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OCMD settles with family of child killed in tram crash



Thousands flocked to Ocean City to enjoy Labor Day on the beach and boardwalk. Beachgoers are seen near the Inlet on Sept. 5, 2020. STEPHEN MATHEWS/SPECIAL TO SALISBURY DAILY TIMES

Town agrees to pay \$400,000

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Bringing an end to the saga of the August 2024 Boardwalk tram accident in which a 2-year-old boy tragically died, the town of Ocean City has now agreed to a settlement outside of court with the family of the crash victim. Here is what to know from documents obtained by DelmarvaNow.com, more on what happened on that tragic night, plus why Ocean City has now

permanently ended the Boardwalk tram in its current form.

Settlement calls for Ocean City to pay family \$400,000

The family of the boy and Ocean City reached the settlement in August of 2025. Here are highlights of the settlement.:

- The town of Ocean City has agreed to pay the family of the crash victim \$400,000 in the settlement.
- In exchange, the family has agreed not to pursue any claims against Ocean City, including any wrongful death claims.

Specifically the settlement document states that the family agree “to in-

demnify and hold Ocean City harmless from and against any claims and demands for damages, costs, loss of service, expenses, attorney’s fees, litigation expenses and compensation, for which Ocean City is found liable to pay anyone as a result of any suit filed by the Plaintiffs (or any of them) demanding damages arising out of or in any way related to the Occurrence (the Boardwalk tram accident.”

The settlement further specifies that:

“Ocean City makes no admission whatsoever of liability, fault, wrongdoing, or responsibility, of any kind, in regard to the Occurrence and/or the

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Emergency declared over SNAP funds cutoff

Gov. Moore issues order to provide \$10M for food assistance programs

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Maryland Gov. Wes Moore on Oct. 30 declared a State of Emergency to address the economic impacts of the federal government shutdown and issued an executive order that will provide \$10 million in emergency funding to Maryland food security partners with November SNAP benefits not set to go out.

Here’s what to know about those two big moves, plus more on state and local resources that can offer help.

Gov. Moore: Federal government says ‘You’re on your own’

In his announcement of the State of Emergency, Gov. Moore called withholding food assistance “illegal” and “cruel.”

“Withholding funding from food assistance is not just illegal, it’s also cruel. 680,000 Marylanders rely on SNAP to put food on the table — we’re talking about 120,000 older adults; 270,000 children; and 130,000 Marylanders with disabilities. The federal government is looking them in the eyes and saying ‘You’re on your own,’” said Moore.

“But in Maryland, we protect our people. It’s not the work of a single day or a single announcement. It’s an on-going pledge — one that we refuse to

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Moore



The Black Conservative Federation, a grassroots group that sought to court Black voters for President Donald Trump’s second term, called on Republican leaders to denounce the Young Republican group chat texts.

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Political figures face backlash for texts

Messages reveal racist, violent language in private group chats

Tim Reid and Bianca Flowers
REUTERS

WASHINGTON — Three separate controversies involving leaked text messages from private online group chats have revealed racist, antisemitic

and violent statements from figures across the ideological spectrum.

The messages – sent privately but now public – include racial slurs, praise for Nazis, and threats of political violence, raising questions about why those involved felt comfortable expressing such views despite the risk of exposure and censure.

The online posts have also deepened concern among civil society groups and political language experts that violent

rhetoric and racist hate speech are becoming normalized in America, particularly after decades of hard-fought civil rights victories that sought to dismantle such ideologies.

People have long expressed violent or racist views in private settings but experts say the leaks of the text messages are noteworthy because they surfaced the unfiltered – and to many

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