

## Ocean City celebrates the Fourth of July

*Northside Park and North Division Street locations both feature free concerts and fireworks displays*

The Fourth of July will be filled with family fun in Ocean City with two great places to celebrate the holiday, both presenting free concerts and fireworks.

Festivities begin at 8 p.m. with a free concert at Northside Park located at 127th Street and the bay. Rick K and the Allnighters will provide the entertainment.

The spectacular fireworks display will be shot from the west side of the park at 9:30 p.m. You'll hear the oohs and aahs throughout the park as the colorful displays light up the evening sky. Get there early to claim the best location to view the fireworks.

Meanwhile, on the south end of town, you can head to Ocean City's famous Boardwalk with its bright lights, wonderful food, family fun and more fantas-

tic fireworks. Bring your beach chair or blanket and claim a spot on the beach at North Division Street for a free concert at 8 p.m. with Dr. K's Motown Review. Fireworks will also fill the sky over the ocean beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Parking is extremely limited at both locations. It is recommended that you take the bus. Bus service is \$2 a day and runs 24 hours a day.

The West Ocean City Park & Ride on Route 50 is just west of the Route 50 Bridge and offers free parking and \$1 shuttle service to downtown.

For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125 or the Department of Tourism at 1-800-626-2326, or visit [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com) or [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov).



## Nominees sought for 2010 OC Beauty Spot Awards

The Ocean City Beautification Committee is looking for places of beauty so that they can reward the diligent work of citizens with their annual Beauty Spot Awards. Over the years, these have become very coveted acknowledgments of a job well done.

The committee is seeking nominations in eight categories in which someone can win a 2010 Beauty Spot Award. They include residential, condominium, retail, hotel, motel, commercial, restaurant and Boardwalk. Only nominated properties will be judged.

The Beautification Committee asks for the help of the public in finding those special properties that are evidence of civic pride and community beauty. A property can be nominated by anyone — the resident or owner of a residence or business, a relative, neighbor, friend, customer or just a passerby.

Nominations will be accepted until July 5, after which time the Beautification Committee will travel around town to view all nominated properties.

Judging is based on plants, flowers, trees, shrubbery, grasses, design, layout, etc., that compliment the property.

Even those properties with little or no ground in which to plant can imaginatively use containers, planters, window boxes, hanging baskets or something else to improve the "curb-side" appeal of their property.

Also, those who make an effort to beautify unattractive areas such as dumpsters, electric boxes, etc., can be recognized. In the fall at a City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council will present the winners with their awards.

To nominate a property, call Donna Greenwood, chairperson, at 410-289-7060 or mail nominations to OCBC, Department of Recreation and Parks, 200 125th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842, before the July 5 deadline.

Please be sure to include the property owner's name, correct street address, phone number and your name with a phone number so that the location and information can be verified.

## Art's Alive ready to celebrate 10th anniversary June 19-20

Art's Alive celebrates its 10th year of offering fabulous fine arts in the beautiful setting of Ocean City's Northside Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 19-20, at Northside Park.

From the moment you arrive, you will discover the perfect setting for an art show — winding paths around a beautiful lagoon with a decorative bridge.

Stroll along the path to see beautiful works in the artist tents. Browse through 150 artist tents, listen to the sounds of live entertainment and enjoy lunch at the Artists' Café.

Children can participate in free educational and artistic activities while parents shop for art treasures.

Painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, glass, printmaking, mixed media, fiber, furniture, jewelry and fine wood are among the fine art categories. All artwork is available for purchase. Artists compete for \$5,250 in prizes awarded to the "Best in Show" and seven other categories.

Northside Park is located on 127th Street and the bay. Show hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125 or visit [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).



## 2009 Beauty Spot Award winners recognized by Mayor and Council

Recipients of the Town of Ocean City Beautification Committee's 2009 Beauty Spot Awards were recognized at the Sept. 21 meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

The Ocean City Beautification Committee sponsors the annual Beauty Spot Awards to recognize the efforts of residential and commercial property owners who contribute to the beauty of the community by planting trees, shrubs, flowers and ornamental grasses.

Judging is based on percentage of flowers and ground cover, percentage of trees, shrubs and grasses, creative landscaping that can include trash container enclosures made of attractive materials and general public visibility.

This year's residential winners are: The Schneiders, 115 Bering Road; Pamela Harrington, 725 Anchor Chain Road; the Rives, 745 Laurel Avenue; the Mestros, 200 139th Street; the Lamonts, 319B South Bay

Drive; the Chapmans, 13335 Ocean Drive; Blackmoore LLC, 6 Surf Avenue; and the Mancinis, 203 Bering Road.

Condominium winners are Hidden Harbor II, Wight Bay, Ocean Villa and Braemar Towers. In the motel category, winners are Barefoot Mailman and Captain Bob's Apartments.

Commercial winners are Buccaneer Booty Golf and Taylor Bank at 20th Street. Retail winners are Ocean Greenery, Donaway Furniture and Malibu's Surf Shop. Restaurant winners are the Bonfire Restaurant and Bayside Skillet.

Special awards were given to the Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, Sunset Island Community Association, Holy Savior Rosary Garden and Wight Bay Fish Pond — Greg Dennis.

Lifetime Beauty Spot Awards were presented to the Seals, Sea Watch Condominium and Hawaiian Village Condominium.

## Recreation and Parks summer camp registration now open

The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department announces that summer camp registration has started for the 2010 season.

There are several new camps in the line-up, including two new science camps, and OC Baseball Camp powered by Ripken Baseball.

There are many popular sports camps returning, including lacrosse, soccer, basketball, golf, skate and tennis.

A new feature added last year for participants is online registration at [www.ocsportsamps.com](http://www.ocsportsamps.com), where you will also find a complete list of camps as well as registration information.

For additional information, call the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125.



Lacrosse is one of the many camps being offered this summer by the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department.