

November 27

Putting on the Ritz: An Evening to Remember Overlooking the Bay
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. The Art League of Ocean City presents the first "Putting on the Ritz: An Evening to Remember Overlooking the Bay." Cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, gourmet dinner & dancing held in the ballroom of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. Proceeds will go toward Convention Center art program & the Art League of Ocean City. Tickets \$100 per person; \$1,000 reserved table for 10. Sat., 7 p.m.-midnight. Tickets available soon at Convention Center box office open Mon.-Fri., except holidays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 410-289-2800.

Dec. 4

Christmas Parade
Tentative Route: 100th St. north to 115th St. Wonderful holiday parade with school bands, floats, horses & llamas, marching units & Santa Claus. Many activities in Gold Coast Mall following the parade. Sat., 11 a.m. Parade route to be announced. 410-524-9000. Honijarvis@cs.com.

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve
Townwide Celebrations. Enjoy ringing in the New Year in Ocean City. Many Ocean City hotels, clubs & restaurants offer special packages or menus for this special night. Call your favorite spot or 800-OC-OCEAN (800-626-2326) for general information. www.ococean.com.

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Bus Rides
Townwide. The Town of Ocean City offers free bus services for New Year's Eve from 6 a.m. New Year's Eve to 6 a.m. New Year's Day. 800-OC-OCEAN (800-626-2326). www.ococean.com.

Jan. 1

Penguin Swim
Princess Royale, 91st Street & the Ocean. Celebrate New Year's by taking a dip in the Atlantic to help Atlantic General Hospital. Sat. Registration at noon; swim at 1 p.m. 410-641-9678. www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Jan. 15-16

Nautical & Wildlife Art Festival
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Exhibition of nautical & wildlife paintings, carved waterfowl, sculpture & related media. Admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net. www.donaldsduckshoppe.com.

Jan. 15-16

North American Craft Show
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Exhibition & sale of juried crafts made by the artists themselves. Admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net. www.donaldsduckshoppe.com.

Jan. 28-30

East Coast Commercial Fishermen's & Aquaculture Trade Expo
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Show visitors can expect to find all types of gear, equipment, services related to inshore & offshore fisheries, as well as all facets of aquaculture industry. Fri.-Sun. 410-604-0909. www.marylandwatermen.com.

Feb. 18-20

Seaside Boat Show
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Hundreds of boats, including sail, pontoon, inshore & offshore boats & wave runners. Boat accessories, crafts & more. Admission. Fri.-Sun. 410-632-3676. www.oceatshow.com.

Winterfest of Lights brightens holiday nights

Ocean City celebrates the holidays with the annual Winterfest of Lights from Nov. 18 through Jan. 2.

Join in the fun as Ocean City lights up the nights with beautiful holiday displays at Northside Park, located at 125th Street and the bay, where you can take a ride on the Winterfest Express as it makes its way along a mile-long path filled with illuminated displays.

Winterfest tram rides are \$4 for those 10 years of age and older; children 9 years and younger ride for free.

While at Northside Park, visit the Winterfest Village for a cup of hot chocolate, browse the Yukon Cornelius Gift Shop and have your photo taken with Santa. The Winterfest Village is located inside a huge, heated tent decorated for the holidays.

Admission to the Winterfest Village is free and on selected nights, free musical entertainment has been scheduled at the Winterfest Village.

Winterfest of Lights is presented Sunday through Thursday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.,



and Friday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125 or visit the Ocean City web sites at www.ococean.com or www.ocean-citymd.gov.

Recreation and Parks Department features fall-winter activities for all

The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for an exciting fall and winter season. Families can enjoy some great activities together at the Family Movie Night on Sept. 10 or the Campfire Family Fun Night on Oct. 1.

Children under 6 can participate in the Start Smart programs or the play group, Kiddie Korner. For youth, the department is offering a new basketball club on Saturdays as well as boys and girls basketball leagues, field hockey clinic, flag football and boys and girls lacrosse clinics.

We offer many adult programs including men's and women's basketball club and floor hockey club, and if you need to get in shape, try aerobics classes and yoga.

For more information, please visit www.oceancitymd.gov or call 410-250-0125.

Stop by Northside Park at 125th Street and pick up the SPLASH Magazine, which offers a full listing of programs and events at Ocean City Recreation and Parks.



MVA on Wheels mobile van schedule

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's MVA on Wheels visits Ocean City on a monthly basis, generally the second Tuesday of the month. The MVA bus parks at the Public Safety Building lot, 65th Street and Coastal Highway. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following services are offered on the MVA bus: Renew a non-commercial drivers license; renew a Maryland photo identification card; obtain a duplicate drivers license; obtain a certified copy of a driving record; obtain disability placards; renew a vehicle registration; obtain substitute stickers; obtain duplicate registrations; return tags; change your name and/or address; register to vote and register as an organ donor.

The next MVA visit to Ocean City will be Sept. 14. Future visits are Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7.

For details, call the MVA at 1-800-950-1 MVA.

Passport applications



Passport applications are accepted in Room 220, Office of the City Clerk
City Hall • 301 Baltimore Ave.
410-289-8824

Monday through Friday
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As an added convenience, the City Clerk's Office offers passport photos for \$10.60 per applicant.

Ocean City Tennis Center offers fall clinic for children

Boys and girls from grades 2 through 9 can improve their tennis skills this fall at a tennis clinic set for Tuesdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 12, at the Ocean City Tennis Center, 61st Street bayside.

Children will train by rallying and playing games. Emphasis will be on stroke improvement, game strategies, how to handle high balls and come in for short balls.

Grades 2-6 play from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Grades 7-9 play 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$28 for Ocean City residents and \$38 for non-residents. The program supervisor is Keith Coleman.

To register or for more information, call 410-250-0125.

