

# Show community pride with Ocean City license plates

Maryland citizens interested in obtaining an Ocean City, Maryland organizational license plate for their vehicles can order the plates through the City Clerk's Office.

The license plate features the vintage Ocean City logo displaying the white marlin.

The cost to obtain the license plate is \$35 per tag number. An application must be submitted with the fee. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., or through the Town's web site at [www.oceancitymd.gov](http://www.oceancitymd.gov). Have your driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance information handy to complete the application. Your vehicle must be registered in the State of Maryland. Plate numbers are assigned by the MVA.

Once you receive your new plates, you must return your old plates to the MVA. You can return the old license



plates in person at any MVA branch office, including the MVA on Wheels mobile van, which parks at the 65th Street lot generally the second Tuesday of the month. You

can also drop them in one of the MVA license plate return drop boxes. Currently drop boxes are located at the Glen Burnie, Gaithersburg, Columbia, Essex, Waldorf and Salisbury branches. You can also mail plates to the Glen Burnie MVA office. Mailing by certified mail with return receipt requested is recommended. Please note that when you return the license plate, always include your registration card. The MVA Customer Service Center can be reached at 1-800-950-1682 if you need additional information on returning plates.

For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 410-289-8824 or e-mail [kallmond@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:kallmond@oceancitymd.gov).

## Town of Ocean City municipal election Oct. 19, 2010

The office of the mayor and three council positions will be on the ballot during the regular election to be held Oct. 19, 2010, in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Filing deadline for candidates is Sept. 21, 2010. Candidates must be qualified as a voter in Town elections and be a resident of, and domiciled in, Ocean City for at least four months preceding the election.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 1. Absentee ballots will be available after the filing deadline and must be requested by Oct. 12, 2010.

Contact the City Clerk's Office, Room 220, City Hall, 410-289-8824 or 8842 for more information.



A new rotating exhibit of artwork by local artists is now on display in the Visitors Center of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

## New permanent Art League displays at Convention Center Ocean City, area scenes well-received by the public

The Art League of Ocean City (ALOC) now has permanent displays at the Ocean City Visitors Center located in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

The ALOC mounted a permanent rotating exhibit of artwork by local artists featuring Ocean City and area scenes.

The Art League paid for the initial gallery hanging system, which is installed above the information racks in the Visitors Center.

The Convention Center will fund the necessary hanging system to double the

exhibit as it has been so well received by the public.

There are currently approximately 25 works on display and they feature local scenes in all media including oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolor and photography. The artwork is available to purchase through the Art League.

Pete and Kathy Gibson of the ALOC are curators of the Convention Center exhibit along with another exhibit now located at the Chamber of Commerce visitors center on Route 50.

## Tourism efforts

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Washington and Philadelphia. A second media tour was planned for Baltimore to promote end of summer and fall season events.

These media tours have generated thousands of dollars of free positive media coverage.

At the height of summer, the Weather Channel broadcasted live on the beach in front of the Castle in the Sand for four hours on the morning of July 4th as part of their Endless Summer Beach Party promotion. Ocean City was also included in a Today Show broadcast.

The Town's efforts to expand the season have been very successful with fall events like Sunfest, which was recently ranked the number one traditional art and craft show in the country by Sunshine Artist, "America's premier Show and Festival Magazine." Springfest, the Town's spring season kick-off held in May, remains in the top 20 on the magazine's annual "200 Best" list.

Sunfest, one of Ocean City's most popular and longest-running festivals, celebrates the start of the fall season in September. Last year Sunfest was ranked number three. The rankings are based on audit reports, reader surveys and anecdotal reports from participating exhibitors.

Ocean City's Boardwalk was recently named as one of the "Ten Best U.S. Boardwalks" by Shermans Travel, a popular travel web site that showcases trip ideas, hotels, airfare, car rentals and more. Ocean City's three-mile-

long Boardwalk was recognized for its vast array of attractions, restaurants, hotels and nightlife.

"Our Boardwalk is a source of pride and heritage," said Mayor Meehan. "It is one of our most popular attractions and we are always pleased to see it recognized. This acknowledgment speaks to the appeal of Ocean City and to the dedication we put forth to provide visitors with the ultimate vacation experience."

This is not the first time Ocean City has been nationally spotlighted for its Boardwalk. In 2004, the Travel Channel recognized Ocean City as one of the "Best Boardwalks in America" and in 2005, USA Today placed Ocean City on its list of "One of the 10 Great Places to have Fun on the Boardwalk." To view the complete list of Shermans Travel's "Top 10 U.S. Boardwalks" visit: [www.shermanstravel.com/top\\_tens/Boardwalks/Ocean\\_City\\_Maryland](http://www.shermanstravel.com/top_tens/Boardwalks/Ocean_City_Maryland).

Ocean City has used social media as a major way to connect online with visitors this year. As of Aug. 20, the Town has more than 93,000 fans on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/oceancity](http://www.facebook.com/oceancity)) and 5,500 followers on Twitter, creating an online network of nearly 100,000 people for the Town to interact with on a daily basis.

Additionally, the Town has benefited from the Ocean City Insider program, which allows visitors to ask any question about Ocean City events, accommodations, dining and miscellaneous topics to a group of 21 expert visitors who answer these questions on [www.oceancity.com](http://www.oceancity.com). As of Aug. 20, more than 700 questions have been answered over 5,900 times by this group of dedicated OC experts. The Insider page can be found at [www.oceancity.com/insiders](http://www.oceancity.com/insiders).

## Holiday Shopper's Fair Nov. 26-28

The whole family will enjoy a visit to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center Friday through Sunday, Nov. 26-28, for the 28th Annual Holiday Shopper's Fair.

This year's fair features unique gifts for everyone on your shopping list, including arts and craft items, hand-painted furniture and ornaments, leather handbags, Christmas wreaths and florals, and a wide selection of jewelry. You will also discover pet-related items, sports-related memorabilia, personalized children's books, nautical items, ceramics and hand-dipped candles to name just a few.

Local non-profit organizations will offer raffles, and cat/kitten adoptions and craft items. There will also be homemade chocolates and fudge, honey roasted almond-pecans, pre-packaged cookies and cakes for gift-giving.

Entertainment for children includes the ever-popular Kamp Kreatures Puppet shows and Lady Sunshine, along with other kids' activities. Santa will be making a daily appearance to visit with all the good little boys and girls. Refreshments will be available.

Door prize drawings will be held every hour on the half hour (must be present to win). And non-shoppers in the family will enjoy the television room showing football games.

Show hours for the fair are: Friday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for the weekend. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

For more information, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN or 410-289-8311 or e-mail [jcropper@oceancitymd.com](mailto:jcropper@oceancitymd.com).