

Ocean City's Spring Clean-Up, Community Yard Sale April 17-18

The Town of Ocean City is once again offering a great opportunity for residential property owners to do their spring cleaning by offering free residential bulk pick-up on Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18. As an added attraction, Ocean City also will offer a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 17, at Northside Park.

Ocean City's bulk pick-up service offers a convenient way for residents to get rid of large household items, such as furniture, appliances, bicycles, carpet, etc., which cannot normally be loaded into a standard refuse truck. Normally, this service does not include building materials, yard debris, etc. However, during the spring clean-up, the town will be accepting these items.

Place your items curbside (staff does not go on private property to remove items) on Friday, April 16, for Saturday, April 17, pick-up from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, pick-up from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Town is providing bulk pick-up free of charge during this period. (At other times, cost for bulk pick-up is \$15 per pick up of three items or less. Each item thereafter costs an additional \$5.)

Also available during Ocean City's Spring Clean-Up will

be the collection of residential household hazardous material on Saturday, April 17, only. Items such as paint, lawn and garden chemicals, propane tanks, and other items that cannot be legally placed in trash will be collected. For household hazardous material collection, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318. Calls will be received until 2 p.m.

The town also is offering service to collect items such as old ammunition that residents may have in their household and need to have removed. There will also be an amnesty program to collect fireworks during the weekend. For more information, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318. If you have an old weapon, you can also call Solid Waste.

As part of the Spring Clean-Up, Ocean City's ninth annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 7 a.m. to noon at Northside Park.

The yard sale will be held on the parking lot at Northside Park on 125th Street in front of the Community Center building. Vendor spots will be available for Ocean City residents and property owners only. Space is limited so apply in advance. The cost is \$15 per double space. If space is still available, participants may register before 7 a.m. on the day of the event for \$20.

Participants can begin setting up their items for sale no earlier than 6 a.m. The sale begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. All items need to be removed by 12:30 p.m.

No retail merchandise will be permitted for sale, and no personal or professional services are permitted for sale. Certain items may be excluded for sale including cars, trucks and any powered wheel conveyance; boats, snowmobiles, firearms, martial arts weapons, alcohol, paint, hazardous chemicals, food, produce, beverages or any other item which may be deemed inappropriate on public property. Raffles are not allowed.

To register, stop by the Ocean City Department of Recreation and Parks Northside Park Community Center, 200 125th St. For more information about the Community Yard Sale, call 410-250-0125.

Also during the weekend, Maryland Coastal Bays and the Ocean City Chapter of Surfriders will celebrate Earth Day by gathering teams of volunteers to help pick up trash in wetland areas and on sand dunes in Ocean City. The activity will be held on Saturday, April 17 (rain date is April 18). For more information or to register for the Earth Day event, call 410-213-2297 ext. 107.

Important information for rental property owners

If you rent your property to anyone at anytime, the law requires you to obtain an Ocean City Rental License and an Ocean City Noise Control Permit. This is to assure compliance with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to rental housing units within the corporate limits of Ocean City. It is also the purpose:

- To promote and ensure safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units.
- To prevent deterioration of rental housing units.
- To encourage responsible management, maintenance and use of rental housing units by the inspection and licensing of these units.

Section 14-174: Rental License Required

Any person renting for habitation any rental housing unit... shall obtain a license from Ocean City. The holder of the license

shall be the owner of the rental housing unit.

Section 30-401: Noise Permit Required

No real property situated within the corporate limits of Ocean City shall be used to provide shelter on a temporary basis unless a permit for such use shall have been issued by the Noise Control Board.

Section 14-62: Violations and Penalties

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 for each day the violation occurs or continues.

Applications may be obtained:

- At City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave.;
- By mail: Town of Ocean City, P.O. Box 5000, Ocean City, MD 21843;
- By telephone: 410-289-8833.

Mayor and City Council regular meetings, work sessions

— REGULAR MEETINGS —

The Mayor and City Council meet for their regular sessions on the first and third Monday of every month. If Monday is a holiday, the meeting is the following day. All meetings begin at 6 p.m.

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| • April 5, 2010 | • Tuesday, July 6, 2010 | • Oct. 4, 2010 |
| • April 19, 2010 | • July 19, 2010 | • Oct. 18, 2010 |
| • May 3, 2010 | • Aug. 2, 2010 | • Nov. 1, 2010 |
| • May 17, 2010 | • Aug. 16, 2010 | • Nov. 15, 2010 |
| • June 7, 2010 | • Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010 | • Dec. 6, 2010 |
| • June 21, 2010 | • Sept. 20, 2010 | • Dec. 20, 2010 |

— WORK SESSIONS —

Mayor and City Council work sessions are held the Tuesday prior to each regular Monday night meeting. All meetings are held at noon on Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

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| • April 13, 2010 | • July 27, 2010 | • Oct. 12, 2010 |
| • April 27, 2010 | • Aug. 10, 2010 | • Oct. 26, 2010 |
| • May 11, 2010 | • Aug. 31, 2010 | • Nov. 9, 2010 |
| • June 1, 2010 | • Sept. 14, 2010 | • Nov. 30, 2010 |
| • June 15, 2010 | • Sept. 28, 2010 | • Dec. 14, 2010 |
| • July 13, 2010 | | |

• Town of Ocean City Ordinances •

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public. This includes any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, Boardwalk, parking lot, on the beach or in any vehicle. Possessing an open container of any alcoholic beverage in public is prohibited.

BICYCLES ON THE BOARDWALK

Bicycles are allowed on the Boardwalk only as follows:

- Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day 2 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Other times: No restrictions except Springfest and Sunfest Thursday through Sunday 2 a.m.-12 Noon.

ROLLER SKATES/BLADES

Permitted on Boardwalk as follows:

- April 1 through Memorial Day and then after Labor Day through Sept. 30 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Holidays, Springfest and weekends from April 1 until May 15 Sunrise to 12 Noon
- Holidays, Sunfest and weekends from May 15 through Memorial Day and the day after Labor Day until Sept. 30 Sunrise to 10 a.m.
- Oct. 1 through March 31 Anytime

SKATEBOARDS

Please do not ride a skateboard on the Boardwalk, public street, alley, sidewalk or public lot. Use Ocean City's Skateboard Park at 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue. The park features a bowl and half pipe. For hours and regulations, please call 410-289-BOWL.

BOAT TRAILERS

Unless otherwise posted, boat trailers are not to be parked May 1 to Oct. 1 (warning notice must be posted 8 hours prior to ticket) on any street, alley or public lot or they will be towed.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Loud, unnecessary or unusual noise, or any noise that disturbs, annoys or endangers the comfort, peace or safety of others at any time is prohibited. Please respect the Noise Ordinance, especially between 12 midnight and 7 a.m. when any noise audible at a distance of 50 feet from the noise source is a violation, punishable by law.

PARKING

Please do not park by a curb painted red, in front of any driveway without the consent of the owner, on any sidewalk, in a crosswalk, in any intersection, on any bridge, or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Note that there are posted parking regulations on Ocean City streets. Please read those regulations before leaving your vehicle parked on the street.

Please check your vehicle daily for additional street postings as some are posted on a temporary basis for parades and other special considerations. Also, when parking, park with the flow of traffic. If you receive a parking ticket, you may pay at the Public Safety Building, City Hall or online at www.oceancitymd.gov.

PETS

Pets are not permitted on the beach or Boardwalk between May 1 and Sept. 30; also, please obey the Town's "pooper-scooper" ordinance. Dogs must be on a leash.

RV AND OVERSIZE PARKING

It is illegal to park an RV or other large vehicle (exceeding 21 ft., 2 in. or more in length, and/or 6 ft., 8 in. in width) in any municipal lot, on public streets or alleys between June 1 and Sept. 15. Camping vehicles are not permitted at any time to park in the inlet parking lot.

SLEEPING

Please do not sleep in any vehicle within the city limits of Ocean City except in designated campgrounds. Sleeping on the beach is also prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Only police and maintenance personnel are permitted on the beach between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

SURF FISHING

Please do not surf fish within 50 yards of swimmers between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, May 30 through Sept. 15.

SURFING

Surf only at designated surfing beaches as announced on the radio and as posted in area surf shops. These beaches are operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. by the beach patrol and are clearly marked with signs and flags as boundaries. A segment of Inlet area beach is designated for surfing only, Monday through Friday during the summer season (excluding July 4). You must use an ankle leash tethered to you and the board at all times.

To report violations of the above ordinances, contact the Ocean City Police Department at 410-723-6610.