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
Billing & Tax Information 410-289-8833
City Hall General Information 410-289-8221
City Manager.. 410-289-8887
Eagle's Landing Golf Course 410-213-7277
   or 1-800-2TEETIME
Engineering Department 410-289-8855
Fire Department (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... 410-524-7715
Public Works Maintenance 410-524-0391
Recreation & Parks 410-250-0125
Solid Waste 410-524-0318
Transportation Department 410-723-1606
Visitor Center... 410-289-2800
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 Association 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 Association 410-289-6733
OC Public Library 410-524-1818
Public Defender 410-632-1933
Weather... 410-548-9262

OCFD supports breast cancer awareness

The Ocean City Fire Department took off the "blue" and went pink in support of the battle against breast cancer. The department observed August as its awareness month by wearing dark blue T-shirts with pink lettering.
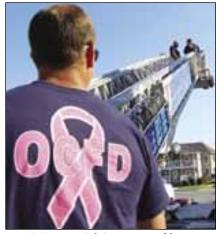
The shirt featured the Ocean City Fire Department logo on the left chest in pink with a breast cancer ribbon in the center. The back of the shirt read "OCFD" in bold pink letters, with a breast cancer ribbon through the letters.

Fire Chief Chris Larmore authorized the wearing of these shirts to show the community that the department is at their side not only during an emergency, but also through difficult personal times such as dealing with cancer.

"Firefighters dedicate their lives to the service of others," said Ryan L. Whittington, Ocean City Fire Department spokesperson. "We used the month of August to provide community outreach and support for members of the community, firefighters and family members that are stricken not only by breast cancer, but other types of cancers and illnesses."

The change in attire, which lasted the entire month of August, generated a lot of attention. "We had folks on the street stopping to thank us, and individuals at the hospital who stopped to give us a hug and share their personal cancer story with us," Whittington said.

Many fire departments across the nation wear pink shirts during breast cancer awareness month in October, but the Ocean City Fire Department wants it known they support those going through illness such as cancer year round, no matter what month it is.

OCFD goes pink in support of breast cancer awareness.

2011-2012 transportation service schedule

— Coastal Highway Bus —
South Division Street to & from 144th Street
$1 per boarding or $3 ride-all-day
Fall, Through Oct. 30
Every 15 minutes, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Every 30 minutes, 10 p.m.-6 a.m.
Winter, Oct. 31-April 1
Sunday-Thursday: Every 40 minutes, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.;
Every 80 minutes 11 p.m.-7 a.m.
Friday & Saturday: Every 30 minutes, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

— Special Event Express Shuttle —
$1 per boarding or $3 ride-all-day
Springfest, May 3-6
Convention Center south parking lot at 40th St.
to & from Inlet Lot, approximately every 20 minutes
Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

— Boardwalk Tram —
South 1st Street to & from 27th Street
$3 regular fare
Fall/Winter, Through May 2
Closed
Springfest, May 3-6
Thursday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight
Sunday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

— Park & Ride Bus —
South Division Street to & from OC Outlets &
West Ocean City Park & Ride
$1 ride-all-day
Fall/Winter, Oct. 10-May 2
Closed; please refer to Shore Transit public transit schedule
Springfest, May 3-6
Every 20 minutes, 6 a.m.-2 a.m.
(Note: On Sunday, May 6, service ends at 10 p.m.)

For additional information,
call the Ocean City Transportation Department at 410-723-1606.

OC University open for registration

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.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. To sign up for the spring semester, which begins Wednesday, Jan. 11 and runs every Wednesday through Feb. 29, fill out registration form printed here and send to Ocean City University, PO Box 158, Ocean City, MD 21843.

The goals of OCU 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.

Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit www.oceancitymd.gov.

REGISTRATION FORM

Ocean City University • P.O. Box 158 • Ocean City, MD 21843
Attn: Diana Chavis, Executive Office Associate
dchavis@oceancitymd.gov • 410-289-8887

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street/Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Alternate/Cell Phone _____

Email _____

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

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.
Please call in advance of your visit.

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

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 email sadkins@oceancitymd.gov

Beach Patrol, State Police partner on water rescues

This summer the Ocean City Beach Patrol and Maryland State Police formed a partnership to enable the two organizations to work more closely on water-related emergencies and rescues. This collaboration started when the MSP helicopter (Trooper 4) from the Salisbury/ Wicomico/Ocean City Airport was positioned at the Ocean City Municipal Airport during weekends over the summer. Statistics showed the majority of the medevac calls received in the summer were generated from the beach on weekends; therefore, the decision was made to deploy the helicopter from the Ocean City Municipal Airport.

Initially, the partnership involved senior OCBP officers in an observer capacity, providing a better vantage point when surveying a potential situation, providing air support during times of high rip current risk, and/or searching for missing swimmers from the helicopter.

Since the most dangerous time for swimmers at the beach is in the evening, after the lifeguards go off duty, MSP and OCBP discussed the plan of using guards during extended evening patrols to look for rip currents from above so that they could then radio information to emergency responders on the ground. Talks progressed to the idea of actually deploying a swimmer from the helicopter.

An OCBP member is lowered from the MSP helicopter during training.

The partnership evolved into an efficient, expertly trained and equipped emergency rescue team with top-notch pilots, medics and now rescue swimmers.

In total, 12 OCBP veteran lifeguards along with MSP pilots and paramedics were trained. After many hours in the classroom and on the ground, training culminated in practicing actual air deployments into the ocean off of Assateague Island.

Guards went up in the helicopter two at a time, along with a pilot, co-pilot, trainer and helicopter paramedic. Rescue swimmers were taught how to work the harness, how to be lowered into the water, what type of hand signals to use when communicating with the paramedics waiting above in the chopper, and how to put an injured victim into a basket to be lifted up for immediate treatment.

Once in the water, they practiced the procedure of quickly disconnecting from the cable attached to the helicopter, signaling to the hoist operator that they were okay, and then swimming to a simulated person in distress.

Although no actual life-threatening rescues were performed with Trooper 4 and OCBP this summer, the partnership still proved to be an invaluable asset to the town's emergency response.

The medevac deployment from the Ocean City Airport was beneficial in providing quick response time for several serious neck, back and trauma injuries.

Transportation Division awarded grant

ADA-accessible curb cuts at the South End Transit Center.

The Ocean City Transportation Division was awarded a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the refurbishment the South End Transit Center.

Built in 1991, the South End Transit Center services approximately 3 million residents and visitors annually and connects with Shore Transit and Greyhound Lines on a daily basis.

ARRA funding provided for exterior painting, finish carpentry work, roof gutter replacement, three new flagpoles, three new metal doors and one LED message board. Work also included the replacement of exterior light fixtures, ADA-accessible curb cuts and sidewalk ramps, lane striping and refurbishment of existing signs.

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.

For more information about the license plate program, call the City Clerk's office at 410-289-8824 or e-mail kallmond@oceancitymd.gov.