

Points of Interest Beyond the Historic District

MUSIC PIER (Moorlyn Terrace at the Boardwalk)

This Spanish Revival building was constructed from 1928-29 after the Fire of 1927 destroyed much of the boardwalk. It has served as the social, cultural, and recreational center for the city since that time.

CITY HALL (861 Asbury Avenue)

Built in 1914, it originally housed the police department, complete with eight jail cells, and the fire department. It still is used today as our city administration building and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

TRAIN STATION (945 Haven Avenue)

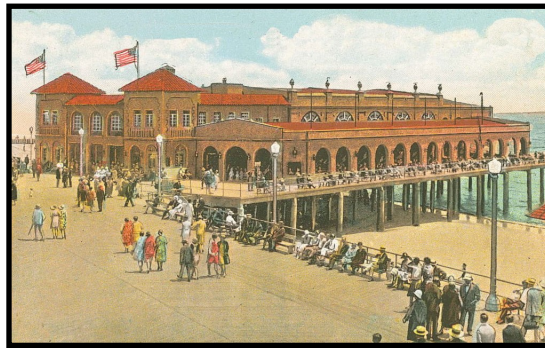
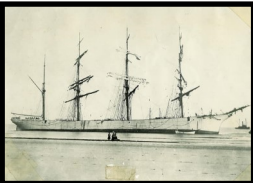
In 1889, the South Jersey Railroads built a direct line from Tuckahoe to Ocean City and in 1900 this station was built. It continued to serve as a train station until 1981 when rail travel was discontinued. At present, it is used as the New Jersey Transit Ocean City Transportation Center and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

FLANDERS HOTEL (11th Street and Boardwalk)

This grand hotel was built from 1922-23 in the Mission Revival Style. Salt water pools were placed in front after the boardwalk was moved seaward following the 1927 fire and the site became famous for its pool contests and exhibitions all over America. The hotel was named “The Flanders” in memory of the fallen Allied troops of World War I’s dreadful “Battle of Flanders”, fought in Belgium in 1914.

SINDIA (17th Street at the Boardwalk)

The Sindia, a four-masted, 329-foot, steel bark, en route from Kobe, Japan to New York City, was stranded in Ocean City during a southeast storm on December 15, 1901. She lies broad-side to the boardwalk, with her bow pointing south. Carrying a cargo of porcelain, fine china, bamboo matting, camphor oil, manganese ore and wax, the ship broke in half and flooded on the third day and the cargo was lost. There was no loss of life due to the efforts of the Ocean City Fourth Street Life Saving Station. Artifacts and a video story of the Sindia can be seen at the Ocean City Historical Museum at 17th Street and Simpson Avenue. Signs on the Boardwalk mark the location of her stern and bow, illustrating the length of the massive ship.



Music Pier, Moorlyn Terrace and Boardwalk



City Hall, 9th Street and Asbury Avenue



Train Station, 10th Street & Haven Avenue



Flanders Hotel, 11th Street and Boardwalk

Welcome to the Ocean City Historic District Walking Tour

This self-guided tour has been arranged to showcase some of Ocean City’s most significant structures. Although many other public and private buildings contribute to the rich historic context of our resort town, the destinations in this guide may be visited in a leisurely 45 minutes. Remember that you are walking in a residential neighborhood. Please be courteous to homeowners.

Ocean City had its beginnings with a prayer meeting held by four Methodist ministers under a cedar tree on September 10, 1879 and the formation of a camp meeting association. In the First Annual Report of the President of the Ocean City Association, 1881 the president wrote: *“Many spoke with raptures of the lovely moonlight walks along our magnificent strand -others of the delightful sailing upon our noble Bay. What funds of innocent and healthful recreation are in store for visitors at Ocean City in the future!”*

He also wrote, *“I cannot, therefore, close this report without calling your attention to the importance of maintaining in all their integrity, the great moral and religious principles laid down at the beginning, as the foundation of this movement. Our great leading objects have been moral and religious—not secular.”*

Plaques of Appreciation

As visitors tour the Historic District, they will notice plaques on some of the structures. The Ocean City Historic Preservation Commission presents these plaques and certificates of appreciation to deserving property owners within the district and the city who make outstanding contributions towards historic preservation and culture.

Ocean City Community Center

(1735 Simpson Avenue)

This multi-purpose facility is home to the Arts Center, Library, Aquatic and Fitness Center, and the Senior Center, as well as the Historical Museum. The museum houses multiple exhibits that trace Ocean City’s history from the Native Americans who hunted on its shores, through the founding of the city to the resort of today. The Movie Theater, Grace Kelly and Sindia exhibits remain visitor favorites. Learn more at ocnjmuseum.org.

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A cedar tree shaded four Methodist ministers as they met in 1879 to establish a Christian retreat they would name “Ocean City.” The trunk of the tree has a new permanent home at the Ocean City Historical Museum, but it is shown here on the grounds of the Ocean City Tabernacle, the start of your walking tour.

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