

FOPL to host meeting

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will hold its semi-annual membership meeting on Monday, June 10.

There will be coffee and donuts beginning at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting to follow. Agenda items include recent projects undertaken by the Friends, the Treasurer's report and a 2019 Book Sale update.

All are invited and encouraged to sign up for membership in the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library. This will allow you, among other things, to attend the members-only Friday night (July 26) opening of the 2019 Book Sale.

Following the membership meeting, there will be a Trivia contest emceed by Jim Meckley.

Worcester GOLD golf tourney set

Worcester County GOLD (GOLD - Giving Other Lives Dignity), announced its fifth Annual GOLD on the Green Golf Tournament fundraiser is scheduled on Wednesday, June 19, at Ocean City Golf Club's Newport Bay Course in Berlin. This is GOLD's major annual fundraising event.

Not a golfer? Great ways to promote your business and sponsorships are available. GOLD is requesting donations of items for golfers' gift bags, which can include a business logo, and raffle and award prizes. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

The 18-hole golf tournament will be a scramble format, with registration and lunch at 12:30 p.m. and a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. A buffet awards dinner with carving station follows the tournament.

All proceeds will benefit GOLD's emergency assistance programs for Worcester County residents who experience an unexpected crisis while already living in poverty and low-income circumstances. During 2018, GOLD provided vital support for 919 families, which included 1,292 adults and 1,468 children, a total of 2,760 Worcester County residents served. Assistance was provided to help avoid eviction, prevent disconnection of utilities or reconnect services, provide food and clothing, meet urgent medical needs, provide crucial transportation, assist children transitioning from homes into foster care, and to provide items to meet basic needs for infants, young children, vulnerable adults, and those who are homeless.

Registration forms are available on GOLD's website at www.WorcesterCountyGOLD.org and at [Facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD](https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterGOLD). For more information about the tournament or how to become a sponsor or donate items for the golfer gift bags, contact Sandy Sipes, GOLD's Executive Director, at 410-677-6830 or email WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com.



CASA Frank Walter, WYFCS Board Member Karen Clayland, President of the Board of WYFCS Robin Walter.

Pirates raise money for programs

Approximately \$40,000 dollars was raised at the eleventh annual Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services (WYFCS) Pirate Party, held at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City, Maryland. The money will be matched with grants, generating more the \$200,000 in program funding for youth in Worcester County.

WYFCS is a non-profit founded in 1975 that helps people of all ages with a broad spectrum of services that include mental health counseling,

youth and adolescent enrichment programs, advocacy for abused and neglected children, and empowerment initiatives for those less fortunate. The Pirate Party is their largest fundraiser, with over 150 guests in attendance.

Each year, members of the community volunteer as "pirates" and garner donations in the name of WYFCS in hopes of raising the largest amount. This year's pirates included Amy Czyzia, Bruce Krasner,

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Community Calendar

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Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club

Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

Delmarva Chorus

The Delmarva Chorus meets every Monday evening at 7PM at the Ocean Pines Community Center in Ocean Pines, Md. Women of all ages are invited to sing with us. Please contact CAROL at 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

Tuesday

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Second Wednesday

The Polish American Club of Delmarva meets at the Columbus Hall, behind St Luke's Church, 100th St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Come join us if you are of Polish or Slavic descent. No meetings. June, July, August. Call Helen Sobkowiak 410-723-2639 or Maryann Lula 410-250-2548 for more information.

Thursday

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Friday

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

A Time To Remember

On this day in 1985, the blockbuster action-comedy "Back to the Future" in which John DeLorean's iconic concept car is memorably transformed into a time-travel device—is released in theaters across the United States.

"Back to the Future," directed by Robert Zemeckis, starred Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, a teenager who travels back 30 years using a time machine built by the zany scientist Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd). Doc's mind-blowing creation consists of a DeLorean DMC-12 sports car outfitted with a nuclear reactor. Once the car reaches a speed of 88 miles per hour, the plutonium-powered reactor achieves the "1.21 gigawatts" of power necessary to travel through time. Marty arrives in 1955 only to stumble in the way of his own parents (Crispin Glover and Lea Thompson) and keep them from meeting for the first time, thus putting his own life in jeopardy.



Garden tour, luncheon set

It's showtime! The Ocean Pines Garden Tour and Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 13. The tour of nine gardens will be from 9 a.m. to noon, with lunch at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club beginning at 12:15 p.m. Directions for the garden locations will be available at the Yacht Club at 9 a.m. the day of the event. The menu choices for the luncheon are: (1) Fish Tacos - fresh white fish, Pico de Gallo, shredded cabbage, sour cream on corn tortilla and Corn Salad, (2) Hot chicken parmesan sandwich and side Caesar Salad, (3) Strawberry salad - spring mix, goat cheese, almonds and chef-made vinaigrette with tomato basil soup. Dessert, coffee, tea or non-alcoholic beverage/cash bar with a specially priced signature drink, Top Hat Spritzer will be offered. The cost of the luncheon and tour is \$35; tour only is \$15 (tour only tickets will be available at the Yacht Club on June 13). RSVP by May 30 to Marian at 410-208-2508. Mail checks payable to OPGC, 29 Wood Duck Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Please indicate on the check your menu selection.

Dem committee to meet

The Democratic Central Committee Worcester County's monthly meeting will be held Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 11 am. at the library in Downtown Berlin located at 13 Harrison Avenue. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Call 410-213-1956 for information.

Discovery Club offered

The Delmarva Discover Museum will offer the new Discovery Club for three to five-year-olds. Organizers are looking forward to bringing a fun hour each week to pre-schoolers that will include books, art, singing, and movement coordinating with the week's theme.

The club will meet every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning June 5. Moms, Dads, grandparents, and other caregivers

are invited to join in the activities with your little one(s). While all are invited, the free class is limited to three- to five-year-olds. This is due to the oftentimes large developmental differences with those under three years of age.

The Museum is located at 2 Market Street in Pocomoke, and is open year-round; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 pm. For more information go to www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org.

Short film challenge issued

The Ocean City Film Festival in collaboration with the Art League of Ocean City is presenting a second challenge to filmmakers and aspiring filmmakers across Delmarva and beyond: The Ocean City Film Challenge.

The 2nd Annual Ocean City Film Challenge is open to any artist who wishes to make a short film that takes place in Ocean City and is in some way about the resort. The film can be

of any genre, must not exceed 20 minutes in length, and be made between June 15 and July 15, 2019. All entries will be screened during \$5 Film Night on Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and a winner will be chosen that night. Entries will also be screened at the fourth annual Ocean City Film Festival in March 2020.

"We love seeing all the talent that comes from local artists, but we'd also

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Ocean Pines Operations Director **Colby Phillips** provides updates on several ongoing initiatives.

Improved financials, golf doing well, audit to be released

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors met Saturday, June 1. What follows are meeting highlights prepared by the Association.

Financials Improved

The April financial report, released this week, showed the Ocean Pines Association capped a turnaround, as the unaudited statement revealed the total net operating fund for fiscal 2019 finished \$130,584 better than what was budgeted.

By comparison, the fiscal 2018 audited financial statement showed the operating fund more than \$1.2 million below budget, while the fiscal 2017 audited statement was just over \$363,000 worse than the budget.

Final audited figures for fiscal 2019 will be released during the Ocean Pines Annual Meeting, scheduled August 10.

Interim General Manager John Viola said total revenues for the fiscal year were \$535,790 over what was budgeted, while total expenses were \$392,090 over budget. He said higher than expected revenues led to higher expenses, especially at the Yacht Club.

Reserves closed out the fiscal year at \$8.8 million, including \$5.2 million in replacement reserves, \$2.5 million in bulkhead reserves and \$1.1 million in road reserves, according to the unaudited report.

Association President Doug Parks, during his remarks, commented on the turnaround.

“Think back to this time last year

and our financial condition at that point,” Parks said. “We were not in very sound financial position last year ... this year, you’ll find that quite a different story.”

Viola added the numbers showed a “big difference from last year.”

“Last year, at this time, I was probably giving you a number that was in a big loss position – let’s just leave it at that,” Viola said.

To view the entire April financial report, visit <http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/April-2019-OPA-Financial-Report-1.pdf>.

Initiative Highlights

Viola said demolition of the old Ocean Pines Golf clubhouse building was nearly finished and an advisory team that includes builder Marvin Steen and contractor Frank Brown was formed to provide advice on plans for the new building.

He said golf operations have not been greatly impacted by construction, as evidenced by the success of the annual Ravens Roost tournament held on Friday at the course. The tournament raised money for local scholarships.

Viola said three additional large golf outings were scheduled this summer.

“I don’t think we’ve lost a beat on anything there,” he said. “I talked to the golfers, I talked to the outside play. It’s all positive so far.”

Viola said he would work to ensure

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Support referendum trigger change

Commentary by **Ed Moran**

The present situation at the country club is a perfect example of the lack of discipline in this and prior boards. The building has been in dire need of rehabilitation of one sort or another for years but the can was continually kicked down the road. About four years ago, a board meeting there had board members sitting in coats on a winter day. So after a while, it became the “should we repair or replace” discussion. For those of you with short memories, a similar discussion brought us the new yacht club in all its glory and expense and hidden costs.

This time, a previous board made the decision to rehabilitate the present structure. Seemed prudent at the time until a disagreement over bidding procedures and contractors among other matters brought the project to a halt.

The stalemate that developed between board members resulted in costs to protect the partially finished building and then finally to abandon the project...half finished and \$500,000 invested. Partially completed buildings that are unoccupied deteriorate. Apparently, this one has, but to what point. Finish it for another \$8-900,000 or build anew?

By this time, the new and shiny discussion has become the dominant theme. The new building will be half the size of the old one and so will pretty much be a single purpose, one story golf-oriented building. Other meeting groups need not apply. The building will cost at least \$1,600,000 or so we are told. A number that is seriously close to the \$1,800,000 that requires a referendum of the members. The build-a-new faction managed to pass the motion to do this at a not particularly well-publicized board meeting but somehow the golf members managed to be present in force and vocal. Motion passed. And while they were at it, the board passed another couple of spending bills that rounded the association’s capital expenditure obligation at about \$3,000,000 total. All without the thought that some of this should go to referendum. Three separate projects, all under the \$1,800,000 allowed cap...no problem.

The association members elect several new directors every year with high hopes that things will get better. Once elected, the board has pretty much free rein, governed only by the rules of order and the prohibition concerning the amount they can allocate for projects. The time has come to exert more discipline on future boards. The present board should support a referendum since they will soon be subject to the vagaries of future boards. And, after all, most of them were elected in rebuttal of the actions of previous board members.

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The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that many parents are unaware that common sparklers can burn at temperatures between 1,200 and 2,000 F or more depending on the fuel and oxidizer used. That is hot enough to melt some metals and can cause third-degree burns. Despite this, sparklers are commonly handed out to children at celebrations without anyone advising on proper safety use. The American Academy of Ophthalmology says sparklers cause 27 percent of all fireworks-related injuries. Parents may want to look for safer options for kids, like noisemakers used during New Year’s celebrations. Confetti, water guns and balloons also can be relatively safe ways for children to participate in July 4th fun.



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Shirley and Gary German

Germans named volunteers of the month

Shirley and Gary German are Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County’s ReStore Volunteers of the Month for May. These active retirees have consistently shown they have a heart for volunteering, and have been using their spare time to help at the ReStore since shortly after the ReStore opened in August.

“Working at the ReStore gives us an opportunity to use our talents, and even find some new ones. We have fun with our customers. We have fun with the staff and other volunteers. We like interacting with the folks who drop off donations and others who come in a shop. It’s our goal to greet our customers with a smile and have a positive experience. And just maybe they’ll go home with a special treasure.”

Originally from Pennsylvania, the couple retired and moved to Ocean City in 2010, where they soon joined a local church and helped organize a soup kitchen and help the homeless. Shirley also became volunteer co-manager of the church’s thrift shop and Gary volunteered as a cashier and helped stock shelves. After seven years the couple took a break from volunteering, then found the ReStore in September and have volunteered two days a week since then.

The couple is a true team, and they

both agree that volunteering at the ReStore is both fun and rewarding. “In retirement we have time to do positive things and to give back to our community. It is a true joy to help and serve others.”

The ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in Worcester County. The Habitat ReStore is located at 9026 Worcester Highway in Berlin, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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They're heeeere!

My grandchildren arrived for a visit last week after moving from Alabama to southern Virginia. They'll be living two hours, 57 minutes and 17 seconds away. But who's counting.

After leaving the U-Haul and their pick-up truck in the driveway of their new

present during those bygone years when our children refused to settle down. Truth be told, I think she rather enjoyed hearing the children giggling and laughing and imploring each other to "Shh-hhh!"

One of the things parents know that grandparents tend to forget, is how long it takes to get something done or prepare to go somewhere when small children are involved. Fortunately, our grandchildren are able to get in the car themselves and buckle themselves into their seats. Nonetheless,

extra time is needed as they question what we're doing or where we're going. And then there is the inevitable situation of hearing from the backseat just as I'm about to move the gearshift to drive, "I have to go to the bathroom," even though before heading out the front door I told each them to take care of business before we left. "I didn't have to go then."

One afternoon I took them to lunch at McDonald's, which they made clear to me was their favorite place to eat. All the way to the restaurant they told me that although they like Chick-Fil-A, which is their Mommy's favorite, they prefer McDonald's. After about five minutes of this, they moved onto whether they get six or ten McNuggets, each correcting the other as one or the other shared with me their preference. In some ways they were like an old married couple. I couldn't help by smile.

Lunch was enjoyable. They each got a Happy Meal with six McNuggets, no sauce. They had fun experiencing the soda dispensing machine, especially when they pressed the cup again the ice lever. Their mother doesn't allow them to have soda, only chocolate milk when they eat (rarely) at McDonald's. That's the nice perk of being the grandfather, Mommy rules don't apply – at least when she's not around.

During lunch they told me about their school and their friends. They also wanted to know what was for dinner. It was a very nice lunch.

Now that they're be living so nearby, they'll have the opportunity to spend more quality time with their Nino. How lucky these children are! How lucky I am!



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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home, my daughter and her family made their way home to the Eastern Shore, arriving at my son-in-law's parents' home early Saturday. Not long after we received the text message of their arrival, my wife and I were headed to see them.

When we pulled up to the house, our granddaughter, the seven-year-old, was swinging on the tire swing in the front yard. When she saw us, she came bounding across the yard to greet us. It's a very nice to experience the joy of a grandchild excited to see you. I highly recommend it. Our grandson, the four-year-old came to the front window to see what was going on, then ran out the door. He was wearing plaid shorts, a T shirt, slip-on loafers and his uncle's black cowboy hat. There aren't many people who could pull off such an ensemble, but he did, selling it with confidence and a whole lot of cuteness.

It's nice having the kids nearby. They have been divvying up their time between the grandparents' houses. It takes a little getting used to having small children in the house again. The living dynamics change dramatically and at times loudly. There's constant motion. And there are a lot of questions, the most frequent being, "Why?" I finally got to the point that I answered, "Because," to which my granddaughter responded, "Daddy says that's not an answer," to which I responded, "Well, grandfathers have different rules."

Bedtime resurrected many memories of years gone by when my children found it difficult to stay in bed, to fall asleep and otherwise refrain from carrying on. It is no different with this latest generation who were sharing a room and a bed. On more than one occasion my wife yelled up the hall, "That's enough you two!" Missing from my wife's exclamations was the intensity and threatening tone that was



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Assateague Island impacts economy

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 2,136,889 visitors to Assateague Island National Seashore in 2018 spent \$94,476,000 in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,192 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$105,594,000.

“Assateague Island National Seashore welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Debbie Darden. “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Egan Cornachione of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$20.2 billion of direct spending by more than 318 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 329,000 jobs nationally; 268,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$40.1 billion.

Lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending, about \$6.8 billion in 2018. Food expenses are the second largest spending area

and visitors spent \$4 billion in restaurants and bars and another \$1.4 billion at grocery and convenience stores.

Visitor spending on lodging supported more than 58,000 jobs and more than 61,000 jobs in restaurants. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 28,000 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 20,000 jobs.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>

To learn more about national parks in Maryland and Virginia and how the National Park Service works with Maryland and Virginia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Maryland and www.nps.gov/Virginia.

Wild horse population survey released

The National Park Service has completed its May 2019 population census of the wild horses on Assateague Island. The total population of the Maryland herd is currently at 76 horses, including 21 stallions and 55 mares. There was one birth documented during the census (chestnut filly N2BHS-AR), and one death as a result of a natural event. The 31-year-

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banquets lost to the golf clubhouse would not be moved out of the community. A portion of the Ravens Roost tournament, for instance, was moved to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

“That money was captured within Ocean Pines,” Viola said. “We will monitor those banquets ... to ensure that, somewhere within Ocean Pines, we’re capturing that money – and everybody’s having a good time.”

In a summary of other ongoing initiatives, Viola said the prior general manager estimated a replacement golf cart barn building would cost \$450,000, but a new proposal suggested that number would be much lower.

“I believe we will come in way under that number and have a very solid cart barn,” he said. “I’m looking at very positive things there, in the sense of the budget.”

He added an advisory team was formed to aid the planned expansion of the police station, and that project remains on schedule.

Viola said a review meeting was held last Friday related to implementation of the new NorthStar financial systems, and that project is also on track.

He said another advisory group recently reviewed five bids to bring in an outside management firm, although “none of the bids were viable.”

“They were more expensive than the traditional GM position ... that our bylaws call for,” Viola said, adding “just about all” of the bids excluded some basic requirements, such as managing the police station. Several, he said, wanted to use their own software systems, which would have conflicted with the NorthStar implementation.

Viola said the general manager position was posted on the website and, so far, one resume was received.

Operations Director Colby Phillips said a drainage advisory group has met once a month. The next meeting, open to the public, is scheduled June 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the public works building.

Phillips said bid requests went out for the Watertown Road pipe replacement project and additional drainage pipes were being replaced as needed. She encouraged homeowners with specific drainage issues to reach out to her directly. To contact Phillips, email cphillips@oceanpines.org.

She said public works crews were also working to address potholes in the community. Phillips said in many cases the association was going back over work done by Worcester County crews. Again, she asked homeowners with specific issues or concerns to let her know.

“If you see [a pothole], please don’t hesitate to reach out,” Phillips said. “The public works team is working very hard and, obviously, they don’t see everything. But, if you see something, just let us know.”

Phillips said the association is also working to restart its bulkhead repair and replacement program, and that Fisher Marine Construction Inc. would be brought on to finish construction on West Mallard Drive that has “been at a standstill.” She said weather and other issues disrupted the work.

“It’s as top priority for us, moving forward with the bulkheads, to get a really good system [in place] and get things completed,” she said.

Addressing other major projects in the community, Phillips said improvements to the White Horse Park playground were scheduled to finish the week of June 17, and recent renovations at the Swim and Racquet Club tennis courts finished well under budget.

“We budgeted \$100,000 and we got [the project] completed for a little over \$15,000, so we saved about \$84,000,” she said.

Phillips said the pools and marina had a busy opening weekend, over the Memorial Day holiday, and recreations and parks summer camps for children were nearly full. For information on spring and summer activities, view the latest issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide at <http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/themes/Evolution/pdf-flipper/activity-guide/spring-summer-2019/mobile/index.html>.

New Business Highlights

Board members found compromise in a motion by Director Frank Daly that originally asked, “To place before the homeowners a referendum that will permit the Association to levy fines for violations of the Declarations of Restrictions.”

Daly said a recent survey of association members supported such a move by a roughly two to one margin, with 1,161 responding “yes” and 540 replying “no” to the question: “Would you support a referendum to provide for

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Animal Control thanks community for donations

Worcester County Animal Control (WCAC) staff extend their hearty thanks to the community for donating to the 2019 Rising Tide event, which was hosted by WBOC and Safford Dodge to benefit WCAC and other local shelters.

On May 20, staff from WBOC and Safford Dodge delivered a van loaded down with pet supplies to WCAC. Items, ranging from cat and dog food and treats, to litter and bedding, to sheets and towels, and cleaning supplies, were donated by caring individuals from across Delmarva during the. Donated cleaning supplies, crates, and carriers will be used in conjunction with the WCAC low-cost spay and neuter program, which has spayed or neutered roughly 1,500 dogs and cats to date. Food donations benefit shelter animals and on occasion pet owners in serious financial need.

"The staff at Animal Control were overwhelmed by this generous outpouring of support," Chief Animal Control Officer Glen Grandstaff said. "Donations of food and treats are used to both meet needs at the shel-

ter and to lend occasional support to a pet owner facing financial hardships, which assures that their pets may remain at home."

Community partners who donate either time or materials are vital in helping WCAC deliver the best care possible to shelter animals. For example, specialized items that might be outside of the standard budget, such as treats and pet beds, help to soothe and comfort shelter animals through times of transition.

"You haven't seen happy until you've seen the face of a shelter dog or cat when presented with a raised bed to stretch out," Grandstaff said, "or when offered a tantalizing treat in addition to the nightly meal."

Interested in donating or hosting a fund raiser to help a shelter pet? WCAC gladly accepts donations throughout the year. Needed items include wet and dry cat and dog food, dry kitten and puppy food, treats, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid, household disinfectants, dryer sheets, scouring pads, Mr. Clean Magic Erasers, and gently-used towels, wash cloths, blankets, and unfit-



ted sheets. New and gently-used pet beds, crates, and carriers are also accepted.

"Animal Control has benefitted from past fundraisers too, from those hosted by private citizens to special interest groups," Grandstaff said. "We are thankful for them all, but the ones that bring the biggest smiles to our faces are the fundraisers hosted by area youth as part of their birth-

day parties. Instead of asking for gifts for themselves, they ask their friends to purchase gifts for the shelter animals."

Those interested in hosting a fundraiser, donating items to shelter pets, or learning more about WCAC services, including microchipping and the twice-monthly, low-cost spay and neuter clinics, are invited to contact the shelter at 410-632-1340.

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Watershed program offered

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) will host the second series of the 'Discover Your Watershed' program, Saturday, June 8 at the Lizard Hill restoration site located in Bishopville from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This event will focus on "Funky Fauna" a fun term we use for animal-based sampling. Volunteers will walk throughout the property with MCBP staff to search and ID local animals and habitats. There will also be hands-on educational stations about the freshwater fish and macroinvertebrates found on site.

Originally a large sand pit, Lizard Hill is now a spectacular 30-acre Atlantic white cedar community, a once very common ecological community of trees that is now virtually non-existent in Maryland. The objective of this restoration project is to reintroduce this native tree while also reducing nutrient inputs into the St. Martin River.

Lizard Hill is a State Highway Administration (SHA) property so public access is very limited. This Discover Your Watershed program

is a great opportunity to see and experience this successful restoration project first-hand.

This is the perfect opportunity for school groups, church groups, families, and individuals to explore a MCBP management property that is typically closed to the public.

Lunch will be provided after the event. Long pants, old shoes or boots, sunscreen, and bug spray are encouraged. This event is free and open to the public.

Please RSVP by contacting Meg Buonpane at mbuonpane@md-coastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext 107.

The next Discover Your Watershed program will be held October 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will entail a large clean up on local back roads.

Discover Your Watershed series is a program dedicated to providing residents and visitors the opportunity to explore and learn about area restoration properties in the coastal bays watershed.

MCBP is a 501 c3 non-profit dedicated to protecting the five coastal bays located behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

Kiwanis breakfast returns

The Kiwanis Annual Summer Pancake Breakfast will be hosted July 13. Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea and more will be offered. Kiwanis cooks and you eat. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and Free for under age 5. The breakfast will take place between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Carryout is also available! Proceeds Benefit the Youth of our Community. See www.kiwanisofpoc.org or Facebook.



Donation - At its May meeting the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County (DWC) presented a \$500 check to The CRICKET Center. Wendy Myers, executive director of The CRICKET Center accepted the donation, along with trained facility dog Josiah.

The CRICKET Center is the only accredited child advocacy center on the lower shore and one of only two accredited child advocacy centers on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. CRICKET stands for Children's Resource Intervention Center, Kids Empowerment Team. It brings together agencies in Worcester County dedicated to investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and protecting and providing support for victims and families. Josiah is a trained facility dog who works at The CRICKET Center. His work includes providing comfort to children and families, a role he takes very seriously.


Above are **Harriet Batis**, DWC co-vice president; **Wendy Myers**, executive director of The CRICKET Center; **Vicky Wallace**, DWC president; and **Josiah**, CRICKET Center facility dog.

Blues and Jazz event scheduled

Germantown School Community Heritage Center will host, "Dancing under the Stars" on Friday, June 7, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of Blues and Jazz, fellowship and fun under the big tent in the spacious yard. Back by popular demand will be music provided by VT Second Edition, reviving their original band, "The Vibratones." Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 410-641-0638 for reservations.


This fundraiser benefits the ongoing expenses of maintaining the Germantown School that was built by the community and the Rosenwald Foundation in 1923. It was a school for African American students in Grades one through seven.



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better enforcement of the covenants and regulations, including the possibility of limited and capped fines through due process?"

Parks said he liked the concept but was struggling with some of the detail, and that more community input was needed.

Director Thomas Piatti added a final decision should be postponed until after the August election re-staffs the Ocean Pines Board, which is currently short one member and was without Director Jeff Knepper on Saturday. According to Parks, Knepper was recovering from surgery.

Daly later agreed to accept a friendly amendment, which Director Colette Horn read aloud: "This motion will authorize the board and general manager to solicit input from the membership and work with legal counsel to develop a referendum question that incorporates the violations that will be subject to fines, [a] violation correction period, fines schedule, collection of legal fees, [and] due process and appeal requirements, by Sept. 1." Directors voted 5-0 in favor of the friendly amendment and 5-0 for the original motion as amended.

Daly had one final comment just prior to the vote.

"Let's form the right question. Let's get the right input ... Let's put in the safeguards to do this thing correctly and effectively, but then let's [not] kick this down the road," he said. "Let's say we're either going to do something, or we're going to live with the system we have."

Additionally, board members supported an amendment to another Daly motion that originally asked, "To make arrangements for a controlled distribution of the complete forensic audit, without redactions, to all assessment recipients beginning June 10, 2019."

Earlier during the meeting, it was announced the directors unanimously by an email vote accepted a draft of the forensic audit submitted by Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates. Association Vice President Steve Tuttle noted the board made no changes to the report.

Daly said the forensic audit cost about \$200,000.

"The purpose of a forensic audit is to determine whether or not a crime has been committed," he said. "It's done. It's time for you to read it. I want you to read it. I don't want one sentence redacted. I don't want one name redacted. I don't want one word redacted, because the most important thing that you can have is faith and trust that, when you give us money ... it has been handled properly and efficiently, and to your best interest."

Piatti said he was not in favor of Daly's suggested delivery methods, but instead proposed "a different pathway to get this out to the public."

He drafted a friendly amendment to Daly's motion, "To direct the general manager to have staff print a minimum of 25 copies of the forensic audit report for pickup by members at no cost, starting on Wednesday, June 5, and for copies to be mailed to members upon written or emailed request."

Piatti said it was not proper to post the full report online, but by following his suggestion Ocean Pines would be complying with the Maryland Homeowners Association Act.

Parks argued such delivery methods differed from similar practices regard-

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Scholarship - Jesse Klump Memorial Fund President Kim Klump awarded the 11th Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship at Snow Hill High School on Awards Night, May 22. **Kim Klump** presented the scholarship to Snow Hill High School senior **Michael Larger**. The scholarship, valued at \$15,000, is awarded based on a student's altruism and character. Larger plans to pursue an engineering degree at Salisbury University.

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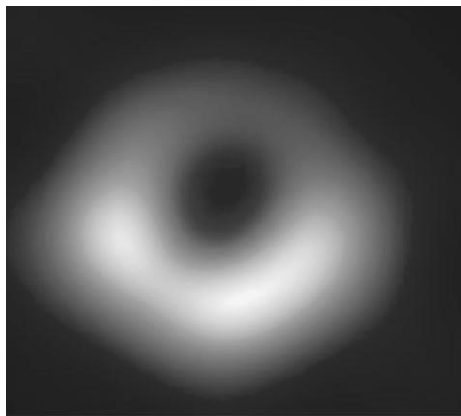
Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Imaging a black hole

The topic for June is the recent image of a black hole, produced by a collaboration of astronomers. On April 10, scientists of the Event Horizon Telescope project released the first ever visual representation of a black hole, found at the core of the M87 galaxy. The announcement was made simultaneously at multiple news conferences around the world presenting images of M87's supermassive black hole. At its immense distance from Earth of 55 million light years, capturing this image has been compared to photographing a donut on the moon.



Radio image showing the black hole's dark circular event horizon and surrounding accretion disk

To accomplish the imaging of the M87 black hole, required the joint efforts from eight radio telescope observatories around the Earth. This collaboration, known as Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) involved observatories in Arizona, Mexico, Hawaii, Spain and the South Pole. Also, Chile provided the largest array with its 66 radio telescopes. Atomic clocks provided precise synchronizing of observations. And computers finally analyzed and correlated the results from all sources.

Combining radio signals on this scale is known as Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI). Interferometry is a sophisticated technology which allows astronomers to perform a special combination of incoming starlight from two or more telescopes. With this technique, it is possible to simulate a larger telescope equivalent to the distance between the individual instruments. Together the EHT observations from the eight observatories approximated an "Earth-size" radio telescope.

Although its central dark region (event horizon) cannot be seen, a tell-

tale sign of a black hole is the radiation emitted from its "accretion disk." This swirling vortex of gas and dust generates tremendous heat and radiation, before being swept inwards. Such emissions of radiation can then be detected by especially sensitive telescopes on Earth. The crescent-like appearance of the image is attributed to the idea that particles located in one side of whirling vortex are moving towards the Earth and hence appear brighter,

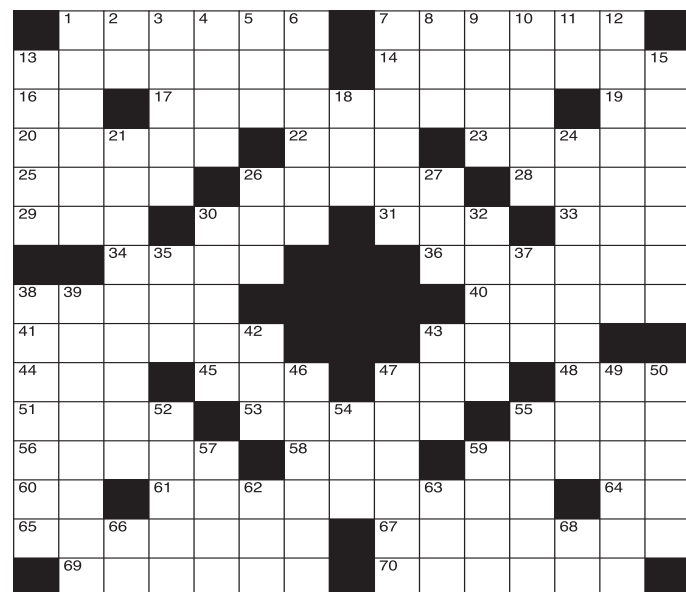
while those in the opposite region are rushing away.

Astronomy fans generally know that black holes contain immensely strong gravitational forces. For bodies far enough removed from the black hole, orbital motion is still possible. However, there is a special boundary known as the "event horizon" and any object approaching within this boundary cannot escape, even light itself is trapped. Therefore, the black hole is surrounded by a spherical shape which is absolutely black. Within this region, the in-falling superheated gas of the vortex still exists, but it can no longer be seen.

Historical indications of black holes have come in the form of indirect evidence, such as high-speed stars orbiting in a strong gravitational field. To record the actual appearance of the black hole itself, showing the clear outline of the event horizon, is a true breakthrough.

The Event Horizon Telescope group is continuing to collect data regarding the Milky Way's central black hole known as Sagittarius A* (Sgr-A*).

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Rome had one
- 7. Engagement rings tend to have them
- 13. Not the leader
- 14. Decorated
- 16. Morning
- 17. The Garden State
- 19. __, myself and I
- 20. Gets up
- 22. Type of meal
- 23. Cavalry sword
- 25. Proclaims
- 26. Historic places
- 28. They go into space
- 29. Hostelry
- 30. Peter's last name
- 31. Necessary for syrup
- 33. Kids' channel
- 34. Take upon oneself
- 36. A bog
- 38. Small cavities in a gland
- 40. Grand Theft Auto vehicle
- 41. More vigorous
- 43. Supply to excess
- 44. Pic __ mode
- 45. Dash
- 47. You sometimes pardon it
- 48. Catch doing something wrong
- 51. A constellation's second star
- 53. Famed French painter of dancers
- 55. Engines do it
- 56. Chemically inactive
- 58. Moved quickly on foot
- 59. Threaten persistently
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Listen without the speaker's knowledge
- 64. Rhodium
- 65. Caregivers to kids
- 67. Highly ornamented
- 69. Real, fixed property
- 70. Brains

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Resembling apes
- 2. Famed TV host Sullivan
- 3. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 4. Convicted traitor
- 5. Make into leather
- 6. Urge to do something
- 7. Small town in Spain
- 8. They promote products
- 9. Small Eurasian deer
- 10. Ancient people
- 11. The Volunteer State
- 12. Academic term
- 13. Natives of Alberta, Canada
- 15. Cause to become insane
- 18. Feed
- 21. Crime organization
- 24. Acrobatic feats
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 30. Inquired
- 32. S. Korean industrial city
- 35. Member of the cuckoo family
- 37. Test for high schoolers
- 38. Some nights are these
- 39. Helps you stay organized
- 42. Cool!
- 43. Genus containing pigs
- 46. An opinion at odds
- 47. Types of bears
- 49. Smartphones give them
- 50. Nobel physicist Hans
- 52. Where rock stars work
- 54. Your car needs it
- 55. Dutch name for Ypres
- 57. Go after
- 59. Cold wind
- 62. Examines animals
- 63. Popular island alcohol
- 66. Northeast
- 68. Indicates position



Answers for May 22



Hosts - The Republican Women of Worcester County served as the host club for the Maryland State GOP convention held at the Grand Hotel, Ocean City on May 17 and 18. Members left to right are **Barbara Loffler, Sandy Zitzer, Beth Rodier, Liz Mumford and Merilee Horvat.**

AUMC welcomes new pastor

In July 2019, Atlantic United Methodist Church (AUMC) on 4th Street in Ocean City will welcome a new pastor. The current pastor, Patty Frick, served at AUMC for five years and will now be retiring to Arizona with her husband Andy, who is also a pastor.



Joseph W. Barth
"Pastor Joe"

AUMC is very pleased to welcome incoming Pastor Joseph W. Barth. He hails from Georgetown, DE and likes to be called Pastor Joe. In his dossier, Pastor Joe favors a down-to-earth style of ministry where his gifts and talents should be considered no more important than those of any

other believer. He describes wanting to "give his ministry away" so that believers can realize their own spiritual gifts through achieving personal transformation and spiritual fulfillment.

First ordained as a church elder in 1991, Pastor Joe is eager to bring his 28 years of experience and enthusiasm to AUMC. He has previously served at the United Methodist churches in Dagsboro, Georgetown, and Selbyville in Delaware as well as in Snow Hill. He holds a doctorate in ministry from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Pastor Joe is widowed with four children including a set of twins ranging in age from 24 to 29. He is also blessed with three grandchildren and another due to arrive in June.

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Concert on the Lawn Series begins

The Berlin Heritage Foundation announces the first performance in the 2019 Concert on the Lawn series on Sunday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. John O'Dell and Windy Ridge will perform at this first concert.



John O'Dell

"For over 20 years the Foundation has been sponsoring these free concerts on the lawn of the Taylor House and they continue to be one of our museum's most popular community events," stated curator Susan Taylor. "We look forward to another exciting season this year with several returning favorites including The High and Wides on 7/13 and Old School Ocean City Band on 8/11.

Bring a chair and a picnic to enjoy these free concerts on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum at 208 North Main Street in Berlin. Concerts in the series are always held at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month from June through September.

Funding for this concert series is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, MD State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

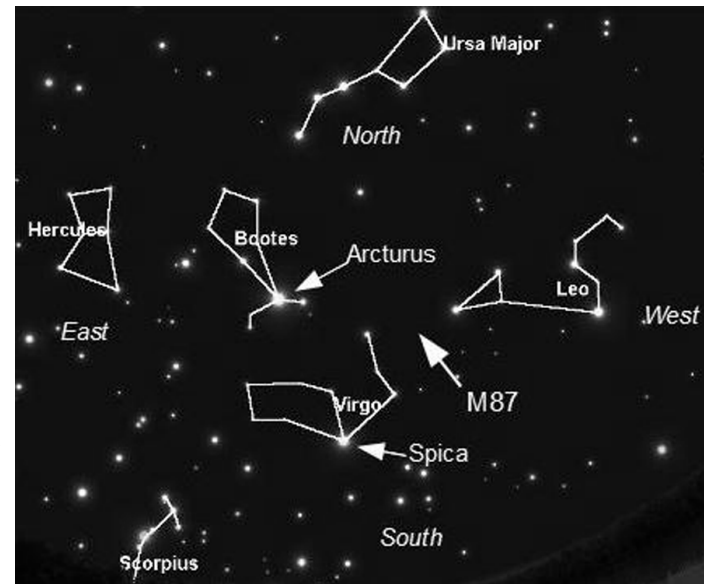
The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day through the end of October on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11-3 p.m. Group tours are available anytime by appointment.

For more information contact the Taylor Museum at 410-641-1019 or visit our website at www.taylorhouse-museum.org.

The Sgr-A* target is located about 26,000 lightyears away, much closer than M-87's distance of 55 million light years. For the mass comparison, M-87's black hole is 6.5 billion times more massive than the sun; whereas Srg-A* is much more modest at 4.3-million times solar mass. Future studies by EHT may include observing interactions among black holes, for example binary black holes.

As the stars become fully visible at about 9:30 p.m., Leo the Lion appears high in the western sky. Bootes the Herdsman is centrally located high overhead. Southwards from Bootes, the star Spica appears in the constellation Virgo the Virgin. Within Virgo, Spica is the only bright star.

The planet Mercury can be seen this month. This nearest planet to the sun appears four degrees north of the thin crescent moon on June 4. Look for the pair hanging over the horizon to the west-northwest between 8:40 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Mercury will appear just five degrees south of the star Pollux on June 19. Check the west-northwest horizon between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Stargazers are cautioned that Mercury appears close to the horizon and is a very faint object. Binoculars will be needed.



A few notable anniversaries take place in June. On June 18, 1983, Sally Ride made history as she became the first American woman in space. June 22 marks the anniversary of the 1978 discovery of Charon, Pluto's companion dwarf planet. Charon and Pluto are of comparable size, so astronomers prefer the title "companion," instead of "moon." More recently, astronomers have discovered four tiny satellite moons orbiting the Pluto-Charon pair.

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)				
Day		High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise /Sunset
Th	6	Low	4:39 AM	5:37 AM
	6	High	10:33 AM	8:21 PM
	6	Low	4:34 PM	
	6	High	10:59 PM	
F	7	Low	5:32 AM	5:37 AM
	7	High	11:26 AM	8:22 PM
	7	Low	5:30 PM	
	7	High	11:52 PM	
Sa	8	Low	6:27 AM	5:37 AM
	8	High	12:22 PM	8:22 PM
	8	Low	6:31 PM	
	8	High	12:48 AM	5:36 AM
Su	9	Low	7:23 AM	8:23 PM
	9	High	1:22 PM	
	9	Low	7:34 PM	
	9	High	12:48 AM	5:36 AM
M	10	Low	1:47 AM	5:36 AM
	10	High	8:19 AM	8:23 PM
	10	Low	2:26 PM	
	10	High	8:40 PM	
Tu	11	Low	2:49 AM	5:36 AM
	11	High	9:14 AM	8:24 PM
	11	Low	3:31 PM	
	11	High	9:46 PM	
W	12	Low	3:51 AM	5:36 AM
	12	High	10:09 AM	8:24 PM
	12	Low	4:31 PM	
	12	High	10:51 PM	

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ing contracts, and would set a precedent “that doesn’t need to be set.”

“There’s a mechanism in place, both from an OPA perspective and a



Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Kerrie Bunting** addresses the Ocean Pines Board.

Maryland HOA perspective that, if you want information, you request it and it’s provided to you,” he said. “At the risk of diminishing the importance of the forensic audit, I treat it as just another one of the documents that’s collateral for this organization.”

Directors voted 5-0 in favor of the friendly amendment and 4-1, with Parks opposed, for the original motion as amended.

Other Votes Taken

Directors voted unanimously in support of several additional motions, including:

-To direct the interim general manager to put out an RFP to solicit bids for a Compensation Study;

-To rescind the motion regarding issuance of one share of stock for the Yacht Club and the issuance of one share of stock for the Beach Club;

-To approve

the police vehicle take-home policy as presented by the GM; and,

-That the Ocean Pines Board of Directors approve the recommendation by staff to award a contract in the amount of \$196,875 to Fisher Marine to perform bulkhead repair/replacement work at 10-20

West Mallard [Drive];

The latter two motions were added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.

Directors also voted to approve an Ocean Town Construction LLC contract for \$86,826 for a new craft building, and to approve revisions by second reading to resolutions F-03 (Financial Reserve Accounts) and F-04 (Delinquent Assessments).

For more information on any of the posted agenda topics, view the full meeting packet at <http://oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/6-1-19-Board-Packet-WEB-2.pdf>.

Special Presentations

Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kerrie Bunting said the nonprofit had not always “had a great, symbiotic working relationship with the GM or the board,” but she now hoped to correct that.

“I want all the residents and visitors to know that we are here for them,” she said, adding attendance was strong during a recent car show. She said a flounder fishing tournament was scheduled on August 3, and plans are underway for the annual Senior Living Expo, scheduled

November 9.

“And we’re open to suggestions for community events that we can help you with,” she said. “I want to do a lot more with the OPA, the residents [and] the visitors.”

For more information on the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, visit www.oceanpineschamber.org.

Jillian Cordova, a partnership specialist with the United States Census Bureau, said the census next year would shift to being “primarily electronic.” She said next March homeowners would be mailed a card with a code to fill out the census online, and that papers copies of the census may be mailed upon request. Cordova added the number of questions was reduced from nearly 30, to just 10 or 11.

She said census workers were available to set up informational tables at local events, and the census is looking to hire local people, starting this August, to assist in its activities. Pay starts at \$18.50 per hour and there are opportunities for supervisor positions.

For more information on the census, visit www.census.gov.

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Strong military presence at this year's air show

The 2019 OC Air Show will showcase a plethora of military performers when it returns June 15-16 over the beaches and boardwalk of Ocean City.

The show will feature two A-10 Warthog Thunderbolts from the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard. They are scheduled to do flyovers on both show days.

The A-10 Warthog or Thunderbolt II is a single-seat, low, straight-wing aircraft. The design of the wing allows short takeoffs and landings from primitive airfields. Because of this, the A-10 can operate nearly anywhere and provide ground troops with close air support.

There will also be an appearance by the C-5M Super Galaxy from the 436th Airlift Wing based at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. The C-5M will fly on one day only, Saturday, June 15.

The C-5M Super Galaxy is the largest transport aircraft in the U.S. military and one of the largest in the world. The C-5M is a modernized version of the legacy C-5 and is operated by the U.S. Air Force. There are 52 C-5Ms in the fleet that are stationed at Dover Air

Force Base, Delaware; Travis AFB, California; Lackland AFB, Texas; and Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts.

The U.S. Coast Guard out of Atlantic City, New Jersey will also stage a search and rescue (SAR) demonstration, which will spotlight how the Coast Guard performs an out-the-door water rescue of a person in distress from an HH-65 Daphne helicopter hovering overhead.

The U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demo Team will also be performing. The team's F-16CM Fighting Falcon, affectionately known as the "Viper," is a single-seat, multi-role fighter with the ability to switch between an air-to-ground and an air-to-air role at the touch of a button.

The F-16 Viper Demo Team recently announced a new commander/demo pilot – Major Garret "Toro" Schmitz. From Price, Utah, Schmitz is a combat proven fighter pilot with over 340 combat hours in the F-16.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will headline the 2019 OC Air Show, which will also include the Canadian Armed Forces Snowbirds for the first time ever.



Birthdays - At the Ocean Pines Wednesday Bridge Club on May 15, members celebrated Marion Novak and Bob Danchik's birthdays in the Marlin Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Above are **Marion Novak** and **Bob Danchik**. Photo by Anna Foultz.

Poet's reading to be held

The public is invited to attend a free reading by Diane Glancy on Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m., in Room 302 of the Hazel Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

An award-winning poet, author and playwright of Cherokee descent, Glancy is the author of "Pushing the Bear" and "Mary Queen of Bees." Her most recent works are "It was Over There by That Place" and "The Book of Bearings." She teaches in the master of fine arts program at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a professor emeritus at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., where she taught Native American literature and creative writing.

This event is made possible by a grant from Maryland Humanities, through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in the programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Hu-

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Donation - Recently, Gateway Subaru presented a check to Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS) for \$24,486.00. This is the third year in a row they have partnered with the no kill shelter. The donation came through the "Share the Love Event" where Gateway customers could choose the shelter to receive a donation when they purchased their vehicle.

Pictured from L. to R.- Shelter employee **Chris White** (kneeling with adoptable dog, Cash), **Aislyn VanGenderen** (delivery specialist), **Judy Galuardi** (WCHS board mem-

ber), **Sandy Summers** (WCHS board member), **Patrick Priest** (WCHS employee), **Wendy Schiavone** (sales manager), **Molly Moran** (district sales manager-Subaru of America), **Daniel Chait** (field operations analyst-Subaru of America), **Stephanie Bianca** (WCHS employee), **Danielle DeVan** (kneeling-WCHS employee) **Anne O'Connell** (WCHS board member), **Barb Griffiths** (WCHS volunteer and employee), **Ashley Keener** (WCHS employee), **Jason Raguz** (District Parts & Service Manager- Subaru of America).

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Obituary

Lucy C. Cocucci

Newark – Lucy C. Cocucci, age 83, died on May 24, 2019. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Cocucci and a dear mother of Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci and the late Michael T. Cocucci.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday May 31, 2019 at 11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark DE 19713. Interment was at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. John Neumann Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin, MD 21811.

Online condolences may be sent to yasikfh.com.

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old sorrel mare N6BM sustained a broken hind leg during a fight with another horse. A visitor had observed the fight about 6 miles south on the OSV and reported the event, allowing the mare to be humanely euthanized without delay.

The National Park Service completes a full census of the horse population in Maryland six times per year, in February, March, May, July, September, and November. Managed as a wildlife population, the Assateague horses are free to roam over approximately 27 miles of the barrier island and can be difficult to find at times. During each census, horses are identified by their distinguishing characteristics, mapped and counted. Individual horses that are not observed during multiple census periods are presumed dead. The purpose of the census is to monitor the overall population dynamics of the horse herd in support of the long-term fertility control program that was initiated in 1994.

commentary

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There should be a referendum to set the spending cap at \$1,000,000. Referendum voting material should be included in the correspondence sent to all members with this year's election material. This would be a referendum on how the association conducts its basic business. The cost to put this question before the membership should be borne by the association itself rather than push the burden of the usual ill-fated door to door solicitation of funds and signatures to a few motivated individuals. It really is time to get our house in order while the majority of people who own homes here can afford the cost.

(Note: Ed Moran is an Ocean Pines property owner. His association with OPA goes back to 1985 when he represented Chase Bank in handling the turnover of the then privately owned Ocean Pines water and sewage system to Worcester County. Ed also handled the final turnover agreement to complete the work begun earlier by Boise Cascade to turn over all the common properties to the Ocean Pines Association, as well as negotiate the sale of the Sports Core properties along Route 589 to OPA.)

Ed is now the Chief Restructuring Officer of Bronx Parking Development Company which built the new garages around the new Yankee Stadium. As he puts it, "NYC put me in the position to run the company and negotiate with the bondholders since the company's \$237,000,000 bonds were and still are in deep default. I also get to negotiate with Yankee management which is an entirely different experience. Due to their power in NYC, my opening words were 'by your leave, sire.' Actually, when I took over they were steaming at the condition and operational deficiencies of the five garages and ten lots but now I go to their corporate offices mainly to talk baseball."

Editor's Note: This appeared on OceanPinesForum.com.

Platform tennis courts dedicated

By June Freeman

Over the Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 25, Ocean Pines platform tennis members dedicated their two recently acquired courts to our Veterans. Funded by many generous donations of the members, a memorial bench engraved with the words 'O.P.P.T.A. Proudly Supports Our Military May 2019' was placed in front of court five. Along with the bench, five flags from each branch of the military were situated behind the bench.

Organizer of this event, Treasurer Sue Walter was the key speaker. Walter stated, "More than 1.1 million men and women have died in



wartime throughout the span of our nation's history. To include those who were wounded and went missing, that number is closer to 2.9 million. These numbers should truly humble us, as they represent fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, and friends. People woven into the fabric of communities across our nation. They were

loved, they were mourned, and they were and still are missed."

Over forty members attended this event which was held to show support and to honor our veterans. The platform tennis members who served and also those who lost a loved one were recognized. The event was followed up by more play on the courts and a cook-out.

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Caroline Phillips, Darren Cummings, Earl Conley, Frank Mattes, Grey Lindsey, Jamie Davis, Jennifer Dawicki, Joe Kendall, Karen Bush, Maureen Purnell, Michael Belich, Pastor Ron Schatz, Rod Rippin, Sharon Knowles, Shelly Bruder, Shelly Messick, Spencer Byrd, Vinny Pierotti, Randi Spano, and the current highest earner, Kenny Tomaselli.

Executive Director of WYFCS, Steve Taylor, said the event was vital to the work the organization does.

"The pirate party is a fun-filled

community event that recognizes the importance and value of helping children in Worcester County," he said, "It generates community involvement and the local financial commitment necessary to match federal and state grants dollars capable of expanding the agency's programmatic impact for Worcester County children."

The organization will continue accepting "pirate" donations through June 16. Donations can be made online at their website, gowoyo.org, by mail, on Facebook, or by visiting the office at 124 North Main Street, Suite C in Berlin, Maryland.

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ways love to see more films that are shot right here in OC," said Film Festival Director William Strang-Moya. "Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there's so much that artists can take advantage of right here in town."

The Ocean City Film Festival is entering its fourth year in 2020. The OCFF additionally holds \$5 Film Night events on the third Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St., where local filmmakers showcase their talents to an audience of film lovers and movie buffs.

More information and updates on the Festival and the Film Challenge are available online at www.ocmfilmfestival.com/ocean-city-film-challenge.html. Contact OCFF Co-Director Kristin Helf at kristin@artleague-foceancity.org with any questions.

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