

June 13**Captain Schoepf Relay**

OC Beach Patrol members & alumni relay a classic steel buoy the 10 miles of Ocean City's beach. Relay runs from lifeguard stand to stand, then enters water to relay back to starting point at 7th St. 10 a.m. 410-289-7556. kjoson@ococean.com.

June 19-20**Art's Alive**

Northside Park, 127th St., Bayside. Ocean City's 10th annual fine art festival features more than 100 artists selling their treasures & competing for awards. Visit with artists as they exhibit their work around the picturesque lagoon at Northside Park. Listen to music while you enjoy lunch at the Artists' Café. Children enjoy free art activities. Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

July 4**Fireworks & Concerts**

N. Division St. & the Beach; & Northside Park, 127th St. bayside. Free concert at 8 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket & enjoy the evening beside the ocean on the beach or enjoy the uptown event at Northside Park. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

July 8**OC Beach Patrol Rookie Graduation**

Downtown Beach between pier & Inlet Beach. Great spectator event as 2010 rookie class demonstrates skills & participates in training exercises. 7:30 a.m. 410-250-7556.

July 9-11**OC Tuna Tournament**

OC Fishing Center, off Rt. 50 & Inlet Isle Lane. Over 100 boats weigh in large tuna in hopes of winning over \$500,000 in cash. Weigh-ins Fri. & Sat., 4-7:30 p.m.; Sun., 4-7 p.m. 800-322-3065. www.ocfishing.com.

July 10**Captain Craig Swim**

14th St. on the Beach. Open to the public, competitors swim a measured mile with prevailing current to finish line at 13th St. Commemorative T-shirt included with registration. Ginny Craig half-mile swim also available. Registration fee; begins at 5 p.m. 410-289-7556. kjoson@ococean.com.

July 25-29**Starpower National Talent Competition**

Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. One of the largest talent competitions in the world for dancers who qualified at regionals held across U.S. Ocean City is the world championship where dancers will win scholarships, trophies & prize money. 8 a.m. to approx. 10 p.m. 301-870-9550. www.starpowertalent.com.

July 26-28**Jesus at the Beach Music & Ministry Festival**

Convention Center & N. Division St. Beach. Christian praise, worship music, dance, prayer, Holy Spirit ministry. Baptism in ocean Wed. after morning meeting. Mon.-Wed., 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Convention Center; 7-10 p.m. on beach. 410-289-1296. www.jesusatthebeach.org.

July 30-Aug. 1**Greek Festival**

Convention Center, 40th & Bay. Expertly prepared traditional Greek cuisine — mousaka, patsito, stuffed grape leaves, pastries, made by professional Yiayias (Greek Grand Mamas). Food served all day. Carryouts available. Original & reproduction art, jewelry, clothing vendors. Greek band after 5 p.m.; traditional dance performances by the Hellenics. Free parking. Lunch, dinner, desserts & more. Admission. Fri. & Sat., noon-11 p.m.; Sun., noon-9 p.m. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 410-524-0990. www.stgeorgebythesea.org.

Aug. 2-6**White Marlin Open**

Harbour Island, 14th St. & Bay. World's largest billfish tournament. Thousands watch fish weigh-ins Mon.-Fri., 4-9 p.m. Boats participated last year for \$3 million in prize money. Registration fees for participating boats. Spectators see weigh-ins free of charge. 410-289-9229. www.whitemarlinopen.com.

Aug. 7**OC Beach Patrol Crew Competition**

8th St. (Surf Avenue) & the Beach. Watch OCBP lifeguards compete against each other in events & demonstrate athletic skills. 6 p.m. 410-289-7556. kjoson@ococean.com.

Aug. 7-8**Dub Custom Auto Show**

Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Hundreds of show vehicles, celebrity appearances & performances, models, music, DJs, more. Admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 302-436-0183. www.occarshow.com.

Aug. 13-15**Ocean City Antique Show**

Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Features silver matching service, formal & country furniture, vintage toys, china, glassware & estate jewelry. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission. 302-539-3049.

Aug. 14**Kids Crab Round-Up**

Lagoon Dock, Northside Park, 125th St. & Bay. Fun morning of crabbing & learning about Maryland blue crab. Open to children 12 & younger accompanied by adult. Free. 9 a.m.-noon. Ocean City Parrotheads, opbobgil@aol.com.

Free family entertainment available in Ocean City

Ocean City is serving up a summer filled with free events and activities. For more information, call 800-626-2326.

Sundays, July 11 through Aug. 29

Sundaes in the Park: Northside Park, 127th Street & Bay. Spend Sunday evenings listening to live music in the beautiful setting of Ocean City's Northside Park. This family concert series presents free music ranging from country to rock, plus children's activities and entertainment. Create your own ice cream sundae for a small fee. 6-8 p.m.

Mondays & Fridays, June 28 through Aug. 13

Movies on the Beach: 27th Street Beach. Every Monday and Friday, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., enjoy the free Movies on the Beach. Children will enjoy special activities including arts and crafts, games and other assorted fun the first hour, with the movie starting at approximately 8:45 p.m. (weather permitting). Also, free movies on the beach will be at Princess Royale Hotel on Wednesdays and Carousel Hotel on Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, June 29 through Aug. 10

Family Beach Olympics: 27th Street Beach. Family Beach Olympics offer such activities as sandcastle-building contests, tug of way, relay games and more. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 14 through Aug. 25

Free Beach Concerts: North Division Street Beach. Enjoy free concerts right on the beach, just steps from Ocean City's world-famous Boardwalk. The music varies from week to week. Bring your beach chairs or beach blankets. 8-9:30 p.m.

Thursdays, July 8 through Aug. 19

Evening Bonfires: North Division Street Beach. Gather around the bonfire on the beach. Each week features a different guest speaker. The bonfire hour is designed to be entertaining as well as informative. 9 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 6 through Aug. 24

Sunset Park Party Nights: Sunset Park, South Division Street and the bay. Ocean City's downtown bayside park, Sunset Park, will be the scene of a series of free concerts presented by the Ocean City Development Corporation along with several local non-profit organizations and the town's Recreation & Parks Department. 7 p.m.

Mondays-Saturdays, Mid-July through August

Free Summer Programs: Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, South end of Boardwalk. Gather outside the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum for fun facts and topics. A different subject is discussed each day. Topics include beach safety, aquarium feeding, knot tying & all about sharks. 10:30 a.m.

Ocean City Beautification Committee extending Reflections of Life leaf offer

The Ocean City Beautification Committee maintains the Reflections of Life Tree located inside the lobby entrance of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. For a donation, a loved one can be honored with a gift of a gold, silver or bronze leaf placed on the Reflections of Life Tree sculpture.

At Christmas, the leaves were offered at 50 percent off. This was so successful, the committee is extending this same deal for Mother's Day and Father's Day. You can now order gold leaves for \$250 instead of \$500, silver leaves for \$175 instead of \$350, and bronze leaves for \$125 instead of \$250. This offer expires on Father's Day, June 20.

This is a great opportunity to help the Ocean City Beautification Committee raise funds for the purchase, installation and landscaping of a custom water feature to be installed at the front entrance of the Convention Center while showing your loved ones how much you care during these holidays.

Donation forms are located on www.oceancitymd.gov as well as at the Visitor's Center located in the Convention Center. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Ocean City.

For more information about the Reflections of Life project, call Toni Wagner, project coordinator, at 410-250-0892.

Ocean City's Arbor Day Celebration April 23

The Town of Ocean City will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 23, at Northside Park, 125th Street bayside. The second-grade classes from Ocean City Elementary School will present skits, poems, songs and artwork to entertain the guests and show how important trees are to the Town.

For over 25 years, the Beautification Committee has been fortunate to partner with the students to bring this program to the community.

The Mayor and Council will be presented with two prestigious awards. The first is the National Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree City USA" award, which the town has received for the past 22 years. Ocean City was the first barrier island in the country to receive this award — quite an accomplishment for an island community.

The other is the Maryland Community Forest and the Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service's Maryland P.L.A.N.T. (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Community Award, which Ocean City has received since the program's inception 18 years ago.

The highlight of the day is when the students assist the Mayor and Council and the Town Arborist in planting a tree at Northside Park as part of the Beautification Committee's TreeMendous Program.

The celebration begins at 9 a.m. in the Northside Park



At last year's Arbor Day event, the Town of Ocean City once again was presented with the National Arbor Day Foundation's 'Tree City USA' award, which the town has received for the past 22 years.

community room with light refreshments. The festivities then move outdoors where the ceremony takes place weather permitting.

All citizens and visitors are invited to join the Mayor and Council along with the Beautification Committee for this exciting long-standing tradition.

For more information, call Donna Greenwood, Beautification Committee chairperson, at 410-289-7060, or Town Arborist Gregory Purnell at 410-520-5187.