Monday night.

Marcos Lopez, co-owner of 410 Social, which has four of the 11 Pitts Street cans, came before the Berlin Mayor and Council this week, where he said that his business takes as much waste as it can from the Pitts Street receptacles and moves it to a four-yard dumpster on the Worcester County Dental Center's property. 410 Social shares this garbage bin with a downtown retail operation.

The Salisbury-based Chesapeake Waste Industries empties the dumpster. Lopez said the trash volume exceeds the capacity of the four-yard container, but the dental building's property owner, Worcester County, is opposed to getting a larger bin.

"They don't care for anything larger than [four yards]," Lopez said.

However, to address the trash overflow, the Town of Berlin has suggested advocating for the procurement of an eight-yard dumpster, to be paid for by 410 Social. Under this solution, the town will also continue to offer once-a-week trash collection for the Pitts Street cans.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said his office would email the Worcester County Commissioners this week about securing the new bin. If they are unwilling to compromise, however, Tyndall said a new remedy would need to be presented.

410 Social agreed with the recommendation. However, Lopez added that 410 Social would be willing to pay for a second trash collection from the town, if need be.

Still, the municipality maintained that they cannot continue to provide the twice-a-week pickup.



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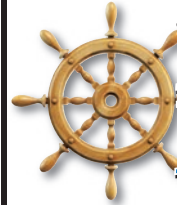




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Ocean Downs owner weighs Berlin casino, racetrack sale

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) The corporate owner of Ocean Downs is considering selling the Berlin casino and race-track as part of a review of its regional gaming properties across the country.

Churchill Downs Inc., the property's Louisville-based owner, disclosed the possible sale in a July 29 filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. It said no decision has been made, no timetable has been established, and there is no guarantee that a transaction will occur.

Churchill Downs also said it does not plan to provide updates on the review unless it determines that disclosure is appropriate or legally required.

The company will be "exploring strategic alternatives for certain wholly owned regional gaming assets," spokesman Breck Thomas-Ross told OC Today-Dispatch in a statement.

He said the review is part of a corporate strategy to reinvest in Churchill Downs racetrack, the Kentucky Derby, and the company's on-line horse racing betting platform, TwinSpires.

The SEC filing identifies eight other Churchill Downs-owned casino and hotel properties across the country as possible sale candidates.

Churchill Downs acquired a controlling interest in Ocean Downs in 2017 and purchased the remaining ownership interest in 2022.

Any new owner seeking to operate the casino or conduct live racing would need state approval.

A casino buyer would need approval to acquire Ocean Downs' gaming license and could be subject to a background investigation. While that ownership review was underway, the casino could continue operating, according to Seth Elkin, a spokesman for the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.

Ocean Downs' casino license was renewed in January, Elkin said. Casino licenses are issued for 15-year periods. He said state regulators have no authority to require the casino and racetrack to be sold together.

The Maryland Racing Commission separately confirmed that the casino

and racetrack legally could be transferred to different owners.

A new owner of the racing license would need commission approval and licensure before conducting race meets, according to a written response from the Maryland Department of Labor.

A racetrack buyer also would inherit obligations that include holding races on dates awarded by the commission, meeting statutory purse-distribution requirements, and complying with applicable agreements with horsemen and breeders.

Other obligations would include following live-racing regulations and maintaining a facility suitable for racing.

The Racing Commission had not received formal notification of any proposed sale as of last Tuesday, according to Labor Department spokeswoman Dinah Winnick.

Located on Route 589, Ocean Downs had operated as a harness-racing track since 1949 before adding slot machines in 2011. Table games like blackjack and roulette followed in 2017. Today, the casino has about 900 slot machines and 17 table games.

In June, Ocean Downs generated nearly \$9 million from slot machines and table games, an increase of 4.3% from June 2025, according to the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.

About 350 people work at the casino and racetrack. The property also has faced recent labor tensions, including an effort by table-game dealers to unionize that began last year.

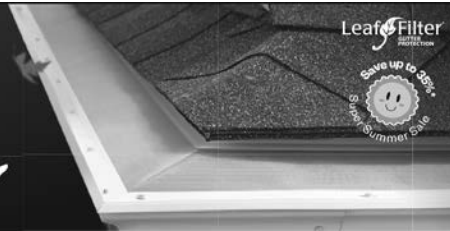
It remains unclear whether Churchill Downs has begun contacting prospective buyers or what a sale could mean for Ocean Downs employees and future racing operations.

Thomas-Ross did not answer questions about whether the company anticipates layoffs or hiring freezes or whether it has notified Maryland regulators.

Ocean Downs General Manager Bobbi Jones and the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association, which represents horsemen and trainers, did not respond to emailed requests for comment.

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Officials to meet over jail, pharmacy dispute

County reps willing to meet with pharmacy owner, town over health care contract

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Worcester County officials are willing to sit down to discuss how to restore Snow Hill Pharmacy's longtime jail business, as long as the pharmacy owner can resume negotiations with the jail's medical contractor.

"We really want to sit around the table and do true collaboration to make this work for the best interests of everybody," Town Manager Rick Pollitt said at the Snow Hill Town Council's July 28 work session.

Pollitt said three county commissioners are willing to take part in a

meeting with town, pharmacy, and community representatives. He did not name them, saying County Administrator Weston Young gave him the update during a nearly two-hour meeting July 24.

In December, CFG Health took over as the contracted health care provider at the Worcester County Jail. Pharmacy services were included in its contract.

Upon taking over, the company continued using Snow Hill Pharmacy for several months. But by late May, after months of payment and contract disputes, the arrangement collapsed.

Pollitt told the council that the pharmacy and CFG had exchanged proposals but remained "miles apart" before Snow Hill Pharmacy owner Jeff Sherr ended negotiations.

Sherr disputed that characterization. In a July 9 interview, he said CFG had fallen more than \$100,000 behind on its bills, forcing the pharmacy to borrow against a line of credit to pay its own suppliers.

Sherr said he notified CFG on May 20 that the pharmacy would no longer extend credit and would instead require payment upon delivery. CFG then moved the jail's prescriptions to Correct Rx, a national pharmacy company it uses at other correctional facilities.

"I'm not turning down the fact that we're willing to fill the prescriptions," Sherr said. "I'm just saying, 'I'm not giving you any more credit because you've exhausted everything that I can do.'"

Even then, Sherr said he remained willing to resume doing business

with CFG under workable terms, despite expecting a strained relationship.

"There's gotta be a compromise that we can come up with that would make it a win-win for everybody," he said. "It's not who gets the better end of the deal, but how do we create a win-win?"

Before the county changed medical contractors, Snow Hill Pharmacy billed Worcester County directly for inmate medications under a handshake deal struck with a former warden.

Pollitt said Young told him the county could not simply restore that arrangement because the service would now have to be put out for bid.

"Of course, the concern was that if Snow Hill Pharmacy had to bid against some of the larger chains, it would be a challenge for them," Pollitt said.

The county also remains concerned about after-hours access to medications.

Pollitt said inmates may have to be transported to a hospital or another medical facility when the pharmacy is closed at night or on weekends, requiring correctional officers to leave the jail as escorts.

If Sherr can address the 24/7 service issue, it could represent "a big step forward" in reviving negotiations, Pollitt said.

Sherr said his Apple Discount Drugs in Fruitland already has pharmacists on call to serve Coastal Hospice.

"If that's what they need, then we could continue to do that," Sherr said. "It wouldn't be a problem."

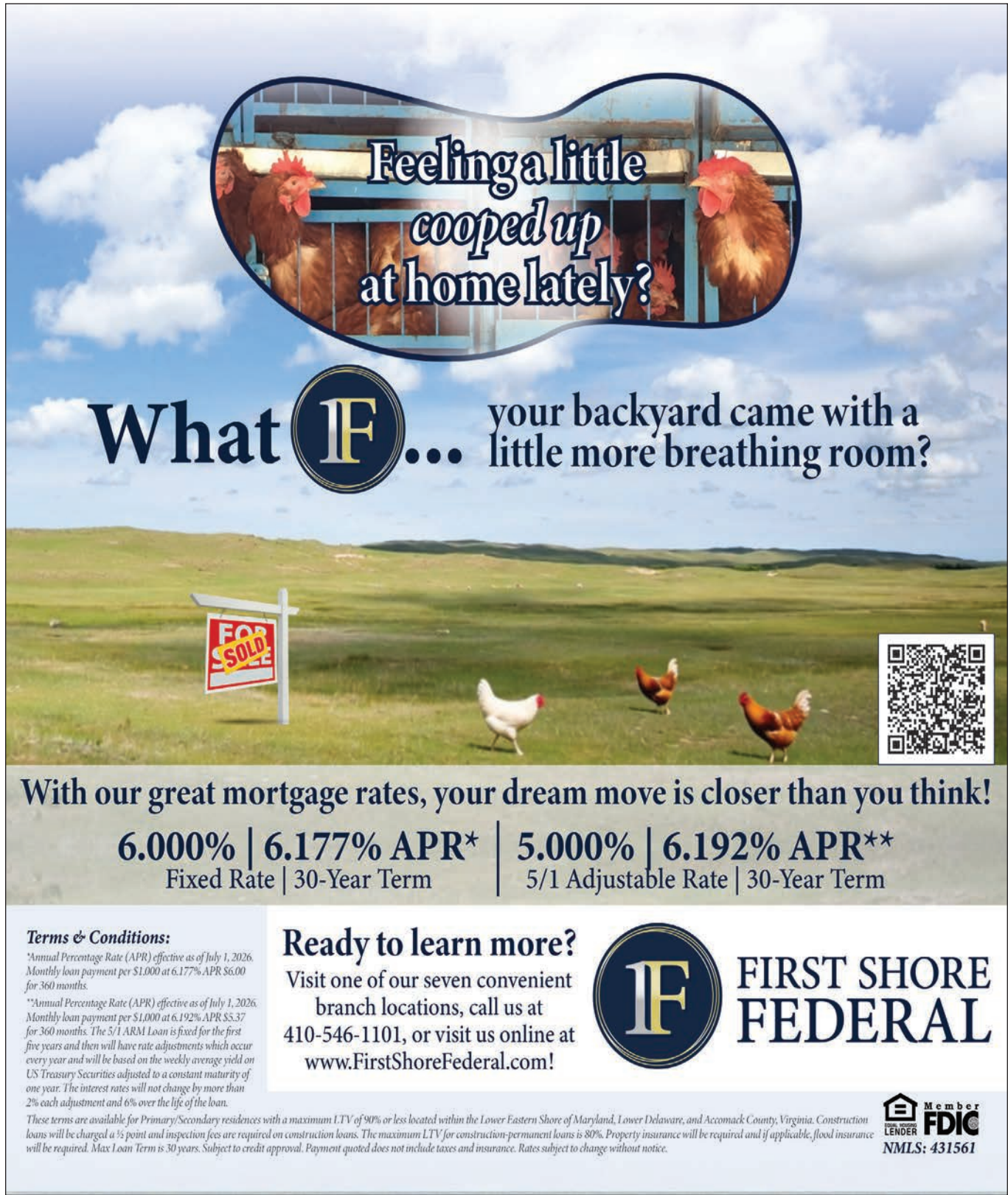
At the July 28 meeting, Councilman Aaron Lumpkins questioned why the lack of around-the-clock service had become an obstacle after the pharmacy supplied the jail for nearly three decades.

"The 24/7 seems to be the issue they're sitting on, but it wasn't an issue for 27 years," Lumpkins said. "This doesn't make sense."

Pollitt said he planned to meet with Sherr first. If Sherr agrees to reopen negotiations, the town would begin arranging the larger meeting. Only one Snow Hill council member would attend to avoid creating a quorum. Councilman Ethan Shockley volunteered to represent the town.

In the meantime, Snow Hill Pharmacy has made a change to a planned two-day reduction in operating hours, which Sherr announced in anticipation of losing revenue from the jail business.

The store previously announced it would close Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning Aug. 1. However, Sherr has since decided to continue operating on Saturdays based on customer feedback. The Market Street storefront will remain closed on Wednesdays.



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Giant food store to open by end of year, developer says

Coastal Square to include Dash In, Wendy's, more as site construction continues

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) The long-awaited Giant supermarket under construction at Coastal Square is expected to open its doors by the end of the year, while its planned apartment complex remains delayed, according to the developer.

Interior work has begun on the roughly 60,000-square-foot grocery store at the intersection of Routes 50 and 589. Construction of surrounding retail buildings is also progressing, and those buildings are expected to be roofed in the next six weeks.

Site work remains ongoing throughout the development, according to Zach Busby, a spokesman for developer Capano Management.

Busby said signed leases are in place for the Dash In and Wendy's pad sites, while the developer remains in advanced discussions with an automotive service provider and an international coffee company.

Capano has publicly advertised Starbucks, Dash In, Wendy's, and Valvoline as tenants at Coastal Square.

Five spaces in the center's inline retail buildings have also been reserved, Busby said, with additional interest in the remaining storefronts.

The supermarket opening would mark a major milestone for a project that has moved through county, state, and federal reviews over the course of several years. The Worcester County Commissioners approved the original shopping center site plan in late 2023.

Plans expanded in 2024 when the developer promised to add 168 apartments to the western side of the 49-acre property. Under the original plan, that portion of the site had been left undeveloped.

Federal environmental review continued into 2025 because construction would affect nearly an acre of nontidal wetlands and an agricultural drainage ditch.

Roadwork began last fall. The project includes widening and resurfacing portions of Route 50, stormwater improvements, and converting the intersection of Routes 50 and 589 into a four-way junction that extends Route 589 directly into Coastal Square.

The State Highway Administration also said the project would include removing the traffic signal at nearby Brader Lane, the Route 50 entrance leading toward McDonald's.

The residential portion, however, has fallen behind schedule. In late 2024, the developer said construction of a planned apartment complex

could begin by the end of 2025 and would last about 14 months.

More than a year later, the apartments are still wrapped up in the county approval process. Plans call for 168 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units spread across seven three-story apartment buildings.

Busby said that portion cannot advance until tenants have committed to additional commercial pad sites, leaving the developer without a construction schedule, or projected opening date.

That stipulation comes from Worcester County, which modified its zoning code in 2023 to say that multi-family units in a highway-fronted commercial district require up to 65% or more of the land area to be improved with commercial uses, according to planning director Jennifer Keener.

Earlier plans called for about 120,000 square feet of commercial space, with Giant occupying roughly half of that, along with additional storefronts and freestanding businesses along Route 50.

Samuel Bowen Boulevard is also planned to extend west from the neighboring Ocean Landings shopping center into Coastal Square.

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OPA doles out annual Sam Wilkinson Award

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Ocean Pines resident Jeanette Latzo was named the Ocean Pines Association Recreation and Parks Department’s volunteer of the year at Saturday’s annual meeting.

Citing Latzo’s continued dedication to community engagement, Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue presented the Sam Wilkinson Award to Latzo.

The recognition honors a neighborhood volunteer who, over the past year, has shown themselves to be a pillar in creating OPA events and fostering positive public participation.

According to Donahue, Latzo has donated countless hours to the community’s recreation and parks team. She has volunteered at programs such as the annual Easter and Christmas breakfasts, serving concessions at the summer’s weekly Concerts in the Park, and at P.E.P. Club events. The Ocean Pines P.E.P. Club is a social organization for adults with developmental disabilities.

“She does a lot of different other tasks, and sometimes she just comes and does things to keep me on track. That’s a chore in itself, let me tell you,” Donahue said. “... She is our personal little rock star.”

Latzo has also been a member of the Delmarva Chorus for 23 years and an active volunteer at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, where she serves as fellowship chair and helps organize events.

Ocean Pines recognizes a standout volunteer annually with the Sam Wilkinson Award.

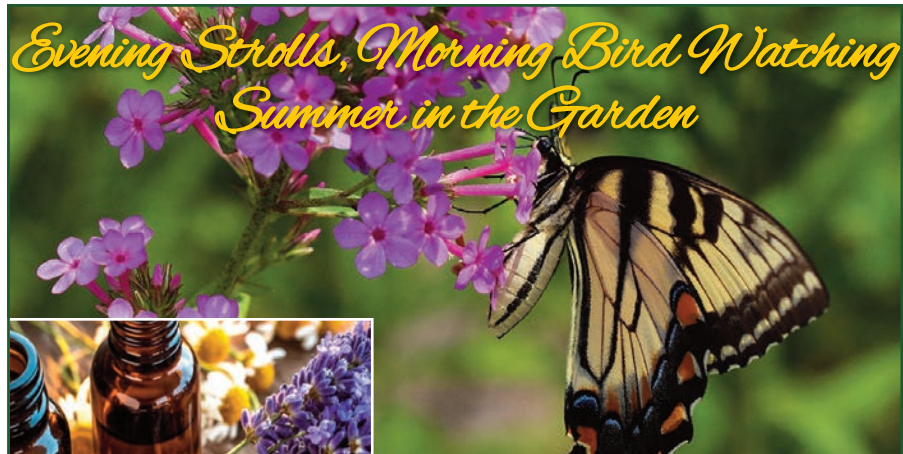
The accolade was created to honor Sam Wilkinson, an Ocean Pines community member who, in 2003, at the age of 8 years old, tragically lost his life. Sam’s father, Bob, was also a volunteer for OPA’s recreation and parks, coaching soccer.

“As a way to honor the memory of Sam and to honor the Wilkinson family for their dedication to Ocean Pines recreation and parks, this award was established to recognize other outstanding individuals who dedicated their time and talents to help others,” Donahue said.



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Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue presents Jeanette Latzo with the annual Sam Wilkinson Award for her volunteerism within the Ocean Pines community.

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Snow Hill preps for Main Street designation

Officials seek direction for marketing district; choice to require community input

By **Brian Shane**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) Snow Hill could lean harder into arts and entertainment. Or it could shape its downtown economy around paddling, fishing, hunting, and outdoor tourism.

Whatever the answer, town officials say they will need to choose a direction as part of a bigger decision: What should Snow Hill’s Main Street district be known for?

“Anytime you go somewhere to a neighborhood or to a small town, you often will get kind of like a vibe, right? A feeling of what is that place all about,” Economic Development and Main Street Manager Jennifer Demas told the Town Council on July 28.

Snow Hill is participating in Maryland’s state-run Main Street program, which helps towns strengthen their downtown business districts.

The program aims to help towns convert their identity into a healthier

downtown – one with fewer empty buildings, more businesses and jobs, and a clearer reason for people to visit and shop.

“It really is about, again, focusing down to ideally one sort of core identity that we want to promote for Snow Hill,” Demas said.

Council members at the meeting inquired about the program’s board structure and downtown boundaries, but they did not weigh in on which transformation strategy Snow Hill should pursue, and no path forward was selected.

Now recognized as an aspiring Main Street community, Snow Hill is about six months into a two-year state training program, Demas said.

She said the town expects to apply for full Main Street designation in 2027, with hopes of receiving it by the end of that year. Full designation

would increase its annual Main Street Improvement Grant to about \$34,000.

To get there, the town must develop what the program calls a transformation strategy – a focused plan that would guide business recruitment, marketing, downtown improvements, events, and other investments.

Demas said Snow Hill already has an arts and entertainment district, historic character, and an active volunteer organization in Downtown Snow Hill. She also raised outdoor recreation and tourism as another possible direction.

The next step? Figuring out which of those should be the new centerpiece.

If Snow Hill chose arts and entertainment, its economic development efforts could focus on attracting artists and arts-related businesses,

while promotional work could tell the stories of artists already working in town.

A recreation and tourism strategy could instead focus on attracting businesses and visitors connected to paddling, hunting, fishing, and similar outdoorsy activities.

An eventual choice would require broader community involvement before the town and Downtown Snow Hill turn it into a detailed work plan, Demas added.

Snow Hill must also show continued support from the mayor and council, maintain a Main Street manager, dedicate funding to the program, and track its progress. Those measurements would include the number of occupied and vacant buildings, jobs created or lost, public and private investment, and volunteer participation.

Moving forward, Demas said enforcement of the town’s ordinance on vacant properties will also be important. That’s because empty or neglected buildings work against the central goal of putting properties back into use and strengthening the local economy.

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Pines residents say thank you to local firefighters

Citizens of The Park at OP host dinner for fire teams

By Karen Kaplan
Contribute Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) For the second year in a row, Parke residents enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves — and fired up their ovens — to show their appreciation for the nearly 50 volunteers and staff of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

On August 4, residents gathered for a special Firehouse Potluck Dinner, preparing and serving a delicious homemade feast. Organizers Mary Shelsby, Beverly Fortune, and Kathy Burleson once again did an amazing job organizing the event, scheduling staggered food drop-offs at the Asateague Room, where the firefighters were holding their monthly meeting. A team of Parke volunteers worked behind the scenes to coordinate, transport and serve the feast, making sure everything came together smoothly.

Residents contributed an abundance of home-cooked dishes, mouth-watering baked goods and plenty of community spirit. And for those who couldn't bring a dish, there was another way to pitch in — there was still an opportunity to participate — many made generous donations to help make the evening special.

The generosity didn't stop at the dinner table. Mary Shelsby presented the fire department with a \$1,520 donation on behalf of the Parke community. OPFD President Joe Enste expressed his appreciation, saying the department was grateful for the recognition, the generous donation and the beautiful dinner prepared by Parke residents.

It was an evening filled with food, fellowship and gratitude—and a wonderful example of neighbors coming together to support those who serve and protect our community. The enthusiastic response from residents has made the Firehouse Potluck Dinner a second-year tradition with plenty of heart—and hopefully one that will continue for years to come.

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Worcester County Fair



The Worcester County Fair was held last weekend at John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill. The event, produced by Worcester County Recreation and Parks, celebrated the county's agricultural heritage with livestock exhibits, 4-H cooking, robot and drone demonstrations, live music, contests, and more. The winner of the Pipeline eating contest on Saturday morning (pictured below) was Joe Porr of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This is the third consecutive win for Porr. Each of the Pipelines, provided by Decatur Diner off Route 611, includes a dozen eggs, home fries, onions, sausage, cheese and a gravy topping. Porr finished his in three minutes and 39 seconds.

STEVE GREEN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Local woman self-publishes new adult fantasy romance

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 13, 2026) A Worcester County woman has turned an idea that came to her during a long car ride into a published novel.

Erin Timmons, daughter of Dumser's Dairyland owner Don Timmons and a 2010 graduate of Worcester Preparatory School, self-published her debut book, "The Slayer's Dragon," on June 22. The new adult fantasy romance is now available through Amazon.

After graduating from Worcester Prep, Timmons attended the Savannah College of Art and Design with plans to make graphic novels. But while working on "The Slayer's Dragon," she discovered that she enjoyed writing the story more than creating it as a sequential art experience.

Timmons said the idea for the book came to her during the long drive from Florida to Maryland.

"I was listening to music and an idea popped into my head and I let it grow from there the whole car ride," Timmons said. "Thinking, who are these characters, how did they get here, where do they go from here? And it just kind of played out in my head."

When she arrived home, she began writing. She completed the first draft in about a week and a half.

Timmons started the project in 2018, but it was during the past two years that she returned to the story and worked toward completing it for publication. That process included hiring an editor, formatting the book, and creating a cover design.

She found her editor, Jennifer Rees, through Reedsy, a website that connects authors with publishing professionals. Rees has also worked as an editor on books like the mega-hit, "The Hunger Games."

Timmons ultimately decided to self-publish through Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing after briefly exploring traditional publishing.

"I did try traditional publishing, but I found that I really didn't enjoy it," she said. "You have to query an agent, and I found I didn't enjoy that process."

Although self-publishing required Timmons to handle much of the process herself and hire professionals for various aspects of production, she said she preferred having control over her work.

She hired a formatter to prepare the book for e-book, paperback, and hardcover editions. Timmons created the character art for the cover, while hiring someone to create the background art and prepare the final picture. She also relied on YouTube tutorials to learn how to navigate Amazon's publishing platform.

According to the novel's synopsis



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"The Slayer's Dragon" by Erin Timmons, a Worcester County resident, is now available for purchase on Amazon.

on Amazon, the story follows Briana, a self-proclaimed beast slayer who takes a dangerous job after her father becomes ill and she needs money to purchase his medicine. She is hired to kill a monster living in a castle, only to discover that the "monster" is actually a man named Westley.

Westley is cursed to be a man at night and a dragon during the day. The two set off together on a dangerous journey as they attempt to discover who wants Westley dead.

Timmons said that the book's tone was inspired by "The Princess Bride" and Disney's Renaissance era, but with a more PG-13 feel.

"It is a new adult fantasy romance with plenty of humor in it," she added.

Timmons said the experience has also inspired her to continue writing. She has already completed a second book set in the same world. She is waiting to send it to an editor while family and friends read it and provide feedback.

Timmons said that she hopes her experience will encourage other aspiring authors to consider self-publishing.

"I really encourage people to look into self-publishing," she said. "I know it doesn't get quite as much attention as traditional publishing, especially in bookstores. From my experience, there's some really good books out there and authors out there who are working really hard to self-publish."

"The Slayer's Dragon" is available on Amazon. Timmons also has signed physical copies available at Dumser's Dairyland on 123rd Street in Ocean City, where she works as a hostess.

An audiobook edition is scheduled to be released on Amazon in September and will feature duet narration.



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Andrea Juelg Schlottman passed away on August 15, 2025, and is missed by many. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard ("Dickie") Schlottman, who died in 2001. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Lacy; her stepchildren, Lindsay, Kathleen, Dee, and Hank; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Andrea worked as a librarian for decades, developing many lifelong friendships, including with Karen, Greg, and Pat. She also loved art and fashion and was both a painter and a poet.

Andrea loved dogs and had several German Shepherds over the years. Her last dog, Callie, died in her arms.

She adored reading, Orioles baseball, Jeopardy!, and Finding Your Roots. In 2024, Andrea moved to the cozy assisted living home Guiding Hands in Berlin. There, she became a beacon of light, always greeting residents and staff with a smile. She loved conversation and quickly became friends with everyone.

Her favorite board game was backgammon. She taught the game to a young volunteer at Guiding Hands, Maddie, who quickly learned to play and became a formidable opponent—a challenge that delighted Andrea.

Everyone who knew Andrea was drawn to her kindness and compassion. Her unexpected death in 2025 has left lasting sadness in the hearts of those who loved her. We miss her smile, her joy, and her kindness.

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Opinion

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

Town Hall furnishing expense sounds right

The amount of money the Town of Berlin intends to spend on furniture when it outfits its newly renovated Town Hall might sound somewhat over the top, but it is decidedly mid-range to budget level, according to statistics compiled by commercial vendors.

Whether calculations are based on an office’s square footage or the cost per person, the resulting price estimates fall close to the number the mayor and Town Council approved this week.

Even then, the price tag of a purchase doesn’t tell a complete story. Also to be considered, according to commercial vendors and advisors, is the cost of ownership over a specific length of time.

As the selected company, Teknion of Toronto, Canada, says on its web site, a cheap task chair might be \$300, but there’s a reasonable chance it will need to be replaced in four years. That means the chair actually costs \$75 a year.

A \$700 Teknion chair, however, is pricey up front but is expected to last 12 years. That comes to \$58 a year, so in that respect it’s the better deal.

But all this is beside the point. It simply doesn’t make sense to completely overhaul the interior of an 11,200-square-foot seat of local government, dress it up so it’s the best it has looked in decades, and then fill it with particle board desks, low durability chairs and leftovers from the old office.

Although the idea of going cheap on outfitting the town’s upgraded space will appeal to those who believe government should operate with string, bailing wire and duct tape, the people who work for government must be considered as well.

Like any other working person who is expected to care about the jobs they do, they need decent surroundings in which to work.

It sounds as if this purchasing plan will do that at a price that’s entirely reasonable if spread out over the next 10 years.

Letters

Commissioners must stay united

Editor,

I read the article in the Aug. 6 Bayside Gazette, “Bertino give-back plan fails” and it concerns me. I learn what is going on in county government only by reading the newspapers. The comment from Commissioner Mitrecic about bankrupting the county [to liquidate the county’s \$15.2 million budget stabilization fund], caught my attention. I seem to remember that same commissioner, along with the majority, voting to spend \$17 million, on a piece of land for a sports complex.

- And this was before engineering and business case analyses were completed.
- And who determined that the fair market value of that property was \$17 million?
- This purchase decision followed that same majority’s approval of funding to Snow Hill, to purchase an un-seaworthy paddle wheel boat. At least the ship’s name was partially correct: The Black Eye.
- This came at the time when the financial impacts of the Blueprint for Education were yet to be determined.

Bottom Line: It is my perception that by conserving that \$17 million [albeit through a referendum vote], the county was in a strong position to respond to the yet-to-be-determined financial impacts of the Blueprint. This reflected the mature answer to the question, “Is it a

want or a need?” Sound school budgets are a “need.” A sports complex and the paddle wheel boat are “wants.”

The demonstrated decision making skills of those majority commissioners disappoint me greatly. As a former Aviation Program R & D Director with the Army, and then Program Manager with the Navy, I’d be sent packing, if I asked either Service’s leaders or DoD for funds, with no substantive analyses or planning & implementation milestones. If it weren’t for Commissioners Bertino and Bunting, then the county would be spending on poorly researched projects – USING MY TAX DOLLARS. That is wrong, and I expect better of all commissioners.

The article only touched on the reason for this Budget Stabilization Fund, which started in 2007-2008. What was the intent and has it outlived that intent? It seems so. Too many government plans take on an enduring life of their own. I commend Commissioner Bertino for bringing this issue to the forefront. It appears to me that it is another Reserve Fund.

- Perhaps it should be rolled into that account.
- If it is liquidated, I agree with Commissioner Mitrecic, that it could be used to more broadly benefit those that paid into it.
- But thanks to Commissioner Bertino, that topic is on the table, and in public view.

Commissioner Mitrecic’s other comment, “I’ll guaran-

tee you this: Anybody who votes for this, I will do everything I can to make sure their district gets zero moving forward.” Oh really?

Stop sounding like an ignorant thug and serve all county residents and taxpayers fairly and equally. We need all commissioners to stay united and strong, focusing our collective energies toward Annapolis.

J. Craig Tallman
Berlin

Renting still a good option on Delmarva

Editor,

I live on the Delmarva Peninsula and realize our area has some of the finest home developers and real estate firms around.

What I find a little disturbing, however, is the practice by one builder-real estate developer that implies the only type of housing on Delmarva is home ownership. With home prices in the stratosphere many people, especially seniors like myself, need to rent rather than buy. Also, many seniors are not physically or financially able to maintain homes they own. I was a homeowner for many years and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. However, for the above reasons, when I moved to Delmarva I chose to rent, and, after seven years, I have little or no regrets. I believe everyone has their own needs and desires and one should not be attacked for the choices he or she makes.

Bob Faszczewski
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Bank provides funding to nonprofits

Taylor Bank awards \$15,000 to groups serving their areas

(Aug. 13, 2026) Taylor Bank announced the recipients of its 2026 For Good Fund grants, awarding a total of \$15,000 to three nonprofit

organizations that are creating meaningful change in communities across Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. Each organization received a \$5,000 grant to support programs that strengthen families, expand educational opportunities, and improve long-term community well-being.

The annual For Good Fund grants reflects Taylor Bank’s commitment to investing in local organizations that address critical community needs and create opportunities for individuals and families to thrive. One non-

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profit was selected from each state within Taylor Bank's service area based on the potential impact of its proposed project.

"At Taylor Bank, we believe some of the most meaningful community impact begins at the local level," said Peyton Goslee, Market Branch Manager & Relationship Officer and Chair of Taylor Bank's Giving Committee. "Through our For Good Fund grants, we are proud to support organizations that are helping families overcome challenges, equipping young people with essential life skills, and creating pathways to brighter futures. These recipients embody the spirit of community service and innovation that makes our region stronger."

The Maryland recipient was the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center's Family and Child Stabilization Assistance. The Worcester County Child Advocacy Center will use its grant to provide direct stabilization assistance to children and families affected by abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other traumatic experiences. Funding will help address urgent needs such as transportation, food, clothing, hygiene items, and emergency household expenses that can create barriers to accessing critical services. By helping families navigate

immediate challenges, the program supports greater access to advocacy services, medical care, trauma therapy, and other resources essential to healing and recovery.

The Delaware awardee was the First State Community Action Agency (FSCAA) and its Future Ready: Financial Literacy for Sussex County Youth

First State Community Action Agency will use its grant to launch Future Ready, a financial literacy initiative designed to equip approximately 125 Sussex County youth with practical money management skills. Through existing youth programs, participants will learn age-appropriate concepts such as budgeting, saving, banking, responsible spending, goal setting, and financial independence. The initiative also incorporates a whole-family approach, creating opportunities for parents and caregivers to reinforce financial education and promote long-term household stability.

The Virginia recipient was the Community Development Training Center's FUEL Academy (Financial Understanding, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership for Youth)

The Community Development Training Center will use its grant to implement Project FUEL Academy, an eight-week youth development program serving children ages 8 to 14



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The Worcester County Child Advocacy Center was one of the organizations to receive \$5,000 from Taylor Bank. The group will use the money to help children and families in need.

from limited-resource families. The program combines financial literacy, entrepreneurship, career exploration, leadership development, and public speaking through interactive workshops, hands-on activities, community tours, and family engagement opportunities. Participants will strengthen critical life skills while exploring future career pathways and showcasing their accomplishments during a culminating Family Celebration and Youth

Showcase.
Through the For Good Fund, Taylor Bank continues its longstanding commitment to supporting organizations that enhance the quality of life throughout the communities it serves. By investing in programs that empower youth, strengthen families, and promote financial well-being, the bank seeks to help build stronger, more resilient communities across the Delmarva region.

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BY RALPH SHARAGA AND DOUG PETERSON/ EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

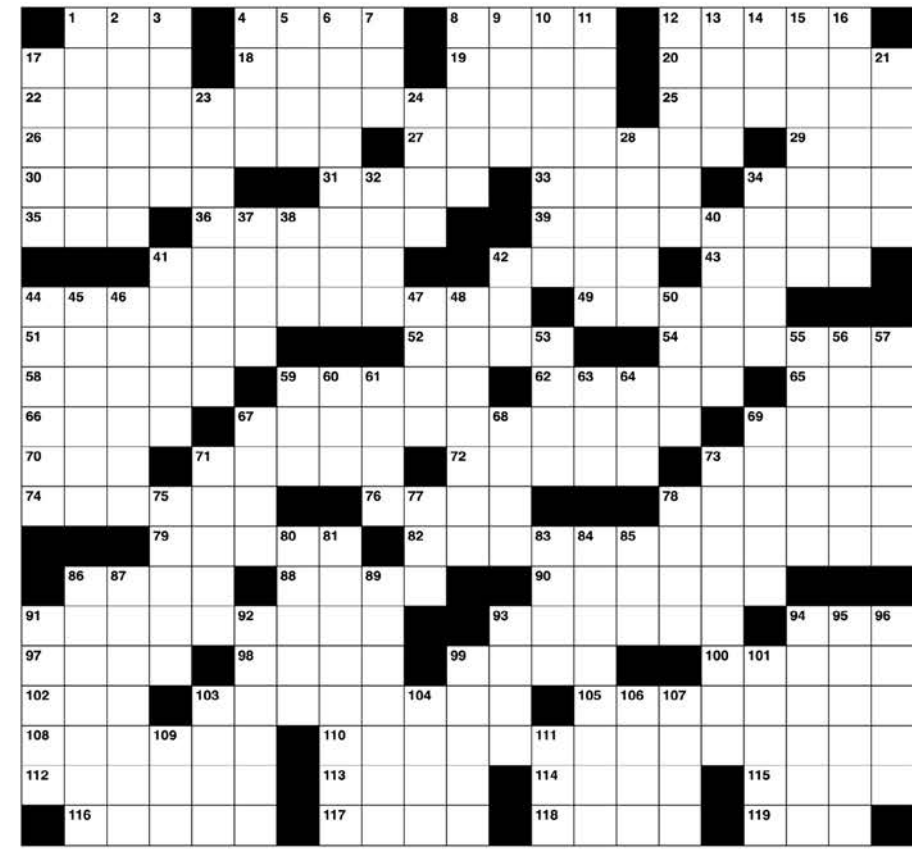
Ralph Sharaga, of Belmont, Mass., is “a mostly retired comedy writer.” New York Jets fans may know his name from the Jets podcast he and a couple of friends have been doing for 20 years. (He says that’s “more frustrating than filling a tough grid.”) This is Ralph’s first crossword for The Times, which he made in collaboration with the Times veteran Doug Peterson, of Pasadena, Calif. Weirdly enough, Ralph is making his crossword debut in The Los Angeles Times today too. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Pen name
4 Garment whose name is a homophone for a board game
8 Keywords accompanying a YouTube video, say
12 Bellyaches
17 Listing of what’s on tap
18 Story
19 It’s right around the present
20 Phone notifications
22 “For our ad, how should we list the car that we found in the ditch?”
25 Massachusetts city named for a colonial patriot
26 Like phone numbers in infomercials
27 Team players
29 Boggy place
30 Rightmost word on the front of a penny
31 Their horns don’t honk
33 Kerfuffles
34 Moccasin decoration
35 “Physics is like ____: Sure, it may give some practical results, but that’s not why we do it” (quote attributed to Richard Feynman)
36 Ankle part

DOWN
39 “... and how do we add that it was just struck by lightning?”
41 “You will be ____”
42 What’s to be with Québec?
43 Focus of many a small private college
44 “... and that the tailpipe is dragging on the ground?”
49 19th-century school item
51 Emulates Cicero
52 Food or water
54 Cover with a black rectangle, say
58 Useful pointers?
59 Rascal
62 Tech models since 1998
65 Country with the all-time greatest number of medals at the Winter Olympics: Abbr.
66 Quickbeam and Leaflock, in fantasy
67 “... and what about the leaky roof?”
69 Point of intersection
70 “Here ____!”
71 Mideast language
72 Surprising result
73 Pretend
74 Achilles, e.g.
76 Family nickname comparable to the Yiddish “Bubbe”
78 Smooth, now
79 Gains prominence
82 “... and the broken door locks?”
86 “____ just in ...”
88 Big name in plastic

ACROSS
90 Rudimentary seeds
91 “... and the defective speaker system?”
93 Rudimentary
94 Calling card, for short?
97 Safari destinations?
98 Drink in a red, white and blue cup
99 Donahue on TV Guide’s list of “50 Greatest TV Stars of All Time”
100 Yemeni neighbor
102 Old gridiron org. for the Boston Patriots
103 End of “Our Town” or “A Doll’s House”
105 Spectacular flops
108 Upholsterer’s sample
110 “... and finally, the missing front tires?”
112 Capital of Zimbabwe
113 Pupil’s surroundings
114 Like toms and drakes
115 State as fact
116 U-Haul alternative
117 Legend who occasionally used his head to achieve greatness
118 SoCal sch.
119 Pink part of a Mr. Potato Head set

DOWN
1 Caption below the first of two photos
2 Opposite of exodus
3 Dumbbell exercises
4 Giant or dwarf
5 ____-de-camp
6 Backs out, say
7 Indignation
8 Ninnies
9 What someone flat-footed lacks
10 Like an honorable knight
11 They might be on one’s radar
12 Pet
13 Porters, for example
14 Race prior to a race?
15 Fifth-year student leader at Hogwarts
16 Barely runs?
17 Fruit snack brand
21 Excites
23 Again and again, in verse
24 Over-the-top performers
28 Item on a rack
32 Mercedes alternative
34 Idly doodling, maybe
37 How the car in this puzzle’s theme would be sold
38 Blog feed letters
40 Disrelishes and then some
41 Hands (out)
42 Linguistic suffix
44 “Fabulous!”
45 It has a rind but supposedly no rhyme
46 Deliberately malicious
47 Opposite of “You’ll pay for that!”
48 God who aids the Trojan fleet in the first book of the “Aeneid”
50 Long stories have them
53 Runs out of gas



- 55 Divinely elect
56 Old yellor?
57 Faddish
59 California’s Big ____
60 Keeps in the loop, electronically
61 Similar (to)
63 Pioneering astronaut
64 “The Good Wife” figure: Abbr.
67 Declares off limits
68 Fix a litter problem?
69 Show signs

71 Palm off (on)
73 Mooch
75 Hangs on a clothesline
77 Isis Naija Gaston, ____
78 Madonna’s “La ____ Bonita”
80 Kick out
81 Planned detour
83 “Shark Tank” shark
Greiner
84 Horror franchise that includes 1992’s “Army of Darkness”

85 It all adds up to this
86 “West Side Story” conflict
87 Edmund who wrote “View From the Summit”
89 “Now, wait just one minute!”
91 Suppress
92 Like cheesecake vis-à-vis sponge cake
93 “That was a close one!”
94 What wets the appetite?

95 “The idea!”
96 Penny pincher
99 Intrinsically
101 Jazz singer Carmen
103 Part of a plot, at times
104 The third one is dangerous
106 Once-common fish in the Thames
107 Veal cordon ____
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111 Inits. at sea

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	6		8	9		
	2				3	6
	9			8		
3	7		4		5	2
				3		5
		2	1			3
				5	2	8
	3					2

Answers to last week’s puzzles

3	7	8	6	5	1	4	2	9
4	9	6	7	3	2	1	8	5
2	5	1	8	9	4	6	7	3
7	3	5	9	4	6	8	1	2
6	1	4	5	2	8	9	3	7
9	8	2	3	1	7	5	6	4
1	4	3	2	8	9	7	5	6
8	2	7	4	6	5	3	9	1
5	6	9	1	7	3	2	4	8

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ELIDE	THATS	TOWROPE
RECUSES	IMSAD	MEADE
IMO	LIKEMAGIC	RIO
VETS	APEDOM	DUO
ENTHALPY	NES	INASENSE
STAD	YUM	MANNER
DEAN		
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Aug. 13

CAPT. STEVE HARMAN'S POOR GIRLS OPEN
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. A ladies-only billfish release tournament benefiting breast cancer research. Weigh-ins held daily from 4-9 p.m. at Bahia Marina. Vendors, raffles, tournament merch and more. <http://poorgirlsopen.com>

SUNSET PARK CONCERTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Crash The Limo.” 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 “String Buzzards.” Food for sale. BYOB welcome. 410-641-7052

STORY TIME: MO WILLEMS
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

COASTAL WILDS MOBILE ZOO CREW
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Learn cool facts, ask questions, and get up close with unique animals in this fun and educational event. For families. 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, worcesterlibrary.org

ROY ORBISON: BEHIND THE SHADES
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett to discuss his life and unforgettable voice in what would have been his 90th year. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

COASTAL WILDS MOBILE ZOO CREW
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 2 p.m. Learn cool facts, ask questions, and get up close with unique animals in this fun and educational event. For families. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.org

BINGO
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Play a lively game of Bingo and win fun prizes. Limited to the first 35 participants. First come, first served. 410-524-

1818, worcesterlibrary.org

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
TidalHealth Neurology, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-4:30 p.m. Hosted by the Worcester Commission on Aging. Held the second Thursday of each month. 410-632-0111, Ext. 727; heather.atkins@worcoa.org

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL - CONCERT & RECEPTION
Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 7 p.m. Music by Dvořák, Turina, and more. <https://www.chambermusicbythesea.com>

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., Aug. 14

CAPT. STEVE HARMAN'S POOR GIRLS OPEN
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. A ladies-only billfish release tournament benefiting breast cancer research. Weigh-ins held daily from 4-9 p.m. at Bahia Marina. Vendors, raffles, tournament merch and more. <http://poorgirlsopen.com>

ARTISTS PAINT OC FESTIVAL
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Artists will paint throughout Ocean City and the surrounding areas. Also featuring a Wet Paint Sale and Quick Paint Competition. Schedule: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/events/category/event/list/>. 410-524-9433

BABY TIME
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. An opportunity for babies (0-2 years) and their caregivers to socialize, play, read and explore. Drop by and make some friends. 410-641-0650, 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

MINDFULNESS & MINIATURES
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 1 p.m. Join psychotherapist Bevin Jones to learn how to quiet the mind through gentle guidance and creative play. Registration required: 410-957-0878. worcesterlibrary.org

COLONIAL COOKING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Jim Washington, from Washington's Catering, demonstrates how to prepare a dish from the colonial era. Registration required: 410-208-4014. worcesterlibrary.org

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL - CONCERT
All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 7 p.m. Music by Beethoven, Brahms, and more. <https://www.chambermusicbythesea.com>

Sat., Aug. 15

CAPT. STEVE HARMAN'S POOR GIRLS OPEN
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. A ladies-only billfish release tournament benefiting breast cancer research. Weigh-ins held daily from 4-9 p.m. at Bahia Marina. Vendors, raffles, tournament merch and more. <http://poorgirlsopen.com>

LIVE MUSIC & NIGHT HIKE
Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill. Featuring Sympaticocious at 5 p.m. and night hike at 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 for music or hike and \$15 for both. Bug spray and appropriate outdoor attire advised. Hike covers .5 mile in one hour.

SATURDAYS AT STURGIS: CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
Sturgis Park Garden, 200 River St., Snow Hill, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Make your way down to Sturgis Park for a pickup game of wiffle ball starting at 7:30 p.m. with the TBA movie to begin around 8:30 p.m. 410-632-2080

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8TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW AND BBQ CHICKEN SALE
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Food, trophies, door prizes, dash plaques. Registration from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Rain date is Aug. 22. St. Paul United Methodist Church Men's Ministry, 443-614-6191.

FREE KIDS CRAFT SATURDAYS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring “Butterflies.” Guided crafts led by friendly instructors. All supplies provided. Jessica Bauer, de-

velopment@artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL - FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT
Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m.-11:59 p.m. Enjoy a surprise musical selection. Free event. <https://www.chambermusicbythesea.com>

GOD'S CLOSET OPEN
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, Willards, 12-2 p.m. Helping families in need with clothing and T-shirts, underwear, socks, shoes, dishes and basic essentials. God's Closet will be open the third Saturday of each month.

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. 16

OC CRUZERS CAR SHOW
Somerset Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, 3-6 p.m. Join the OC Cruzers Car Club for a free, family friendly car show. Each show will feature classic cars, custom rides and hot rods. Also, live music or a DJ. <https://www.ocdc.org>

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Kittyback: Classic & Country Rock.” Ice cream for purchase. Followed by fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sundaes-in-the-park/>

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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

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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. 17

SUNSET SOCIAL
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Shop local vendors, enjoy delicious food truck fair, sip beer and wine and dance the night away with Kristin & The Noise.
<https://www.ococean.com/event/sunset-social!/2913/>

BOARDWALK EAGLE HUNT
Ocean City Boardwalk, 698 N. Atlantic Ave., 12-8 p.m. Free activity for kids 12 years and younger. Pick up playing cards at participating merchants or the Information Booth. Find the plush eagles, get card stamped and return to receive an 8" plush eagle. 703-731-6515

STORY TIME: THINGS THAT FLY
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 unearh another world. For ages 6-11 year. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

TOPS OF BERLIN - GROUP #169
TidalHealth Atlantic, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is an educational group that promotes weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 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. zumbajoyceoc@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

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

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.

Tues., Aug. 18

CAVERN QUEST DAY
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by anytime to play, create and learn about caves, caverns and crystals. For families. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. This workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research followed by a Q&A. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information, if you can. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.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, 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, worcesterlibrary.org

BUILD IT
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for construction and block play. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, worcesterlibrary.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.

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

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Games, hands-on activities and fun for all ages. Recognizing the top readers and offering a final opportunity to log ready completions. For families. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

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. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

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

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. 19

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

END OF SUMMER READ-A-THON
Stop by any Worcester County library and celebrate a summer of books. Read and help reach the 510,000 minute community goal. All are welcome. For families. 410-632-5622, worcesterlibrary.org

BACKGAMMON CLUB
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Drop in for a game of Backgammon, whether you're an expert or want to refresh your skills. Beginners welcome. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS, TEXT AND SPOOFING
Worcester County Library - Ocean City

Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 12-1 p.m. Also held via Zoom. Learn how to protect your phone from scams, avoid robocalls, spoofing and cramming charges. Zoom: <https://calvertlibrary.libnet.info/event/16271268>. 443-783-6164.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
TidalHealth John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Cancer Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. Hosted by Women Supporting Women. Held on the third Wednesday of each month. 410-548-7880

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 1 p.m. Hosted by the Worcester County Health Department. Held on the third Wednesday of each month. 410-632-1100, ext. 1113

J1 SINGING COMPETITION
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Two rounds, one winner. Admission is free. Registration is encouraged: 410-524-9433, <https://canvas.artleagueofoceancity.org/events/38>.

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks is collecting school supplies for G.O.L.D. Suggested donations include pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, crayons, markers, rulers, school tools, art supplies, backpacks and other new school essentials. Collections held now through Aug. 19. Drop off location is in the Ocean Pines Community Center lobby. 410-641-7052

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