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TOWN OF OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

REPORT TO CITIZENS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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A Message from OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To the Citizens of Ocean City, Maryland:

The Town of Ocean City, Maryland (the "Town") is not only a popular mid-Atlantic tourist destination; it's a year-round and seasonal home to those who enjoy living on a slender barrier island between the Atlantic Ocean and wide coastal bays.

The following pages summarize the Town's finances as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023; showing how your tax dollars and service fees, as well as external grants and other funding sources, were utilized to provide the services you depend on and improve the Town's service capacity for years to come. In addition to providing financial information, the purpose of this report is to communicate the financial results in an easily readable and understandable format.

The information presented in this report was taken directly from the Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023, which was prepared by the Finance Department. The financial statements included in the ACFR, audited by SB & Company, LLC, provide much more detail, explain certain terminology, and contain disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We invite you to read the ACFR by downloading it from the Town's website at www.oceancitymd.gov.



Sincerely,

Richard W. Meehan
Mayor, Ocean City, Maryland

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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The fiscal year was a very successful one for the Town, financially. Steady assessments and a sound practice of controlling expenditures were the backbone of the Town's fiscal performance. Good weather during the Town's numerous special events and during the summer also helped to provide an economic boost for Ocean City.

Thanks to rising interest rates, the Town's investment earnings increased nearly \$4 million from the prior fiscal year. Capital grants increased over \$8 million, most of which was attributable to airport projects. Construction activity in Town, especially in northern Ocean City, led to a nearly

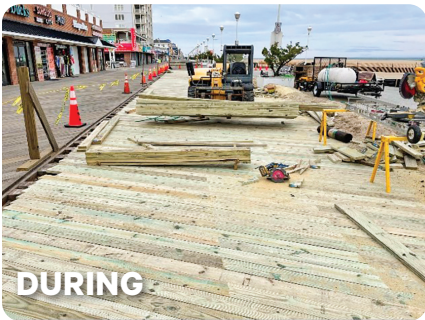
\$500,000 increase in building permit revenue. The Town's pension plans also benefited from much better investment returns during FY 2023 than the prior fiscal year.

Ocean City's 10 miles of clean beaches, 2.5-mile-long boardwalk, and numerous dining and amusement options make it a popular destination for travelers from the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Room taxes have continued to be a large revenue source for the Town, with nearly \$27 million in taxes collected during FY 2023, an increase of close to \$5 million from FY 2022.

MAJOR INITIATIVES & DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

BOARDWALK REDECKING

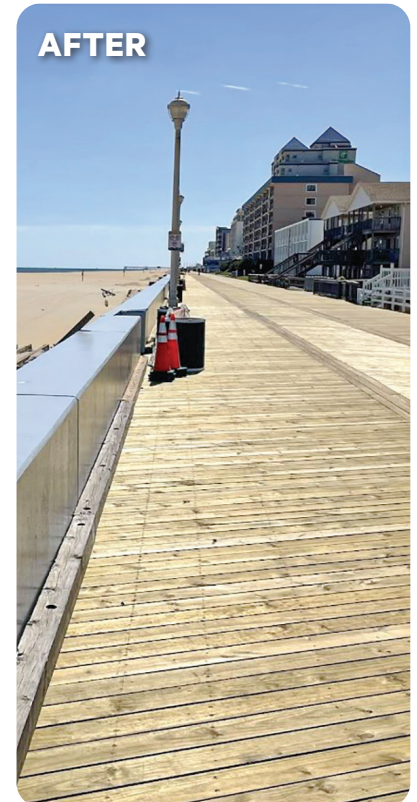
Ocean City's iconic 2½ mile long Boardwalk, which extends from South 2nd Street north to 27th Street, requires frequent cyclical replacement as it is exposed to the beautiful yet harsh conditions of a coastal environment. Constant exposure to UV rays, salt air, coastal storms, temperature fluctuations, and loading from maintenance vehicles, trams, car parades, and several million visitors each year lead to warping, shrinking, splintering, and rotting, resulting in a maximum 10-year lifespan of the surface lumber. Based on its condition, and because the previous redecking project was completed in 2013, the Mayor and City Council decided during 2021 that it was again time to replace the Boardwalk decking.



The Boardwalk is comprised of more than 80,000 individual pieces of 2" x 6" pressure-treated Southern yellow pine decking boards and more than 1 million nails fastening the lumber

to the wooden framing members below. As such, the task of removing and reinstalling 80,000 pieces of lumber is a significant effort that requires a two-year phased approach. Phase 1 of the Boardwalk redecking project included replacing the Boardwalk decking from 27th Street south to 15th Street as well as redecking the southern end of the Boardwalk from the Lifesaving Station Museum to the north side of the pier detour. Phase 1 was completed between October 2021 and May 2022. Phase 2 included redecking the Boardwalk from 15th Street south to the north side of the pier detour and was substantially completed between late October 2022 and April 2023.

While redecking the Boardwalk may seem like a straightforward endeavor, there were many nuances to the Boardwalk redecking project. The scope of work required the temporary removal and staging of all Boardwalk amenities, including trash cans, benches, and bike racks. In addition to replacing the Boardwalk surface lumber, the steel sheet piling that supports the concrete seawall along the Boardwalk was recoated as part of a separate but concurrent project to protect the sheet piling and prevent the steel from corroding. Close attention was also paid to the extremely volatile lumber market as it became time to request bids for the project. Town staff diligently kept an eye on the lumber market and managed to bid and ultimately purchase the needed lumber close to the commodity's low point. Lumber was trading at over \$1,300 per thousand board feet in March 2022, and the Town was able to purchase the lumber for Phase 2 at less than \$600 per thousand board feet in late August 2022 thanks to good market timing.



MONTEGO BAY WASTEWATER PUMP STATION

The Montego Bay wastewater pump station, located on Sinepuxent Avenue between 130th Street and 131st Street, was originally put into operation in June 1984. The station was constructed to address inadequate sewer capacity in the north end of Ocean City from 122nd Street to the Delaware line due to the high-rise building boom of the 1970s. This pump station receives wastewater flow from the Montego Bay sewer shed then pumps the wastewater via a 30" force main to the wastewater treatment plant located at 64th Street and the bay.

Due to the seasonal nature of Ocean City, the pump station is typically only online during the summer season, which is the Town's peak flow period. Historically the pump station is put in service at the beginning of May and is taken offline by mid-October. On an average day, the station will pump approximately 1.9 million gallons of wastewater. When the station is offline, all sewer flows north of Jamestown Road are collected at the Jamestown Road wastewater pumping station and pumped to the wastewater treatment plant on 64th Street.

To ensure that this vital part of the Town's infrastructure remains operational for many more years, nearly \$4 million was budgeted to reconstruct and enhance the Montego Bay wastewater pump

station. The project includes architectural improvements to help the pump station blend in with the surrounding area and structural improvements to address concrete cracks/leaks, construct a generator canopy, and replace the station access doors. The pump station's generator will be replaced and the height of the exterior electrical equipment will be raised above the 100-year flood plain elevation. New mechanical equipment including a flowmeter, surge relief valve, new motor control center electrical panels, and station instrumentation control equipment will be installed. The project also includes conducting a structural/operational evaluation of the 30" discharge force main and associated air relief valves. The new Montego Bay wastewater pump station is expected to be operational by May 2024.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial information in this report distinguishes functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, governmental activities, from utilities and business services, which are intended to cover their costs primarily from user fees and charges. The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, general public works and beach maintenance, sanitation and waste removal, highways and streets, economic development (tourism), recreation and culture, and construction of capital assets. The utilities and business services of the Town include water, wastewater, transportation, the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, the Ocean City Municipal Airport, and Eagle's Landing Golf Course.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Governmental activities such as police and public safety, solid waste collection, and other community services are supported by taxes and revenues from residents, visitors, the federal government, the State of Maryland, and Worcester County, as the fees collected by each activity generally do not cover all of the activity's expenses. The following table shows where the money for governmental activities came from and how it was spent during the last two fiscal years:

SOURCES OF MONEY FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

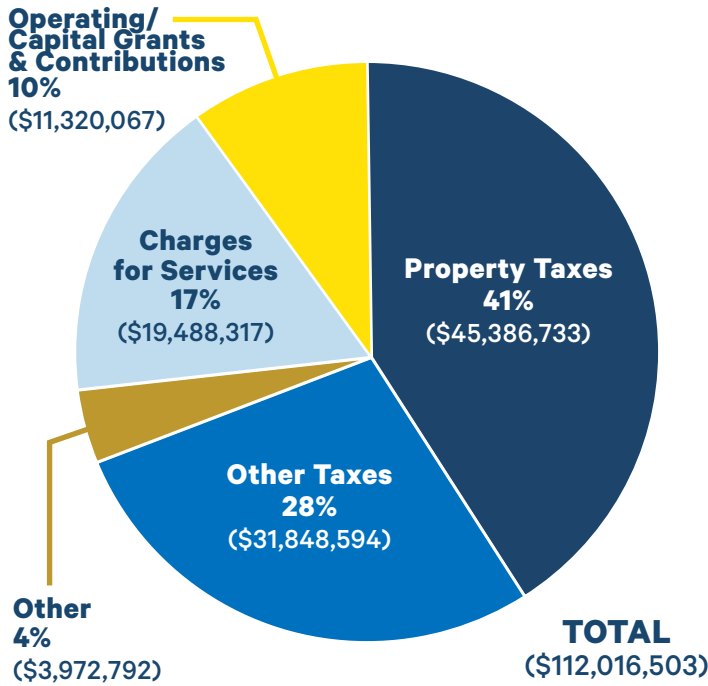
REVENUE	2023	2022
Program Revenue:		
Charges for services	\$ 19,488,317	\$ 19,166,957
Operating grants & contributions	6,028,839	3,753,811
Capital grants & contributions	1,402,362	732,217
General Revenue:		
Property taxes	\$ 45,386,733	\$ 44,762,217
Other taxes	31,848,594	26,313,664
Grants & contributions not restricted to specific programs	3,888,866	3,808,700
Other revenue	3,972,792	995,290
Total revenue	112,016,503	99,532,856

USES OF MONEY FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

EXPENSES	2023	2022
General government	\$ 2,053,769	\$ 686,237
Public safety	43,969,174	41,853,089
General public works & beach	8,169,009	8,436,145
Sanitation & waste removal	7,977,414	7,432,443
Highways and streets	9,661,508	9,215,575
Economic development - tourism	15,610,243	7,801,066
Recreation and culture	9,180,176	8,613,369
Interest on long-term debt	1,138,001	1,569,129
Total expenses	97,759,294	85,607,053
Change in net position before transfers	\$ 14,257,209	\$ 13,925,803
Transfers to other funds	(3,055,072)	(2,688,681)
Change in net position	11,202,137	11,237,122

ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES' REVENUE BY SOURCE

The following chart illustrates the allocation of governmental activities' revenue by source:

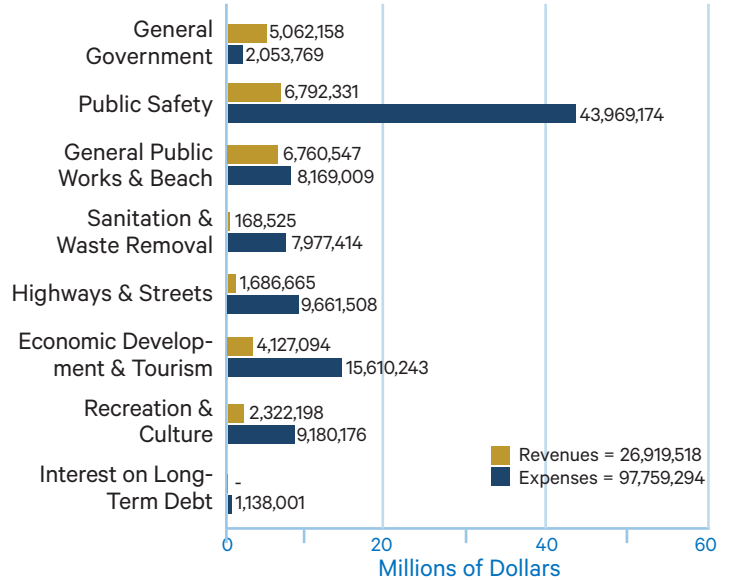


The change in net position (similar to a private entity's "net income") for the Town's governmental activities during FY 2023 was an increase of \$11.2 million, which was nearly identical to the increase in net position during the prior fiscal year. While some revenues, such as the aforementioned room taxes and investment earnings, increased in the current fiscal year, expenses for governmental activities increased by over \$12 million in the current fiscal year. The increase in expenses was largely due to higher advertising costs, which are based on a percentage of room taxes (both room taxes and the percentage committed to advertising increased during FY 2023).

Readers of the Town's financial statements are often interested in analyzing the performance and fund balance of the General Fund, which is the primary fund that supports the governmental activities of the Town. Financial reporting for the General Fund focuses on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources, which is useful in evaluating the Town's current financial needs. Fund balance is the difference between the assets (including future outflows) and liabilities (including future inflows) for governmental funds and is a key measure of financial health. There are five potential components to fund balance—Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. The nonspendable portion cannot be spent, typically due to its form; restricted amounts often have external or legal limitations imposed on them; committed fund balance has been formally designated by the Town's

SERVICE FEES & EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

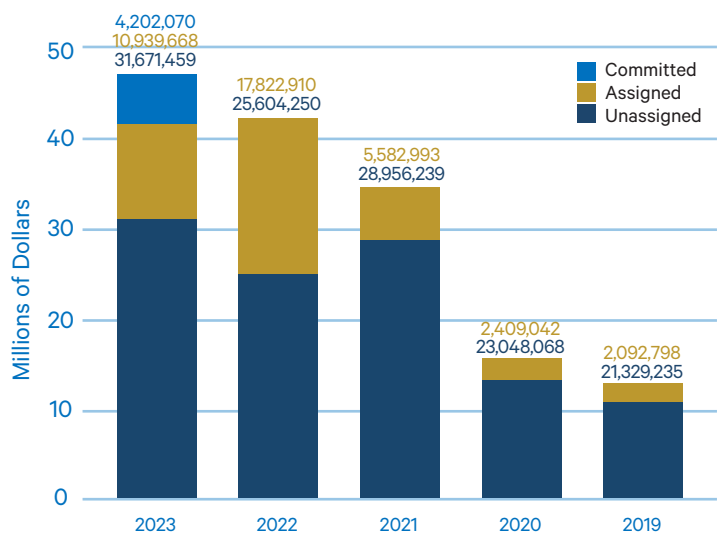
The following graph indicates the service fees and expenses of governmental activities, showing the extent to which the governmental functions produce revenue to offset their program costs. Expenses not covered by direct program revenue and fees are covered primarily by taxes, licenses, and state and county-shared revenue.



governing body; the assigned portion is for planned uses; and the unassigned amount is everything that's left over and is available for future purposes and emergencies. The unassigned fund balance can be thought of as the General Fund's "savings account." It's the Town's policy to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance equal to 17% of the General Fund's total annual expenditures. The unassigned fund balance percentage as of June 30, 2023, was 32.5%.

The following graph shows the Town's unassigned, assigned, and committed fund balances for the General Fund over the last five fiscal years:

GENERAL FUND BALANCE



UTILITIES & BUSINESS SERVICES

The Town operates two utilities and four “businesses” and accounts for their activities similar to businesses in the private sector. Operating revenue and expenses result from providing services and delivering goods. The Water Fund operates the water treatment plants and distribution system; the Wastewater Fund operates the sewage treatment plant, pumping stations, and collection system; the Convention Center Fund accounts for the activities of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center; the Transportation Fund accounts for the operations of the Town’s bus system and boardwalk trams; and the Airport Fund and Golf Course Fund account for the operations of the Ocean City Municipal Airport and Eagle’s Landing Golf Course, respectively.

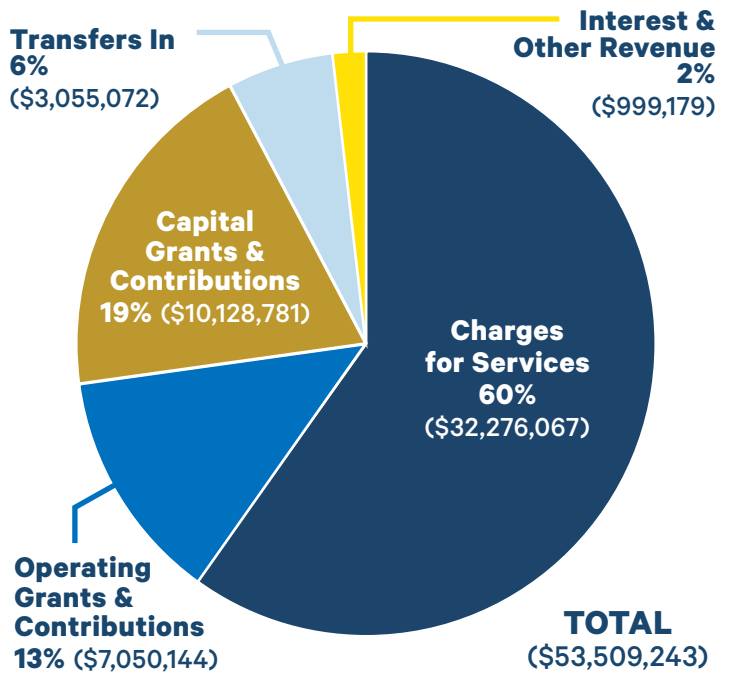
SOURCES & USES OF MONEY FOR UTILITIES & BUSINESS SERVICES

The following table shows where the money for utilities and business services came from and how it was spent during the last two fiscal years:

	2023	2022
SOURCES OF MONEY		
Charges for services	\$ 32,276,067	\$ 30,823,442
Operating grants & contributions	7,050,144	6,129,034
Capital grants & contributions	10,128,781	2,528,559
Other revenue	999,179	39,332
Total revenue	50,454,171	39,520,367
USES OF MONEY		
Water	\$ 7,769,700	\$ 6,759,912
Wastewater	11,476,740	12,854,591
Transportation	8,486,478	7,983,596
Convention Center	7,248,783	6,333,897
Airport	1,999,370	2,138,618
Golf Course	2,874,380	2,431,796
Total expenses	39,855,451	38,502,410
Change in net position before transfers	\$ 10,598,720	\$ 1,017,957
Transfers	3,055,072	2,688,681
Change in net position	13,653,792	3,706,638

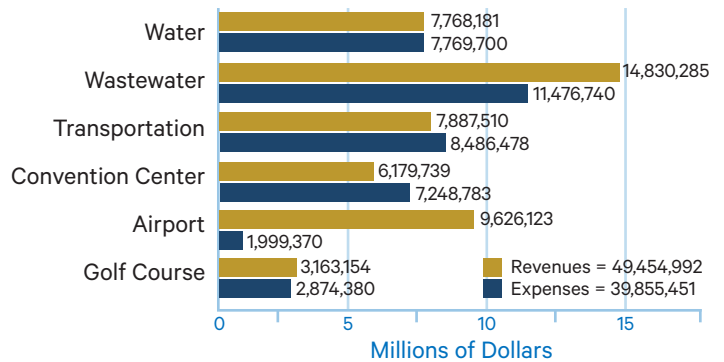
ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES’ REVENUE BY SOURCE

The following chart illustrates the allocation of business-type activities’ revenue by source:



DEGREE TO WHICH EXPENSES ARE COVERED FOR UTILITIES & BUSINESS SERVICES

The following graph indicates the degree to which expenses are covered by charges for services to customers, operating grants, and capital grants for utilities and business services. The Water, Wastewater, Airport, and Golf Course Funds were self-supporting and user fees, grants, or reserves covered all costs during FY 2023. The operations of the Transportation and Convention Center Funds were subsidized by the General Fund.



The change in net position for the Town’s utilities and business services during FY 2023 was an increase of \$13.7 million, up from the \$3.7 million increase in the prior fiscal year. Airport capital grants increased \$7.2 million and investment earnings for all business services increased by a combined \$1 million during FY 2023. Operating expenses only increased by about \$1.4 million, mostly due to higher chemical costs for the Water Fund and additional Convention Center Fund expenses attributable to more conventions and performances.

WHAT WE OWE

The Town borrows most of the money that it spends for major capital improvements by selling general obligation bonds or from loans that do not require collateral. The Town's bonds have interest rates from 1.71% to 5.00% and are typically paid off in 10 to 20 years. At the end of FY 2023, the Town owed \$101,212,012 in debt principal. \$49,759,132 of the debt, or 49%, will be paid from service fees from business-type activities and the tax on food and beverages. At June 30, 2023, there was \$1,853,811 reserved from food tax receipts to pay principal and interest on bonds for the convention center included in the above amount. The remaining \$51,452,880 in debt principal will be paid from general tax revenues and fees.

funds its portion of the liability over a determined number of years. The Town also maintains another post-employment benefit (OPEB) trust to fund retiree health benefits.

Depending on the plan, annual or biennial actuarial studies are done to evaluate each plan's terms, assumptions, expected-versus-actual experience, and to determine the annual Town contribution necessary to properly fund the plans over a prescribed period of time. The total Town liability for both pension plans increased from FY 2022. Driven primarily by differences between expected and actual experience and changes in plan assumptions, the total pension liability for the two plans increased by nearly \$9.9 million during the current fiscal year. The increase in the liabilities was mitigated by investment gains of nearly \$12.2 million for the two plans. The increase in the Town's net pension liability is "smoothed" out over several years to reduce the financial impact. As of June 30, 2023, the cumulative net pension liability for the Town's pension plans was \$40,004,513 (a 4.8% decrease from the prior fiscal year).

The OPEB plan also realized solid investment gains in FY 2023, with a 9.65% return. Even with a small increase in the total OPEB liability, the Town's net OPEB asset (assets of the plan are more than its projected liabilities) increased by nearly \$1.3 million during the current fiscal year, to \$7,513,092.

WHY SELL BONDS?

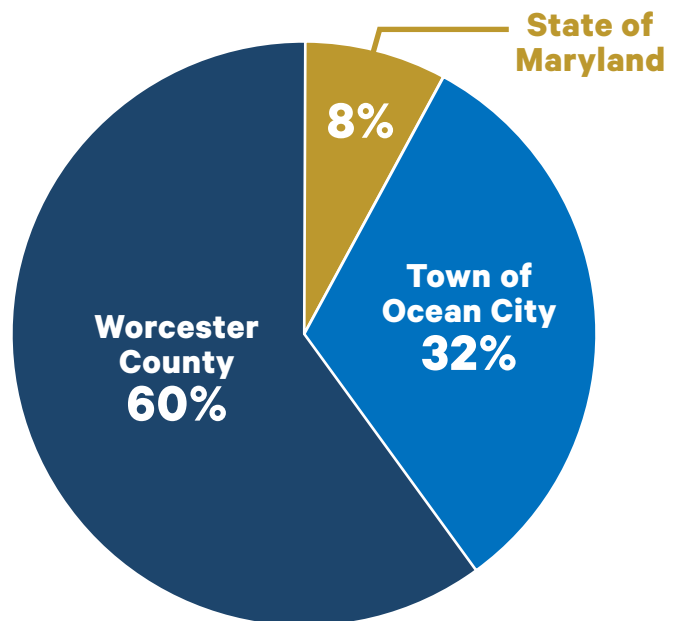
By selling bonds, especially tax-exempt offerings, the Town is able to obtain financing at favorable interest rates. This spreads the cost of projects over many years and ensures that taxpayers and those benefiting from a project pay it off during its useful life, as opposed to front-loading the total costs onto your tax bill in one year.

The Town has several pension plans that its employees participate in and has made a commitment to the employees to fund their future pensions. Employees contribute 5-9% of their pay to the plans and the Town

WHERE WE STOOD ON JUNE 30, 2023

TYPICAL TOWN TAXPAYER'S REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL ALLOCATION

The following chart illustrates how a typical Town taxpayer's real property tax bill is allocated, based on the tax rates assessed by each jurisdiction:



The Town's Statement of Net Position provides a "snapshot" of where we stood financially on June 30, 2023, the last day of the fiscal year. Net position represents the Town's spendable resources and ownership (equity) in assets, such as the Town's land, infrastructure, and buildings. The following table summarizes the Town's net position by activity as of June 30, 2023:

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	<i>Governmental 2023</i>	<i>Business-Type 2023</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>Change from 2022</i>	
Cash and current assets	\$ 102,992,162	\$ 33,167,084	\$ 136,159,246	3.7	%
Capital assets	111,689,642	176,675,641	288,365,283	3.7	
Future outflows of resources	18,422,334	3,201,704	21,624,038	-24.5	
<i>Current and future amounts "owned"</i>	<u>233,104,138</u>	<u>213,044,429</u>	<u>446,148,567</u>	1.8	
Long-term liabilities outstanding	\$ 94,926,394	\$ 59,318,747	\$ 154,245,141	-7.5	%
Other liabilities	14,057,190	3,999,701	18,056,891	2.8	
Future inflow of resources	23,974,324	6,550,390	30,524,714	-13.8	
<i>Current and future amounts "owed"</i>	<u>132,957,908</u>	<u>69,868,838</u>	<u>202,826,746</u>	-7.7	
Equity (amounts "owned" less amounts "owed"):					
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 72,954,505	\$ 127,335,450	\$ 200,289,955	7.7	%
Restricted for paying debt	5,895,077	3,471,826	9,366,903	288.2	
Unrestricted	21,296,648	12,368,315	33,664,963	11.9	
<i>Total equity</i>	<u>100,146,230</u>	<u>143,175,591</u>	<u>243,321,821</u>	11.4	

OPERATING INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

General Information:

Year-round residents	6,915
Registered voters	7,045
Average summer population	279,899

General Government:

Construction permits issued	1,891
Estimated value of construction	\$100,806,113

Solid Waste:

Trash processed and recycled (tons)	32,434
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Transportation:

Bus passengers	1,515,279
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Wastewater:

Average daily treatment (gallons)	5,700,222
Avg. daily summer treatment (gals.)	9,441,239
Plant's daily capacity (gallons)	14,000,000

Tourism and Recreation:

Seasonal Beach Patrol personnel	172
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Fire and Emergency Services:

Fire responses	1,160
Ambulance responses	5,042
Fire Marshal inspections	1,439
Fire investigations	743
Volunteer Firemen, Life Honor, Gold Badge	237
Classified Emergency Medical Technicians/Fighters	73
Seasonal Emergency Medical Technicians	34

Public Safety - Police:

Total arrests	2,151
Parking violations	1,170
Classified officers	116
Seasonal officers	50

Water:

Average daily consumption (gallons)	3,475,872
Plant's daily capacity (gallons)	18,000,000

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Visit oceancitymd.gov to check your utility & tax account balances or to pay these bills online.



Want your Utility Bill Sent to your Email?

If so, please email your name, account number, email address & phone number to myocwaterbill@oceancitymd.gov. Indicate if you would like the bill sent to your email only OR sent to your email and mailed a printed bill.



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**EXPERIENCE
OCEAN CITY THIS
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SPECIAL EVENTS**

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**THREE-DAY
CELEBRATION OF
UNITY & DIVERSITY
DREAMFEST**

PG. 12

**BECOME A
MEMBER**

**PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER**

PG. 13

**ENJOY THE
OUTDOORS AT
EAGLE'S LANDING
GOLF COURSE**

PG. 14

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

WALK OR RIDE THROUGH THOUSANDS OF SPARKLING HOLIDAY LIGHTS • PG. 10

Experience OCEAN CITY THIS FALL & WINTER

For an updated & complete events calendar, visit ococean.com/events

Check ococean.com or oceancitymd.gov, call **800-OC-OCEAN (800-626-2326)** or check the [Town of Ocean City Facebook Page](#) for updated information and/or to confirm events before planning your visit. Events, dates, times and/or fees are subject to change.

Some events are subject to closure for inclement weather.

STOMP

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

Brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and more fill the stage with energizing beats at STOMP, the endlessly inventive show that blends dance, music and theatrical performance in one electrifying rhythm.

NOV 1

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac

Performing Arts Center
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The world's finest tribute to Fleetwood Mac, returns to the stage in 2023 celebrating the very best of Fleetwood Mac.

NOV 8



Veterans Day

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed in observance on Friday.

NOV 10 - 11

Storm Warriors 5K Run / Walk

Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum • 9 - 11 AM
ocmuseum.org • \$30

This run takes place on the Boardwalk & will consist of an out-and-back course, perfect for the speediest of runners or those who just want a casual walk. Awards will be given.

NOV 11

Winterfest of Lights Opening Night Tree Lighting Ceremony

Northside Park • 5:30 - 9:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION TONIGHT ONLY! OC's original holiday light show returns as an outdoor light tour. Celebrate as we light our 50 foot Christmas Tree.

NOV 16

Holiday Train Garden Display

Welcome Center at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center
5:30 - 9 PM • Wed - Sun

A fun and festival holiday activity to add to your Winterfest of Lights tradition this holiday season. Admission is free but donations accepted to OCBP.

NOV 16 - DEC 31

Winterfest of Lights

Northside Park, 125th St.
5:30 - 9 PM • Wed - Sun

The 2023 season brings back the Winterfest Express tram ride. Enjoy the new displays by tram or walk through thousands of sparkling lights. Soak up the holiday spirit with Christmas activities.

NOV 16 - DEC 31

Turkey Trot Golf Tournament

eagleslandinggolf.com
410-213-7277

NOV 18



Holiday Shopper's Fair

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 41st St.

Unique merchandise as well as handmade products, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Unique gifts and household items from over 150 vendors. Children's activities, food court, lounge, prizes & more.

NOV 24 - 26

Thanksgiving

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed.

NOV 23 & 24

Ocean City Christmas Parade

Old Landing Rd to 120th St
11 AM - 1 PM

Bring your Holiday Cheer, Show your Creative Edge, Model your Gear! Bring your chairs, blankets and plan for a day in OC! Following the parade join us at the Carousel for family-friendly fun and the awards presentation!

DEC 2

Comic Con

Roland E. Powell Convention Center

Join us for a day of geeky fun! The Con features hundreds of guests, vendors, exhibitors, cosplayers, and artists on it's huge show floor. Panels, events, contests, screenings, and more run all day long and are all free after admission.

DEC 9

On Your Feet!

Performing Arts Center
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Her Voice. His Vision. Their Story. On Your Feet! is the inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent—and each other—to become an international sensation: Emilio and Gloria Estefan.

DEC 17



Christmas

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed.

DEC 25 & 26

The Beat Goes On-Cher Tribute Show

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

The international touring show, "The Beat Goes On" features American singer/actress Lisa McClowry's portrayal of the Goddess of Pop in her one-woman Broadway-style, live-stage show.

DEC 29

Winterfest of Lights New Year's Eve Fireworks Show

Northside Park • 12 PM

Midnight fireworks display accompanied by live entertainment.

DEC 31



New Year's Day

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed.

JAN 1

New Year's Knockout Golf Tournament

eagleslandinggolf.com
410-213-7277

Four-player teams, modified scramble. Gross and Net prizes. 10 AM brunch and 11 AM shotgun start.

JAN 6

Dreamfest

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

Join us for three unforgettable days filled with a vibrant fusion of music, captivating history tours, powerful commemorative speakers, and exuberant celebrations all around Maryland's Coast.

JAN 12 - 14

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed.

JAN 15



Joe Gatto's Night of Comedy

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

See your favorite tv personality LIVE. Joe Gatto, a well-known comedian, actor, and producer, is best known for the hit TV shows "Impractical Jokers" and "The Misery Index."

JAN 18

OC Rec & Parks Summer Camp Registration Opens

camps.oceancitymd.gov

Registration for OC residents and property owners opens on February 1st. Registration for non-residents will open on February 14th. Camps held at Northside Park, the Skate Park & the Tennis Center.

FEB 1 & 14

The Four Phantoms Live in Concert

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

Entrancing. Broadway. Spectacular. This stunning musical performance brings together four of the most talented Broadway actors who have each portrayed the iconic role of The Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

FEB 4

Superbowl Scramble

eagleslandinggolf.com
410-213-7277

FEB 11



Senior Valentine Dinner Dance

Location TBA

The evening includes a complimentary hors d'oeuvres and happy hour drink prices for two hours, followed by a sit-down dinner and dancing! This is the biggest dance of the season, so reserve your table early before the RSVP deadline of Jan 31st!

FEB 14

President's Day

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed.

FEB 19



St. Patty's Senior Bingo

OC Senior Center, 41st St.
10 AM - 12 PM • oceancitymd.gov

Annual Bingo at the 50+ Center celebrating everything GREEN, with prizes for those who are wearing the most green and when you call out "BINGO!" Doughnuts and coffee provided.

MAR 6

Ocean City Film Festival

OC Center for the Arts, 94th St.
ocmdfilmfestival.com

An annual event that attracts international, national, and regional artists working in film. The 4-day festival creates both community engagement and networking opportunities for filmmakers at all levels in their careers.

MAR 7 - 10



Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Festival

Festival 45th St. • 11 AM - 4 PM
Parade 58th to 45th St. • 12 PM
delmarvairish.org

Rain or shine! Maryland's largest St. Patrick's Parade. Irish Festival features food, beer, Irish coffee and more.

MAR 16

St. Patrick's Day

MAR 17



St. Patrick's Scramble

eagleslandinggolf.com
410-213-7277

MAR 16

Easter Bunny Egg Hunt

Northside Park • 1 - 3 PM
Register at ococean.com

Celebrate the season by enjoying this fun hunt for eggs with treats! For kids ages 2-10. Advanced registration is encouraged as tickets are limited and the event typically sells out.

MAR 30



Price is Right LIVE

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

Everyone's favorite game show is on its way to Ocean City, MD, along with the chance to win a share of the more than \$12 million in cash and fabulous prizes they've given away!

APR 1

Come From Away

Performing Arts Center
ococean.com/pac

This New York Times Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them.

APR 8

Town of Ocean City Job Fair

Roland E. Powell Convention Center • oceancitymd.gov

Candidates of all experience levels are encouraged to attend. Hiring Departments: Beach Patrol, Convention Center, Public Works Maintenance & Construction, Recreation & Parks, Solid Waste & Transportation.

TBA

SOULFUL CELEBRATION DURING MLK WEEKEND

Experience the magic of Ocean City's Dreamfest, a three-day celebration of unity and diversity in the heart of this coastal community. Held at the Ocean City Convention Center, Dreamfest is a tribute to the life and enduring legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. This event brings together an array of community organizations, fostering an atmosphere of togetherness and celebrating the rich history of this vibrant town. Take advantage of the Dreams and Determinations Breakfast, a powerful start to the day filled with inspiration and reflection. The breakfast includes keynote speaker Colonel Greg Gadson and a performance by the Morgan State University Choir. When the sun sets, head to the Performing Arts Center for electrifying performances by world-renowned acts like Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience, Marshall Charloff and the Purple Xperience, and Take 6, ensuring that Dreamfest is an unforgettable experience for all. Join us in honoring the dream and the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Dreamfest - where unity, culture, and inspiration converge. To learn more, visit: <https://www.ococean.com/dreamfest/>.



RECREATION & PARKS CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer Camp information will be available on camps.oceancitymd.gov on January 1, 2024. Registration will go live on February 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Residents and property owners will have priority registration from February 1 -February 12. On February 13, we will hold an in-person registration at Northside Park Recreation Complex beginning at 8:30 a.m. for Non-residents. Online registration will open for Non-residents on February 14 at 8:30 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis. All camps will require a non-refundable deposit and remaining balances will be due 10 days prior to the first day of camp. (Online registration NOT available for Camp Horizon and Scamper Camp). Visit camps.oceancitymd.gov starting February 1 and register early, so you don't miss out on your favorite summer camp with Ocean City Recreation and Parks!

DOWNLOAD OUR APPS!

Introducing Ocean City's latest innovation in entertainment and convenience: the new Performing Arts Center and Special Event Apps, now available for download on both Android and Apple devices! With these new event based apps, you'll never miss a beat when it comes to the vibrant arts and events scene in Ocean City. Stay in the know with the most up-to-date information, from show schedules and ticket availability at our world-class Performing Arts Center to exclusive updates on special events happening around town. Whether you're a local looking for exciting entertainment or a visitor eager to explore all that Ocean City has to offer, our apps put everything you need right at your fingertips. Don't miss out on the next big show or special event—download the Ocean City Performing Arts Center and Special Event Apps today and experience Ocean City's cultural and entertainment scene like never before!

OC Special
Events



Performing
Arts Center



OCEAN CITY RECREATION & PARKS TOURNAMENTS



Mark your calendars for Ocean City Recreation & Parks' tournament season! We're warming up winter in Ocean City with some red-hot competition! Get ready to showcase your skills and compete against the best!

Looking for some high-intensity soccer action? Bring your team to the

beach for an exciting weekend of indoor soccer with our annual tournaments! Whether you're looking to pit your skills against broader competition or simply partake in this year-round sport, our soccer and futsal tournaments provide the best soccer experience available at the beach! For more detailed information, including registration and event dates, please visit oceancitymd.gov/soccer.

And for our devoted Pickleball enthusiasts, our Winter Pickleball Tournament is an event you won't want to miss! Featuring a total of 27 different divisions, there's a division for everyone including Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles play divided into age categories of 18-49, 50-59 and 60+. Whether you're a young, energetic player or someone with more experience, this tournament caters to all skill levels and age groups. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your Pickleball prowess! For more detailed information, including registration and event dates, please visit oceancitymd.gov/pickleball.



GET THE HOTTEST SEAT IN TOWN WITH OUR NEW PERFORMING ARTS MEMBERSHIP

Experience the thrill of the stage like never before with a membership to the Performing Arts Center in enchanting Ocean City, Maryland. This exclusive opportunity is your ticket to the hottest seat in town, providing an unrivaled entertainment experience. Whether purchasing a membership for yourself or looking for the perfect gift, this extraordinary package opens the doors to a world of captivating live performances all year. Immerse yourself in the magic of theatre, dance, music, and more, as you witness extraordinary talent and unforgettable moments. With membership, you'll always have a front-row seat to the most sought-after events in town. Don't miss your chance to be a part of something truly extraordinary – join us at the Performing Arts Center and let the stage come alive before your eyes. To learn more, <https://pacmembership.ococean.com/>.



ON YOUR FEET!
Sun, December 17, 2023

**THE BEAT GOES ON
CHER TRIBUTE SHOW**
Fri, December 29, 2023

**WHOS' BAD:
ULTIMATE MICHAEL
JACKSON EXPERIENCE**
Fri, January 12, 2024

**MARSHALL CHARLOFF
& THE PURPLE
XPERIENCE**
Sat, January 13, 2024

TAKE 6
Sun, January 14, 2024

**JOE GATTO'S
NIGHT OF COMEDY**
Thu, January 18, 2024

**THE FOUR PHANTOMS
LIVE IN CONCERT**
Sun, February 4, 2024

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF

The Town of Ocean City provides a FREE Christmas tree drop-off site at the 100th Street Municipal Lot. Trees can be placed in the northeast corner of the 100th Street Lot December 26, 2023 through January 15, 2024. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments and other non-wooden items from the tree prior to drop-off. Trees collected at the site are taken to the county landfill where they are recycled.



OCEAN CITY'S CITIZEN REPORTER: YOUR VOICE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

We're excited to introduce the Ocean City Citizen Problem Reporter, designed to make your voice heard in shaping our community. This application allows you to submit non-emergency problems or service requests to Town staff, conveniently accessible via the web on smartphones, tablets, and desktops.

Your Voice Matters:

- Report issues on topics such as: Grass, Trash or Construction
- Anonymously submit requests if you prefer privacy.
- Promote engagement by reviewing and commenting on existing requests.

How to Use:

Submit Request

Provide issue details and photos via "Submit Request" button.

Review Request

Browse existing requests using the list or the interactive map.

Leave Comments

Support or add insights by selecting and commenting on a request.



TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Let's build a safer, more vibrant Ocean City. Use the QR code to start using the Citizen Problem Reporter today.



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SIGN-UP TODAY TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

OC Alert, powered by Smart911, is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. OC Alert keeps residents and travelers informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies. Sign up for free at alerts.smart911.com to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message, or download the Smart911 app. For more information, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/oc/alerts/

BECOME A PART OF HISTORY AT THE NEW FIRE STATION 3



Supporters of the Ocean City Fire Department now have the chance to become a permanent part of the distinct entranceway at the new Midtown Fire Station 3 at 65th Street and Coastal Highway. By purchasing a

brick paver, you can leave an indelible mark in the heart of Ocean City. This is an excellent opportunity to show your unwavering support for our firefighters and EMS providers while becoming an enduring part of the Ocean City Fire Department's legacy.

The proceeds from the brick program will go toward funding furniture, fixtures, and equipment, ensuring that the Ocean City Fire Department can continue to provide the best service possible to our community. Whether you choose to purchase a brick with your name, the name of a loved one, or in honor of a firefighter or veteran, your contribution will make a lasting impact. Businesses and organizations are also welcome to participate, showing their commitment to Ocean City's safety.

Don't miss this chance to be a part of the Ocean City Fire Department's legacy - buy a brick today! To find out more about the brick program or to make a donation, please contact 443-235-3205 or visit OCFIREHOUSE3.com.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AT EAGLE'S LANDING



Eagle's Landing Golf Course is a beautiful seaside golfing paradise with a sweeping vista of land, water and sky. Located just minutes from Ocean City, Eagle's Landing Golf Course overlooks the serene Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateague Island Seashore. The course features 18 holes, par 72, on-site restaurant, golf carts, club rentals, pro shop, PGA pro, and **annual tournaments:**

TURKEY TROT OPEN

Sat, November 18, 2023

SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE

Sun, February 11, 2024

NEW YEAR'S KNOCKOUT

Sat, January 6, 2024

ST. PATRICK'S SCRAMBLE

Sat, March 16, 2024

Call Eagle's Landing at 410-213-7277 for more information or visit eagleslanding.com.



SIGN-UP FOR THE TRESPASS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM (T.E.A.P.)

Leaving your property or business this fall and winter? The Ocean City Police Department encourages businesses and property owners/managers whose business does not stay open 24/7/365 to sign-up for the Trespass Enforcement Authorization Program (T.E.A.P.).

This program allows officers from the Ocean City Police Department to effectively and efficiently address peace and

good order issues on private property, such as trespassing laws on the participating properties. This is especially important during nighttime hours when contacting owners and managers is inherently problematic and inconvenient.

If you are interested in signing up for the T.E.A.P program, please visit: oceancitymd.gov/pdf/TEAP.pdf to complete the required forms.

THINKING OF RENTING PROPERTY IN OCEAN CITY?

As an Ocean City homeowner who may be considering renting their property, it's important to understand how the laws, ordinances, and code work in our resort community. It is your responsibility to follow specific requirements, including obtaining a rental license before you list your property or accept guests. If you already have a rental license, a renewal form will be mailed to you in March. Rental applications for new properties may be obtained at City Hall, on the website at oceancitymd.gov or by contacting 410.289.8833.

It is mandatory for anyone renting their property, either personally, through a rental agent, or by using an online vacation rental website (example: VRBO, Airbnb, Home Away), to first obtain an Ocean City rental license and noise permit (Section 14-174 and Section 30-401 Code of the Town of Ocean City).

The license is effective from May 1 to April 30.

Keep in mind, if you own more than one property in the city limits of Ocean City, MD, you will need to complete a rental license

application for each property you are renting.

As a reminder, any property owner found in violation of these codes shall be fined no less than \$500 per day and no more than \$1,000.00 per day for each offense (Section 14-62 Code of the Town of Ocean City). Note: A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day which a violation occurs or continues.

Along with a rental license and noise permit, all rental revenue is subject to 5% county room tax (paid directly to Worcester County) and 6% state sales tax (paid directly to the State of Maryland) each month. (Note: For property owners renting their property for more than four months and one day consecutively to the same person, you are not required to pay room tax to Worcester County, Maryland).

Properties that may be in violation of their rental license(s) or in violation of safety, building, or health department code should be reported to the Ocean City Property Review and Enforcement Strategies for Safe-Housing (P.R.E.S.S) Committee at 410.289.8855.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY KNOW YOUR ZONE & DIVISION

Atlantic Hurricane Season is June 1 - Nov 30. Emergency Managers are counting on you to be prepared and do the right thing to keep yourself and your family out of dangerous situations. **KNOW YOUR ZONE & DIVISION** and have a plan for where you will go should something happen during hurricane season and beyond. Also remember to have your address clearly marked (inside & outside) for emergency responders and family members, renters or guests of your home. To stay informed, citizens and visitors should follow the Town's social media channels and **subscribe to Emergency Alerts at oceancitymd.gov/news.**

First Responders can come to my **OCEAN CITY ADDRESS**

check one

My property is located in **DIVISION**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 1	RED	Inlet to 33rd St.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 2	YELLOW	33rd St. to 62nd St.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 3	BLUE	62nd St. to 100th St.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Division 4	ORANGE	100th St. to DE Line

My property is located in **EVACUATION ZONE**

check one

ZONE A

ZONE B

To **FIND YOUR ZONE**, visit oceancitymd.gov/knowyourzone and click on **"View the Interactive Map."** (The Zone letters [A & B] are determined by the possible flood inundation levels where you live. Emergency Managers use flood inundation, tidal surge and winds to determine potential risk to various communities throughout town, specifically in a storm or emergency.)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOODING.

The Town of Ocean City is reminding property owners to understand your vulnerability to flooding and take the proper steps in advance to protect your family and your home. Located on a barrier island, many Ocean City properties are at risk from coastal flooding, storm surge, and high winds. The Town of Ocean City is concerned about repetitive flooding and has an active and ongoing program to help you protect yourself and your property from future flooding. **Here are some things you can do:**

Check with the Planning and Community Development Department (Building Department) at City Hall on the extent of past flooding in your area.

Department staff can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, how the City manages it, and what would be an appropriate flood protection level. The staff can visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives, and provide information regarding flood depth and copies of elevation certificates on file. Contact by phone: (410) 289-8855, website: oceancitymd.gov/oc/contact-us or email: bneville@oceancitymd.gov.

Prepare for flooding by doing the following:

- Know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes.
- Make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go.
- Make a household inventory, especially of ground level contents.
- Put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc., in a safe place.
- Collect and put cleaning supplies, camera, waterproof boots, etc., in a handy place.
- Develop a disaster response plan. See the Red Cross' website at www.redcross.org for information about preparing your home and family for a disaster.
- Get a copy of *Repairing Your Flooded Home*. We have copies at the Building Department or it can be found on the Red Cross website.

Consider some permanent flood protection measures.

- Consider elevating your house above flood levels.
- Check your building for water entry points, such as first floor windows and doors, the crawlspace, and dryer vents. These may be protected with low walls or grading for positive drainage away from the structure, however; do not block or obstruct required foundation flood vents.
- Mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power to the lowest levels before a flood can reduce property damage and save lives.

- More information can be found at FEMA's website, www.ready.gov/floods.
- Note that some flood protection measures may need a building permit and others may not be safe for your type of building, so be sure to talk to the Building Department first. Contact the Department of Planning and Community Development by phone (410) 289-8855, or Bill Neville - Floodplain Manager: bneville@oceancitymd.gov.

Talk to the Building Department for information on financial assistance that may be available through FEMA.

- If you are interested in elevating your building above the flood level, a Federal grant may be available to cover 75% of the cost.
- Get a flood insurance policy - it will help pay for repairs after a flood and, in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.

Get a flood insurance policy.

- Effective October 1, 2021, FEMA will implement Risk Rating 2.0 to establish flood insurance premiums. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.
- Homeowner's insurance policies alone do not cover damage from floods. However, because our community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. Our community participation in the Community Rating System may also qualify your property for a reduction of the insurance premium.
- Usually, flood insurance policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Ocean City, there may also be damage to the furniture and contents. Be sure you have contents coverage.
- Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. More information can be found at the NFIP website, www.floodsmart.gov.



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SEASONAL & YEAR-ROUND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

To learn more about these job openings and all other job opportunities with the Town of Ocean City, visit oceancitymd.gov.



Ocean City Beach Patrol Lifeguards (SRTs)

The OCBP will hold pre-employment physical skills evaluations at several off-site locations March through April, with the last test for the 2024 season in Ocean City on Saturday, June 1st. There are no pre-certification requirements and experience in ocean rescue is not necessary to apply. All training and certifications will be provided during a paid (\$18.44 hr) training course. Visit oceancitymd.gov/ocbp.



2024 OCBP Tests
MAR • SU, Salisbury, MD
MAR • York College, York, PA
MAR • YMCA, Salisbury, MD
MAR • Annapolis, MD
APR • Ocean Pines, MD
JUN • OCBP HW, Ocean City, MD



Ocean City Fire Department Firefighters, EMTs & Paramedics



OCFD is looking for firefighters, EMTs & paramedics. We are currently offering part-time and volunteer positions. A career with the OCFD brings a distinctive way of life with its challenges and rewards. The OCFD provides multiple opportunities for folks to stop by the station, take a tour, or even ride along to see what we do everyday. For more info, visit ocvfc.com.

Ocean City Public Works

Bus Drivers, Tram Drivers, Beach Tractor Operators, Solid Waste Drivers



Do you love the sights and sounds of OC? Spend your summer days taking in the beach and Boardwalk views as an employee of the OC Public Works Department. Don't worry- we offer paid training to get you the qualifications you need! Learn more at oceancitymd.gov.



Ocean City Police Department Police Officers, Dispatchers & Public Safety Aids



Seasonal officers, dispatchers and public safety aids are temporary employees who supplement the year round police force in its mission to the community. This assignment gives college-level criminal justice and other qualified and interested persons the chance to experience first-hand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement. Applicants will be able to apply for full-time as well. For more info on testing and/or job opportunities, visit joinocpd.com.

OCPD Test Dates

November 18 - 19, 2023
 December 16 - 17, 2023
 January 6 - 7, 2024
 January 27 - 28, 2024
 February 17 - 18, 2024