

## 2024 Calendar of Events



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All dates/events are subject to change.

**OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>-20th - SHOUT! The Mod Musical Presented by OCTC** With its irresistible blend of hipswiveling hits, eye-popping fashions and outrageous dance moves, SHOUT! The Mod Musical takes audiences back to the music, style and freedom of the 1960s. Created by Phillip George and David Lowenstein, SHOUT! features terrific new arrangements of such classic tunes as "To Sir with Love," "Downtown," "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Goldfinger." The review follows five groovy gals as they come of age during those glorious days that made England swing. Traveling in time from 1960 to 1970, SHOUT! chronicles the dawning liberation of women, from the rise of Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and Cilla Black as independent women with major careers, to their American counterparts, redefining themselves in the face of changing attitudes about gender. With a shimmy and shake, the songs are tied together by hilarious sound bites from the period. Ocean City Music Pier, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com

**OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> - Fall Block Party** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from  $5^{th} - 14^{th}$  Streets on Asbury Ave. Over 400 crafters, food vendors, music and more.

**OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<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 13<sup>th</sup>- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of OCNJ** Join 5,000+ walkers for our 17th annual OCNJ Making Strides – a celebration of courage & hope to end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone. For three decades, these walks have grown into the nation's largest & most impactful breast cancer movement – providing a supportive community for breast cancer survivors & metastatic breast cancer thrivers, caregivers, and families. Learn more at www.MakingStridesWalk.org/OceanCityNJ. Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center.

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**OCTOBER 19 – Volunteer Beach Sweep** All organizations and families are encouraged to participate in an annual statewide event to help keep our beaches clean and safe and to protect our coastal environment. Volunteers are sought for the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Check in and pick up supplies at the Ocean City Music Pier before the event. Please consider bringing a bucket for collection. Call 609-399-6111, ext. 9712 or email pwoc@ocnj.us to sign up.

**OCTOBER 19<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 20<sup>th</sup> – John R. Elliott HERO Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run** raises awareness about the importance of safe and sober designated drivers, and to honor and remember those who have lost a loved one to a drunk driver. We encourage victim families, students of all ages, individuals, community groups, families, and businesses to create or support teams to support the HERO Campaign's efforts to save lives. Check-In 9:00 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run: 10:00 a.m., Awards and Ceremony: 10:30 a.m., Walk begins at 11:00 a.m. Register today at www.herowalkrun.org.

**OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - OC Chamber of Commerce's Annual Welcome Night** 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ocean City Sports & Civic Center. Meet OC groups, businesses & organizations! Free event!

**OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Parade** 7:15 p.m. on Asbury Ave. from  $6^{th} - 11^{th}$  Street. Sponsored by the Ocean City Exchange Club. For more information visit ochp.blogspot.com/

**OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Costume Skate** The Ocean City Skate Park at Fifth Street and Asbury Avenue will celebrate Halloween 4:000p.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.

**OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Dog Days** Leashed dogs will be permitted on the boardwalk from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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 26<sup>th</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.

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trail of Two Cities 5K/Walk** 9<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge from Ocean City to Somers Point .Pre-registration and race day. 8:00 a.m. Start. For more information & registration <u>ocnj.us/race-events</u> contact: <u>lrumer@ocnj.us</u> or call 609-525-9317.

**NOVEMBER** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Lightning Thief — The Percy Jackson Musical Presented by OCTC's Middle School Jr Co As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the thief. He must travel to the Underworld and back; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and come to terms with the father who abandoned him. Adapted from the best-selling book The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods". Ocean City Music Pier, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm and November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com

NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day Program 11:00 a.m. inside the Tabernacle, 550 Wesley Avenue.

**NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> - Winterfest by the Sea** The Chamber of Commerce presents their Fifth 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 3:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Earlier than the Bird" Downtown Shopping Extravaganza** 8:00 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3:00 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**NOVEMBER 23**<sup>rd</sup> – **Lucinda Williams and Her Band** The concerts begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Ocean City Music Pier. Tickets available online only at etix.com. Produced by BRE Presents.

**NOVEMBER 28<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 <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/nc.1016/nc.1016">https://doi.org/10.2016/nc.1016/nc.1016</a>

**NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> - Christmas in the Downtown — "Our Miracle on Asbury Avenue"** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join the merchants & Chamber in kicking off an old-fashioned Downtown Christmas.

**NOVEMBER 29th, 30th & DECEMBER 1st - Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3:00 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> & DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> - Photos with Santa** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Music Pier.

**DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Parade** 6:00 p.m. on Asbury Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Registration information at ocnj.us/christmas-parade.

**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Santa in the Downtown** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Train Show** at the Music Pier. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission free.

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**DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> – Festive Fridays Along Downtown Asbury Avenue** Join Downtown Ocean City Merchants as they celebrate the holiday season with shopping specials. Enjoy Horse and Carriage Rides from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. departing at 6<sup>th</sup> & Asbury through the downtown adorned with thousands of Christmas lights and shop for some for the best gifts this holiday season!

**DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Santa in the Downtown** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Soifer Park.

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**DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Anastasia: The Musical (Youth Edition) Presented by OCTC's Jr Co** Anastasia:

The Musical is the spectacular new musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. This 60-minute adaptation of the Broadway hit is specially tailored for young actors. From Tony winners Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, creators of such Broadway classics as Ragtime and Once On This Island, this dazzling show transports its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love and family. Ocean City Music Pier, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.oceancitytheatrecompany.com

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**DECEMBER 21<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup> – Santa in the Downtown** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Soifer Park.

**DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Horse & Carriage Rides** noon to 3:00 p.m., 6th & Asbury Ave.

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**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> - First Night New Year's Eve Celebration** - A complete schedule of entertainment leading up to fireworks at midnight. More details at www.FirstNightOCNJ.com

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025- 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.

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025- First Day 5k Boardwalk Run** Pre-register at <u>ocnj.us/race-events</u> or race day 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Music Pier. Race kicks off at 1:00 p.m.

**JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025- First Day at The Beach** 2:00 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 6th Street (located in Ocean City High School)

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