

Eagle's Landing offers rewards program to property owners

Attention Ocean City property owners: You now qualify for local rates at Eagle's Landing Golf Course with the new Local Rewards Program.

Play at a discounted rate all year long and earn rewards points every time you play a round.

Rewards points may be redeemed for golf shop merchandise or green fees.

Call the golf shop at 1-800-283-3846 or visit www.eagleslandinggolf.com to find out more about this program that gives you affordable golf at Ocean City's premier golf course.



New playground coming to OC's North Surf Park

A new state-of-the-art playground is coming to Ocean City's North Surf Park.

The Town of Ocean City has awarded a contract to Playground Specialist Inc. of Emmitsburg, Md., for \$85,000 to install the new playground that will replace an existing playground installed in 1995.

The new playground will feature equipment by Playworld Systems Inc. of Lewisburg, Pa., and will meet the Consumer Products Safety Commission Guidelines for commercial playgrounds. The new playground will include Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible features, bonded rubber safety surfacing, three slides, climbers, play panels and a swing set.

Installation of the playground begins in

late March 2010, subject to weather conditions. Disturbance at North Surf Park should be minimal and the park will remain open for public access.

"We are very excited to move forward on this neighborhood improvement," said Tom Shuster, Director of the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department, which operates North Surf Park. "The new playground will be a wonderful addition to the Caine Woods neighborhood and provide much enjoyment for the children."

North Surf Park is located on North Surf Road at Dukes Avenue. The new playground will be funded by a grant from the State of Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds Program.

OCBP on Ocean City's surfing beaches

During summer, two blocks are designated as daily surfing beaches. No swimming or wading is permitted at surfing beaches, and surfers must wear ankle leashes. Surfing beach limits are established using yellow stands, and signs and flags are used to highlight the area. Surfing beaches rotate two blocks south each day.

In addition to the two rotating surfing beaches that have been in effect for nearly 20 years, the town implemented a stationary surfing beach that has been in effect since 2007. Surfing is permitted 200 yards north of the inlet rock jetty. This area is available for surfing Monday through Friday, except holidays, beginning the Tuesday in May after the beach patrol goes on duty for the season. Half of the inlet beach (toward the pier) is still available for all water activities.

The specifics of this surfing area have been worked out between the Ocean City Beach Patrol and representatives of the surfing community. This plan has gained the ongoing approval of the Mayor and City Council, because the pilot year was such a success. This area of the beach, while popular as a surfing area, does not see a large beach population on weekdays. However, weekends see a very large number of visitors to the inlet, and therefore, this area is not used for surfing during this time.

The Eastern Surfing Association publishes a brochure listing daily surfing beaches, and it is available at most surf shops in Ocean City. The schedule is also available on our website.

Surfing beach facilitators (SBFs) are beach patrol members who maintain the surfing beach area. SBFs let beachgoers know when they are on a surfing beach and direct them to the nearest swimming beach.

On days when inclement weather affects Ocean City, the beach patrol captain may decide to allow surfing in all areas. This decision is made with the input of supervisors on the beach, and taking all factors into account. If there



are low numbers of people on the beach, and the weather is poor and not predicted to improve for the day, surfing restrictions may be modified.

On days of inclement weather, ask any SRT on the beach if the surfing restriction has been modified, or call beach patrol headquarters at 410-289-7556. Local surf shops may also know when surfing has been modified.

The two rotating surfing beaches begin operation each year on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at 10 a.m., which coincides with the first day the beach patrol goes on duty for the season.

Surfing areas are regulated by Town of Ocean City ordinances and require surfers to remain within the boundaries. It also prohibits anyone without a surfboard from entering the water on a surfing beach. The rotation takes 68 days to complete, which means a surfing location will only rotate to the same beach every 68 days. Additionally, because the rotation continues across years, if the surfing beach is located on your beach this July 4, it will not return on that same date until July 4, 2024. As you can see, the rotating surfing beach system is the perfect way to share this wonderful resource with minimal impact on everyone.

Tennis Center opens for season May 15

The Ocean City Tennis Center opens for the season Saturday, May 15. The facility will host several USTA-sanctioned tournaments for all ages as well as a junior tennis academy and Pee Wee Camp several weeks throughout the summer. Adults can participate in morning doubles flights and evening advanced tennis competitions.

The Ocean City Tennis Center is located at 61st Street and the bay.

For more information, visit www.tennis.ococean.com or call the tennis shop at 410-524-8337 or Recreation and Parks at 410-250-0125.

Ocean City Transportation Schedules

Bus Schedule

May 3-27

Every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Every 30 minutes from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

May 28-Sept. 6

Every 10 minutes from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Every 20 minutes from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Sept. 7-Oct. 31

Every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Every 30 minutes from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Boardwalk Trams

May 29-Sept. 6

11 a.m. to midnight daily.

May 6-9 (Springfest) & Sept. 23-26 (Sunfest)
10 a.m. to midnight Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

West OC Park & Ride Shuttle

May 6-9 • May 20-23 • May 28-Sept. 26 • Oct. 7-10
Shuttles run every 20 minutes from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Express Trolley Service

May 6-9, Springfest

39th Street to and from Inlet Parking Lot
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: Every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday: Every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Aug. 2-6, White Marlin Open

39th St., to & from Jacqueline Ave. & 14th St.
Every 20 minutes from 3 to 11 p.m.

Sept. 23-26, Sunfest

39th St., to & from Inlet Parking Lot
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: Every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday: Every 20 minutes from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**For more information,
please call 410-723-1606.**