

# Celebrate the season with a visit to Ocean City's fall festival



Ocean City celebrates the start of the fall season with Sunfest, the four-day festival featuring delicious food, unique arts and crafts and continuous entertainment Sept. 23-26 at the town's Inlet Lot and beach.

The 36th annual Sunfest delights all ages with over 180 crafters, live entertainment, hayrides on the beach and a bountiful offering of food. In and around four festive big-top tents, there is something for every member of the family to enjoy. Admission to the festival is free.

Sunfest has been rated by Sunshine Artist, "America's Premier Show and Festival Magazine," the number one traditional arts and crafts show in the nation on the magazine's annual "200 Best" list.

Sunfest opens with a parade down the Boardwalk beginning at 9:30 a.m. at 12th Street and Phillips by the Sea and ending at the festival grounds with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23.

This year's headliners are the Fabulous Hubcaps; Gloriana opening for Phil Vassar; Chuck Negron (formerly of

Three Dog Night) followed by Blood, Sweat & Tears; and Beatlemania Again.

The Fabulous Hubcaps take the stage Thursday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 and \$10.

On Friday, Sept. 24, Gloriana will open for country star Phil Vassar. Tickets range from \$20 to \$49.

Chuck Negron, former lead singer of Three Dog Night, will open for Blood Sweat & Tears on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m., with ticket prices ranging from \$20 to \$40.

Tickets for headline acts are on sale at the box office located in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. Box office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you may purchase tickets by calling TicketMaster at 1-800-551-SEAT, in Baltimore/Washington call 410-481-SEAT, or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Also enjoy a free performance by Beatlemania Again on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 4:30 p.m. The Beatlemania Again show features over 35 of the Beatles' greatest hits performed live on stage in full costume.

Also enjoy free musical performances by the Diamonds, Rick K and the Alnighters, Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys, the Phillips Ragtime Band, Sir Rod, Teenage Rust and many more.

Sunfest is known for delicious Eastern Shore food, offering everything from crab cakes to oyster fritters and much, much more. Don't miss the Gourmet Tent featuring creamy fudge, nuts, candies and other tasty treats. A new addition this year will be a wine garden.

Sunfest hours are 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Parking is restricted at Sunfest to vendors only, and attendees are urged to use one of the free parking locations and ride buses to the festival grounds. Free parking locations include the West Ocean City Park and Ride just off Route 50 in West Ocean City, where you can park for free and take an Ocean City bus to South Division Street. Shuttle bus service is \$1 round-trip.

In town, Ocean City offers a ride-all-day-for-\$2 bus service. The Boardwalk tram also offers service daily.

Visitors from the north can take advantage of the Sunfest Shuttle, which operates from the Convention Center south lot on 40th Street, where you can park for free and ride the trolley directly to the festival grounds with the \$2 ride-all-day fare.

For more information, call 410-250-0125 or toll-free at 1-800-OC-OCEAN or visit [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).

## Ride the Bus to Sunfest!

To get to Sunfest festival grounds with no stress, city officials urge everyone to use THE BUS. The resort offers a ride-all-day fare, which enables you to get on and off as often as you want for \$2 a day. Also, free parking areas are available with close proximity to municipal bus service, including:



- The West Ocean City Park & Ride, just off Route 50 in West Ocean City (shuttle bus \$1).
- Public Safety Building, 65th Street.
- Municipal Lot, 100th Street.
- Northside Park, 125th Street; walk to 125th Street bus stop on Coastal Highway.
- Handicap bus drop-off and pick-up location on site.

Bus passengers will be dropped off at the Transit Center on South Division Street, just across the Boardwalk from Sunfest. If a person is disabled and needs transportation, call 410-723-1607.

### Express Shuttle offered

The Ocean City Transportation Department is once again offering the Sunfest Shuttle. The town's trolleys will offer an express shuttle (no stops) to Sunfest from the Convention Center's south parking lot on 40th Street.

The cost is \$2, ride-all-day, same as the regular bus fare. Parking is free at the Convention Center south lot.

Trolleys depart the lot every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. until 30 minutes following the end of the evening's last concert, Thursday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Sunfest Shuttle offers convenient service for festival attendees traveling from the northern part of town.

## Indoor Entertainment

### Thursday, Sept. 23

10:30 am	Rick K & the Allnighters (variety)
12:30 pm	Recreation Line Dancers (song & dance)
2:30 pm	The John Winnnet
4:30 pm	Frankie & the Pack (tribute to the greats)
8 pm	The Fabulous Hubcaps*

### Friday, Sept. 24

10 am	The Diamonds
Noon	Phillips Ragtime Band (Dixieland)
2 pm	Bottle of Blues
4 pm	Mike Short Jr. & State Wide
8 pm	Phil Vassar with Gloriana (country)*

### Saturday, Sept. 25

10 am	The Diamonds
Noon	Quiet Fire
2 pm	Georgia Lea & Stone Cold Country
4 pm	Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys (beach/country)
8 pm	Blood, Sweat & Tears with Chuck Negron*

### Sunday, Sept. 26

11:30 am	Ban Caribe
1:30 pm	Country Grass
3:30 pm	Captain Quint

\* These concerts require the purchase of a ticket with reserved seating.  
Times and entertainment are subject to change

## Outdoor Entertainment

### Thursday, Sept. 23

10 am	Opening Ceremony
11:30 pm	The John Winnnet
1:30 pm	Poole & the Gang
3:30 pm	Rick K & the Allnighters (variety)
5:30 pm	Teenage Rust (classic rock)
6:45 pm	Sir Rod

### Friday, Sept. 24

11 am	Rick K & the Allnighters
1 pm	Mike Short Jr. & State Wide
3 pm	The Diamonds
5 pm	Jesse Garron's Tribute to Elvis
6:30 pm	N.O.M.A.D.

### Saturday, Sept. 25

11 am	N.O.M.A.D.
1 pm	Terrence McArdle & Big Trouble
3 pm	The Diamonds
5 pm	Quiet Fire
6:30 pm	Mary Lou & the Untouchables (classic rock)

### Sunday, Sept. 26

10 am	The Diamonds
12:30 pm	J.R. Booker
2:30 pm	Ban Caribe
4:30 pm	Beatlemania Again
Noon-4 p.m. Roaming Entertainment: Lollipop the Clown	

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