

THE DOWNTOWNER

GREETINGS FROM YOUR DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION APRIL 2009

President's Note



Whether you live here or visit here, Ocean City lives in our hearts and creates fond memories. Families are the link to our past and the bridge to our future, especially in Ocean City. There is no disagreement that achieving success is only through hard work and continuous struggle. Today as in the beginning the same efforts continue to enhance Ocean City. It gives me great pride to live, work and play in a town where folks work as a team and support one another to achieve the one common goal, to make this the greatest City!

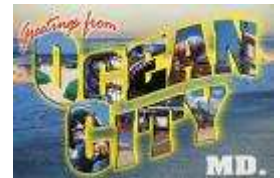
Happy Birthday Lady!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCEAN CITY

129 years



1880-2009



Beneath beach blankets, behind the neon signs below towering hotels, are layers of Ocean City cultural history that a few people realize—the community that has long defined by the sea. Ocean City was born on April 10, 1880, when incorporation papers were signed and it was officially recognized as a city. Until the mid 1800's the island was extremely isolated, sparingly populated and virtually undeveloped. That all changed when it was given away to developers by fisherman and farmers. It all started when Isaac Coffin built in 1869 the first beachfront cottage to receive paying customers. During those days, people arrived by stagecoach and ferry. They came to fish off the shore, to enjoy the natural beauty of the Atlantic Ocean pounding against the long strip of sandy beach, to collect seashells, or just to sit back and watch the rolling surf. The boardwalk, officially known as Atlantic Avenue, dates back to 1902, many hotel owners got together and constructed a wooden walkway so guests could walk the beach without getting their shoes sandy, at high tide they rolled it up and stored it on hotel porches. The Atlantic Hotel Boardwalk and Somerset Ave, was the first big hotel on the boards, it opened July 4th 1875 it offered dancing and billiard rooms to the visitors. The 1907 pavilion contained a dancing pavilion, skating rink, and bowling alley. Ocean City's classic pier building is the only example of entertainment seaside. In the early 1900's Daniel Trimper and his brother, both from Baltimore started an amusement park. Today three Trimper generations manage the park. For over 100 years, the Trimper Family has provided a carnival atmosphere to the south end of the boardwalk near the inlet. Mountainous waves that battered down the boardwalk, smashed windows in south O.C. destroyed a number of businesses. The pier building with stood the storm, it was said that the rail bridge in town was damaged. It was known that two inlets were cut by the storm at Ocean City, one near south boardwalk and the other near the Old North Beach Station on Assateague. The inlet helped establish an important fishing port. Prior to 1870, what is now Ocean City was known as "The Ladies Resort to the Ocean"? Victorian style houses and other older buildings, many of which have been razed in recent years to construct more parking lots, hotels and condos, mark the downtown neighborhood. One thing about Downtown Ocean City that has not changed is fresh clean air, sand between your toes kids laughing and memories of generations to come.



Winter Office Hours Thursday thru Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm (410) 289-1413

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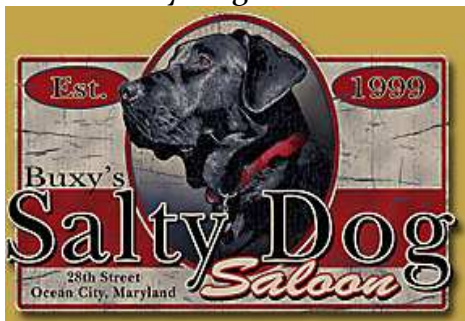
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Downtown Happenings

After Dark

April 8th 5:00-7:00pm

Please come join us for complimentary
Hors d'oeuvres & happy hour drink prices at Buxy's
Salty Dog Saloon.



White Marlin Festival & Crab Soup Cook-Off

*Come out and join us to kick off the 2009 season
May 2, 2009 from 12-3pm on Somerset Street
Plaza. This is a community event that is not to
be missed. There will be exhibits from around
town, clowns, face painting, magicians and
music. You be the judge of who has the best crab
soup in town.*



Cottage House on the boardwalk

*Members, we are in need of volunteers to work any days Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, from 4-8pm. Anyone interested in educating our visitors of
what's around town, where to dine, where to play, where to fish, where the
entertainment is around town. Our Mayor, Rick Meehan is our first
volunteer and would like to challenge anyone who would like to volunteer
to help the Downtown Association with this effort. Please call the office for
more info at (410) 289-1413*



Spaghetti Dinner

April 5th, 2009

Annual James Sapia Spaghetti Dinner at

*Shenanigan's Irish Pub & Grille, 4th street and
the boardwalk 4:00-8:00pm come out and joins us for
a nice dinner with family and friends.*

Adult's \$10 Children \$5

All tickets will be sold at the door.

Open to the Public



Members Spotlight

ATLANTIC HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST *Your house at the
beach. Nestled between the bay and ocean, The Atlantic House, in
original Ocean City, spans both old and new with service and
comfort from yesteryear yet offering convenience for today's beach
and dining adventures. Begin your day with our Buffet breakfast
relaxing in our large sunroom, or front porch. Groups or meetings
accommodated. Check our web site for specials.
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2009



THANK YOU

Granville Trimper Pancake Breakfast

To our friends and members thank you for coming out to support our event, in honor of a great man. Our wait staff & volunteers were fantastic. Looking forward to next year.

Welcome New Members



Larry Manoly



To our members who
renewed their memberships...

Souvenir City & Inlet Gifts Alan & Shelia Rothstein
Flamingo Hotel Ocean City Today
Old Pro Golf Funcade
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