

March 2012

Event dates & times subject to change.
Please check www.ocean.com or call 800-626-2326
to confirm events before traveling long distances.

March 2-4: St. Patrick's Soccer Tournaments

Northside Park, 125th St. Annual St. Patrick's Tournament series. Girls & boys under 10 & under 14 compete. Other dates in this series: March 9-11, girls & boys under 12 & under 16; March 16-18, women & men over 18. 410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov.

March 7: 50th Anniversary of the March 1962 Storm

Convention Center, 40th St. bayside. Save the date! The Ocean City Museum Society will host a "storm party" dinner event to commemorate the "storm of the century" March 1962 nor'easter. Details to be announced. Sandy Hurley, 410-289-4991. www.ocmuseum.org.

March 9-10: Ocean City Handbell Festival

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Final concert of the Handbell Musicians of America, Area III Ocean City Festival. Over 500 handbell ringers will play en masse under guest conductor Deborah Rice. Registration required to participate in event; concert free & open to the public Sat., 4:45 p.m. debbiehen@gmail.com. www.areaiii.org.

March 9-11: Home, Condo & Garden Show/ Art & Craft Fair

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Many ideas on decorating, remodeling, renovating or building your own home, all under one roof. This is an opportunity to see what's new, compare products & find bargains. Artists & crafters will complement the Home & Garden Show by showcasing their most creative unique craft & gift items, decor & accessories. Practical as well as fun items for your home & lifestyle. www.oceanpromotions.info or email: oceanpromotions@beachin.net. 410-213-8090. Fri., noon-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

March 14: St. Patty's Bingo

Ocean City Senior Center, 41st St. & bay. Annual bingo held at the Mac Center to celebrate the wearing of the green. Prizes & refreshments sponsored by the Recreation & Parks Department. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. 410-250-0125.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Parade

61st St. south to 45th St. on Coastal Hwy. Annual parade & festival celebrates the "wearing o' the green." An Ocean City tradition with entrants including marching bands, floats, law enforcement groups & more. Followed by entertainment, food & beverages available at festival. Festival opens at 10 a.m. at 45th St. & Coastal Hwy.; parade starts at noon from 61st St. south on Coastal Hwy. to 45th St. www.delmarvairish.org or www.oceancitystpatricksdayparade.com or contact Buck Mann at 410-289-6156.

March 30-April 1: Reach the Beach All Star & College Internationals

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. The original cheer & dance beach nationals return for another exciting all-star event. Cheer & dance teams compete for national championship title. No admission. megan@acdaspirt.com; www.acdaspirt.com. 877-322-2310.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Festival Saturday, March 17

31st annual event sponsored by the Delmarva Irish-American Club

The 31st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival marches in Ocean City on Saturday, March 17. Sponsored by the Delmarva Irish-American Club, this Ocean City tradition has grown to become Maryland's second largest St. Patrick's Day parade and the weekend has become a seasonal kick-off for many local businesses.

Ocean City's St. Patrick's Day Parade includes pipe and drum bands, including the Chesapeake Caledonia Pipe and Drum Band and the Ocean City Pipe Band, several area high school marching bands led by the Stephen Decatur High School Marching Band and numerous festively decorated St. Patty's Day floats.

Trophies will be awarded for best marching band, best commercial float, best non-commercial float, best motorized unit, best adult marching unit, best youth marching unit, special committee award and best overall entry in the parade.

The procession begins at noon at 61st Street and marches south on Coastal Highway to the 45th Street Shopping Center, where the reviewing and judges stand will be located.

The 45th Street Shopping Center will once again be transformed into a lively Irish festival complete with live Irish entertainment, dancers, face painting, Irish apparel and plenty of food and drink. Music

will be provided by "Off the Boat Band" featuring James Gallagher. The free-admission festival begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

The Delmarva Irish-American Club was founded in 1980. The first membership drive resulted in 75 members; today, the membership totals more than 300 and is open to anyone who is Irish, or Irish descent or just likes things Irish. The club has awarded over \$250,000 for scholarships to local students from the proceeds of previous parades.

For more information, visit www.delmarvairish.org, www.oceancitystpatricksdayparade.com or call Buck Mann at 410-289-6156.



 See other pages of this newsletter/calendar for important telephone numbers, city ordinances, trash schedules, transportation schedules and more.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 11	12	13	14	15	16	ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home, Condo & Garden Show, Art & Craft Fair, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Convention Center • St. Patrick's Soccer Tournament, Northside Park 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVA Mobile Van, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 65th St. • Mayor & Council Work Session, 1 p.m., City Hall 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patty's Bingo, 10 a.m.-noon, OC Senior Center 		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick's Soccer Tournament, Northside Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick's Parade & Festival 10 a.m., 45th St., Parade at noon, 61st St. south to 45th St. on Coastal Hwy. • St. Patrick's Soccer Tournament, Northside Park
18	19	SPRING BEGINS 20	21	22	23	24
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