



Wayne Pryor, Town of Ocean City, with Tom Oneto and Coleman Bunting of the Ocean City Aviation Association with the Huey helicopter OCAA is having restored and eventually placed on display at the Ocean City Municipal Airport in honor of those who have served in the armed forces.

Important information for rental property owners

If you rent your property to anyone at any time, the law requires you to obtain an Ocean City rental license and an Ocean City noise control permit. This is to assure compliance with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to rental housing units within the corporate limits of Ocean City. It is also the purpose to promote and ensure safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units; to prevent deterioration of rental housing units and to encourage responsible management, maintenance and use of rental housing units by the inspection and licensing of these units.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave.: by mail at Town of Ocean City, P.O. Box 5000, Ocean City, MD 21843, or by telephone at 410-289-8833.

MVA on Wheels mobile van offers convenient service

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's MVA on Wheels mobile van visits Ocean City monthly and can be found at the Public Safety Building lot, 65th Street and Coastal Highway. The mobile unit generally visits the second Tuesday of each month from 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.

For more information, call the MVA at 1-800-950-1 MVA.

~ 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 as follows:

- Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day..... 2 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Springfest and Sunfest
Thursday through Sunday..... 2 a.m. to noon
- Other times No restrictions

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 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 Third 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 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 feet, 2 inches or more in length, and/or 6 feet, 8 inches 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 the Inlet area is available for surfing only, Monday through Friday during the summer season (excluding July 4). You must use an ankle leash that is 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.



Ocean City Elementary School students help Mayor Rick Meehan and town staff plant a tree at Northside Park as part of the annual Arbor Day ceremonies held in April. Details about the 2012 ceremony will be announced in the coming months.

Sign up to receive email notices for public hearings, news releases

Citizens can sign up to receive email notices about upcoming Town of Ocean City public hearings as well as news releases.

To receive email notification for public hearings, visit www.oceancitymd.gov and click on "View Public Hearings." Here, citizens can view PDF files of upcoming public hearings and sign up to receive an auto-

matic email notification when new public hearings are posted. This service offers a convenient way for all citizens, both residents and non-residents, to be informed about upcoming public hearings.

To receive the town's news releases, click on the "Media" section and you will see the link to subscribe to the news releases via email.

Ocean City's trophy mantel

Ocean City has been the proud recipient of numerous accolades over the years. Below is list of awards and honors bestowed upon the town.

- America's Most Affordable Fun City, Bloomberg Businessweek, 2011.
- Top 10 Best Boardwalks, National Geographic, 2011.
- Second Most Popular Beach in the U.S., The Daily Beast, 2011.
- Yahoo Travel Top 10 Family Destination, 2011.
- Top 10 Amusement Parks and Boardwalk in the U.S., Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice, 2011.
- OC Air Show: American Bus Association Top 100 Event in North America, 2011.
- Winterfest of Lights: American Bus Association Top 100 Events in North America, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- Sunfest: Ranked No. 1 Traditional Art & Craft Show in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, 2011, 2010; ranked No. 3 in 2006, 2009.
- Springfest: Ranked No. 10 Traditional Art & Craft Show in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, 2011; ranked No. 11 in 2009.
- Ten Best U.S. Boardwalks, Sherman's Travel, 2010.
- Natural Resources Defense Council Five-Star Rating for cleanliness and safety of beach water, 2008, 2009.
- Top 50 Motorcoach Destinations, National Motorcoach Network Inc., 2008.
- Ten Best U.S. Beaches by Woman's Day Online, 2007.
- Art's Alive: The National Recreation and Park Association's prestigious Dorothy Mullen National Arts and Humanities Award, which honors the most innovative and effective arts and humanities program in the nation, 2007.
- One of America's "Best Seaside Strolls," Reader's Digest, 2006.
- AAA Top Member Auto Travel Destination, 2003-2006.
- Beach Buddy 2004: One of four beaches recognized by the Natural Resource Defense Council for environmental achievements.
- Roland E. Powell Convention Center: Prime Site Award, Facilities & Destinations Magazine, 2005, 2006.
- Eagle's Landing Golf Course: First place in 2004 and 2005, nationwide Audubon International Bird Count.
- "One of the 10 Great Places to Have Fun on the Boardwalk," USA Today, 2005.
- "Top 10 Family-Favorite Beach Towns in the Country" by the readers of FamilyFun Magazine, 2005.
- Winterfest of Lights: Ranked No. 2 in America Online City Guide's Top 11 Lighting Displays in the Country, 2005.
- One of the "Best Boardwalks in America," The Travel Channel, 2004.
- All-America City, 2001, National Civic League.

Ocean City's bulk pick-up service fee increases

The Town of Ocean City Solid Waste Division's bulk pick-up service increased July 1. The cost for bulk pick-up service is now \$15 for one item, \$25 for up to three items and \$5 for each additional item.

Ocean City's bulk pick-up service offers a convenient way to rid your property of unwanted items. The town's ordinance code allows for the collection of large household items such as furniture, appliances, bicycles, grills, large umbrellas, clotheslines, carpet, etc., which cannot normally be loaded into a standard refuse truck. This service does not include building materials, roofing, siding, soil, concrete, yard debris, tree stumps, etc. Bulk pick-up service is available to

residential properties only within the corporate limits of the town.

To receive pick-up of large bulk items, call the Solid Waste Division of Public Works at 410-524-0318. City workers are not allowed to go on private property, so items should be placed next to your dumpster, or as close to the sidewalk as possible. Bulk pick-up service operates Mondays through Fridays from May through September; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays October through April.

Monies will not be collected at the time of pick-up, but billed to the address you prefer. For more information, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318.