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Get Ready for Summer 2010

There are so many exciting things happening at Sunset Island, it's hard to know where to begin!

Gorgeous, new landscaping is going in and fresh clam shells line the streets. The Island Time Cafe has been expanded (both the kitchen and the seating area) and will offer a more sophisticated dinner menu, new choices poolside, and a few sinful desserts. Work it all off at our new water aerobics classes and sign the kids up for swimming lessons. At the end of the day, chill out to live music on the bay each night.

Summer movie nights are back, we have a big Fourth of July celebration planned and we'll kick off the season with the annual Owners' Cocktail Party on June 5. Want more? Plan to attend our morning Bird Walk in May and a new Owner's Swim event in June. Find details inside.

When you arrive at the island this summer, you'll notice new faces at the guard station. U.S. Security Associates took over Island security in February. You should also have new parking passes by May 1. Note that Island parking rules will be strictly enforced this summer.

We look forward to a warm, wonderful summer on Sunset Island and hope you do, too. Welcome back!



Stay Informed All Summer Long

Log on to **www.sunsetislandca.net** for the latest Sunset Island news. The site features monthly meeting schedules, frequently asked questions, an address book, community announcements and events, discussion boards and much, much more!

If you are a Sunset Island homeowner and you have not yet requested your user name and password, be sure to register today. Once you have access to the "owners" portion of the site, be sure to update your profile.

The web site is a great way for owners to stay connected to the beach - even while they are away. We hope to see you online soon!



2010 ISLAND HOURS

Clubhouse
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Daily - starting May 1

Cafe
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Daily - starting May 21

Pools
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Daily - starting May 28

Island Store
6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Daily - starting May 28

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eCruisers Return to Sunset Island

Spend a day at the ocean without the hassle of lugging towels, umbrellas, a cooler and the kids across Coastal Highway. The eCruiser is back and it's FREE for Island residents and renters.



Use the emissions-free eCruiser to get to the beach this summer. The eCruiser will be available to Island residents, guests and renters at no charge.

What is the eCruiser?

The eCruiser is a clean, GREEN electric vehicle that seats five people comfortably and has room for all the beach equipment you care to haul across the highway.

When will it operate?

The eCruiser will debut Memorial Day weekend and begin running full time between Sunset Island and the dune crossing at 67th street starting June 19.

How do I sign up? No sign up necessary. Meet the eCruiser at a designated Island pick-up location (TBD) any time of day starting at 9:30 a.m. Passengers will be transported on a first come, first served basis. Return trips run until 5:30 p.m. Most days, two eCruisers will be transporting Islanders to ensure quick service.

Who operates this service? The eCruiser is operated by eCruisers.com, LLC. You can find eCruiser services in Annapolis, Washington D.C. and Baltimore.

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Island Time Cafe: Expanded Kitchen, Better Menu

Look for coconut margaritas, fresh tuna and an expanded wine selection at the Island Time Café this summer. The Café has undergone major renovations in the off-season starting with a complete overhaul of the kitchen. "We're adding a high-end commercial grill,



The expanded Island Time Cafe features bayside and poolside dining seven days a week. Look for new lunch items and an expanded dinner menu this summer.

much bigger fryer, real convection ovens – it's going to change how much we can do and how fast we can do it," says Rick Vach, café operator.

The "all day" menu will be enhanced with new salads, a few additional sandwiches, a vegetarian entrée and more options on hamburgers, including gourmet burgers. The biggest change, however, will

come at night. "We are working on a much fuller menu for dinner," says Vach. "We'll have some 'for the table' appetizers that might include spinach artichoke dip, drunken brie with nuts, and hot crab dip, for example. We'll have some fresh fish entrees. And the menu is going to take a decidedly Caribbean, or island slant."

Plans are in the works for theme nights, including Wednesday "Baja night" featuring fish tacos and grilled lobster. "Think classic Baja-style with carne asada tacos and langostinos with lime butter and tortillas. And then prime rib night – we'll make a big deal out of that." Also new this year, dessert! "We're still working on them," says Rick, "but we're looking at a flourless chocolate cake with chocolate glaze, a key lime pie and a butter rum cheesecake with other dessert specials mixed in."

A new fence near the pool will allow for expanded seating in the evening; nearly a dozen tables will be added to the Café poolside. Candles, palm trees and lights will help create a bayside dining experience unmatched in Ocean City. "It also means that when they close the pool, people can go in and eat or drink, and at nighttime we have expanded seating which will relieve the congestion out back," adds Vach.

The Island Time Café will open for the season on May 21, provided the renovations go as scheduled. Vach is looking forward to providing Islanders with a brand new dining experience. "The menu enhancements and our speed and ability to handle the volume will make all the difference in the world. I'm really excited about the changes."

Bayside Entertainment 7 Nights a Week

Island Time Café will feature live entertainment daily starting Memorial Day weekend. Look for these great performers throughout the summer:



Beach Bumz From "Twist and Shout" to "Cheeseburger in Paradise," the Beach Bumz cover sand-in-your-shoes music from Jimmy Buffet, Bob Marley and the Beach Boys with the Beatles thrown in for good measure.

Bill Floyd Acoustic guitar player influenced by Bob Dylan and the '60s counterculture. Look for Bill Floyd most Mondays starting June 7.

Kieran Lally - From Laurel, Maryland, Lally covers 40 years of music including Van Morrison, Journey, Billy Joel and Bare Naked Ladies. See Lally starting June 10.

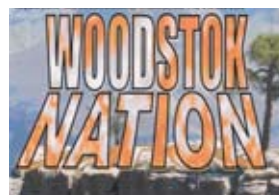
Mood Swingers – A Sunset Island favorite, the Mood Swingers return for another year at the Café. Rock, blues, country, reggae – the Mood Swingers have it covered.

Rusted Axle and the Gingers – A Salisbury group that steals the show with vocal harmonies and acoustic guitars. The group performs everything from Eric Clapton to the Dixie Chicks starting May 28.

Time Police - acoustic, pop trio with amazing vocal skills. See the Time Police most Sunday nights all summer long.



Under the Outhouse – Popular Ocean City trio with a following up and down the Shore, UO covers pop and rock music. See Under the Outhouse most Tuesday nights this summer starting June 8.



Woodstok Nation – This country rock band performs original music as well as the best of modern country, southern rock and classic rock. Woodstok performs throughout the summer starting June 6th.

Day Trips from Sunset Island

Smith Island: A World Away

You've had the cake – now visit the island where the uber-popular Smith Island dessert got its name.

Just off the coast of Somerset County in the Chesapeake Bay sits a 4.4 square mile piece of land known as Smith Island. British settlers took up residence on the island in the 1600s and Smith Island has been a waterman's town ever since. Today, the year-round population is just over 200 people. The families who live here still send their children by boat to the mainland for school each day and get mail and supplies the same way. The first thing visitors notice is the language on Smith Island – islanders speak a dialect that traces its origins to seventeenth century England.

To visit Smith Island, take a 40 minute boat ride from Crisfield. While there, eat lunch in a local restaurant, take a walking tour and watch the women of the Smith Island Crab Co-Op pick crabs. (It's pretty amazing...) The island is walkable, but golf carts and bicycles are available to rent. Stop in the Smith Island Center for maps, information on restaurants and



lodging, a video on the history of Smith Island and a look at historical items on display by local families.

Scheduled ferries leave the Somer's Cove Marina for the trip to Smith Island from Memorial Day through mid-October. Reservations are required. It's best to read up on Smith Island for important seasonal information before planning a visit: www.visitsmithisland.com

Did You Know... Ocean City offers:

A dog playground - 94th St.

Annual and weekly passes available. Large and small dog areas; picnic tables, water fountains on site. Pre-registration and proof of vaccination required. Call 410 250-0125 for information.



Skateboarding - Third St. & St. Louis Ave. The modernized Ocean Bowl Skate Park is 17,000 square feet of skateboard and in-line skating action. Daily and weekly passes available. 410-289-BOWL for info on hours, prices.

From the Fire Marshal...

It's been a long, long winter and we're all tempted to come back to the Island, throw open the windows and pick up where we left off last season. But before you settle in for the summer, it's best to do some investigating. The Ocean City Fire Marshal has these reminders for Sunset Island homeowners:

Grilling:

The Town of Ocean City does not allow grills or other outdoor cooking equipment to be used within 20' of multi-family dwellings. Multi-family dwellings are those buildings that contain three or more dwelling units, and includes townhouse complexes.

Smoke Detectors:

The Town of Ocean City requires all owners of dwelling units located within multi-family dwellings to provide hardwired smoke alarms outside of all sleeping areas and on each level of the dwelling unit. Check and test your smoke detectors when you return to Sunset Island.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

In 2007, Ocean City passed legislation to require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in new and existing one and two family dwellings as well as new and existing multi family dwellings where fuel-burning equipment is installed or operated. For specific installation locations, visit the OCFD Web at oceancitymd.gov or call the Fire Marshal's office at 410-289-8780.



Sunset Island Bowling Party

Date: July 17, 2010

Time: 3 - 5 p.m.

Location: Ocean Lanes Bowling Center
72nd St., Bayside

SUMMER 2010 ISLAND EVENTS

MAY

Saturday, May 22

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Mood Swingers

Friday, May 28

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Rusted Axle and the Gingers

Monday, May 31

8:30 a.m. Annual Morning Bird Walk
Gather at the outdoor pool

JUNE

Saturday, June 5

5 - 7 p.m. Owners' Cocktail Party
7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Mood Swingers

Monday, June 7

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Bill Floyd

Tuesday, June 8

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Under the Outhouse

Wednesday, June 9

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Woodstok Nation

Thursday, June 10

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Kieran Lally

Friday, June 11

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Rusted Axle and the Gingers

Saturday, June 12

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Mood Swingers

Sunday, June 13

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Time Police

Monday, June 14

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Bill Floyd

Tuesday, June 15

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Under the Outhouse

Wednesday, June 16

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Woodstok Nation

Thursday, June 17

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Rusted Axle and the Gingers

Friday, June 18

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Mood Swingers

Saturday, June 19

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
TBA
8 - 11 p.m. After Hours Owners' Swim
Indoor Pool

Sunday, June 20

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Rusted Axle and the Gingers

Monday, June 21

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Bill Floyd

Tuesday, June 22

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Under the Outhouse

Wednesday, June 23

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Beach Bumz

Thursday, June 24

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Kieran Lally

Friday, June 25

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Beach Bumz

Saturday, June 26

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Rusted Axle and the Gingers

Sunday, June 27

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Time Police

Monday, June 28

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Bill Floyd

Tuesday, June 29

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Under the Outhouse

Wednesday, June 30

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Beach Bumz

JULY

Thursday, July 1

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Kieran Lally

Friday, July 2

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Mood Swingers

Saturday, July 3

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
TBA
8 p.m. - Movie Night

Sunday, July 4

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
TBA

Fourth of July SI Celebration

Monday, July 5

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Woodstok Nation

Tuesday, July 6

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Under the Outhouse

Wednesday, July 7

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Beach Bumz

Thursday, July 8

7 - 10 p.m. Music on the Grass
Kieran Lally

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Beach Bumz

**All outdoor events subject to change
based on weather*

Attention Dog Owners: Pick Up the Poop

Sunset Island is the most dog friendly development in Ocean City. Many residents chose a vacation home here not only for the cool architecture and incredible amenities, but also for the fantastic pooch-walking promenades. We have all styles and sizes of canines living here, from tiny Pomeranians to giant St. Bernards to a mixed bag of rescues.

For many years, most of the Island's dog owners have been diligent when it comes to picking up after their pets. But in recent months, we've seen a noticeable change. It's obvious some have not been using the eight convenient DogiPots that dot our development.

We all know that dog droppings are aesthetically displeasing. They can mar an otherwise relaxing stroll with bad smells and messy shoes. But important health and environmental issues may be an even bigger concern.

When our children play in the grassy areas, they can easily come in contact with unattended dog feces, which can expose them to bacteria and

parasites, including giardia, roundworms, salmonella, and E. coli. Dogs can also become sick with parvovirus or coronavirus through infected feces.

Additionally, the nasty bacteria contained in dog waste can wash into our bay water, causing serious pollution problems.

Ocean City town ordinance states, "Any handler or owner of a dog must remove any waste deposited on public or private property not owned by the handler or owner in possession of said dog."

We need your help. If you see someone not picking up, say something and/or contact our community association with the details. Let's keep Sunset Island the pristine place we've come to know and love. - Carol Sottili



Get Swimming in 2010



New for 2010, Lori Ciminelli of Ocean City Aquatics will be offering water aerobics and swimming lessons starting in July. Lori is an American Red Cross water safety

instructor and certified by the American Swimming Coaches Association.

Swimming lessons will be offered Monday through Thursday starting July 5 at the indoor pool. The cost is \$35 per four class session for Island residents and \$40 for guests.

**Toddler and Me
(9 mos. - 4 yrs.)
12:30 - 1 p.m.**

**Sunfish I (3 - 5 yrs.)
1 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Sunfish II (3 - 5 yrs.)
1:30 - 2 p.m.**

**Sunfish III (4 - 6 yrs.)
2- 2:30 p.m.**

**Stroke Development
(6 - 12 yrs.; \$40/\$45)
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.**

**Stroke Mechanics
(8 - under; \$40/\$45)
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.**

For details on classes and registration requirements, visit www.oceancityaquatics.com or call 410-520-0098. Classes are small, so register early. Private swim lessons are also available.

New! Water Aerobics at Sunset Island
July 6 through August 26
Tues./Thurs. 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.
\$95 for 8-week session; \$10 drop in

Island Pools Under New Management

Best Aquatic Management in Ocean City will oversee both the indoor and outdoor pools on Sunset Island this summer. The company will provide lifeguards, pool cleaning services, chemical checks and work with the Health Department and clubhouse employees to provide Islanders with the best possible pool experience.

"We are very impressed with Best Aquatic's professionalism," says clubhouse manager Patty Burns. "Their overall knowledge has already helped us greatly with the management of our pools."

The outdoor pool was plagued by several "incidents" last year that required a state-mandated, 24-hour closing. Patty says swimmers should see fewer day-long interruptions this year because of better decontamination procedures and more education directed toward swimmers. "The best way to prevent this type of closing is to make sure all swimmers are following the rules and parents, especially, are vigilant about keeping an eye on their young children."





*PO Box 3850
Ocean City, MD 21843*

**Owners' Cocktail Party
June 5, 5 - 7 p.m.**

Springfest

May 6 - 9, 2010

Ocean City Inlet
Thursday - Saturday
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

OC Arts & Crafts Show

May 29 - 30, 2010

Convention Center
40th St. and the Bay
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Council of Baltimore
Ravens Roosts Annual
Parade**

June 5, 2010

19th St & Baltimore Ave.
10 a.m.

**Ocean City Air Show
June 5 - 6, 2010**

Boardwalk and beach
800-OC-OCEAN
www.ocairshow.com

**Cruisin' Ocean City
May 20 - 23, 2010**

Convention Center
40th St. and the Bay
Admission
cruisinoceancity.org

**OC Restaurant Week
May 30 - June 6, 2010**

City wide
800-OC-OCEAN
oceancityrestaurantweek.com

**OC Car and Truck Show
June 5 - 6, 2010**

Convention Center
40th St. and the Bay
Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
www.occarshow.com

**MD State Firemen's
Convention
June 13 - 16, 2010**

Convention Center
Monday - Tuesday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed., 9 a.m. - noon
www.msfa.org