



# 2023 Calendar of Events



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**All dates/events are subject to change.**

**OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> - Fall Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Streets on Asbury Ave. Over 400 crafters, food vendors, music and more. In the evening, fireworks over the boardwalk from 6<sup>th</sup> Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Boardwalk & Downtown Merchant Table Sales** 6<sup>th</sup> Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Street on the boardwalk and Asbury Ave.

**OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> - Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk-** Join us in the fight against Breast Cancer! The American Cancer Society's Making Strides is a 5000+ participant breast cancer fundraising 5K walk honoring over 250 survivors in Ocean City! 6<sup>th</sup> street practice field, 6<sup>th</sup> street and boardwalk. Check-in: 8:30 a.m. Stage Program: 9 a.m. Survivor Runway Lap: 9:50 a.m. Walk Start: 10 a.m. Participants can register online at [makingstrideswalk.org/OceanCityNJ](http://makingstrideswalk.org/OceanCityNJ)

**OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> –Porsche Boardwalk Reunion-** Porsches will be displayed from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the Boardwalk from 6th Street to 14th Street. Over 350 Porsches of all models and years between 1954 and 2021 are expected. Free Tech Sessions on Porsche related topics open to all at the Music Pier.

**OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> - My Way: "A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra"** Presented by the Ocean City Theatre Company, Since its premiere at the Tennessee Repertory Theatre in 2000, My Way: A Tribute to the Music of Frank Sinatra continues to be one of the most popular musical reviews in musical theatre history with over 500 productions and multiple national tours, playing to sold out houses in all 50 states. Audiences and critics alike have hailed its powerful music superb arrangements, classy style, and easy-going comedy. Containing 55 incredible songs from the Great American Songbook, My Way celebrates the mystique of Frank Sinatra and the unforgettable music that made him famous. Ocean City Music Pier, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00PM and October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00PM. For tickets visit [www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com](http://www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com)

**OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> - John R. Elliott Hero Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run** The 1 Mile Fun Run takes place at 10:00 a.m. Hero ceremonies are at 10:30 a.m. The walk starts at 6th and the boardwalk at 11:00am. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Sports & Civic Center. For more information visit [herocampaign.org](http://herocampaign.org) or call 609-626-3880. [www.p2p.onecause.com/hero-walk-run-2023](http://www.p2p.onecause.com/hero-walk-run-2023)

**October 15<sup>th</sup> - Ocean City, NJ Jeep Invasion** Jeeps will be displayed on the boardwalk between 5<sup>th</sup> Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information visit [NJJeepInvasion.com](http://NJJeepInvasion.com) or email [njjeepinvasion@gmail.com](mailto:njjeepinvasion@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dog Day** Leashed dogs will be permitted on the boardwalk from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All are welcome and encouraged to bring their favorite furry canine friend. Activities for Saturday include dog-specific vendors along the boardwalk, photo-op stations on the boardwalk, and the Humane Society of Ocean City's "Pet of the Year" Announcement.

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> - HSOC "Howl-O-Ween" Parade** Hosted by the Humane Society of Ocean City. Contestants are encouraged to dress themselves and their pooch in zany, fun Halloween costumes in the spirit of the season. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Sports & Civic Center. The parade begins at 3:00 P.M. and the procession is from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street on the Boardwalk.

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> - Ocean City Fishing Club 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Fishing Tournament** Friends and Families are invited to participate. Youths are invited to fish the first, second, or both sessions. Parents may assist (youth assist) the angler with baiting and casting. Free lunch after the second session at the Ocean City Intermediate School. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams. Awards for Individuals. Awards for youth. Calcutta for most points and largest scoring fish. First Fishing Session 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM, Second Fishing Session 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information, contact: Ed Parkinson 215-680-6652

**OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup> - OC Chamber of Commerce's Annual Welcome Night** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ocean City Sports & Civic Center. Meet OC groups, businesses & organizations! Free event!

**OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Parade** 7:15 p.m. on Asbury Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Sponsored by the Ocean City Exchange Club. For more information call 1-800-813-5580 or visit [ochp.blogspot.com/](http://ochp.blogspot.com/)

**OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> - Trail of Two Cities 5K/Walk** 9<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge from Ocean City to Somers Point .Pre-registration and race day. 8 a.m. Start. For more information & registration [ocnj.us/race-events](http://ocnj.us/race-events) contact: [lrumer@ocnj.us](mailto:lrumer@ocnj.us) or call 609-525-9317.

**OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Costume Skate** The Ocean City Skate Park at Fifth Street and Asbury Avenue will celebrate Halloween 4 p.m. to dusk. Skateboarders are invited to come dressed for the holiday. There will be prizes for best costume and best trick, and candy for the participants.

**NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - OCTC's Jr Company Presents Into The Woods** The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. Ocean City Music Pier, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. For tickets visit [www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com](http://www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com)

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> - Winterfest by the Sea** The Chamber of Commerce presents their Fourth Annual Winterfest By The Sea Holiday Shopping Extravaganza. The event takes place inside the Civic Center. Craft vendors, food vendors and strolling Santa will be present. Shopping hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day Program** 11 a.m. inside the Tabernacle, 550 Wesley Avenue.

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> - "Earlier than the Bird" Downtown Shopping Extravaganza** 8 a.m. to noon. Get out earlier than the bird and jump start your holiday shopping the weekend before Thanksgiving. Shop in your pajamas for early bird shopping specials.

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**NOVEMBER 23<sup>th</sup> - Annual Fast & Furriest 5k Turkey Trot** down the OC Boardwalk. Sponsored by the Humane Society of Ocean City. For more information call 609-398-9500 ext. 4 or visit [hsocnj.org](http://hsocnj.org)

**NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas in the Downtown – "Our Miracle on Asbury Avenue"** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join the merchants & Chamber in kicking off an old-fashioned Downtown Christmas.

**NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> – Holidays with the Ocean City POPS** Enjoy your favorite holiday songs with the Ocean City Pops. Led by conductor Vince Lee, the Pops will perform classic favorites and modern hits featuring soloist Sara Maimone of Ocean City. Ocean City Music Pier, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM. For tickets visit [www.OceanCityVacation.com/BoxOffice](http://www.OceanCityVacation.com/BoxOffice)

**NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Photos with Santa** noon to 3 p.m. at the Music Pier.

**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Parade** 6 p.m. on Asbury Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration information at [ocnj.us/christmas-parade](http://ocnj.us/christmas-parade).

**DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Santa in the Downtown** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**Train Show** at the Music Pier. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Admission free.

**Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**Photos with Santa** noon to 3 p.m. at the Music Pier.

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> - OCTC's Jr Company Presents Finding Nemo JR** Disney's Finding Nemo JR. is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie. Finding Nemo, with new music by award-winning songwriting team Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves. Ocean City Music Pier, December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM and December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00PM. For tickets visit [www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com](http://www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com)

## DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**Santa in the Downtown** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**Photos with Santa** noon to 3 p.m. at the Music Pier.

## DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Santa in the Downtown** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**Photos with Santa** noon to 3 p.m. at the Music Pier.

## DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Santa in the Downtown** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**Photos with Santa** noon to 3 p.m. at the Music Pier.

**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> - First Night New Year's Eve Celebration** – A complete schedule of entertainment leading up to fireworks at midnight. For the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of First Night, two headliners will be entertaining crowds, Gypsy and Motor City! Gypsy, featuring the Music of Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac brings together accomplished and award-winning musicians for the sole purpose of paying tribute to the decades-long, songbook of Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac. Motor City provides a tribute to Motown's biggest super groups including the Temptations, Four Tops, Supremes and so many more! The Civic Center will also feature the Sensational Soul Cruisers providing the ultimate dance party with the best of Disco hits! For a most up to date schedule and to purchase buttons, visit [firstnightocnj.com](http://firstnightocnj.com)

## JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

**First Day Shopping Extravaganza** Welcome the New Year by shopping for tremendous bargains in Downtown Ocean City, Asbury Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

**First Day 5k Boardwalk Run** Pre-register at [ocnj.us/race-events](http://ocnj.us/race-events) or race day 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Music Pier.

**First Day at The Beach** 2 p.m. at the Music Pier. Join us for Ocean City's first dip in the ocean for the New Year.

### **Location Addresses:**

Music Pier: 825 Boardwalk & Moorlyn Terrace

Sports & Civic Center/ Carey Stadium: 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Boardwalk

Community Center (Aquatic & Fitness Center, Library, Arts Center, Historical Museum, Senior Center): 1735 Simpson Avenue

Ocean City Tabernacle: 550 Wesley Avenue

Hughes Performing Arts Center: E 6<sup>th</sup> Street (located in Ocean City High School)

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