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# GM report includes drainage, marina, new pickleball courts

General Manager John Viola discussed drainage issues, a temporary fuel outage at the marina, and construction of new pickleball courts during his monthly report to the Board, last Wednesday.

Viola said the Association recently addressed drainage projects at Bainbridge Park and on the fourteenth hole of the Golf Club. He said many drainage issues had been neglected for 15 years or more.

“There’s an intricate system of drainage throughout Ocean Pines and a lot of it goes through the golf course,” he said. “We’re working on it [and] these are the last ones in the three or four years that we need to address – and we’re addressing them now.”

Viola said part of overhauling drainage infrastructure is maintaining the drainage ditches. In some areas, he’s received reports of flooding two and three feet during major storms and contractors were brought in to help clean ditches. However, he said a disturbing trend has emerged.

Some of those ditches have been filled in by three feet or more of leaves,

and homeowners have built bridges and walkways over the ditches without permission.

Viola said there are some areas “where we have cleaned [leaves and debris], twice, and people just keep filling them up,” he said, adding the Association would reach out to homeowners in those areas. “We’ve got to do something ... I want everybody to understand, there is a major cost to this. And we’re going back when I’m trying to go forward.”

Viola said there have been several issues at the marina during the last few weeks associated with the higher cost of fuel. The gears for the pricing display had to be updated because they did not go as high as \$5.

“I guess, back in the day, nobody anticipated that,” Viola said. “So, we were without service for a few days.” Shortly afterward, gas prices went over \$6, and the gears had to be updated again.

Viola said one of the storage tanks also had a line leak.

“It was identified quickly [and] we notified the proper authorities and got

the proper company in there to assist,” he said. “Anything that spilled into the water was taken care of [and] the pipe was shut down.”

Viola said the Marina should be able to meet the demand for fuel, going forward.

“So far, I am being told that we are able to handle the amount of boats that are coming in,” Viola said. “But we will be without those pumps for the remainder of this season.”

Viola said he will approach the Board for approval of pipe replacement, after the summer season.

“We are operational, but it did have some effect as far as the budget ... but the team is doing everything possible [and] we are meeting demand,” Viola said.

Construction of four new pickleball courts is still on schedule. Public Works recently finished the subbase and contractor ATC did a base and a four-inch paving pass, and installed footers for fencing and nets. ATC will next put in surface asphalt, and the courts will be coated and painted after the asphalt and concrete cures.

The project is still on target to finish by the end of July and Viola has sent weekly construction updates to pickleball members.

“Our team, along with the contractors and along with the pickleball members ... we’re trying to ensure that we always have some amount of courts operational this summer,” Viola said.

Viola said four pole lights for the North Gate Bridge will be installed after the Fourth of July. Six lower lights on each side will be replaced at a later date.

“In the meantime, with the four main lights up, we will always have light on the bridge,” he said.

Teak benches, originally purchased for the Golf Club in 2008, are being cleaned and refurbished by Public Works. Viola said the benches had not been maintained.

Of the 15 benches, Viola said one was used for parts and the other 14 were power washed, sanded and oiled, and they’re now being returned to the Golf course.

*please see report on page 19*

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# Commentary

## Ignore the fanatics

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**  
*OceanPinesForum.com*

There are individuals in the Ocean Pines community trying to turn the Board of Directors election into a three-ring circus. It began last year, to some extent. This year the political fanatics are out in force. The situation is a sad commentary, but there is also an element of strong comic relief. One would think association members were voting to elect the next Director of the CIA.

The fanatics are wandering around the no-man's-land of the Internet, doing background checks on candidates, looking for anything to demonize

their targets on Facebook and other on-line sites, or via emails. Hopefully, most association members are blissfully unaware of the fanatics and their activity online and via the United States postal service.

Sadly, given the levels of hatred displayed by opposing groups of political fanatics, association members may not see any end to the nonsense, even after the election.

One fanatic, an extreme nutcase, sends emails and paper letters to association members highlighting the wife of a candidate, advocating not voting for the candidate or any candidate associated with the Facebook page of the candidate's wife. This anonymous individual attempted to influence OPA board elections last year as well.

Another fanatic finds some infor-

mation from 20 years ago and posts on Facebook in order to disparage a sitting board member running for election. This particular fanatic is reported to be an OPA employee and not even an association member.

Yet another fanatic posts derogatory comments about another board member running for election. This fanatic posts under her own name, but then sees real-time support from a family member who died years ago.

It is quite possible one of these two opposing political support groups will see their side obtain majority control of the OPA Board of Directors. Association members would lose either way.

However, there is a way to prevent the Board of Directors election from resulting in directors supported by either group having clear majority control.

Three board positions are up for grabs. The four board members sure to remain are Colette Horn, Frank Daly,

Doug Parks, and Rick Farr. The first two remaining members are supported by one group of the fanatics, and the second two by a different group of the fanatics.

What election outcome, given the candidates on the ballot, would be best for our HOA and why?

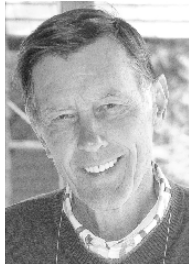
A careful review of the candidates and some knowledge of OPA politics might well result in reasonable association members choosing Stuart Laker-nick, Steve Jacobs, and Amy Peck.

As to the why? OPA would see Steve Jacobs, currently a member of the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee, as an independent, reasonable swing board vote between a Farr, Parks and Lakernick board group, and a Horn, Daly and Peck board group.

The fanatics may go wild at this suggestion. In that regard, I am with Alfred E. Neuman at Mad Magazine.



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## Courier Almanac

In Annapolis, on July 6, 1976, the United States Naval Academy admitted women for the first time in its history with the induction of 81 female midshipmen. In May 1980, Elizabeth Anne Rowe became the first woman member of the class to graduate. Four years later, Kristine Holderied became the first female midshipman to graduate at the top of her class.

## Viola signs contract to continue as GM

Association President Colette Horn released the following statement on Thursday:

*"I am very pleased to announce that today John Viola signed a contract to continue his employment as General Manager of the Ocean Pines Association. After an extensive search, the Board was able to interview very qualified candidates. During this process, John and I had additional conversations about his interest in continuing to serve Ocean Pines. I was very happy that our conversations led to the Board authorizing me to negotiate with John to continue in his role as General Manager. I am pleased to announce that we now have in place a two-year contract beginning, July 1, with an option for a third year."*

Do-it-yourself devotees cite a desire to save money as their primary motivator when attempting DIY home improvements. A survey of more than 1,000 homeowners from the insurance provider Clovered found that 85 percent of respondents indicated a chance to save money as their top reason for attempting a DIY home improvement project. The chance to save money was an even greater motivator for homeowners than the opportunity to improve (79 percent) or repair (66 percent) their homes. Those savings can be significant because homeowners won't have to pay labor costs, which the renovation experts at BobVila.com note can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$150 per hour per laborer. Though the cost savings of DIY can be hard to resist, homeowners considering a DIY renovation are urged to make an honest assessment of their skills before attempting a project on their own.



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# La famiglia è la cosa più importante

The table was set when we walked in the back door of our son-in-law's parents' home. A folding table abutted the far end of the dining room table to accommodate all of us who would be there for an informal family dinner. My granddaughter made place cards which she set on each plate.

As my daughter prepared the Italian meal, she was joined by the women of the family. Several conversations were in play simulta-

fore youthful indiscretions evolve into funny tales that enrich family lore.

Admittedly, when it comes to family, I'm a mush. Yes, they can be a pain in the neck. Yes, I don't see them as much as I'd like. Yes, I sometimes see them too much. Yes, I know I'm fortunate. As I looked down the length of the table, I marveled at these people. As if to underscore the moment, the "Godfather" theme began playing.

A signal flashed among the menfolk, including my seven-year-old grandson. It was time to adjourn to the back porch for a cigar and adult libation. Like a boys' treehouse, no girls allowed. We settled into our chairs and went through a routine practiced many hundreds of times through

the years. The cigar cutter and lighter passed from hand to hand. Inquiries were made about what the other was smoking. The sweet aroma of lit cigars wafted in the air. The flame of the old blue lantern illuminated the heavy glass ashtray creating light points that danced on the table.

The back porch of my son-in-law's parents' home is among my favorite places to enjoy a cigar. As we talked and shared stories, the blue of the evening transcended the gold of the day. The intermittent glow of fireflies lit the yard. At times the conversation flowed like a winding stream. Other times it was still. At one point the grandkids made the rounds, saying goodnight with hugs and kisses.

All was good.

Glasses drained and cigars extinguished, the menfolk made their way back into the house to find the womenfolk sitting around the living room. Their chattering stopped abruptly when we entered, making very clear boys were not welcome. An aside... it's disconcerting when I encounter a group of women and the talking stops immediately and knowing glances are exchanged, my wife at the center. Very disconcerting indeed. But I digress.

It wasn't long before we said our good-byes.

Family isn't always in the same place at the same time so when opportunities present themselves to get together, even if not everyone is present, they have to be enjoyed. When I was young, impatient and always on to the next thing, I took such occasions for granted. No longer. Experience has taught me, sometimes cruelly, that there will always be a next thing but there won't always be times spent with family enjoying an Italian dinner.

*La famiglia è la cosa più importante.  
Ciao!*



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

By **Chip Bertino**

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neously. My wife was quickly absorbed into the cacophony as I made my way to the living room where the men of the family congregated. In short order, my granddaughter slipped my favorite adult beverage in my hand. Italian songs played softly in the background thanks to a soundtrack compiled by my son-in-law.

As time goes by, family gatherings mean more to me, especially as I watch the younger generations interact. As with most families, ours has its fair share of shorthand jokes and the "remember when" stories. Reverence is often the punching bag of familial jesting so thick skin is necessary trait.

My daughter soon called everyone to the table, my granddaughter making sure everyone was in their assigned seats; hers was next to mine. My daughter plated the spaghetti. The meatballs and sausage were passed around the table; baskets of bread and a dish of olives followed. Wine bottles too rounded the table. "Salute."

Conversations weaved and merged like highway traffic. At several points, one person or another attracted the attention of the entire table, telling a story that had been heard once or twice or a hundred times before yet was still fresh and funny. I couldn't help notice my grandchildren listening intently, especially when stories were told about the exploits of the younger versions of their parents, aunts and uncles. The gears in their heads were churning through the information, calculating what they might be able to get away with when they are teenagers. Should they attempt to reenact the "great capers" of their elders, they will be disappointed with the immediate parental consequences they will surely encounter. What their young minds don't yet understand is that some family stories become humorous with time. Decades must pass be-

# VOTE

## Early Voting

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## Voting Hours

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## Location

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*There will also be a **ballot drop box** located at the school for those voting by mail to place their ballots if they prefer not to mail them. Ballots will be picked up daily.*

## Primary Election Day

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

For questions or concerns, please call  
the Worcester County Board of  
Elections office at 410-632-1321.

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A message from OPA President Colette Horn:

# All about the Ocean Pines Academy

The idea for an Ocean Pines Residents Academy dates to 2015, when then General Manager Bob Thompson and others hosted an informal seven-week course to talk about the Association's history, governance, programs and amenities, and how citizens can become more involved.

## Board approves electronic voting

At its June 27 meeting the Ocean Pines Association Board approved a motion to allow for electronic voting for annual elections, and for referendums.

Association President Colette Horn said the amendment to Resolution M-06, which governs Ocean Pines elections, was reviewed by Ocean Pines' attorney and the Elections Committee, who was assisted by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

"The passage of this motion means we will be going to a new system of voting, starting with the Board election this year," Horn said. "The Board appreciates the thorough review by the Elections Committee, which allowed us to make this change. We believe this will be a benefit for Ocean Pines homeowners."

Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig said the committee had recommended electronic voting as far back as 2020. This year, she said voters would have the option to return a paper ballot, or to vote online.

"The Elections Committee is pleased that the OPA Board of Directors has accepted their recommendation to include the option of electronic transmission of ballots for the 2022 Board of Directors election," she said. "Along with the announcement of the annual meeting, eligible property owners will receive the bio insert for the six candidates and a paper ballot/and return envelope, as well as individual random codes to access the online provider's website."

"Instructions for completing paper or online transmission will be included," Ludwig continued. "Members who have provided their email to the OPA assessment database will also receive emailed information from the online contractor (Vote HOA Now). Links to instruction videos and voting website will be available at [oceanpines.org](http://oceanpines.org)."

The candidates for the 2022 Board election, in ballot order, are Paula Gray,

Several years later, discussion of a revived version of the academy started with the Communications Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors then discussed a virtual academy in January 2020.

A year later, General Manager John Viola announced that Marketing

Amy Peck, Stuart Lakernick, Monica Rakowski, Josette Wheatley and Steve Jacobs. The candidates are vying to fill three vacant positions on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors.

The Board is the governing body of the Association.

Elections materials are scheduled to be mailed to all eligible voters no later than the week of July 12 and only one option (either paper OR electronic transmission) can be used to vote.

Voters are asked to follow all instructions included in the mailing and to vote for no more than three candidates. Any paper ballot marked for more than three candidates or that include any writing will not be counted. The online voting website will not accept more than three candidate choices.

Paper ballots may be returned either to the ballot box inside the lobby of the Ocean Pines Police Department on 239 Ocean Parkway or mailed to the Ocean Pines post office box in Berlin. Paper ballots must be sealed and returned in the envelope provided in the mailing. Return envelopes with any information blacked out, or covered with any type of label, will not be opened or counted.

Online voting will be accessible until the deadline date and time.

Key dates in the election process include:

- Cutoff date for voter eligibility - Wednesday, July 6
- Ballots mailed - Week of July 12
- Ballot Deadline - Wednesday, Aug. 10 by 4 p.m.
- Ballots counted and vote totals announced - Thursday, Aug. 11 starting at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Meeting Room
- Annual Meeting - Saturday, Aug. 13. Time and Venue TBD

For questions about the election, email [elections@oceanpines.org](mailto:elections@oceanpines.org) or call 410-208-3989.

Coordinator Julie Malinowski would lead the revived effort, now called the Ocean Pines Academy.

Malinowski said Ocean Pines Academy is a virtual, self-paced civic education course about the Ocean Pines Association. The academy includes an overview of the different parts of the Association, presented by those who handle fulfilling its vision and mission each day.

Information presented in the academy also can be used for Board of Directors orientation and as a tool to recruit new Ocean Pines advisory committee and Board members.

In April 2021, the Ocean Pines Academy officially went live, with a program of almost 20 videos on topics including the Association's various amenities and departments, and Ocean Pines' history.

Also included are printable "quick facts" about what makes Ocean Pines a vibrant and well-rounded community, as well as links to important documents and websites.

Malinowski received support from a workgroup that included Viola, then Association President Larry Perrone and Vice President Colette Horn, Director of Marketing and Public Relations Josh Davis, and community member Jenny Cropper-Rines.

Additional academy segments later included a sit-down interview last August with early Ocean Pines residents Marlene Ott and John Talbott, a History Panel held in conjunction with the first Worcester County History Week in November 2021, and an overview of Ocean Pines' election process hosted by Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig, released earlier this month.

The next planned segment is an overview of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, narrated by former Elections Committee Chairperson Steve Habeger.

Malinowski said future academy segments could further explore Ocean Pines' history and governance, and some existing segments may be updated as the community continues to evolve and grow.

"Whether you're interested in becoming involved with the Board of Directors or an advisory committee, or just want to gain a deeper understanding of Ocean Pines, the Ocean Pines Academy is a great way to learn more about this place so many have called 'home,'" Malinowski said.

To view the Ocean Pines Academy, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/ocean-pines-academy>.

## Ocean Pines addressing national lifeguard shortage

Like many organizations, the Ocean Pines Association has been affected by a nationwide shortage of lifeguards, and that has caused some changes to operating hours.

General Manager John Viola said staff continually evaluates the situation to ensure pool members receive the expected value for their membership.

"We do strive to supply added benefits to our swim members, including exclusive members-only swim times on mornings at the Yacht Club and Sports Core pools, which we have publicized. We also admit members first upon opening, at all our pools," Viola said.

Viola said efforts to recruit and train new lifeguards have included offering higher wages, free training and

certifications, and paid advertising for the positions. Despite those efforts, the Aquatics Department lifeguarding staff is at roughly 50% of what it needs to be to run five pools simultaneously.

"Because of that, several of our pools are running on abbreviated hours, which we have communicated through weekly posts both online and at each pool. We do not anticipate the situation improving this summer, and we appreciate the patience of our homeowners and residents," Viola said.

Pool hours are updated weekly and communicated on the Ocean Pines website and social media, and in a direct email to more than 8,500 people. Hours are also posted at each pool.

In all cases, pool members are let



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This event is limited to 30 attendees with limited seats remaining. Tickets are \$35. Register at [lowershorelandtrust.org/bird-conservation-series](https://www.lowershorelandtrust.org/bird-conservation-series)

*Economics of Bird Conservation virtual workshop.* On Tuesday, July 26, join a free virtual presentation by leaders on bird conservation. Learn

how birds are driving conservation funding and what more can be done. Birding is a growing activity around the world, and here on Delmarva, the



trends are also on the rise. What does that mean for bird conservation?

Learn from an exceptional panel of experts about the economics of bird

conservation. Sara Barker from Cornell Lab of Ornithology Center for Avian Population Studies, Jim Rapp, Community Conservation Consulting and Delmarva Birding Weekends, David Satterfield from Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, and Jared Parks from Lower Shore Land Trust will highlight how birds have the power to amplify conservation, stewardship and community outreach.

Register for free, or donate, at <https://www.lowershorelandtrust.org/bird-conservation-series>.

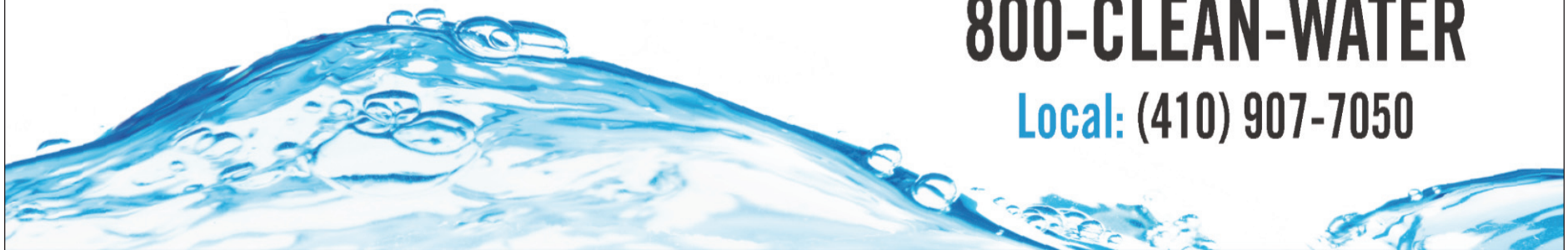


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# The Bald Eagle

The Bald Eagle has been the national emblem of the United States since 1782 and a spiritual symbol for native people for far longer than that. These regal birds aren't really bald, but their white-feathered heads gleam in contrast to their chocolate-brown body and wings. Look for them soaring in solitude, chasing other birds for their food, or gathering by the hundreds in winter. Once endangered by hunting and pesticides, Bald Eagles have flourished under protection.

To find Bald Eagles, head for water, where the birds are likely to be looking for fish. Nationwide, Bald Eagles are most widespread during winter, where they can be found along coasts, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs in many states. They winter in large numbers at some lakes and national wildlife refuges.

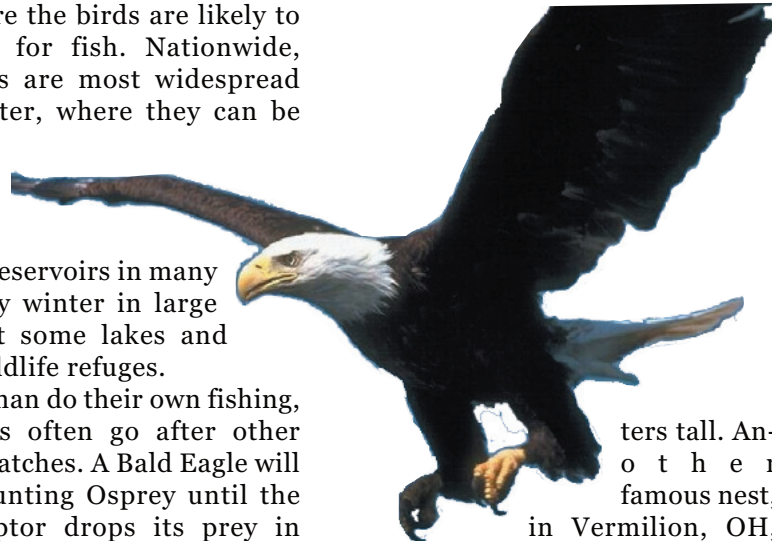
Rather than do their own fishing, Bald Eagles often go after other creatures' catches. A Bald Eagle will harass a hunting Osprey until the smaller raptor drops its prey in midair, where the eagle swoops it up. A Bald Eagle may even snatch a fish directly out of an Osprey's talons. Fishing mammals (even people sometimes) can also lose prey to Bald Eagle piracy.

Had Benjamin Franklin prevailed, the U.S. emblem might have been the Wild Turkey. In 1784, Franklin disparaged the national bird's thieving tendencies and its vulnerability to harassment by small birds. "For my own part," he wrote, "I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a bird of bad moral

character. He does not get his living honestly. Besides he is a rank coward: The little *King Bird* not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the District."

Sometimes even the national bird has to cut loose. Bald Eagles have been known to play with plastic bottles and other objects pressed into service as toys. One observer witnessed six Bald Eagles passing sticks to each other in midair.

The largest Bald Eagle nest on record, in St. Petersburg, FL, was 2.9 meters in diameter and 6.1 me-

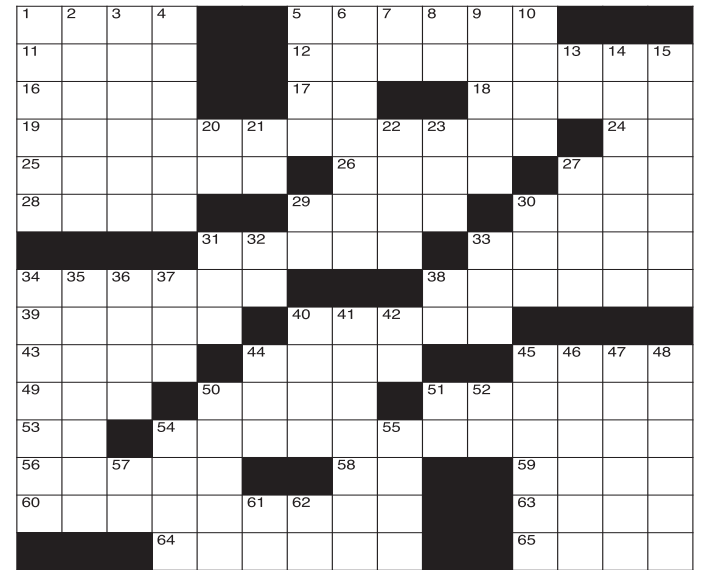


ters tall. Another famous nest, in Vermilion, OH, was shaped like a wine glass and weighed almost two metric tons. It was used for 34 years until the tree blew down.

Immature Bald Eagles spend the first four years of their lives in nomadic exploration of vast territories and can fly hundreds of miles per day. Some young birds from Florida have wandered north as far as Michigan, and birds from California have reached Alaska.

Bald Eagles occasionally hunt cooperatively, with one individual flushing prey towards another

-The Cornell Lab



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 5. Genus of insects
- 11. Culinary herb
- 12. Neutralizing antibody
- 16. Plan
- 17. Pa's partner
- 18. A city in S Louisiana
- 19. TNT sportscaster
- 24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
- 25. Well-known bug
- 26. Body parts
- 27. Monetary unit of Albania
- 28. Kids' play things
- 29. Coastal city in Malaysia
- 30. Famed French physician
- 31. Flourishing
- 33. Excessively overweight
- 34. Pampered
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Order of tailless amphibians
- 40. Indian term of respect
- 43. Shift sails (Brit.)
- 44. Beloved Mexican dish
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 51. Move about
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Unit of dry measure
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Something you can up
- 60. In great need
- 63. Breezes through
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Become acquainted with

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. A particular part
- 2. Spanish neighborhood
- 3. Business
- 4. Reddish browns
- 5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
- 6. Disney town
- 7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
- 9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- 10. In a moment
- 13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 14. Submerge in a liquid
- 15. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 20. -, denotes past
- 21. Hoopster Morant
- 22. Not
- 23. Indian title of respect
- 27. Horsley and Marvin are two
- 29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
- 30. Hoover's organization
- 31. Round globular seed
- 32. University officia
- 33. Spherical body
- 34. Iraq's capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Technological marvel
- 40. Peruvian district
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. What Santa says
- 44. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 45. Late Heisman winner
- 46. Reveal the presence of
- 47. Long upholstered seat
- 48. Most wily
- 50. Sword
- 51. Respiratory disease
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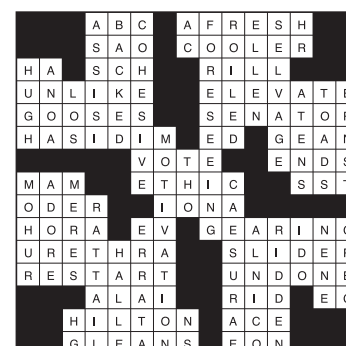


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Answers for June 29

# Reelect Commissioner BERTINO

Ocean Pines District 5

Neighbors and Friends,

**Ocean Pines is home.** Since arriving here more than 30 years ago, Susan and I reared our three children who attended and graduated from our local public schools. We enjoyed attending countless school plays, seasonal children’s concerts and sporting events. Susan taught Sunday School for 18 years and was a volunteer softball and soccer coach with Ocean Pines Parks and Recreation for many years. We started a business and have been active in local organizations. **This is our community.**

I am running for reelection to continue representing our Ocean Pines district and to serve the entire county as I have during the past eight years with a **conservative approach to county government.**

During my time in office, I believe I have demonstrated a **responsive, accessible, responsible and effective** approach to public service; valuing community involvement and taking a conservative perspective on taxpayer funded allocations.

I seek your support for another term to: continue advocating for the best interests of Ocean Pines and the county as a whole; to



continue **advocating for a limited county government** role in the lives of county citizens; and, to work through important community issues including ensuring the proposed sports complex is not a taxpayer-funded burden, shepherding the county-wide broadband initiative, managing the impact of the Blueprint for Maryland education mandates and developing a stable funding formula for Fire/EMT operations.

There is a prevailing belief that taxpayer money is an unlimited funding source for projects and initiatives that I believe fall outside taxpayer responsibility and expectation. As a consistent fiscal conservative and small business owner, I believe government must demonstrate a need for each taxpayer dollar spent. **The County treasury is not an ATM!** And I have voted accordingly.

Unfunded state legislature mandates and funding formulas unfairly siphon from the wallets of county taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Worcester is often victimized by Annapolis state lawmakers and activists who sidestep personal accountability, espouse dependency over self-reliance and who celebrate, promulgate and legislate wrong-headed ideas that threaten Worcester County values and local control. **I have and will continue to oppose these efforts!**

Whether it’s hosting town meetings, responding to constituent concerns, speaking before different organizations, testifying in Annapolis or asking tough questions during Commissioners’ meetings, **I take seriously the trust and confidence placed in me by our community and I’d like to continue that work.**

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve on your behalf. **On Tuesday, July 19 I ask for your vote in the Republican Primary Election.** Early voting will take place at Worcester Preparatory School at the Field House located at 508 S. Main Street in Berlin between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. July 7 through July 14 (including Saturday and Sunday).

If you have any questions or comments or would like a lawn sign, please contact me at 410-251-2082.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Chip Bertino*



*Authority: Bertino for Commissioner; Susan Bertino, Treasurer*

# Some things to think about

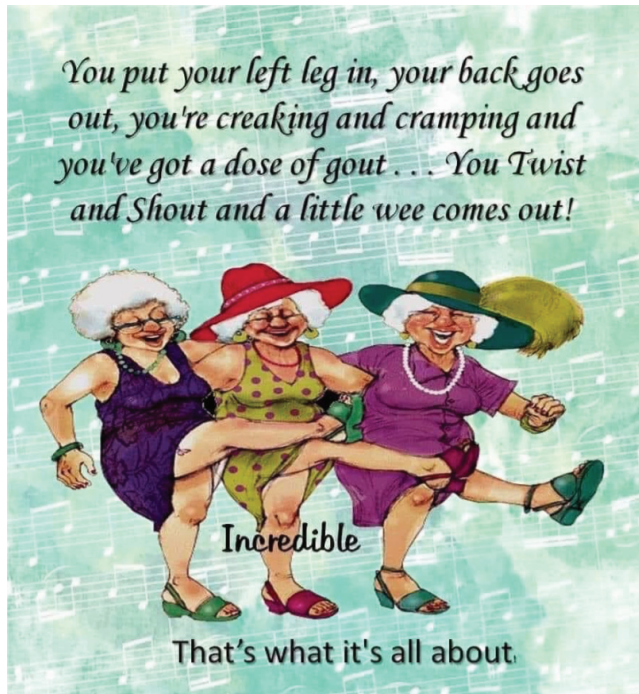
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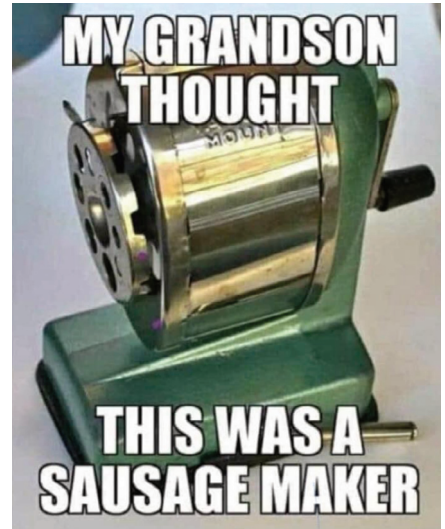


Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

*You put your left leg in, your back goes out, you're creaking and cramping and you've got a dose of gout . . . You Twist and Shout and a little wee comes out!*



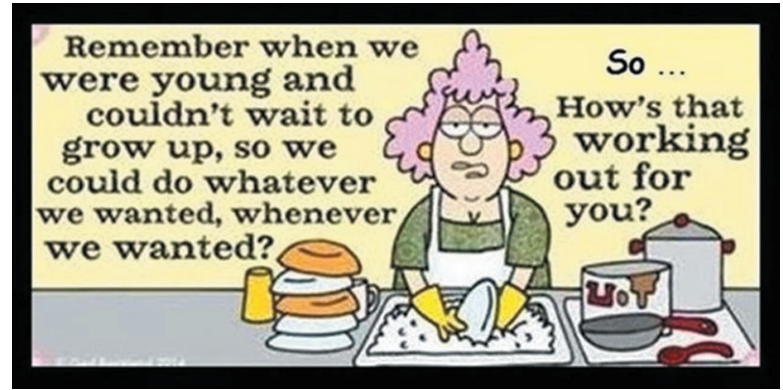
**Just before I die, I am going to swallow a bag of popcorn kernels.**  
**My cremation is going to be epic!**



*Mirror, Mirror on the wall...*  
**what the hell, HAPPENED?**



DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE  
**IT'S NOT MY AGE THAT BOTHERS ME. IT'S THE SIDE EFFECTS.**



# Water taxi and water shuttle have strong start

Early returns have been strong for the new water taxi and water shuttle services in Ocean Pines.

The water shuttle – like a bus on the water – makes regularly scheduled stops throughout the day at several locations along the bay, including Ocean Pines. The water taxi – like an Uber on the water – is a point-to-point service that riders can schedule at their convenience. Both are run by OC Bay Hopper.

“The water transportation services that the OC Bay Hopper is providing makes it very easy for people to get to and from Ocean Pines,” OC Bay Hopper cofounder Steve Butz said. “It takes the hassle out of driving and parking in Ocean City. The water shuttle and taxi services can pick-up or drop-off at most restaurants and bars on the bay.”

Butz said the response, so far, has been very positive. The shuttle service started just after Memorial Day, and the taxi service kicked off in June.

“We had a ton of people last Saturday from Ocean Pines and many who were going to the Yacht club. Things seem to be cooking,” Butz said. “Ocean Pines had more traffic in and out on our boats on Saturday than any other location by far. People seem to be eating it up.”

This summer, the water shuttle is scheduled to travel from Ocean Pines to locations southbound each day at 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Boats will return to Ocean Pines heading northbound at 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. The shuttle will make stops in Ocean City and West Ocean City.

One-way shuttle tickets cost \$15 per person and round-trip tickets run \$25 per person.

The water taxi service runs Thursday through Sunday, from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., for those who need to travel outside of the water shuttle’s schedule. The boats travel as far north as Fenwick Island and south to Assateague Island.

There is a \$60 minimum for the water taxi, which will cover up to four passengers for a one-way trip. For groups of five or more, there is an added \$15 charge for each additional passenger. There is also a small surcharge per passenger.

OC Bay Hopper also offers a sight-seeing trip from Ocean Pines to As-

sateague on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

“We pick up riders at the docks in Ocean Pines at 9 a.m. and whisk them down to Assateague for a tour of the island by water,” Butz said. “They’ll get an amazing view of the wildlife and then return to the Yacht Club at about 11:15 a.m., just in time for lunch.”

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said he sees the OC Bay Hopper partnership as both a service for residents and a potential benefit for Yacht Club business.

“We encourage Ocean Pines residents to take a trip over to Ocean City and stop by the Yacht Club for a drink or bite to eat, before or after their ride,” Viola said. “We see this as a service for our residents and we believe it will be a benefit to us.”

For more information or to book a seat on the OC Bay Hopper, download the OC Bay Hopper Mobile App. The OC Bay Hopper Mobile App is available for both Apple and Android devices.



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## New police accountability boards volunteers sought

The Worcester County Commissioners are seeking interest from area residents to serve on three new civilian boards being implemented under the Maryland Police Accountability Act. These include the Police Accountability Board, Administrative Charging Committee, and Trial Board.

Effective July 2022 the Maryland Police Accountability Act will replace the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) as the system for police discipline. The new act replaces the mostly internal discipline system under LEOBR with a multi-tiered system of external civilian boards.

The Police Accountability Board will consist of seven members to serve as the overall governing body of the system.

The Charging Committee will consist of five members who will review complaints and investigations of police misconduct, determine

whether an officer should be charged with misconduct, and if charged recommend discipline from the State-created matrix.

The Trial Board will consist of three members, be chaired by a retired or administrative law judge, and will conduct hearings if an officer does not accept the disciplinary measures recommended by the Charging Committee.

Members of the three boards must meet applicable qualifications and will receive mandated training.

Applications to serve on these boards are available at [www.co.worcester.md.us/PAB](http://www.co.worcester.md.us/PAB). Send the completed application along with a letter of interest and a resume outlining any pertinent experience, to [PAB@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:PAB@co.worcester.md.us) or Worcester County Administration at One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.



**Anniversary** - Community Church at Ocean Pines (CCAOP) is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning Sunday July 10 and culminating in an anniversary party on September 18.

On July 10 Reverend Dale Brown will welcome and introduce guest speaker District Superintendent Rev. Christina (Tina) Blake.

From its modest beginnings, the church has kept its witness alive and strong for four decades. The original congregation had the vision to establish a church and have sustained its growth into the future.

Located initially in the Ocean Pines Community Center, CCAOP has become known for its outreach programs including The Shephard's Nook and Little Lambs Day Care.

The public is invited to 11227 Racetrack Road for worship either at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. The Sunday services will center on references to the original service from July 10, 1982 through the present. All are welcome.

### Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library.

Local boating columnist Dan Collins will be the guest speaker. Dan's monthly column entitled 'Knot & Knots' provides tips on boating and an occasional war story. Dan is an avid photographer with over 100 photos appearing in the various local newspapers, a coxswain in the USCG Auxiliary, and the author of two novels of the Tom Clancy genre. Dan will present an interesting photo collection of boating silliness that has been observed on local waters and some safety thoughts for recreational boaters. All are welcome.

### BBQ fundraiser scheduled

Bethany United Methodist Church will host a chicken barbeque dinner Saturday, July 16, at 5 p.m. until sold out. The church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. The meal includes choice of sides: baked beans, green beans, mac-n-cheese, oven potatoes, salad, roll and drink. Indoor dining or take-out will be available. Baked goods are available for an additional charge. Pre-orders recommended at [bethany21811@gmail.com](mailto:bethany21811@gmail.com) or 410-641-2186.

### Sportfishing Assn. to meet

The July meeting of the Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Assn. will be held at the Berlin American Legion Post 123, located on Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. This month's guest will be Senator Mary Beth Corozza who will speak on the proposed shrimp fishery in local waters. As always, the public is cordially invited. For information and details contact [ridgegrass@hotmail.com](mailto:ridgegrass@hotmail.com).



Senator  
**Mary Beth Corozza**

## MCBP launches voices of the Coastal Bays Program

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is launching a new program titled Voices of the Coastal Bays Monday night, July 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum located on the boardwalk at 813 S. Atlantic Avenue.

Voices of the Coastal Bays is a fisheries heritage project and consists of three components.

The first component of the project is a virtual, interactive timeline that takes the user through the history of commercial fishing in Ocean City and how the West OC Harbor came to be. This timeline features historic archived photographs donated by the OC Life Saving Station Museum, quotes from fishermen of the past and present, and photographs captured by local photographer, Zach Garmoe, of the present-day commercial fishing industry.

The second component of this project provided local fishermen and women of today a platform to share their stories and highlight the local seafood businesses that keep the legacy of the West OC Harbor alive. Three local fishing companies part-

nered for this project - Skilligalee Seafood, Martin Fish Co., and Seaborn Seafood.

The third component of the program is a Smart Seafood Guide for Ocean City, Maryland. This guide covers the seafood caught locally in Ocean City and the months they are in season to encourage more informed and localized seafood choices. This guide will be available at the launch and will also be featured on the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's website and at area businesses.

Celebrating the unique fishing heritage of our area and support the hardworking fishers to continue to keep it alive. If you have any questions about this project, contact Cailyn Joseph at [cjoseph@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:cjoseph@mdcoastalbays.org).



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## Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



### TITAN

## Saturn's largest moon

One of the most interesting aspects of modern astronomy may be discovering the similar features which the various planets and moons share with the Earth. Modern observations have revealed distant worlds with massive canyons and polar ice caps, as well as hot volcanoes and erupting water geysers.

This month focuses on Saturn's largest satellite, Titan, which has been called the most Earth-like world yet found. It is very impressive in size, being 1.5 times larger than our moon.

Scientists have discovered flowing rivers and large lakes on Titan's surface as well as clouds and rain in its heavy atmosphere. Its largest two lakes "Kraken Mare" and "Ligeia Mare" cover 400,000 and 126,000 sq. kilometers, respectively. These bodies of liquid are huge compared with Earth's five Great Lakes, which add up to just 244,000 sq. kilometers in total. At Titan's extremely frigid temperatures, any liquids in its rivers and lakes cannot be made of water; in fact, they are liquid methane and ethane.

Titan features a cycle of evaporation and precipitation, as its

surface liquids disperse into vaporous clouds, which later fall down as rain, feeding its rivers and lakes. Titan is the only world known to have a thick atmosphere and liquid on its surface creating this chain of events, similar to the pattern of Earth's own water cycle.

The terrain of this large moon includes sand dunes encircling the equatorial region, plains in the mid-latitudes, and deep labyrinths near the poles.

Notable discoveries began in July 2004 when NASA's Cassini spacecraft, equipped with cameras and cloud penetrating radar, started its 13 years of studies of Saturn and its satellites. In December 2004 Cassini released the European Space Agency's "Huygens" probe. During its descent onto Titan, the probe collected detailed observations before landing on the surface in January 2005. The Huygens probe is named after the Dutch astronomer Christiaan Huygens who discovered Titan in 1655.

In April of this year, in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, Dr Mathieu Laporte, published a new theory about Titan. Laporte explains how Titan's solid

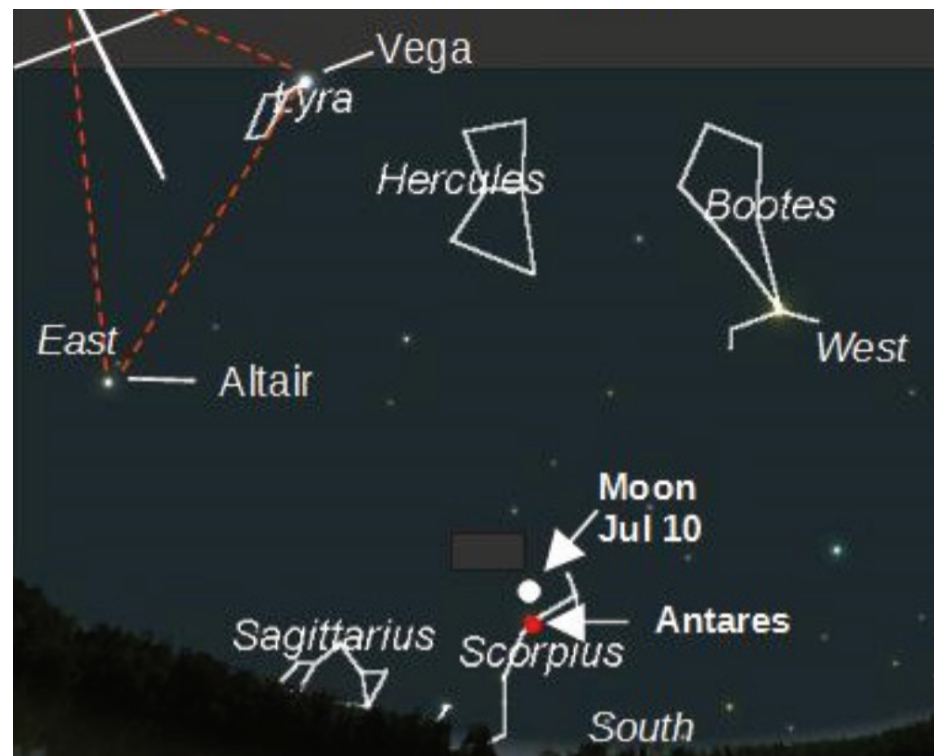
hydrocarbons can form sand grains, thus maintaining the moon's dunes.

The new hypothesis resolves the longstanding scientific question - how can grains of sand exist within Titan's organic hydrocarbons, which appear to be much more fragile than Earth's inorganic silicate-based sand grains. Laporte said "What we were missing was the growth mechanism that could counterbalance Titan's winds and enable sand grains to maintain a stable size...."

The Laporte team based their analysis on materials called "oids," found in shallow tropical seas such as the Bahamas. Ooids form when calcium carbonate collects around a seed substance such as quartz, in a

land on Titan. Designing and testing of the "Dragonfly" project are being led by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. The Dragonfly is a lander and "octo-blade helicopter" being specially designed to explore the sandy terrain of Saturn's large moon, and should shed further light on its mysteries.

On June 1, NASA awarded a \$3.5 billion joint contract to Collins Aerospace and Axiom Space to design and manufacture the next generation of spacesuits. The new designs will feature improvements such as enhanced flexibility for walking about. This will be needed by the Artemis-III astronauts as they explore the lunar surface. Improvements will also be made to



process known as "chemical precipitation." Like a pearl, an ooid can grow by accreting matter, getting bigger, layer by layer. The ooids have a natural tendency to form aggregates and clump together, thus resisting the forces of erosion and abrasion. Laporte's theory explains the various landscapes of Saturn's fascinating moon, Titan.

Earlier discoveries have found two interesting trace gasses in Titan's atmosphere, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (cyclopropenylidene) and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (benzene). Because they are connected with the production of DNA, the chemicals are considered a precursor for life.

To investigate these questions, NASA is planning a new mission to

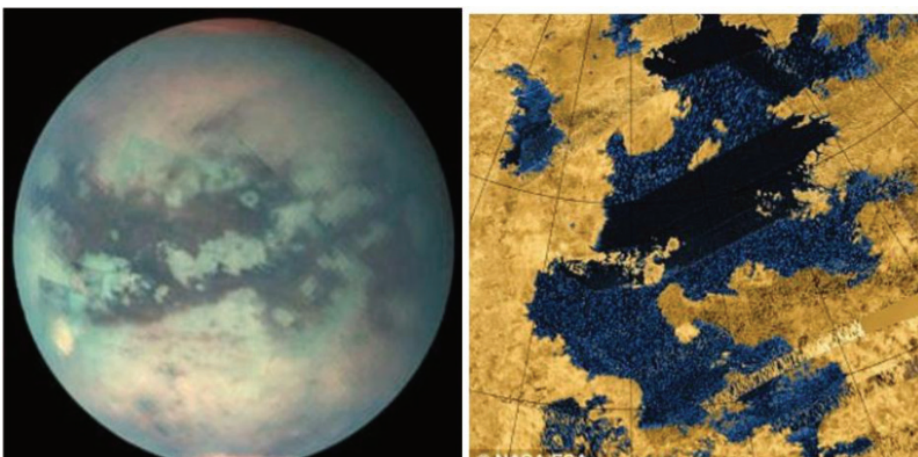
the spacewalk style of suits used at the International Space Station.

In July the full stellar vista arrives at about 9:45 p.m. Scorpion the Scorpion appears near the southern horizon and high overhead lies the kite-shaped Bootes (Boh OH teez) the Herdsman.

Many stargazers know the three stars of the popular "Summer Triangle," which are Deneb, Vega and Altair.

On July 10, the waxing gibbous moon will pass just three degrees north of the bright red star "Antares" in Scorpion. Then on July 13, the full "supermoon" arrives, displaying its unusually large appearance.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.



Images of Titan and its enormous lake, Kraken Mare

# Commentary

## Mission accomplished

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**  
*OceanPinesForum.com*

“Mission accomplished!” Those were the two words used by OPA President Colette Horn to describe what many will view as the most important accomplishment of the current Board of Directors - signing General Manager John Viola to a new contract.

Viola had previously signaled his intent to retire and the board initiated a search for a new General Manager.

“After an extensive search, the Board was able to interview very qualified candidates,” Horn wrote. “During this process, John and I had additional conversations about his interest in continuing to serve Ocean Pines. I was very happy that our conversations led to the Board authorizing me to negotiate with John to continue in his role as General Manager. I am pleased to announce that we now have in place a two-year contract beginning, July 1, with an option for a third year.”

*OceanPinesForum.com* members were pleased to hear the news.

“Wonderful News,” wrote Sherrie Clifford.

Board of Directors candidate Steve Jacobs wrote, “Very good news. Glad John is staying on.”

Candidate Monica Rakowski wrote, “Wonderful news. I am glad John has decided to delay his retirement and continue to work in Ocean Pines.”

Jac Grein wrote, “It shows that the current board got it done. Another fine accomplishment!”

Candidate Stuart Lakernick wrote, “This is some VERY good news!! John has certainly earned this contract renewal. This move will continue the financial stability that he has brought to Ocean Pines. When he does decide to retire, this will be a tough act to follow.”

Lakernick’s description of Viola’s success as General Manager as “a tough act to follow” is something voiced by any number of association members. The reality is Viola will have a tough time following his own act over the coming years. Association members have now come to expect miracles.

In the movie Lawrence of Arabia, Prince Feisal says of Lawrence to American news reporter Jackson Bentley, “In this country, Mr. Bentley, the man who gives victory in battle is prized beyond every other man.”

In Ocean Pines, the man or woman who brings financial success is prized beyond every other. Viola has done that in spades.

Viola’s new contract is for two years with an optional third year. Base pay for the first year is \$175,000 and increases by \$10,000 in each succeeding year. He will also receive a \$25,000 retention bonus now and other future possible bonus payments up to a maximum of \$40,000 per year.

## Recovery campus grand opening announced

All are invited to attend the grand opening of the H4R Recovery Campus on Thursday, July 7 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Recovery Campus houses The Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health, Worcester Goes Purple Against Addiction, Hope4Recovery Meeting Space and Resource Center, and Cove Recovery.

There will be a ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m. followed by tours of the facility and light refreshments.

Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services and programs which meet the needs of pregnant and parenting

mothers in the community

Worcester Goes Purple is an awareness project to engage the community in preventing substance abuse and promotion of healthy life choices.

Hope4Recovery is a nonprofit organization providing a safe, sober and structured living environment for those in recovery from substance use disorder

Cove Recovery, formerly J. David Collins and Associates is an outpatient provider of substance abuse treatment and mental health services in Wicomico, Dorchester, and Somerset counties.

## Primary Election voting dates, locations announced

The Worcester County Board of Elections reminds voters that the Primary Election will be held July 19, with early voting beginning July 7 through July 14 (including Saturday and Sunday). Hours of early voting and Election Day voting will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are two changes in polling places for the Primary Election:

Early voting will be held at the Worcester Preparatory School at the Field House located 508 S. Main Street in Berlin. There will also be a ballot drop box located at Worcester Preparatory School for those voting by mail to place their ballots if they prefer not to mail them to the office. Ballots will be picked up from the

ballot drop boxes daily.

Stephen Decatur Middle School will be undergoing renovations and will not be available to use as a polling place on July 19. Voters that normally vote at Stephen Decatur Middle School will vote at Berlin Intermediate School located at 309 Franklin Avenue in Berlin.

Specimen ballots will be mailed to all qualified registered voters prior to the beginning of early voting and will contain information on dates of early voting, Election Day, and polling place.

For questions or concerns, please call our office at 410-632-1321.

## Safe boating course offered

Certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the Maryland Safe Boating Course on July 12, 13 and 14 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. All the required material is covered along with time for questions.

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 USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811.

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# Mailbox replacement to begin

Replacement of some mailboxes and pedestals in Ocean Pines should start by the second week of July.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said new mailboxes and pedestals have arrived, and staff met with the postmaster to discuss a replacement plan.

General Manager John Viola made mailbox clusters and pedestals a key part of his beautification plan, tapping Senior Executive Office Manager Linda Martin to lead the effort.

Martin and staff evaluated all the mailbox sites and determined several high priority locations for replacement. The Association also worked with a contractor to have all the mailboxes in Ocean Pines cleaned.

“The team is working on this as an important initiative and we are pleased with the progress

so far,” Viola said. “There were a lot of moving parts associated with this project, but we are moving forward and addressing this, starting with the replacement of high-priority locations in early July.”



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Sa 9	High	4:12 AM
	Low	10:07 AM
9	High	4:53 PM
	Low	11:07 PM
Su 10	High	5:11 AM
	Low	11:03 AM
10	High	5:50 PM
M 11	Low	12:09 AM
	High	6:09 AM
11	Low	12:01 PM
	High	6:46 PM
Tu 12	Low	1:08 AM
	High	7:06 AM
12	Low	12:58 PM
	High	7:42 PM
W 13	Low	2:03 AM
	High	8:02 AM
13	Low	1:53 PM
	High	8:37 PM

## Family art activities offered

The Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94<sup>th</sup> St. is inviting the public to two free art activities on summer weekends. The events tie in with the Town of Ocean City's initiative to offer free and fun family activities throughout the resort on summer weekends.

On summer Saturdays, beginning at 11 a.m., the Arts Center will host free children's craft projects with unique new projects every week. The projects will be outside in the Arts Center's waterfront courtyard overlooking the bay, weather permitting, and will move indoors on rainy days. All ages are welcome, but an adult

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in first when pools open. The Sports Core Pool offers members-only swimming hours from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday, and the Yacht Club Pool offers members-only swimming hours from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. seven days a week, weather permitting.

"We will continue to explore every

must accompany the child.

"This is make-and-take event," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City, said. "It's a fun opportunity for children to engage their creative sides and make something special they can take home and be proud of with a special memory of Ocean City. We supply the materials and some creative ideas, and let the children take it from there."

On summer Sunday afternoons, the Arts Center's staff docents are guiding gallery tours free of charge, discussing the art exhibitions and other offerings at the center. Tours

option to supply quality service and a safe environment for everyone at our five pools," Viola said.

For more information, including the current schedule of pool operating hours, visit <https://www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/aquatics>.

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begin at 1 p.m. and last approximately 15 minutes. The docents will guide guests through the main Thaler Gallery, the Sisson Galleria on the balcony, the Spotlight Gallery, Studio E, the studios of the artists-in-residence, and the in-center gift shop.

The docents will also highlight the multitude of classes offered at the Arts Center - painting, drawing, pottery, collage, book making and more - that allow artists to hone their skills and non-artists to discover their hidden talents.

"Whenever I go to an art gallery or museum, I love to take tours so I can learn the stories and ideas behind the art," Thaler continued. "Our docent tours will introduce you to some of our most prolific and talented artists, and answer questions you may have about what you see on our walls and in our galleries."

More information about the free weekend art projects is available by calling the Arts Center at 410-524-9433.

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“This is something that was said-would be no longer useful. We probably would have had a \$12,000 write-off,” Viola said. “Now we have benches that probably last another 15 years, if we maintain them. Compliments to the team [for] a can-do attitude.”

Viola said staff shortages at the pools had forced changes to hours of operation. The new hours are communicated each week through an e-blast to about 8,000 people and posted on the website and social media. Staff also posts signage for the new hours at each pool. To sign up for the e-blast, visit

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/WyIaXID/thisweekinthepines>.

“We do have staff shortages. We had it last year at the pools, not inconsistent with everywhere else. This is across the country,” Viola said. “That’s where we’re at now. We will consistently communicate this.”

Viola said auditors were in Ocean Pines during the first two weeks of June to start the annual audit. He said staff continued to work with auditors this week to review financial statements, supplemental schedules, and prospective footnotes. No significant issues have been found. A preliminary draft report will be released in July and completed prior to the annual meeting in August.

Senior Executive Office Manager Linda Martin said backfilling for new bulkheads finished the week of June 13 and sod was installed on June 17. The project is expected to finish this week.

The 2022-2023 bulkhead schedule includes areas of North Pintail Drive and Pintail Park.

Martin said county permits for dredging were issued in June and contractor work will occur in July.

Cleanup of mailbox clusters and pedestals continues. High priority locations were determined, and materials will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Pedestals will be replaced first at White Horse Park, Lookout Point, Sundial Circle, Crest Haven Drive, Off-

shore Lane, Tail of the Fox Drive, Royal Oaks Drive, Bridgewater Road, Brandywine Drive, Cannon Drive, Fairway Lane, and Charleston Road. Mailboxes will be replaced first on Royal Oaks Drive, Boston Drive, and Cannon Drive.

A monthly financial report released on Friday showed a \$371,347 positive operating fund variance for May.

To view the report, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/104881/OPA+May+2022+Financials.pdf>.

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