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Look inside for month-by-month listings of upcoming events in Ocean City!

November 2011

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

Nov. 4: Starving Artists Dinner & Reception

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Holiday show & sale. Artists' choice. Delicious homemade soups, salad & desserts. Admission/donation. 5-7 p.m. 410-524-9433. ocart@verizon.net; www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

Nov. 5-6: Fallfest of Fine Art

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Juried show features fine art painters, sculptors, high craft artisans. Admission includes Christmas Craft Expo. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. www. donaldsduckshoppe.com. duckmandon@comcast.net.

Nov. 5-6: Christmas Craft Expo

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Unique gifts or something for the home. Admission includes Fine Art Show. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net.

Nov. 11-Feb. 10: Open Play

Northside Park, 125th St. & bay. Different activity areas set up in the gym for children 18 months to 4 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No instructor provided. No registration necessary. OC residents \$3, non-residents \$4. 410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov.

Nov. 17-Jan. 1: Winterfest of Lights

Northside Park, 127th St. bayside; townwide. Winterfest of Lights has been named a prestigious Top 100 Event for 2011 by American Bus Association. Admission is \$5 for those 12 years & older, free for those 11 years & younger. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

Nov. 19: Turkey Trot

Eagle's Landing Golf Course. One of the last chances for great golf before cold weather. Four-player scramble for adults. Includes a turkey feast after play. Eagle's Landing, 410-213-7277. www.eagleslandinggolf. com.

Nov. 25-27: Holiday Shopper's Fair

Ocean City Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Annual holiday shopping extravaganza. Unique handmade merchandise, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Great gift & household items. Children's activities, photo w/Santa & non-shopper's lounge. Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission. jcropper@oceancitymd.gov. 800-626-2326, 410-289-2800. www.ococean.com.

Holiday Shopper's Fair returns to Roland E. Powell Convention Center

The whole family will enjoy a visit to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27, for the 29th Annual Holiday Shopper's Fair.

A visit to this annual shopping extravaganza is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit. This year's fair features unique gifts for everyone on your shopping list, including arts and craft items, hand-painted furniture, quilted handbags, ornaments, candles, a wide selection of jewelry, florals and specialty gift items. You'll also find toys, pet items and sports-related memorabilia. Your gift search will find nautical items, stained glass, country woodcrafts, lighted baskets, ceramics and much more.

In the Convention Center lobby there will be non-profit organizations set up including Delmarva Cat Connection with cat/kitten adoptions and art and craft items, and Town Cats with adoptions, puzzles and other gift items for sale. Believe in Tomorrow will sell raffle tickets. The Ocean City Aviation Association will offer T-shirts and aviation items.

Vendors will also offer honey roasted almonds, homemade fudge and chocolates, dip mixes, assorted cakes and cookies for gift-giving.

Special programs have been organized for children's entertainment to celebrate the season. More hands-on crafts will be offered this year for children, and these activities are included in the price of admission to the show. Back by popular demand is Lady J with arts and crafts, face painting. "balloonatics" and new games. Also back is Mike Russell, Myklar the Ordinary, who will be performing three magic shows each day. Santa will be making a daily appearance from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Be sure to stop by and leave your Christmas wish list and have your child's photo taken with Santa.

Door prize drawings will be held every hour on the half-hour (must be present to win). And for the non-shopper, a television room will be open showing football games.

The Holiday Shopper's Fair was started in 1983 as a part of the effort to bring visitors to the resort in the shoulder season. The first show attracted 2,000 people with 66 vendors displaying gifts, arts and crafts and more. This year's show will feature more than 200 vendors with an estimated 10,000 people visiting the three-day tradition.

Show hours are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 10 a.m to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for the weekend. Children 13 and under are admitted free.

For more information, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN, 410-289-2800 or e-mail jcropper@oceancitymd.gov.

Opening ceremony Nov. 17 to kick off Winterfest of Lights

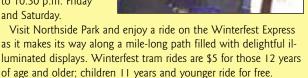
Ocean City's 19th annual Winterfest of Lights kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, with a special opening ceremony and celebration at Northside Park's Winterfest Village, 127th Street and the bay.

The public is invited to attend the Winterfest opening ceremony, which begins Ocean City's dazzling holiday season. Throughout the resort, thousands of twinkling lights will outline hundreds of displays.

The opening ceremony features the Ocean City Elementary School's "OC Stars" performing holiday song and dance. Then,

Mayor Rick Meehan and the children will "throw the switch" to light the entire Winterfest Park. Santa will make a surprise entrance and then the Winterfest Express Train will be free for everyone attending this opening evening.

Following the ceremony, Winterfest of Lights runs nightly through Jan. I. Hours of operation are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



While at Northside Park, visit the Winterfest Village located inside a heated and festively decorated tent for a cup of hot chocolate, browse Yukon Cornelius' Gift Shop for holiday presents and have your photo taken with Santa. Santa will be on hand to receive your holiday wish lists each and every night until Dec. 23.

On selected Winterfest nights, free musical entertainment will be scheduled at the Winterfest Village.

For more information, call the Ocean City Recreation and Parks





November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		• Mayor & Council Work Session,	2	3	4	5
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		Mayor & Council Work Session,		Tree-Lighting Ceremony,	Northside Park	• Turkey Trot, Eagle's Landing
		1 p.m., City Hall		5:30 p.m., Northside Park	Winterfest of Lights	Winterfest of Lights
20	21 • Mayor & City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall	22	23	THANKSGIVING DAY 24	• Town Offices Closed • Holiday Shopper's Fair, 10 a.m 5 p.m., Convention Center	26 • Holiday Shopper's Fair, 10 a.m 5 p.m., Convention Center
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December 2011

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Northside Park, 127th St. bayside; townwide. Winterfest of Lights has been named a prestigious Top 100 Event for 2011 by American Bus Association. Admission is \$5 for those 12 years & older; free for those 11 years & younger. 800-626-2326. www.ococean.com.

Dec. 2, 9, 16: Open Play

Northside Park, 125th St. & bay. Different activity areas set up in the gym for children 18 months to 4 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No instructor provided. No registration necessary. 9:30-11:30 a.m. OC residents \$3, non-residents \$4. 410-250-0125. www.oceancitymd.gov.

Dec. 3: Ocean City Christmas Parade

100th St. north to 115th St. Wonderful holiday parade with school marching bands, floats, horses & llamas, marching units, Santa Claus. 11 a.m. 410-524-9000, honijarvis@cs.com.

Dec. 3: OC Christmas Classic Open Championship

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. World bid qualifier for USASF 2012 Dance Worlds. Event open to both cheer & dance teams. Registration

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum to hold Holiday Open House

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum will hold a Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, which is located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet.

There will be free admission for everyone and 10 percent off all items in the gift shop. This is your chance to see the newest display, "Splash!" featuring a slide show of photographs of beach fun over the years in Ocean City. A special sneak preview of "Surf's Up," the new exhibit opening in May 2012, will be included in the slide show.

The museum's gift shop provides excellent holiday shopping with a variety of books for adults and children, gifts, jewelry and much more. Also available is a line of clothing and accessories with the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum logo. For more information, call 410-289-4991 or email Sandy@ocmuseum.org. for participants. Admission for spectators. www.cheeranddanceextreme. com.

Dec. 4: Holiday Open House

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, south end of Boardwalk. Excellent opportunity to visit the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum & also check out the gift shop. Many unique items for your holiday shopping. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 410-289-4991. www.ocmuseum.org.

Dec. 7: Pizza with Santa Party

Northside Park, 125th St. & bay. Enjoy pizza with Santa. Arts & crafts, a ride through Winterfest, cookie decorating, refreshments, more. Pre-registration mandatory as space is limited. 5:30-7:30 p.m. www.oceanc-itymd.gov, 410-250-0125.

Dec. 7: Senior Christmas Luncheon

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Annual affair sponsored by Recreation & Parks Department in cooperation with the Senior Center of OC. Sit-down luncheon with all the trimmings. For adults 55 & over. Tickets available at Senior Center & Northside Park. 410-250-0125.

Dec. 27-30: For the Love of Soccer Camp

Northside Park, 125th St. & bay. A great holiday gift for girls & boys ages 6-16. Camp director Bobby McAvan offers knowledge, fun & skills to this winter indoor camp. Registration fee. Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 410-250-0125. www.oceancitymd.gov.

Dec. 28-30: Gladiator Dodgeball Camp

Northside Park, 125th St. & bay. Winter break is the perfect time to play some dodgeball. This annual camp includes plenty of play, strategy & fun with friends. Boys & girls 5th-8th grades. Wed.-Fri., 3:30-5:30 p.m. Registration fee. 410-250-0125. www.oceancitymd.gov.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Townwide. Celebrate the New Year at your favorite hotel or restaurant. Enjoy ringing in the New Year at your favorite summer place. Many Ocean City hotels, clubs & restaurants offer special packages or menus for this very special Saturday night. Call your favorite spot or 800-626-2326 for general information. www.ococean.com.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Bus Rides

Ocean City. The Town of Ocean City offers free bus rides for New Year's Eve from 6 a.m. New Year's Eve to 6 a.m. New Year's Day. www. ococean.com.

Winterfest of Lights brightens holiday nights

Ocean City, Maryland, the East Coast's favorite family vacation destination in summer, also shines during the holiday season as it celebrates the holidays with the 19th annual Winterfest of Lights, scheduled this year for Nov. 17 through Jan. 1.

Winterfest has received national attention, having been awarded one of the Top 100 Events in North America by the American Bus Association for several years.

Join in the fun as Ocean City lights up the nights with beautiful holiday displays at Northside Park, located at 125th Street and the bay, where you can take a ride on the Winterfest Express as it makes its way along a mile-long path filled with illuminated displays. Winterfest tram rides are \$5 for those 12 years of age and older; children 11 years and younger ride for free.

While at Northside Park, visit the Winterfest Village for a cup of hot chocolate, browse the Yukon Cornelius Gift Shop and have your photo taken with Santa, who will be available nightly until Friday, Dec. 23. The Winterfest Village is located inside a huge heated tent beautifully decorated for the holidays. Admission to the Winterfest Village is free and on selected nights, free musical entertainment will be scheduled at the Winterfest Village.

Winterfest of Lights is presented Sunday through Thursday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-626-2326 or visit the Ocean City web site at www.ococean.com.





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				 Winterfest of Lights 	2 • Open Play Day, kids 18 mos 4 yrs., 9:30-11:30 a.m., Northside Park • Winterfest of Lights	 OC Christmas Parade, 11 a.m. CDE Cheerleading Competition, Convention Center Winterfest of Lights
4	5	6	PEARL HARBOR DAY 7	8	9	10
• OC Life-Saving Station Museum Holiday Open House, 10 a.m 5 p.m. • Winterfest of Lights	• Mayor & Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall • Winterfest of Lights	• American Cancer Society Holiday Luncheon, Convention Center • Winterfest of Lights	• Senior Holiday Luncheon, Convention Center • Pizza with Santa, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Northside Park • Winterfest of Lights	• Winterfest of Lights	• Open Play Day, kids 18 mos 4 yrs., 9:30-11:30 a.m., Northside Park • Winterfest of Lights	• Winterfest of Lights
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	• Mayor & Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall					
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January 2012

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Jan. 1: AGH Penguin Swim

Princess Royale, 91st St. & ocean. Celebrate New Year's Day by "getting wet for a good cause." A cool dip in the Atlantic helps raise money for local hospital, Atlantic General. Registration, noon; swim, 1 p.m. 410-641-9678. www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Jan. 1: Mayor & Council Open House

City Hall, 3rd St. & Baltimore Ave. A New Year's Day tradition in Ocean City. The Mayor & Council welcome citizens to City Hall for the annual Open House. Each year features a different theme. This year's focus is on the Art League of Ocean City. Exhibits, music, light refreshments. I-3 p.m.

Jan. 1: Winterfest of Lights

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Jan. 2-March 21: Adult Line Dancing

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Free program for adults 18 \overleftarrow{e} older. Volunteer instructors show you how to strut your stuff to a wide range of music. Advance class 10-11 a.m.; beginners 11a.m.-noon. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 4-25: Jazz Dance Club

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Exercise, jazz dance steps, rhythm & social fun. Adults 18 & older. Registration. 12:15-1:15 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 4-Feb.8: Basketball Clinic

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Introduction to the game of basketball. Boys & girls learn basic skills, have drills & play practice games on 8-foot baskets. For children in 1st & 2nd grades. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Registration. www.oceanc-itymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 4-March 7: Floor Hockey Club

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Competitive yet recreational outlet for players of all ability levels. Allows anyone to play as participants wear sneakers instead of skates. Mouth guards, gloves, shin guards required. Adults 18 & older. Registration. Wednesdays, 8:15-10 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 5-Feb. 9: Start Smart Sports: Soccer

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Focuses on soccer skills with assistance from their parent. Nationally recognized program uses equipment designed to allow children to succeed. For children 3-5 years. Thursdays, 10-10:50 a.m. Registration. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 5-Feb. 23: Yoga

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Designed for beginners as well as seniors. Mats are provided as well as other equipment. Wear comfortable clothing for freedom of movement. Adults 18 & older. Registration. Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27: Open Play

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Different activity areas set up in the gym for children 18 months to 4 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No instructor provided. No registration necessary. 9:30-11:30 a.m. OC residents \$3, non-residents \$4. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 7: Mid-Nighter for Grades 5 & 6

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Late-night recreational fun includes gladiator dodgeball, Planet Maze, Laser Storm, bowling, games, food, more. Deadline to register Jan. 5. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 7-Feb. 11: Tumbling Classes

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Tumbling classes designed to teach your little ones basics of movement & balance. Boys & girls 3-8 years. Registration. Two sessions: 9:30-10:15 a.m. for 3-5 years; 10:30-11:30 a.m. for K-2nd grades. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 8-Feb. 12: High School Dodgeball Club

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Sunday night Dodgeball Club for boys & girls, 9th-12th grades. 6-7:30 p.m. Registration. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 8-Feb.19: Women's Soccer Club

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Great competitive yet recreational outlet for players of all ability levels. Women 18 years & older. Registration. Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 9-March 7: Kiddie Korner

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Fun playgroup for children 18 months to 3 years. Opportunity for children & their parents to interact with others while participating in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, singing, story time, games. Children must be accompanied by adults. Registration required. Two sessions, 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 10:45-11:45 a.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 9-Feb. 27: Start Smart Sports: Basketball

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Youth development program that focuses on basketball skills including shooting, dribbling, passing, running. Each skill is broken down & with assistance by their parent, children improve every week.

Christmas tree drop-off site available

The Town of Ocean City is once again providing a Christmas tree drop-off site at the 100th Street Municipal Parking Lot. Trees can be placed in the northeast corner of the 100th Street lot Dec. 26 through Jan. 31.

Please remove all tinsel, ornaments and other nonwooden items from the tree. Trees collected at the site are taken to the county landfill where they are ground into mulch. Children 3-5 years. Registration. Mondays, 5-5:50 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 9-March 12: Men's Club Indoor Lacrosse

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. 10-week session. For those who sign up for entire program, receive a lacrosse club jersey. Fun, relaxed environment for indoor lacrosse games. Drop in or full session fees. Men, 18 & older. Mondays, 8:15-10 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 10-Feb. 14: Cheerleading

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Girls & boys, K-4th grades, learn basic cheers & jumps, cheer at basketball games. Registration. Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 13-Feb. 17: Indoor Soccer Clinic

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Learn basic techniques of indoor game. Boys & girls pre-K & kindergarten. Fridays, 5:15.6:15 p.m. Registration. www.oceanc-itymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 14-15: Nautical & Wildlife Art Festival

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. The shore's premier presentation of nautical & wildlife artists in residence. Noted painters, sculptors, model shipbuilders & multi-media artists highlight this annual show. Admission. Admission also includes entry to North American Craft Show. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. duckmandon@comcast.net, www.donaldsduckshoppe. com.

Jan. 14-15: North American Craft Show

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Variety of quality, juried arts & crafters exhibiting their products for sale. Music. Food available. Admission. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 410-524-9177. Admission also includes entry to Art Festival. duckmandon@comcast.net, www.donaldsduckshoppe.com.

Jan. 21: Mid-Nighter for Grades 7 & 8

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Late-night recreational fun includes gladiator dodgeball, Planet Maze, Laser Storm, bowling, games, food, more. Deadline to register Jan. 20. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 25: Senior Movie Day Special

Sun & Surf Theater, 142nd St. & Coastal Hwy. Special movie showing for seniors & guests. Sponsored by Fox Cinemas in cooperation with Recreation & Parks Department. Participants enjoy discounted ticket price. Tickets available at Northside Park & at box office 12:30 p.m. on day of show. Call for specific movie one week in advance of showing. 1 p.m. 410-250-0125.

Jan. 27: Day Off School

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Students, K-4th grades, can spend their day off school participating in sporting activities. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Pack your lunch & bring a friend. Registration. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.







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22 • High School Dodgeball Club, 6-7:30 p.m., Northside Park	23 • Kiddie Korner, Northside Park • Start Smart Basketball, 5-5:50 p.m., Northside Park	24 • Cheerleading, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Northside Park • Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Drive, 10 a.m6 p.m., Convention Center	25 • Kiddie Korner, Northside Park • Basketball Clinic, 5-6 p.m., Northside Park • Senior Movie Day, 1 p.m., Sun & Surf • Blood Bank of Delmarva Blood Drive, 8 a.m5 p.m., Convention Center	26 • Start Smart Soccer, 10-10:50 a.m., Northside Park	27 • Open Play, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Northside Park • Indoor Soccer Clinic, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Northside Park • Day Off School, 8:30 a.m4 p.m., Northside Park	28 • Tumbling Class, Northside Park
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February 2012

Feb. 3: Gladiator Dodgeball, Intermediate School

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Game incorporates dodgeball, flag football & capture the flag. Also enjoy pizza & ice cream. 5th & 6th graders. Registration required. 6:45-8:45 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Feb. 3, 10: Open Play

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Different activity areas set up in the gym for children 18 months to 4 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No instructor provided. No registration necessary. 9:30-11:30 a.m. OC residents \$3, non-residents \$4. www.oceancitymd. gov. 410-250-0125.

Feb. 5: Super Bowl Scramble

Eagle's Landing Golf Course. Tailgate party with 18-hole scramble tournament. Scoring is done in traditional football manner awarding points for touchdowns, field goals, extra points & penalizing for safeties. Pregame tailgate party at 9 a.m. Melanie's Blitz Soup at the turn. 10 a.m. shotgun start. Sign up early as this event sells out each year. 410-213-7277. www.eagleslandinggolf.com.

Feb. 7-March 22: Dog & Puppy Obedience Classes

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Classes for puppies and adult dogs. Registration required. 410-250-0125. www.oceancitymd.gov.

Feb. 10: Gladiator Dodgeball, Middle School

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Game incorporates dodgeball, flag football & capture the flag. Also enjoy pizza & ice cream. Registration required. 7th & 8th graders. 6:45-8:45 p.m. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Feb. 14: Senior Valentine Dinner Dance

Clarion Hotel Crystal Ballroom, 101st St. & Coastal Hwy. The Recreation & Parks Department sponsors an annual Valentine Dinner Dance for its seniors. Starting date for reservations Jan. 3. www.oceancitymd.gov. 410-250-0125.

Feb. 17-19: Seaside Boat Show

Convention Center, 40th St. bayside. Largest boat show on the shore with over 300 boats, including sail, pontoon, wave runners & more. Boat accessories, crafts, more. Presented by the Berlin-Ocean City Optimist Club. Proceeds benefit area youth programs. Admission. www.ocboatshow.com.

Feb. 22: Senior Movie Day Special

Sun & Surf Theater, 142nd St & Coastal Hwy. Special movie showing for seniors & guests sponsored by Fox Cinemas in cooperation with Recreation & Parks Department. Participants enjoy discounted ticket price. Tickets available at Northside Park & at box office 12:30 p.m. on day of show. Call for specific movie one week in advance of showing. I p.m., 410-250-0125.

Feb. 24-26: Reach the Beach Rec & School Open National Championships

Convention Center, 40th St. bayside. Recreation & school cheerleading teams from around the world gather to compete at the one & only Reach the Beach. Prize money, fabulous individual & partner stunt awards, unstoppable fun & more make this the premier cheerleading national championship. Admission for spectators. Registration for competition. For more information: mike@acdaspirit.com or www.acdaspirit. com. 877-322-2310.

Feb. 24-26: St. Patrick's Soccer Tournaments

Northside Park, 125th St. bayside. Annual St. Patrick's Tournament series. Girls & boys under 18 compete. Other dates for different age groups: March 2-4, girls & boys under 10 and under 14; March 9-11, girls & boys under 12 and under 16; March 16-18, women & men over 18. 410-250-0125. www.oceancitymd.gov.



Ocean City's Roland E. Powell Convention Center is filled with boats and boating accessories at the annual Seaside Boat Show sponsored by the Berlin-Ocean City Optimist Club.

Residential security check program available to property owners

With many residences and businesses vacant for extended periods of time during the winter, resort police offer a program to prevent burglaries, trespass cases and other crimes. The Ocean City Police Department's residential security check program helps the department police vacant homes and businesses and, at the same time, provide absent property owners with some peace of mind about their properties.

The residential security checks are part of a larger effort by the OCPD to "target harden" the community against crime. In addition to being a proactive crime prevention tool, residential security checks also promote police-citizen interaction and cooperation, and encourage the sharing of vital information about the community, especially during winter months.

The program allows residents and business owners to register their properties with the OCPD when they are going to be out of town for extended periods of time, or when the properties require special monitoring because of unique circumstances. For example, two years ago, the OCPD handled as many as 60 open burglary cases during the winter months in certain areas of town, most of which were later solved and the perpetrators brought to justice.

Under the residential security check program, property owners register their residences or businesses with the OCPD. As the police make their rounds and patrol the community during the winter, any observations or comments made about registered properties are entered in the department's Computer Aided Dispatch, or CAD system.

When a special watch period expires for a given property, the CAD system can then generate a detailed report that outlines the frequency of officer checks and any observations or unique circumstances experienced by OCPD officers for that particular address. More importantly, the residential security check system provides officers in the field with enough information to quickly contact owners about their properties in an emergency.

Residents and business owners can register for the security check program by going to www.ocpdmd.com and completing the online registration form, or by printing the registration form and mailing it to the address listed. The program is coordinated by the OCPD's public affairs office.

For more information, contact Pfc. Mike Levy at 410-723-6665, or PAS Jessica King at 410-520-5395.



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March 2012

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

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March 7: 50th Anniversary of the March 1962 Storm

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

March 9-10: Ocean City Handbell Festival

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

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

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

March 14: St. Patty's Bingo

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

March 17: St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Festival Saturday, March 17 31st annual event sponsored by the Delmarva Irish-American Club

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

Ocean City's St. Patrick's Day Parade includes pipe and drum bands, including the Chesapeake Caledonia Pipe and Drum Band and the Ocean City Pipe Band, several area high school marching bands led by the Stephen Decatur High School Marching Band and numerous festively decorated St. Patty's Day floats. Trophies will be awarded for best marching band, best commercial float, best noncommercial float, best motorized unit, best adult marching unit, best youth marching unit, special committee award and best overall entry in the parade.

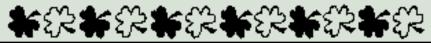
The procession begins at noon at 61st Street and marches south on Coastal Highway to the 45th Street Shopping Center, where the reviewing and judges stand will be located.

The 45th Street Shopping Center will once again be transformed into a lively Irish festival complete with live Irish entertainment, dancers, face painting, Irish apparel and plenty of food and drink. Music will be provided by "Off the Boat Band" featuring James Gallagher. The free-admission festival begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

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

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









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April 6-7: Easter Art & Craft Fair

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Exhibitors displaying unique handcrafted items including wearable art, jewelry, lawn & garden decor, toys, florals, fine art, caricatures, more. Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 410-213-8090. www.oceanpromotions.info.

April 6-7: Easter Kids Fair

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. Continuous events, activities & entertainment including Beany the Easter Bunny, egg hunts, more. Fri. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 410-213-8090. www.oceanpromotions.info.

April 20-22: Sweet Adelines Convention & Competition

Convention Center, 40th St. & bay. More than 20 choruses & 25 quartets compete in a women's barbershop singing contest. The winning chorus earns the honor of competing in Sweet Adelines International contest in 2012 in Denver. Admission: \$25 per event. Quartet contest Fri., 5 p.m.; chorus contest Sat., 11 a.m.; show of champions Sat., 8 p.m. 609-463-8870, www.region19sai.org.

April 22: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Inlet Lot. Race route to be determined. 410-938-8990.

April 27-29: MD International Kite Expo

Boardwalk, First St. to Sixth St. Great spectator & participant event. Maryland International Kite Exposition will feature three fun-filled days of kite-flying on the beautiful beaches of Ocean City. 410-289-7855. www.kiteloft.com.

> www.ococean.com www.oceancitymd.gov 800-OC-OCEAN

Ocean City's Spring Clean-Up, Community Yard Sale set for April 14–15

The Town of Ocean City is once again offering a great opportunity for residential property owners to do their spring-cleaning by offering free residential bulk pick-up on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15. As an added attraction, Ocean City also will offer a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 14 at Northside Park.

Ocean City's bulk pick-up service offers a convenient way for residents to get rid of large household items, such as furniture, appliances, bicycles, carpet, etc., which cannot normally be loaded into a standard refuse truck. Normally, this service does not include building materials, yard debris, etc. However, during the Spring Clean-Up the town will be accepting these items.

Place your items curbside (staff does not go on private property to remove items) on Friday, April 13, for Saturday, April 14, pickup from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, April 15, pick-up from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Town is providing bulk pick-up free of charge during this period. (At other times, cost for bulk pick-up is \$15 per pick-up of one item, \$25 for up to three items and \$5 for each additional item).

There will also be an amnesty program to collect fireworks, old ammunition and old weapons that residents may have in their household and need to be removed. For more information, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318.

As part of the Spring Clean-Up, Ocean City's 11th annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 7 a.m. until noon at Northside Park. The yard sale will be held on the parking lot at Northside Park on 125th Street in front of



the Community Center. Vendor spots will be available for Ocean City residents and property owners only. Space is limited, so please apply in advance. The cost is \$15 per double space. If space is still available, participants may register before 7 a.m. on the day of the event for \$20. Participants can begin setting up their items for sale



no earlier than 6 a.m. All items need to be removed by 12:30 p.m.

No retail merchandise will be permitted for sale, and no personal or professional services are permitted for sale. Certain items may be excluded for sale including cars, trucks and any powered wheel conveyance; boats, snowmobiles, firearms, martial arts weapons, alcohol, paint, hazardous chemicals, food, produce, beverages or any other items which may be deemed inappropriate on public property. Raffles are not allowed.

To register, stop by the Ocean City Department of Recreation and Parks Northside Park Community Center, 200 125th Street. For more information about the Community Yard Sale, call 410-250-0125.





