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# OPA pushing for increased election interest

By **Victor Fernandes**

Steve Habeger refuses to predict the weather. The same personal rule applies to elections in Ocean Pines.



Steve Habeger

"I have a terrible track record," said Habeger, Ocean Pines Association's Election Committee Chairman, because the response from eligible voters in the approximately 12,000-person community every year is as wildly unpredictable as the Lower Shore's weather.



Cheryl Jacobs

Just when you think voters have a vested interest in elections that impact their lives, fewer than anticipated voters cast their ballots.

Ocean Pines Association officials head into the 2021 Board of Directors election hoping to surpass the roughly

40 percent voter turnout in recent elections, as well as manage a quorum at the association's annual meeting in August for the first time since 2017.

One percent of lot owners - 100 of the 8,450 lots in Ocean Pines - are needed to achieve a quorum at the meeting, which is set for August 14. That's the day the winners are announced for two open seats on the association's seven-member board.

Incumbent Frank Daly and challengers Stuart Lakernick, David C. Hardy and Richard Farr are on the ballot, which became official on May 10. Lakernick, a chiropractor and functional neurologist for 30 years, had an unsuccessful run for a board seat last year.

The winners will serve 3-year terms on the board through 2024.

Residents, both those who reside year-round in Ocean Pines and live at least part time outside of the area, are eligible to vote. Ballots begin being mailed out during the week of July 12. Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on August 11 to be counted.

"Your community cannot continue

to be the great community that it is," said OPA Communications Committee Chairwoman Cheryl Jacobs, as if she was speaking to lot owners, "if you're not involved and care enough to vote to make sure we stay the way you want it to be." Still, the Jacobs-led committee again faces a challenge, she said, "to get people out there and voting."

Jacobs pointed to a few potential inroads - free advertising on electronic signs owned by local real estate agents on the committee, printed signs placed throughout Ocean Pines, and messages at permanent kiosks around the community. "We're doing everything we can," Habeger said. "She and her committee are doing a wonderful job taking some initiatives to do some different things."

But once ballots are out of their hands, and in the hands of postal workers and eligible voters, what happens next is beyond their control. "We're doing everything we can to do a complete accurate mailing out to the community so that people have about a month to vote," Habeger said. "But I

would note that the postal service is not our friend here."

Habeger pointed to voting challenges the association faced in a referendum in May that reduced the limit on the Board of Directors' financial authority, from \$1.4 million to \$1 million. Last week, he received 10 mailings that indicated some voters didn't receive their ballots until after the voting deadline on May 13 at 4 p.m. Some envelopes were postmarked from Pennsylvania and Florida.

Others arrived from Baltimore, Habeger said, "which means they are close by. It was unexpected and nothing we've seen before."

Habeger said lot owners living in central Pennsylvania and central New York said it took 2 weeks for ballots to arrive at their homes.

"Maybe it took two weeks to get back. That's a full month," he said. "That's all that we have generally allowed under [OPA] bylaws."

Jacobs said the chairman of last

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# The law is what counts

Commentary by **Chip Bertino**  
*Worcester County Commissioner*

It's how others see us around the country that counts when it comes to policing. That was the theme of the commentary that appeared in a recent edition of *OC Today*. That theme is premised upon a belief that what the rest of the country actually sees is unfiltered, unbiased and void of selective editing.

The reality is that for the purposes of advancing subjective, inflammatory narratives that whip up

frenzied reactions from like-minded followers, much of the media and a proliferating number of activists and partisans charge into a diatribe without knowledge of facts or understanding of circumstances. For them every situation, every circumstance, is conveniently manipulated and edited to align with their virulent narratives. The hell with facts, full steam ahead

Law enforcement should not be expected to play to the camera. When they are doing their jobs

properly, they cannot second-guess themselves. When they are in the moment, a lapse of attention could have horrendous results. Conversely, if individuals are behaving properly and following the law, they must have nothing to fear from law enforcement. Law enforcement officers as well as those they serve and come in contact have a responsibility to act respectfully to one another.

When individuals decide to take provocative and hostile actions toward the police, the police must act accordingly to end the situation and restore order. That's what is expected of law enforcement.

The men and women who achieve the honor of wearing the badge should be held in esteem not contempt. Society desires to *feel* safe and *be* safe. We look to law enforcement to accomplish this.

There is no room in law enforcement ranks for ill-tempered, ill-trained, bigoted personnel. And just as true as that statement, so true is this: most law enforcement personnel are dedicated, well-meaning, fair-minded public servants who day in and day out uphold the oath they swore: to protect and serve. Their lives and their wellbeing are put in jeopardy each time they respond to a call or encounter an uncertain situation. They and their families have every right to expect they'll return home safe at the end of each shift.

Far too many times the media,

commentators, social media influencers and self-absorbed politicians assert assumptions that sizzle and crackle provocatively in the minds and attitudes of their followers. They castigate the actions and motivations of police officers, most of the time without knowing facts. They empower their arguments with selective and edited clips of police actions. There is no way law enforcement officers will ever convince these firebrands that they, the officers, are doing their jobs properly. That's why it's preposterous to suggest law enforcement must preen for every camera held by a passerby or news crew to do so. They should be allowed to do their jobs to the best of their abilities to serve and protect all of us. And when and if the facts, not innuendo or emotion, demonstrate that an officer is abusive or negligent or worse, that officer must be held accountable.

The media et al. delude themselves into believing they are fair and honest news and information brokers. This is not the case for a good many of them. If it were, why were their cries of outrage not heard over the tragic events involving Cpl. Keith Heacock?

Instead of asserting that law enforcement alter their actions to make nice to appease demagogues, maybe those individuals who are unable to follow the law should consider visiting some place other than Worcester County.

## Courier Almanac

Considered one of the world's greatest ballet dancers of all time, Soviet virtuoso Mikhail Baryshnikov, on June 30, 1974 choreographed his own Cold War-era defection from the U.S.S.R. after four years of planning.

Known as "Misha" to his admirers, Baryshnikov, then 26, finished a performance with the Leningrad-based Kirov Ballet in Toronto while on a Canadian tour, and then evaded his KGB handlers, disappearing into the crowd outside, hopping into a waiting car and hiding out until he was officially granted political asylum in Canada. Soon after, he received political asylum in the United States, where he became principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet. He became a U.S. citizen on July 3, 1986.

Baryshnikov called the defection an artistic choice rather than a political one.

July 4th is a day when Americans celebrate their independence, but it's also a day to commemorate two men who played vital roles in procuring that independence. Both

John Adams, the second President of the United States, and his successor Thomas Jefferson passed away on July 4, 1826.

The two men had an interesting relationship that became increasingly complex as the nation they helped to found developed. According to History.com, Adams and Jefferson were confidantes in the 1780s. But as time wore on, each man developed a different view of what the United States government should be, creating a rift in their relationship that was only widened by the 1800 presidential election. The men ran against

each other in that election, which is still considered one of the more contentious elections in American history. Jefferson ultimately claimed victory, a result so unnerving to Adams that he left Washington, D.C. prior to Jefferson's inauguration. The two men would ultimately reconcile, exchanging more than 150 letters before dying within hours of one another on Independence Day in 1826.



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# Red, white and blue

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## *It's All About. . .*

By **Chip Bertino**

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Sunday commemorates the forty-fifth anniversary of the two hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; known nostalgically as the Bicentennial. It's hard to believe so much time has passed since tall ships from nations around the world sailed majestically into New York Harbor to wish our country a happy birthday.

The Bicentennial? 1976? It seems like ages since everything was in some way associated with our nation's auspicious birthday. The "Spirit of '76," however defined, enveloped all of us. It permeated everything that year from political campaigns to television shows; breakfast cereals to currency and furniture. Remember the Bicentennial quarter? Founding Father Fever was in the air that year. Red, white and blue were the only colors visible on the spectrum.

At the time, I lived in Philadelphia, ground zero for everything having to do with the "Spirit:" Independence Hall, Betsy Ross' house and most certainly the Liberty Bell. As a kid it was very easy to get swept away by patriotic fever. I learned a lot that year about the cast of characters who came together to form a more perfect union. Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and of course who could forget (not that he would let you), John Hancock and his flowing, in your face signature on the document of all documents, the Declaration of Independence. During that year the CBS television network aired a series entitled "Bicentennial Minute," which were short essays on all things America. It was the USA unfurled in all her glory: red, white and blue, Mom and apple pie too!

There are some memories of that period, now so long ago, that have stuck with me. It was a time when

bell bottoms were in and disco was the rage. The Fonz was the ultimate in cool and wide ties were fashionable, especially when worn with platform shoes.

Using a newspaper photograph as a guide, my grandmother knitted an afghan that incorporated a Liberty Bell design, crack and all. She worked on it for months. During my swim lessons she sat in a poolside chair knitting.

She finished it right around the holiday and gave it to my grandfather who decided, much to my grandmother's chagrin, expressions of patriotism did not include wrapping himself in a wool blanket in the heat of the summer even if it did have a Liberty Bell on it.

Another memory had a more international flavor. As part of the Bicentennial festivities Queen Elizabeth II visited the United States, traveling aboard the royal yacht Britannia. The ship at one point was in the Delaware Bay as it headed to Philadelphia. My grandparents' home was on the bay's coast. My grandfather stayed up late one night to get a look at the ship through his binoculars. The next morning, he said he not only spotted the ship but he saw the Queen walking around the poop deck in her pajamas. To this day I question the story's validity. But if he said it, it had to be true.

I don't remember much of the actual day, July 4, 1976. However, I do remember standing under a flag with my brother having our picture taken for posterity, a Kodachrome memory tucked away somewhere in an album for future generations to discover.

Since that time of patriotic nostalgia, Independence Day holiday celebrations have not risen to the same level of majesty and pomp. This fact shouldn't be surprising: 200 years is a big deal; 245 just doesn't have the same razzmatazz feel to it. It's the difference between celebrating your twenty-first birthday and your forty-fifth.

Regardless of the year or anniversary I'm all for the red, white and blue. We don't need a Bicentennial celebration to appreciate the good old USA!

Enjoy your holiday!



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# Art openings set for Friday

In-person First Friday art openings take place at three venues on July 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside hosts the main event, with art shows also taking place at the Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery. The public is invited to attend free of charge, and refreshments will be served.

The Thaler Gallery at the Arts Center hosts sculptor Bill Wolff, the Art League's 2021 Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement. Wolff, who lives in Salisbury, is currently associate chair of the Art Department and head of the sculpture program at Salisbury University. He holds a BFA and a MFA in sculpture from Binghamton University and Louisiana State University and received an MA in wood sculpture from Tokyo University of the Arts. Before coming to SU, Wolff taught 3D design at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

The Galleria will present the

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beverly Bassford Juried Show, an annual memorial event named for a former Art League board member who was passionate about the need for the Ocean City Center for the Arts. After her death in 1999, Bassford's family established a prize in her name that grew into the annual show, still sponsored by the family. Juror Jess Cross, head of printmaking at SU, selected Megan Burak of Berlin, Md. as the Best in Show winner 2021.

The Spotlight Gallery hosts works by five of the Art League's Art Adventure Camp counselors, who will be teaching at the children's summer art camp at the Arts Center and who are artists themselves. Included are works by Barbara Buford, Michelle Galello, Jennifer Donoway, Angela Pierce, and Abby Wisniewski.

Heidi Wetzel displays her creations in the Artisan Showcase in July, a range of objects d'art from baskets to wall hangings, wrapped vases, ceramic bowls enshrouded by fiber, and framed thematic diora-

mas. Her work ranges in size from compact hand-crafted basket jewels made of waxed linen to wall sculptures capturing abstract and interpretive scenes from nature.

Jonathan Nordstrom of Ocean Pines exhibits his work in Studio E in July. A published children's book author and illustrator, he is a self-taught artist, Air Force veteran, and professional firefighter. His first book, "Sometimes Sleep," was awarded the Gellert Burgess Children's book award, the Mom's Choice award for excellence, and was a top 100 notable indie publication for Shelf Unbound Magazine. Nordstrom is a prolific painter, creating acrylic-on-canvas pieces that reflect his view of the universe.

The First Friday receptions continue to branch out to other points in North Ocean City. The new main lobby gallery at the Princess Royale Oceanfront, 9100 Coastal Hwy., continues an exhibit of abstract oil and acrylic paintings by Jack Knight of Long Neck, De. In his career, Knight has had more than 100 exhibits including 15 solo exhibits, and his large

colorful works are in major public and private collections.

A second satellite gallery on 94<sup>th</sup> St. is located less than a block from the Arts Center at the Coffee Beanery and features the work of Susan Hunsberger who composes her work as a puzzle of shapes. Her focus is mixed media using primarily acrylic and fabric in the co-existence



Bill Wolff

of design and form.

Refreshments at the Arts Center are sponsored by PKS Investments. All shows will be on display until July 31. More information is available at [www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

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# Berlin bathtub races return

Who doesn't love taking time out in the bathtub, but have you ever raced in one? On July 9 the Berlin Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Bathtub Races. This is a great way for businesses to advertise, while having fun at the same time. The Welcome Center, located at 14 S. Main Street, Berlin, will allow access to their parking lot all day for parking bathtubs. Teams will meet at 5:30 p.m. for check-in, inspection and rules. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. with races starting at 6:15 p.m.

This event will be for the entire family.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will set up a Kid Zone with arts and crafts projects where children will create clothespin puppets and spin art snails. There will also be craft bags available for them to take home, plus downtown shopping and dining are always a treat.

For more information on the Bathtub Races visit the Berlin Chamber Office website at <https://berlinchamber.org/events/bathtub-races/> or call 410-641-4775.

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year's elections committee showed members 100 uncounted ballots that failed to arrive in time.

The OPA's print and mail contractor already has begun printing envelopes for the upcoming ballot mailings. But OPA officials can't officially provide the contractor with the mailing list to 8,000-plus eligible voters until July 9. "We must adhere to the bylaws," he said.

Then there's the association's annual meeting, which has been poorly attended by lot owners in recent years. "Last year was not a typical year because of [the] COVID [pandemic]," Jacobs said. "But we've had trouble getting enough people to show up."

A candidate forum has been held, with video of the forum available to those unable to attend. A second forum could also be held.

"My experience in elections is the passion, enthusiasm and energy the candidates put in that really drives voter turnout," Habeger said. Still, Jacobs said, the future well-being of the Ocean Pines community relies on support from residents and lot owners.

"We have so much to offer in this community," she said. "We want people to be involved and to vote. Because everything is so nice here, it's easy to say everyone is taking care of everything so we don't have to do anything. We still want people to be involved."

Habeger said potential hot-button topics such as the currently unregulated market of short-term vacation rentals by owners could spark added interest in the election. Still, Jacobs said, only about 25 people showed up to a town hall meeting on the topic. Other possible issues include open fire burning in Ocean Pines and replacing old and rusty mailbox clusters in the community.

Either way, lot owners should take a real interest in the people elected to govern Ocean Pines.

"Those seven people set the long-range policy and the budget, which is a significant thing," Habeger said. "It's over \$14 million a year here, and there's lots of moving parts. All these swimming pools and tennis courts, yacht club and beach club, golf clubhouse. The board has tried a number of things [to spark interest]. I'm sure they will work on some things this year."



**Recognized** - On June 9, the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and general membership expressed their appreciation to Todd Ferrante, outgoing Foundation chair, for his many years of service.

Above: **Steve Green**, incoming chair, Atlantic General Hospital Foundation; **Todd Ferrante**, outgoing Foundation chair; and **Caroline Phillips**, development officer for Atlantic General Hospital.

# AGH works to improve patient experience

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System continues to make significant investments in technologies that bring greater ease of use to their patients and families who want to engage with them in the digital environment.

The health care organization recently held a soft launch of the second phase of their mobile patient experience program, which now allows individuals to schedule appointments online with their Atlantic General Health System providers, and more.

The program, which was introduced last fall, features a number of text-based tools that allow for appointment confirmations and reschedule requests, the sharing of self-care instructions post discharge, as well as the ability to provide feedback related to patient care.

**Features for Inpatients**

- Welcome text message, with a link to an overview of hospital amenities, parking, visitation policies, and other helpful information related to their stay.
- Post-discharge texts with links to patient education/discharge instructions and care summaries.

- Periodic check-in texts, with links to questionnaires customized by disease state, to track patients' progress after hospitalization and intervene if necessary. *Coming this summer.*

**Features for Outpatients**

- Online appointment scheduling for current patients. Established patients can now schedule directly from the Atlantic General Hospital website. Just go to [www.agh.care](http://www.agh.care) and click the Book an Appointment icon.
- Appointment reminders via text, with ability to confirm or request to reschedule.
- Texted links with care summaries and patient education after each office visit.
- A waiting list request option, if the available appointment times don't meet a patient's needs. *Coming this summer.*

In the final phase, which is scheduled for completion this summer, individuals will be able to complete new patient paperwork electronically as well as check in for their appointments and pay co-pays with their mobile device. For more information, visit [www.agh.care](http://www.agh.care).

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**Update** - The Republican Women of Worcester County held their annual Red, White and Blue luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 24 at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. The guest speaker was Worcester County Sheriff, **Matt Crisifulli**, who gave updates on law enforcement activities in his department. With him are **Charlotte Cathell**, RWWC Americanism Chair (center), who gave a talk on Worcester County History and **Sandy Zitzer**, (right) RWWC 1st Vice President.

## County rescinds Executive Order

Following recent state actions, the Worcester County Commissioners have rescinded the local state of emergency for COVID-19 in Worcester County effective July 1. Local executive orders that allowed outdoor seating as well as the carry out and delivery of alcoholic beverages will also expire.

The governor's executive orders for carry out and delivery of alcoholic beverages will expire effective July 1, and all alcoholic beverage license holders in Worcester County will cease all carry out and delivery of alcoholic beverages, which were permitted solely through the executive orders.

Outdoor seating, which was permitted during COVID-19, shall be removed as required by the Worcester County Health Department (WCHD) or the governing authority in which the licensed premises is located. The commissioners approved a 60-day administrative grace period for restaurants located in the unincorporated areas of Worcester County through

August 29 following the expiration of the state of emergency in Worcester County.

All license holders will be required to adhere to all regulations and requirements for seating patrons and serving alcoholic beverages that existed prior to the COVID-19 outbreak unless a request for alteration of a licensed premise is approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

The commissioners and other WCG officials have and will continue working cooperatively with the WCHD, the lead agency throughout the pandemic, to protect public health.

"Public health remains a top priority of the commissioners, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Worcester County Health Department professionals and their partners for working around the clock during the past 15 months to protect public health through education and testing and for their Herculean efforts to place vac-

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## Annual Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank golf scramble returns

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council will host the 36th annual Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank Golf Scramble at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on Wednesday, July 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament benefits junior golf in the area by supporting junior golf clinics and an annual tournament for junior golfers.

It also raises funds for scholarships for local high school seniors who have shown an interest in golf. In the last six years, the Golf Members' Council has raised \$35,000 for local scholarships.

This year's event is being held in honor of Scotty Wheatley, the long-time tournament chairman who passed away earlier this year.

"Early in 2020, Scotty Wheatley began working on the next version of the event and was full of hope and enthusiasm," tournament chairman Steve Howse said. "You could see the disappointment in his face when we learned that hosting a major event could not happen in 2020 [because of the COVID-19 pandemic]. But, the members stepped up in many different ways and helped Scotty match the terrific results he had achieved since taking on the responsibility for the Scramble."

Because of Wheatley's efforts, Howse said many members bought tee box signs last year, and those were displayed at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

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cines in arms," Commission President Joe Mitrecic said. "No amount of thanks can convey our gratitude for the sacrifices they made to protect lives and bring us through the pandemic."

All WCG offices and facilities, including the recreation center and branch libraries, reopened to the public in May and are continuing to provide needed public services during standard hours of operation; however, those who prefer to continue depositing essential documents in drop-off boxes in the WCG first floor atrium and at the Isle of Wight office building are able to do so. For more information regarding hours of operation, visit [www.co.worcester.md.us](http://www.co.worcester.md.us).

"Sadly, almost a year later, we lost Scotty, and our 2021 Scramble will be dedicated to him in recognition for all that he did," Howse said. "In 2021, our tee signs will return to the course and the tee boxes. We hope you will again step up and purchase a sign to be displayed on the course on July 14."

The public entry fee is \$100 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men's and ladies' closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and lunch at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Grille following the tournament.

The entry fee for Ocean Pines Golf members is \$60. The cart fee is extra for those without a cart package.

Players may sign up individually or as a foursome. Individuals or incomplete teams will be paired.

The entry deadline is July 7. To download an entry form, visit <http://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/91707/4+Entry+Form+052421.docx>.



### Happy Independence Day

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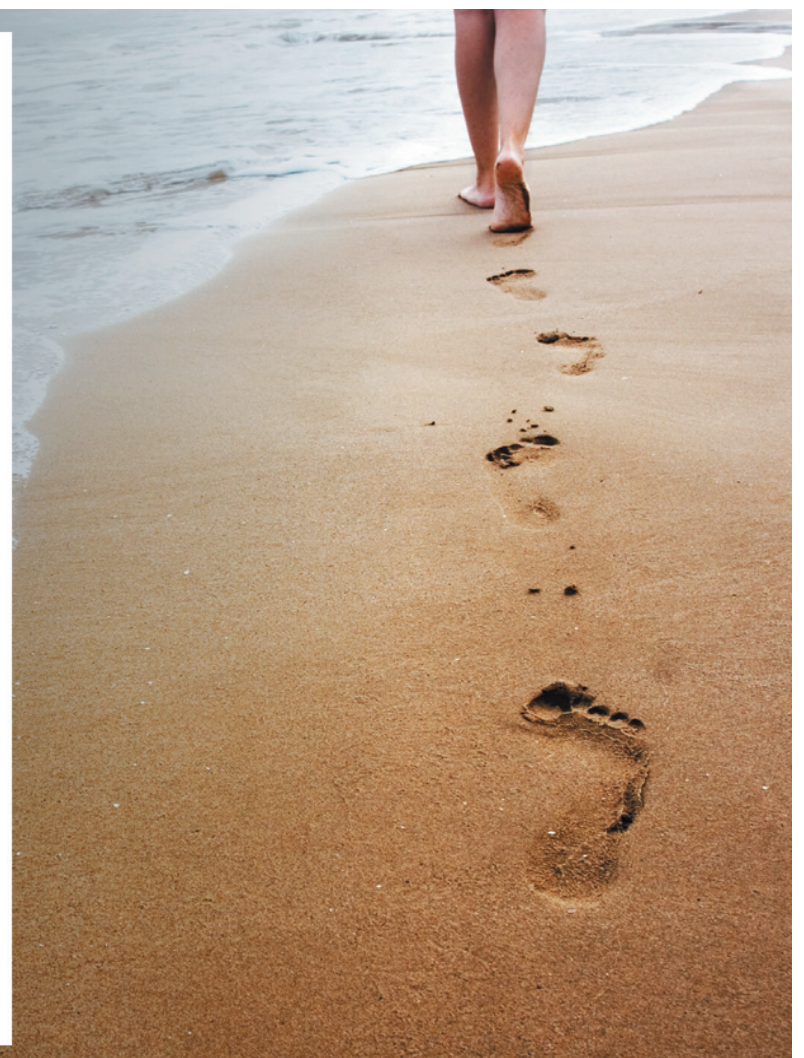
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## Fourth of July fireworks celebration to return

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will once again host a Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road.

The event this year is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., with carnival games, dry slides and bounce houses for children, plus live music and food and drink vendors.

Children's wristbands are \$7 and are good for all slides and bounce houses. Wristbands will be required for those attractions only.

General admission is free and open to the public.

Fireworks are scheduled to start at 9:15 p.m. and go until roughly 9:45 p.m.

The fireworks will launch from the north side of the pond, by Cathell Road. A new viewing zone will be fenced off from Manklin Creek Road to the Veterans Memorial. There will be no viewing along Ocean Parkway, from Cathell Road to Manklin Creek Road.

There will also be a "safe zone" marked by an orange fence, from the pond to the firehouse. No one may enter the marked area.

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Parking will be available in the area near the Ocean Pines Library

and Taylor Bank. Parking will not be allowed along Ocean Parkway. Limited handicapped parking will be available in a marked area just south of the Sports Core Pool.

Police will close Ocean Parkway from Manklin Creek Road to Off-shore Lane about 20 minutes before



the fireworks begin. That area will remain closed until the Fire Marshal deems it safe.

Additionally, police will close Cathell Road from Ocean Parkway to the entrance of the Sports Core Pool at around noon,

when the fireworks company is scheduled to arrive. The area will remain closed until the fireworks equipment is loaded back up.

Police and fire department personnel will help direct traffic throughout the day, and it is strongly encouraged that motorists follow their directions. Pedestrian traffic, if at all possible, is highly encouraged.

At the conclusion of the fireworks, pedestrians will be given preference over motorists. Residents and guests should expect delays throughout the day.

In case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will move to Monday, July 5.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks at 410-641-7052, or visit [www.ocean-pines.org](http://www.ocean-pines.org).

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## Hartshorne leads renewed golf maintenance efforts

Renewed maintenance efforts have helped improve conditions at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne said during a Board meeting last Wednesday.

Hartshorne was hired about a year and a half ago and promoted to superintendent last year. He has almost 20 years of golf maintenance experience.

"I'm very excited for this year. The course is in great shape right now," Hartshorne said.

Chief among the maintenance efforts, Hartshorne said aerification is "one of the most important things we do throughout the year."

The process uses mechanical coring tines to remove soil, and to increase air and water movement. Sand is then brushed or blown into the holes to fill them in.

"The goal is to fill the holes up when we're completely done, that way everything heals quicker," he said. "It gives places for water to move through the soil profile, helps get oxygen down in there, and helps with quicker recovery."

Hartshorne said the process looks more invasive than it actually is.

"When we do punch those holes, it looks like we tear up and rototill that whole entire greens surface ... [but] if you take all those holes and push them into one corner of the green, they're actually only impacting anywhere from 5-10% of the actual surface area of the green."

Hartshorne said the United States Golf Association recommends annually disrupting 20% of the surface of the greens.

"By doing two aerifications a year, which we have on the schedule, we can get close to that number," he said.

A more recent addition is the use of Ninja Tines, which punch smaller and shallower aeration holes.

"It's like aerification, but this is a much smaller tine," Hartshorne said. "It's a lot less disruptive. I know a lot of guys ... play behind it and hardly know we've done it, once we've gotten it cleaned up."

He said top dressing, or adding a light dusting of sand to the putting area, can also help by diluting layers of thatch that normally build up.



*Justin Hawthorne*

"Anyone who's played this spring ... has encountered this. We've been doing it weekly to help maintain conditions," he said. "It's helping with foot traffic [and] with ball marks flying in. We're just trying to add a layer of sand to pad that area, and it also helps with smoothness [and] firmness when you're playing on them."

The Golf Maintenance staff also uses the process of verticutting, or vertical mowing, on the greens.

"This is a very shallow process that just helps the thatch at the surface and removes it," he said. "We top dress behind to fill those channels in, just to [keep] that sand in the profile."

Hartshorne said the entire effort is meant to correct a layer of thatch that has built up over time.

"We need to continue these practices, with the ninja tines, the top dressing, and it's going to help us," he said. "You're going to see drastic im-

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**Day of art** - On Sunday, June 13, the Art League of Ocean City held "Arts Day at the Winery," a friend-raiser and fundraiser at Windmill Creek Winery and Vineyards in Berlin. A large crowd attended the all-day event that featured an artisans' marketplace, live music, arts and crafts, and perfect weather. Above are **Laura Jenkins, Nancy Doflemeyer** and **Senator Mary Beth Carozza**.

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movement in reducing the thatch within three to four years.

"Everything we're doing is creating space for water and oxygen, but it is going to be a consistent process," he continued. "My crew has done a fantastic job of running with this and consistently working this into our maintenance routine."

Hartshorne and the Golf Maintenance staff have also worked to bolster drainage on the course, starting with cleaning out the existing drain lines. Over time, he said, sand, leaves and other material gets caught in the drainage system, and that has to be blown out or flushed.

Some areas, like the 15th hole, may need added drainage, but others are receiving help from normal maintenance.

"We've just been trying to clean those systems out," he said. "Areas where we can blow them out and clean [the drains], we're certainly trying to

take advantage of that, because the existing pipe in the ground, a lot of it's still good ... We're only replacing what we absolutely need to replace.

"The goal is to just get the water off the playing surface as quick as we possibly can," he added.

Hartshorne said other regularly scheduled agronomic and maintenance practices now include the use of wetting agents and hand watering to help deepen the root system, as well as soil testing.

"The Golf Course looks great right now, but you can always do something better," he said, adding that soil testing may help reveal other work that needs to be done. "That's just going to give me a lot of extra information."

He said the overall goal is to improve the health of the greens, increase the ability to handle summer stress like elevated temperatures and heavy rains, and create a smooth and firm putting surface.

"That's really the goal this year, to get as much data as we can, adding those practices, and really just trying to keep that root system moving water and oxygen in that [soil] profile," he said.

For more information about the Ocean Pines Golf Club, visit [www.oceanpinesgolf.org](http://www.oceanpinesgolf.org).



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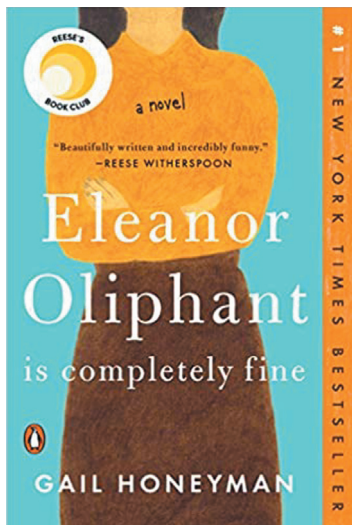
Review of

# Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

By **Jean Marx**

The book, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, is a good harbinger of reaching the conclusion that this character Eleanor is hardly that. She is twenty-nine years old living in the city (presumably London) and has worked in Accounts Receivable at a company for the past nine years. It is the only employer she's ever had; her boss named Bob had taken her into his fledgling company despite her showing up for the interview with a black eye, a couple of missing teeth, and a broken arm.

The book starts out humorously with Eleanor going through a series of beauty treatments to get herself ready to meet a local musician whom she believes will be her soulmate. She had won tickets to Johnnie Lomond's concert in her office lottery, and after seeing him, she convinces herself that they are destined to be together and thus she begins her preparations to make their first face-to-face connection perfect.



The book is told in the first person, so we always know what Eleanor is thinking. We soon learn that she says what she thinks, is eccentric, socially awkward, and leads a solitary existence. She looks forward to every Friday where she treats herself to two bottles of Glen's vodka and a frozen Margherita pizza that she prepares at home. Over time, we see that the vodka is her escape from anything she feels uncomfortable with, or the painful memories of her past that begin to re-surface.

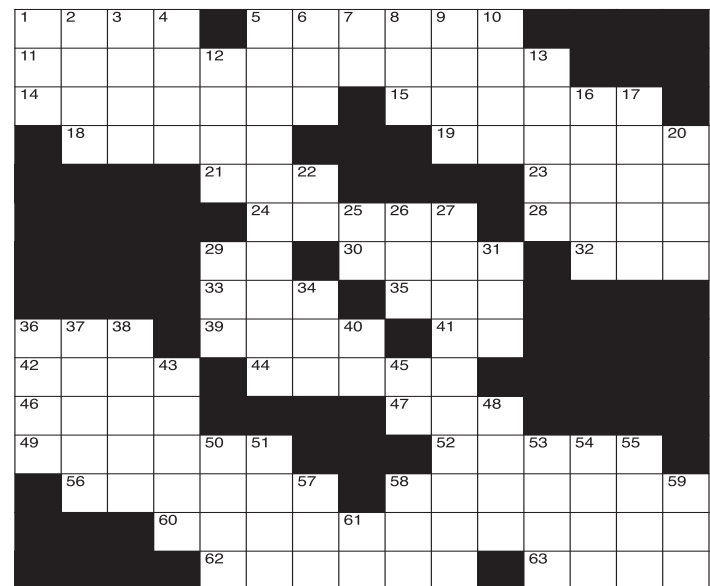
At work one day when she calls for IT support for her computer, a tech named Raymond arrives to assist her. While unkempt in appearance, he is friendly, kind, and patient in his interactions with her. On another day when they happen to leave the office together at closing time, Raymond asks to walk with Eleanor and she reluctantly agrees. They end up seeing an elderly gentleman named Sammy go into med-

ical distress and collapse in the street. Raymond enlists Eleanor's help in attending to Sammy and calling for an ambulance. This begins a budding friendship between the two as he coaxes her into visiting Sammy in the hospital as well as into visiting his housebound mother who enjoys extra visitors. Eleanor is pleased to discover that both Sammy and Raymond's mother appear to genuinely enjoy her company. This is a revelation to her as she previously had no friends.

As the book progresses, Eleanor slowly gains more confidence in herself, and in so doing, she begins to confront the demons in her past. She allows herself to admit to Raymond's mother that she does not have a good relationship with her own mother, whom she calls Mummy. Throughout most of the book, Eleanor has telephone conversations with Mummy where her mother always criticizes her and takes delight whenever Eleanor tells her she is struggling with something. It is Mummy who continues to press Eleanor about pursuing this "match made in heaven" with Johnnie Lomond.

As readers, we are always given glimpses into Eleanor's painful past and we can see how hard Eleanor has tried to keep it hidden. We know that half of Eleanor's face is scarred, and we learn of her failed relationship with a boy when she was twenty-one who had horribly mistreated her. We come to learn that he was the source of her appearance when she had gone for her job interview.

I found the book to be delightfully quirky yet quite poignant. While outwardly appearing not to have any interest in other people, Eleanor discovers that she craves human connection and love. The book adroitly addresses her loneliness, social awkwardness, and traumatic past and creates a truly likable and admirable heroine. A resident of Glasgow, Scotland, the author is Gail Honeyman and this is her first novel. The book was published in 2018 and, according to Amazon, will soon be made into a movie.

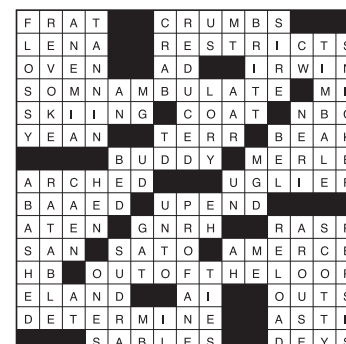


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Trigraph
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Driver's licenses and passports
- 39. Snakelike fishes
- 41. Military flyers
- 42. Raincoats
- 44. Type of community
- 46. Feature of worm's anatomy
- 47. In the center
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Saying things again
- 62. Periods in history
- 63. Hyphen

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel or eject
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Subdivision of cenosespecies
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Jerry are two
- 20. Affirmative!
- 22. Potato state
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Mosque prayer leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Scad genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. "To the \_\_\_ degree"
- 59. Residue
- 61. It keeps you cool



Answers for June 23

# The Declaration of Independence

**Publisher's Note:** *As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, it may be good to read the words that started it all.*

## In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and

usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured

to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



## Horizons Delmarva launches new site for summer program

Horizons Delmarva will be launching a new site in June at Wor-Wic Community College to continue work in closing the income-driven academic achievement gap.

Since 2003, Horizons Delmarva has been serving at-risk students in Wicomico and Worcester counties. The mission of the Horizons program is to help provide valuable educational resources for these students through year-round academic engagement and an intensive summer learning experience that utilizes a project-based strategy. The Horizons Summer Learning Program blends academic instruction with enrichment, physical activity, arts, and other activities in order to serve the whole child and promote problem-solving skills, foster awareness of community responsibility, instill respect for oneself and others, and encourage a lifelong love of learning. Every summer, Horizons Delmarva introduces almost 200 students to hands-on STEM education, swimming lessons, and exciting cultural experiences by means of off-site field trips.

This year, the Horizons Delmarva program will serve students at three locations throughout Wicomico and Worcester (The Salisbury School, Wor-Wic Community College, and Pocomoke Elementary School). The new partnership between Horizons and Wor-Wic will allow for approximately 60 students to utilize the college's campus and resources during their time in the six-week summer program.

Of the agency's new partnership, Horizons Delmarva Executive Director Joe Laque said, "I could tell from early talks with Wor-Wic that they were excited for the opportunity and wanted

to be a part of the impact we're making on these students. You can just look at the numbers and see that our students are breaking free from the achievement gap that is so prevalent in our community. Whether you look at the improved year-round GPA, reduced instances of absenteeism and disciplinary infractions, or the 99% high school graduation rate, it's evident that Horizons students are set up for success in the classroom. I feel very strongly that allowing our students the exposure of studying on a college campus such as Wor-Wic, even if just for the summer, will get them thinking about continued education after high school. With how welcoming Wor-Wic has been from the very beginning, there is no doubt in my mind that they will fit in perfectly with our other amazing site partners."

The 2021 Horizons program began on June 28 with the Wor-Wic site hosting Wicomico County students entering the sixth through the ninth grades.

## County offices closed July 5

Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including all five Branch Libraries, Central Landfill, and Homeowner Convenience Centers, will be closed Monday, July 5.

The Worcester County Recreation Center will be closed July 3-5.

All WCG offices will resume standard hours of operation on Tuesday, July 6.

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Article I

**It doesn't need to be rewritten... It needs to be reread**

*Some things to think about*

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

**IF YOU WALKED IN OUR BOOTS, YOU WOULD QUICKLY REALIZE HOW GOOD AMERICA HAS IT.**



**BUT MOST HAVEN'T, AND THAT IS WHY SO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS ARE WILLING TO S\*\*\* ALL OVER OUR COUNTRY.**

“The Constitution is not a document for the government to restrain the people: it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government.”

**Patrick Henry**

**My ancestors:**

**They were not the same as today!**

- 1) they came legally
- 2) didn't cost the Federal Govt a dime
- 3) didn't require the country to adjust to them
- 4) didn't burn the American flag

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**Recognition** - During their June 15 meeting, the commissioners, who were joined by Circuit Court Administrator **Mike Howard**, presented a retirement commendation and thanked Judicial Assistant **Charlene S. Showell** for providing 36 years of dedicated service to the District Court for the State of Maryland and the Circuit Court for Worcester County.

## GOLD seeks Annual Appeal donors

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) is currently seeking donors to support the 2021 Annual Appeal. Proceeds provide emergency assistance for urgent needs like housing, utilities, and basic needs for children and vulnerable adults.

"Even before the pandemic, 40% of Worcester County residents were unable to afford their basic needs", said Executive Director, Nicholas Cranford. "While our community continues to recover, we must remain committed to serving those living with low-income. With your help, we can continue our mission to prevent tragic outcomes for our neighbors in need."

To donate, send a check to 299 Commerce St, Snow Hill, MD 21863 or donate online at WorcesterGOLD.org

## Safe boating course offered

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are here. The sun is shining, the fish are biting, and boats are everywhere. This is the most important time to be knowledgeable about boater safety and responsibility. Safe boating is fun boating.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold a safe boating course at the Ocean Pines library on July 12, 13, and 14 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20.00 covers the cost of the course and materials.

Checks should be made payable to: "USCGAUX 12-05" and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811.

Payment via PayPal is also accepted

For more information or to register please contact Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or E mail CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

## Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 1	High	1:44 AM
1	Low	8:02 AM
1	High	2:20 PM
1	Low	8:22 PM
F 2	High	2:37 AM
2	Low	8:48 AM
2	High	3:18 PM
2	Low	9:21 PM
Sa 3	High	3:31 AM
3	Low	9:33 AM
3	High	4:13 PM
3	Low	10:20 PM
Su 4	High	4:25 AM
4	Low	10:18 AM
4	High	5:03 PM
4	Low	11:16 PM
M 5	High	5:15 AM
5	Low	11:03 AM
5	High	5:49 PM
Tu 6	Low	12:08 AM
6	High	6:02 AM
6	Low	11:48 AM
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W 7	Low	12:54 AM
7	High	6:47 AM
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