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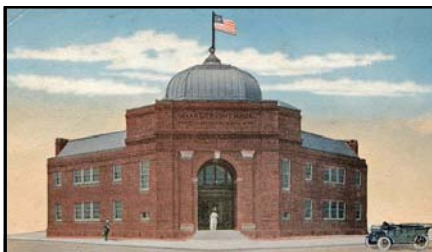
Our Mission

The Ocean City Museum Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich natural and cultural history of this coastal community through memorabilia collections, rotating exhibits, educational programs and area research. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum presents:

1. The history of the United States Life-Saving Service on the Delmarva Peninsula.
2. The past lifestyles and culture of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland.
3. The local ancestral records and artifact collections through its internet service.

Museum Expands Exhibits Into City Hall

In collaboration with Mayor Rick Meehan, the Ocean City Council, and City Manager Dennis Dare the Museum will be extending new exhibits into historic City Hall. The Mayor approached our Curator, Sue Hurley with the idea this summer and now it has become a reality. "We are very proud to be invited into City Hall. It will be a great benefit to both the Museum and the City," commented Mrs. Hurley.



The City Hall building as it appeared in 1920

When the exhibit is completed there will be a total of twelve history panels chronicling different aspects of Ocean City, Maryland, and as space is allocated a number of artifacts will be introduced. The new history panels **The People's Choice** will tell the story of the 132 year history of Ocean City's government by introducing the men who

served as Mayors and highlight the important accomplishments that occurred under their administrations.

Other panel subjects will include a brief history of the building we know as City Hall, entitled **301 Baltimore Avenue**.

A Bird's Eye View gives an aerial look at the town's growth highlighting the many changes in the landscape. **The Boardwalk Experience** takes us on a stroll on the boardwalk and **Sunfest: A Celebration**, speaks of the origins of

our most popular city festival. There will also be an Introduction panel that invites visitors to come to the Museum in order to experience more Ocean City history.

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Museum Launches New Website

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum has a new and improved website! Designed by Dana Kester-McCabe of Moonshell Productions, it is packed with tons of information, beautiful graphics, and fun stuff for kids.

Internet surfers can research storms, genealogy, shipwrecks, Ocean City history, and much more. Back issues of our quarterly newsletter, **Scuttlebutt** and the Museums of Worcester County's **Passport to Discovery** can be downloaded as well as the **Children's Activity Book** the Museum offers. There

is a membership page, calendar of events, and of course a gift shop section. Visitors can enjoy reading **Ocean City Memories** written by a handful of friends who have fond memories of our beloved city. If you are a fan of **Laughing Sal** you can go to the Exhibits page and click on Ocean City Memorabilia Exhibit/Boardwalk Souvenirs to hear her intoxicating laughter.

The address is: www.ocmuseum.org
Please be sure to visit soon!

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A Memory of the 1950's at Ocean City, Maryland

By Dave Grandon of Glen Ellyn, Illinois

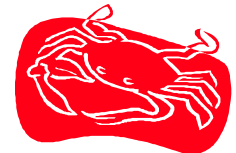
One of my fondest memories of Ocean City dates back to the early 1950s. We journeyed from our home in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania to get to the resort. It was a fairly long trip along the old route through the Eastern Shore. We actually stopped and enjoyed a homemade picnic lunch along the way.

Our family had a cottage on a bay access spot at 73rd Street. Back then there was sand all around the house for miles, not just a few feet of sand as it is today. We used to sit on the tailgate of the "Woody" when driving from the bay to the beach. Now the fond memory was getting drinking water from the icehouse downtown. We only had gallon jugs, as the well on the property was not to be trusted. We would fill no less that 10 gallons each time. On these trips we often ventured onto the boardwalk—

remember, our cottage was 70 blocks away—so we maximized our trips downtown.

I would like to share with you a humorous tale of when we caught so many blue crabs (back then it was quite easy to catch a bushel of legal sized crabs anytime you went out) that Dad decided to take some back home to Pennsylvania. My father actually filled the trunk of the car with ice (from the icehouse) and we put the crabs in the trunk. You guessed it; we trailed water the whole way home and the trunk naturally rusted out soon thereafter. So we're thankful for the evolution of the "cooler".

To read more "Ocean City Memories" visit www.ocmuseum.org



Museums of Worcester County Early Eastern Shore Christmas

Step back in time and revisit an Early Eastern Shore Christmas as each of the ten Museums Of Worcester County portray Christmas traditions of times past.

All of the Museums will be open for self-guided tours on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Museums of Worcester County include: Mt. Zion One Room School, Julia A. Purnell Museum, Furnace Town Living

Heritage Museum, Costen House Museum, Sturgis One Room School-Heritage House, St. Martins Anglican Church, Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, Girdletree Barnes Bank, Queponco Railroad Station, and Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

For more information call:

(410) 632-0515 or visit

www.OCTheBeach.com/Museums

City Hall.....Continued

The majority of the exhibit will be completed in time for the Mayor's Open House on New Year's Day. The remaining panels will be installed in March of 2008.

The exhibits at City Hall capture a portion of Ocean City's unique and colorful history and will offer the public more opportunity to enjoy this learning experience outside of the Museum's walls.



Mayor William McCabe was the town's top official from 1922-1934. He is shown here, on the Boardwalk with his new 1927 Chevrolet.

**The City Hall Exhibits
Will Be Open and Free
To The Public
During Normal
Business
Hours**

Passport To Discovery Program Continues

The Museums of Worcester County kicked off a new program this past Spring entitled **"Passport to Discovery"**. Designed for children 6 to 14 years of age it is intended to encourage local students to visit the small museums that are in their own back yard and learn a little history along the way.

Passports were distributed to local schools and are available at any of the ten participating museums. They can also be downloaded off of our website; www.ocmuseum.org. Once students visit a museum and complete an activity, they will have their passport stamped. When they receive three or more stamps they will be eligible for a T-shirt. Any youngster that is able to get all ten stamps will receive a \$25 savings bond.

Many devoted grandparents spent this summer shuffling their grandchildren around Worcester County so that they could get their passports stamped and win a T-shirt.



Scotty Stevens of Austin, Texas poses with his passport and T-shirt

Initially the program was to run from May 15th through the end of October, but because of its popularity it will continue year round.

For more information call: 410-289-4991 or email Sandy@ocmuseum.org

Holiday Open House December 2nd

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum will hold a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Museum, which is located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet.

There will be free admission for everyone and 10 percent off all items in the gift shop. Museum Society members will receive an additional 10 percent discount on purchases. Knowledgeable volunteers and staff members will be available to answer questions about the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and the many other fascinating exhibits. As a special gift this year, the first 100 visitors to the museum will receive a small selection of vintage post-cards.

The museum's gift shop provides excel-



lent holiday shopping with a variety of books for adults and children, gifts, jewelry and much more. Many items such as the documentary; **"Once Upon A Sand Dune"** are available only through the Museum. New this season is a line of clothing and accessories with the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum logo.

Author Mark Millikin will be signing copies of his books, **"The Glory of the 1966 Orioles and Baltimore,"** and **"Jimmie Foxx: The Pride of Sudlersville,"** which will be on sale during the open house, however they will not be sold at a discount.

For more information call: 410-289-4991 or email Sandy@ocmuseum.org

The President and Board of Directors take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

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Roland H. Broseker, Jr.
Berlin, Maryland

FAMILY

Joan & Tim Cooper
Berlin, Maryland

William & Grace Goedeke
Ocean City, Maryland

Robert M. Kain, III
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Berlin, Maryland

STUDENT

Kyle Kato
Berlin, Maryland

Look What We Found!

A 1936 poster advertising boxing at Powell's Arena in Ocean City. The arena was owned by Mayor William B. S. Powell. A similar poster is included in the new exhibits at City Hall.

Monarch Athletic Club Ed Kurland, Promoter

BOXING

Friday Night, July 24, 1936
 POWELL'S ARENA - SEATS 2500
 OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

WEEKLY BOUTS

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
 7 Bouts - 38 Rounds of Boxing

Feature Bout - 8 Rounds to a Decision
JACK PORTNEY vs JOHNNY NEIVES
BALTIMORE, MD. Welterweight Champion of Puerto Rico

Three Six Round Bouts

Homestead Kid <small>BALTIMORE, MD.</small>	vs	Joe Imbergilo <small>BALTIMORE, MD.</small>
Joe Gargiso <small>LEESBURG, MD.</small>	vs	Jake Friedman <small>BALTIMORE, MD.</small>
Kid Lloyd <small>NEW CHURCH, VA.</small>	vs	Reds Osborne <small>BALTIMORE, MD.</small>

Three Four Round Bouts

Gene Carey <small>FRETLAND, MD.</small>	vs	Joe Messeri <small>LEESBURG, DEL.</small>
Jim Elliot <small>SALISBURY, MD.</small>	vs	George Smith <small>PARKERSBURG, MD.</small>
Norris Polk <small>SALISBURY, MD.</small>	vs	Frank Romero <small>BALTIMORE, MD.</small>

Prices: Ringide \$1.65 Tax Included - General Admission \$1.10
Ticket Office - Ocean City, Md.



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www.ocmuseum.org

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 Ocean City, Maryland*

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