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The annual Trail of Lost Souls returned to White Horse Park in Ocean Pines this month for its sixth year. In addition to the spooky characters and decorations, the event included food vendors, games, and Halloween-themed entertainment.

Gillises, Berlin settle

After five years, Heron Park land sale finally concluded

Staff reports

(Oct. 29, 2026) After a long run of agreements, rejections and disappointments, the former poultry processing plant property at Heron Park has been sold for \$1.2 million to Palmer and Sandy Gillis, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall confirmed Tuesday.

Now that the deal has gone through, the Gillises can proceed with their plans to convert the husk of the former Tyson Food plant and surrounding properties into a mix of commercial properties.

"I want to thank the citizens of Berlin, our local partners, and the State of Maryland for their continued support throughout this redevelopment process," Tyndall said in a Facebook post Tuesday.

After the closing, a new Facebook page revealed the development's new name, The Exchange at Heron Park.

"After 5½ years of hard work, patience, and perseverance, we are thrilled to announce that we have officially taken ownership of the property at Heron Park in Berlin," the Gillises said on the Facebook post. "The Exchange at Heron Park in Historic Berlin — an exciting new development that we envision becoming a vibrant destination for professional offices, businesses, retail, and potentially a restaurant, bringing new op-

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Candidates face off for school board

Districts 1,6 hopefuls say maintaining high standards priority for county schools

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) With the Worcester County Board of Education's District 1 and District 6 positions contested, voters in Pocomoke and

Bishopville may cast their ballots next week for their preferred school system representative.

As voters head to the polls on Nov. 3, some will be able to choose who they want to serve on the county's board of education.

Contested races are taking place in District 1, which covers much of southern Worcester and is anchored by Pocomoke City, and District 6,

which covers Bishopville, northern Berlin, and portions of Ocean Pines.

District 1

Caroline Bloxom would bring a 40-year career in education to the board. Of that time, 30 years were spent with the local system.

Bloxom taught middle and high school mathematics for 14 years. She later became a curriculum planner at

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School safety has been a priority of mine since 2013. As an active parent, I advocated alongside our former Superintendent and former Sheriffs to help bring the SRD deputies we have in our schools today into our school system. As a local business owner for more than 25 years, I also understand budgets, accountability, and the importance of treating employees with respect. Every employee matters, from our central office employees and administrators to our teachers, bus drivers, nurses, food service staff, custodians, guidance counselors, substitutes, educational assistants, special education staff, and all support staff. Their voices and experiences matter, and I will continue to be a strong voice for those who may not feel comfortable speaking up for themselves.

As a mother, I believe strongly in protecting family values and respecting the important role parents have in their children's education. I wholeheartedly believe we already have an amazing school system, while also recognizing we can always do better. Every student deserves the opportunity to learn, succeed, and feel safe and supported in our schools. With two children still in our school system, I have a current, firsthand perspective on how the decisions we make affect our students, families, teachers, and staff.

I am an open book and a straightforward kind of gal. I listen to all sides and make decisions based on common sense, not personal ties or outside pressure. My personal life has taught me to be resilient. I do not give up when things get difficult. I keep showing up, keep working, and keep fighting for what I believe is right. One of my favorite sayings is, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil first." I believe in speaking up, asking questions, and continuing to push when something matters. I will continue to push for strong oversight and accountability and will never be afraid to ask the hard questions or speak up when something can be done better.

I am always open to conversation and willing to listen.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out using any of the contact information on this card. It has been an honor to serve my community, and I would be honored to continue serving you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Cutlip

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Jackie is a highly motivated, dedicated, and determined parent advocate who is raising her three daughters who is guided by her strong conservative family values. She has consistently demonstrated a willingness to ask difficult questions, challenge the status quo, and stand firm in her convictions, even when others disagree.

Worcester County Public Schools has faced significant public challenges in recent years. As our community looks toward the future, honest leadership, accountability, sound judgment, and the ability to make difficult decisions will remain essential.

Last December 2025, when my fellow Worcester County Commissioners and I unanimously voted 6-0 to appoint Jackie Cutlip to the District 6 Board of Education seat, we recognized her longstanding dedication to our schools.

I believed Jackie was the clear choice to fill that seat then, and I remain confident in her commitment to serving our children, teachers, parents, and community as Worcester County Public Schools works towards a brighter future and its fullest potential.

I personally will be voting for Jackie Cutlip on November 3rd, and I encourage you to do the same!

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Primary winner Schanno to face Wallace for Pines seat

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 23, 2026) Ocean Pines voters will determine who gets that seventh and final spot on the commissioners' dais in the Nov. 3 general election.

District 5 commissioner candidates Joe Schanno, 42, will face off against Vicky Wallace. Wallace, 79, ran unopposed in the Democratic primary. Schanno ousted three-term incumbent Chip Bertino in the Republican primary by 31-vote margin out of 931 ballots cast. All of the other six commissioners seats were either decided in the primary or through an unopposed candidate.

The Bayside Gazette asked the candidates about pressing issues facing the district and the state, including budgeting and school funding, growth, and the issue of data centers. Their answers were submitted in writing and have been edited for length and clarity.

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Schanno: I grew up in Ocean Pines and attended Stephen Decatur High. I live, work, and volunteer my time in this community to keep it strong, so I see serving as your county commissioner for District 5 as an extension of my service.



Joe Schanno



Vicky Wallace

I've spent time working in Annapolis for the Department of Natural Resources, served on the Worcester County Economic Development Board, and currently work in community banking so I see the needs of our citizens daily. I understand how government should work and how decisions affect every resident, business, and community organization.

Wallace: First, I am a wife, a mother and grandparent. My husband and both of my children are educators. I am a transplant to Worcester County from Washington, D.C., via Columbia, Md. Attended 12 years of Catholic school in DC and attended Strayer University as an accounting major. Became a part of the federal workforce as an Administrative Assistant at NASA in their Public Affairs Office. Later at the Social Security Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a program analyst.

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Schanno, Wallace talk schools

for the job of Commissioner. I have written legislation, interpreted legislation, prepared instructions for Social Security district offices and state Medicaid agencies for the nation. I also did outreach, fraud investigations through computer matching with States and other federal agencies. Worked directly with the public to problem solve. My best feature is that I am resourceful.

SCHOOL FUNDING
How would you decide whether to fund the school system above the state-required minimum, and what financial accountability would you expect from school leaders?

Schanno: Fiscal responsibility and financial accountability is paramount in government. When the process is transparent to our constituents, they understand when we have to make difficult choices.

Each year the Worcester County Board of Education submits their budget needs to the County Commissioners for funding. That budget, in the last few years, has been detailed and shared with the commissioners and the community. The Board makes it clear what needs will go unmet if their budget is not fully funded.

As with all financial decisions, I would look at all of the numbers and all of the needs and try to make the best decision for every agency involved.

Wallace: I decided to run for District 5 Commissioner because I have spent the last two years attending Board of Education meetings and County Commissioner meetings where the school budget is always at issue.

We have wonderful schools with highly motivated educators, and we need to treat them as such. Worcester County can afford to pay their educators as professionals and fund the No. 1 school system in Maryland.

Several years ago, one of the organizations I support funded a Worcester County elementary school with art supplies for year after the county cut their budget. We need to trust the professionals at the Board of Education regarding the needs of our schools. The results of the 2026 primary election SHOULD highlight to our Commissioners that residents of Worcester want their children's education properly funded. Education is power and the future of our county.

GROWTH AND TRAFFIC
Do you support the Route 589 rezoning moratorium? Beyond that temporary pause, how should the county address traffic congestion while meeting the need for housing?

Schanno: I support the rezoning moratorium to allow time for Worcester County to wrap our arms around everything happening on Route 589. We need to bring all of our partners to the table to find a way to address the traffic concerns and work to create affordable housing in a desirable area.

I'm smart enough to know that there are more knowledgeable people in our state and county government who may have ideas for solutions that haven't been heard. There are existing studies that have been done, there are other counties in Maryland who have addressed these kinds of issues in the past and I believe we can attack our problems and not have to reinvent the wheel.

Wallace: Worcester County is about to make the mistake of Sussex County: Too much growth with little or no regard to the supporting infrastructure.

I am in favor of the moratorium that halts housing development. Since the racetrack turned into a casino and visitors started using Route 589 as an alternative means to get into OC, it is congested. Ocean Pines is a residen-

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Wallace and Schanno vie for District 5 seat

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tial community with limited ways in or out. The new Giant shopping center off Routes 50 and 589 will bring additional traffic congestion to that area.

Yes, we need housing, but the county needs to look elsewhere.

AMAZON'S CABLE PROJECT

Do you support allowing Amazon's proposed power-feed building at the Ocean City airport? What benefits, risks or enforceable safeguards would determine your vote?

Schanno: I definitely believe we should not industrialize our traditionally residential areas, and we should protect our natural resources. I think we should take a step back and look closely at the complete proposal after all of the information has been provided. I'd like to remain in a listening

and learning stance on this project.

We need to balance the infrastructure needs of the state with what is best for our community.

Wallace: I do not support this project. I attended the first meeting initiated by Commissioner Fiori. I did not like it then, and I have not seen anything to date to make me change my mind. I fear it will be worse than we imagine. Environmentally bad for both water, noise, and electricity costs. I believe that once opened, it could become an even bigger problem for the county and its residents.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

What would you spend more on, what would you cut or postpone, and under what circumstances would you consider raising county taxes?

Schanno: Worcester County is in a pretty good financial position right

now, so increasing taxes should not have to be a discussion.

My priorities are keeping our community safe, finding ways to make housing affordable for our seniors and growing families, making our aging infrastructure a priority in order to keep a catastrophic failure from costing us more than appropriate maintenance would, and keeping our schools No. 1 in the state.

I believe in fiscal responsibility and if the taxpayers of Worcester County make me their representative, I am going to do my best to spend money where they would want me to in order to keep Worcester County a place we all want to continue to live, work and play in.

Wallace: I do not want to raise property taxes. We need appropriate school funding. That is one of the reasons families come here, our excellent schools.

We must have a professional police force with reasonable salaries. I am not a supporter of federal ICE and local partnerships.

We need affordable housing and should look for federal HUD money to encourage development on the right property. Smaller houses on smaller lots and some higher density housing like town houses and condos.

Until the county tackles Route 589

traffic, I am suggesting these projects be elsewhere in the county.

WATER AND SEWER

Do you believe Ocean Pines customers are paying more than their fair share for county water and sewer services? Explain the basis for your answer and any changes you would support.

Schanno: I can't say I have all the facts at my disposal, but it seems as if parts of Worcester County may have taken advantage of Ocean Pines as one of the older, established communities. I believe that the Ocean Pines sewer district has not been adequately maintained for over a decade and that is what lead to the water bill shock that we all experienced.

We need to look at ALL of the sewer districts and come up with a comprehensive plan to handle maintenance and upgrades where needed so that the county can have a robust and affordable water system for decades to come

Wallace: Housing without good water and sewer services is a concern. I am aware that OP has been processing wastewater from other developments. This needs to stop. Water bills in the OP area are expensive. Water/wastewater costs add from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to every OP resident's annual housing costs.

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Berlin approves next year's event schedules

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) Classic Berlin get-togethers like the Bathtub Races, the Peach Festival, and the Christmas Parade are returning to town in 2027, now that the Town Council approved several event calendars this week.

At Monday night's meeting, the Berlin Town Council approved 2027 event schedules for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, and the town's Main Street and Arts and Entertainment District.

The chamber will kick off its 2027 events lineup with its Spring Celebration on March 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Classic cars and hot rods will then roll into town for Spring Cruisers on May 1. Per the calendar approved this week, the vintage car show will start at 8 a.m. and wrap up around 2 p.m.

The chamber will once again host "Jazz and Blues" after taking a hiatus in 2026. Jazz and Blues, set for May 22, will feature live jazz performances along Main Street.

The Bathtub Races have been set for June 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Bathtub Races are a longtime Berlin tradition drawing thousands of spectators a year, where local businesses and individuals race custom-built bathtub inspired vehicles down Main

Street.

The Chile Pepper Festival, featuring spicy products from hot sauce to salsa, will occur on Aug. 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. If the weather is uncooperative on that day, the Chile Pepper Festival will move to Aug. 21.

The chamber's fall events include the Fiddler's Convention on Friday, Sept. 17, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fall Cruisers on Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain dates for the Fiddler's Convention have been set for Friday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 25.

Alcohol will be available at Jazz and Blues, the Chile Pepper Festival, and the Fiddler's Convention.

Berlin Chamber of Commerce President David Fitzgerald asked the mayor and Town Council whether certain events, like Jazz and Blues, could have a set-in-stone date. That would give the organization time to secure entertainment. He noted that his team could book acts in advance to avoid scrambling in the months leading up to the festival.

"As these bands come off the stage, they ask, 'Can you book us for next year?'" Fitzgerald said. "It would be nice to have some standing dates ... That would help us greatly in getting entertainment."

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said the

municipality would be open to Fitzgerald's suggestion.

The council also approved the Taylor House's 2027 events lineup.

Functions include the Pig Roast on April 17 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tindley Day on July 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Peach Festival on Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Book Festival on Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Additionally, the museum will host live music on the lawn the second Sunday of each month during the summer.

These events, called 2nd Sunday at the Museum, are scheduled for June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, and Sept. 12. The concerts will kick off at 6 p.m. and wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

Alcohol will be for sale at the Pig Roast, the 2nd Sundays, and the Book Festival.

The Town of Berlin approved its event schedule this week.

Berlin Restaurant Week is set for Jan. 18 to Jan. 24; the Berlin Community Yard Sale is scheduled for April 3; Berlin Vintage and Vinyl is scheduled for April 17; Memorial Day at the Monument is scheduled for May 30; the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 31; and National Night Out is scheduled for Aug. 3.

The town's 2027 fall and winter events include Oktoberfest on Oct. 16, Truck-N-Treat on Oct. 30, Ice Ice Berlin and the Christmas Tree Light-

ing on Nov. 26, the Christmas Parade on Dec. 2 (with a rain date of Dec. 9), Berlin's Hanukkah Celebration on Dec. 30, and a New Year's Eve event on Dec. 31.

Berlin's Independence Day fireworks display is also returning in 2027 on July 3. Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said that because July 3 falls on a Saturday next year, the illumination show's cost went up. Still, she is working to find ways to help the town with the extra expense.

During budget talks, funding for the pyrotechnics was cut ahead of the 2026 show. However, the money was reinstated, and this year's event went off as municipality officials wanted to commemorate the United States' 250th anniversary. Additionally, a portion of the event cost was already paid.

Council Vice President Jack Orris noted this week that funding for the July 3 fireworks is spread over two fiscal years.

Wells maintained that she will return to the Town Council during the budget-creation process with the show's price tag.

Unaffiliated and Republican voters grow in Worcester

By Brian Shane
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) Never mind red versus blue. If you find yourself among four other Worcester County voters, the odds are that one of you isn't registered with any political party at all.

With an election less than a week away, the latest state data shows Worcester County's electorate has grown nearly 20% in the last decade, with thousands more unaffiliated and Republican voters on the rolls and fewer registered Democrats.

Worcester had 44,949 active registered voters in September, the most recent monthly figures available from the Maryland State Board of Elections. Compared with the county's 37,979 voters in 2016, this new data represents an increase of 6,970, or 18.4%.

While the state elections board tracks changes in active registered voters, rather than turnout or the number of ballots cast, the numbers over the last decade show that:

- Republican registration increased by 4,492, or 27.7%, bringing the total to 20,708. Democratic Party registration fell by 987, or 6.8%, to 13,444.
 - Unaffiliated registration grew nearly 48% to 9,941 – more than twice the county's overall growth rate.
 - Unaffiliated voters – who don't get to vote in party primaries – now represent 22% of Worcester voters, more
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Voter rolls expand over decade

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than one in five, compared to 17.7% in 2016.

Republicans remain the county's largest registration group, accounting for about 46% of the active electorate, compared with 30% for Democrats.

The same pattern holds true since the last statewide election in Worcester in 2024: Republicans gained 960 registrations and unaffiliated voters gained 871, while Democratic registration declined by 142. Overall, the county added 1,702 active voters during that period.

However, the electorate hasn't really changed much this year.

Through September, active registration in 2026 increased just 1.7%. Republicans (+455) and unaffiliated voters (+328) posted modest gains, and Democrats were essentially unchanged (-19).

Maryland's overall active registra-

tion grew 11% during the same ten-year period, from 3.9 million before the 2016 election to 4.33 million in September. Worcester's growth exceeded that statewide rate.

Statewide, Worcester's 18.4% increase in active voter registration since 2016 ranks No. 5 out of 23 counties and Baltimore City, just behind Frederick, Charles, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties. Frederick led with a 27.8% increase, adding nearly 46,000 active voters to its rolls, state data show.

Growth in voter registration, however, doesn't necessarily mirror population growth.

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Berlin scores bragging right as Hallmark Christmas town

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) The Hallmark Channel has named Berlin an Official Christmas Town, because of its historic charm and character.

As part of Hallmark’s 25th anniversary, the company searched the nation for the merriest downtown area to serve as the setting for the network’s next holiday film. While Hallmark did not select Berlin as a movie location — it gave that honor to Carlinville, Illinois — it did name the Town of Berlin an Official Christmas Town.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said Hallmark received about 1,500 submissions from towns and cities across the United States seeking recognition for their Christmastime cheer. Hallmark gave only 25 the official designation, and Berlin was one of them.

The title means Hallmark will feature Berlin on its website, bringing national attention to the area, its businesses, and holiday traditions.

Wells said Hallmark provided Berlin with an official title seal it can use for the next two years. The community development director said she also ordered signs reading “A Hallmark Official Christmas Town” to display downtown.

Additionally, residents or visitors who do their holiday shopping at Berlin busi-



nesses may receive stickers that read, “purchased in a Hallmark town.”

“It’s a moniker for us just like America’s Coolest Small Town,” Wells said, adding the town can market the designation for two years.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said he wants to explore more ways to market Berlin, noting that he still believes the town would be the perfect holiday movie filming location. He added that some other Hallmark submissions had promotional videos that Berlin lacked.

“There are ways we can do better,” the mayor said. “We wanted to try to do quarterly promotions. A lot of [the other towns] had videos they could show that we didn’t...We can do better, [maybe by] working with somebody who can do

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Cutlip, Cater vying for bd. seat

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“I am a huge supporter of firmer, more consistent discipline at every level,” she said. “We need more meaningful consequences that reflect real-world accountability ... Every child deserves support, but no child’s behavior should prevent others from learning.”

Cutlip added safety ensures students may learn in a disruption-free environment. She also wants to maintain WCPS’ reputation as a top-performing school district and include teachers and staff in major decisions.

“Worcester County Public Schools doesn’t consistently rank among the top school systems in Maryland for no reason,” she said. “...We truly have an amazing school system with so much for all of us to be proud of, but that doesn’t mean there isn’t room for improvement.”

Cater’s agenda champions small class sizes and recruiting and retaining high-quality educators and support staff, which she said are vital to student success. She also said she advocates for physically and emotionally safe schools to keep student learning the focus every day.

Cater also hopes to prioritize compliance with educational requirements and listen to families and residents when they bring concerns to the board. Additionally, she plans to keep looking for ways to advance WCPS’s success.

“Our school system is the best in the State of Maryland, and I want to work to make sure it stays that way,” Cater said. “It is what draws people from all over to want to reside in our community. That doesn’t mean that we can’t always be looking for ways to make improvements.”



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Heron Park Parcel 57 redevelopment project, as presented by the Gillises, will include three buildings, including a retail operation and a medical facility.

Gillises, Berlin settle on parcel

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portunities and energy to our wonderful community.

A statement from the Gillises reports they will be working toward a completion date in fall 2027.

The rest of Heron Park still includes a lagoon with a trail on the north edge of the property. In the future, the remainder of the park will be home to a new skate park, new public works facility and a new access road.

The settlement marks the culmination of a long effort to return a portion of Berlin’s former Tyson Foods poultry processing property to productive use.

Discussions with the Gillises date to 2021, when the town began exploring redevelopment opportunities at Heron Park. The developers initially proposed a broader commercial redevelopment involving multiple parcels, but negotiations ended in August 2023 when the Town Council voted 3-2 against continuing discussions.

The town revisited the possibility in July 2024, when the council agreed to resume negotiations with the Gillises, focusing on Parcel 57 and the remaining buildings from the former poultry processing operation.

In April 2025, the council voted 3-1 to approve a \$1.2 million sale agreement with Coastal Ventures Properties. The agreement included 15 sewer equivalent dwelling units and required construction of at least one office or retail building within two years of settlement.

Despite the agreement, the sale remained unfinished for another 18 months as the town and developers worked through disputes over property boundaries, subdivision plans and access-road arrangements.

In July, the Berlin Planning Commission approved plans for the initial redevelopment phase, including proposed medical office space and retail or restaurant uses.

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Bond advanced for lead line work

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) The Town of Berlin continued to move ahead with its lead pipe water line replacement project this week, approving a bond ordinance for work along William Street and accepting a separate \$1.8 million funding package to replace lead lines along North and South Main streets.

During Monday night’s Town Council meeting, officials held a public hearing and unanimously approved an ordinance establishing the parameters for issuing general obligation bonds to finance Phase 1A of a project to remove lead from drinking water lines.

The council also unanimously approved a funding package from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for Phase 2.

The Phase 1A bond ordinance establishes the terms under which the municipality can issue general obligation bonds to finance, reimburse, or refinance eligible project costs. It also pledges the town’s full faith and credit, including its taxing power, toward repayment of the bonds.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the ordinance establishes the parameters for the town to proceed with the bonds. Asked when principal forgiveness would take effect, Saleh said additional details would be available once the town reaches settlement.

The Phase 1A project involves approximately \$2.28 million in financing, including about \$1.28 million in expected principal forgiveness. Earlier this month, the town approved a motion and

resolution allowing it to proceed with Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration funding for the work.

Additionally, officials addressed the project’s requirements. Engineer Nick Bradley of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. said municipalities must replace approximately 3% to 5% of their lead service lines annually, with the work completed by 2037.

Following the public hearing and discussion, the council unanimously approved the Phase 1A bond ordinance.

Separately, the council unanimously approved an MDE funding package totaling \$1,838,350 for Phase 2 of the lead service line replacement project.

According to an Oct. 13 letter from Davis, Bowen & Friedel, the package offers 100% principal forgiveness. The amount matches the full sum Berlin requested in an application submitted in January 2025.

Phase 2 will replace lead lines along North and South Main streets, both Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) roads. Officials said prioritizing those streets would allow the town to replace the lines before SHA repaves them.

Bradley explained that the MDE funding became available after the money previously allocated to another project fell through.

Because of the time that has passed since the application was submitted, Tyndall said the town could have a hard time obtaining bids within the funding available.

“We might struggle to get bids within that scope, but we are certainly going to try,” he said.

Bradley said Berlin initially submitted a funding application in 2023 for work along William, Broad, and Bay streets.

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Ocean Pines will host Halloween Fall Festival Sat.

White Horse Park to host free event, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

(Oct. 29, 2026) Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks will hold its annual Halloween Fall Festival at White Horse Park on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Perfect for the whole family, the festival will feature carnival games, face painting, hayrides, and costume contests. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information or for volunteer information, contact Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks at 410-641-7052 or email ddonahue@oceanpines.org.

Hallmark honor good for 2 years

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some filming and do it seasonally for us and have it chunked out in smaller pieces that we can push out on social media.”

While the new designation adds another layer to Berlin’s marketing, council member Shaneka Nichols said some residents worry the designation could increase tourist traffic and staff time expenses.

At this week’s Berlin Town Council meeting, Nichols asked Wells whether the Hallmark award could have any negative consequences.

“Some people are unhappy about it as far as what it could mean for traffic and what that would look like and what that could cost us as far as extra tourism,” Nichols said. “Meaning extra work hours, overtime for staff.”

Wells responded that the Hallmark title involves no additional events and will not require additional staff time.

“All it means is it is for us to market ourselves,” Wells said. “Everyone always talks about how beautiful downtown Berlin is and how authentic and real it is, and this is another layer of pride [because] the outside world and country now know that we look like a Hallmark movie.”



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Dr. Anne Spillane is a board-certified dermatologist. She received her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore Maryland, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Cornell University.

She completed her residency at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium in San Antonio, Texas where she received the Maj. David S. Berry Outstanding Resident award, an award bestowed upon the top graduating Army resident at SAUSHEC.

Dr. Anne served on active duty as a physician in the U.S. Army for 8 years, including a deployment as a dermatologist in Afghanistan. She has served as a staff/attending physician at Brooke Army Medical Center, in San Antonio, TX, and also as the Chief of Dermatology and the Chief of Specialty Clinics at Fort Meade, MD.

Dr. Anne’s expertise includes the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers/skin cancer screening, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of common dermatologic disorders such as acne, psoriasis and eczema, disorders of the hair and nails, and rheumatologic diseases affecting the skin.

Outside of work, Dr. Anne is the proud mom of four beautiful and boisterous children. As a daughter, mother, sister, and wife, she values the importance of family and derives great satisfaction from participating in the healthcare of her patients and their family members.



Erin Spillane, M.D.

Dr. Erin Spillane is a board-certified dermatologist, who holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Cornell University and earned her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore Maryland, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. She completed her dermatology residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

Dr. Erin is proud to have served as an active duty U.S. Army physician for 8 years, most recently as the Chief of Dermatology at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC. During her tenure at Fort Bragg, Dr. Erin completed a tour in Afghanistan, serving as the Theater Consultant for Dermatology in support of Operating Enduring Freedom.

Her primary areas of expertise include medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology, with an emphasis on the treatment and prevention of skin cancers and photo-aging, skin cancer screening, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of common dermatologic disorders such as acne, psoriasis and eczema, disorders of the hair, and rheumatologic diseases affecting the skin.

Dr. Erin is a proud wife and mother. She enjoys the outdoors and horseback riding, and is treasuring her new-found experiences of life on the Eastern Shore.



Conor May, P.A.-C

Conor May is a board-certified Physician Assistant with a strong background in medical dermatology. He earned his Master of Clinical Medical Science degree from Barry University and holds multiple state licenses, including Maryland and Delaware.

Conor began his career in dermatology as a medical assistant, where he gained valuable hands-on experience assisting with procedures such as skin cancer excisions, biopsies, and photodynamic therapy. His early exposure to patient care and procedural dermatology solidified his passion for the field and shaped his patient-centered approach.

He is dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate care to patients of all ages and remains committed to staying current in the rapidly evolving field of dermatology through continuing education and professional development. His clinical interests include skin cancer detection and treatment, acne management, psoriasis, eczema, and preventive skin health.

Outside of work, Conor enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, cooking, and fishing.

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Snapshots



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EARLY VOTING

After six days, 3,677 county residents had early voted at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. The majority were Republican, 1,880, followed by Democrats, 1,248, and Unaffiliated, 496, as of Wednesday morning.



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REP. WOMEN DONATION

Republican Women of Worcester County held their October General Luncheon Meeting at Worcester Technical High School in Newark. They hosted a baby shower and donated \$1,000 to the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Jennie Allen, President; Joann Manole, Executive Director for the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health; and Amy Mike, Committee Chair for Caring for America



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FARMERS MARKET COSTUMES

The final Berlin Farmers Market of the year took place last Sunday. A highlight was a pet costume contest with prizes provided by Jill Gray of Sweet Tater Treats. Pictured are some spirited pets.



BERLIN HOSTS TRUNK, TREAT

Hundreds of children attended last Saturday's Trunk-N-Treat in Berlin at Decatur Park. SUBMITTED PHOTOS/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Obituaries

KATHLEEN E. HENSLER
Berlin

Kathleen Elizabeth Hensler, age 95, peacefully passed away in her sleep on October 23, 2026, in Berlin, Maryland.



K. Hensler

Born on November 14, 1930, in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Conrad T. Hoffman and Kathleen (Grady) Hoffman. Kathleen was a graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland in 1948. During her life, she was an active member of her community. She spent time working for the Upper Dublin School District and was a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband – William J. Hensler; her sons – John Hensler and Mark Hensler; and her sister – Noreen Deppe.

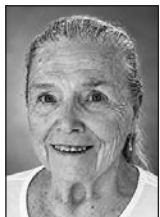
Kathleen is survived by her children – Robert Hensler (Lynne), Thomas Hensler (Susan), William Hensler (Marietta), and Kathleen Hensler; her grandchildren – Christina (Steve), Andrew (Jenn), Nick (Samantha), and Jackie (Brian); and her great grandchildren – Olivia, Dale, and Bethany.

A mass was held at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ocean City, Maryland, on Thursday Oct. 29, 2026, at 11 am. A burial will take place Friday October 30, 2026, at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Maryland at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to The Joseph House or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Letters of condolence may be sent to

the family via www.burbagefuneral-home.com. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home – Berlin.

LESLIE FREEMAN
Ocean City

Leslie Joan Freeman (née Stewart), 85, of Ocean City, died peacefully at home Oct. 5.



Leslie Freeman

Born in Washington, D.C., she spent much of her life in Chantilly, Va., before moving to Ocean City. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Edward "Ed" Freeman, and her parents, James and Margaret Stewart.

Survivors include her daughters, Valerie Short and her husband, Edgar Short Jr., of Selbyville, DE., and Kathryn Simon of Wake Forest, NC, granddaughter Casey Simon and Casey's partner, Marc Atkins, of Charlotte, NC, and best friend Johanna Devon of Haymarket, Va., along with numerous cherished friends and family.

A graveside service and celebration of life will be held at 12 p.m. Nov. 5 at Fairfax Memorial Park in Fairfax, VA, followed by a Celebration of Life gathering from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2941 Restaurant in Falls Church, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor to a local animal rescue organization.

Town financing package okayed

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The town prioritized the three SHA roads to coordinate planned paving projects.

In 2024, the town received its original funding, but federal guidelines prohibited the initial approach of replacing service lines only between the water main and water meter, delaying the process.

In January 2025, the town had submitted a funding application for Phase 2 and prepared to bid the original Phase 1 project. However, the first bidding attempt produced no bids, Bradley said.

The town then worked with state officials to divide the original project into smaller components. Phase 1A covers William Street, while Phase 1B will address Broad and Bay streets.

Bradley said Phase 1B is ready to go out to bid once the town renews its permits, but funding has not yet been approved.

The town also has a third phase in the developmental stage that would involve Flower Street. Bradley said the project remains in its infancy. Officials expect to have more information after the holidays.

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Opinion

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Vision for town park finally taking shape

Some observers probably thought they would never see the day when Palmer and Sandy Gillis and the Town of Berlin would finally settle on their 8.6-acre slice of Heron Park.

Given the years of arguments over price and disputes about utility permits and property boundaries, it is not difficult to suspect that the principals in this week’s sale felt the same way.

Considering all the troubles that threatened this deal, it is a wonder that one side or the other didn't give in to frustration and walk away. But to everyone’s credit, the town and the Gillises persevered through the five-plus years it took to reach this elusive agreement.

The town, obviously, will benefit immensely. Not only will the sale knock \$1.2 million off the remaining balance of what the town owes for the overall 68-acre parcel purchased in 2016, but that shabby, depressing fortress of decrepitude on Old Ocean City Boulevard will finally be transformed into something new and inviting.

As of this past July, Coastal Venture Properties—the Gillises' development company—secured the planning commission’s endorsement for a site plan featuring three buildings and a community garden.

In a way, this week’s agreement validates the 2016 decision by then-Mayor Gee Williams and the Town Council to purchase the land from then-Councilman Troy Purnell, who had been unsuccessful in his own attempts to redevelop it.

The Gillis settlement, combined with the excellent news from two weeks ago that the proposed skate park project will receive more than \$700,000 in federal and state funding, shows the vision is finally coming together.

What is about to happen on the property now is what proponents of the purchase envisioned a decade ago. There were plenty of bumps, obstacles and disruptions - including a costly chemical spill - along the way, but it now appears that good things are finally on the horizon.

It's official: Berlin to host fire parade

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) The Maryland State Firefighter's Association is bringing its annual fire company parade back to Berlin after what organizers say was a successful first year.

This past June, fire departments from across Maryland flocked to downtown Berlin for the MSFA parade. The companies traveled through town on fire trucks and fire prevention floats to celebrate the state’s first responders.

With Berlin Town Council approval this week, the firefighters parade will return next year on Saturday, June 19. This date coincides with association’s annual week-long convention in Ocean City.

Like the convention, the firefighter parade used to be held in Ocean City every year. However, in 2026, the procession moved to Berlin to encourage additional fire company participation.

MSFA Convention and Conference Chair Robbie Blackiston said that while every Maryland company is invited, attendance has declined significantly over the past five years. Blackiston added the event used to run for roughly four hours, but the 2025 event lasted only 55 minutes.

Organizers said the reduced turnout was due to the parade being held on a Wednesday in June, when firefighters couldn't take time off work during the week. MSFA initially asked Ocean City to move the parade to a weekend, but the resort declined, citing logistical issues with the start of the tourist season.

As a result, Berlin was selected as the new venue in January, and the parade was held on Saturday, June 20.

MSFA representatives said that the event was a success.

“You guys pulled out the red carpet for us and we really appreciate it,” Blackiston told the Berlin mayor and Town Council this week. “...We’re still talking about it.”

Councilman Jay Knerr noted that this summer’s event was well-attended and



Harry Trimble, Joe Pylypczuk and Charlie Townsend of the Berlin Fire Company are pictured in the MSFA parade in June in Berlin.
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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

drew first responders from areas he hadn’t even heard of before.

“It was truly an amazing parade, I saw trucks from towns that I didn’t even know,” he said.

The council unanimously approved the 2027 parade.

The only change for next year’s show will be the location of the Touch-A-Truck event.

During the 2026 parade, organizers kicked off the festival with a morning Touch-A-Truck, allowing kids to interact with the fire apparatus. The addition also encouraged families to arrive early

and support Berlin businesses.

This time, Touch-A-Truck will move from the lot next to Sterling Tavern to the Town of Berlin Veterans Memorial. Leaders are also partnering with the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum to create a historical fire information and prevention display, which the location change will make easier, as the Taylor House is next door to the war memorial.

When the event gets closer, MSFA will launch a webpage and Facebook account to push out important parade information and updates.

Berlin okays upgrade for police platforms

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Oct. 29, 2026) The Town of Berlin is financially backing a new police department system meant to streamline cross-agency collaboration and improve communication methods.

At its meeting Monday night, the Town Council approved the purchase of a software platform costing \$50,563 that will allow Berlin police to share information more efficiently with other law enforcement agencies and interact directly with Worcester County’s 911 dispatch system.

Police Chief Howard Drewer told officials that the department’s current computer-aided dispatch (CAD), records management system (RMS), and mobile computer

terminal (MCT) platforms are outdated and limit officers’ ability to share information with neighboring agencies.

The department applied for an Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to cover the upgraded system but was not selected for funding. The Town of Berlin has agreed to finance the project recognizing the modern technology’s importance in keeping the public protected.

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said the purchase was not included in the town’s budget, but municipality officials believe they can absorb some of the cost through the general fund.

“We’ll probably have to monitor where our expenditures are at the end of the year,”

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Police communication upgrade

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Tyndall said.

He added that vacancies in the town’s workforce could help offset the expense.

According to Drewer, the initial cost of implementing the system is approximately \$50,000, with annual operating expenses of about \$21,000 for the first three years.

The department plans to join Central-Square, a software platform already used by the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office, the Ocean City Police Department, and the Ocean Pines Police Department. By joining the regional system, Berlin would be able to share information directly with those agencies and make requests through their dispatch platforms.

Drewer said the department’s existing software does not adequately connect its dispatch and records management functions. Information entered into the computer-aided dispatch system does not automatically transfer to the records management system, requiring employees to enter information more than once.

The new platform would allow those systems to communicate, reducing duplicate data entry and administrative work.

Of the department’s current system, Drewer said, “It’s a step away from being a typewriter, in all honesty.”

The upgrade would also change how Berlin officers receive and respond to emergency calls dispatched through the

Worcester County Emergency Services 911 Center.

Currently, Berlin personnel can view calls through a read-only interface but cannot interact directly with the information. Dispatchers must re-enter details into Berlin’s own system before sending officers to respond.

With CentralSquare, Berlin personnel would be able to work within the same system as county dispatchers, allowing them to communicate and update information more directly.

The new software would also expand the department’s access to information from other law enforcement agencies, including photographs, videos, and records of previous encounters.

During this week’s discussion, Drewer said Berlin would retain access to its existing records and data even after transitioning to the new platform.

Drewer said the department is able to reduce some of the new system’s expenses because the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office has agreed to assist in training Berlin officers on the software.

“That’s better because they know how we’ll use this regionally,” Drewer said.

Human Resources Director Kelsey Jensen said the need for updated technology has also surfaced in employee exit interviews with former officers pointing out a lack of modern tech at the Berlin force.

The council approved the purchase unanimously.

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BY PETER GORMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Peter Gorman, of Waikoloa, Hawaii, is an artist who also works for the National Park Service as a visual information specialist. He makes “nerdy graphic map art” that visualizes things like street intersections, volcanoes and public transportation. Peter says: “I think my art shares a good amount of DNA with puzzles, especially because my designs often include an ‘aha’ moment.” This is Peter’s fifth crossword — and first Sunday — for The Times. — W.S.

- ACROSS

1

Beneficiary of early capital

8

Bless, in a way

14

Close female friend ... in relative terms

20

Less than satisfactory, slangily

21

Like some cyborg parts

22

Extended play?

23

Heyhowareyou

25

Journalist Michele with two Peabody Awards

26

Walkers, informally

27

Send

28

Softens with sudden sympathy or affection

30

“Behold,” in Latin

31

Bob ____, alter ego of Mr. Incredible

32

“What”

35

Mythical figure whose name means “murmuring rock”

38

Justice ____, Coney Barrett

39

Summer setting in S.F.

40

Party takeaway

41

N.F.L. accolade

44

View spoiler

49

All-can-eat buffet

51

Fiber-rich substance

53

Exam for future docs
- 54

Fenway squad
- 55

“Since brass, ____, stone, ____, earth, ____, boundless sea ...”: Shak.
- 56

____-mo
- 57

Steamy
- 59

Zip
- 61

It follows a coin toss
- 64

Zip
- 65

“This”
- 70

Large volume
- 71

They can make a pronounced difference
- 72

Bond
- 73

Historic figure targeted in Stephen King’s time-travel novel “11/22/63”
- 75

Small + or -
- 76

Apt name for a thief
- 78

Tree that can be a source of water for thirsty elephants
- 83

Nibble
- 84

Brand represented by Happy the Oil Drop
- 86

See 88-Across
- 88

Here
- 90

Admits
- 92

Follow-up to “Sit!”
- 93

Off work, for short
- 94

Figure, informally
- 95

Making a strong effort
- 97

Non, ni, ‘a’ole
- 103

Nickname for Ellen or Helen
- 104

[Beep!]

105

One of the Three Musketeers

106

“S.N.L.” alum Gardner

108

Artist who kept a pet ocelot

112

In

114

Taib? Tbia?

117

It’s cold in Italy

118

Shifts gears, say

119

Nation bordering the Black Sea

120

Analogue of a delete key

121

In

122

“That ship has sailed”

DOWN

1

Short cut

2

Beep, e.g.

3

Undercover?

4

Has regrets about

5

____ Allen, host of “Chopped”

6

Make public, as secret documents

7

Novel form of summer escapism?

8

Connive with, maybe

9

Second-generation Japanese American

10

Alley ____

11

How a boss might communicate new policy

12

With courtesy

13

Immune system agent

14

Toothpaste brand since 1961

15

Italian diminutive suffix

16

It turns when driven

17

Logo of the W.N.B.A.’s New York Liberty

18

Name found in “Americana”

19

Go back to square one

24

Sex symbol of the 1950s-60s, familiarly

29

Hypercompetitive and driven, say

31

Staff

33

Street application

34

Indigenous people of the Salt Lake Valley

35

Weak, as an excuse

36

“Ibis” poet

37

Bob who painted “Cabin at Sunset,” which sold for over \$1 million to benefit public media

40

Fragrant holiday purchase

42

Gawker

43

Goody-goody sort

45

Young salmon

46

Eight-related

47

Like Amazon forests, typically

48

Series finale?

50

Maze’s goal

51

Comes into one’s own

52

[So-o-o funny!]

56

Reason to head for the hills

58

Drill

60

“Geaux Tigers!” sch.

62

John M. ____, director of 2024’s “Wicked”

63

Showing signs of working out, say

65

“Let’s do this!”

66

Use a divining rod

67

Midwest birthplace of Marlon Brando

68

Buddies, in Bayonne

69

Wisecrack

73

Musical Yoko

74

Big bang source

77

Like London’s Kew Gardens

79

Surprised greeting

80

Word with black or coffee

81

Covenant keepers

82

Something in which you might stand for a spell

85

“Lay it on me”

87

Ousted, democratically

89

Sushi topper

90

Boutonniere counterpart

91

Eccentric

94

Many a modern-day septuagenarian

96

Pricing game on “The Price Is Right”

97

Avatar, e.g.

98

Smash hit

99

Teresa of ____

100

Sacred Sanskrit texts

101

Card game played in Dickens’s “The Pickwick Papers”

102

Drew back

107

Website with a “Star Seller” program

108

Binary

109

Setting for most of the TV series “Pachinko”

110

Time for a social media break, maybe

111

____ fixe

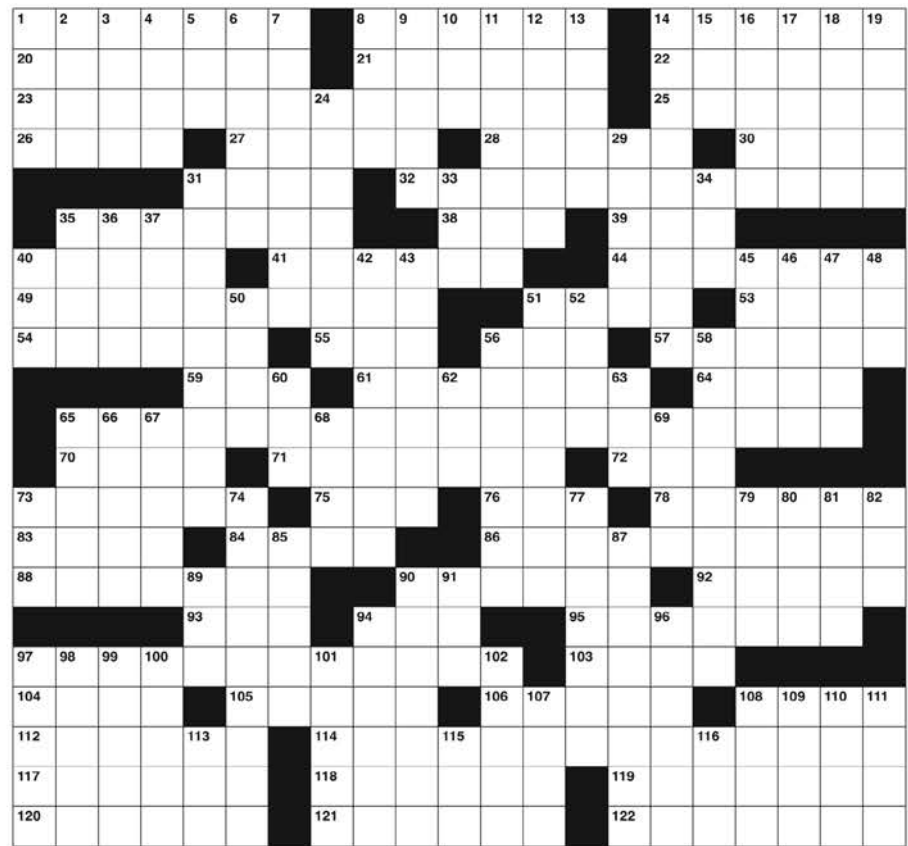
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Office address abbr.

115

Cupcake, in Ireland

116

Not to

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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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

Answers to last week’s puzzles

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

T	A	P	I	N	S	M	A	R	T	L	S	A	T	P	A	D
S	C	O	N	E	A	E	G	E	A	N	A	T	T	A	E	L
K	L	I	N	G	O	N	L	I	N	G	O	R	A	S	P	I
S	U	N	A	S	S	E	T	E	M	A	I	N	I	N	P	E
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C	A	L	D	E	R	A	A	U	D	I	T	E	D	O	S	S
O	V	E	R	D	I	D	V	E	R	D	I	E	M	I	R	S
D	E	S	I	S	I	E	T	E	C	A	L	I	N	K	P	A
E	S	S	A	Y	N	E	T	B	O	A	R	S	O	R	O	
T	E	C	P	A	P	E	R	C	U	T	A	P	E	R	C	U
J	E	M	I	S	I	N	E	T	E	L	E	C	T	O	R	
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R	E	D	D	I	T	F	E	W	A	N	T	I	S	D	O	R
L	A	S	I	K	H	I	N	D	I	S	H	I	N	D	I	G
B	E	Y	O	U	S	T	I	N	G	P	O	M	A	D	E	S
L	A	S	T	I	N	B	L	A	S	T	I	N	G	V	A	S
O	N	E	O	N	R	O	U	T	A	R	E	E	L	S	P	A
C	H	A	N	C	E	I	T	L	O	T	S	A	F	L	O	T
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Oct. 29 - Nov. 5



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
Wed-Fri 10am-3:30pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$279,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Friday 11am-1pm	12626 Sunset Avenue #17, West Ocean City	2BR/1.5BA	Townhome	\$289,900	Lauren Bunting/Keller Williams Realty
Friday 2-4pm	204 S. Heron Drive #202G, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	268 Windjammer Rd, Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$339,900	Elaine Davidson/RE/MAX Advantage Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	6201 Atlantic Avenue #806, Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Condo	\$1,299,999	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-1pm	4 Preakness Drive, Ocean Pines	5BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$879,900	Power of 2 Team/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 11am-12:30pm	9500 Coastal Hwy #15G, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$599,000	Tracy Reddell/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 11am-3pm	12430 Old Bridge Rd., West OC	2BR/2BA	Single Family	from \$279,750	Shelly Wilson/Salt Life Community
Saturday Noon-2pm	75 King Richard Road, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$798,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday Noon-2pm	12346 Old Bridge Rd #164, West Ocean City	2BR/1BA	Single Family	\$155,000	Danny Taglienti/Keller Williams Realty
Saturday 12:30-3:30pm	13201 Wight Street #401-A, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$799,900	Greg Erdie/BHHS/PenFed Realty
Saturday 1:30-3:30pm	5703 Atlantic Avenue #2S, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$595,000	Rosemarie Leonard/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-12:30pm	24 Stacy Court, Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$1,249,500	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	953 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$479,900	Katie Landon/Coldwell Banker Realty
Sunday 11am-1pm	204 S. Heron Drive #202G, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
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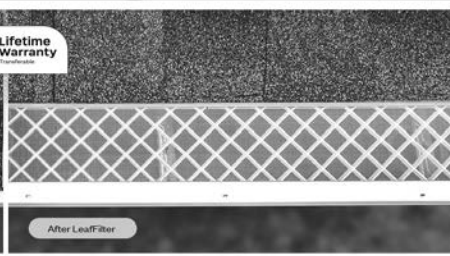
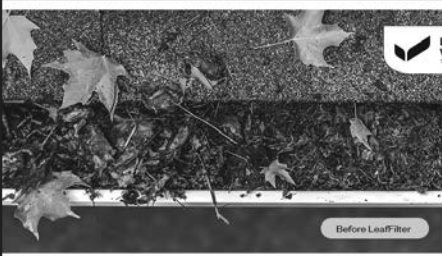
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Oct. 29

OC RV & VAN LIFESTYLE SHOW
Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4001 Coastal Highway, 12-7 p.m. RVs, vendors, Bronco Beach Bash, OC Customs, live BMX shows and more. On Halloween, show-wide trick-or-treating. Admission is \$15 for adults and free to kids 12 years and younger. <https://ocrvshow.com>

MRS. DOUBTFIRE: THE NEW MUSICAL COMEDY
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. A hysterical and heart-felt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/51816695/mrsdoubtfire-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

TRUNK-N-TREAT
Taylor Bank Parking Lot, 11103 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, 5-7 p.m. Bring the kids in their costumes for this family fun trick-or-treating event featuring games, prizes and candy. 410-641-5306, info@worcestercountychamber.org

STORY TIME: HALLOWEEN PARADE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories. Dress up and parade around the library for goodies. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME: 'LITTLE MONSTERS STORY TIME'
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-5622

ADVENTURES IN SAFARI PHOTOGRAPHY
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Photographer Tom Kennedy shares amazing stories and the finer points to keep in mind while shooting pictures in the wild. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

MURDER MYSTERY
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Help solve yet another murder at the Ocean City library. 410-524-1818

FIRESIDE CHAT
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A lively discussion of books you've enjoyed and recommendations to inspire your next read. 410-641-0650, worcesterlibrary.org

HALLOWEEN STEAM STEM FEST
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Experiment with ghosts, spiders and magnets. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

DR. MADDOCKTOR'S HAUNTED LABORATORY
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. For families. 410-641-0650

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., Oct. 30

BRONCO BEACH BASH OCMD
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring beach cruises, sand obstacle course, a Vendor Village, Bronco displays from 50 years of Ford heritage, contests and live entertainment. Registration, event schedule: BroncoBeachBash.com. 443-366-5944

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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

DR. MADDOCKTOR'S HAUNTED LABORATORY
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 12 p.m. For families. 410-641-0650, worcesterlibrary.org

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Test your knowledge of everything that goes bump in the night with this trivia contest. Prizes awarded. 410-208-4014, worcesterlibrary.org

Sat., Oct. 31

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HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL
White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Carnival games, face painting, costume contest, haunted hayride, refreshments, candy and goodies. Free admission. Open to the public. Donations of individually wrapped Halloween candy is appreciated. 410-641-7052

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Come to the library in costume, create your trick or treat bag, and then go around the desks to collect your candy. For families. 410-524-1818

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 401 Fifth St., 10 a.m.-noon. Halloween crafts, games and treats. For families. 410-957-0878

HALLOWEEN AT THE ART LEAGUE
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1:01 p.m. Go on a Halloween Arty Spy adventure. Make your own Halloween slime. Come dressed in costume. Follow the clues throughout the Arts Center to discover candy bowls along the way. Free event. 410-524-9433

DR. MADDOCKTOR'S HAUNTED LABORATORY
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. For families. 410-641-0650, worcesterlibrary.org

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

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RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC
Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Featuring the world's finest tribute. VIP Meet & Greet Soundcheck Package available. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/98219979/rumours-of-fleetwood-mac-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

OPVFD 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$150 and includes green fee, cart, breakfast and lunch. Single or doubles welcome. Rain date Nov. 8. opvfd.com/golf, 410-641-8272

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
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