

Dedication, ribbon-cutting ceremony at North Surf Park playground

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held July 13 at the new North Surf Park playground located on North Surf Road at Dukes Avenue in the Caine Woods neighborhood of Ocean City.

The new playground replaces an existing playground that was installed in 1995 and includes Americans with Disabilities Act-

accessible features, bonded rubber safety surfacing, three slides, climbers, play panels and swing set.

The playground was installed by Playground Specialist Inc. of Emmitsburg, PA and was funded by a grant from the State of Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds Program.



OC Life-Saving Station Museum to hold Holiday Open House



The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum will hold a Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, which is located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet.

There will be free admission for everyone and 10 percent off all items in the gift shop.

Knowledgeable volunteers and staff members will be available to answer questions about the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and the unique and colorful past of Ocean City.

As a special gift, the first 100 visitors to the museum will receive a small selection of vintage postcards.

The museum's gift shop provides excellent holiday shopping with a variety of books for adults and children, gifts, jewelry and much more.

Also available is a line of clothing and accessories with the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum logo.

For more information on the museum, call 410-289-4991 or email Sandy@ocmuseum.org.

OCDC celebrating 10-year anniversary

By Glenn Irwin, Executive Director
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In 1999, 34 individuals, all with a strong interest in improving downtown Ocean City, were selected by the Mayor and City Council to create a plan and steps to implement this vision to revitalize downtown Ocean City. From this original group it was determined the need to establish a nonprofit community development corporation to carry out the initial steps.

In 2000, this same group selected 15 board members to create this new organization, which became the Ocean City Development Corporation (OCDC). Now, 10 years later the OCDC is still going strong.

Since 2000, OCDC has established a strong track record with its partners at the State of Maryland, Worcester County and Town of Ocean City. As a result of these partnerships and support of the downtown community and other local organizations, OCDC has completed numerous downtown revitalization projects.

This list of accomplishments include over 90 buildings renovated through the OCDC Façade Improvement Program, creation of both downtown and upper downtown design standards, public art projects, historic plaque programs, Sunset Park, Somerset Plaza, South 1st Street streetscape, special events, employee housing and other projects.

Through its many projects, OCDC looks forward to ensuring that downtown Ocean City continues to be the special place that it is for Ocean City residents, property owners and visitors.

For more information or to become a member of OCDC, contact the office at 410-289-7739 or visit www.ocdc.org.

If your homeowner or business association would like a free guided walking tour of downtown Ocean City, contact OCDC. This walking tour will show firsthand these revitalization improvements as well as the many highlights of Ocean City's history. Also, if you have an idea on improving the downtown, contact the OCDC office.



One of the highlights of activity in Downtown Ocean City this summer was the weekly Sunset Park Party Nights at Sunset Park where each Tuesday evening a free concert was presented.



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Digging into some fun

Families enjoyed the Family Beach Olympics, one of the many free activities offered over the summer by the Town of Ocean City. This event was held on Tuesdays on the 27th Street beach, offering free activities such as sand sculpting contests, relay races and more.