



OCEAN CITY, MD | **OCEAN CITY**
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IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN **THE FUN FAMILY** IN OCMD!



April 2018

Dear Media Friends of Ocean City, Maryland,

After a cold, icy winter with snow storms meteorologists referred to as “bomb cyclones” hitting Ocean City and other areas on the East Coast, I think it’s safe to say we are all looking forward to spring and summer. And as the weather warms up and it comes time for folks to take their summer vacations, there is truly no better place to spend time off than in Ocean City, Maryland.

Ocean City is the perfect vacation destination because there is so much fun to be had in our beach town. And this year, to showcase all the fun things there are to do in Ocean City, we are introducing you to **The Fun Family**. You may have already spotted **The Fun Family** in our newest TV spots, but I wanted to personally introduce you to them in this letter. As **The Fun Family** demonstrates in the TV spots, Ocean City is the ultimate place to spend a weeklong vacation with your family. From funnel cake, rides and arcade games on our famous Boardwalk, to go karts and mini golf, to paddle boarding and relaxing on our ten mile-long beautiful, free beach, Ocean City has it all. And with our free family fun events six nights a week, you can have a jam-packed, yet affordable visit.

We have so many fun events in store this year, including our 28th annual Springfest—featuring Rolling Stones cover band Satisfaction, country singer Trace Adkins, and rock legend Bret Michaels—from May 3-6 to kick off the summer season, the 11th annual OC Air Show—featuring the return of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds—from June 16-17, and the White Marlin Open—with more than \$2 million in prize money up for grabs—from August 6-10. We have outlined many highlights of the fun things we have lined up in 2018 throughout this press kit.

I hope you and your audience join us and **The Fun Family** down the ocean very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Meehan".

Rick Meehan
Mayor of Ocean City, Maryland



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Ocean City vacationers can enjoy these exciting features this year:

Coastal Highway "Beach Bus"

Getting around Ocean City is now easier than ever! Ocean City municipal buses travel along Coastal Highway seven days a week, and you can ride for just \$3 per day. Now, visitors can track their bus in real time with Ocean City's new bus locator. It's fast, reliable and easy to use. There are two ways to find the bus:

1. Download the **TransLoc Rider App** from the App Store or at translocrider.com, or visit oct.transloc.com for the mobile web map.
2. Text your Bus Stop ID number to 414-11 when you're at the bus stop.

Plus, if you don't have cash to pay for your fare, you can pay straight from your phone using the **EMoney app**, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Ocean City ♥'s Craft Beer

An ocean of micro-brewed goodness awaits! In addition to our own local breweries and brewpubs, Ocean City is home to more than 200 restaurants with craft beer on tap. And nothing beats a Maryland craft beer served with a Maryland entrée.

Visitors can also be recognized as an Ocean City craft beer aficionado by participating in the **OCraft Challenge**. Those who download the **Shore Craft Beer app**, stay one night or more in Ocean City and visit at least five participating restaurants, bars or breweries that serve or cook with craft beer will earn an exclusive prize.

FREE Family Fun Six Nights a Week!

As always, Ocean City offers a fun lineup of **FREE** family-friendly events. This year's free family fun activities include movies on the beach, Family Beach Olympics, free family programs at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, Beach Dance Parties, Sundaes in the Park, Sunset Park Party Nights and beach fireworks.

You take care of booking your accommodations, and Ocean City will provide all the fun while you're here!



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FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITES

Ocean City, Maryland vacationers have spoken! To find out which activities and snacks our visitors like best when they're in Ocean City, we consulted our 1 million+ Facebook fans.

Which is your favorite activity during your OCMD vacation?



Which kind of OCMD Boardwalk snack person are you?



A trip to OCMD's Boardwalk isn't complete without _____.



Fill in the blank: My family always has to _____ when we're in OC.



OCEAN CITY 2018 EVENTS

LATE APRIL-MAY

BOARDWALK HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES

Through May 6

Take a horse and carriage ride on Ocean City's famous Boardwalk, starting at the Inlet area, and up to 4th Street and back. Fee is \$10 per person, and kids ages three and under ride free. Offered Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.ococean.com

KOMEN MD OCEAN CITY RACE FOR THE CURE

April 14

Walk or run the recreational 5K or 1-mile route on the Ocean City Boardwalk. The 7th annual event features food, music, kids' activities, a survivor tent and a post-race beer garden. Funds raised benefit local breast health programs and national research. www.komenmd.org/oceancity



OCEAN CITY SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK

April 15-29

Ocean City's spectacular restaurants offer special fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons required. www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

April 20-22

Show features fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals and fossils. Convention Center. www.treasuresoftheearth.com

BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS

April 21

An annual event hosted by the Worcester County Humane Society. All proceeds benefit the Ocean City area's no-kill pet shelter. Bring your pet or adopt a shelter dog for the day. Boardwalk from Inlet to 27th Street. www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org

WALK MS

April 21

A 5K and 1-mile fundraiser for the 15,000 individuals living with MS in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. 30th Street and Boardwalk. www.nationalmssociety.org

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

April 22

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra presents "Of Tragedy, Love, and Victory," featuring pianist Leon Fleisher and guest soprano Janice Chandler. OC Performing Arts Center. www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO

April 27-29

Three fun-filled days of kite flying on Ocean City's beautiful beach, featuring stunts, demonstrations, kite lessons and more. 3rd to 6th Street Beach. www.kiteloft.com

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION

April 27-29

Carvers and visitors from around the world convene for the most prestigious competition of contemporary wildfowl art, featuring classes and seminars, demonstrations, kids' activities and exhibitors. Convention Center. www.wardmuseum.org

OCEAN CITY ISLAND TO ISLAND HALF MARATHON/5K

April 28

Half marathoners start at Assateague Island and finish in the Ocean City Inlet. 5K participants run on the Boardwalk, finishing in the same location as the half marathoners. www.octrirunning.com

SPRINGFEST

May 3-6

Ocean City celebrates spring and the upcoming summer season with four dynamic days of local food, live entertainment, and arts and crafts. The 28th annual Springfest features Rolling Stones cover band Satisfaction,

country music singer Trace Adkins and rock legend Bret Michaels. Inlet parking lot. www.ococean.com

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

May 4

Every first Friday of the month. Meet artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see new exhibits from 5 to 7 p.m. OC Center for the Arts. www.artleagueofoceancity.org



THE BIG GET-TOGETHER

May 9

A gathering of hand-crafted art, beer and good friends! A new event sponsored by the OC Foodie Tour, Shore Craft Beer and the Art League of Ocean City. OC Center for the Arts. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

SPRING MOVIE NIGHT

May 11

Grab a beach chair and enjoy a free movie at Sunset Park. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Concessions available for purchase. www.ococean.com

BEACHFEST VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

May 12-13

A fun, competitive indoor volleyball tournament. Convention Center. www.ococean.com

CRAB SOUP COOK-OFF FESTIVAL

May 12

Local professional chefs compete for the title of "Best Crab Soup." Entertainment for kids, exhibits and live music. The public can sample and vote for the best soup for a small fee. Somerset Street Plaza between Baltimore Avenue and the Boardwalk. www.downtownassociation.net.

FIGHT THE BITE 5K

May 12

The third annual 5K run/walk fundraiser for lyme disease, which will also provide information about the illness and how to prevent it. Inlet parking lot and Boardwalk. www.ococean.com

RAT PACK TOGETHER AGAIN

May 12

A thrilling night of great music. The Rat Pack will perform all of their wonderful songs, comedy and sketches. OC Performing Arts Center. www.ratpacktogetheragain.com

RIDE FOR THE FEAST

May 12

A two-day, 140-mile bicycle ride from Ocean City to Baltimore City, with proceeds benefitting Moveable Feast. 3rd Street and Boardwalk. www.rideforthe Feast.org



CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY

May 17-20

Popular car show featuring more than 3,400 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines and muscle cars. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, special attractions and Boardwalk

parades. Convention Center and Inlet parking lot. www.cruisinoceancity.com

HERMAN'S HERMITS

May 17

Universally regarded as one of rock and roll's finest and most versatile entertainers, Peter Noone is second to none! Star of stage, screen and record, Noone's performances are legendary, deftly delivering a broad palette of music, all gems that through his voice defined a generation. OC Performing Arts Center. www.hermanshermits.com



INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

May 18

Enjoy free admission to the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, featuring interesting displays on history, the lore of the sea and more. www.ocmuseum.org

SALUTE TO SERVICES

May 19-June 20

The OC Life-Saving Station Museum is honoring police, firefighters, EMS, active and retired military with free admission for individuals and their families. www.ocmuseum.org

BROWN BOX THEATRE PRESENTS: BROADWAY JUKEBOX

May 23

A musical theatre cabaret event. With almost 30 Broadway songs to choose from, each performance is unique based on the selection of that evening's audience. Upon arrival, audience members vote for their top three choices from a series of different musical theatre categories, including "The Golden Age," "Contemporary Musicals," "Disney on Broadway," and more. Brown Box curates that night's show on the spot in this interactive, family-friendly evening, where they perform what the audience considers the best of Broadway. OC Performing Arts Center. www.brownboxtheatre.org

CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS JET DEMONSTRATION TEAM

May 23

The Canadian Air Force Snowbirds will take to the sky over Ocean City for a special air show featuring nine aircraft performing close-proximity formation passes and aerobatics. The 40-minute show will take place over the Atlantic Ocean, centered on the 3rd Street Beach. Spectators can view the show between the Inlet and 13th Street, with optimal viewing between 1st and 5th Streets. www.ococean.com

BEACH LIGHTS

Every Night from May 25-September 3

Visitors can enjoy spectacular three-minute light shows nightly from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. This lighting attraction features high-powered searchlights in a variety of colors that accent the sky and surrounding area around N. Division Street and the Boardwalk. Searchlights move and sway, creating a dance of light to musical selections played through Boardwalk speakers. Presented every 20 minutes from 9 to 11 p.m. www.ococean.com

SPRING MOVIE NIGHT

May 25

Bring a beach chair and enjoy a movie free of charge at Northside Park. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain, movie will be shown in the gym at Northside Park. www.ococean.com



ESA SUMMER SURF SERIES

May 26

Amateur surfing qualifying event for surfers of all ages and abilities, hosted by the Delmarva Eastern Surfing Association. 30th Street Beach. www.delmarva.surfesa.org

“PLAY IT SAFE” ACTIVITIES FOR GRADS

May 30-June 15

Town-wide program for 2018 high school graduates, featuring karaoke, volleyball, dodgeball, kayaking, bowling and more. Those who attend a “Play It Safe” event will receive a wristband to ride the bus all week for \$5. All events are free. www.playitsafeoceancity.com

BALTIMORE RAVENS BEACH BASH

May 31-June 2

Join the Baltimore Ravens for a fantastic purple team-sponsored beach bash. Highlights include appearances by Poe, players and coaches, and the Council of Baltimore Ravens Roosts annual parade on June 2. www.ococean.com

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MAKO MANIA

June 1-3

The 22nd annual mako shark tournament with added entry levels for bluefish and thresher shark. Daily weigh-ins will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Bahia Marina. www.bahiamarina.com

COUNCIL OF RAVENS ROOSTS ANNUAL PARADE

June 2

Baltimore Avenue from 19th to 26th Streets turns into a sea of purple at the annual Ravens Roost parade, featuring floats, players, cheerleaders and marches. www.ococean.com

LONGBOARD TEAM CHALLENGE

June 9-10

Sixteen teams of five compete on longboards on two surf areas, 36th to 37th Street and 37th to 38th Street. Giveaways and kids’ activities on the beach. www.ococean.com

SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE

June 9-10

The largest sand soccer event in OC. Open to all traditional and non-traditional soccer teams, and features recreational and competitive brackets. Wicomico Street to N. Division Street Beach. www.ocbeachsoccer.com

BEACH 5 SAND SOCCER

June 16-17

Family-focused soccer tournament on the beach from Dorchester Street to 3rd Street and St. Louis Avenue. www.beach5sandsoccer.com

OC AIR SHOW

June 16-17

The 11th annual OC Air Show is excited to announce the return of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. The show is visible along the entire length of the Boardwalk. Spectators can watch free of charge or in VIP seating. Unique media experiences available. www.ocairshow.com



MARYLAND STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

June 16-22

Annual convention for the Maryland State Fireman’s Association. Training programs, business meetings, exhibits and a popular parade on Wednesday, June 20. www.msfa.org

ESA SUMMER SURF SERIES

June 23

Amateur surfing qualifying event for surfers of all ages and abilities, hosted by the Delmarva Eastern Surfing Association. Assateague State Park. www.delmarva.surfesa.org

OC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

June 23-24

One of the East Coast's largest automotive events comes to OC with tuners, exotics, trick trucks, classics and super bikes. Live entertainment and special guest appearances. Convention Center.

www.occarshow.com

SKATE BOWL BASH

June 26

The annual Skate Bowl Bash is open to kids of all ages. Free day of skating, door prizes, music from a local DJ and food concessions for sale. Ocean Bowl Skate Park www.ococean.com

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Family Beach Olympics

A variety of fun family contests for all ages to enjoy on the beach at 27th Street most Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning June 26.

First Friday Opening Reception • June 1

Every first Friday of the month. Meet artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see new exhibits from 5 to 7 p.m. OC Center for the Arts. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sundaes in the Park • June 17 & 24

Bring your family and beach chairs and enjoy free local music groups. Create your own ice cream sundae for a small fee. Children's entertainment presented. Fireworks conclude the evening. 7 to 9 p.m. in Northside Park.

Movies on the Beach

Three nights a week, take a seat on the beach and enjoy a movie free of charge. Mondays and Fridays on the 27th Street Beach beginning

June 25, and Wednesdays on the beach by the Carousel Hotel beginning June 6.

JULY

STARPOWER BELIEVE

July 2-6

Dance competition featuring professional staging and sound, knowledgeable judges and a performance atmosphere like no other. Convention Center. www.believetalent.com

JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS

Enjoy a free concert at 8 p.m. followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. on the beach at N. Division Street, and simultaneously uptown at Northside Park on 125th Street. www.ococean.com

OC TUNA TOURNAMENT

July 13-15

The East Coast's largest tuna tournament celebrates its 31st year. Spectators can watch for free as more than 100 boats weigh-in large tuna in hopes of winning big money—more than \$785,000 was paid out in 2017. Ocean City Fishing Center. www.octunatournament.com

STARPOWER NATIONAL TALENT COMPETITION

July 16-20

World championship competition for dancers who qualified at regionals held across the U.S. Master Classes and Top Gun auditions will be offered with some of the most talented performers and teachers in the entertainment business. Convention Center. www.starpowertalent.com

OCEAN GAMES

July 21

Annual event held along the beautiful shoreline of Ocean City to raise funds for the Johns Hopkins Brain and Stroke Rehabilitation Program. Conducted in cooperation with the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Beach Patrol, and the United States Coast Guard, the Ocean Games features three main competitions. www.oceangamesusa.org

USSSA WORLD SERIES OPENING CEREMONY

July 23

The weeklong youth softball tournament hosted in Wicomico County kicks off with a beach bash party featuring a parade, introductions, a DJ, speeches, games and more. Attendees include players, coaches and their families. www.ococean.com



GREEK FESTIVAL

July 27-29

Experience the sights, sounds and flavors of a trip to Greece right here in OC. Shop for art, jewelry, clothing and more while enjoying live entertainment, dancing and traditional Greek fare. Convention Center. www.oceancitygreekfestival.com



HUK BIG FISH CLASSIC

July 27-29

See teams weigh-in huge marlin and tuna for more than \$500,000 in prize money. Spectators are free. Talbot Street Pier. www.bigfishclassic.com

MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FESTIVAL

July 28

Enjoy shopping holistic and wellness products, relax and learn. Convention Center. www.ococean.com

JESUS AT THE BEACH MUSIC & MINISTRY FESTIVAL

July 30-August 1

Family event featuring praise music, drama and dance. Convention Center and Caroline Street Stage. www.jesusatthebeach.org

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Beach Fireworks

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Free Family Programs

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Movies on the Beach

Three nights a week, take a seat on the beach and enjoy a movie free of charge. Mondays and Fridays on the 27th Street Beach, and Wednesdays on the beach by the Carousel Hotel.

OC Beach Dance Party

Themed parties, live entertainment by DJ Batman and guest performances from 7 to 9 p.m. most Tuesday evenings. Caroline Street Stage on the beach by the Boardwalk.

Sundaes in the Park

Bring your family and beach chairs and enjoy free local music groups. Create your own ice cream sundae for a small fee. Children's entertainment presented. Fireworks conclude the evening. Offered Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Northside Park.

Sunset Park Party Nights

Thursday nights in July and August, watch the sun set over the Isle of Wight Bay from the perfect location as you enjoy a free concert. 7 to 9 p.m. in Sunset Park at S. Division Street and the Bay.

AUGUST

BEACH 5 SAND SOCCER

August 4

Family-focused soccer tournament on the beach from Talbot Street to 1st Street. www.beach5sandsoccer.com

WHITE MARLIN OPEN

August 6-10

World's largest billfish tournament with more than 300 boats competing for \$2 million in prize money. Watch weigh-ins Monday through Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. Harbour Island Marina. www.whitemarlinopen.com

ARTISTS PAINT OC

August 8-12

Artists take to the Boardwalk, streets, harbors and marshes to paint "en plein air." www.artleagueofoceancity.org

POOR GIRLS OPEN

August 16-18

All-women's fishing tournament raises money for breast cancer research. Bahia Marina. www.bahiamarina.com

OC JEEP WEEK

August 23-26

Family-friendly event with more than 250 Jeeps participating in beach crawls, Jeep jams, and show and shines. www.ocjeepweek.com

ART X

August 25-26

Bring the whole family and create an ART X memory! Sponsored and managed by the Art League of Ocean City, ART X is designed to be OC's biggest and best fine arts show. Hundreds of artists will display and sell their works around a beautiful lagoon in a picturesque park with expansive bay views. Enjoy lunch at the Artists' Café and live music while children participate in free art activities. ART X will feature other artistic stage talent, performances, food (including gourmet food), cinema and a special section to highlight local talent. Northside Park. www.ococean.com



OCEAN CITY HOTEL WEEK

August 26-September 9

Two weeks of great deals on Ocean City hotel rooms. Excludes Labor Day weekend. www.oceancityhotelweek.com

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SEPTEMBER

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NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

September 7-9

One of America's largest, most prestigious and longest-running celebrations of arts, culture, and heritage. Downtown Salisbury. www.nationalfolkfestival.com

FLOUNDER POUNDER FISHING TOURNAMENT

September 9

One-day flounder fishing tournament that's great for kids! Fish from your own boat or rent a skiff, skimmer or pontoon. Bahia Marina. www.bahiamarina.com

9/11 PARADE OF BROTHERS

September 11

Annual motorcycle ride and memorial service to commemorate 9/11. Parade is from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Boardwalk from 27th Street to N. Division Street. www.ococean.com

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL SPOT TOURNAMENT

September 11

Kids and adults of all ages will have fun fishing from the docks for \$5 per angler. No skill required. Ocean City Fishing Center. www.ocfishing.com

OC BIKEFEST

September 13-16

Live music, stunt shows, bike builders, vendors, food and drinks. Convention Center and Inlet parking lot. www.ocbikefest.com

FALL MOVIE NIGHT

September 15

Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy a free movie at Northside Park. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Concessions available for purchase. www.ococean.com

SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR

September 20-21

This 14th annual self-guided tour will feature 10 beautiful homes in the Ocean City area. Proceeds benefit the Art League of Ocean City. www.artleagueofoceancity.org



SUNFEST 2018

September 20-23

Celebrate summer's end at OC's biggest festival with music, food, and arts and crafts. Headline entertainment is TBA. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. Inlet parking lot. www.ticketmaster.com

SUNFEST KITE FESTIVAL

September 20-23

Bring the family and see master kite flyers from around the world showcase their aerial displays of art. Kite-making workshops and kite battles. 3rd to 6th Street Beach. www.kiteloft.com

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

September 21-23

Show features fine jewelry, fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, wire-wrapped jewelry, beads, pearls, loose gemstones, minerals, crystals and fossils. Convention Center. www.treasuresoftheearth.com

TREASURE HUNT AT THE BEACH

September 22-23

Dig in the sand for buried treasure at the beach in front of Park Place Jewelers. Prizes include jewelry, diamonds, gemstones and gift certificates to area restaurants and retailers. 3rd Street Beach. www.parkplacejewelers.com

WINE ON THE BEACH

September 28-29

The 23rd Annual Wine on the Beach featuring Maryland wineries. Micro-brewed beers, local food, quality arts and crafts, and live music. Inlet parking lot. www.winefest.com

OC COIN AND CURRENCY SHOW

September 29-30

Thirty dealers buying and selling U.S. and world coins and currency. Free admission and appraisals. Convention Center. www.coinshows.com

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OCTOBER

21ST ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'

October 4-7

Hot rod car show featuring more than 2,000 customs, muscle cars, street machines and classics. Live entertainment, manufacturers' midway, Boardwalk parades and special attractions. Convention Center and Inlet area. www.endlesssummercruisin.com

FAMILY BONFIRE ON THE BEACH

October 5

Enjoy s'mores, hot cocoa, storytelling and live music for a night of fun by the bonfire. Pre-registration is requested, but on-site registration will be accepted. 130th Street Beach. www.ococean.com

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MID-ATLANTIC SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

October 5-6

A fundraiser for the Henrietta Bodolus Scholarship Fund and various local charities. Beach from 30th Street to 119th Street.

www.oceancitysurf anglersmd.com

FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND

October 13

More than 1,200 Corvette enthusiasts attend from Canada to Florida. Car shows, road rallies, a parade and other activities raise money for a cause. 10100 Coastal Highway and Inlet parking lot. www.freestatecorvette.com

OCEAN CITY FALL RESTAURANT WEEK

October 14-28

Ocean City's spectacular restaurants take the spotlight with special fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons required.

www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com



DRIVE IN DISGUISE HALLOWEEN PARADE AND TRUNK OR TREAT

October 20

Proudly parade your costumed car during this fun family Halloween parade! Parade begins at 3 p.m. and goes from 27th Street to the Inlet lot. Trunk or Treating will take place after the parade on the Boardwalk between Caroline and Wicomico Streets. www.downtownassociation.net

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER 5K RUN/WALK

October 20

Event features a 5K run and noncompetitive 5K walk to raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer.

www.makingstrideswalk.org/oceancitymd

O.C.TOBERFEST

October 20-21 and October 27-28

This fall celebration includes a beach maze, a Howl-O-Ween pet parade on October 20 and a pumpkin race on October 27. North Division Street Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. www.specialeventpro.com

LOCAL'S APPRECIATION WEEK AT OC MUSEUM

October 25-31

The Ocean City Museum Society will offer free admission and discounts on gift shop purchases to any visitors who consider themselves a "local"—whether Ocean City is their home for a day, month or year. www.ocmuseum.org

AUTUMN HOME AND CONDO SHOW

October 27-28

Featuring exhibitors with merchandise, product demonstrations, and interior and exterior displays for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating. Arts and crafts fair offering a wide assortment of creative and unique gifts and accessories. Convention Center. www.oceanpromotions.info

SEASIDE 10-MILE/5K

October 27

Join the 10-mile or 5K race, both starting at the Ocean City Inlet. Course includes the world-famous Ocean City Boardwalk and heads out to Coastal Highway. www.octrirunning.com

SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST

October 27

This fourth annual event will celebrate craft beer in Maryland with food, live music, and craft beer on tap. Sunset Park. www.shorecraftbeerfest.com

SWING FOR YOUTH GOLF OPEN

October 27

Golf tournament featuring a shotgun format, barbeque, raffle and more. All proceeds benefit the youth programs of Ocean City Recreation and Parks. Eagle's Landing Golf Course. www.eagleslandinggolf.com

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-OUT PARTY

October 28

Carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides, food and costume contests. Admission is one bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Northside Park. www.ococean.com

NOVEMBER

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

November 2

Every first Friday of the month. Meet artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see new exhibits from 5 to 7 p.m. OC Center for the Arts.

www.artleagueofoceancity.org

STORM WARRIORS 5K

November 10

Fifth annual 5K run/walk to support the Ocean City Museum Society. Race will take place on the Boardwalk, starting at the OC Life-Saving Station Museum, down to 15th Street and back.

www.ocmuseum.org



WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

November 15-December 31

Hop aboard the Winterfest Express for a journey through an animated wonderland. Sing carols and sip hot chocolate while taking in the magnificent display of more than one

million lights. Northside Park. www.ococean.com

LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN WINTER FESTIVAL

November 17

Free festival featuring fun for the whole family, including holiday shopping, vendors, tree lighting, kids' crafts, games, prizes and a visit from Santa. Boardwalk and Inlet area.

www.downtownassociation.net

TURKEY TROT GOLF OPEN

November 17

Enjoy one of the last chances to golf before cold weather hits. Tournament features a four-person modified scramble and turkey feast. Eagle's Landing Golf Course.

www.eagleslandinggolf.com

HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR

November 23-25

Annual holiday shopping extravaganza. Unique handmade merchandise, nautical items, toys, candles, photography, florals, jewelry and ceramics. Children's activities and photos with Santa. Convention Center. www.ococean.com

DECEMBER

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

November 15-December 31

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OCEAN CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 1

A tradition for many visitors, the 35th annual Ocean City Christmas Parade features high school bands, floats, marching units and Santa. Children will love the candy tossed out throughout the parade. North Ocean City.

www.ococean.com



PIZZA WITH SANTA

December 5

Children are invited to attend a pizza party with Santa. Event features arts and crafts, cookie decorating, refreshments, a ride through the Winterfest of Lights, and more. Northside Park.

www.ococean.com

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

December 7

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www.artleagueofoceancity.org

HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR

December 7-8

A special showcase of local artisans in time for the holidays! Features a variety of unique, handmade items, including jewelry, glass and ceramics. Enjoy free admission, live music, refreshments, and book signings with local artists and authors. OC Center for the Arts.

www.artleagueofoceancity.org

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

December 31

Start the New Year off right and say goodbye to 2018 at the beach. Town-wide celebrations take place at hotels, restaurants and nightspots. Ocean City also offers free bus service on New Year's Eve. www.ococean.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

December 31

Ocean City welcomes 2019 with a beautiful display of fireworks, which will be accompanied by live entertainment, hot chocolate and the opportunity to ride through the Winterfest of Lights. Northside Park.

www.ococean.com



24TH ANNUAL PENGUIN SWIM

January 1, 2019

Hundreds of participants brave frigid temperatures to take their first official dip in the ocean on New Year's Day. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. 91st Street Beach at the Princess Royale. www.aghpenguinswim.org

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