

The King's English

NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Editor

Warm days, warm surf, OC's best beach and plentiful steamed crabs: all the right ingredients for a great Ocean City, Maryland Summer vacation. Summer 2019 - "So Far So Good".

As always, thanks to Russ Hobbs and the E.T. staff for keeping the lights on and making English Towers the best on the beach and the envy of all.

Fencing around the pool has been installed (an Ocean City building code requirement) and the dark fencing color blends with the existing pool structure presenting an almost invisible barrier... tasteful.

There are several new restaurants in town to include an eatery/sports spot – **AlleyOops**,

A Unique DINING Experience, Located at the Former legendary, JR's Ribs 131st St., Upscale Beach Dining. Featuring Live Sharks, Mini Bowling, Virtual Reality, and The Newest Games for Children of All Ages.



If you would like to share your favorite eatery with the E.T. community, please send an email

to the Editor and we'll try to include in The King's English.

When you see the yellow Ocean City Beach Patrol chairs, they are marking the area for surfing. The designated surfing areas change daily.

Love Me Love My Dog. An old cliché, yes, but also a song recorded in 1975 by Peter Shelley. Not the only artist to sing about man's best friend. Elvis and Big Mamma Thornton gave us *Hound Dog* (Lieber and Stoller), Paul McCartney sings about his childhood sheep dog in *Martha* (Beatles' WHITE ALBUM) and Neil Young croons about his dog *Old King*. There are 74.8 million dogs in the U.S. shared among 39% of U.S. households and some of them live here at English Towers. All E.T. canines must be registered per E.T. house rules and display the E.T. *doggie jewelry orange tag*.

Dog owners understand the importance of assimilating their "Best Friends" into the condominium community culture. Courteous and proper use of E.T.'s dog comfort area on the North side and respect for local ordinance rules help to sustain a safe and enjoyable environment for owners and pets. Naturally, cooperation, consideration and courtesy go a long way in preserving the English Tower's friendly culture.

--Greg Davis

THINGS TO DO!



ArtX - Artistic Fun in the Sun with Great Live Music

Ocean City's festival focusing on artistic expression, ArtX, brings additional opportunities for creative experiences to the beach. On August 24th and 25th, the outdoor event takes over Northside Park. ArtX offers an endless list of opportunities to create, purchase and enjoy different genres of art – from simple and fun to professional and inspiring. Artisan work will be for sale covering classic and unique categories such as music, cinematography and photography, sculpting, painting, ceramics, drawing, glass, and much more."

Films from the Art League's popular March film festival will be scheduled for showings over the two-day event. Guests of any age will find hands-on activities to make their mark, including frisbee illustration, Zentangle, beading, and speed painting. Food and beverage will be available as well as live music. ArtX hours are Saturday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information call 800-626-2326 or go to www.OCOcean.com.

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The Art League of Ocean City - Center for the Arts, located on 94th Street, offers a

variety of stimulating events and activities for all ages.

We enjoyed the July "*Free! First Friday Opening Party*", a monthly event to meet the artists, browse the gallery and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres while we gathered with other art lovers. The next First Friday event is September 6 from 5 - 7 p.m.

The ART MATTERS Summer 2019 newsletter highlights events through September-- activities, lectures, classes, film nights, local live music and stand-up comedy shows and much more is available on line:

<https://artleagueofoceancity.org/app/uploads/2019/06/ArtMattersSummer2019WEB.pdf>

--Sandy & Chuck Lurie

THINGS TO DO!

Fun at the Freeman Stage

Want to do something fun on a Saturday morning with the kids or grandkids? Check out Freeman Stage. The Freeman Stage is an open-air performing arts venue located near Fenwick Island, Delaware just about 8 miles from English Towers. The Freeman Stage presents diverse programming in the genres of dance, live music, theatre and children's programming. Each Saturday they have a free kid's show at 10am and many adults have gone to them also and really enjoyed them - they are not just for kids.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, 10am **Space! The Cosmos for Kids show** is a fun techno-space-dance-party for kids and teens. Each song includes dancing, music technology and information about our solar system to a thumping beat. Audience members will meet aliens from outer space, travel through black holes, discover the different characteristics of the eight planets, sing karaoke, participate in a rap battle about the sun and learn about the differences between revolution and rotation.

On Saturday August 24, 2019, 10am **The Uncle Devin Show** is an interactive musical experience for children that use percussion instruments to cultivate their minds. It takes children on a magical journey through the Land of Percussion allowing them to hear, see and play different percussion instruments. Children will gain an understanding of the history of percussion and why it is the easiest, oldest and most diverse form of musical creativity.

There are many evening shows also for adults please check their website below for complete end of season listing, for example:

August 16, 2019, 7pm: **Summer of Love: Songs from the Woodstock Generation**

Glen Burtnik, alumnus of Styx and the original Beatlemania (he played Paul), touring bassist/vocalist with the current version of ELO, major label recording artist and hit songwriter ("Sometimes Love Just Ain't Enough" – Don Henley/Patty Smyth, "Spirit of a Boy, Wisdom of a Man" – Randy Travis, and others) brings you the Summer of Love Concert. The Summer of Love Concert focuses on iconic rock music from the period of time generally between the 1967 release of The Beatles revolutionary album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and the famous Woodstock Music and Art Festival in 1969.

Joined by 12 or more performers including a horn section, strings, keyboardists, percussionists, background vocalists and an incredible rock rhythm section, the Summer of Love Experience recreates "note for note and absolutely live" the songs, and the psychedelically flavored spirit, of the Woodstock Generation.

To further enhance that experience, The Summer of Love Concert can also feature Marc Rubinstein's Pig Light Show which is recognized as one of the most famous psychedelic light shows in rock history and is well known for its use in the late 1960s as the

house light show at Bill Graham's legendary New York City concert hall, the Fillmore East.

For more information, please visit <https://freemanstage.org/>

--Russell Hobbs



Why Shower Before Entering the Pool?

Most people have seen the signs as you enter a swimming pool, stating that local code requires all swimmers to shower BEFORE entering the swimming pool. Have you ever wondered why this is noted? By showering before swimming, you are helping keep the swimming pool water clean, and reducing the spread of illness to others. Here are the reasons why, if you are not already doing so, you should make showering before swimming a common practice:

Reason #1: Deodorants, soaps, moisturizers, perfumes, sweat, detergents, all have organic compounds that contain proteins in them. When mixed with chlorinated water, disinfectant by-products are created. This creates the chlorine smell that you may notice around a swimming pool. Most people think this smell is an indicator that the pool is clean. However, the opposite is true—that smell is an indicator of mixed chemicals. A well-managed swimming facility should have little to no chlorine odor.

Reason #2: It reduces operating costs. When you don't shower, more Bromine is needed to keep the water clean. The more Bromine that a

pool uses, the more pH lowering chemical we need to use. Bromine is high in pH, so we need to use an acid to bring the pH level down to a comfortable level. Both chemicals are expensive. When you shower before swimming, loose hair, lint and other dirt is usually removed from your body in the shower, and not in our swimming pool. That means less manpower is needed to clean the pool.

Now, why should you shower AFTER using the pool? This answer may seem more obvious. It is to remove any contaminants that got on your skin while you were in the pool, and to remove any bromine from your body. Bromine left on the skin for a prolonged period can cause rashes and other irritations. Thanks for helping us keep safe and healthy and to keep costs at a minimum. Showering before and after the pool is a win-win all around!

--Russell Hobbs

Reminders

The next Homeowners' Association Meeting is Saturday, October 26, 2019. A Potluck party will be held that evening at 6:30 PM. Start thinking about which favorite dish you would like to share! English Towers will provide the beverages.

The Roof Task Force is looking for volunteers. Please contact Russ Hobbs in the ETCA office if you would like to participate in this roof replacement project.

The ACH payment option for quarterly assessments and Fee for Service is on the way. A form will be available shortly if you would like to participate.

A few things represent summer like watermelon. Do you enjoy it? Well if you do, I have an article for you to consider the benefits of eating and enjoying watermelon.



The ones that stood out to me:

Watermelon is 92% water. Consuming watermelon is a great way to hydrate and because of its high water concentration it is a great way to keep you full.

Low in calories, 45 calories per cup.

Contains antioxidants.

Great post workout drink. Watermelon contains an amino acid that is great for fighting muscle soreness.

Lastly, it's good for digestion because it contains a small amount of fiber.

<https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/watermelon-health-benefits>

The Worcester County Department of Emergency Services has provided the following information in case of an emergency. It always helps to be prepared!



Be Ready! - Emergency Checklist

In an emergency, keep these items in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container
- for example, a duffle bag or a plastic container.

☐ **Water**

One gallon per person per day (*two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation and sanitation*) for three days.

Three-day supply for each person

Store in plastic containers (*clean plastic bottles with screw caps*).

☐ **Food** (*Don't forget a non-electric can opener*)

Ready-to-eat canned meat, fruits and vegetables

Canned juices, milk and soup

High-energy snacks (*crackers, trail mix, granola bars, peanut butter, etc*)

Comfort foods (*cookies, candy, hot chocolate, tea bags, instant coffee*)

☐ **Prescription medicines** (*in original bottle with refill information*)

☐ **First aid kit** (*including non-prescription drugs like pain relievers*)

☐ **Flashlight and extra batteries**

☐ **Portable radio and extra batteries**

☐ **Cash** (*bills and coins*)

☐ **Important family documents**

☐ **Sturdy clothing** (*and a change of clothing*), **rain gear and bedding**,
(*blankets, sleeping bags*)

☐ **Small tool kit**

☐ **Bathroom supplies** (*toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items*)

NOAA Weather Radio

Salisbury 162.475

Emergency Alert System Stations

Radio: WQHQ-FM 104.7 - WSCL-FM 89.5 - WQJZ-FM 97.1

TV: WBOC-TV 16 (*Cable Channel 6*) - WMDT-TV 47 (*Cable Channel 7*)

IN AN EMERGENCY - CALL 911

WORCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

ETCA Contact References:

Mr. Russ Hobbs, Building Mgr.
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Ms. Jenny Hysan, Administrative Asst.
(410) 524-4196 (office)

Mr. Bruce Farquhar, ETCA Board Pres.
(703) 727-7504 (cell)

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Stu Young	(Unit 703)
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Useful Numbers

Police / Fire / Ambulance 911

Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin MD	(410) 641-1100
Beach Patrol	(410) 250-0125 or (410) 289-7556
Coast Guard	(410) 289-7559
Marine Police	(410) 548-7070
State Police	(410) 641-3101

Ocean City MD Important Phone Numbers – Municipal

Ocean City Municipal Airport	(410) 213-2471
Animal Control	(410) 723-6610
Beach Patrol, Worcester St.	(410) 289-7556
City Hall, 3rd St. & Baltimore Ave-	(410) 289-8221
Roland E Powell Convention Center, 40th St.	(410) 289-8311
Convention Center Box Office	(410) 289-8314
District Court, 65th St.	(410) 723-6658
Emergency Medical Services, Office	(410) 723-6616
Fire Department Headquarters, 15th	(410) 289-4346
Humane Society	(410) 213-0146
Ocean City Library	(410) 289-7297
Mayor/City Council, 3rd St	(410) 289-8221
MD State Job Service, Main St., Berlin	(410) 629-1445
Police Department, 65th St.	(410) 723-6610
Public Relations, 40th St.	(410) 289-2800
Recreation Complex, 126th St.	(410) 250-0125
Recycling Center, 65th St.	(410) 524-5356
Sanitation Department, Keyser Point RD	(410) 213-0500
Transfer Station, 65th St.	(410) 524-5356; (410) 524-0318
Transportation Department, 66th St.	(410) 723-1607
Visitor Information, 40th St	(410) 289-2800; (800) OC-OCEAN
Water Department, 65th St.	(410) 524-8388

Ocean City MD Tourism

Worcester County Tourism	(800) 852-0335
Ocean City Tourism	(800) OC-OCEAN
Ticket Master: Toll Free	(800) 551-SEAT
Ticket Master: Baltimore	(410) 481-SEAT
Ticket Master: Washington, DC	(202) 432-SEAT

More Ocean City MD Important Phone Numbers

Atlantic General Hospital	(410) 641-1100
Alcoholics Anonymous	(410) 546-8799
Auto Club (AAA) Mid-Atlantic, Salisbury	(410) 749-0303
Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Rt- 50	(410) 213-0552
Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau	(410) 289-8181
Ocean City Convention Center	(410) 289-8311
Ocean City Convention Center – Tickets	(410) 289-8314
OC Hotel/Motel/Restaurant Association	(410) 289-6733
Ocean City Library	(410) 289-7297
OC Life-Saving Station Museum	(410) 289-4991
US Post Office, 408 N- Philadelphia Ave-	(410) 289-7819
Senior Citizens Activity Center	(410) 289-0824
Weather	(410) 742-8400; (410) 548-9262
Western Union	(410) 524-5387; (410) 723-0111

Ocean City MD Transportation Phone Numbers

Atlantic Taxi	(410) 289-1313
Carolina Trailways Buses	(410) 289-9307

Ocean City MD Visitors Center

OC Visitors Center/Public Relations	(410) 289-2800
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