

Fall/Winter 2010-2011

OCEAN CITY NEWSLETTER

Semi-annual newsletter from the Town of Ocean City, Maryland to keep you, the citizen, informed on activities within the resort • www.ococean.com & www.oceancitymd.gov

Tourism efforts move forward with marketing initiatives

Ocean City's efforts to boost tourism continued this year with an aggressive destination marketing campaign that included the addition of new radio and television commercials produced by the Town's agency, MGH, promoting the resort as the premiere family-friendly vacation destination.

Two new television spots featured Ocean City's "spokes-guard," Rodney the Lifeguard, rescuing the East Coast and bringing them to Ocean City. One spot featured Rodney rescuing workers from an office building and loading them onto a Boardwalk tram to bring them to the beach. The other commercial sees Rodney bringing people out of a suburban neighborhood. To view the new ads, visit www.youtube.com/user/ococeandotcom.

New radio creative included Mayor Rick Meehan promoting the free events and activities available to vacationers including concerts and bonfires on the beach. Another spot promoted the new Ocean City Hotel Week promotion with the aim to boost tourism in the latter part of August and early September.

"We have been receiving a lot of feedback from citizens who have heard or seen the ads and are now planning trips



A scene from one of the new Rodney television spots, which was filmed in Baltimore.

to Ocean City," said Mayor Meehan. "MGH put together a very aggressive campaign and we are now reaching more people than ever."

Both radio and television spots aired in Baltimore, Washington D.C./Northern Virginia, Harrisburg-Lan-

caster-Lebanon-York, PA and Philadelphia markets. The television spots also aired in New Jersey and New York markets.

Another new addition this year was Radio Disney, an eight-week line-up of Disney's Sizzlin' Summer of Stars performances in Ocean City promoted on Philadelphia AM 640 Radio Disney and on three Disney web sites. The weekly entertainment was free and concluded with the popular band Allstar Weekend. Jason Earles, who plays Hannah Montana's brother on the popular show, plus singer and songwriter Josh Golden also made appearances.

The 2010 campaign included numerous billboards located along major traffic corridors in Baltimore, Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. Internet advertising was also in the five markets, on such popular web sites as the Weather Channel, Fodor's and Trip Advisor among others.

Ocean City's destination marketing initiatives also include social media and public relations efforts. Ocean City conducted media tours thus far this year in Baltimore,

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Design work continues on Convention Center expansion



The first phase will enclose the existing back deck.



An expanded bayview hall will be on the second floor.

Design work continues on the first phase of expansion of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

This phase of the project will enclose the existing back deck of the Convention Center to create an expanded bayview hall on the second floor and will also enclose the area below the deck, creating an additional 12,000 square feet of bayfront exhibit space on the first floor.

The State of Maryland will fund 50 percent of the project's phase one projected cost. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$9 million, with incremental state tax revenues projected to be \$1.1 million to \$1.6 million per year. The Town's portion of the project will be paid for by the one-half percent food tax.

Construction is expected to begin by the end of the year. Completion of the first phase is estimated in the spring of 2012.

The second phase of the project will convert a portion of the building now known as lower hall C and half of the existing ballroom into a fixed-seat auditorium with a new state-of-the-art stage facility.

The new auditorium would be used for a variety of special events including concerts, plays, dance competitions and lectures.

The Town is currently investigating funding alternatives for this phase and would like to begin work on the auditorium as soon as the first phase of improvements are completed. This will ensure that no existing events will be displaced during the construction of the new auditorium.

Project updates will be posted on the Town's web site, www.oceancitymd.gov.



A fixed-seat auditorium with a new state-of-the-art stage facility is proposed for the second phase.

Sign up to receive newsletter online

In an effort to reduce the cost of mailing the Town of Ocean City's newsletter, an electronic version will be available for future editions. If you would like

to receive the next newsletter online instead of in the mail, please visit the Town's website at www.oceancitymd.gov/news.html and sign up today.



Join the fun! Sunfest has entertainment, arts and crafts and food under four big-top tents at the Inlet Parking Lot. See Page 5 for more information.

Holiday Information

The following holidays are observed by the Town of Ocean City:

- Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 6, 2010.
- Columbus Day: Monday, Oct. 11, 2010.
- Veterans Day: Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010.
- Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, 2010.
- Christmas: Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 27, 2010.
- New Year's Day: Friday, Dec. 31, 2010.

Ocean City Christmas tree drop-off site will be available

The Town of Ocean City is once again providing a Christmas tree drop-off site at the 100th Street Municipal Parking Lot. Trees can be placed in the northeast corner of the 100th Street lot Dec. 26 through Jan. 31.

Please remove all tinsel, ornaments and other non-wooden items from the tree. Trees collected at the site are taken to the county landfill where they are ground into mulch.

Say no to CO

Carbon monoxide detectors are required in OC

In 2007, the Town passed legislation to require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in new and existing one- and two-family dwellings as well as new and existing multi-family dwellings where fuel-burning equipment is installed or operated. Fuel-burning equipment could be gas water heaters, furnaces, dryers, fireplaces, wood stoves or engine exhaust. For specific installation locations, visit the Ocean City Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal web site and review the code at www.oceancitymd.gov or call 410-289-8780.

Smoke alarms

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3-9. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" The fire department reminds citizens to check their smoke alarms.

It is important to understand the safety that smoke alarms provide, as well as knowing that providing them is the law.

Smoke alarms should be tested at least monthly and should have batteries replaced twice a year. A simple way to remember to change your smoke alarm battery is to change the battery when you change your clocks.

Anyone needing a smoke alarm or battery can contact Fire Department Headquarters at 410-289-4346.

Fire sprinkler system precautions

As we prepare for cooler temperatures, there are simple maintenance tips to ensure fire sprinkler and domestic pipes do not freeze and break.

Sprinkler areas should be checked to make sure they are above freezing. Setting a unit thermostat to

keep pipes above 40 degrees Fahrenheit will help prevent these pipes from freezing. Auxiliary condensate drains should be drained by a licensed sprinkler company or person knowledgeable about sprinkler systems. Emergency contact numbers should be posted on the outside of the building, which can help the fire department contact responsible parties in the event of a pipe break. Also, key lock boxes, which can be purchased from the fire department headquarters at 15th Street, can allow access into a building in the event of an emergency to allow firefighters to turn off water mains and minimize damage within units.

For more information, call the Ocean City Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, at 410-289-8780.

Boardwalk is newest OCPD Neighborhood Watch Association



Bruce Krasner, Boardwalk Neighborhood Watch Association area coordinator, and Vicki Barrett, Boardwalk Neighborhood Watch Association block captain, join OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino and Mayor Rick Meehan at the ribbon-cutting marking the start of Ocean City's newest Neighborhood Watch Association.

The Ocean City Police Department has added a new Neighborhood Watch Association to the community — the Boardwalk.

Neighborhood Watch is an effective and inexpensive way to prevent crimes in the community.

The Boardwalk joins other Neighborhood Watches in Ocean City, including Edgewater Avenue, Bayshore Drive, Lit-

tle Salisbury, Caine Keys II, Montego Bay, Sundowner Park and Caine Woods.

For more information on the Boardwalk Neighborhood Watch Association, or to find out how to become a member of your local Neighborhood Watch Association, contact the Ocean City Police Department Public Affairs Office at 410-723-6665 or visit www.oceancitymd.gov.

Help keep Ocean City graffiti-free

Citizens can help keep Ocean City graffiti-free by reporting sightings of it to the Ocean City Public Works Department. The presence of graffiti can lead to more graffiti; therefore, the Town is seeking the help of citizens to keep it at bay.

To report graffiti, log on to our web site reporting tool at www.oceancitymd.gov/graffiti.html.

OCPD news briefs

Pedestrian, bike safety urged

The Ocean City Police Department reminds citizens to "Be Safe, Beach Smart — Walk with Wisdom and Bike with Brains." The campaign focuses on educating visitors and residents on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Chief appointed

OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino was recently appointed Vice Chair of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission.

Strict laser pointer law instituted

This summer the Mayor and City Council passed a new "Harassment by Laser Pointer" law (OC Local Ordinance - Art II, Div 1, Sec 58-31).

- It is illegal for minors to purchase or possess laser pointers within the corporate limits of Ocean City.

- It is unlawful for anyone to focus, or shine a laser pointer directly or indirectly on another person or animal in any manner.

- It is unlawful to sell a laser pointer without having a sign conspicuously posted at the point of sale or exchange advising potential purchasers of the Ocean City laser pointer law.

Join Neighborhood Watch

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month. Every year since then, OCPD has reached out to educate the public, showcase accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this month.

Residential security checks

Residential security checks are part of an ongoing effort by the Ocean City Police Department to protect the community against crime. In addition to being

a good crime prevention tool, residential security checks promote proactive police-citizen interaction and encourage the sharing of vital information about the community. To sign up for residential security checks, visit www.oceancitymd.gov.

Volunteers sought for reserve police officers

OCPD is seeking volunteers to train and become reserve officers for the upcoming training class. Reserve officers are civilians trained to support the police department and serve the citizens of Ocean City by providing volunteer services to supplement regular law enforcement personnel in the performance of specific duties.

'Cops on the roof'

On Sept. 25, OCPD officers will be stationed on the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts at 119th Street for over 24 hours to heighten awareness and raise money for Special Olympics. There will be a Chinese auction as well.

Crime prevention programs

The OCPD's proactive crime prevention programs were demonstrated throughout the summer months. The OCPD, along with its partners, founded the Sexual Offense/Assault and Rape reduction (SOARr) Project. Additional programs, including the Community Outreach Social Media Program, Citizens Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Reducing the Availability of Alcohol to Minors (RAAM) and Bicycle/Scooter Registration Program, focused on several special events to highlight the importance of crime prevention.

To learn more about all of these OCPD news briefs, go to www.oceancitymd.gov/police.

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. 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.

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.

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) 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.ococean.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.ococean.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@ococean.com.

Register now for OC University fall semester

Learn more about your municipal government and the services it provides by attending Ocean City University, a series of courses that provides citizens with a diverse educational background on municipal government and services.

Classes are free and are offered in two semesters.

The goals of Ocean City University are to provide a better understanding of government's role and relationship with citizens; that government and citizens can work together to improve quality of life; to give citizens a sense of ownership in



government actions, and that informed citizens can make a difference in the community.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

To sign up for the fall semester, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 15, fill out registration form printed here and send to Ocean City University, PO Box 158, Ocean City,

MD 21843.

Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, visit www.oceancitymd.gov.

Applications now being accepted for Citizens Police Academy

The Ocean City Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy will begin classes on Sept. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m., and will continue every Tuesday for 10 weeks.

The Ocean City Police Department has been offering the citizens of Ocean City the unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the department for nearly 12 years. The Citizens Police Academy was created to enable citizens to learn more about the Ocean City Police Department and build the relationship between the police and the community.

The 10-week course meets for three hours one night a week. During this course, students will meet a variety of officers and listen as they discuss issues such as criminal law, traffic enforcement, evidence collection, firearms, arrest procedures, nar-

cotics enforcement and many other topics. Students also participate in practical scenarios, which afford the citizens a hands-on opportunity to understand various law enforcement realistic applications.

OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino states, "Educating citizens about their police department and illegal activity in their community is one of the best forms of crime prevention."

The Citizens Police Academy has a limited class size of 25 participants. All interested persons must complete a written application and give permission for the Ocean City Police Department to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record.

For more information about the Citizens Police Academy Program, please contact the OCPD Public Affairs Office at 410-520-5395.

REGISTRATION FORM

Ocean City University
P.O. Box 158 • Ocean City, MD 21843
Attn: Kathleen Mathias, City Clerk
410-289-8824

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street/Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Alternate/Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please register me for Ocean City University General Session Classes _____

Please register me for Ocean City University CERT Program _____

Please register me for the Citizens Police Academy _____

Are you an Ocean City resident? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you an Ocean City property owner? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you completed OC University General Session Classes? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you attended the Citizens Police Academy? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you attended the CERT Program? _____ Yes _____ No

Free Community Emergency Response Training in September

Citizens can make a difference for their families by enrolling in the Community Emergency Response Training courses planned to begin in September at the Ocean City Public Safety Building.

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) is designed to help citizens help themselves and their families in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

Due to the fact that emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately following a disaster, CERT is a free training course that aims to provide citizens with basic information for preparedness and techniques when dealing with emergencies.

Training covers basic skills including CPR/AED, first aid, recognizing natural and man-made hazards in our local communities, disaster preparedness such as emergency plans and disaster

supply kits, hazardous material emergencies and basic fire suppression.

CERT courses are being offered by the Ocean City Emergency Services Department.

The courses are now offered as part of Ocean City University. Citizens who complete a 16-week general studies program through OC University as well as the Citizens Police Academy can earn a Ph.D by completing the CERT program.

CERT classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 6:45 p.m. and will run each Wednesday evening for seven weeks, ending Nov. 10.

To register or for more information, call Kathy Mathias, City Clerk, at 410-289-8842 or e-mail kmathias@oceancitymd.gov.

Additional information can also be found at www.oceancitymd.gov.



Automatic payment option for water and sewer bills

Convenient • Easy • No Checks to Write • Time-Saver

In order to better serve our customers, the Town of Ocean City offers an automatic payment option for water and sewer bills. There is no fee for this service and you'll still receive a quarterly statement showing the amount to be deducted from your checking account.

To enroll in this service, please complete the form below and mail to:

Town of Ocean City • Attn: Collections
P.O. Box 5000 • Ocean City, MD 21843-5000

Enrollment in Town of Ocean City's Pre-Authorized Transfer Program

Name (as shown on utility bill) _____

Billing Address _____

Utility Account Number _____

Ocean City Service Address _____

Bank Name _____

Bank Account Number _____

Financial Institution 9-Digit Routing Number _____

***Please enclose a voided, blank check so that we may verify your bank account number and the other bank routing information we need to process your enrollment.**

Authorization Agreement

I authorize the Town of Ocean City to automatically debit my bank, savings and loan or credit union checking account for the payment of the Town of Ocean City water and sewer bills. I have the right to suspend the transfer of funds up to three business days before the transfer date by notifying the Town and will then make other payment arrangements. I understand that the automatic transfer would resume the following month or the Town reserves the right to limit participation to customers whose accounts are in good standing. If I wish to end my participation in the program, I may do so at any time by notifying the Town.

Signature of Bank Account Holder: _____

Date _____ Phone Number _____

Questions? Call 410-289-8833 or e-mail sadkins@oceancitymd.gov

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.

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.

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	

Times and entertainment are subject to change

Fall-Winter 2010-2011 Events

Sept. 3-5 Labor Day Weekend Art & Craft Festival
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. A tasteful mix of mediums including original oil & watercolors, woodworking & furniture, stained glass, glass art, oils, scents, candles & pottery & ceramics. Unique items for gifts & household. Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ahastings@ocshows.info.

Sept. 16-19 Delmarva Bike Week
Ocean City Area. Tens of thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts enjoy activities & rides throughout the Delmarva Peninsula. A variety of small & large motorcycle-related displays & exhibits from large corporations to small builders. Free entertainment, charity rides. Four locations include Seacrets, Harley-Davidson of Ocean City, Seaford & Winter Place Park in Salisbury. Thurs.-Sat., 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. www.delmarvabikeweek.com.

Sept. 17-19 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. 14K, sterling jewelry, beads, precious & semi-precious stones, crystals, classic & contemporary designs, more. Admission. Fri., noon-7 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 804-746-7663. Tote1523@treasur.esoftheearth.net.

Sept. 23-24 Annual Sand Castle Home Tour
Ocean City Area. Art League of Ocean City's popular event features a self-guided driving tour of 10 unique Ocean City area homes. Ticketed admission. Thurs.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nancy Howard, Art League, 410-524-9433. www.artleagueofocancity.org.

Sept. 23-26 Sunfest
Inlet Lot. Ocean City's most popular festival. Popular entertainers highlight four days of fall fun with arts & crafts, big-top tents, food vendors & more. All entertainment is free with the exception of evening headline acts. Festival hours, Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

Sept. 23-26 Sunfest Kite Festival
On the Beach, 1st St. to 6th St. Enjoy three days filled with spectacular kite flying. Thousands of spectators travel to see master kite flyers from around the world showcase their aerial displays of art. Thurs.-Sun., 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 410-289-7855. www.kiteloft.com.

Oct. 1 Family Campfire on the Beach
130th St. on the Beach. Bring your family for a night of fun with a good old-fashioned campfire. Entertainment, storytelling, music & refreshments. S'mores & hot chocolate offered. Bring your beach blankets. Fri., 6-8 p.m. 410-250-0125. www.ocsportscamps.com.

Event dates and times subject to change.
Please check www.ococean.com or call 1-800-626-2326 to confirm events before traveling long distances and making plans.

Ongoing Events

Art League of Ocean City Exhibits & Receptions
Art League Building, 94th St., Bayside. Continuous exhibits featuring local & regional artists, complemented by a monthly reception, held the first Friday of each month, Feb.-Oct., 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments. Free & open to the public. Classes & workshops offered frequently for adults & children. Please check the web site or call for information. Gallery open Tues.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri.-Sun., 1-4 p.m. 410-524-9433. www.artleagueofocancity.org.

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum
 Historic museum offers a glimpse into Ocean City's past with exhibits of shipwrecks & rescues. New exhibit, "The Boardwalk of Yesterday," evokes memories of years past. Other displays include bathing fashions, mermaid displays, sands from around the world, marine aquariums & "Davy Jones" locker. Unique gift shop with interesting selection of nautical gifts & books. Small admission fee. June-Sept., daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; May & Oct., daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Nov., Dec. & April, weekends, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. During winter months, please call for hours. 410-289-4991. www.ocmuseum.org.

Oct. 1-2 Winefest on the Beach
Inlet Parking Lot. Wineries from across the mid-Atlantic region as well as micro-brew beer. Arts & crafts, live music, food available & more. Admission. Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. www.winefest.com.

Oct. 2 Harbor Day at the Docks — A Waterfront Heritage Festival
West OC Commercial Harbor Area. Maritime heritage festival on the docks in the commercial fishing harbor. Seafood cooking demonstrations, fish cleaning techniques, food available, live entertainment & much more. Free admission; great event for the entire family. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.ocharborday.com. 800-626-2326, ext. 2.

Oct. 2-3 Ocean City Coin & Currency Show
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Thirty or more coin & currency dealers buying & selling, plus free appraisals & free admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 443-623-7025. www.coinbrowser.com.

Oct. 7-10 Endless Summer Cruisin'
Inlet Parking Lot. Hot rod car show features more than 1,500 customs, muscle cars, street machines, classics & more. Live entertainment, manufacturers' midway, boardwalk parades, special attractions. Admission. Thurs.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-798-6304. www.endlesssummercruisin.com.

Oct. 8-9 Oktoberfest
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Eat, drink & be merry with schnitzels, wursts & barrels of beer. Two full days of continuous entertainment

including the Pennsylvania Villagers, Jolly Polkateers II, Happy Wanderers, Alpen Rose Dancers, Side by Side Productions & more. Admission includes craft show. Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 410-213-8090. oceanpromotions@beachin.net. www.oceanpromotions.info.

Oct. 8-9 Oktoberfest Art & Craft Fair
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Over 100 exhibitors displaying holiday items, gifts, wearable art, jewelry, sports memorabilia, fine art, candles & home décor complement the traditional style Oktoberfest show. Admission includes Oktoberfest. Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 410-213-8090. www.oceanpromotions.info. oceanpromotions@beachin.net.

Oct. 15-16 Corvette Weekend
Inlet, Boardwalk & Townwide. Hosted by the Free State Corvette Club, this is a great event for Corvette enthusiasts & owners. Car shows, road rallies, boardwalk parade, other related activities raise money for Spina Bifida Association of MD, the USO at BWI-Marshall Airport & Therapeutic Riding Academy of Howard County. Fri., registration at Holiday Inn at 67th St., 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat., car shows & boardwalk parade at the Inlet 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Parade begins at 4 p.m. Registration fee to enter cars, no charge for spectators. 410-590-5630. www.freestatecorvette.com.

Oct. 17-24 Ocean City Restaurant Week
Citywide. Sample the culinary delights that Ocean City has to offer. Participating restaurants offer fixed-priced menus with two- & three-course meals at \$20 & \$30, respectively. No tickets or passes required, but reservations are appreciated. OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, 800-626-2326, ext. 2. www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com.

Oct. 23-24 Coastal Style Expo
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Coastal Style Magazine comes to life featuring exhibitors in the fields of interior design, flooring, jewelry, high-end kitchen & bath, travel, custom swimming pools, financial advisement & more. Also a "Viking Chef Competition." Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 410-213-9491. www.coastalstyleexpo.com.

Oct. 30 Swing for Youth Golf Open
Eagle's Landing Golf Course. Four-player Florida scramble with best two balls out of four. Each

participant receives cart & greens fees, gift certificate to golf shop, sleeve of Titleist Pro VI balls, raffle tickets & mulligans. Benefits OC Recreation Boosters, which earmark all funds for youth recreation programs. Sat. For registration & information, Eagle's Landing, 410-213-7277. www.eagleslandinggolf.com.

Oct. 30 Halloween Spook-Out Party
Northside Park Complex, 125th St. & Bay. Participants of all ages have a howling good time with events that include carnival games, arts & crafts, hayrides, snacks & much more. Costume contests scheduled throughout the event. Sat., 1-3 p.m. 410-250-0125. www.ocsportscamps.com.

Oct. 30 Seaside 10
Inlet Lot Area. This well-known event takes place rain or shine. Join in the 10-mile or 5K race with both starting at the Ocean City Inlet. 10-mile race begins at 9 a.m.; 5K at 9:15 a.m. Race course includes Boardwalk & then heads out to Coastal Highway. Post-race events include music & awards ceremony. Registration fees for participants. Sat. www.octrirunning.com.

Nov. 6-7 Fallfest of Fine Arts
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Two shows under one roof offers fine artists & outstanding crafts persons exhibiting their creative talents. Find a unique gift for that special person who has everything. Admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net.

Nov. 6-7 14th Annual Christmas Craft Expo
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Find a unique holiday gift for a special person, or something for your own home. Admission includes Fine Art Show. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net.

Nov. 18-Jan. 2 Winterfest of Lights
Townwide & Northside Park, 127th St. Enjoy this award-winning holiday paradise created for the whole family. More than 1 million holiday lights sparkle throughout Ocean City. Tour the avenues of Ocean City to see seasonal décor, then head to Northside Park to see hundreds of animated lighted displays. Relax in the heated tent, enjoy entertainment on selected nights & sip hot chocolate at the Winterfest Village. Browse Yukon Cornelius' gift shop & have a photo taken with Santa. Board the Winterfest Express to tour the lights, including the themed exhibits of your favorite fairy tales. Admission is \$4 for those 10 years & older, & free for those 9 years & younger. Sun.-Thurs., 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 5:30-10:30 p.m. 800-626-2326; 410-250-0125; www.ococean.com.

Nov. 20 Turkey Trot
Eagle's Landing Golf Course. One of the last chances for a great golf tournament before cold weather. Four-player scramble for adults, includes a turkey feast after play. Grab your friends & join us at Ocean City's award-winning course. Sat. For information, Eagle's Landing, 410-213-7277. www.eagleslandinggolf.com.

Nov. 26-28 Holiday Shopper's Fair
Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. Holiday shopping extravaganza with unique handmade merchandise along with toys, nautical items, florals & more. Children's activities are offered, an appearance by Santa & a non-shoppers lounge. Admission. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-723-8605. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

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Your evaluation of the semi-annual OC Newsletter is important to us.
Please let us know:

What articles did you enjoy:

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 City Hall, P.O. Box 158, Ocean City, MD 21843
 Or e-mail: dabbott@oceancitymd.gov

Solid waste collection schedule

~ Oct. 18, 2010 to May 16, 2011 ~

- **Residential** (waste wheelers): Monday: oceanside (75th Street to 146th Street); bayside (75th Street to 135th Street). Tuesday: All areas (Inlet to 74th Street); bayside (136th Street to 146th Street).
- **Commercial** (front-end and 300-gallon containers): Monday, Wednesday, Friday: all areas.

All trash must be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on collection dates. Bulk pick-up service is available for a fee and can be arranged by calling 410-524-0318. For information about solid waste collection, bulk pick-up and holiday pick-up, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/public_works/solidwaste.html or call 410-524-0318.

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.



Ocean City Beach Patrol provides fall coverage

While many neighborhood pools close immediately following the Labor Day weekend, the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues placing lifeguards on all 10 miles of Ocean City beach until the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (Sept. 26 this year). Although OCBP will have fewer stands on the beach, they still remain on duty from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. every day.

To aide your lifeguard or surf rescue technician, the Beach Patrol suggests taking an extra precaution by walking the short distance to swim in the vicinity of a guard stand. Never underestimate the power of the ocean, and keep yourself and your loved ones safe by checking with the SRT on duty about daily surf conditions. Being aware of the dangers that could occur in the ocean is the first step to accident prevention. SRTs are more than happy to answer any questions that beach-goers may have.

The Beach Patrol officially ends the traditional guarding of the beach at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26. At that time it is important for everyone to realize the Beach Patrol is off duty and they should not par-

ticipate in water-related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend. A warm, sunny day may still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed the OCBP's warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of summer are still present and could possibly be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity.

During this time of the year when the stands are pulled off the beach, the Beach Patrol will still maintain a presence for a few weeks with water rescue patrols. These patrols are mobile units that consist of one SRT (rider) acting as the primary rescue swimmer while the other SRT (driver) maintains radio communication and back-up during an emergency. The rationale behind this type of deployment is that the Beach Patrol is both trained and equipped to perform surf rescues and other water-related responses. Having these units already on the beach and mobile effectively reduces the response time from original call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important, however, that people not depend on these



Mobile rescue units patrol the beach in the fall following Sunfest weekend.

mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their loved ones.

OCBP strongly encourages beach patrons to restrict any water-related activities

to times when Beach Patrol personnel are on duty. Never swim alone, always stay within the limits of ability and never rely on a flotation device.

Plumbing fixtures... and how Ocean City charges for them

A simple explanation for a plumbing fixture is anything with a drain.

In a residence, a kitchen, bar, laundry or bathroom sink is a fixture. The dishwasher and garbage disposal are also counted as fixtures, since they add to the waste that the wastewater treatment must take care of. Two sinks in a bathroom would be counted as two fixtures.

A typical home has 10 fixtures, i.e., kitchen sink, garbage disposal, dishwasher, two bathroom sinks, two tub/showers, two toilets and a clothes washer. The fixture count should be the same for both the water (WF) and wastewater charges (WW) on the bill. An outdoor, cold-water, rinse-off shower with no drain, or the hose bibs are not charged as fixtures (no drain involved).

Condominium associations are typically charging condo owners for water usage based on meter readings. If the condominium has a pool or some other type of area common to all, fixtures in that area are charged to the association. Typically, a condo with a pool could be charged for

the pool and for the rinse-off shower, drinking fountain and mop sink required by the health department, and any restrooms that may be included in the common area.

Fixture charges for commercial properties are figured differently from those in residential/domestic properties. The reasoning is that properties used commercially or by the public have more usage than a typical residential property. Public restrooms are a good example. A toilet in a public restroom is charged as six fixtures. Urinals are charged as four fixtures. Public washing machines are charged as five fixtures. These numbers were originally based on a drainage fixture unit chart in the Maryland plumbing code.

Fixture counts are established by the plumbing final inspection that is done when the building is completed. A plumbing inspection report is written after the inspection, and filed for accounting purposes. If plumbing work is done without a plumbing permit, no inspection report is filed on that work and any changes in the fixture count will

not be reflected in the bill. This would include removal of any fixtures. (Any discrepancy in the fixture count can be resolved by a re-inspection of the property at any time.)

The fixture charges on your bill (WF and WW) cover the capital costs of the treatment plants, the distribution and collection systems supporting those plants, and the operating costs of the wastewater plant.

The other charge on the bill (WA) is for water usage — the actual water being used. This is calculated from reading the water meter. This covers the operating costs for producing, treating and distributing the drinking water.

The final charge on the bill is called the Bay Restoration Fund fee (RS or RC). This goes directly to the State of Maryland for funding new processes for the treatment plants to remedy some of the pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

For questions about your bill, call the Finance Department at 410-289-8833. For questions about fixtures, call the Plumbing Department at 410-524-6763.

Ocean City recognized by National Weather Service



Ocean City Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, Bill Sammler of the National Weather Service, and Buzzy Bayles, Emergency Services, appear before the Mayor and Council.

The Town of Ocean City was recently recognized by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service as a "Maryland StormReady" community.

Bill Sammler of the National Weather Service officially presented the StormReady designation to the Mayor and Council during their June 1 work session.

Being recognized as "StormReady" means the town provides its citizens and visitors with the best possible emergency management and preparedness operation.

"Your ability to monitor weather conditions and receive NWS watches and warnings is impressive, and your ability to disseminate critical weather and non-weather related warning information through multiple channels shows Ocean City's dedication to public safety," said Anthony Siebers, Meteorologist-In-Charge at NWS's Wakefield, VA office, in a letter notifying town officials of the recognition.

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
Ocean City Development Corporation

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.



The
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At Eagle's Landing

Fall is the season for the Talon Club at Eagle's Landing Golf Course.
The Talon Club is the best frequent golfers deal in Ocean City!

For just \$179, golfers can enjoy 12 months of discounted golf at Eagle's Landing, but that's not all. Also included in this low annual fee are guest discounts, access to our U.S.G.A. handicap system, discounted apparel in the golf shop and special deals throughout the year.

410-213-7277 • 1-800-283-3846
www.eagleslandinggolf.com



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.

Flood hazard protection in Ocean City

By Jesse C. Houston

Director of Planning & Community Development

All property in Ocean City is in a flood hazard area and subject to flooding from the ocean, coastal bays and heavy rainfall. Minor flooding is not uncommon, and major flooding happens occasionally.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency places properties in flood zones based on their chance of flooding. Property owners can find their property's flood hazard designation by contacting the Department of Planning and Community Development, 410-289-8855 (kbrown@oceancitymd.gov), or City Engineer, 410-289-8845 (tmcgean@oceancitymd.gov).

Natural and beneficial functions of floodplains

Floodplains in their natural state provide many beneficial functions. Primary undeveloped flood plain areas in Ocean City are beaches and dunes, the first line of defense against flood damage from the ocean. Taking care of dunes by not walking in them and maintaining vegetation is essential to retaining their flood protection function.

Bayside, wetlands and other open spaces act as sponges, storing floodwaters before they reach upland areas. These natural areas are protected by federal, state and local regulations.

Flood warning system

Ocean City has developed a flood warning system as part of our Emergency Operations Plan. Since flooding here is caused by storms and hurricanes, the warning system is based on storm severity and location. (See the article on Page 12 on hurricane precautions for more information.)

Flood insurance

Standard homeowners insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Ocean City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes federally backed flood insurance available to property owners. This insurance is required in many cases, such as when

property is purchased with a federally backed mortgage. Property owners can insure buildings and contents against flood damage, and renters can insure possessions. Condominiums should carry a flood insurance policy on the structure itself.

Floodplain development permit requirements

Ocean City Code requires a building permit be obtained for nearly all construction and structural repair work. The

city reviews plans to be sure buildings are constructed to withstand flooding. Permits are also required before any land development (grading, filling, etc.) in the floodplain to ensure activities do not increase flooding potential on or around property.

Part of the permit process involves preparation of elevation certificates, which provide a record of the structure's lowest floor elevation to predicted flood levels. Elevation certificates are maintained for review by insurance agents, property owners and other interested persons. Obtain information and permits from Department of Planning and Community Development at City Hall (410-289-8855, kbrown@oceancitymd.gov). Illegal floodplain activity can also be reported here.

Drainage system maintenance

It is important our drainage system be kept clear of obstructions and debris. The town's littering ordinance prohibits throwing trash onto any public property, including storm drains and sewers.

To report violations and clogged drainage ways, call 410-524-7716.

Flood protection assistance

The Department of Planning and Community Development and City Engineer can assist with questions about flood protection and flood insurance, including historical flooding information so you can relate flood potential to your property; site visits to advise appropriate flood protection techniques; review retrofitting plans; locate property on flood insurance rate maps to determine flood zones and research elevation certificates for existing buildings to determine height above floodwaters. Call 410-289-8855 (kbrown@oceancitymd.gov) for more information.

This article is published in each edition of the newsletter as required by the Town's participation in FEMA's Community Rating System. Property owners in Ocean City receive a 15 percent discount on flood insurance premiums through this program. For an expanded version of this article, please see the Town's web site, www.oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/flood.html.

Property protection measures

There are many ways to protect property from flood damage. Make sure your new building is constructed to meet or exceed code requirements. These include requirements for elevation of building, foundations, venting, etc.

There are also ways to retrofit existing buildings to increase protection:

Elevation: Structure can be raised to bring it above floodwater level.

Levees: In areas of shallow flooding with low velocity, a levee can be built around the structure.

Flood walls: Similar to levees, but built of materials such as masonry block or reinforced concrete to keep floodwater away.

Closures involve techniques for protecting gaps left open for daily convenience, such as walks, doors, driveways.

Sealants can be applied to walls and floors to keep water from penetrating.

Utility protection: Flooding sometimes causes costly damage to utility systems. By elevating utilities or shielding them, flooding can be avoided. Moving utilities to less flood-prone locations can also minimize damage.

Ocean City beach replenishment project update

By Terry McGean, City Engineer

Beach replenishment that had been targeted to start in the spring was delayed until after Labor Day. Although no firm schedule has been established at this time, work will begin sometime after Labor Day.

During beach replenishment, a maximum of three blocks of beach may be closed at any given time for a period of three days. The Town will post more information on our web site, www.oceancitymd.gov, as it becomes available.

Fence repairs will occur after the completion of beach replenishment. Because dune vegetation can only be planted after the first freeze, dune planting will take place in the winter.

In 1994, the State of Maryland, Worcester County and Ocean City accepted responsibility for operation and maintenance of the completed Atlantic Coast of Maryland Storm Protection Project. The project consists of the beach renourishment program, dunes, dune crossovers, dune planting and fencing along with the seawall along the boardwalk.

The state, county, and Ocean City have a 50-year written partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to perform periodic beach renourishment as needed to maintain adequate storm protection. Per this agreement, the Army Corps of Engineers designs and manages the needed re-



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nourishment dredging operations and pays for 53 percent of the cost.

Please keep in mind that damaging the dunes in any way is a criminal offense. Only the Department of Natural Resources contractor is permitted to trim the vegetation. This action is recommended by the Department of Agriculture and is carried out on an annual basis.

Maintaining the project takes a tremendous amount of effort from local and state officials. Crews of Ocean City's Public Works Department maintain all the items mentioned above and the Office of Engineering keeps constant watch on the project.

To make this project successful requires the cooperation of everyone.

Please remember the installation of fencing, landscaping items, decks, planters or any permanent item is prohibited east of the Construction Limit Line (CLL). For your information, the CLL runs more or less parallel with the dunes and is located approximately 10 feet to the west of the westerly toe of the dunes. This area must be kept clear and open for easy access, maintenance and monitoring purposes. It can be easily located at your property by measuring back 10 feet from the sand fencing at the toe of the dune.

If you have questions about where the line is or where you should stop your private fencing, please call the Engineering Office and someone will come out and meet with you.

Also, mid-block crossovers are public property and are for the use of all visitors and residents at the beach. The installation of impediments on these crossovers is prohibited. Any signs, chains, gates, etc., will be removed.

For questions related to the beach replenishment contract, contact either City Engineer Terry McGean, 410-289-8845 (e-mail tmcgean@oceancitymd.gov), or Jordan Loran, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 410-260-8907.

The beach in Ocean City is Maryland's project for everyone's enjoyment. It protects your property and life. To date the project has prevented an estimated \$256 million in storm damage.

Ocean City Numbers To Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance.....911

NON-EMERGENCY

MD Natural Resources Police.....410-548-7070
Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222
U.S. Coast Guard.....410-289-7559

CITY OFFICES

Airport.....410-213-2471
Animal Control.....410-723-6649
Beach Patrol.....410-289-7556
Billing & Tax Information.....410-289-8833
City Hall General Information.....410-289-8221
City Hall Fax.....410-289-7385
City Manager.....410-289-8887
City Solicitor.....410-723-1400
Convention Center.....410-289-8311
Eagle's Landing Golf Course.....410-213-7277
or.....1-800-2TEETIME
Engineering Department.....410-289-8845
Fire Dept. (non-emergency).....410-289-4346
Mayor.....410-289-8931
OC Life-Saving Station Museum...410-289-4991
Police (non-emergency).....410-723-6610
Public Works.....410-524-7716
Public Works Construction.....410-524-4733
Public Works Maintenance.....410-524-0391
Recreation & Parks.....410-250-0125
Solid Waste.....410-524-0318
Tennis Center.....410-524-8337
Tourism.....410-289-2800
Transportation Department.....410-723-1606
Visitor Information.....1-800-OC-OCEAN
Water Department/Billing.....410-289-8833
Water Department.....410-524-8388
Wastewater Department.....410-524-6760

OTHERS

Atlantic General Hospital.....410-641-1100
Chamber of Commerce.....410-213-0144
Comcast.....410-524-3401
Coastal Assoc. of Realtors.....410-641-4409
Consumer Protection Agency.....410-713-3620
District Court.....410-723-6935
Downtown Association.....410-289-1413
Humane Society.....410-213-0146
Life Crisis Hotline.....410-641-4357
Legal Aid Bureau Inc.....410-546-5511
Maryland Job Service.....410-341-8533
OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Assoc.....410-289-6733
Public Defender.....410-632-1933
OC Public Library.....410-524-1818
Weather.....410-548-9262
Youth Health Center.....410-289-4044

OC Transportation continues 'MEDTRN' service

The Ocean City Transportation Department, in conjunction with the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, is continuing its transportation service called "MEDTRN."

Medical Appointment Transportation (MEDTRN) provides safe, courteous and efficient transportation service to ADA-qualified persons with disabilities residing within the corporate limits of Ocean City to/from the corporate limits of Berlin for medical appointments only.

All medical appointment destinations must be located within 500 yards of Route 50 and/or within the corporate limits of Berlin.

Service is provided Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Advance reservations are required.

The MEDTRN fare is \$5 per boarding with exact fare required. No discounts apply. Ocean City resident senior citizen passes are not applicable to this service.

MEDTRN reservations must be made in advance with the Ocean City Transportation Dispatch Office (410-723-1606), no later than 11 a.m. the day prior to the scheduled medical appointment.



All reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, as MEDTRN vehicle seating may be limited.

The first scheduled MEDTRN pick-up in Ocean City for transport to Berlin is 8:30 a.m. Please make every effort to schedule your medical appointments in accordance with MEDTRN hours of operation, allowing no less than 45 minutes for transport to/from Ocean City/Berlin.

MEDTRN financial assistance may be

available to qualified persons in the form of fare vouchers. For more information, please speak with a MEDTRN driver, call Ocean City Transportation at 410-723-1606, or visit www.oceancitymd.gov to download the required MEDTRN financial assistance form.

MEDTRN private party donations will be accepted at the following locations: City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., and Transportation Dispatch Office, 206 65th St.

Be alert for school buses

The Ocean City Police Department, in conjunction with other state and local groups, reminds motorists to be extra careful at all times.

Motorists should do their part to keep children safe as they walk and bike to school.

Citizens need to remember that bus pick-up times vary; however, as a general rule, morning pick-ups are from 7 to 8 a.m. and afternoon drop-off is from 2:45 to 4 p.m. There is also a mid-day pick-up of pre-kindergarten from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

While on Coastal Highway, motorists traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop for school buses with flashing red lights while they are engaged in pick-up and drop-off.

Here are some simple reminders for drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving. Remember that on Oct. 1, Maryland joins other states in making it illegal to hold a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle.

The OCPD will have additional police patrols in the areas where school buses pick up and drop off students and will be strictly enforcing all traffic safety laws.

Mayor and City Council meetings

The Mayor and City Council meet for their regular session on the first and third Monday of every month. If Monday is a holiday, the meeting is held the following day. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. in council chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave.

Work sessions are held the Tuesday prior to a regular Monday night meeting. All meetings are held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays.

• Town of Ocean City Ordinances •

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public. This includes any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, Boardwalk, parking lot, on the beach or in any vehicle. Possessing an open container of any alcoholic beverage in public is prohibited.

BICYCLES ON THE BOARDWALK

Bicycles are allowed on the Boardwalk only as follows:

- Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.....2 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Other times: No restrictions except Springfest and Sunfest Thursday through Sunday.....2 a.m. to 12 Noon.

ROLLER SKATES/BLADES

Permitted on Boardwalk as follows:

- April 1 through Memorial Day and then after Labor Day through Sept. 30.....6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Holidays, Springfest and weekends from April 1 until May 15.....Sunrise to 12 Noon
- Holidays, Sunfest and weekends from May 15 through Memorial Day and the day after Labor Day until Sept. 30.....Sunrise to 10 a.m.
- Oct. 1 through March 31.....Anytime

SKATEBOARDS

Please do not ride a skateboard on the Boardwalk, public street, alley, sidewalk or public lot. Use Ocean City's Skateboard Park at 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue. The park features a bowl and half pipe. For hours and regulations, please call 410-289-BOWL.

BOAT TRAILERS

Unless otherwise posted, boat trailers are not to be parked May 1 to Oct. 1 (warning notice must be posted 8 hours prior to ticket) on any street, alley or public lot or they will be towed.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Loud, unnecessary or unusual noise, or any noise that disturbs, annoys or endangers the comfort, peace or safety of others at any time is prohibited. Please respect the Noise Ordinance, especially between 12 midnight and 7 a.m. when any noise audible at a distance of 50 feet from the noise source is a violation, punishable by law.

PARKING

Please do not park by a curb painted red, in front of any driveway without the consent of the owner, on any sidewalk, in a crosswalk, in any intersection, on any bridge, or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Note that there are posted parking regulations on Ocean City streets. Please read those regulations before leaving your vehicle parked on the street.

Please check your vehicle daily for additional street postings as some are posted on a temporary basis for parades and other special considerations. Also, when parking, park with the flow of traffic. If you receive a parking ticket, you may pay at the Public Safety Building, City Hall or online at www.oceancitymd.gov.

PETS

Pets are not permitted on the beach or Boardwalk between May 1 and Sept. 30; also, please obey the Town's "pooper-scooper" ordinance. Dogs must be on a leash.

RV AND OVERSIZE PARKING

It is illegal to park an RV or other large vehicle (exceeding 21 ft., 2 in. or more in length, and/or 6 ft., 8 in. in width) in any municipal lot, on public streets or alleys between June 1 and Sept. 15. Camping vehicles are not permitted at any time to park in the inlet parking lot.

SLEEPING

Please do not sleep in any vehicle within the city limits of Ocean City except in designated campgrounds. Sleeping on the beach is also prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Only police and maintenance personnel are permitted on the beach between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

SURF FISHING

Please do not surf fish within 50 yards of swimmers between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, May 30 through Sept. 15.

SURFING

Surf only at designated surfing beaches as announced on the radio and as posted in area surf shops. These beaches are operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. by the beach patrol and are clearly marked with signs and flags as boundaries. A segment of Inlet area beach is designated for surfing only, Monday through Friday during the summer season (excluding July 4). You must use an ankle leash tethered to you and the board at all times.

To report violations of the above ordinances, contact the Ocean City Police Department at 410-723-6610.



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Be prepared, stay safe during hurricane season

The Atlantic hurricane season is from June 1 through Nov. 30. Ocean City closely monitors all tropical storms and stays in touch with the National Weather Service during any pending storms.

Hurricane watches and warnings are issued by the National Hurricane Center in Miami. A "watch" is issued for an area that could experience the effects of a hurricane within 48 hours. A "warning" is issued for an area that will experience the effects of a hurricane within 36 hours. Due to population density and the time required to evacu-

ate Ocean City during the summer months, evacuation recommendations may begin before a hurricane watch is issued.

Local emergency officials evaluate hurricane information to determine when to issue appropriate safety recommendations to the public. If necessary, the Mayor, through the Emergency Management Director, will issue recommendations and evacuation orders.

It is important to note that an evacuation order may be given while the sun is shining. This is because we must move all vulnerable residents to safety prior to the arrival of high winds or flooding roadways.

Have a family emergency plan! Leave your home immediately when requested. When an evacuation order is given, it will be issued over the town's advisory radio station 1670 AM, local radio and TV stations, on the internet at www.oceancitymd.gov, on the local government access television channel, and when necessary, law enforcement, fire and other emergency officials notify people as well.

The evacuation order will be issued in phases. More information can be found at www.oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/hur.html.

Here's how we try to get your attention during emergencies such as hurricanes: the town's new advisory radio station 1670 AM, local radio and television, cable television audio override, electronic signs, direct notification through business, community organizations and emergency officials, banner planes and the internet at www.oceancitymd.gov.

During emergencies, we also update a recording for our residents and visitors. Call 410-723-6666.

Tune into 1670 AM

Your radio station for community information

To improve communication and enhance the safety of those living, working and visiting in Ocean City, the Town of Ocean City has an AM advisory radio station. The frequency of the station is 1670 KHz on the AM dial and is received throughout the Ocean City area.

While the primary use of this station is to inform the public of emergency conditions in the area such as weather events and how to respond to them, the station also broadcasts community information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Having a non-commercial FCC license does not allow any commercial broadcasting. The portable alert AM radio station was acquired by the Town with a Homeland Security grant.

Boardwalk bench dedication program available

The Public Works Maintenance Division continues to offer the opportunity to purchase a Boardwalk bench and plaque in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. The cost of the bench and plaque is \$1,400.

To date, there are 338 dedicated benches along the Boardwalk from the Inlet to 27th Street.

If you are interested in this program, contact the Public Works at 410-524-0391 to receive additional information.


