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## Carozza receives high rating

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) has received a 100% rating from Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG) for her pro-business voting record during the 2015 session of the Maryland General Assembly. Carozza was one of 34 State Delegates to receive a 100% rating this year.

Carozza's rating was reported in the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of MBRG's *Roll Call* publication, which rates all 188 members of the Maryland General Assembly based on their recorded votes on bills that have practical or philosophical importance to the widest possible range of Maryland businesses, trade associations and chambers of commerce. The 2015 ratings for members of the House of Delegates were based on their votes on 11 bills considered during the 90-day legislative session.

"Receiving MBRG's top rating is particularly meaningful after growing up and working in our family business in Ocean City. I have so much respect for all the hard work and leadership of Maryland's businesses, and I will continue to support legislation and businesses that keep Maryland's business community strong," said Carozza.

"I also appreciated working on a local bill in my first session allowing for limited distillery production that will bring jobs to Worcester County, and am glad the bill was overwhelmingly approved and signed into law by Governor Hogan."

## Pillowcase Ministry dressmaking party set

On Friday, July 31 from 1 p.m. to 4p.m. the Pillowcase Ministry seamstresses will make dresses and shorts to benefit indigent boys and girls in Haiti, Dominic Republic, East Timor and Africa. The location is Ocean City library. All are welcome. Bring a sewing machine, if available, and new or used pillowcases and/or t-shirts.

Light refreshments will be served. Please call 443-944-5868 if planning to attend, as space may be limited.



**Success** - Jesse's Paddle volunteer Bob Steffen was the high bidder for the kayak auction at the annual event that raised \$23,000 for the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program and the Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship. Left to right: Jesse Klump Memorial Fund President **Kim Klump**, Fund Secretary **Ron Pilling**, **Mr. Steffen**, and **Barry Laws**, proprietor of the Pocomoke River Canoe Company where Jesse's Paddle is held. Photo by Creig Twilley.

## OPA election will soon be decided

The seven candidates running to fill two seats on the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) Board of Directors answered questions that were part of the community's newsletter. The candidates' answers appear below. They are unedited.

Election ballots must be received by OPA by August 6. The election returns will be announced during the Saturday, August 8 annual meeting that will be held in the Community Center.

### ***What are the advantages & positive aspects of living in Ocean Pines and how did that influence your decision to run for the Board of Directors?***

#### **Tom Herrick**

What initially drew my interest to Ocean Pines was its location close to the beach, but more importantly, I soon discovered its strong sense of community. My first home as a young man was in another

HOA community that also had many amenities for the residents to enjoy and I have always appreciated that lifestyle. Ocean Pines offered all this to me, as well as a safe clean environment which included the benefit of having our own police, fire/EMT and public works departments. Recently though, I have noticed some policy changes including the imposition of additional user fees regarding our amenities that have been detrimental to the community. I would like to see this trend reversed and these policies modified

to encourage membership growth and active participation. This will make our amenities more attractive, affordable and enjoyable for all. I would also like to implement a more effective and pro-active approach in maintaining and improving on our infrastructure. Residents need to have their ideas

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**Tom Herrick**



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**Donation** - **Helen Wiley**, coordinator for the Church Mouse Thrift Shop presents on behalf of St Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Commission a donation to **Maria Cusimano**, family resource coordinator for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. The Church Mouse designates a local non-profit each month to receive all proceeds on sales during the 2nd Friday of each month.

# Choptank raises rates

Citing infrastructure investments, Choptank Electrical Cooperative received approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) for

an overall rate increase of 6.07%. The co-op petitioned the PSC in October 2014. The last distribution increase occurred more than six years ago. The rate increase was effective July 1.

"This rate increase averages about 1% a year over the past six years which is well below overall price indexes in the country," said Mike Wheatley, co-op president and CEO. Over the past six years the co-op has increased spending on its plant by over \$39 million throughout the nine counties on the Eastern Shore in an effort to improve reliability of the system. A strengthened vegetation management plan to decrease storm related outages.

"Our average number of outages per member and the average duration of these outages have decreased to all-time lows," said Mr. Wheatley.

The co-op is currently moving forward with its plans to replace electric meters in Ocean Pines with advanced smart meters.

## Pup photo contest to help OP dog park

If you want to see your pooch in pictures, enter your furry friend in the "Pup of the Pines" photo contest, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. The con-

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**Going to the dogs** — On Saturday, July 18 the Ocean Pines Farmers Market held a fundraiser “Dog Day of Summer” to support the Worcester County Humane Society (WCHS). Above are WCHS volunteer **Joan Cooper** and WCHS volunteer and Board Member, **Terri Mahoney**.

## School supply program underway

School supplies are already filling store shelves, and Worcester County GOLD’s School Supplies for Students project has begun. The program seeks to ensure that every student in Worcester County has a backpack filled with the necessities on the first day of school. Last year the program provided backpacks and supplies for 529 children from low-income families in Worcester County.

GOLD is seeking community members who are willing to sponsor a child through the program. Sponsors are matched with a specific student and provide a backpack and supplies for him or her. There are students in pre-K through high school needing sponsors.

“Studies show that growing up in poverty can have lasting effects on children,” said GOLD Executive Director Claire Otterbein. “One of the things that is known to mitigate these negative effects is access to quality education. We’re lucky to have great public schools in Worcester County,

and having the necessary supplies supports a child’s success,” she added.

Individuals, businesses and community groups willing to be sponsors are asked to call GOLD at (410) 677-6830 or complete the sponsor form available on the website, [www.worcestergold.org](http://www.worcestergold.org). The list of supplies needed for each school and grade will be provided. Along with sponsors, monetary donations to purchase supplies for children who are not matched with a sponsor are also needed.

The mission of Worcester County GOLD is to improve the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. A non-profit organization, GOLD promotes dignity by providing financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable adults, and children in foster care. Since its beginning in 1996, the organization has provided emergency financial assistance to thousands of Worcester County citizens, along with coordinating special projects to provide school supplies and holiday gifts and food to those in need.



## AGH Foundation to hold annual golf tourney

The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation announced the 22nd Annual Fall Golf Classic to be held on Thursday, September 24, rain or shine, at the Ocean City Golf Club. With gratitude for 16 consecutive years as a Title Sponsor, The Carousel Group is being recognized as a Legacy Sponsor.

For local golfers this tournament has be-

come an annual tradition, with last year’s event raising \$106,000 to expand health care services and programs for our community through our local hospital. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Player entry fee includes lunch and dinner as well as beverages on the course. Lunch this year will be provided by Bad Monkey OC Bar & Grill. Dough Roller Restaurants and Shenanigan’s Irish Pub & Grill will provide dinner at the post-tournament banquet.

Team reservations can be submitted via our website and must be received by September 17. Space is limited and earliest entries are accommodated first. Non-golfers can still join the fun—dinner, awards, and live auction will begin at 5:00 p.m.



**Michael Franklin**, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, **Todd Ferrante**, chair of the Foundation, **Michael James**, president and COO of Hospitality Partners on behalf of The Carousel Group and **Chris Carbaugh**, Foundation event chair for the golf tournament.

Sponsorships are still available. For more information about the tournament or how to become a sponsor, contact Tournament Chair, Chris Carbaugh at 443-614-3240 or Alli Justice in the Foundation Office at 410-641-9671. Or, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org/golf](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/golf).

## Social Club to meet

The Christian Social Club welcomes those 50+ year olds to the first of a series of weekly gatherings, beginning on Monday, August 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy., on the corner of Snug Harbor Rd. and Rte. 611, in Berlin. For more information, call 410-629-9986 or email [Bethany21811@gmail.com](mailto:Bethany21811@gmail.com).

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test runs August 1 through October 1.

The winner of the contest will be named “Pup of the Pines” at the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration on October 31 and will receive a free 2016 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. The pup will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

The entry fee is \$5 per dog. Money raised from the contest will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park.

Official entry forms are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway or online at [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org). For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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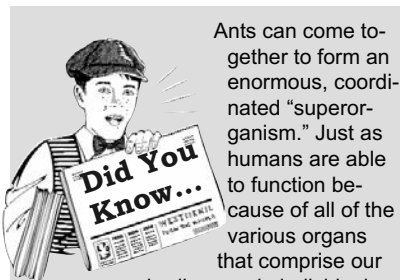
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## 2012 Business of the Year

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Ants can come together to form an enormous, coordinated "superorganism." Just as humans are able to function because of all of the various organs that comprise our bodies, so do individual

ants function as parts of a larger organism. There are a number of individual parts (ants) that fit together to cooperate and accomplish amazing feats. Rather than working as individuals, they function as parts of a collective whole, doing what is best for the colony as a collective. For example, a swarm of ants work together to select the ideal location for the hive, whereas a single ant may make a mistake. Ants are able to do this because of the way that they communicate. They "talk" in such a way that they form a seamless, brain-like structure.

Ants are able to communicate and cooperate effectively by using chemicals known as "pheromones." Through these chemicals, ants are able to send simple messages to their fellows, alerting them to danger or indicating when food has been located. The workers will release pheromones with specific messages in order to say things like, "I'll show you where food is!" or "Danger!" In this respect, individual members of an ant colony are able to "talk" with each other in order to coordinate their efforts by using their antenna to smell the chemicals that other ants release. As it turns out, this is a rather rapid and effective form of communication.

# Tech opportunities abound for campers

Over the past two weeks the Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) Reach for the Stars STEM Camp at The Red Doors Community Center introduced local children to fascinating applications for technology and engineering. Selected by application in March, 28 Worcester students ages 12 to 15 have participated in computer programming, video game design, constructing submersible robots, creating hovercrafts, piloting drones, and simulating a NASA spacewalk mission.

"The objective of the reach for the stars project is to present science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) career opportunities to our highly talented students and to link them with those careers with businesses in Worcester County," WCED Director Bill Badger said.

The Reach for the Stars STEM Camp is in its third year. Funded by the Worcester County Commissioners and administered through WCED, the goal of the camp is to get youth engaged and

excited in STEM careers and technologies, preparing them for academic programs at the Worcester Technical High



## STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

School and in university study.

During their experience, the campers have the opportunity to apply their STEM knowledge as high school and college students if they are accepted into WCED's sister program, the STEP UP STEM Internship program, which pairs talented students with local employers in STEM fields to retain students in Worcester County after college graduation by giving them connections to local engineering, biomedical, and information technology companies. Hardwire LLC, EA Engineering Science and Technology, Atlantic General Hospital, Bel-Art, Maryland Coastal Bays, OceanCity.com, West Ocean City Injury and Illness Center, Martin Physical Therapy, Studio Codeworks, and Sprout Creatives are among the workforce partners participating in the STEP UP Internship Program.

On July 30, a recognition ceremony will take place at the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill to share the achievements of the interns and campers.

Camp coordinator and Red Doors Community Center director Fawn Mete partnered with NASA Wallops Is-

land house robotics Team Titanium Wrecks, Peter Bale of the Eastern Shore Defense Alliance, and Washington D.C. based Studio Codeworks to plan a hands-on camp curriculum that would expose campers to a variety of STEM careers and applications in computer science and aerospace engineering.

Campers started by learned the basics of coding and how to think like a computer. Ryan Mete, a programmer for Studio Codeworks, then taught them how to write code from scratch to design and program their own video games. Campers invented their own characters or "sprites" which were then digitally rendered as graphics for their games by SU adjunct art faculty member Evan Fitzgerald. The campers then learned the basics of electronics and used their knowledge to design and construct their own working prototype game controllers to use with their games.

Team Titanium Wrecks joined in the action with their globally acclaimed FIRST robotics competition bot, demonstrating robotics applications, building line tracking robots with the campers, programming with Raspberry Pi, constructing human hovercrafts, and building SEAPERCH submersible robots. Campers visited the Ocean Pines Sports Core pool and constructed the robots poolside and then navigated an underwater maze. The two best submersible robots were donated to the Ocean Pines aquatics program for use in swimming lessons for children with special needs.

Peter Bale of the Eastern Shore Defense Alliance visited camp to introduce campers to the exciting world of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, or drones. Campers practiced navigating drones and completed a search and recovery challenge using the devices. The final camp activity, a simulated space mission inspired by NASA's famous Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, was conducted by Fawn Mete and Alex Haglich. The campers worked in teams as Mission Control and as astronauts on a spacewalk to perform weightless construction underwater in the pool, which simulates a zero gravity environment in which astronauts make repairs to satellites, telescopes, or the International Space Station.

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# A car battery, plump fingers and me

A car mechanic I am not. I'll be the first to admit to such a shortcoming. For the record, I can check the levels of the windshield washer fluid

the meter showed negative readings. That will be one new battery, please.

We got the battery home and work began to install it. This operation should and usually is simple. But this particular endeavor was bedeviled by little annoyances. The first one being when one of the long bolts that holds the bracket that holds the battery in



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

By **Chip Bertino**

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and the oil. I can change a tire and there was a time way back when cars were much less sophisticated that I could replace spark plugs. However, I'm not the type to tear down and rebuild an engine. You won't see me in my driveway replacing the brakes or performing a valve job. Nope, that's just not me.

Just the other week my son's car was in need of a battery replacement. Changing out a battery is something I can do because it requires not much technical expertise. So, father and son went outside and popped the hood. Common projects undertaken by fathers and sons are opportunities for quality time. I'm sure back in the days of the caveman fathers and sons enjoyed time spent together hunting and gathering or bringing down a Woolly Mammoth. Fortunately for me, the woolies are extinct.

Under the hood of my son's car we found the things that are expected, you know, like the engine. Just behind the left headlight was the troublesome battery. The terminals were somewhat corroded. In simpler times when my grandfather was the family mechanic, he taught me that battery terminal corrosion could be eliminated by pouring Coca-Cola over them. I shared this little tidbit with my son. Thinking that the corrosion was preventing the car from starting, we cleaned the terminals and reattached them. My son turned the ignition key. And then ... nothing.

Okay, let's pull the battery and get another one. Off to the auto parts store we went, just the two of us who by now had grease smeared hands. The clerk at the store hooked up the battery to their meter and low and behold it registered it had no more life to give. It was gone. In fact I think

place slipped from my fingers and fell into a shadowy crevice between the radiator and something else of which I don't know the name. I could just see the top of the bolt but was unable to reach it because my sausage-sized fingers were too plump to fit through the opening. My son tried as well but he too failed. Into the garage I went to retrieve a little retractable claw tool that was part of my inheritance from my grandfather.

With a little finesse and a couple swear words, I was finally able to retrieve the bolt. The celebration was cut short when my son dropped the adjustable wrench into the same crevice. Ugh! After a little more finesse and a few more swear words the wrench was rescued just as a clap of thunder broke overhead. Our work took on a new urgency as we raced to beat the downpour.

The battery was in place and the red battery cable was set followed by its black cousin. When the negative cable made contact the car's alarm sounded, scaring the bejesus out of us. With our heads under the hood the siren echoed and reverberated through our inner souls.

Changing a car battery should really take about ten minutes. Forty-five minutes later we were able to close the hood signifying the job was finished. I had a welt on the back of my head where I banged it on the hood when the alarm went off. Two of my plumps fingers were scraped up from when I tried to retrieve the bolt and my hands were black with grease. Nonetheless, the job was done and my son no longer had to borrow his mother's car to get around.

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and concerns heard so that the Board can better serve the entire community. By fostering a better working relationship between the community, the Board, and OPA management I believe I can help our community achieve these goals.

**Cheryl Jacobs**



Cheryl Jacobs

Ocean Pines is a beautiful, friendly and safe community with so much to offer to residents and visitors, not to mention its close proximity to Ocean City and all its attractions. Many additions to the community in the past several years have enhanced the Pines' ability to provide venues for recreation, dining, and entertainment. We have it all right here. My decision to run for the Board of Directors is directly related to protecting our investment as homeowners and to continue to maintain and improve upon what we already have achieved, making sure our future is carefully planned.

**Carol Ludwig**



Carol Ludwig

Jack and I started looking for our second home in 1996, planning to retire wherever we chose in 2010. When investigating properties for sale in Ocean Pines, one of the greatest advantages we immediately recognized is the obvious indication that rules and restrictions are in place to insure that a certain level of upkeep and maintenance is expected of individual property owners. When we finally purchased our second home in 2000, we felt confident that it would be safe in our absence over the next 10 years of our plan. This was due, in great part, to the very positive aspect of having caring and sharing neighbors, all proud to live in Ocean Pines, and all willing to watch over our investment. As fate would have it, we were able to live here full time within 5 months of our purchase. For the past 15 years, we have lived here, played here, volunteered and worked here.

Running for a board position and, if elected, committing three years to supporting the success of Ocean Pines is purely selfish on my part. This is my happy place and I want it that way for many years to come!

**Terri Mohr**



Terri Mohr

My husband and I had been drawn to Ocean Pines for many years, always thinking we would eventually make this our home. Many friends had relocated to "The Pines" and always encouraged us to make the move. We spent many weekends wandering throughout the community by car and on foot and were always met with a friendly smile or that signature wave. We enjoyed the restaurants, the parks, activities and of course, the ocean, but what sealed the deal for us was the sense of community and pride we felt from all whom we encountered. Now as a full-time resident who works, lives and plays in our community, I can say without a doubt, we made a great decision. OP continues to grow and thrive as a vibrant, beautiful and very important part of Worcester County and it is important to that I contribute to the continued success of our community. I am very proud to call Ocean Pines home.

**Slobodan Trendic**



Slobodan Trendic

As property owners we already know what Ocean Pines' values influenced us to become members of this community. The location is exceptional. Our diverse population makes the community vibrant. We have a range of facilities that meet our everyday needs. Our amenity choices make other communities envious. We have over 50 social and special interest clubs that keep everyone engaged and active.

I decided to become a candidate because we need to do a better job in preserving values that brought us here to begin with. And to continue to improve our community in the ways that will benefit most homeowners not just few.

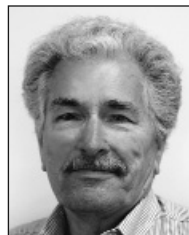


Ray Unger

**Ray Unger**

I enjoy being involved in decision making for my community.

**Bill Zawacki**



Bill Zawacki

Diversity was one of the key factors when we decided to move to Ocean Pines; diversity in population, diversity in housing, diversity in life style and diversity in amenities. Ocean Pines is in a transition from a fast growing vacation and retirement community to one with an influx of younger families needing differing amenities and services.

My civic experience has taught me the importance of working together to balance divergent needs. The first and most important step in achieving balance is to listen to the members. I have always advocated published board motions and workshop meetings as a way to actively seek input prior to the board setting policy. I will make every effort to insure that the board is responsive to the membership and is transparent in its decision making.

***What is your history of community involvement within Ocean Pines and in other communities and how does this prepare you for a Board of Directors position?***

**Tom Herrick**

Immediately after relocating to Ocean Pines, I became very active in the community. I became a member of the Beach and Golf Clubs and joined the OC-Berlin Optimist Club. I purchased a small boat and kept it at the Yacht Club Marina and became a frequent visitor of the Yacht Club itself. Next, I joined the Platform Tennis and the Boat Club. I served on the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee and also as Vice President on the Board of Directors for Platform Tennis. I regularly attend Board meetings and Town Hall meetings and stay apprised of local current events. I believe my involve-

ment in these activities has given me the insight and experience to observe how Board and OPA management decisions directly affect and influence the welfare of our community.

**Cheryl Jacobs**

Despite working full-time out of Ocean Pines during the week, I have been involved in the community as a Past President of the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women (WCCW), served on the Board of the WCCW and for two years co-chaired the largest fund raising event, the Women's History Luncheon, that funds the McGuffey Bookworm program providing books and book bags to a number of Worcester County elementary schools to ensure summer reading "brain gain". Additionally, I was a Vice President of the HOA at Heron Harbour in Ocean City and was Secretary of the HOA at the Colonnade in Baltimore. All of these positions have prepared me to be an effective Board of Director in Ocean Pines.

**Carol Ludwig**

As a result of my volunteer activities in Ocean Pines, I have knowledge of the governance of our Homeowners' Association, our Declaration of Restrictions, and our Resolutions and Bylaws. And I have enjoyed meeting, working with, and listening to the concerns of many fellow residents:

-Secretary, Ocean Pines Comprehensive Planning Committee -4 years. Our team did extensive investigations into Worcester County's Comprehensive Plan and how it impacted Ocean Pines, the study to upgrade/update Route 589 and the need to update Ocean Pines Comprehensive Plan to meet the drastic changes in our demographics.

-Secretary and Chair of Ocean Pines Ad hoc to the Architectural Review Committee at the request of Acting GM Glen Duffy. This team was directed to identify the issues regarding RV owners and their permitting, the status of ARC variance/building permit issues and the procedures of Inspections and Permitting in keeping with our Declaration of Restrictions. Our final report involved 18 resolutions that were all accepted by the Board of Directors and included the creation of Compliance, Permitting and inspections as a separate entity from the Architectural Review Com-

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**Making a difference** – Star Charities Founder/Director Anna Foults and her group of volunteers presented a check for \$2,000 on July 20 to Mary and Ron Leidner of the Worcester County Parkinson’s Support Group, proceeds from a Western Night gala held at Ocean Downs Racetrack on July 9. The Support Group provides Parkinson’s Disease support, public awareness, education and research to improve the treatment of those with Parkinson’s Disease or find a cure. For more information please contact Ron or Mary Leidner, at 410-208-0525 or email: worcesterPD1@gmail.com. Shown from left: **Peggy Rumberg, Irmgard Heinecke, Sandy McAbee, Lee Tilghman, Anna Foults, Mary Leidner, Ron Leidner, Mary Evans, Barbara Peletier, Lily Tunis, and Robin Beall.** Photo by Ted Page.

## Humane Society raffle underway

The Worcester County Humane Society is currently selling raffle tickets for three cash prizes (1st Prize \$3,000; 2nd Prize \$1,500; 3rd Prize \$500). The drawing for the raffle will be held November 12 at Captain’s Galley. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 with all proceeds benefiting the animals at the no kill shelter.

Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets can stop in at the shelter located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin between the hours of 11a.m. and 5 p.m. every day except Wednesdays and Sundays. Raffle

tickets will also be sold at the Worcester County Humane Society adoption events, “Cat Day’s of Summer,” located at the front entrance of the Berlin WalMart on August 1, 15, and 22. There will also be some additional Saturdays in the fall including September 12, 19 and October 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no kill animal shelter. For more information on upcoming events or pets available for adoption follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram and visit the website worcestercountyhumanesociety.org.

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mittee.

-Chair and Secretary for Clubs Advisory Committee- 5 years.

-Chair for Ocean Pines 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the request of the OA Board of Directors

-Awarded as the 2009 Sam Wilkin- son Volunteer of the Year by OPA Recreation and Parks

-Member of the Task Force to work with SHA on traffic relief at North Gate. We were directed to measure and identify where county/state responsibility begins and ends for ingress/egress from Ocean Pines to 589. The positive results included traffic signal control sensors on Ocean Parkway that respond to a back-up of exiting vehicles.

-Member of the Facilities Group Task Force to identify and prioritize all of our facilities according to their condition and maintenance needs. One result of this task force was the "campus environment" approach when considering a schedule of construction/replacement/repairs.

-Currently a member of the Facilities Use Task Force—our team is working with GM Bob Thompson to identify a fair and equitable procedure, in line with Resolution M02, to assist Recreation and Parks in responding to the numerous requests from our

membership to use the Community Center.

- Volunteer for all Easter/Halloween and Reindeer Lane programs for the past 11-12 years.

-Volunteer Bingo caller for 3 Recreation and Parks Family Bingo Nights.

-During my tenure as Executive Director of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce I had the opportunity to understand how to work successfully with a volunteer Board of Directors while trying to manage the daily business of growing the chamber membership and keeping their interests at the forefront of all decisions.

- In both PA and MD I have volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Special Olympics Team Capt., Chaperone /Vocal Coach/Guest Conductor of High School and Middle School Students.

-Director of the Delmarva Chorus since 2001. During my 37 years of membership to Sweet Adeline's I have served on the Regional Board of Directors, Teaching Staff and Management Team for the region of PA, DE, MD, NJ and W.VA.

### Terri Mohr

I was privileged to serve as an OP Board Member from 2010-2014, was selected as Secretary and Treasurer during my tenure and acted as liaison to the Parks & Rec, Budget & Finance, Aquatics, Environmental & Natural Assets, and Elections committees. I have maintained my membership on the Parks & Recreation Committee. Prior to relocating to Ocean Pines, I was appointed to the Anne Arundel Community College Board of Trustees by the Governor of Maryland, served on the AACC Foundation Board, was a founding member of the West Anne Arundel County Rotary Club. I participated in many volunteer activities including Relay for Life, Susan Komen

Race and music ministry. Currently, I am very active in the Relay for Life and the music ministry in the Catholic Church. Work experience includes medical practice management for thirty five years, teaching Medical Assisting at the community college level as well as serving as the Director for two Chambers of Commerce in Anne Arundel County. All of my experiences have given me insight into the workings of a community organization.

### Slobodan Trendic

We became full-time residents almost two years ago and for personal reasons were unable to become fully active. However I observed some disappointing board and management decisions which lead me to write and speak publically. Some of you read my commentary in last year's OP Progress newspaper titled: "OPA directors blunder on general manager contract." I am also involved with S. T. O. P. (Stop Taxing Ocean Pines), whose action brought an end to the ill conceived \$6 Million Dollar community hall.

My most memorable time was my involvement with the 1984 Summer Olympics. I still treasure my volunteer medal.

On a professional level I was involved with Washington-based organizations for over 20 years. As a member of the corporate team I interacted with: the private sector, political and government leaders and embassy diplomats, The World Bank and IMF. Areas of my focus were: business development, trade promotion and policy issues with organization like: US-Asean Business Council, Corporate Council on Africa, US-Russia Business Council, Nat'l Association of Manufacturers, Trans-Atlantic Business Council, US Chamber of Commerce, Brazil-US Business Council and US-China Business Council.

I hope the above examples make me a suitable candidate for the Board of Directors.

### Ray Unger

I was elected to two terms on the OPA Board of Directors and past president of the Ocean Pines Area Chamber of Commerce.

### Bill Zawacki

I have the best possible preparation for a Board of Directors position; "Been there, done that, and more!" I was elected to the Board in 2006 and served as Treasurer (2006-2007),

President (2007-2008) and Vice President (2008-2009). During that time, I also served as Board Liaison to the Budget and Finance, Comprehensive Plan, Clubs and Communications Advisory Committees.

Before moving to Ocean Pines, I resided in Leesburg, Virginia where I was a member of the Planning Commission, Chairman of the County Economic Development Board, President of Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society, Chairman of the County Tourism Board and President of the Chesterfield Place Condo Association.

As a former OPA Director and Corporate Officer, I am thoroughly familiar with board policies, procedures and practices as well as our financial reporting systems. I also have broad-based experience participating in and conducting executive meetings in both business and volunteer environments.

***What do you consider to be the most important infrastructure challenges facing the Ocean Pines community and how would you address these challenges?***

### Tom Herrick

Asking this question to many of our residents and you will get a variety of answers. A resident whose crawl space or yard becomes flooded during heavy rains would certainly believe that drainage problems are a big priority. Another resident who frequently visits the Beach Club may feel that remodeling the bathroom facilities at that location is most important. Still others might cite information technology needs as a pressing need. Back in 1998 Ocean Pines had a Comprehensive plan which addressed some of these issues. I recently read a fall 2009 Ocean Pines Newsletter that mentioned a "10 year Task Force" that was to address all our major facilities and infrastructure problems. This Task Force was to prioritize major maintenance, review funding requirements, and schedule the improvements. The newsletter made mention of two interior bridges, one on Ocean Parkway, and one leading to the golf course, requiring major repairs or replacement in the next two years and "planning is underway". As far as I can tell, no action has been taken as of yet. We currently have a Capital Improvement Plan with proposed solutions that may include renovation, replacement or increased maintenance of infrastructure and are

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# Peach Festival is Saturday

The seventh annual Berlin Peach Festival will be held Saturday, August 1, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., on the grounds of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. Admission is free. Rain date for the festival will be Sunday, August 2, from 11:00 until 4:00. Off-site parking is available at Berlin Intermediate School, with shuttles to and from the festival.

Mayor Gee Williams will officially open the festival with help from Little Miss and Little Mister Berlin Peach 2014. All afternoon, attendees will be able to stroll among the displays, demonstrations and sales tables. Naturally, there will be delicious Delmarva peaches for sale from a variety of Delmarva growers (the type of peach and its grower depends on what is ripe at that time).

Children's activities begin at 11:30 as the kids "shake their booties" to make ice cream the old-fashioned way. Other activities for the kids include face painting, juggling by Cascading Carlos (Mir), photo cut-outs and temporary peach tattoos. Additional entertainment will feature Micky Justice and a children's violin

/ fiddle ensemble.

As in the past, there will be a pie-baking contest, two pie-eating contests and a container of peach pits to guess, with prizes for all the winners. In addition, attendees may purchase raffle tickets from the Berlin Heritage Foundation for a basket filled with prizes worth over \$250.

All afternoon, the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will be open for tours of the historic 1832 house, as well as of the upstairs exhibition "Images of the Past."

The seventh annual Peach Festival is sponsored by the Berlin Heritage Foundation. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. The Berlin Heritage Foundation thanks the many additional organizations and individuals working to make the day a success for their support. For more information, contact Susan Taylor at 410-641-1019 or email at [taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net](mailto:taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net).

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ACROSS

1. Malay sail-boats  
6. Beach material  
10. Heroic tale  
14. Peers  
15. Unseen  
17. Plucking implement  
19. Radioactivity unit  
20. Stamping device  
21. Quake  
22. Foot (Latin)  
23. Living body covering  
24. Turfs  
26. Gate swinging devices  
29. Nail  
31. Sharp bodily pain  
32. Status equality  
34. Horse height measure  
35. Political Asylum Research & Documentation Service  
37. 20's - 30's art design  
38. Payment (abbr.)  
39. Food grain  
40. Indefinitely long period of time  
41. Rear  
43. Without

(French)

45. Wood sorrels  
46. Express pleasure  
47. Recurring artistic pattern  
49. Deaf language  
50. Runs PCs  
53. Minimal punishment  
57. Repeat  
58. Give extreme unction to  
59. Inflammatory skin disease  
60. Large Aussie flightless bird  
61. Polish Air Show city

DOWN

1. Anjou or comice  
2. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island  
3. Towards the mouth or oral region  
4. 4th Caliph of Islam  
5. Soviet Socialist Republics  
6. Moslem mystics  
7. Game stake  
8. Point midway between N and NW  
9. Female deer pelts

10. Glaze used to stiffen fabrics  
11. Unhittable serves  
12. Pathogen  
13. Promotional materials  
16. Setting up a golf drive  
18. Lyric poems  
22. Atomic #46  
23. Genus Alosa  
24. \_\_\_ Claus  
25. Not even  
27. Fencing swords  
28. Conway, N.H. river  
29. Brake horsepower  
30. Wild leek  
31. Prefix for before  
33. "Splash" director Howard  
35. Sleeveless apronlike dress

36. Book of the Apostles mission  
37. V.P. Quayle  
39. Dish directions  
42. Revolve  
43. Particular instance of selling  
44. Exclamation of surprise  
46. Wimbledon champion Arthur  
47. Millisecond  
48. Ammo & chemical corp.  
49. Tip of Aleutian Islands  
50. Expired  
51. Norway's capital  
52. Plant stalk  
53. Macaws  
54. Indochina battleground (slang)  
55. Armed conflict  
56. Ribonucleic acid

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Answers for July 22

County Connection



Buy local, eat fresh shore produce

Summertime is a great time to shop local, open air farmers markets for the best in fresh produce. Each purchase you make benefits area farmers and adds colorful fruits and vegetables to your table that are picked ripe when the nutritional benefits are the highest.

Farmers markets abound in Worcester County. Whether you live here or are visiting, there is a farmers market operating near you this season. Area farmers markets are located in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke.

"I love shopping at farmers markets because they offer great variety, from fresh eggs to body scrubs, and it's always satisfying to know where the products come from," Tourism Director Lisa Challenger said. "It's exciting to see that the shop local movement is really gaining momentum."

The Ocean City Farmer's Market is located in the extended parking lot at Phillips Seafood at 142<sup>nd</sup> Street and Coastal Highway. The market is open four days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the Tues/Thurs market running through Labor Day and the Sat/Sun market running through mid October. This is a local, grower-producer market only with certified organic and conventional produce. Find fresh produce from certified organic and traditional growers, local wines, cut flowers, plants and perennials.

Ocean Pines Farmers Market on White Horse Park is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. all year long. The market promotes family-based farming, farmers and food producers from the Eastern Shore and supports buying local foods as a simple way to improve your health, community and the environment. Check out the huge selection of vendors and special events at <http://oceanpines.org>. Free activities are available for children ages 3-14 at the Kids Market Zone, which takes place at the market.

Two farmers markets take place weekly in Berlin. The first is the Downtown Berlin Farmers Market, which takes place on Harrison Avenue behind the Berlin Fire Company on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. from June through August and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from April through December. This is a local, grower-producer market only with certified organic and naturally grown produce, with local wines and artisan bread and fresh, locally harvested seafood. The second takes place Sunday mornings outside the Berlin Visitor's Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with fruits and produce from only local and certified organic producers. Learn more about both markets by visiting *Downtown Berlin Farmers Market at the Firehouse* and *Berlin Organics* on facebook for a list of organic and traditional produce available weekly and great recipes to freshen up your summer menus.

The Snow Hill Farmers Market takes place in the Town Hall municipal parking lot each Thursday from 12-5 p.m. through late September. Fresh produce as well as plants, homemade breads, specialty foods and more is available each week.

Pocomoke Farmers and Flea Market takes place downtown along the Pocomoke River on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon. Expect to find local produce, plants, antiques and collectibles. Vendors may participate at no cost. However, space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information call City Hall at 410-957-1333.



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informed that “additional studies” may also be needed as well. We recently funded a Comprehensive Study to again re-address some of the same issues that the 10 year Task Force already covered. It seems to me that we continually “kick the can down the road” when it comes to infrastructure. My concern is five years from now we will still be in the same situation we are in today. In conclusion, I believe the most important infrastructure challenge facing the Ocean Pines Community is the need to finalize a plan, with prioritized needs and a budget to support it, and then to aggressively pursue the implementation of that plan according to the approved priorities.

**Cheryl Jacobs**

I believe a few of the most important infrastructure challenges are the bridges, roads and information technology (IT). Any prudent person knows that these represent items that are going to require careful study and planning to project short-term and long-term needs to be able to budget accordingly. In the past, decisions have been made that some may characterize as “band aide” fixes. A more thorough approach is required and in some cases working cooperatively with the County. We have many very talented people within Ocean Pines; but, we do not necessarily have the in-house experts appropriate for every project. Understanding our limitations

and knowing when to engage the services of experts will ensure the money that will be spent is properly identified, budgeted and adequate for completing future projects. My goal as a Board member will be to work collaboratively with other Board members, the GM, Department heads, committee advisory groups and community members to develop cost effective short-term and long-term plans that protect our investment as property owners.

**Carol Ludwig**

When you consider the changes and limitations in the County and State budgets over the past few years, and the fact that it is in the same period of time when OPA is not expecting additional assessment revenue from new properties, our entire infrastructure is at risk. We must continue to explore aggressive ways to generate revenue to replace the traditional means of funding that are dwindling or no longer coming from our State or County. We need to continue to maintain a realistic budget, clearly define and fund the critical and ongoing maintenance of everything we own, which is all of Ocean Pines. We must also remain vigilant and insure that Ocean Pines is fairly represented in the decisions made at the County and State level. The efforts being put forth to attract “outsiders” to use our amenities are excellent. We need to continue this revenue generating exercise and be even more aggressive in the award winning advertising of our community. Just look at the description put

forth by any real estate agent selling a home in Ocean Pines. It is impressive! We are fortunate to have residents who volunteer their talents and knowledge, donate and support our amenities through their activities and club memberships and these needs to continue and grow. With a positive approach to challenges, and the constant goal of the continued success of Ocean Pines on our horizon, we can’t lose. It is often said that there is something here for everyone. There is also something that every one of us can do to keep it that way. Step up, speak up and send your own message by exercising your right to vote. You can’t get any closer to home than your OPA ballot!

**Terri Mohr**

My top three: Capital Improvement Plan, Aging Infrastructure, and Civility. The Capital Improvement Plan seems to have come to a screeching halt. I remember the process of rebuilding the Yacht Club and promising our membership that we would take stock of our assets, assess our needs for the future and create a solid plan. I would like to get this back on track with a definitive timeframe for completion so that we can move forward. Our aging infrastructure is in part buildings, roads, drainage and the like but also includes our computer systems and operational needs. We have grown exponentially as a community of 8400 homes with 15,000 full-time residents. Our operational infrastructure has not kept pace with this growth. Without adequate computer systems in place, our operations are at risk. This process will be long and time consuming and I believe we have let it lag too long. Civility is in my top three because I believe that without a mutual respect for each other, we will not be able to accomplish much.

While I will be the first person to acknowledge that a healthy, lively debate is always good for discussion; negative, insulting and rude behavior is counter-productive and damaging to our community. I have been so disappointed in the behavior of some members of our Board and quite frankly, embarrassed by their actions. The Board is elected by the members of the Ocean Pines Association and they represent all of us. We look to the Board for support of our management team and all employees of OPA. If elected, I will work to restore a good working relationship with staff and those who serve as volunteers in our community.

**Slobodan Trendic**

This is the most disturbing reality facing our community. There are many examples of the board’s and general manager’s reckless overspending yet we have a collapsing infrastructure. We need to get our priorities in order.

We have deteriorating roads, crumbling bridges, flooded properties due to poor drainage and community entrances in need of a face-lift. We need reliable IT services in order to better manage OPA’s day-to-day operations. We need to invest in what many owners are asking for: more walking trails, bike trails and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods. When elected I will work with my board colleagues in a collaborative way to address our infrastructure and other challenges. Everything is possible if we embrace our common goals and work together as a TEAM.

**Ray Unger**

Maintaining physical and beauty in structures of Ocean Pines Association.

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## Tide and Sun Chart

\* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

| DATE            | HIGH TIDE                | LOW TIDE               | SUNRISE   | SUNSET    |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Thur., July 30  | 7:02 a.m.<br>7:33 p.m.   | 1:11 a.m.<br>1:11 p.m. | 6:01a.m.  | 8:12 p.m. |
| Fri., July 31   | 7:53 a.m.<br>8:23 p.m.   | 1:59 a.m.<br>2:02 p.m. | 6:02 a.m. | 8:11 p.m. |
| Sat., August 1  | 8:44 a.m.<br>9:12 p.m.   | 2:46 a.m.<br>2:53 p.m. | 6:02 a.m. | 8:10 p.m. |
| Sun., August 2  | 9:36 a.m.<br>10:01 p.m.  | 3:33 a.m.<br>3:45 p.m. | 6:03 a.m. | 8:09 p.m. |
| Mon., August 3  | 10:27 a.m.<br>10:51 p.m. | 4:21 a.m.<br>4:39 p.m. | 6:04 a.m. | 8:08 p.m. |
| Tues., August 4 | 11:20 a.m.<br>11:41 p.m. | 5:11 a.m.<br>5:36 p.m. | 6:05 a.m. | 8:07 p.m. |
| Wed., August 5  | 12:15 p.m.               | 6:03 a.m.<br>6:36 p.m. | 6:06 a.m. | 8:06 p.m. |

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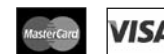
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# Combine event is Saturday

Combines are a familiar sight on the Eastern Shore, moving purposefully and efficiently through fields of grain, corn and soy beans, of-floading their harvest into waiting trucks. But seeing a combine from afar is very different from being close enough to touch one. Snow Hill is The Home of the Blessing of the Combines, and the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing will take place Saturday August 1 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Free shuttle parking is at Byrd Park. Admission is free.

Festivities begin with a parade led by a horse-drawn combine, followed by antique tractors, garden tractors, an antique fire truck, and combines of red and green. Following the "Throttle Thrust" Master of Ceremonies Steve Hales leads a program with presentation of colors by the Snow Hill JROTC; singing of the National Anthem by Rachel Allmam; and a dove release.. The featured keynote speaker is Joe Bartenfelder,

Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary. The program concludes with the blessing of the combines by Pastor Ken Elligson.

Exhibits and displays are set up along Green, Pearl and Bank streets. The Worcester County Library will host a Yard Sale. At the river, pontoon boat cruises are available. The Wheels That Heal Car Club will host a car show beginning at 9 a.m. in Sturgis Park along the Pocomoke River.

At 3 p.m. the festival ends as the combines leave Green Street. Activities continue at 4 p.m. at Preston Motors Snow Hill Auto Body with the Sure Fun Lawn Mower and Tractor Pull (food is available). At 7 p.m. Dancing Under the Stars at Sturgis Park begins.

For more information go to: [www.blessingofthecombines.org](http://www.blessingofthecombines.org) for photos and information or contact Becky Payne at 443-783-1715.

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## Bill Zawacki

The total assets of Ocean Pines is currently \$36 Million of which \$23 Million is infrastructure related. The biggest challenges at this time are the condition of the Country Club and the Beach Club. Both facilities are in sad need of rehabilitation or replacement with rehab being a poor choice due to their inherent design flaws. It is essential that the capital improvement and comprehensive planning efforts already underway be expedited, completed, adopted, funded and followed in the coming years. The last two, 'funded and followed', have given boards trou-

ble in the past. I will work to insure that planned infrastructure improvements move forward with no unnecessary delays.

Additionally, two less prominent areas need close monitoring; our bridges and roads. While outside funding should be available to help with replacement of our three aging bridges, the actual work will be extremely disruptive to traffic flow. Preplanning will be key to a successful effort. The issue with our roads is funding related. We no longer receive a gas tax pass-through and now depend on casino impact grants to fund road re-paving. We must closely monitor the continued availability of these grants as the state legislature can change the distribution formulas at any time.

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# Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to [thecourier@delmarvacourier.com](mailto:thecourier@delmarvacourier.com)

## **Mondays**

### **Ocean Pines Poker Club**

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

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

### **Sweet Adelines**

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

## **Mon. & Tues.**

### **Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge**

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

## **Mon., Wed. & Sat.**

### **Church Thrift Shop**

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

## **Tuesdays**

### **Families Anonymous**

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

**Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.** Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: [jean-duck47@gmail.com](mailto:jean-duck47@gmail.com)

## **Tuesdaysand Thursdays**

**Poker players** wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played

every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

## **Wednesdays**

### **Kiwanis Club Meeting**

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

### **Elks Bingo**

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

### **Delmarva Hand Dancing**

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or [info@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:info@delmarvahanddancing.com)

### **Rotary Club**

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

### **Square Dancing**

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

### **AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin**

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

## **Wed., Thurs. & Fri.**

### **Church Thrift Shop**

Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin is open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sale Fridays. Call 410-641-1137.

## **Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.**

### **Church Thrift Shop**

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

### **Diakonia Thrift Shop**

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

## **Thursdays**

### **Story Time**

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

### **Beach Singles**

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

### **Legion Bingo**

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

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

## **Fridays**

### **Knights of Columbus Bingo**

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

## **Sundays**

Sunday Night Serenity **Al-Anon Family Group** 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

## **Third Sunday**

### **Sharing Sunday**

Bring non-perishable groceries and paper goods to the Ocean Pines southside fire hall 1 -3 p.m. to benefit local food banks.

## **Third Monday**

### **Democratic Women**

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

## **Third Tuesday**

### **Widows & Widowers Social Club.**

Group meets in Ocean Pines at 1 p.m. for luncheon meeting. Call 410-208-1398.

## **Third Wednesday**

### **Survivors of Suicide Meeting**

Starts at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department. 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Quiet listening, caring people, no judgment. For more information, call 410-629-0164 or visit [www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org](http://www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org).

## **Fourth Wednesday**

### **Marine Corps League**

First State Detachment Marine Corps League raises funds for a variety of charities and meets at 7 p.m. in VFW Post 8296, 66th St. Ocean City. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Visit [www.firststatemarines.org](http://www.firststatemarines.org).

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## Newton is new VP at Wor-Wic

Bryan Newton, vice president for enrollment management and student experience at Aiken (S.C.) Technical College, was recently selected to fill the newly-created position of vice president for enrollment management and student services at Wor-Wic Community College.

Newton received his bachelor's degree in history from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and his juris doctorate from The Ohio State University in Columbus. He has completed his doctoral coursework, and is a doctoral candidate in the higher education leadership program at Colorado State University. Newton has 13 years of community college work experience, 10 of which were in the areas of enrollment management and student services.

"He has a record of significant accomplishments in a variety of community college roles," said Dr. Ray Hoy, president of Wor-Wic. "In addition to his current position at Aiken Technical College, he has been a vice chancellor for student affairs and assistant vice provost for admissions and enrollment management at Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana.

At Wor-Wic, Newton will oversee admissions, career services, child care, counseling, financial aid, student activities, student retention and the registrar's office.

The move to Wor-Wic brings him closer to extended family members who live in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

## Allied health program to begin

Wor-Wic Community College will host an open house for its allied health programs on Thursday, August 20, at 6 p.m., in Room 109 of the Allied Health Building on the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Information will be provided on nursing, radiologic technology, emergency medical services, occupational therapy assistant and physical therapist assistant credit programs, as well as non-credit courses such as certified nursing assistant, nurse refresher, EKG technician, phlebotomy, medicine aide, medical coding and billing, dental assisting and personal trainer.

For more information, call (410) 572-8740.



**Pink Pride** - Delegate Mary Beth Carozza joined the Pink Ribbon Group, a committee of the American Cancer Society at a planning meeting for the Sunday, October 18 Making Strides Walk/Run Against Breast Cancer. Having survived breast cancer herself, Delegate Carozza wants to stress the need for mammograms and early detection. The Making Strides event will be held on Sunday at the Inlet in Ocean City beginning at 9 a.m. To form a team, go to [www.makingstrideswalk.org/oceancitymd](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/oceancitymd). Pictured at our month planning meeting are (front row) Delegate **Mary Beth Carozza**, **Bev Furst** (Committee Chair), **Josette Castiglione**. Standing: **Suzy McElroy**, **Susan Braniecki**, **Dawn Hodge**, **Susan Childs**, **Yasim Karaman**, **Cheryl Warner**, **Lora Wolinskas**, **Lisa Capitelli**, **Bean Keagle**, **Sue Carpenter**, **Darlene Botts**, **Debbie Clements**, **Kendra Maccari**, **Maria Phillips**, **Chris Butler**.



**Green ingenuity** - Stephen Decatur Middle School's Summer Academy was a great success. This year's theme was Go Green! The students were challenged to use trash items to create games to be used during our carnival celebration. Above is **Ashton Harrison** with her recycled badminton racket.



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