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You are not alone: Help for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia

Support group meets twice a month in Ocean Pines

For several years, Billie Chambers struggled to cope with each new symptom of her husband's dementia.

"In the beginning, his symptoms were intermittent: sometimes surprising, annoying, quirky, but manageable," she said. "Near the end, his symptoms were increasingly debilitating, sadly predictable, frightening, and nearly impossible for one person to manage."

For those struggling to care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia, Chambers' message is simple: you are not alone.

The MAC Alzheimer's/Related Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets twice each month at the Ocean Pines Library, offering caregivers professional support, access to resources, and encouragement from others in similar situations. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 3-4 p.m.

"Dementia is an ugly disease, and increasingly common. It can suck the life out of those who have it as well as the people who care for them at home," Chambers said. "Throughout the years of Paul's dementia, we were blessed with the support of family and friends, for which I'm forever grateful. And yet, as with most life

changing events, until you are actually living it, you can't truly understand it.

"And that is the value of being part of our local dementia/Alzheimer's support group," she continued. "Everyone is being affected by some stage of the disease. Each person can offer help and insights that only experience brings. For me, taking part in the group educated me, calmed me, sometimes made me laugh, and gave me hope that I could handle both our present life and what the future might hold."

"If you have questions, need help, or just need to vent a little, this is a great place to start," Chambers added.

Margaret White has run the meetings in Ocean Pines for about a year and a half. She is the director of the Life Bridges program for MAC Inc., a Salisbury-based group created to help older adults live with dignity and thrive in their homes and community. MAC is one of the oldest agencies on aging in the United States.

"In the Ocean Pines community and surrounding area, we know that there is a need out there and we need to make sure people are aware this is available to them," she said. "We really have an interest in how we can reach the community (*cont. on pg. 2*)



(cont. from pg. 1) and let them know we are holding these meetings, and that we are there for them," she said.

Mark Bender, an Ocean Pines resident, has cared for his wife, who has Alzheimer's, for eight years. He's been going to support meetings for six years.

"It's basically a group of people that has the same issues, and you can talk about your problems and try to help each other," he said. "It helps just to hear other people tell their stories and hear their suggestions."

He said those, like himself, who have been caring for someone for an extended period are able to share their knowledge.

"You let people know what the journey is going to be like, especially for those in the first year or the second year," he said. "It can certainly help to hear other stories. And you don't even have to share – you can just listen."

For many, White said caring for a partner with Alzheimer's or dementia can be one of the biggest challenges of their lives. That's why the help, support and experiences of others is so important.

"Some people are a little tentative at first, but most realize the support, the friendships, the information that they receive is so helpful," she said. "Having the opportunity as a



caregiver to step away for a few moments each month and be able to be with others who are going through similar situations – they can be understood and they can get that support they so greatly need.

"They also build a bond," she continued. "Most of the time, the facilitators stay quiet. We're there to support and we will answer questions."

Bender said there are many in Ocean Pines who could benefit from the support group.

"It's definitely helpful, especially for new people going through this," Bender said. "It can be so overwhelming in the first couple years."

For more information on the MAC Alzheimer's/Related Dementia Caregivers Support Group, contact White at 410-742-0505, ext. 128 or mwhite@macinc.org.

No reservations are needed to attend support group meetings, and all are welcome.



Holiday Craft Fair to be held Nov. 5

Annual event will feature variety of handcrafted items

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines will host the 11th annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

"We are excited to host the event this year, as it is our biggest Holiday Craft Fair to date. We have added additional booths to accommodate the overwhelming response from applicants," Debbie Jiwa, event chairperson, said.

Local artisans, crafters, and many Craft Club members will display and sell their hand-crafted items. The Holiday Craft Fair is a juried event, meaning organizers will limit the number of similar products.

"There will be a wide variety of items, many with a holiday theme, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, soap and bath items, pet products, American Girl doll clothes, stained glass, pillows, and cross-stitched items," Jiwa said. "All items are hand-crafted and make wonderful gifts for the holidays, and you can get something for everyone on your gift list.

"We'll also have some unusual, one-of-a-kind things," she continued. "We'll have fabric decorated plates, quilted items, gourd houses, wood-carved ducks and birds, and so much more."



Jiwa recommends shoppers come early, as many items sell out quickly.

"This is a popular event, so the earlier the better," she said. "We'll also have a bake sale of all homemade goodies. The bake sale is very popular and is usually sold out by noon."

Additionally, breakfast and lunch items will be available for sale by the Kiwanis Club. This year, for the first time, the Kiwanis Club will be in their own space in the Marlin Room, with tables and chairs for guests' dining pleasure.

The Pine'er Craft Club will donate proceeds from the Holiday Craft Fair back to the Ocean Pines community. Active since 1974, the Craft Club has donated more than \$170,000 to groups like Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks, Police, Fire Departments and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Oceans Pines.

For more information on the Pine'er Craft Club, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop.





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Pines Steppers seek new members

Square dancing club has been active in Ocean Pines for four decades

The Pine Steppers Square Dance Club is seeking new members to help local people stay active, make new friends, and get dancing.

Square dancing gets its name from the shape of the group of dancers. Four couples, or eight total dancers, are arranged in a square with one couple on each side and facing the middle.

The dance borrows elements from traditional 16th century dances from England, France, and other parts of Europe. It traveled to the United States with early European settlers and further developed into its present-day form.

In 1982, President Ronald Regan officially named the square dance as the national folk dance of the United States.

In Ocean Pines, the Pines Steppers club started in the 1980s and was incorporated in 1994 as part of the Delmarva Square Dance Federation.

In the mid-1990s there were as many as nine active local clubs. Today, there are only two remaining.

Current Club President Barbara C. Roos got involved in square dancing because of her mother and father, who were active in Dover.

"My husband was taking lessons with them, and I was working at a chamber of commerce in New Jersey where I took lessons. I would come down on weekends to dance with them," she said.

That later led to the couple joining the Pines Steppers in Ocean Pines, and Roos becoming an officer.

"I got more involved, and now I've been president for the last three years and it looks like I'm going to be the president again this year," she said. "I inherited an enthusiastic and dedicated club."

Roos said club members regularly travel from Salisbury and the Dover, Delaware area to take part in classes and events.

Workshops are scheduled every Wednesday evening from 7-8:45 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway, and dances are held on the third Saturday of each month.

New members learn 50 basic calls and dance to music choreographed by professional callers from



Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Workshops usually have "two squares" of eight people each, and the dances can have upwards of three squares.

"We have more ladies than we have men, so a lot of the ladies can dance the male parts too," Roos said. "But we could definitely use more male dancers."

Roos said no prior experience is needed to join, and all are welcome in the square. New dancers are

assigned an "angel," or a veteran dancer, to help get them started.

"We also encourage people to go on YouTube, so they can watch and maybe do some of the lessons at home," Roos said. "The first four lessons are free, and if they are really interested and they want to continue, we have a 12-week class and we ask everyone to pay \$4 so we can pay for the caller."

Roos said many veteran dancers continue with the classes for years. Longtime members pay \$5, also to help pay for the callers.

Both couples and individuals are welcome to join.

"We always say if you have two feet and hands, you can dance," Roos said. "We have so much fun because we laugh at ourselves and laugh with each other. It's a merry group."

It's also great exercise.

"If a lady does every dance at the workshop, then she goes four miles," Roos said. "The lady is on the outside of the square, so she has to walk a little farther than the guys."

"More than anything, we're a family,"

Roos continued. "It's camaraderie. We watch out for each other and pick each other up, and it's just fun."

She said many dancers also share another passion: food.

"We share recipes, and we try to outdo each other when we have our dances," she said.

"But we're looking for more Ocean Pines people, and we just want to stay active and involve as many people as possible," Roos added.

For more information, call Barbara Roos at 908-229-8799 or email barbcroos@gmail.com.





Guest column:

Offering nutrition, physical fitness & prevention programs this fall

By the Worcester County Health Department

Did you develop unhealthy habits during the pandemic that have lingered? Do you need to make a change but lack motivation? Break bad habits with good, healthy, active habits!

The Worcester County Health Department can support you in successfully forming new and healthy habits by encouraging you to give the new habits your attention and focus, and by repeating the habits with intention. We have multiple ways to get you active and prevent chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease with programs like Just Walk, Worcester Wellness Weigh, Lifestyle Balance Diabetes Prevention, and classes on how to quit smoking or vaping. We also have a cooking show called "What's Cooking in Worcester" and a brand-new resource guide to help you find delicious and nutritious foods grown right here in Worcester County.

These programs and classes are free and priceless. Here's a rundown of what's available this fall.

- **Just Walk** is an incentivized physical activity program. Report your mileage, and we will mail you a package. At each milestone you reach, you'll receive a prize! The first prize available is after reaching 25 miles. From the beach to bay, woodlands to parkland, there is a location and surface for everyone to be active as part of a fitness regimen, to socialize, or just for the joy of it. You can find 15 maps of local trails by visiting justwalkworchester.org.
- **Tobacco Cessation** classes help individuals establish quit smoking plans and attain a tobacco-free lifestyle. These classes are taught by a trained smoking cessation educator. The program offers vouchers for cessation aids for those wishing to add these to their quit plan. The vouchers for smoking cessation help defray the cost of nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, and Chantix at participating pharmacies in the county. Classes are available to adults and adolescents aged 14-17.
- **The Lifestyle Balance - Diabetes Prevention Program** is a year-long program proven to prevent type 2 diabetes in those with prediabetes, those at risk for diabetes, and those with a history of gestational diabetes. The program helps you learn about healthy eating, physical activity, weight

loss, and behavior changes. You will work with a trained coach and people like you to make lifestyle changes to reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes. You will participate in 16 weekly sessions, followed by once-a-month support sessions for the remainder of one full year. Participants will receive incentives like cookbooks, body weight scales and more.

- **What's Cooking in Worcester?** Pumpkin whoopie pies, chocolate chia seed pudding, and chili-lime chickpeas! "What's Cooking in Worcester" airs on our Facebook and YouTube pages.
- **Worcester Wellness Weigh** is a technology-based, healthy lifestyle and weight-loss program for families ready to work together to lose weight, eat healthier, increase physical activity, and improve their overall health.
- **Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Live Well.** Our newly designed guide helps readers locate and access fresh, nutritious, high-quality foods in Worcester County and is filled with information on proper portion control, food budgeting, local food pantries, community gardens, local farmer's markets and grocery shopping on a budget.

More information on all these programs can be found at our website, worchesterhealth.org, or by calling 410-632-1100 and choosing **Prevention, option 4**.

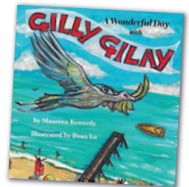
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Guest column:

Focus: Making my district rounds

By Mary Beth Carozza

Maryland State Senator for District 38 –
Somerset / Wicomico / Worcester Counties



As I make my rounds throughout Maryland Senate District 38, I always am impressed with those working so hard and giving back to our community to support our shore way of life. My senate district includes the best of Maryland with tourism, farming, forestry, commercial fishing, recreational boating, health and education, and small business driving our shore economy.

The ocean, coastal bays, Assateague Island, the historic towns of Berlin, Snow Hill, and Pocomoke, and of course, Ocean Pines are among the highlights in Worcester County. As I make my door-to-door visits, I enjoy hearing the stories of my constituents on their reasons for making the shore their home and listening to their ideas for keeping the shore a safe and comfortable place for all ages to enjoy.

Some of my **recent events in Worcester County** have included the grand opening of the H4R Recovery Campus in Berlin; Bikers Without Borders Bike Night benefiting Special Olympics/Torch Run at OC Eateries; the Maryland State 8-10 softball tournament opening ceremony in Showell; Captain Butch Arbin's 50th Anniversary with the Ocean City Beach Patrol; and **Gavin Knupp's Celebration of Life** on the beach in Ocean City.

As Gavin's family and our local community continue to mourn the death of Gavin and seek justice, I have made it a priority to request that the Maryland State Highway Administration make **safety improvements on Grays Corner Road**. From my last conversation with SHA leadership, short-term improvements including better signage and lighting are already underway, and options for longer-term improvements are being reviewed.

In **Ocean Pines, the Recreation and Parks Department held a first-ever Back to School event** with fun entertainment, games, and school supplies at the Veterans Memorial Park. I saw plenty of children enjoying the water slides and bounce houses, and made it in time to pick up a famous **Kiwanis** hot dog before they ran out, and bought three Kiwanis lottery tickets supporting student scholarships. On a personal note, I joined my parents, Mary Pat and Tony Carozza, for one of The Parke's friendly neighborhood parties.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge all of those who took the time to remember the **21st Anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks** on our country, whether it was attending a service or simply sharing the 9/11 story with a young person. As a civilian Department of Defense

employee serving at the Pentagon on 9/11, I have become more and more concerned that so many of our young people simply do not know about the events and meaning of September 11th, 2001.

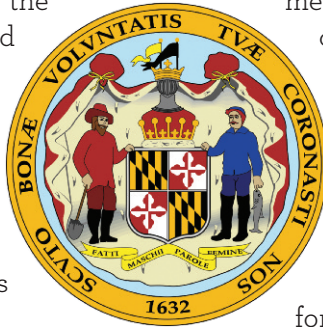
I believe it's important that we as Americans continue to recognize that our very way of life was under attack when 19 terrorists trained by the Al Qaeda hijacked four commercial airliners and murdered nearly 3,000 innocent people. We also should remember that in the face of the evil on 9/11, we saw the best of America coming together as a united people.

Today, we are living during a time of sharp political division. More so than ever, we should ignite that shared commitment and remember that we have values as Americans that are bigger than ourselves, worth fighting for, and worth passing on to the next generation.

We do this at the Worcester Veterans Memorial, where our fifth-grade students hear from local veterans and other volunteers who share the stories of our local heroes.

Sharing the stories of sacrifice of our veterans and first responders can go a long way to growing a spirit of patriotic grace, a term coined by Peggy Noonan, former speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan. We can face our common challenges together by reaffirming what it means to be an American, and that is happening right here at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Note: Sen. Mary Beth Carozza served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of Legislative Affairs from 2001-2003, was at the Pentagon during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and currently is a volunteer storyteller for the Worcester County fifth-grade student visits at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.



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Guest column:

Treatment plant, sports complex updates

By Chip Bertino

Worcester County Commissioner, Ocean Pines District



The Maryland Department of the Environment mandates that water and sewer districts pay the Bay Restoration Fee (BRF). This fee is assessed to plants that have accepted federal/state dollars or that have not met their discharge permit limits. The annual fee is \$60 per ratepayer.

The Ocean Pines Water Wastewater Treatment Plant has not and does not accept federal or state subsidies. And for many years, because the plant has met discharge permit limits, Ocean Pines ratepayers have not been assessed the BRF.

Unfortunately, the plant did not meet its limit due to a clogged pipe under clarifier and treatment unit 4 that was discovered on Jan. 10, 2021. There is no direct access to the line. To get to the pipe, it was necessary to drain the clarifier and lower the level in the treatment unit. Operators and outside contractors worked for over 24 hours and were eventually able to clear the line.

The source of the clog was discovered to be a rake head. Operators use rakes on top of the treatment units to clear floating debris. It is believed an employee was using the rake when the head came off the handle and fell to the bottom of the treatment unit. The incident was not reported, so there is no way to determine when the incident occurred or who the employee was. Timely notification could have avoided subsequent events.

Once the line was cleared, the operators began to refill the clarifier and treatment unit. Both were refilled by Jan. 12. The water used to refill the tanks was cold. The water in the treatment tank eventually got as low as 45 degrees. The cold weather inhibited microbial growth and digestion, which in turn reduced the microbe's ability to process the nitrogen in the water. In normal operations there is a large population of microbes present in the tank, significantly larger than what is found in the raw waste stream, hence the need for the population to regrow to pre-drained levels.

Worcester County administration appealed to the secretary of MDE and the governor's office requesting the BRF be waived due to operational issues, but the requests were denied.

As a result, the service area is required to pay the BRF, which is about \$540,000. How should this fee be paid and who should pay it?

It was the position of Commissioner Jim Bunting and me that because the limits were exceeded due to county employee negligence (by not reporting that a rake head had fallen into the unit), Ocean Pines service area ratepayers should not be penalized with an additional quarterly water

bill assessment of \$15 for four billing periods. Despite our efforts to have the county's general fund pay the fee, it was ultimately decided the fee would be paid for with money from the service area's reserve fund. As a result, even though the fee will be paid from the reserve, which has been paid into by ratepayers through the years, there will be no additional assessment on individual ratepayer quarterly bills.

Since the clog was removed, plant operations have continued normally. Permit limits have been met since March 2021. Public Works will apply for an exemption to the Bay Restoration Fee in 2022. Applying for the exemption is an annual process and, prior to 2021, Ocean Pines has been granted the exemption every year since the Bay Restoration Fee was established. It is hoped the service area will once again not have to pay the fee.

In other news, it was decided at the Sept. 20 meeting that the settlement date for the \$7.1 million land purchase for a proposed sports complex adjacent to Stephen Decatur High School would be postponed to Jan. 31, 2023. There is still no funding source identified to pay for the land or the development and management of a facility. Further, no discussions have occurred between county government and Ocean City officials, who strongly advocated for the project and said there was a financial interest by the town to assist with the project. Neither have there been any talks with town of Berlin officials about the project.

And one last note. It is expected that by the end of the year, a new emergency siren will be installed to replace a currently out-of-service unit on the Ocean Pines water tower.

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Message from the OPA BOARD PRESIDENT



Doug Parks
OPA President

The leaves are turning

Summer is officially over and the fall season is upon us. While there were some bumps in the road this summer, overall the season went very well for OPA. Our financial condition continues to remain favorable as the annual audit was completed and the budget surplus from this past fiscal year can officially be recognized on our financial statements. Our General Manager John Viola committed to a new contract and will continue to lead the staff of the Association over the next several years. OPA amenities did well from a financial perspective and crowds were the norm at the Yacht Club. Hopefully we can feel comfortable in the belief that the pandemic is behind us.

As we move into the fall season, the new Board is in place and I am looking forward to all of us working together to carry out our duties and responsibilities to the Association. We have the task of working with the GM and the Budget & Finance Advisory Committee to authorize the budget for next fiscal year. Another major task is the planning and management of a project to address the needs of the fire department in conjunction with the South Fire Station building.

In between raking leaves and watching football and hockey, I look forward to the next several months of work with my Board colleagues to serve OPA as the fall season gets into full swing. Stay safe.

OPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board selects officers: Parks to serve as president, Farr as vice president

Doug Parks, for the fourth time in six years, became the Ocean Pines Association President after a unanimous vote during an organization meeting on Aug. 25.

Also decided during the meeting, Rick Farr will serve as Association Vice President, Stuart Lakernick will be secretary, and Monica Rakowski will be the treasurer. Each was a unanimous selection.

Other Board appointments included Linda Martin as assistant secretary and Steve Phillips as assistant treasurer. Directors agreed to keep the current legal counsel and auditing firm. The current legal counsel, Lerch Early and Brewer, will also serve as parliamentarian.

Directors also set the regular Board meeting schedule for the next year, with the locations to be determined. Meetings were scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., with one exception.

Regular Board meetings for 2023 were scheduled as follows:

Sat, Sept. 24	Sat, Jan. 21	Sat, May 20
Sat, Oct. 15	Sat, Feb. 18	Sat, June 17
Sat, Nov. 19	Sat, March 18	Sat, July 15
Sat, Dec. 17	Sat, April 15	

Parks said the Association would host at least two town hall meetings during the next year, with times, locations, and topics to be determined.

Ocean Pines Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The OPA is governed by a 7-member Board of Directors elected by the lot owners who make up the membership in the homeowners association.

Seven elected Directors (4 officers, 3 Directors at-large); unpaid positions. Members are elected for 3-year terms (can run for a 2nd consecutive term).

Board officers are chosen at the Organizational Meeting held within 2 weeks of Association's Annual Meeting.

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OPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Board members validated: Jacobs, Lakernick and Rakowski join OPA governing body

Three new members officially joined the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday, Aug. 13, as Elections Committee Chairperson Carol Ludwig announced and validated the voting results during the Annual Meeting.

The new Board members are Steve Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick and Monica Rakowski.

Ludwig recognized Elections Committee members Robert Windsor, Mary Anne Whitcomb, Jeannie Pennington and Joseph Peloso, and said the committee "spent six hours ... opening ballots and trying to make sure every ballot counted."

Along with the traditional paper ballots, it was the first year of online voting in Ocean Pines. Outgoing Association President Colette Horn said the hybrid voting was a success.

"Congratulations to the new directors – now the work begins," Horn said. "I look forward to working with all of you."

Lora Pangratz, a member of the Bylaws Committee, used the public comment period to thank the current Board and outgoing directors for their volunteer service.

"I still encourage each of you to continue to volunteer – if you feel led to – whenever you're ready," she said.

She congratulated all the candidates who ran and wished the winners well.

"It will be a mighty task, but I'm sure you're all up for it," she said.

Pangratz called for positivity going forward and said "communication and transparency" were key.

She said all volunteers are valuable, whether they are full-time or part-time residents, have years of business experience, or are a stay-at-home mom or a caregiver.

"We are all equally valued as volunteers, bringing a wealth

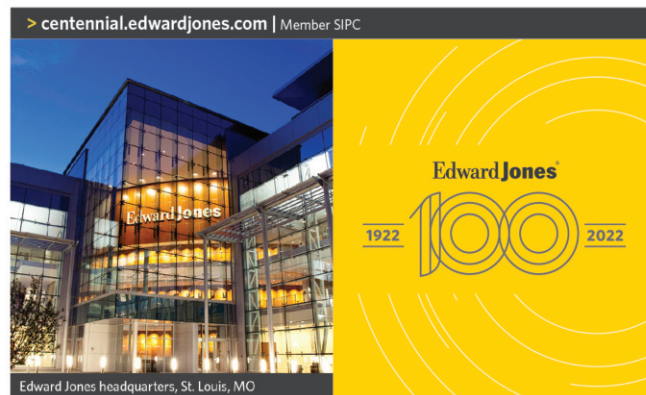


of diverse perspectives," she said. "I'd like to ... again thank each current director, our new directors, and each resident for giving their time [and] talent, and giving up family time to commit to [making] and keeping Ocean Pines a happy place for each of us."

Horn echoed Pangratz's sentiments and thanked outgoing Directors Larry Perone, Josette Wheatley and Amy Peck for volunteering to serve Ocean Pines.

"People say that it is a thankless job [but] it's not entirely thankless. I will say that many people came out of the woodwork these last few weeks, thanking me personally for my service and acknowledging all the positive accomplishment for this Board," she said. "You can see in the numbers, the five years that I've been on the Board, things have turned around from a serious deficit to a very happy financial position."

"I am confident that the additions to the Board will help us continue that trend," she added.



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Message from the GENERAL MANAGER



John Viola

General Manager

Then and Now:

Annual GM report maps progress and charts future course

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola, during the Annual Meeting on Aug. 13, said it was “a tale of two Associations” when he came on as a volunteer CFO in 2017. Viola had been the chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee and was called up for a larger role.

“Back then I remember thinking ... it was the worst of times, but I truly believed that the best of times were coming,” he said.

At the time, the Association had a \$1.6 million deficit and many other issues, Viola said.

“Our bulkheads, drainage, dredging and road programs needed to be jumped started. [And] we needed to implement a new plan,” he said, adding there was a need for a forensic audit and a compensation study. He said there was also a call to improve request for proposal practices to get better bids for big projects, and to outsource food and beverage operations.

All of that has since been accomplished.

Starting in 2019, when Viola took over as general manager, the Association formed work groups and restarted the drainage and bulkhead programs, commissioned an employee compensation study, made improvements to Board meeting videos, and transitioned to Northstar software and a new website.

“After a \$1.2 million budget deficit from the prior year, we closed April 2019 with a \$130,000 positive variance,” Viola said. “You could see back then ... that the ship was starting to turn in a positive way.”

To help offset issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Association secured federal Paycheck Protection Program funding, installed communitywide safety protocols, and brought in several major construction projects on time and under budget including the new Golf Club, cart barn, and a modernized Police station.

In 2021, the Association continued to navigate through the pandemic with a successful communication plan and a **budget favorability of \$1.275 million**. With that success, the prior-year deficits were finally erased.

That year also saw new drainage projects, improved Golf Course maintenance, a jump-started roads program, beautification efforts, the introduction of the virtual Ocean Pines Academy, and the launch of new customer service efforts centered around the info@oceanpines.org email address. Food and beverage operations set new records, strategic planning efforts formally began, and a new playground and new Craft Club building were opened.

In 2022, Ocean Pines produced a **record-setting budget favorability and a record-setting \$100 assessment reduction**. New pickleball courts were opened, the Golf operation became favorable, Aquatics and Recreation and Parks programs thrived, Marina slips had a waitlist, and infrastructure improvements and beautification efforts included the North Gate Bridge and mailboxes and pedestals. The Association also debuted online voting and hybrid Board meetings and began codifying a strategic plan.

“The team, across the board ... [is] operating on full cylinders,” Viola said.

Viola said current initiatives include installing cheaper and more efficient drainage pipe liners, continuing the bulkhead and dredging programs, landscaping and beautification efforts, improvements to the North Gate Bridge, improvements for hybrid meetings, new T-docks at the Yacht Club Marina, (cont. on pg. 17)



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The Ocean Pines Association will observe the following upcoming holidays. Please note that Ocean Pines administrative offices will be closed for:

Veterans Day: Fri, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving: Thu, Nov. 24 & Fri, Nov. 25

Christmas: Fri, Dec. 23 & Mon, Dec. 26

New Year's Day: Mon, Jan. 2

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From the GENERAL MANAGER

(cont. from pg. 16) improvements to the Racquet Sports Center, and facility maintenance at the Yacht Club, Golf Club, Swim and Racquet Club, and Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp.

All those efforts, Viola said, were thanks to a constructive Board, a dedicated and dialed in staff, and the expertise of volunteers including committee and other Association members.

He specifically thanked Marvin Steen, Frank Brown, Ted Moroney, Marty Clarke, Joe Reynolds, Pete Gomsak, and members of the Budget and Finance Committee.

"I've been very fortunate that they have answered the call," he said. "They have truly helped me when I reached out to them."

"We're not just about good financial numbers," Viola continued. "The team, the Association [and] the Board, we have achieved projects and initiatives, and they show up in the financials."

For questions about the presentation, Viola again referred to the info@oceanpines.org email address for general questions and concerns.

"If anybody has any questions ... send us [an email] after this at info@oceanpines.org and the team will give you more detail on it," he said.

For more information on the 2022 Annual Meeting, visit www.oceanpines.org.



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This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in April 2023. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer. Members can check their current expiration dates by checking their BJ's receipts or the BJ's app, or by calling 1-800-257-2582.

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'Light Up the Pines' outdoor decorating event returns to Ocean Pines

Ocean Pines residents and property owners interested in adding holiday cheer to the community are invited to participate in this year's "Light Up the Pines" outdoor decorating program.

Those who register with the program will be featured on an online Google map, which will include locations of the decorated properties.

Participants will also be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$50 bill credits donated by Choptank Electric Cooperative, which sponsors the program. Additionally, the first 25 registered participants will receive a small goody bag, also courtesy of Choptank Electric.

"Choptank Electric Cooperative is pleased to be part of the holiday spirit in Ocean Pines with the 'Light Up the Pines' event," said Valerie Connelly, vice president of government affairs and public relations. "We hope our members enjoy bringing holiday fun to the neighborhood!"

Beginning Nov. 21, households interested in partici-

pating should submit a name, address and phone number via email to info@oceanpines.org or by calling 410-641-7717 ext. 3014.

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REVENUES			
Assessments	\$8,513	\$8,499	\$14
Grants	485	485	0
Amenities (Net)	4,919	4,201	718
Recreation & Parks	177	185	(8)
Other fees and Income	494	474	20
Total Revenues	14,588	13,844	744
Add: Budgeted Surplus Transfer	650	650	0
Less: Transfers to Reserve Accounts	(3,255)	(3,239)	(16)
Net Operating Revenues	11,983	11,255	728
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Administration & Management	763	769	6
Amenities	2,600	2,390	(210)
Recreation & Parks	364	385	21
Police	600	615	15
Fire / EMS	356	356	0
Public Works / CPI	554	657	103
General Maintenance	210	240	30
Total Operating Expenses	5,447	5,412	(35)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	6,536	5,843	693
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PROTECTING YOURSELF AND FAMILY:

During the summer months the Police once again had an increase of reported thefts/fraud and scam cases from phone calls, emails and phone messages. Our investigations have found that many of these cases are from sources outside of the country, which increases the difficulty of solving them. Some of these cases used our own Board members' names and job titles to attempt to scam funds from residents. The Police ask that you monitor all your online banking, shopping and account purchases for yourself and for other family members who may not have the technical ability to see suspicious activity on their accounts.

ARRESTS:

The Police have made several arrests for domestic violence. Most of these situations are alcohol- or drug-related. Remember that drugs and/or alcohol will not help with a domestic event. There are several hotlines and resources that may be used to assist with domestic situations.

Many of our arrests this summer have resulted in charges of assault, property damage and protective orders, all of which involve court appearances and legal fees.

Other arrests related to drugs, alcohol violations and traffic offenses continue to be handled by our officers.

DRUG OVERDOSES:

Ocean Pines also saw an increase in the number of drug overdose calls in the summer months. The Police are here to help anyone battling the addiction of any drugs or alcohol to prevent these accidental overdoses. The Police are now connected with the "Lead Team" (part of the Vulnerable Adult Task Force), which will become a larger, faster link to resources to return to a normal healthier life.

A GREAT LOSS TO OUR COMMUNITY:

The Ocean Pines Police Department recently reported the passing of retired Sgt. John Cabala. As we continue to serve, many of us who had the privilege to work alongside Sgt. Cabala are better officers for the lessons he taught and miss the partnership that we had with him, both on and off the job.

IN CLOSING:

The Ocean Pines Police Department would like to thank everyone for the strong show of support from this community. Please remember that the Police in your community not only work cases, respond to calls and enforce traffic laws. They are also here to help you, and to serve you and care for you and your family, as well as your property.



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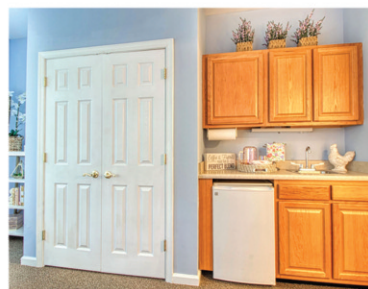


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OP Police announces passing of former sergeant

OP Police Chief Leo Ehrisman has announced the passing of Ret. Sgt. John Cabala.

Cabala's passing comes after serving 37 years as a police officer. He began his career in 1968 as an officer in Washington, D.C. Cabala served on the Washington, D.C. police force for 21 years and left at the rank of Master Patrolman.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the Ocean Pines

Police Department, where he remained for 16 years until retiring June 4, 2007 as a police sergeant.

Ehrisman said that Cabala will be missed. "He had done a wonderful job in serving the community his whole life. He will be remembered as a true friend and leader to many of the law enforcement community," he said.

National Night Out was successful event for 'our neighborhood and our community'

Ocean Pines Police Chief Leo Ehrisman said the recent National Night Out event was a success, drawing roughly 100 people from the community to White Horse Park on Aug 2.

Established in 1984, National Night Out is observed on the first Tuesday in August to promote positive police-community partnerships and neighborhood comradery, and to make all neighborhoods safer places to live.

Ocean Pines is consistently named one of the safest communities in Maryland and the United States.

On Aug. 2, Ocean Pines Police handed out coloring books, and Cpl. Ricky Kerrigan brought a police car and did drone demonstrations for children. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks also pitched in and supplied a bounce house and other family-friendly activities.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Maryland Department of Natural Resources also took part.

Ehrisman said Dispatcher Cindy Ward and Records Administrator Susan Reynolds did most of the organization and setup.

"Ricky [Kerrigan] did police car stuff and did the drone demonstrations, and I think the kids loved it," Ehrisman said.

He also thanked Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue for her help.

"I think overall it did exactly what we wanted it to do," Ehrisman said. "It was more of a meet and greet for our people, our neighborhood and our community. So, I think the goal was accomplished."



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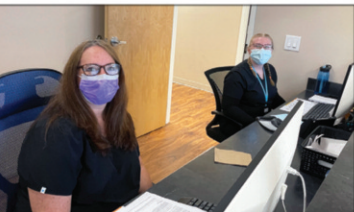
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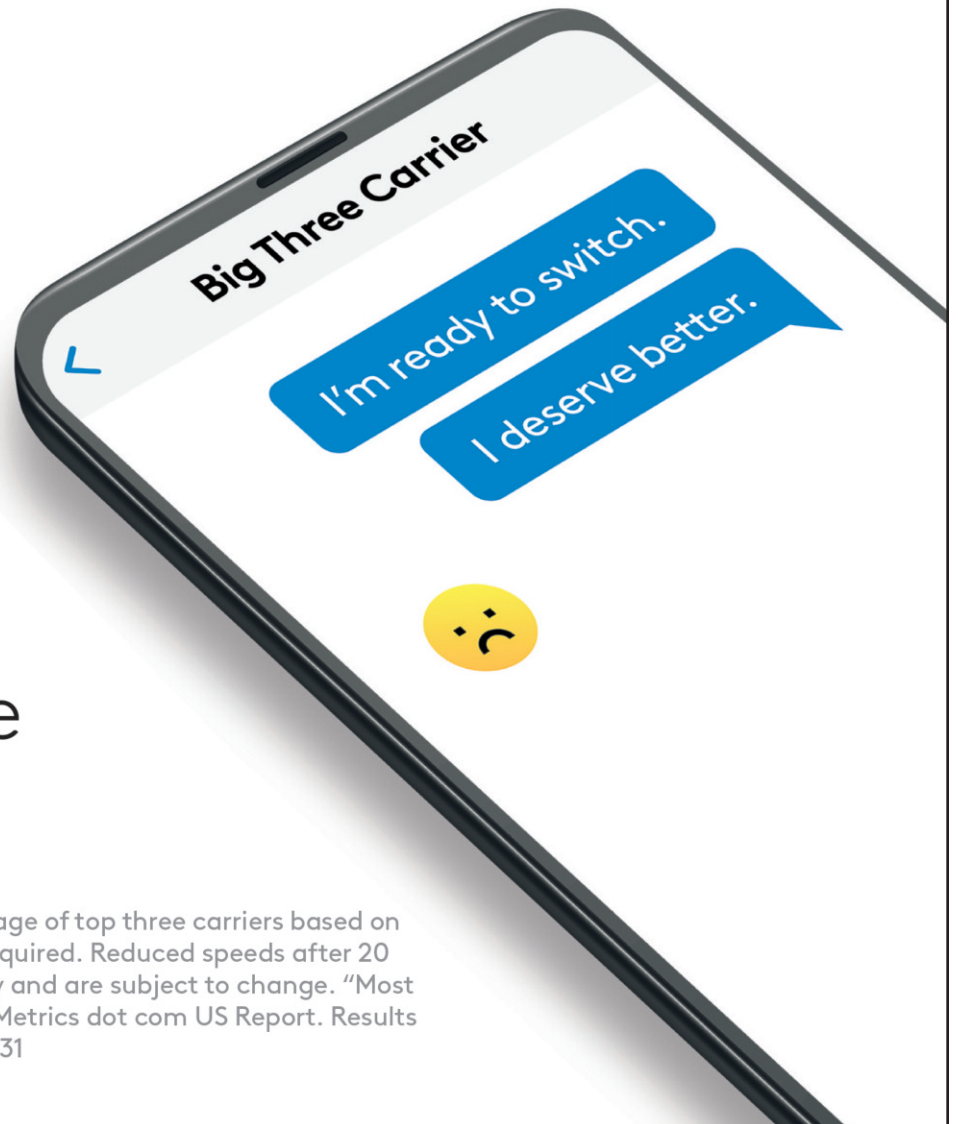


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Debbie Donahue
Director of
Recreation & Parks

Autumn is a great time for sports, fitness, events & more

Happy fall, everyone! Although the winter season is not yet upon us, I want to remind you of a few things coming up in Ocean Pines.

Our **youth basketball program** starts in January. All games are on Saturdays, with practices set by the coaches, on weeknights. **COACHES ARE NEEDED!** If you are interested in coaching, please reach out to Kyle Jarman, the program coordinator, at the Rec. Department.

Kyle is also working on a co-ed **Hoopsters Basketball Clinic** for ages 4 – 13, held on Saturdays starting in November. Bring the kids and to work on those skills and drills before the league starts in January.

Reminder: **Soccer** fills up fast! Keep an eye out for indoor soccer dates starting Feb. 8 for ages 2, 3 and 4 – 6. To register or for more soccer info, call Katie Goetzinger at the Rec. Dept.

Our **men's basketball league** starts Feb. 16. Whether you're an individual or have a full team, give us a call and we will get you in. Wall-to-Wall Adult Dodgeball is back this year starting Jan. 11 - give us a call for more information.

Zumba continues throughout the year on Tuesday mornings

and Wednesday evenings. And don't forget about **Tai Chi, yoga** and **Pilates** - multiple sessions will be offered. Be sure to sign up for a new session of **line dancing**, which will start Jan. 3, or one of the many **free seminars** offered by local businesses. You can learn more in the fall/winter Activity Guide.

Just because cooler weather is coming doesn't mean that racquet play is over. All courts, including **tennis, pickleball, platform tennis** and **Spec Tennis**, will be open all throughout the winter (subject to change due to weather conditions). For questions about racquet sports at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, call 410-641-7228.

The **Farmers & Artisans Market** is still going strong and will continue to have hours throughout the winter. Please check oceanpines.org or page 51 of this newsletter for current market hours as they change for the winter season.

There are many different **community organizations** within Ocean Pines. Please stop by the Community Center and pick up a list with contact information, or give us a call and we'll be happy to email it to you.

The **Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop** is open Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter and is located next to the Farmers Market. The handmade pieces in this gift shop are amazing and looking for a new home. The Winter Wonderland Artisans & Craft Fair will be held in the Community Center Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come by and pick up those special holiday gifts.

Back by popular demand is **A Hometown Christmas** on Nov. 26. Join Ocean Pines and the surrounding community for another great year of tree lighting. Light up White Horse Park by purchasing/sponsoring a tree in the park. Trees are sponsored by local businesses, non-profit organizations, social clubs and families. Call Katie Goetzinger for more information about becoming a part of this holiday event.

You can also enjoy the holidays with a **bus trip to New York City** on Dec. 18. I bet if you look hard enough you will find Buddy the Elf! Please call to register or for more information.

Another program that we love to be a part of is **"Be a Santa to a Senior,"** sponsored by Home Instead.

Ornaments with the names of seniors in the community will be placed on a tree in the lobby of the Community Center Nov. 17-Dec. 13. Stop by, pick up an ornament and make Christmas a special time for a senior.

Rooms are available for rent for holiday parties. Give us a call and Jessica, Cindy, Dawn, Kathy, Katelynne and Emily will be happy to find you the perfect room for your event.

If you don't have an Activity Guide for the fall and winter, stop by the Community Center or visit oceanpines.org to view a complete listing of our seasonal programs.

If you would like to volunteer, stop by or give us a call. We can always use an extra hand and a friendly face. Stay safe and healthy, and have a happy fall!

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FROM SEPT. 1 to OCT. 14

Ocean Pines pet parents can enter their pup(s) for a \$5/dog entry fee. Official entry forms are available at the Community Center. The top 8 pups will be on display at the Ocean Pines Halloween celebration. Attendees at the event will be able to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting in November.

Chinn posthumously given Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award

Ralph Chinn was a ubiquitous volunteer in Worcester County for many years, working both with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean City-Ocean Pines, and with the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

On Aug. 13, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue posthumously named Chinn as the recipient of the 2022 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award.

Donahue said Chinn was a dear friend who always helped, and always listened.

"If you needed a volunteer, he was always there," she said. "No matter what I asked him to do, no matter what it was for – if it was cleaning the kitchen, cleaning the flattop, reading a book to my kids – it really didn't matter. He was always in here, helping us doing whatever was needed."

She said Chinn volunteered in the food pantry at a local church and helped prepare their holiday meals and aided with bingo events.

"For 25 years, Ralph was a proud, active member of Kiwanis," Donahue said. "There, he was involved in running the club and served as president ... he served [on the] board of directors [and] he found time to be an advisor to many club presidents over the years."

Donahue said Chinn volunteered during Kiwanis events that coincided with Ocean Pines Community Center events.

"You could find him all the time making pancakes in the kitchen. And if you never had one of Ralph's pancakes, you missed out," she said. "He did all of our events – our Breakfast with Santa and our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. He was also at all the hot dog sales, spaghetti dinners, Concerts in the Park, boardwalk car raffles, and Salvation Army [events]."

Donahue said he also made pancakes during a special annual breakfast for Recreation and Parks staff.

"That was just on him – it was not part of the Kiwanis. He

wanted to do that for all that we had done for him," she said.

"He also made sure that we were in compliance [and] everything was good to go with the health department. He would come in very early in the morning to make sure everything was ready to go.

"And we spent a lot of time sitting in my office talking about a lot of different things," Donahue continued. "He was a very, very dear friend of mine. Unfortunately, Mr. Chinn is not able to be here, because he passed suddenly."

Donahue said the 2022 award was already slated for Chinn, before his passing last August.

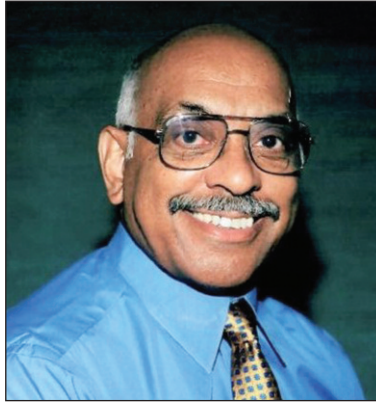
"So, we went ahead and decided that, even though he couldn't be with us, we were still going to give it to him," she said, adding she would accept the award on his behalf and make sure his widow, Wilma, received it.

"I loved him dearly," Donahue said.

Since 2003, the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award has recognized local people who dedicate their time and talents to help others.

The award also honors the memory of its namesake, 8-year-old Sam Wilkinson, who died in a tragic water accident in Ocean City.

Sam played soccer in Ocean Pines and his father, Bob, was a volunteer coach for Ocean Pines Recreation programs. The award was established to recognize a volunteer within the Recreation and Parks Department.



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Local students benefit from inaugural 'Back to School Bash'

More than 160 backpacks, plus a large amount of school supplies, were collected during the inaugural Back to School Bash held Aug. 27 in Ocean Pines.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said about 150 people attended the event, which included games, water slides and moon bounces for children.

Recreation Program Supervisor Kyle Jarmon organized the Back to School Bash on behalf of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

"The event went very well, and I thought we had a great turnout," he said. "For a first-time event, it was nice to see so many people come out, drop off supplies, and just have fun."

Jarmon said 169 backpacks were donated, along with scores of loose school supplies. The backpacks and supplies were donated to local schools through nonprofit Worcester County GOLD.

"That was a lot more than I expected. Being a first-time event, it's hard to have a good gauge on how it's going to go, so it was nice to have this be the result. There's going to be a lot of kids getting a lot of good stuff," he said.

"Honestly, my mind is blown by the whole thing," Jarmon continued. "I didn't expect it to be that big of a turnout. And I can't wait to see what kind of improvements we can make in the future, to make it even bigger next year."

Donahue said she was grateful to everyone who attended the event, and especially to those who donated supplies.

"We're very happy to have supported such a worthy cause, and we know Worcester County GOLD will put those supplies to good use," she said. "For our first event, this was very successful."

Worcester County GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford said the increased cost of basic needs, including school supplies, continues to squeeze Worcester County residents. Because of that, annual donation drives are vital to the success of at-risk students in the county.

"We are so thankful for the incredible amount of school supplies the Ocean Pines community donated to support this event and its mission to prepare local children for the school year and reduce the burden on families with low income," Cranford said. "Thanks to supporters like those who contributed to this event, GOLD is providing school and grade-specific supplies for over 400 local students identified as needing a helping hand. Together, we've helped these students toward equitable education and allowed them to blend in with their peers."

Along with annual school supply donation drives, Worcester County GOLD provides financial aid for housing, utilities and food insecurity, and items for children and vulnerable adults through its Emergency Financial Assistance Program.

For more information on Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks programs, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks or call 410-641-7052.

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SEND LETTERS TO SANTA!

NOV. 21 thru DEC. 16

Santa's Red Mailbox at the Community Center

Children of all ages are welcome to drop off written letters to Santa at the Red Mailbox in the Community Center. Each night, Santa's postman collects the letters & delivers them to the North Pole. Please make sure that the letters are legible & have the child's name & address so Santa can respond.

A HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

Sat, NOV. 26 • 6:30pm • White Horse Park

Join us as we welcome the holiday season & "light up the park" at the Tree Lighting Ceremony! See the dazzling lights, stroll through the winter wonderland, sip hot cocoa, enjoy the festivities, listen to local choir groups sing & welcome Santa Claus into town. Also, the winner of the "2023 Pup of the Pines" Dog Photo Contest will be announced.

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Sat, NOV. 26 (Tree Lighting Ceremony) • 6:30pm
White Horse Park

Children are welcome to sit on Santa's lap & tell him what they'd like for Christmas. Bring your camera & capture the perfect holiday photo. Then, take a stroll through the winter wonderland of lights in White Horse Park.

ADMISSION FEE: FREE!

BREAKFAST WITH BUDDY THE ELF & THE GRINCH

Sat, DEC. 3 • 8am-11am • Community Center

A fun morning of food, festivities & photos! Buddy & the Grinch will arrive at approx. 8:30am & will be available for photos until 11am. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee, pastries & fruit. Please bring an unwrapped gift (toys, games, books, etc. for boys or girls), which will be donated to local charities in Worcester County or non-perishable food, which will be donated to OP families in need.

ADMISSION FEE: Breakfast is FREE for Ages 3 & under!

\$5 Ages 4-10; \$7 Ages 11 & older. Purchase photos for a \$5 donation to the Recreation Department.

REINDEER LANE GIFT SHOP

Sat, DEC. 3 • 8am-11am

At this special Holiday Shop, children ages 12 & under have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones.

All items are sold to kids for \$5 or less. There will be many items to choose from for both kids & adults.

ADMISSION FEE: FREE! Donations for this one-of-a-kind program are greatly appreciated. Please bring new or slightly worn items to the Ocean Pines Community Center.

GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING

Fri, DEC. 16 • 4pm-6pm • Community Center

For ages 3 - 12. Let's make Santa the best cookie ever! Bring your creativity & create some festive gingerbread men! All materials & instruction will be provided.

ADMISSION FEE: \$8/child

CHRISTMAS IN NYC

Fri, DEC. 17 • Bus leaves Community Center 5:30am

Join us for a day exploring NYC on your own. We'll make a stop for breakfast on the way & a rest stop on the way home.

TIME IN NYC: approx. 10:30am-6:30pm; return approx. 11:30pm

FEE: \$85/person (includes transportation)



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Aquatics

Announcing new pool hours and job opportunities for lifeguards

Visit the indoor Sports Core Pool this fall and winter! Our large, heated indoor pool features a large, stepped entry and lap lanes, a slide, spacious indoor & outdoor sun decks and loungers, and is open to the public year-round. Join us for fitness classes, swimming and private parties!

We are open Monday-Thursday 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 6 a.m.-3 p.m. We are also open Monday-Friday at 6 a.m. for Early Bird Lap Swim & at 8 a.m. for classes & swim members only.

We will be closed on Thanksgiving (Sun, 11/24), Christmas (Sun, 12/25) and for spring cleaning (Mon, 3/6-Fri, 3/10).

Ocean Pines Aquatics is hiring lifeguards! We are seeking lifeguards for both seasonal and year-round positions.

Qualifications: Must be skilled in swimming, rescue work, resuscitation and giving first aid. Must have the ability to recognize emergencies and take appropriate action to control them. Good physical strength and sufficient strength and skill technique to control struggling adult

swimmers. Must have successfully completed American Red Cross Life Guarding Course or nationally recognized agency and possess all current certification cards.

Job Overview: The lifeguard will perform specialized work in the environment of regulations and protection of lives at the Ocean Pines community swimming pools. This position is responsible for the enforcement of all pool rules and maintaining reasonable state of discipline and behavior to ensure a safe, secure environment.

Lifeguards will be rescuing swimmers who might be in distress. Lifeguards are tasked with general cleaning of the facilities. This position works 30 hours a week with 40 hours weekly available in the summer. This position starts at \$14 per hour. Currently licensed pool operators start at \$15 per hour.

To apply, contact Kathleen Cook at 443-299-9949.



Annual Doggie Swim was a 'paws'itive success

Jeremy Goetzinger of Ocean Pines Aquatics recently presented a \$1,550 check to representatives of the Worcester County Humane Society. Proceeds were raised during the annual Doggie Swim event, held Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Sports Core Pool.

Pictured from left to right are Worcester County Humane Society Manager Jessica Summers, Jeremy Goetzinger and dog care giver Gabrielle Belka, and Moo the dog.

New Aquatic Fitness Classes

New! WATER POLO

Get in shape & have fun! This fast-paced, aquatic team sport consists of various swimming & ball handling skills to score goals. No experience is necessary.

WHEN: TUE & THU, OCT 11 - NOV 3 8 classes (4 weeks)

TIME: 7:15pm-8:05pm

POOL: Sports Core

FEE: Drop-ins Only: \$6 / person

New! STRENGTH & TONE

This low-impact class focuses on toning different muscle groups each class. Great for those looking to rebuild, strengthen & work out their muscles. **Note: Class is limited to 10 participants**

DAYS: MON & WED 12 classes (6 weeks)

WHEN: OCT 24 - DEC 7 No Class 11/21-25

TIME: 9:00am-9:45am

DAYS: TUE & THU 12 classes (6 weeks)

WHEN: OCT 25 - DEC 8 No Class 11/21-25

TIME: 11:00am-11:45am

POOL: Sports Core

INSTRUCTOR: Jen Kauffman

FEE: Swim Member \$59; OP Resident \$66; Non-Resident \$80; **Drop-in:** Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8



SWIMMIN WIMMIN DEEP WATER ...& men!

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 8:00am-8:50am 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 14 JAN 9 - FEB 17
 OCT 17 - NOV 25 FEB 20 - APR 7 No Class 3/6-3/10
 NOV 28 - JAN 6

FEE: Swim Member \$55; OP Resident \$65; Non-Resident \$81;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

SWIMMIN WIMMIN SHALLOW WATER ...& men!

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 8:00am-8:50am 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 14 JAN 9 - FEB 17
 OCT 17 - NOV 25 FEB 20 - APR 7 No Class 3/6-3/10
 NOV 28 - JAN 6

FEE: Swim Member \$55; OP Resident \$65; Non-Resident \$81;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

TOTAL BODY FITNESS I

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 10:00am-10:45am 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 17
 OCT 24 - DEC 9 No Class 11/21-11/25 FEB 20 - APR 7 No Class 3/6-3/10
 DEC 19 - FEB 10 No Class 12/26-12/30 & 1/23-1/27 APR 17 - MAY 26

FEE: Swim Member \$88; OP Resident \$100; Non-Resident \$120;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

TOTAL BODY FITNESS II

WHEN: TUE / THU, 9:00am-9:45am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 FEB 21 - APR 6 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 8 No Class 11/21-11/25 APR 18 - MAY 25
 DEC 20 - FEB 9 No Class 12/26-12/30 & 1/23-1/27

FEE: Swim Member \$59; OP Resident \$66; Non-Resident \$80;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

HYDRORIDER WATER CYCLING

WHEN: MON / WED, 9:00am-9:40am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 12
 OCT 24 - DEC 5
 JAN 9 - FEB 22
 MAR 13 - APR 19

WHEN: TUE / THU, 9:00am-9:45am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13
 OCT 25 - DEC 8 No Class 11/21-11/25
 DEC 20 - FEB 2 No Class 12/26-12/30
 FEB 14 - MAR 30 No Class 3/6-3/10
 APR 11 - MAY 18

WHEN: TUE / THU, 10:00am-10:35am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13
 OCT 25 - DEC 8 No Class 11/21-11/25
 DEC 20 - FEB 9 No Class 12/26-12/30 & 1/23-1/27
 FEB 21 - APR 6 No Class 3/6-3/10
 APR 18 - MAY 25

FEE: Swim Member \$90; OP Resident \$95; Non-Resident \$100;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$9; OP Resident \$11; Non-Resident \$13

New! PM BIKES

WHEN: TUE / THU, 6:00pm-6:45pm 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 JAN 31 - MAR 16 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 6 No Class 11/24 MAR 28 - MAY 4
 DEC 13 - JAN 19

FEE: Swim Member \$90; OP Resident \$95; Non-Resident \$100;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$9; OP Resident \$11; Non-Resident \$13

EARLYBIRD LAP SWIM

WHEN: MON-FRI, 6:00am-7:50am 30 classes (6 wks)
 OCT 3 - NOV 11 FEB 6 - MAR 17 No Class 3/6-3/10
 NOV 14 - DEC 23 No Class 11/24 MAR 20 - APR 7
 DEC 26 - FEB 3

FEE: Swim Member, free; Res. \$65; Non-Res. \$78; **Drop-in:** \$8.

SHAPE UPS

WHEN: TUE / THU, 8:00am-8:50am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 JAN 31 - MAR 16 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 1 No Class 11/24 MAR 28 - MAY 4
 DEC 13 - JAN 19

FEE: Swim Member \$40; OP Resident \$50; Non-Resident \$65;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

WET WORKS I: DEEP WATER

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 9:30am-10:20am 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 17 JAN 30 - MAR 17 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 24 - DEC 2 MAR 27 - MAY 5
 DEC 12 - JAN 20

WET WORKS II: SHALLOW WATER

WHEN: TUE / THU, 9:30am-10:20am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 JAN 31 - MAR 16 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 1 MAR 28 - MAY 4
 DEC 13 - JAN 19

FEE: I: Swim Member \$60; OP Resident \$70; Non-Resident \$86;
 II: Swim Member \$44; OP Resident \$54; Non-Resident \$61;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

CREAKY JOINTS I

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 11:00am-11:50am 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 17 JAN 30 - MAR 17 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 24 - DEC 2 MAR 27 - MAY 5
 DEC 12 - JAN 20

CREAKY JOINTS II

WHEN: TUE / THU, 11:00am-11:50am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 JAN 31 - MAR 16 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 1 MAR 28 - MAY 4
 DEC 13 - JAN 19

FEE: I: Swim Member \$60; OP Resident \$70; Non-Resident \$86;
 II: Swim Member \$44; OP Resident \$54; Non-Resident \$61;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

WATER AEROBICS

WHEN: TUE / THU, 5:15pm-6:00pm 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 13 JAN 31 - MAR 16 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 25 - DEC 1 No Class 11/24 MAR 21 - APR 27
 DEC 13 - JAN 19

FEE: Swim Member \$55; OP Resident \$65; Non-Resident \$81;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

AQUA YOGA

WHEN: WED / FRI, 8:00am-8:45am 12 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 14 No Class 8/22-9/5 FEB 1 - MAR 17 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 26 - DEC 2 MAR 29 - MAY 5
 DEC 14 - JAN 20

FEE: Swim Member \$60; OP Resident \$70; Non-Resident \$86;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

BOOTCAMP

WHEN: MON / WED / FRI, 6:00pm-6:45pm 18 classes (6 wks)
 thru OCT 17 JAN 30 - MAR 17 No Class 3/6-3/10
 OCT 24 - DEC 2 MAR 27 - MAY 5
 DEC 12 - JAN 20

FEE: Swim Member \$60; OP Resident \$70; Non-Resident \$86;
Drop-in: Swim Member \$6; OP Resident \$7; Non-Resident \$8

Meet the Team: Jeremy Goetzinger

Since 2017, Jeremy Goetzinger has been a friendly and helpful presence at the front desk for Ocean Pines Aquatics. He also happens to be one of the top paracycling athletes in the U.S.

Goetzinger was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in Waldorf, Maryland and later lived and worked in Las Vegas as a project manager and electrician.

In his 20s, he was diagnosed with a rare condition called Buerger's disease that affects blood vessels in the body, most commonly in the arms and legs. That led to the amputation of both legs and several fingers.

"It's something that only happens to one in 800,000 men in their 20s, and it basically it cuts the circulation off to your fingers and toes," he said. "I went through seven or eight amputation surgeries and of course it became difficult to maintain the



Katie became the program supervisor for the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, and Goetzinger stayed at home with Paisley until she was old enough for school. He worked at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center for two summers and then took a job with Ocean Pines Aquatics, where he's worked for the last five years.

At Aquatics, Goetzinger handles reservations and guest check-ins. He's also been instrumental in the department's adoption of the Northstar software systems.

During the summer, the front desk role can be a busy one, with scores of swimmers coming to the use the pools.

Despite the rush, Goetzinger is a dependably calm and smiling face at the front desk.

"The things that I've gone through with my health and surgeries just gave me a love for life," he said. "I just have the attitude that it's easier to be nice to everybody. I love talking to people and helping them any way I can.

"I also just love Ocean Pines," he continued. "Even today, I spent my whole morning running from place to place in Ocean Pines helping people."

New athletic heights and nonprofit work

Goetzinger said there aren't enough people in the area to play adaptive team sports, so he switched to handcycling, essentially a three-wheeled bicycle powered by the arms rather than the legs.

He also became involved in nonprofit work with Achilles International of Maryland, an organization that promotes disabled athletes.

"I just knew that there was a need on the shore to help people with disabilities get out there and participate," he



we're going to do as far as my health and athletics," he said. "I played wheelchair basketball for three years and won a national championship in 2011 for the NWBA (National Wheelchair Basketball Association), and then right after that is when I met Katie."

Living and working in Ocean Pines

His wife, Katie, also grew up in Waldorf and worked as a summer camp counselor in Ocean Pines while in college. That connection led the couple back to the community in 2013. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Paisley, and another child on the way.

"We moved here so Katie could work here and so we could raise our kids here," Goetzinger said. "She had always wanted to live here, and her old boss said she would love to have Katie as an employee. We came down, house hunted for two weeks and bought a house, and she started working right away."



said. “We basically helped anyone with any physical disability participate in mainstream sports.”

For two years, funds from the Freedom 5K event hosted by Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks helped to sponsor food and snacks for the roughly 100 paracyclists who participated in the annual Marine Corps Marathon.

“For almost 100 people Ocean Pines basically sponsored their pizza parties and all of their Gatorades and peanuts,” he said.

Because of his involvement in veterans’ groups, Goetzinger also worked with the late Anna Foultz and her Star Charities nonprofit. Foultz presented a \$1,500 check to Goetzinger and Achilles International in October 2019, one month before she passed away.

“Her charity helped us out and, me not being a veteran, I took all that money and we sponsored another dinner at the Marine Corps Marathon, and then we helped two local veterans buy equipment,” Goetzinger said.

Goetzinger said his Achilles International chapter closed during the pandemic, in part because there just were not enough local people taking advantage of the funding.

“It was hard to get that handful of people out of the house to participate, and I didn’t want to collect funds through a nonprofit just for myself,” he said. “But we would always do it again if we could.”

Goetzinger, however, continues to compete and excel in both regional and national competitions.

He finished second in the Mid-Atlantic Para-Cycling Series in 2018, and first in 2019, 2021 and 2022. He’s also placed near the top in the New York City Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon.

“Next year, the goal is to try to win the Mid-Atlantic region again, and that has six-to-eight races each year. I also hope to win the New York City Marathon,” he said. “I’ve gotten as high as fifth place in that event.”

Goetzinger started a GoFundMe to raise money for entry fees and related expenses. For more information or to donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2023-race-season>.

Loving the community

Goetzinger credited the Aquatics Department’s recent financial success to the management of Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook.

“Kathleen has used the staff in a more meaningful way than in years past, and that helped minimize some of the

expenses that weren’t creating great revenue,” he said. “It’s really worked out in the department’s favor. She has Michelle [Hitchens] that’s handling all the classes and swim lessons, and then she’s used myself and another front desk staff member to help keep things running smoothly.”

Goetzinger said both he and Katie “just love working for Ocean Pines.”

“I look forward to every summer and offseason to seeing two groups of Aquatics members and guests. I also love working the birthday parties there and going the extra mile to make sure all the residents

and guests that come there are happy,” he said. “I think Katie takes the same approach to her job and her programs.

“We love it here, and we plan to be here for as long as Ocean Pines will have us. We always just try to be positive, and to encourage people to come and participate in all the things that we have,” he continued. “And, of course, we’re both really looking forward to welcoming the new baby in April.”



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OCEAN PINES RACQUET CENTER



Racquet Center adds new pickleball courts

Construction of four new pickleball courts at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center finished in August. Work was performed by Ocean Pines Public Works and ATC Corp. The new addition brings the total number of dedicated outdoor pickleball courts in Ocean Pines to 12.



INDOOR DROP-IN

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OCTOBER - MARCH

Mondays 3:00pm-5:00pm
Tue & Thu 1:00pm-5:00pm
Saturdays 4:00pm-8:00pm

DAILY FEES: OP Pickleball members, free; non-members \$5

Additional indoor play: Call 410-641-7052 for drop-in availability. \$3/player (pickleball members & non-members)

OCEAN PINES PICKLEBALL PINK RIBBON CLASSIC 2022

FRI. OCTOBER 7

All pickleball players are invited to a special Pink Ribbon Event hosted by the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club & the American Cancer Society. This is a round robin tournament: blind draw, rotating partners, player levels, total points per person. Entry fee of \$35 includes lunch, snacks & prizes. Pick up a registration form at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center or download it from the Pickleball e-Newsletter.

OCEAN PINES OKTOBERFEST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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OCT. 14-16

- **Registration deadline: Sept. 26 Extended to Oct. 7**
- Registration fee \$40
- Bracket Fees \$0 - \$30; Open \$ Bracket Payout: T.B.D.
- Minimum Skill is 3.0 - 4.5+
- This is an outdoor tournament! No rain date & no refunds or credits if there is a rainout.

Schedule, brackets & levels posted on Pickleball Den.
Beer/beverage, food & other vendors will be on site!

Tournament Director: Sarah Aiken (pickleballsara@gmail.com)

Search 'Tournaments' in Pickleball Den for details:
<https://app.pickleballden.com>



The Ocean Pines Tennis Club (OPTC), the players' association, facilitates tennis & social activities through its volunteers at the Racquet Center. OPTC aims to be welcoming, inclusive, & integrate new players into the tennis community & provide opportunities for everyone to play. Great opportunities continue throughout the fall.

Opportunities to Play Tennis

TENNIS DROP-IN

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00am-9:00am

Just show up! Everyone is welcome.

The attendant at check-in will direct you.

OP Resident \$10; Non-Resident \$15

GROUPS PLAYING ON A REGULAR BASIS

Groups may vary by gender, playing level, format, frequency & other factors. Each group has a facilitator. There is usually a good fit for everyone who wants to play in one or more groups. Established groups are typically welcoming to players who fit the profile of their group.

For assistance in learning more about the groups & how to join, text or phone Dale Ash at 443-493-3781.

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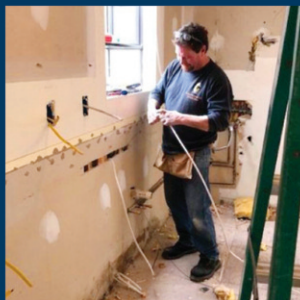
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Preparing the course for fall and winter

The summer season was busy and hot for the golf course.

Fortunately, the conditions of the course were able to make it through the drought with minimal stress areas. The primary reason for this is because of the work our crew was able to accomplish over the past two winters to ensure course conditions could endure extreme weather events.



The junior golf camps were again a huge success and help to illustrate that the future of the game in Ocean Pines is healthy. It was nice to see the smiles and hear the laughing of our junior golfers all summer. The camps are definitely a highlight of the season.

This fall and winter the grounds crew will once again be using the Ninja Tines and verticutter on the greens and will be aerating the tee boxes and fairways mid-October. Once that is complete, they will finish some tree-trimming, clean

up around the course, work on some new drainage and complete various other items on the project list.

Sunday football specials at The Clubhouse Bar and Grille

The Clubhouse Bar and Grille is quickly becoming the hot spot to watch Sunday NFL Football in Ocean Pines.

Each Sunday, the Clubhouse broadcasts all the 1 p.m. kickoff games on jumbo flatscreen TVs inside the bar and restaurant area, as well as select games outside on the covered patio overlooking the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. championship golf course. The bar and restaurant are also open until 8 p.m. on Sundays for 4 p.m. games.

Friends, neighbors and family have made it a habit of coming out each week to root for their favorite teams.

"On Sundays, everybody is a member when they come in, because it's members pricing from 12:30 p.m. to close," Clubhouse Bar & Grille Manager Judie Scotti said. "We have drinks, food, giveaways and fun times - you can't get much better than that!"

Special pricing on drinks includes \$2.50 Clubhouse Lager, Miller Lite and Yuengling draft beers; \$3 domestic cans; \$5 import cans; \$9 domestic pitchers; and \$13.75 import pitchers.

Food specials include \$10 for a plate of wings, \$10 fish tacos, \$11 shrimp tacos, \$11 loaded tots, and \$14 for the "Four-Way Sampler" featuring mozzarella sticks, wings, jalapeño poppers and onion rings.

"We think the Clubhouse, with the great atmosphere, convenient location and the food and drink specials, is the perfect place to watch football - especially if you live in the neighborhood," Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said. "There are plenty of big-screens at the bar, and there's nothing like watching the game outside by the fire pit and under our covered patio."

Visit the Clubhouse Bar and Grille on 100 Clubhouse Drive in Ocean Pines. For more information, visit www.oceanpinesgolf.org/dining.

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OPMGA announces 2022 tournament winners

The Ocean Pines Golf Club recently hosted two major tournaments of the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association: the Match Play Championship and the Senior Championship.

After nine rounds of play, the 2022 OPMGA double elimination Match Play Championship concluded when Bob Long beat Bill Stafford 4-3 on Sunday, Aug. 21. Stafford defeated Long 1-0 in the eighth round, forcing the final match.

The field of 28 players began match play in late May. That number was cut in half after three rounds of play and was then halved again after the fifth round, when only seven players remained.

Long eliminated Dave Hanna in round six, while third-place finishers Darin Stuiber and Larry Perrone defeated Mark Watts and Bob Kessler, respectively. Hanna, Watts and Kessler will share fifth-place prize money.

The 2022 OPMGA Match Play Championship winners were:

First place: Bob Long

Second place: Bill Stafford

Third place (tie): Darin Stuiber and Larry Perrone

Fifth place (tie): Mark Watts, Dave Hanna and Bob Kessler

The OPMGA held its Senior Championships on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Participants in the event were assigned flights by age. The Super Senior Division for those 80 and older played from the red tee boxes, while the Senior Division played from the traditional gold tees.

In all, 44 OPMGA members participated, including eight from the Super Senior Division.

Of the Super Seniors, both Tom Cronin and Bud Humphries carded gross scores of 78 that were tops in that age group. Cronin was awarded Super Senior Champion based on a match of cards, while Humphries received the award for low net with a net score of 71.

Bill Stafford was the closest to the pin winner for the Super Seniors. That contest happened on the 16th hole.

In the Senior Division, Scott Kimmel shot one under par 35 on the front nine on the way to a gross score of 77 to win the OPMGA Senior Championship. Bob Long was one stroke behind with a 78 and took home the overall senior low net award with a net score of 67.

Craig Binetti won the seniors' prize for closest to the pin, playing on the seventh hole.

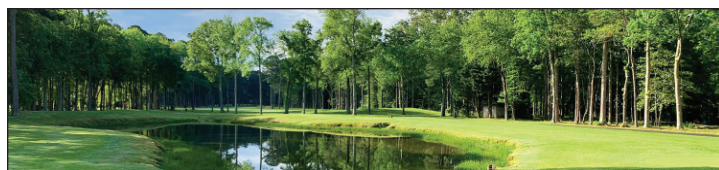
Senior Championship flight winners included:

Flight A (ages 80 and up): Bill Stafford (low gross) and Joe Pantone (low net)

Flight B (ages 74-79): Walt Lischak (low gross) and Ron Sieka (low net)

Flight C (ages 68-73): Fritz Lahner (low gross) and Bill Dixon (low net)

Flight D (ages 50-67): Craig Binetti (low gross) and Darin Stuiber (low net)



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Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp gets major renovation

Improvements to the Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp are earning rave reviews from one local group.

Public Works Manager Nobie Violante said a new gangway, bumpers and boards were put into the structure about a month ago.

"We put new walkways from the top of the fixed dock to the floating dock. They used to be wood, and we replaced them with galvanized aluminum so they will hold up better," he said. "We also put new boards on the floating part and new bumpers all the way around it."

He said Marina Dockmaster Ron

Fisher added throw rings for safety, in case someone falls into the water.

"The walkway was pretty shaky before, so we basically rebuilt it," Violante said. "All in all, our maintenance team worked on it for about a month."

After the work was finished, Violante said Fisher sent a note letting him know how pleased everyone was with the finished product.

"Everyone has been really happy with it," Violante said. "It took a little longer than we anticipated to get the materials, but other than that everything went well."

John Latham from the Marine Activities Advisory Committee said his group conducted a community survey earlier this year, asking for input on various projects and needs, and the Mumford's Landing Boat Ramp was a major concern.

"[There] was a safety concern at the Mumford's Boat Ramp regarding the hand railings, pier walkway, side rub rails, and lack of safety ring," Latham said. "Our committee shared the findings with [General Manager] John Viola, and he reviewed and worked with his leadership team to gain the proper approvals to upgrade and make needed repairs."

Latham said he and the other committee members were also happy with the results.

"The project was recently completed, and it is a very nice improvement for our community," he said. "Our committee will continue to encourage community owners to share ideas and we will work to help make recommendations to the OPA Board. The committee remains very excited to help make recommendations for the betterment of the entire community."

For more info on the Marine Activities Committee, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/marine-activities-committee.



'Floating planters' add color, environmental benefits to North Gate Pond

Floating island planters in the North Gate Pond in Ocean Pines could be the first of many in the community.

Installed as a pilot program by Public Works, the planters benefit the pond and local wildlife and provide an aesthetic pop to the landscape.

Landscape Supervisor Tony Howard said the idea came from a pesticide certification course.

"We take regular courses to keep our pesticide license up, and they were talking about how floating plants can make an environmental impact by cleaning the water, and I thought it was something we could make," he said.

Howard used aquatic grasses in the first planter, along with some irises for color.

"We could actually put anything out there," he said. "You can grow vegetables or grass, or anything that can be done with hydroponics."

He said the planters help filter the water by pulling nutrients out of the pond through their roots.

"With the algae growing, and feces from the ducks and geese contaminating the water, this will help to clean some of that out," he said. "And they create a habitat and a refuge, providing structure and cover for small fish, tadpoles, frogs and turtles."

The planters also help beautify the landscape.

"There's an extra added bonus with the color, and they attract pollinators and birds, so it's its own little ecosystem and habitat," Howard said.

Howard hopes to build new planters this fall that he said would be cheaper and lighter. The plants will need time to take root and grow over the winter. If everything goes as planned, they will be put into the North Gate Pond next spring.

He would also like to see floating planters in Bainbridge Pond.

"At Bainbridge, right now, a lot of the water is green from the algae blooms, so the planters should help with that," he said.

If the early pilots continue to have success, there could be many more in the future, all over Ocean Pines.

"I definitely wouldn't mind doing it," Howard said. "It beautifies everything with all of the color, and there's so many benefits from it. It's not just cleaning the water, it's creating an environment for all kinds of wildlife, and you're getting more beautification out of it because you can plant whatever you want. There are so many different plants out there that will work. It's endless."



Keeping Ocean Pines beautiful



Linda Martin
Senior Executive
Office Manager

The Compliance, Permits, and Inspections (CPI) Department has received numerous complaints regarding trash cans or loose trash bags being left by the road after trash service days.

Section 8.A.i. of the Declaration of Restrictions states, "Every outdoor receptacle for ashes, trash, rubbish or garbage shall be screened or so placed and kept as not to be visible from any street, waterway or golf course within the Section or Subdivision at any time except during refuse collections."

Section 500.2.B. of the Architectural Review Guidelines states, "Trash and rubbish containers are required and shall be concealed. An enclosed service area, large enough to store two (2) 20-gallon containers for ashes, trash, rubbish, or garbage, shall be required. An enclosed garage, shed or utility structure, satisfies this requirement if utilized for this purpose."



We appreciate everyone complying to this regulation to keep Ocean Pines looking beautiful!

Another regulation that is looked over way too often is the lack of a house number. This is not only in violation of the Architectural Review Guidelines, but also a safety issue if police or fire/EMS cannot find your property.

Section 500.2.A. of the Guidelines states, "The street address house number shall be posted to be visible from the street. It may be displayed on the front of the house or on a sign in the front yard. House numbers shall not be less than four (4) inches or no greater than eight (8) inches in height, and visible from the street."

An option to comply to this regulation is to order your number plate sign from the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. The signs are constructed of aluminum with green and white reflective material. The signs cost \$42, or \$58 for the sign on a weather-treated post. To order a sign, please stop by the south station, or download the form at <https://www.opvfd.com/page/911-sign> and mail it to the fire department (information is on the form).

And, as always, for questions, concerns, complaints and general info, please email info@oceanpines.org or call 410-641-7717 during business hours (410-641-7747 on nights and weekends).



OCEAN PINES MARINAS



Ron Fisher
Dockmaster

Closing for the season & gas line replacement

The Ocean Pines Marina gas dock is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 1-31. The gas dock will close effective Tuesday, Nov. 1 for the season.

In preparation for replacement of the gas lines, Dock Master Ron Fisher is reminding boaters who

occupy slips on "C" Dock that when they vacate their slip for the season to remove all hoses, dock lines and bumpers. They will also need to unlock and empty all dock boxes, as they will be removed during construction.

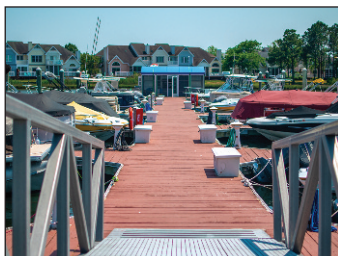


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Environment & Natural Assets Committee working for a better community

Over the past few years, community volunteers have worked behind the scenes on projects to enhance the Ocean Pines community for the benefit of all residents. An overview of a few of our agenda items and projects are as follows:

- Began a series of Canada goose control options to avoid future devastating culls. An initiative started in 2018 with a border collie program that included egg addling. Ultimately, the program was discontinued due to inability to be effective within budgetary constraints. The committee also began exploring other humane options, such as clean-up machines/attachments, turf grass unpalatable to geese, and natural buffers to plant around ponds, which would also help control erosion issues (buffer zones is a current project underway). New signs discouraging feeding ducks and geese were designed and posted around ponds. These educational signs explain the reasons not to feed waterfowl.
- Began participating in the new Maryland Coastal Bays Program “Bay Day” event. We provided funding for the 2019 Bay Day and your E&NAC volunteers spent Bay Day staffing an educational booth.
- Provided funding to install pollinator gardens at Whitehorse Park as part of Bay Day and subsequently at the Swim and Racquet Club.
- Investigated utility box painting in OP similar to Ocean City. For various reasons, we decided not to proceed and this program was not adopted.
- Worked with Public Works to aggressively target and eliminate/manage invasive phragmites in several areas. One committee member drove around to identify where phragmites were growing and made a list of locations for Public Works.
- Worked with Protectors of the St. Martin River to help overturn zoning for chicken farms at proposed CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation) planned for Peerless Road.
- Initiated and continue to participate in partnerships with Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Assateague Coastal Trust.
- Began an extensive investigation of the Route 90 pond that is a true natural asset unknown by many Ocean Pines residents. Our committee is considering several recommendations for improving the pond’s access by residents while protecting the natural environment for wildlife.
- In late 2020, the committee initiated, through Assateague Coastal Trust, PCR water testing (DNA source pond water testing) to identify sources of pond pollution. The results of these tests were interesting but ultimately proved that geese, dogs and human

contamination, although present, does not pose a health hazard to residents.

- Reviewed free newspaper distribution in Ocean Pines and control procedures by distributors to ensure plastic bags are not pollutants.
- Written quarterly Green Street articles for this newsletter to keep residents informed and up-to-date on our activities. One article from the summer 2021 newsletter covered reasons why grass clippings should not be dumped into our canals and waterways. It is worth another look!
- Members have been in discussions to address surcharging events in Ocean Pines from heavy rains that might cause sewage to overrun the manholes in yards. During a recent heavy rain, one committee member drove around the neighborhood to witness such an event but found none. After inquiries were made, we found Worcester County budgets funding to cover replacement up to 50 manhole units annually and they address any issues of reported leakage immediately upon being notified. It appears conditions have greatly improved over the years with upgraded maintenance by Worcester County. If you incur an event of overflowing manholes, please call Worcester County Wastewater at 410-641-5251 immediately.
- The committee is currently investigating duck/geese crossing signs to ensure visitors to our area, as well as businesses in our community, are aware of wildlife crossings on Racetrack Road, Manklin Creek Road, Cathell and Ocean Parkway, to help prevent unwarranted wildlife destruction by vehicles and potential accidents caused by drivers stopping short to avoid hitting the animals.

Your Environment and Natural Assets Committee is a dedicated group of Ocean Pines residents committed to making our community a safe environment for all residents including our wonderful pets and fine feathered friends. To date, we have seven individuals that have joined the committee and participate in our monthly meetings. We welcome your ideas to help us in our endeavors and want to wish everyone a spectacular fall season!

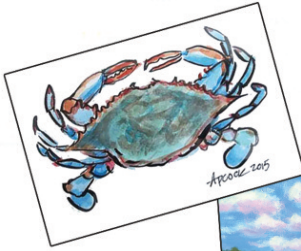




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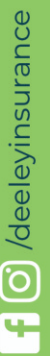


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Veterans Memorial Foundation releases educational video

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation in July released an educational video about the memorial, aimed at local fifth graders who annually take a field trip to the site in Ocean Pines.

The roughly 20-minute video highlights the history of the memorial, branches of the U.S. military, the value of service, and what it means to be a veteran.

Susan Pantone, who helped lead the effort to make the video, said the idea came up when field trips were canceled during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"My idea was, if the kids can't come to the memorial, let's bring the memorial to them," she said.

Volunteer Donna Hickey wrote most of the video narrative and Veterans Memorial cofounder Sharyn O'Hare wrote most of the extensive video credits, while Pantone did much of the background work. Many others contributed.

"It was definitely a group effort," Pantone said.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation began educational outreach programs around 2010, printing an informational booklet and hosting annual field trips for students, countywide.

Pantone said volunteer Don McMullen each year delivers the booklets to local schools, and then leads a tour of the Veterans Memorial grounds.

"He does a presentation where he hands out the booklets. And the video will now be a part of that, to help build background on the memorial," Pantone said. "I also think that teachers can use it for things like Veterans Day and Memorial Day."

Pantone, a former educator who taught at Berlin Intermediate School for more than a decade, said the video became a passion project. Her father and husband are veterans, and she was born at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

"I really felt like I could contribute something," she said. "It was a lot of work and a lot of sleepless nights, but we got it done and I think we're all very pleased."

Pantone thanked the Educational Outreach Committee, the Veterans Memorial Foundation Board, and Foundation President Marie Gilmore for their support.

"This video replaces an outdated PowerPoint presentation that used to be shown at school assemblies prior to their field trips," Gilmore said. "It is really beautifully done, and the committee did an outstanding job pulling it together. We will be able to present this to groups other than students as well."

McMullen said the next round of field trips will start in October.

"We'll show them the video, answer any questions, and that way they're all prepared for the actual field trip itself,"

he said. "It's something that we've been talking about and thinking about, and now working on for the last few years. Now that it's come to fruition, I just think it's outstanding."

McMullen said the video includes an overview of the "Patriot's Pathway" that summarizes the history of U.S. armed conflicts. That feature of the memorial will become a central part of the educational tours.

"We also do the history of the flag. We have volunteers who take it from Betsy Ross to present day and then the Junior ROTC will teach them how to fold the flag. For a lot of the fifth graders, that's the first time they've ever folded an American flag," he said. "We also talk about democracy and how what they're able to do today is because of what these veterans have done over all these years."

McMullen said the best feedback he's received is from students who went on to join Junior ROTC programs in Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Berlin.

"Several of them have told me their interest was stirred when they visited the memorial, and they were inspired to get involved because of those field trips," he said. "That's just outstanding."

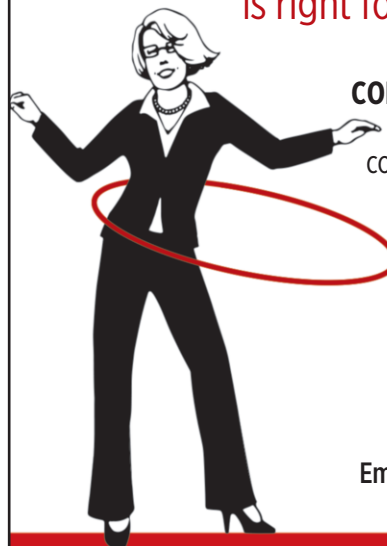


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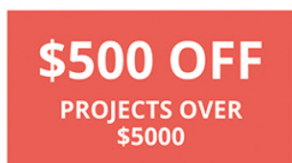
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Inaugural Worcester County History Month events announced

The first Worcester County History month, this October, will feature special events, exhibits and workshops from Pocomoke, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Ocean City and more. History Month evolved from the annual Historic Home Tour presented by the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum begun in 2017.

The expanded Worcester County History Week last year highlighted the rich history of the region, across more than a dozen unique programs.

“Last year was a great success, but we did notice that a lot of the programs ended up overlapping,” Christine Okerblom, curator of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, said. “The hope is by expanding from a week to a month that more programs can take place throughout October, and visitors can plan to attend multiple events.”

Scheduled events this year include special programming at local museums, several workshops and seminars, and even a live gospel concert. There are also many fun, festive and spooky events set to coincide with Halloween.

“We hope Worcester County History Month connects visitors and locals alike with the fascinating history and heritage of this area,” Okerblom said. “From the history of the Germantown School in Berlin to the exciting lore of the Delmarva region, there is a lot to discover, learn and participate in.”

For more information on Worcester County History Week, visit www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek or www.ocmuseum.org/history-month.

Good Samaritans help after bicycle accident in Ocean Pines

Melanie Moulden, a resident of The Parke community in Ocean Pines, recently shared a story of two good Samaritans who came to her aid after a bicycle accident.

Moulden and her husband, Bob, were bike riding along Ocean Parkway on the south side of Ocean Pines on Sept. 2, when her bike skidded on a patch of pine needles.

“I fell off the bike and hit the asphalt hard,” she said. “I was lying face first on the parkway when a gentleman in a white truck stopped and helped my husband pick me up. He also rendered first aid to my knee, which I greatly appreciated.”

She said a family in an SUV also stopped to help.

“They loaded my bike in the back of their car and drove me home, where my husband met me and took me to [the] Atlantic General Hospital emergency room,” she said. “[AGH] did x-rays on my knee and a CT scan on my head and, although I have bruises and abrasions from head to toe, there are no broken bones.

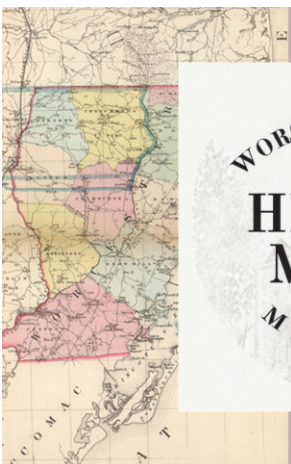
“I can’t remember the names of any of the good Samaritans, but I wanted to thank them for their kindness and assistance. There are truly wonderful people in the world,” Moulden added.

If you have a positive community story to share, send it to info@oceanpines.org.



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FAQS about leaf removal

Will Ocean Pines collect my yard leaves this fall?

Yes. Ocean Pines residents and property owners have several options for disposing of leaves that have fallen in their yards: bagged leaf collection, vacuum truck collection and yard waste disposal at the Ocean Pines Public Works yard.

Republic Services customers may also use their biweekly trash collection service to dispose of yard waste.

When will bagged leaves be collected?

Ocean Pines Public Works will collect bagged leaves from Nov. 28 to Dec. 22. Bagged leaves will be picked up on days opposite of Republic Services' regularly scheduled collection days.

If Republic Services normally collects your trash on Mondays and Thursdays, which are the scheduled collection days for all Ocean Pines homes north of the Route 90 bridge, Ocean Pines will collect bagged leaves in your neighborhood on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If Republic Services normally collects your trash on Tuesdays and Fridays, which are the scheduled collection days for all Ocean Pines homes south of the Route 90 bridge, Ocean Pines will collect bagged leaves in your neighborhood on Mondays and Thursdays.

Is there a limit to how many bags I can place at the curb for collection?

There is no limit to the number of bags that Public Works will collect curbside. Republic Services will collect up to four bags of leaves for each regularly scheduled trash collection day.

Can I include other yard debris (grass clippings, weeds, branches, etc.) with the bagged leaves?

Ocean Pines' bagged leaf collection is restricted to leaves. Republic Services customers can include leaves and yard debris in bags left curbside; branches should be tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

When will the Public Works yard be open for yard waste disposal?

The Ocean Pines Public Works yard, located at 1 Firehouse Lane next to Ocean Pines Public Works and the south Fire

Department, will be open to Ocean Pines residents and property owners **Nov. 28-Dec. 31, Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** The yard will be closed Nov. 24-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Dec. 23-26 for the Christmas holiday.

Can I bring yard waste in addition to leaves to the Public Works yard?

Yes. All types of yard debris may be dropped off. Please note that plastic bags will not be accepted - yard waste must be brought in loose or in paper bags only.

When will the Ocean Pines Public Works vacuum truck collect leaves?

The vacuum truck will begin collection on Nov. 21. It will work its way through the community a total of two times.

Will the vacuum truck collect all my yard leaves?

No. The vacuum truck will only collect leaves in the drainage ditches next to the curb. Residents and property owners who would like ditch leaves collected should rake them to the edge of the yard closest to the street.

If it appears that leaves other than ditch leaves have been raked to the curb, the leaves will not be collected by the vacuum truck.

How will I know when the vacuum truck will collect leaves on my street?

The vacuum truck location will be posted weekdays on the Ocean Pines website at www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/blogs during the leaf collection season beginning Nov. 21. Updates will also be posted in the Ocean Pines Association's weekly email newsletter, "This Week in the Pines." A link to sign up for the newsletter can be found on the homepage at oceanpines.org.

The vacuum truck didn't stop at my house to collect the ditch leaves that had been raked to the curb. Why?

The vacuum truck does not operate in inclement weather, so if it is rainy or if there is snow, leaves may not be collected. Additionally, if there are cars, trash cans or other obstacles curbside, the vacuum truck will not be able to stop and collect leaves in the immediate area.



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reaching into the thousands each year, this is a wonderful way to meet and greet the citizens of Worcester County's many communities and beyond. Dates are reserved with a completed application on a first-received basis. Please email flavordrizzles@gmail.com for more information, or download an application at <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>.

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Looking for a fun way to give back to the Worcester County community? Love food? Love to eat? Then consider joining our volunteer team at the Open-Air Kitchen. Meet local guest chefs, help prepare for live cooking demonstrations, gather product from market merchants and get a free seat at Market Kitchen activities. For more information, contact Culinary Educational Programs Director Janice Curtis at the market or email info@oceanpines.org with the subject line "Market Kitchen Team."

Looking for culinary inspiration? Recipes from past market cooking demonstrations can be found at www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/forms-documents-farmers-market-recipes.

Market seeking musicians and other performers

Are you a musician? Do you have a magic act or do you juggle to entertain a crowd? The Market is always looking for buskers and street performers to add to the Marketplace. Do you draw characters, do face painting or transform balloons into cute puppy dogs? Then we want to hear from you, today! There are opportunities beyond the boardwalk at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market. No fees are charged for bringing your talents to the Marketplace. Download our Busking Application at www.oceanpines.org or come to the Marketplace and see Market Manager David Bean, or contact him at 410-251-6383 or flavordrizzles@gmail.com. Go ahead... break a leg!



Seasonal Veggie Fritters & Dipping Sauce

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Seasonal Veggie Fritters

- 3 c. shredded veggies such as broccoli stems, carrots, sweet potatoes or zucchini
 - 1/2 c. white whole wheat flour
 - 1/3 c. parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/8 tsp. black pepper
 - 1 tsp. cumin
 - 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 - 1/8 tsp. chili powder
 - 3 Tbs. green onions, thinly sliced
 - 1 large egg, whisked
 - 2 Tbs. avocado oil
1. If using broccoli, carrots or potatoes, bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Cook shredded veggies for 3-4 minutes and drain, squeezing out excess water. For softer vegetables such as squash, wrap in cheesecloth or a kitchen towel and squeeze out excess liquid.
 2. Roughly chop veggies and place in a bowl with flour, stirring to coat.
 3. Stir in cheese, onions and all seasonings. Stir in the whisked egg until vegetable mixture is well combined.
 4. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add oil and swirl to coat.
 5. Form 1/4 cup of veggie mixture by hand into a ball.
 6. Add the ball into the pan and flatten slightly with the back of a spatula. Cook 3-4 fritters at a time. Cook each fritter for approximately 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown.
 7. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel to absorb excess oil.
 8. Repeat procedure with remaining mixture.

Avocado Yogurt Sauce

- 1/2 c. plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 medium avocado
- 1 tsp. fresh dill, chopped
- 1 tsp. fresh chives, chopped

In a blender or food processor, combine yogurt, avocado, dill and chives. Serve dipping sauce with fritters.

Special Market Days

OCTOBER

- 1 Pumpkin Festival
- 29 Halloween at the Marketplace

NOVEMBER

- 5 Off-season Hours Begin (9am-noon)
- 19 Thanksgiving Holiday Market
- 22 Thanksgiving Holiday Market
- 26 Small Business Saturday

DECEMBER

- 3 Santa Market
- 23 Christmas Market
- 24 Christmas Eve (market closed)
- 30 New Year's Eve Market
- 31 New Year's Eve (market closed)





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