



Ocean City, Maryland

Newsletter & Community Calendar

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Green Team Launches Campaign to Keep OCMD Litter Free

Ocean City, Maryland is filled with natural beauty, including 10 miles of pristine shoreline, breathtaking coastal bays, a historic Boardwalk and unique parks and playgrounds. Our clean and open outdoor space is what makes our community so special, and we'd like to keep it that way!

As a beach community, preventing litter to protect our surrounding marine life and eliminate pollution in our ocean and coastal bays is extremely important, which is why the Ocean City Green Team launched a new anti-litter campaign. The campaign, aimed at curbing trash in and around our beach, streets, sidewalks and Boardwalk, reminds residents and visitors that "Every Litter Bit Hurts."

Of course, for this effort to be a success, everyone will need to be a part of the solution and dispose of trash properly when you're visiting Ocean City.

How Can You Help?

- **Properly Dispose of Waste:** When you visit the beach, leave only your footprints. Take everything you brought before you go or place your waste **INSIDE** of a trash receptacle. Throw your cigarette butts out at proper receptacles instead of leaving them on the street or in the sand.

- **Reduce Your Waste:** One way to prevent the amount of trash behind is by thinking carefully about what you take in the first place. Find products that are reusable and reduce trash. For example, a reusable water bottle or flatware is a great replacement for plastic. Also, skip the straw when you order a drink and bring a reusable shopping bag when you're shopping around town.



- **Pledge to Help Pick Up Trash:** Whether you are cleaning the beach or picking up waste on your sidewalk or street, pledge to help keep Ocean City clean. Ocean City offers numerous opportunities for you to help keep our oceans, shorelines, and waterways litter-free. Call our Engineering Department at 410-289-8845 for FREE clean-up supplies OR volunteer in local clean-ups.
- **Spread the Word:** Tag @townofoceancity on Instagram in any of your clean-up initiatives, and use the hashtag #LitterFreeOCMD so we can share your efforts! Visit oceancity.green for more important information!



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Visit oceancitymd.gov to sign up for alerts.





*Events are hosted in Ocean City
all throughout the year!*

Signature events include **Springfest, Sunfest, Winterfest of Lights, OC Air Show** and the **White Marlin Open!** Don't forget about our summer series of free events like **Movies on the Beach, Sundaes in the Park** and more. The world continues to change around us, as we enter our 2021 spring and summer season, we ask you to keep in mind that our events are subject to change. We recommend visiting ocean.com/events for the most up-to-date information!



Scan the QR code to visit Ocean City's official event calendar.

Add the Center for the Arts to Your Ocean City Itinerary



Want to make a new Ocean City memory that will WOW everyone in the family? Then look no farther than the Ocean City Center for the Arts. Open every day of the week, year-round, rain or shine, with free admission. Ocean City's most outstanding cultural amenity can be found on 94th Street and the bay.

The waterfront home of the non profit Art League of Ocean City features a spacious two-story gallery with major art exhibits that change every month, featuring the original

work of local and regional artists.

The Art League offers art classes and workshops for all ages, skill levels, and interests, including family activities and a summer art camp program. Also, the Ocean City Film Festival and Sand Castle Home Tour are just two examples of the Art Leagues' popular and unique events.

Whether you're an artist or simply an art appreciator, we invite you to visit the Ocean City Center for the Arts and be inspired. For more information and a complete schedule of events and classes, please **call 410-524-9433** or go to artleagueofoceancity.org.

Learn Ocean City's Local History & Experience Summer Programs



The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum will continue to offer their interactive exhibits, programs and events that are fun for everyone! Exhibits include the heroics of the surfmen of the U.S. Life-Saving Service, Sands from Around the World, Boardwalk of Yesterday, and more. The aquarium room is especially neat where you can check out seahorses, eels, horseshoe crabs, and more! A virtual tour of the museum is also available for online viewing. The kiddos will love the Little Learners program where special guests such as artists, musicians, cooks, scientists, and farmers will teach about the native wildlife and history of Ocean City. Their summer programs are also something you don't want to miss out on from Beach Safety and Knot Tying to All About Sharks!

The museum is also very interested in hearing your story! If you live, work, or visit Worcester County/Ocean City, they would like to know how COVID-19 has impacted your life. There is no story too long or too short. To submit, please visit ocmuseum.org/covid-19-stories

*Daily Aquarium Program,
June 1st -August 31st
Monday-Saturday, 11:30 a.m.*

Visit ocmuseum.org for updated hours, admission, events and more information!

Summer Programs

July 4th - August 28th, 10:00 a.m.
All programs are FREE

- **Monday: History of our Surfman**
Learn about the U.S Life Saving Service and the heroic men who rescued ships in distress off the coast of Ocean City.
- **Tuesday: Beach Safety**
Learn how to be safe in the surf and spell your name using semaphore. The famous Ocean City Beach Patrol is on hand with everything you need to know.
- **Wednesday: Knot Tying**
Become an expert at nautical knots with help from the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- **Thursday: All About Sharks**
Discover what types of sharks are found off the coast of Ocean City!
- **Friday: Land Sky, & Sea**
Learn how the island was formed, what birds fly overhead, and what creatures inhabit our ocean and coastal bays.
- **Saturday: Aquarium Feeding**
Discover the wildlife that inhabits our ocean and coastal bays, as you watch our aquarium animals eat their morning meal!



Ocean City Remains Hopeful for Green, Unseen Energy

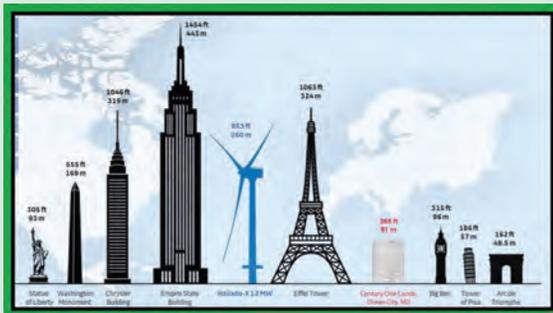
For several years, Ocean City has worked diligently to ensure the proposed construction of wind turbines off our shoreline is done responsibly. Unfortunately, as the size of the proposed wind turbines continues to grow, the foreign-owned companies developing the projects further attempt to push these giant structures closer and closer to our beach.

Ocean City's concerns over how these structures, now three and half times taller than the tallest building in Ocean City, will destroy our beautiful ocean views have been ignored. There is a simple solution to this problem which would allow the development of clean offshore wind energy for Maryland without destroying our beautiful ocean views. The solution is for the turbines to be moved farther east.

Once these projects are built, it will be too late to change them. Please call, email, or write to your state or federal elected officials and ask them to support the creation of a new Maryland offshore renewable energy lease area at least 30 miles from shore.

We have one chance to get this right and now is the time to do it.

To learn more about this project and Ocean City's commitment to green, unseen energy, please visit: oceancitymd.gov/wind



Our Beautiful Beach Is Accessible To Everyone!

The Town offers Beach Wheelchairs for patrons unable to walk across the sand. Beach wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at certain locations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Call **(410)520-5231 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to get a beach wheelchair box unlocked.

This free service is monitored by the Town's Beach Patrol staff. Please remember that our Beach Patrol is here primarily to provide safety services to our beach-goers; therefore, other beach-related responsibilities may cause a delay in staff attending to the distribution and collection of beach wheelchairs.

- For access to chair, to get a wheelchair box unlocked or to report damage or problems with a chair see a lifeguard or call 410-520-5231 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Be prepared to show your driver's license and complete wheelchair permit and waiver.
- Use chair only on beach/sand and within 1 block of the wheelchair box.
- Use at your own risk. Do not put chair in water. Do not inflate or deflate tire air pressure.
- Return beach wheelchair to lifeguard after transferring to another chair so that it may be available to others.

A limited number of chairs may be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. These special chairs are available for pick up at: **Ocean City Visitor's Center 410-289-2800 and the Public Safety Building 410-723-6610.**

Visit oceancitymd.gov/oc/ada/ for beach access, beach wheelchair locations and more information.

Ocean City Debuts New Public Works and Transit Facility Upgrades

On March 19, 2021, Ocean City officials joined representatives from the State of Maryland for an official ribbon-cutting and celebration for the completion of the new Public Works and Transit Facility Upgrades. The original Public Works Complex was constructed between 1982 and 1984 in phases and consisted of the Procurement Department, a Stock Room, a Service Center for fleet maintenance which included a centralized area consisting of restrooms and locker facilities, a Bus Storage Facility, and a single fuel depot for all municipal vehicles.

At that time, the Town's Transportation Department consisted of approximately 13 buses (of approximately 28 feet in length known as Thomas Mighty Mites) and an overall staff of approximately 20 employees, the far majority of which were seasonal staff.

In 2006, the fleet had grown to over 60 buses (then consisting of 35 and 40-foot buses) and staffing was over 150 employees. Thus, the overall ability to store, maintain, and service the vehicles had surpassed the ability of the Town's resources as well as its daily office facilities, restrooms, and locker room space to adequately serve such a large seasonal staff.

In 2008, a transit "needs assessment" was completed by the Town, in partnership with the Maryland Transportation Administration (MTA). This Assessment evaluated the current state of affairs at that time and thereafter enabled the Town to proceed with site planning, spatial needs, and construction estimates for future capital improvements to the site.

In 2018, ten years after the initial study and exhaustive efforts on planning and funding, the Town solicited bids for the construction and awarded the project to Harkins Contracting, Inc. of Salisbury, Maryland. In addition to the demolition of numerous structures that had been built during the timeline of 1982-84, the Scope of the construction effort included a brand new Bus Storage Facility, Expansion of the Fleet Service



Bays by the construction of two additional service bays for our larger 60 foot Articulating Buses, a new Administration building that now houses a Procurement Department, a Stock Room, the Fleet Managers Office and breakroom for all the mechanics, the entire Transportation Departments Operational Staff consisting of a Bus Dispatcher Center, AVL (Automatic Vehicle Locator system) Room, restrooms, and locker rooms.

Additionally, a new bus washing facility was constructed along with an adjoining Service Facility for transit fare processing, two new fuel depots (one dedicated for transit fleet), a "Public Safety Storage Facility" for Fire, EMS, Police and Public Safety, and the Beach Patrol, along with an emergency standby generator to support the new facilities critical infrastructure, and the construction of a surface parking lot for both the Police Department and Transit staff, with perimeter controls/fencing.

A portion of the new facilities, specifically within the Public Safety Storage Facility, was designed and constructed with a dual purpose area that functions as an office area for the State of Maryland Juvenile Services during the summer season and for OCPD/Allied Agency's needs in the offseason.

The project was completed in February 2021.

The complex was dedicated and named in honor of Town of Ocean City Public Works Director, Hal O. Adkins. Hal began working for the Town of Ocean City in May 1984 as a Plans Examiner, working his way through the ranks to Public Works Director in August 1989. Hal has been instrumental in the growth and development of Ocean City since the mid 1980's.

COVID Update & Vaccine Clinics

The Town of Ocean City continues to work closely with the Worcester County Health Department (WCHD) through each stage of the Coronavirus pandemic. Residents can register for vaccination by visiting www.marylandvax.org and searching "Worcester" in the box marked "Search by Name of Location." Currently, vaccine supply is dependent on the federal government's allocation to Maryland and is subject to change. For the most up to date information on vaccinations, and how to protect yourself from Covid-19, please visit www.worcesterhealth.org.

Ocean City, Maryland Featured Event



Celebrating 30 years of Music, Crafts & Family Fun!



May 6 - 9

Come kick off the 30th Anniversary of Springfest in 2021!

Springfest might look a little different this year, but Ocean City is excited to celebrate 30 years of this award-winning event and the start of the summer season. It is four dynamic days of delicious food, live entertainment and unique arts and crafts under four huge big top tents. Springfest is located in the Inlet Lot at the south end of Ocean City's famous Boardwalk.

Springfest serves up a continuous variety of musical performances. Admission to the four-day event is free.

Bring your appetite so you can enjoy delicious food from famous Eastern Shore delicacies to a wide assortment of food. Food vendors will serve a variety of delicious food, as the Springfest artisans will delight your eyes with their arts and crafts creations during the Springfest celebration.

Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.

Free Admission — Inlet Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

OCPD Ordinance Reminders

The Ocean City Police Department is reminding residents and visitors that safety in our resort town is our number one priority. Our ordinances are designed to provide a pleasurable, safe & fun vacation, along with a livable community for our residents.

Alcoholic Beverages Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public. This includes any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, Boardwalk, parking lot, on the beach or in any vehicle. Possessing an open container of any alcoholic beverage in public is prohibited.

Bikes, Skateboards and Hoverboards on the Boardwalk Bikes and skateboards are permitted on the boardwalk from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, between 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Hoverboards are not permitted on the boardwalk at any time.

Pets on the Beach & Boardwalk Pets are not permitted on the beach or Boardwalk May 1-September 30.

Fresh Air, Clean Beach To help keep our beaches clean & our air fresh, OC is proud to offer a smoke-

free Boardwalk & designated smoking areas on the beach. Designed to accommodate both smokers and non-smokers, OC's restricted smoking policy provides designated smoking areas on the beach; however, prohibits smoking on the Boardwalk and beach access ways, beach & dune Crossings, parks and covered bus shelters. Voluntary compliance is expected; however, citations for violations may be issued by officers if necessary.

Grilling & Open Fires

Grilling is prohibited on public property except at designated park grill locations leased for private usage. Open fires are prohibited on public property, except in limited beach locations with a permit from the Fire Marshal's Office. More information can be found at www.ocbonfires.com

There are several other ordinances of which residents & visitors should be aware. For more details & info, visit oceancitymd.gov.



Make PARKING Easy in OC

Enjoy premium parking in downtown OC. The Inlet Lot and downtown municipal lots and side streets are well-lit, conveniently-located and budget-friendly. **There's no need to display your receipt on the dashboard, just park, pay and play!** Visit oceancitymd.gov for rates and details.

Let Parkmobile® handle all the payment details. Simply download the app, enter your license plate number and payment information, start a new parking session then relax and have fun. You will receive an alert if your time is about to expire so you can add more time to your parking session through the app. It will even store your data for future use!

Rather pay at a kiosk? No problem. All kiosks accept dollar bills and credit cards and a few specially-marked kiosks accept quarters as well. Before you leave your vehicle, write down or take a snapshot of your license plate number, estimate your length of stay, then head for the nearest kiosk. Please, take your time and follow the on-screen instructions and carefully enter the requested information. Inaccurate or incomplete data may result in additional charges and fines.

Want to extend your parking session? Yay! That means you're having fun! If you're parked in the INLET LOT, just pay the remaining balance before your vehicle exits the lot. If you're parked on a SIDE STREET or in a MUNICIPAL LOT, no need to run back to your car. Just go to the nearest kiosk (Inlet lot kiosks excluded), enter your license plate number and pay for additional time.

Please read this important information about parking in the Inlet Parking Lot. The Inlet Lot is camera-enforced and only records your license plate information, your time in, and time out of the lot. This system matches its data with the information you provide in the Parkmobile® app or kiosk. If you provide incomplete or inaccurate data, the system will automatically generate and mail an invoice to the vehicle's registered owner with charges equal to the time spent in the lot times the hourly rate plus a non-negotiable \$25.00 processing fee.

May 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Police Department — Trailer parking is prohibited on Baltimore Avenue at ALL TIMES. Trailer parking in municipal lots/streets require permits May 1-October 31. Special Event Zone in effect May 18-23 — expect lowered speed limits. For more information about the Special Event Zone, visit www.oceancitymd.gov/specialeventzone</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM			SPRINGFEST		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SPRINGFEST						
MOTHER'S DAY		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		SPECIAL EVENT ZONE IN EFFECT MAY 18-23 — EXPECT LOWERED SPEED LIMITS.				
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SPECIAL EVENT ZONE						
30	31					
	Town Offices Closed					
	MEMORIAL DAY					

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCOcean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

OC RECREATION & PARKS

Our Mission at Ocean City Recreation and Parks is to provide quality recreational, cultural and social opportunities, as well as safe, clean, enjoyable parks, beaches and facilities to enhance the quality of life for Ocean City residents and visitors.

JUNE YOUTH CAMPS

- 21 – 24 Field Hockey
- 21 – 24 Co-Rec Basketball, Jr. Firefighter, Skate, Tennis, Beach Volleyball
- 21 – 25 Camp Horizon
- 22 – 24 Scamper Camp
- 28 – 30 Paddleboard
- 28 – 7/1 Co-Rec Basketball, Golf, Robot, Model Rocket, Tennis
- 28 – 7/2 Camp Horizon
- 20 – 7/1 Scamper Camp
- 29 – 7/2 Estuary Explorers

To register: 410-250-0125, camps.oceancitymd.gov



Downtown Recreation Complex Project

The Downtown Recreation Complex (DRC), a two-block park area adjacent to the bay between 3rd and 4th Streets, may see some substantial improvements in the future. Recent efforts to provide revitalization to Ocean City's most prominent downtown park have received positive traction from the Mayor and City Council, as well as the Recreation and Parks Committee.

In October 2020, the Ocean City Development Corporation (OCD) agreed to fund a design master-plan for the park, resulting

in the hiring of Mahan Rykiel Associates, a Maryland-based, full-service landscape architecture, urban design, and planning firm to create a vision for revitalization. The completed design concept was presented to the Mayor and Council in January 2021 with positive reviews.

The park's redesign, currently identified in developmental phases, includes a new landscaped open-space area with walking paths, benches, improved bayside boardwalk access, all-inclusive playground, tennis/pickleball court, basketball courts, skate park expansion, fitness stations, head-in parking, restroom, overall property elevation, and more detailed improvements high-light the plan.



Ocean City, Maryland Featured Events

Ocean City Air Show



June 19-20

We are thrilled that the OC AIR SHOW will be kicking off the 2021 season! This year's show will feature the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. The lineup also includes the F-22 Raptor Demo Team, Socom Para-Commandos, Geico Skytypers and more!

This is a free event that can be viewed all along our beautiful beach and boardwalk. To purchase Premium Viewing & VIP tickets, visit ocairshow.com or call 877-722-2927.

Free Family Fun ALL Week Long!

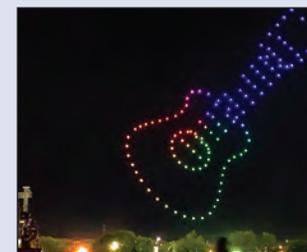
There's so much to do in Ocean City, Maryland during the summer! Our 10 miles of beautifully kept beach are free and open to the public from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. — no beach tags necessary! And during the summer, OC is jam-packed with free family activities like movies on the beach, concerts, even a dance party! You'll find free events in Ocean City every week throughout the summer. And of course, Ocean City, Maryland sightseeing is wonderful, and free year-round! To see the full calendar or free events, [visit ococean.com](http://ococean.com).

NEW this year – OC Drone Shows!

Catch a drone show at Northside Park or on the beach!

Northside Park – 9 p.m.
Sunday Shows following
Sundaes in the Park
June 13 – September 5

Beach Displays
9:30 p.m.
Thursdays
July 8 – August 19



June 2021

For a complete event calendar including weekly free events, visit ocean.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	16	17	18	19 AIR SHOW
20 AIR SHOW	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 FATHER'S DAY	28 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	29	30	1	2	3
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Beach Patrol — The Beach Patrol reminds you that rip currents are the biggest hazard to ocean swimmers. Swim parallel to the shore to escape from a rip current. Consult the closest lifeguard about rip current activity & the best place to swim. National Rip Current Awareness Week is June 2-8.</p>						

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

July 4th Celebration



Join us in Ocean City to celebrate the Nation's birthday as we display fireworks at two locations. The fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. Downtown at North Division Street and Northside Park!

Come build wonderful Ocean City memories for you, your family, and friends together!

Visit **ococean.com** for the most updated information.

Ocean City Recreation and Parks designs its summer camps to be, first and foremost, FUN, offering a wide variety of camp experiences to meet the diverse interests and needs of our residents and visitors. Our programs are offered at varying date and time schedules to accommodate both working and vacationing families.

JULY YOUTH CAMPS

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|---------|---|---------|--|
| 5 – 6 | Surfing | 19 – 20 | Surfing |
| 5 – 8 | Art Adventure, Boys Lacrosse | 19 – 21 | Paddleboard |
| 5 – 9 | Camp Horizon | 19 – 22 | Art Adventure, Girls Lacrosse, Soccer, |
| 6 – 8 | Scamper Camp | 19 – 23 | Camp Horizon |
| 6 – 9 | Jr. Beach Patrol | 20 – 22 | Scamper Camp |
| 7 – 9 | Fishing | 20 – 23 | Jr. Beach Patrol |
| 12 – 13 | Boogie Board | 26 – 29 | Art Adventure, Drama, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball |
| 12 – 14 | Kayak | 26 – 30 | Camp Horizon |
| 12 – 15 | Art Adventure, Golf, Jr. Firefighter, Skate, Soccer, Tennis | 26 – 29 | Scamper Camp |
| 12 – 16 | Camp Horizon | 27 – 30 | Estuary Explorers, Jr. Beach Patrol |
| 13 – 15 | Scamper Camp | 28 – 30 | Fishing |
| 13 – 16 | Jr. Beach Patrol | | |



To register: 410-250-0125, camps.oceancitymd.gov



Ocean City Tennis Center

The Tennis Center offers six premier tennis courts and three Lee Fast Dry Clay tennis courts, including permanent lines to support four 10 & under courts.

On-site amenities include hitting walls, tennis lounge, tennis shop, restrooms, and free parking. Activities include clinics, leagues, flings, USTA Sanctioned Tournaments, Junior Tennis Programs, Private & Group Instruction and events.

Call **410-524-8337** for hours, court availability and pricing. Owned and operated by the Town of Ocean City.

July 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Fire Department — Leave the fireworks to the professionals! Although the State of Maryland has approved the use of ground-based sparkling devices such as cylindrical & cone fountains, fireworks are illegal to use or possess in OC.</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIREWORKS N. Division St. on the beach & Northside Park, 9:30PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Offices Closed 	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM				
<p>FOURTH OF JULY</p>						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				

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OC RECREATION & PARKS

The Ocean City Recreation and Parks Programs staff is made up of professionals specializing in the fields of Recreation and Parks, Sports Management and Physical Education. With years of experience under our belts, we train and encourage all new and seasonal staff to maintain a superior level of service for the community. We also require staff to undergo drug testing and background checks to ensure the highest level of safety for our participants.

AUGUST YOUTH CAMPS

2 – 4	Co-Rec Flag Football	9 – 12	Girls Basketball, Tennis
2 – 5	Art Adventure, Dance, Ballerina Babies	9 – 13	Camp Horizon
2 – 6	Camp Horizon	10 – 13	Jr. Beach Patrol
3 – 5	Scamper Camp	11 – 1	Fishing
3 – 6	Jr. Beach Patrol	16 – 18	Paddleboard
4 – 6	Fishing	16 – 19	Skate
9 – 10	Surfing	17 – 19	Softball
9 – 11	Baseball, Kayak	23 – 26	Pickleball
		24 – 27	Estuary Explorers



To register: 410-250-0125, camps.oceancitymd.gov

Enroll In Ocean City University — Tuition is free!

Ocean City University (OCU) is a series of courses that provide citizens with a diverse educational background in municipal government & services. Classes are held on Wednesdays 6-9pm in early September through mid-November. The 10 week program provides students with a better understanding of town services, our municipal government's role & its relationship with citizens, as well as continues to build the relationship between government & residents to improve our community's quality of life. Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis; minimum of 25 participants. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPT. 1.



For more info, visit oceancitymd.gov.

Get A Vintage Ocean City License Plate!



To apply for a vintage OC license plate featuring the retro OC logo, visit oceancitymd.gov & click on Download a Form/City Clerk. An application must be submitted with the fee (\$35/tag). Applications are also available at City Hall. Be sure to have driver's license, vehicle registration & insurance info

handy. To avoid delay, make sure your info is legible, complete & signed by owner (& co-owner, if applicable).

Your vehicle must be registered in MD. Plate numbers are assigned by the MD Vehicle Administration (MVA). Allow 8 weeks for processing. For more info, call the City Clerk's Office at 410.289.8824 or email dchavis@oceancitymd.gov.

Ocean City, Maryland Featured Event

ArtX at Northside Park



August 21-22

Artistic expression in Ocean City! Become immersed in unique artistic activities and other expressive opportunities. Discover a variety of artisans from around the country as well as local artists with work on display and for sale. A variety of music from up and coming artists will keep you entertained while you enjoy a selection of food, beer and wine. Discover free art activities around Northside Park! The Art League of Ocean City will provide registration for on-site pay-to-play master workshops to further explore your talents and walk away with true art created by you!

Visit oceancitymd.gov/events for the most updated information.

Free Admission

August 2021

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1	2 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	17	18	19	20	21 ArtX
22 ArtX	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Beach Patrol — Swim near a lifeguard! The Ocean City Beach Patrol reminds you to swim near a lifeguard. Find the closest lifeguard & ask about current conditions. Be sure to like OCBP on Facebook & Instagram & visit their website: oceancitymd.gov/ocbp.</p>			

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCOcean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

Ocean City, Maryland

Special Event Zone Reminder



September 21-27

The Pop-Up Rally is an unsanctioned event that normally takes place the last week of September. This year, we expect it to occur on September 21-27.

The unsanctioned event has no formal schedule or event promoter, which results in an enormous amount of traffic and large gatherings in parking lots and sidewalks.

Because the safety of our residents, staff and visitors is our number one priority in Ocean City, it's imperative for motorists to abide by traffic laws and be cautious of heavy pedestrian traffic. During this time, Ocean City establishes a Special Event Zone, where speeds are lowered and fines are increased for violations. During the Pop-Up Rally, the town recommends staying off the road for the weekend, as residents are safer at home.

For more frequently asked questions and to learn more, visit:

oceancitymd.gov/specialeventzone

Ocean City Recreation and Parks Fall & Winter Programs



The fun continues with Ocean City Recreation and Parks after summer has passed! Fall and Winter programs offer something fun for all ages. Kids can find themselves immersed in sports, classes and activities including soccer, basketball, babysitting courses, and more! Adults get to have fun too! Stay active with yoga, dance, tai chi, pickleball and more! Visit **oceancitymd.gov/rec** for a full calendar of programs, events, tournaments and activities!

Transportation Information

There are an unlimited number of things to see and do in Ocean City, and getting to and from those destinations and attractions is easy, thanks to our many public transportation options.

- Coastal Highway "Beach Bus"
- Boardwalk Tram



Due to Coronavirus COVID-19: A mask covering the nose and mouth is required to be worn while on the bus and at boarding locations; Physical distancing is encouraged; No standee's, seated loads only; Failure to comply may result in trip denial or removal from the bus; Disinfectant is available for use; Ride at your own discretion and risk. Operating schedules may be subject to change; please call **410-723-1606** or **410-723-2174** or visit **oceancitymd.gov** for current operating schedules and pricing.

September 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Police Department — Trailer parking is prohibited on Baltimore Avenue at ALL TIMES. Trailer parking in municipal lots/streets require permits May 1-October 31. Also, expect heavy traffic during the Unsanctioned Pop-Up Rally. Special Event Zone in effect Sept. 21-27— expect lowered speed limits. Dates subject to change. Visit oceancitymd.gov/specialeventzone for updated information.</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Offices Closed 					
	ROSH HASHANA BEGINS	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	ROSH HASHANA ENDS			
	LABOR DAY					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	YOM KIPPUR BEGINS	YOM KIPPUR ENDS		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		SPECIAL EVENT ZONE IN EFFECT SEPT. 21-27 — EXPECT LOWERED SPEED LIMITS.				
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
SPECIAL EVENT ZONE. SEPT. 21-27				SUNFEST		
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

OCToberfest



October 22-24

Come get spooky at the beach during **O.C.toberfest!** Visit our spooky **Halloween beach maze** Friday, Saturday and Sunday! You also won't want to miss out on Saturday's **Pet Parade** and **Spooktacular Drive-In Movie** on Saturday night. The fun continues with the **Great Pumpkin Race** on Sunday! Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.

Halloween Spook-Out Party

October 24, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Get your Halloween costume ready and join all the other goblins at the Halloween "Spook Out" Party. Kids of all ages can join us at Northside Park for carnival games, arts & crafts, hayrides, and other fun activities!

Costume contests will be scheduled throughout the event.

Visit ococean.com for details

Ocean City, Maryland Featured Event

Sunfest



September 30 – October 3

Sunfest celebrates its 47th year as Ocean City's biggest and best festival. Sunfest artists will delight your senses with their art and craft creations. Many food vendors will awaken your taste buds with delicious foods from famous Eastern Shore delicacies to pit beef, gyros, Asian cuisine and many more. Beer and Wine are available for purchase. Enjoy free live entertainment all day long.

Sunfest 2021 has something for everyone.

Admission to the four-day event is free!

Inlet Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.

October 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Fire Department — It's National Fire Prevention Month! Visit OCFD on Facebook at OCMDFD for daily tips or visit nfpa.org .		 Show Your Love for OC! OC Flags are available at the Billing & Collection Office at City Hall. 3 sizes available: 3'x5' (\$35), 2'x3' (\$25), 12"x18" boat size (\$20). Stop by City Hall Mon-Fri 8am-5pm & begin your wave of memories.			SUNFEST	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SUNFEST	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Offices Closed COLUMBUS DAY	Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM				OCTOBERFEST	
OCTOBERFEST	24	25	26	27	28	29
	FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING The Town of OC's Public Works Department will be conducting a hydrant flushing of the water system. Residents & businesses are reminded that after flushing there may be a slight discoloration of the water. For more information, visit oceancitymd.gov .					
31						
HALLOWEEN		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				

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Winterfest of Lights



November 18 – January 2

See how Ocean City, MD sparkles this winter. Visit the Winterfest of Lights! The 2021 Winterfest of Lights will be an expanded walking tour that takes you through thousands of sparkling holiday lights and many animated light displays located along a paved path in Northside Park.

Sip hot chocolate, take a photo with Santa, visit our gift shop and enjoy the array of holiday exhibits — including many surprises.

Come see the 50-foot Christmas tree put on a show for you and soak up all of the holiday spirit at Winterfest of Lights.

Admission is only \$5 for guests 12 years and older and FREE for children 11 years and younger. So grab your family and friends, and don't miss this award-winning holiday event!

Visit [ococean.com/events](https://www.oceancitymd.com/events) for the most updated information.

The reviews are in: the Ocean City's Performing Arts Center is a premier entertainment venue and local hidden gem.



Located in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, the state-of-the-art theater offers an intimate setting for concerts, musicals, dance performances and more. Whether you choose balcony or orchestra seating, there isn't a bad seat in the house. Be among the first to learn about upcoming shows and events by visiting: [ocmdperformingartscenter.com](https://www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com)

Beautification Committee Offering Special Rate for 'Reflections of Life' Tree Leaves

Every Spring and Fall, the Ocean City Beautification Committee presents a special offer to the public for the committee's Reflections of Life project. The project provides a distinctive means of recording important events and interests in the lives of individuals, their loved ones and businesses by placing a gift of a bronze, silver or gold leaf or stepping stone on the impressive "Reflections of Life" metal tree



sculpture mounted inside the lobby entrance of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. The leaves may commemorate any of the following suggestions: In Memory, In Tribute, In Celebration of an Anniversary or In Honor of a Graduation. Tax-deductible donation forms are available at two locations in the convention center (at the project site near the main entrance & in the visitor center), along with Northside Park, 125th Street bayside. Forms can also be found at [oceancitymd.gov](https://www.oceancitymd.gov). For more info, call 410.250.0892.

November 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	10	11 • Town Offices Closed VETERANS DAY	12	13
14	15 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 • Town Offices Closed THANKSGIVING DAY	26 • Town Offices Closed	27
28	29	30 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	1	2	3	29
<p>HANUKKAH BEGINS</p> <p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Beach Patrol — NO GUARDED BEACHES. Guards are in the stands from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to Sunday of Sunfest weekend, 10 a.m. –5:30 p.m. In the off-season, you don't have these life savers watching over you. Keep your feet in sand, until the lifeguard is in the stand!</p>						

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

Convention Center Expansion Nearing Completion

Construction is underway for the third and final phase expansion to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center. Designed by local architect Becker Morgan, the project consists of a new 30,000 square-foot multi-purpose exhibit hall, a new bayside gallery, a business center, and additional support spaces. The Maryland Stadium Authority, the City's partner in the Convention Center for over 25 years, is overseeing construction.



Phases one and two of the project consisted of the new bayside ballroom, dockside exhibit hall, and the beautiful new Performing Arts Center. The new exhibit hall will connect to the existing main exhibit halls A&B with a movable partition. This will allow the center to host a single large event or up to three simultaneous smaller events. The addition is expected to generate up to 30 new events for the convention center and support over 500 jobs.

The State of Maryland is contributing 60 percent of the funding for the project, which costs 37.5 million dollars. The remaining 40 percent is being funded by the Town of Ocean City through the existing prepared food & beverage tax.

The project broke ground on April 22, 2020, and will be completed in December 2021.

Know Your Zone

In times of emergency, specifically a hurricane or natural disaster, the Town of Ocean City wants residents, property owners and visitors to KNOW YOUR ZONE & DIVISION where you live and visit! Your zone and division are determined by two variables: Property location and vulnerability to flood inundation and evacuation.

The zone colors, which are broken down by divisions, are determined by the Town of Ocean City's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan, which divides the Town into four "divisions." The zone letters (A & B), however, are determined by the possible flood inundation levels where you live. In other words, our

"Low Lying Area" (or areas with a 4 foot flood inundation) can be found in Zone A.

Because the term "Low Lying Area" can be vague, the new zones help residents and property owners have a clear understanding of their flood vulnerability. It's important to remember that just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors: rainfall, river-flow and tidal-surge data, topography, flood-control measures, and changes due to building and development. To learn more, visit: oceancitymd.gov/knowyourzone

Ocean City, Maryland Featured Events

Ocean City Christmas Parade



December 4

The Ocean City Christmas parade will march along Coastal Highway and feature more than 50 units, including high school bands, horses, antique cars, colorful holiday floats, and more. Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.

New Year's Eve Fireworks



December 31

The Town of Ocean City will be hosting a New Year's Eve Fireworks Show at Northside Park to celebrate the beginning of 2022 and the 29th Annual Winterfest of Lights. The fireworks display, which will begin promptly at midnight, will be accompanied by live entertainment, warm hot chocolate, and the opportunity to experience the Winterfest of Lights. Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.

Walk Winterfest of Lights & see how OC sparkles in the winter! You'll find more than one million holiday lights & hundreds of animated light displays throughout Northside Park.



December 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Fire Department — Be sure to water your Christmas tree regularly. A freshly-cut tree can consume a gallon of water in 24 hours! Dry trees ignite & burn faster than well-watered trees.</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM</p> <p>HANUKKAH ENDS</p>					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<p>Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM</p>				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p>Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM</p>			<p>• Town Offices Closed</p>	<p>• Town Offices Closed</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	CHRISTMAS DAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					<p>• Town Offices Closed</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

Mayor's New Year's Day Concert



January 1

To kick off the new year, Mayor Rick Meehan and members of the Ocean City Council will host a concert at the Performing Arts Center. All residents and visitors are welcome to attend the free event. After a brief meet and greet with Ocean City elected officials and community partners, the 2022 Mayor's New Year's Day Concert will begin. For more information visit ococean.com/events.

Art League First Fridays



A great series of events to check out the first of the year are the Art League's First Friday events where artists are featured the first Friday of each month. Visit ococean.com/events for the most updated information.



Explore Ocean City's Parks



Northside Park is Ocean City's largest and most popular park facility. The 58 acre complex boasts three lighted softball/baseball fields, a lighted soccer field, multipurpose field, a fishing lagoon, a foot bridge, concession stands, two playgrounds, picnic area, two piers, a gazebo, walking/jogging paths, and a large building with a 14,200 square foot gymnasium, kitchen, community room, conference room, patio, sitting areas, and a sports center annex with a 21,000 square foot multi-sport sports arena. Kayak and SUP rentals are available in season. Visit oceancitymd.gov/rec for more information and for a complete list of Ocean City's parks.

January 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Police Department — Leaving for the winter? Our Residential Security Check program is completely free & gives citizens peace of mind while away. Contact the OCPD or fill out the Residential Security Check form to sign up at oceancitymd.gov</p>			 <p>Apply For Or Renew Your Passport Passport applications are available and accepted in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Important: You must make an appointment via oceancitymd.gov. Passport photos are offered for \$15.90 per applicant.</p>		NEW YEAR'S DAY	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	• Town Offices Closed MLK JR. DAY	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

Ocean Bowl Skate Park

As the world's oldest operating municipal skate park, the Ocean Bowl offers skateboarders and in-line skaters of all ability levels an exceptional Ocean City experience. Ocean Bowl Skate Park, at 3rd St. & St. Louis Ave., is a popular attraction for kids. It's the place to be for skateboarders and in-line skaters. The park contains a pool bowl, vert ramp, mini ramp, and concrete street area. Lessons, camps, classes and more are offered throughout the year.

Open year-round. Call 410-289-2695 for more information or visit oceancitymd.gov for park pass information and hours.

Take Your Furry Friend to Ocean City's Dog Park

Nestled in Little Salisbury Park and the Town's only designated off-leash area for our furry friends, the Ocean City Dog Playground on 94th Street has been a popular attraction for both residents and visitors alike. After substantial in-house improvements were made last year to expand the usable space of the park, the Town received a \$108,000 grant from the Department of



Natural Resources' Community Parks and Playgrounds program to make additional improvements to the small, but well-used space.

Currently under construction, the Dog Playground will present a fresh new look to park-goers and dog-lovers come spring 2021. Planned improvements include an expanded shelter area, installation of a spray water feature, yard hydrants, trees and landscaping, replacement fencing, agility features, improved drainage and more!

Under the leadership of the Town's Engineering Department and utilizing the talents of the Town's Public Works and Parks Departments, efforts to get the

most "bark" for the "park" will surely pay off come late April's expected reopening.

Please check our website at www.oceancitymd.gov/rec for park reopening updates, or call **410-250-0125** for additional information.



Beauty Spot Awards

Every Spring the Beautification Committee seeks nominations for a Beauty Spot Award. If you have or see a residential or business property in Ocean City that is beautifully planted with flowers, planters, shrubs, trees, etc., nominate it for a Beauty Spot Award from the Mayor and City Council. Email ocbeautification@hotmail.com or call Donna Greenwood at **410-289-7060**. Please leave address and contact information.

Ocean City, Maryland

Eagle's Landing Golf Course



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 Maryland, Eagle's Landing Golf Course overlooks the serene Sinepuxent Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Assateague Island National Seashore.

- 18 holes
- Par 72
- Restaurant on site
- Golf carts, club rentals, pro shop, PGA pro

Visit the website for tee times at eagleslandinggolf.com or call **410-213-7277**



February 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	2	3	4	5
6 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM	16	17	18	19
20 • Town Offices Closed PRESIDENT'S DAY	21	22 Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Fire Department — Freezing temperatures can cause frozen pipes. Make sure you are prepared! Visit OCFD on Facebook at OCMDFD for tips on how you can prevent your pipes from freezing.

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

Ocean City, Maryland Featured Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade



There is still so much to do in Ocean City all year long. March typically brings our exciting St. Patrick's Day Parade held by the Delmarva Irish-American Club.

Ocean City Film Festival



The Ocean City Film Festival has built a community of filmmakers both locally and internationally. The OCFF is a collaboration with the Art League of Ocean City that brings the film community together each March for the festival. Visit ococean.com for updates and information on these events!

Town of Ocean City License Requirements

RENTAL LICENSES: If you rent your property to anyone, for any length of time, the law requires you to first obtain an annual Ocean City rental license, AND an Ocean City noise control permit. Online rentals must also comply. Maintaining a positive resident and visitor experience is important to everyone. Compliance with the laws, ordinances and regulations within the Town of Ocean City and State of Maryland ensure safe, healthy and habitable housing conditions in rental housing units. Rental applications may be obtained at City Hall, on the website or by contacting **410.289.8833** (<https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/finance/new-licenses/>)

R-1 Zoning: Properties located within the R-1 single family residential zoning district must use a different rental license form, and meet occupancy criteria limited to no more than 4 unrelated people. Please contact the Department of Planning and Community Development for a pre-season inspection of your property to confirm compliance with building and fire codes, and to determine maximum occupancy permitted.

BUSINESS LICENSE: The Town of Ocean City is an exciting place to do business, with

its strong tourism, stunning location and family-friendly atmosphere. If you operate or plan on operating a business or providing a service within Ocean City's town limits, the law requires you to obtain a Town of Ocean City business license. To apply for a new license, please visit City Hall. To renew a business license and/or occupational license, visit: <https://ocgovportal.com/Click2GovOL/index.html>

REMINDER: Properties that may be in violation of rental licenses or a safety, building or health 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. Also the "Key to Successful New Construction or Home Renovation Projects is to Call BEFORE You Start!" From big to small projects and property improvements (decks, sheds, floating docks and landscaping), the Department of Planning and Community Development is ready to provide information to get you started. Applications, permits and building requirements can be found by contacting **410.289.8855**, or online <https://ocgovportal.com/Click2GovBP/index.html>

Beach Renourishment

In 1994, the State of Maryland, Worcester County and Ocean City accepted responsibility for operation and maintenance of the completed Atlantic Coast of Maryland Storm Protection Project. The project consists of the Beach Renourishment program, dunes, dune cross-overs, dune planting and fencing along the seawall on the boardwalk.



Beach nourishment including dune fence, planting and crossover repairs will occur throughout this winter and spring.

Please keep in mind that damaging the dunes in any way is a criminal offense. Only the Department of Natural Resources Contractor is permitted to trim the vegetation. To request the dune grass to be trimmed in your area, please contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

For more information related to the Beach Renourishment, visit oceancitymd.gov

March 2022

For a complete event calendar including weekly free events, visit ococean.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Police Department — Drunk driving is a deadly epidemic that takes the lives of more than 10,000 people each year, on average. REMEMBER TO DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER!</p>		<p>Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM</p>				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p>Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM</p>					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<p>Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM</p>		<p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p>Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM</p>					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		<p>Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM</p>			<p>Yearly Reminder: If you own property in Ocean City corporate limits, all weeds, brush and grass shall be cut and trimmed and not exceed a height of nine inches or more. Land and lot owners are responsible for the cutting, destruction or removal of all weeds, brush and grass.</p>	

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

April is Maryland Flood Awareness Month!

All property in Ocean City is in a flood hazard area & subject to flooding from the ocean, coastal bays & heavy rainfall. Minor flooding is not uncommon & major flooding happens occasionally. FEMA places properties in flood zones based on their chance of flooding. Property owners can find their property's flood hazard designation by contacting the Department of Planning & Community Development, 410.289.8855, bneville@oceancitymd.gov, or the City Engineer, 410.289.8845, tmcgean@oceancitymd.gov.

Natural & Beneficial Functions of Floodplains:

Floodplains in their natural state provide many beneficial functions. Primary undeveloped flood plain areas in OC are beaches & dunes, the first line of defense against flood damage from the ocean. Taking care of dunes by not walking on them & maintaining vegetation is essential to retaining their flood protection function. Bayside, wetlands & other open spaces act as sponges, storing floodwaters before they reach upland areas. These natural areas are protected by Federal, State & Local regulations.

Flood Warning System: OC has developed a flood warning system as part of our Comprehensive Operations Plan. Since flooding here is caused by storms & hurricanes, the warning system is based on storm severity & location. Protect family from flooding hazards. Establish a family rendezvous location when the warning is issued.

Flood Insurance: Standard homeowners insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. OC participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes federally backed flood insurance available to property owners. This insurance is required in many cases, such as when property is purchased with a federally backed mortgage. Property owners can insure buildings & contents against flood damage & renters can insure possessions. Condominiums should carry a flood insurance policy on the structure itself. Flood insurance is available to all property owners & renters. Consider a Preferred Risk Flood Insurance Policy. The NFIP's Preferred Risk Policy, or PRP, offers low-cost flood insurance to owners & tenants of eligible residential & non-residential buildings located in moderate- to low-risk areas. For more information on flooding & insurance, visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart>.

Floodplain Development Permit Requirements: Build responsibly. OC Code requires a building permit be obtained for nearly all construction & structural repair work, & for any development within the Special Flood Hazard Area mapped on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The city reviews plans to be sure buildings are constructed to withstand flooding. Permits are also required before any land development (grading, filling, etc.) in the floodplain to ensure activities do not increase flooding potential on or around property. Part of the permit process involves preparation of elevation certificates, which provide a record of the structure's lowest floor elevation to predicted flood levels. Elevation certificates are maintained for review by insurance agents, property owners & other

interested persons. Obtain information & permits from Department of Planning & Community Development at City Hall 410.289.8855, jdoub@oceancitymd.gov. Illegal floodplain activity can also be reported here. Learn the Substantial Improvements rules by contacting the Building Office.

Drainage System Maintenance: It is important our drainage system be kept clear of obstructions & debris. The Town's littering ordinance prohibits throwing trash onto any public property, including storm drains & sewers. To report violations & clogged drainage ways, call 410.524.7716. Report any dumping of wastes you witness to the Environmental Engineer by calling 410.289.8825. Learn more at: <http://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/engineering/environment/pollution-prevention-plan/>

Flood Protection Assistance: The Dept. of Planning & Community Development & City Engineer can assist with questions about flood protection & flood insurance, including historical flooding information so you can relate flood potential to your property; site visits to advise appropriate flood protection techniques; review retrofitting plans; locate property on flood insurance rate maps to determine flood zones & research elevation certificates for existing buildings to determine height above floodwaters. For more info, call 410.289.8855 or email jdoub@oceancitymd.gov.

Property Protection Measures: There are many ways to protect property from flood damage. Make sure your new building is constructed to meet or exceed code requirements. These include requirements for elevation of building, foundations, venting, etc. There are also ways to retrofit existing buildings to increase protection:

ELEVATION: Raising structure to bring it above floodwater level.

LEVEES: In areas of shallow flooding with low velocity, a levee can be built around the structure.

FLOOD WALLS: Similar to levees, but built of materials such as masonry block or reinforced concrete to keep flood water away.

CLOSURES: Involve techniques for protecting gaps left open for daily convenience, such as walks, doors, driveways.

SEALANTS: Can be applied to walls & floors to keep water from penetrating.

UTILITY PROTECTION: Flooding sometimes causes costly damage to utility systems. By elevating utilities or shielding them, flooding can be avoided. Moving utilities to less flood-prone locations can also minimize damage.

This article is published in each edition of the newsletter as required by the Town's participation in FEMA's Community Rating System. Property owners in Ocean City **may** receive a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums through this program. For an expanded version of this article, visit: oceancitymd.gov

Ocean City, Maryland

Arbor Day Celebration



April 29

Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated each year with Ocean City Elementary School students by planting a new tree. For over 25 years, the Ocean City Beautification Committee has partnered with the students to bring this program to the community and to show the importance of trees in our environment. For more information about Arbor Day events visit oceancitymd.gov.

April 2022

For a complete event calendar including weekly free events, visit ococean.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>SAFETY TIP: Ocean City Beach Patrol — Surfing is only permitted in designated areas during the beach patrol's operating hours of 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to Sunday of Sunfest weekend. To get the daily surfing beach rotation, visit the beach patrol website at ococean.com/ocbp.</p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM			PASSOVER GOOD FRIDAY	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
EASTER	Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, 6 PM					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING					
	The Town of OC's Public Works Department will be conducting a hydrant flushing of the water system. Residents & businesses are reminded that after flushing there may be a slight discoloration of the water. For more information, visit oceancitymd.gov .					
		Mayor & City Council Work Session, City Hall, 1 PM			ARBOR DAY	

Event dates and times subject to change. Check OCocean.com or OceanCityMD.gov or call 800.OC.OCEAN (800.626.2326) to confirm before traveling long distances.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents, Property Owners & Friends,

It has been without a doubt a challenging year as we all have been facing the COVID-19 pandemic. The past year was undeniably different with the majority of our events being canceled, businesses being forced to close, and a stay-at-home order in effect for a period of time, but we are hopeful that we are now moving in the right direction. After all, we are OC Strong!

As the world has ever changed with how we do things from day to day, the Town of Ocean City and our businesses have adapted and strive to keep you safe. The health and safety of our visitors, residents and employees remains our number one priority.

We are excited to safely bring back some OC favorites! Springfest is back for the 30th Anniversary, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds will be in full flight for the OC Air Show and Art X will help you discover a variety of artisans from around the country! It is our hope that as we continue to move forward, more events and openings will safely take place. Movies on the Beach, Sundaes in the Park and other outdoor events are already being planned and will return this year.

There is so much to experience in Ocean City. I encourage you to take the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors by taking a stroll on our world-famous Boardwalk, catch a sunrise on the beach or play a round of golf at Eagles Landing. On behalf of the City Council, thank you for allowing us to represent this vibrant resort community. We take tremendous pride welcoming and serving you and please continue to adhere to all rules and guidelines to keep yourself, your families and others safe.

Sincerely,





Rick Meehan, Mayor
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

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Important Numbers**

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NON-EMERGENCY:

MD Natural Resources Police 410.548.7070
Poison Control Center 1.800.222.1222
U.S. Coast Guard 410.289.7559

OTHERS:

Atlantic General Hospital 410.641.1100
Chamber of Commerce 410.213.0552
Comcast 888.266.2278
Coastal Association of Realtors 410.641.4409
District Court 410.723.6935
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 Center for the Arts 410.524.9433
OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Assoc. 410.289.6733
OC Public Library 410.524.1818

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 410.289.8845
Fire Dept. (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