



**SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025**

**2025  
INFORMATION  
TOOL KIT**



SEPTEMBER 26-28  
2025



OCEAN CITY  
MARYLAND

FRIDAY

# GREEN DAY LENNY KRAVITZ

THE BLACK CROWES ✦ NELLY ✦ O.A.R. ✦ CAKE ✦ LIVE ✦ THE FRAY  
FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE • THE 502S • SPIN DOCTORS  
LETTERS TO CLEO • BALLYHOO! • BEL • IZZY ESCOBAR

SATURDAY

# NOAH KAHAN VAMPIRE WEEKEND GOOD CHARLOTTE

MODEST MOUSE ✦ JACK'S MANNEQUIN ✦ COLLECTIVE SOUL ✦ EN VOGUE  
FRANZ FERDINAND • NATASHA BEDINGFIELD  
DJ JAZZY JEFF • MAT KEARNEY • WHEATUS  
BUMPIN UGLIES • RACHEL ANA DOBKEN

SUNDAY

# FALL OUT BOY ✦ WEEZER

TRAIN ✦ DEVO ✦ VANCE JOY ✦ ZIGGY MARLEY ✦ 4 NON BLONDES  
MICHELLE BRANCH • BLIND MELON • BURNING SPEAR • MARCY PLAYGROUND  
ERIC HUTCHINSON

SPECIAL SET BY O.A.R. AND FRIENDS

ACCLAIMED CHEFS MAKING APPEARANCES

ROBERT IRVINE • MICHAEL VOLTAGGIO • BRYAN VOLTAGGIO • ANTONIA LOFASO  
HOSTED BY JASON BIGGS

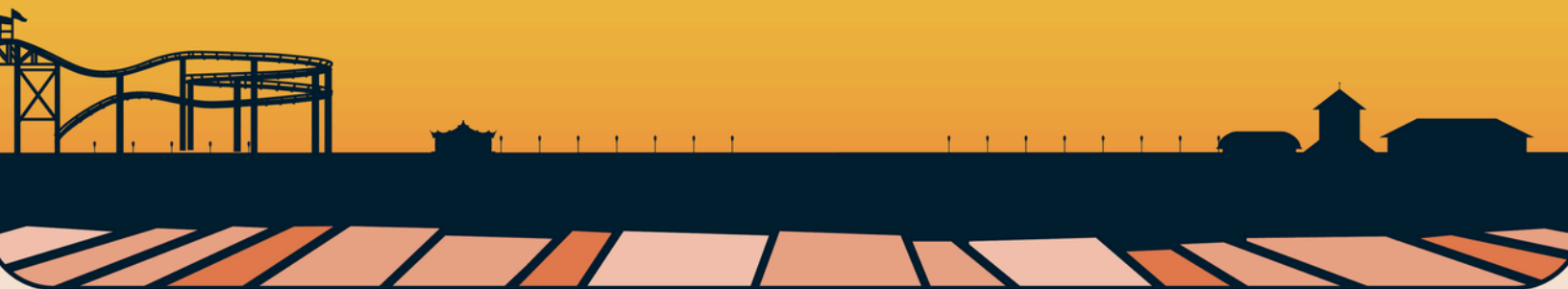
[OCEANSCALLINGFESTIVAL.COM](http://OCEANSCALLINGFESTIVAL.COM)



# SITE ENHANCEMENTS



- **ADDITIONAL ENTRANCES ALONG THE BOARDWALK**
- **NEW MATTED WALKING PATH IN THE SAND BETWEEN SEA BRIGHT & ROCKVILLE STAGES (UNDERNEATH THE PIER)**
- **BETTER CROWD FLOW BETWEEN THE ROCKVILLE & CAROUSEL STAGES**
- **MORE AUDIO & VIDEO SCREEN COVERAGE AT ALL STAGES**
- **BETTER SIGHT LINES AT SEA BRIGHT STAGE ADA VIEWING DECK**
- **NEW ACCESS PATH BETWEEN BOARDWALK AND CAROUSEL STAGE**
- **VIP ENHANCEMENTS – EXCLUSIVE SEATED PLATFORM AT VIP SEA BRIGHT AND VIP VIEWING AREAS AT ALL STAGES**





# WELCOME

We're excited to welcome back the Oceans Calling Festival for another unforgettable year! From Friday, September 26, through Sunday, September 28, 2025, enjoy three days of live music across three stages, East Coast cuisine, and cooking demos by world-renowned chefs—all on the beach and Boardwalk in downtown Ocean City.

Our Communications Team is here to keep residents, businesses, and visitors informed and prepared. Whether you're attending the festival, working downtown, or simply enjoying Ocean City, this toolkit has the key details you need.

Stay tuned for updates as the festival approaches, and don't hesitate to reach out with questions. Together, we'll make the 2025 Oceans Calling Festival a weekend to remember!

The official website for this event is [www.oceanscallingfestival.com](http://www.oceanscallingfestival.com).

## OCEAN CITY COMMUNICATION TEAM:

### Ashley Miller

Deputy Communications Manager  
Ocean City Police  
[amiller@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:amiller@oceancitymd.gov)  
443-235-4420

### Jessica Waters

Marketing & Communications Director  
Tourism  
[jwaters@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:jwaters@oceancitymd.gov)  
443-235-2650

### Lauren Davis

Government Relations Manager  
Mayor's Office  
[ldavis@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:ldavis@oceancitymd.gov)  
443-365-4042

### Ryan Whittington

Community & Department Engagement Ofc.  
Ocean City Fire  
[rwhittington@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:rwhittington@oceancitymd.gov)  
443-235-3205

Together, we can make the Oceans Calling Festival somewhere to smile about.



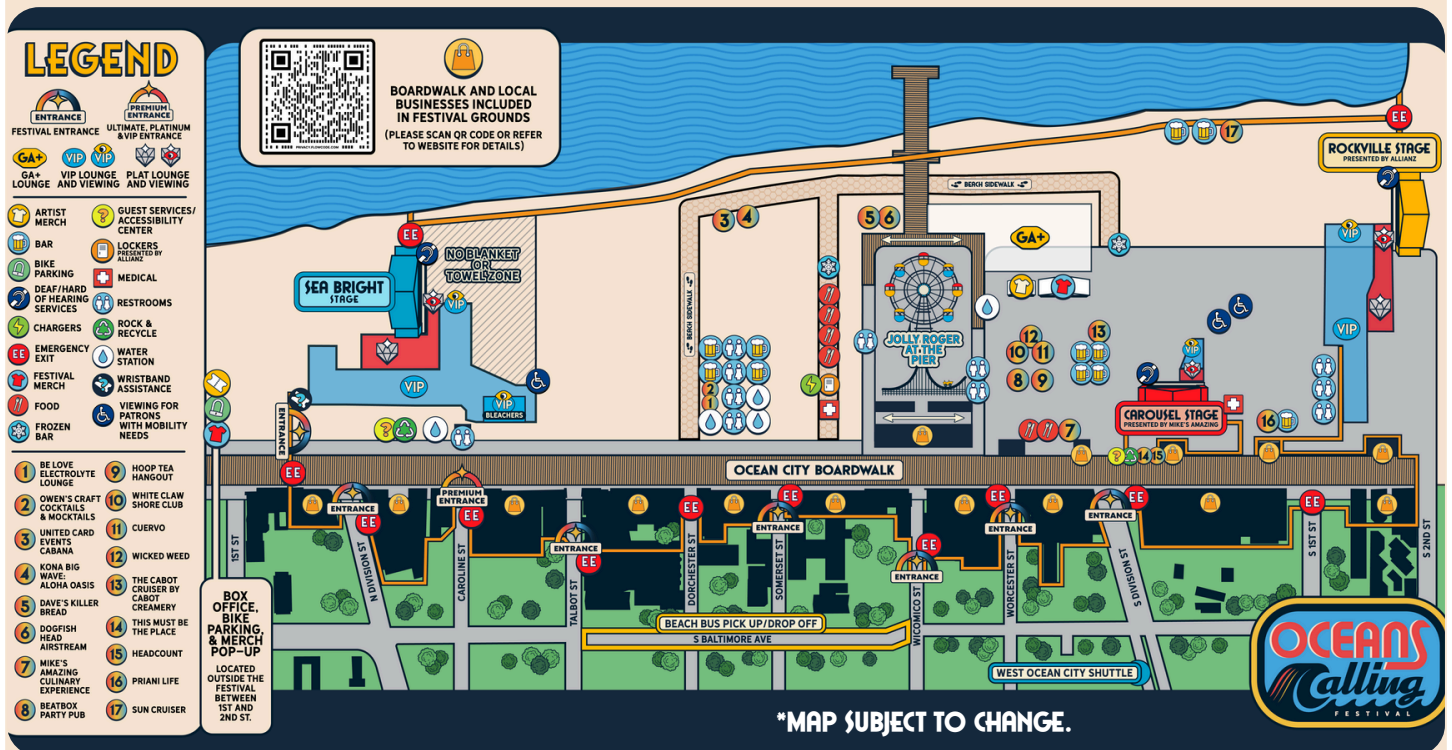
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 5 WHERE IS THE FESTIVAL?**
- 6 GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL & PARKING**
- 7 TRAFFIC & ROAD CLOSURES**
- 8 EVENT TIMELINE**
- 9 OUR TOP FAQ**
- 10 BUSINESSES FAQ**
- 11 PUBLIC SAFETY FAQ**
- 12 TRANSPORTATION FAQ**
- 13 TRANSPORTATION FAQ**
- 14 BOARDWALK FAQ**
- 15 FESTIVAL GOERS FAQ**
- 16 RESOURCES & SOCIAL MEDIA**



# WHERE IS THE FESTIVAL?

The Oceans Calling Festival will be held on the beach near the Ocean City Inlet, located at 809 South Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842. The festival grounds will include the south end of the Boardwalk (Atlantic Ave) and Boardwalk businesses. Therefore, they will not be open to the general public during the festival weekend.



Entrance locations will be at each of the following streets:

- N. Division St.
- North Beach (directly across from N Division St).
- Caroline St. *\*for Ultimate, Platinum, and VIP guests only*
- Talbot St.
- Somerset St.
- Wicomico St.
- Worcester St.
- S. Division St.

# GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL & PARKING

## FESTIVAL GOERS

- **Parking:** West OC Park & Ride, Convention Center, or 100th St. Municipal Lot.
- **Transit:** Beach Bus (\$4 ride-all-day, 6 a.m. – 2 a.m., express service) or West OC Shuttle from Park & Ride.
- Bus fare is free for kids under 42" & ADA
- **Walking/Biking/Scooting:** We encourage walking, biking, or riding your scooter! You'll find bike racks at 1st–2nd St. (*be sure to bring a lock*). If you're walking from 27th St., it takes about 40 minutes to reach the entrance. **Note:** Class 2 & 3 e-bikes are not allowed on the Boardwalk.

## RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

- **Parking Restrictions:** No street parking on ocean blocks south of N. Division St. Sept 23– Oct 10. Vehicles in violation will be towed to the Ocean City Police Department.
- **Access:** Deliveries and employees allowed through secure checkpoints. Private lots remain accessible.

## ACCESSIBILITY

- **ADA Parking:** Available at all municipal lots.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up:** 101 Worcester St.
- **Transit:** All municipal buses are ADA accessible.



## QUICK FACTS

- After 8 p.m., vehicles can't access areas south of N. Division St.
- Rideshares pick up and drop-off at the 4th Street Municipal Lot

# TRAFFIC & ROAD CLOSURES

ALL TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND CLOSURES ARE SCHEDULED TO OCCUR AT 8 P.M. EACH OF THE FESTIVAL DAYS

## TRAFFIC & ROAD CHANGES

- **St. Louis Ave (southbound):** Restricted to emergency vehicles, residents, and employees of downtown businesses.
  - Southbound traffic on St. Louis Ave will be directed to 2nd Street → Philadelphia Ave.
- **US Rt. 50 → Philadelphia Ave (south turn lane):** Restricted to emergency, mass transit, and residents only.
  - Traffic will be diverted onto N. Division St. → northbound Baltimore Ave.
- **Baltimore Ave:**
  - Left lane – open to vehicles
  - Middle lane – buses only
  - Right lane – safety access only
- **Inlet Lot:** Closed from September 15, 2025 through October 9, 2025.



👉 **Tip:** Expect delays when leaving the festival. Enjoy the Boardwalk or support local downtown businesses while traffic clears.

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS

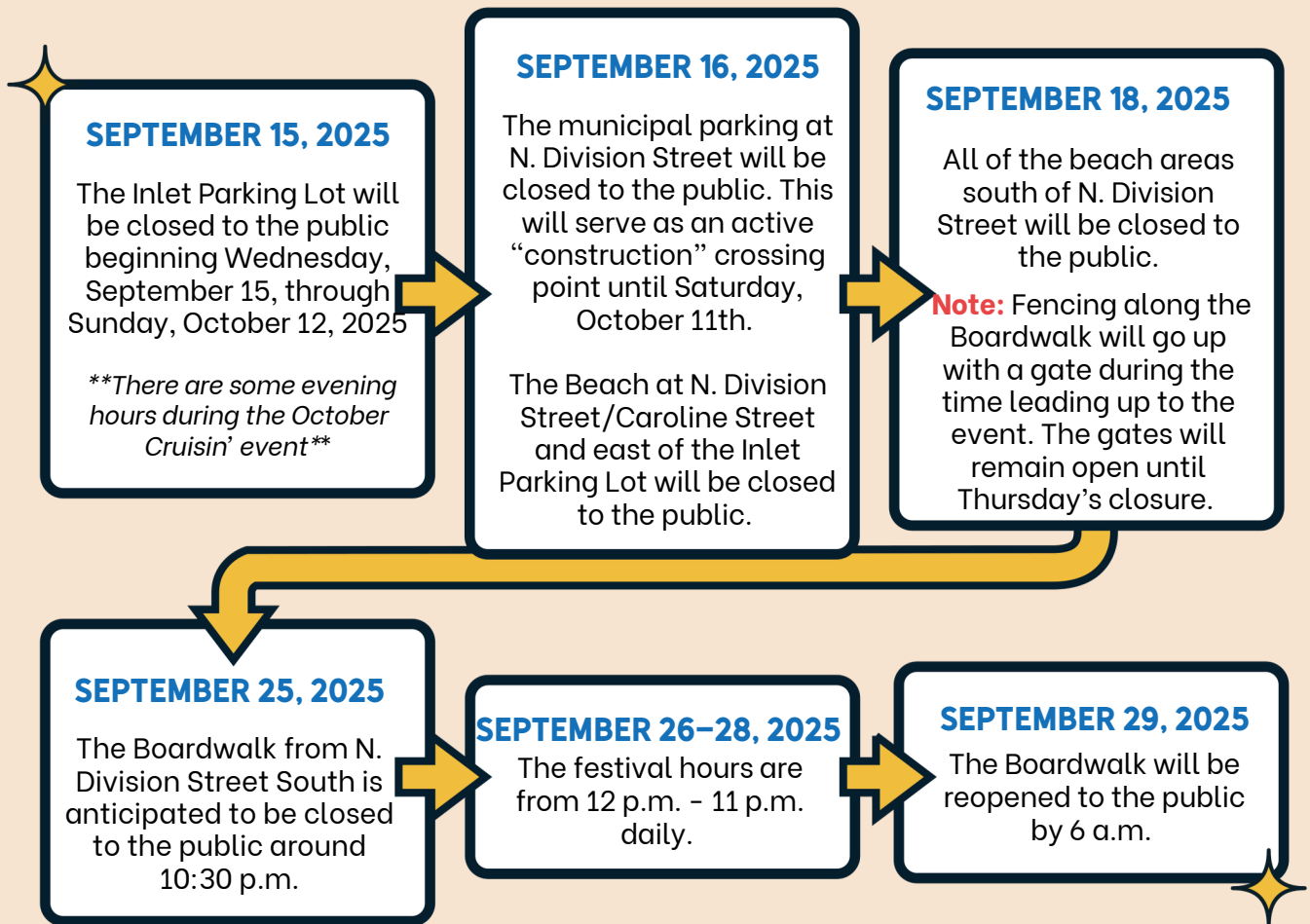
- Starting Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025: No Parking on the ocean blocks of Caroline, Talbot, Wicomico, and S. Division Streets.
  - Vehicles parked here will be towed to OCPD (6501 Coastal Hwy).
  - Private driveways and private lots remain accessible for residents and employees.

## MUNICIPAL PARKING CLOSURES

- N. Division Street Lot closed to the public from Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2025 (festival loading zone).
- Whiteside Lot will be closed to the public from Sept. 17 to Oct. 10, 2025.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Municipal Lot will be the Rideshare drop-off/pick-up for the festival weekend.



# EVENT TIMELINE



## THE BEACH REOPENING

The Beach will open in stages as areas are cleaned and deemed safe for public use on or before October 9, 2025.

## OCEANS CALLING BOX

Ocean City Inlet Beach between 1st St and 2nd St, across from the Plim Plaza Hotel.

### Box Office Hours:

**Thursday, September 25:** 1 PM – 7 PM

**Friday, September 26:** 10 AM – 9:30 PM

**Saturday, September 27:** 11 AM – 9:30 PM

**Sunday, September 28:** 11 AM – 9:30 PM

# YOU'VE ASKED & WE'VE LISTENED!

## OUR TOP FAQ'S

### **CAN I ACCESS THE BOARDWALK IF I AM NOT ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL?**

The Boardwalk (Atlantic Ave) from 27th Street to North Division Street will be open to the public. The south end of the Boardwalk, as well as the Boardwalk businesses in that area, will be included in the festival grounds. Therefore, the Boardwalk south of North Division Street will not be open to the general public during the festival weekend.

### **WILL THERE BE TRAFFIC?**

We anticipate a steady flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic throughout the day. The majority of the traffic congestion is anticipated after the festival. We will establish an alternate traffic pattern to accommodate additional pedestrian walkways and the staging of multiple Beach Buses along Baltimore Avenue for those wishing to take the bus back. To avoid the congestion, take a stroll along the Ocean City Boardwalk or visit a downtown business outside of the festival footprint.

### **WHERE CAN I PARK?**

Parking in the downtown area will be extremely limited during the festival weekend. Public transportation, walking/biking, and ride sharing are encouraged.

### **WILL THERE BE HANDICAPPED PARKING?**

101 Worcester Street (Worcester Street Municipal Lot) has been designated as a drop-off and pick-up for any disabled individual(s). All open and/or available municipal parking lots have ADA parking spaces. Additionally, our Beach Buses are ADA-compliant.

### **IF I LIVE AND/OR WORK DOWNTOWN, HOW DO I GET TO MY JOB OR RESIDENCE AFTER THE TRAFFIC PATTERN STARTS?**

If you work or reside within the festival grounds area and need to get downtown after 8:00 p.m., please head to St. Louis Ave at 2nd Street. Ocean City Police personnel will be present at this intersection to direct traffic. Mass transit, emergency vehicles, downtown residents, and business patrons will be allowed to travel south of this location. Everyone else traveling southbound will be rerouted toward Philadelphia Ave from St. Louis Ave and 2nd Street.

# BUSINESSES FAQ

## CAN I STILL RECEIVE DELIVERIES DURING THE FESTIVAL?

Yes, you can still receive deliveries. We suggest that you contact your scheduled delivery companies to inform them that additional time will be required to access the festival area.

## HOW DO MY EMPLOYEES GET TO WORK IF OUR BUSINESS IS ON THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS?

If your business is within the festival grounds, please remind employees to factor in additional time to get to work. Employees will not be able to access your business through backdoors. To ensure the safety of employees and participants, everyone must pass through a secure checkpoint. Credentialed employees should use the closest entrance to your business to minimize having to fight through the festival crowd.

## WHERE DO MY EMPLOYEES PARK?

Employees will be able to utilize your designated/private parking lots. If employees typically park within the ocean block (10 blocks), they will need to find the next available parking area. Street parking within the ocean block (10 blocks) from N. Division South will be prohibited.

## HOW WILL PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES GET TO MY ESTABLISHMENT IF WE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS?

Boardwalk businesses operating outside of the festival footprint may continue to operate as usual. Parking downtown will be limited throughout the weekend, so employees should plan accordingly.

## WILL THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS AFFECT MY COMMUTE TO WORK?

The traffic pattern will take effect at 8 p.m. and remain in place until the conclusion of the festival. We do anticipate a steady flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic throughout the day. We suggest leaving early, having a parking plan, and staying alert for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists traveling the roadways in the Town of Ocean City.



# PUBLIC SAFETY FAQ

## IS IT SAFE TO VISIT OCEAN CITY DURING SUCH A LARGE EVENT?

Ocean City is a great destination for families, and it's safe to visit Ocean City and the Boardwalk. The Town of Ocean City has been diligently planning for the Oceans Calling Festival to ensure the event is safe and enjoyable for the participants, businesses, and residents. Residents and Visitors can expect the same level of enforcement and presence of law enforcement personnel they are accustomed to.

## WILL THERE BE ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS TO HANDLE THE EVENT?

The Ocean City Police Department is fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of the Oceans Calling Festival. We are prepared to assist with the festival, and several seasonal personnel are still employed with our agency. A security company will be stationed within the venue, allowing our officers to remain available for emergency calls. We will also have a full complement of law enforcement personnel in the downtown area to assist with traffic congestion and pedestrian crossings.

## WILL THERE BE ISSUES WITH TRAFFIC BACK-UPS?

Traffic congestion is expected to be minimal throughout the day. The festival takes place from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. each day. We anticipate that festivalgoers will arrive throughout the day. The majority of the traffic congestion is anticipated after the festival. We will establish an alternate traffic pattern to accommodate additional pedestrian walkways and the staging of multiple Beach Buses along Baltimore Avenue for those wishing to take the bus back.

To avoid the congestion, take a stroll along the Ocean City Boardwalk or visit a downtown business outside of the festival footprint.

## ARE THERE SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL?

Safety is our first priority. The Town of Ocean City has worked closely with event organizers to ensure the safest possible experience for residents and visitors. For the safety of everyone entering the festival, all attendees are subject to a thorough and comprehensive security search prior to entry. While inside the festival, remember: You're the eyes and ears of the festival. If you see something suspicious, say something.

### Looking Out for Each Other at Oceans Calling

- Watch out for your neighbors: If someone looks like they need help, check in—or let a staff member know if things get unruly.
- Be considerate: This is a shared space. Keep the vibes positive and respect those around you.
- Use the buddy system: If you get separated, meet at the Main Guest Services Tent. Staff are always ready to help.
- Stay aware: Keep an eye on your surroundings and your belongings.



# TRANSPORTATION FAQ

## WILL THE BEACH BUS BE RUNNING ITS NORMAL SCHEDULE?

No. The *Beach Bus will operate in a reduced-stop, express service* during the festival weekend.

- **Southbound:** 144th St (North Transit Station), 142nd, 139th, 137th, 131st, 130th, 126th, 123rd, 121st, 118th, 115th, 107th, 100th / Old Landing Rd, 99th, 94th, 85th, 82nd, 78th, 71st, 69th, 67th, 65th, 61st, 56th, 49th, 45th, 43rd, 41st, 37th, 32nd, 30th, 27th, 26th, 21st, 17th, 14th, 8th, and 3rd.
- **Northbound:** Talbot (i.e. festival entrance), 8th, 13th, 18th, 21st, 26th, 32nd, 39th, 46th, 48th, 54th, 59th, 67th, 74th, 80th, 86th, 92nd, 100th / Old Landing Rd, 107th, 115th, 123rd, 130th, 135th, 139th, 144th(North Transit Station).
- Some stops will be **inactive and covered**. Please walk to the nearest active stop.

👉 *Altogether, that makes 63 active stops on the Oceans Calling express Beach Bus route*

**Leaving the festival:** Catch the *northbound* Beach Bus on Baltimore Ave. between Wicomico St. and Talbot St.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RIDE THE BEACH BUS?

- **Standard Fare:** \$4 Ride-All-Day
- **Half Fare (\$2):** Seniors (65+), Disabled Persons, Medicare card holders, and Non-Resident Senior Bus Pass holders
- **Free:** Children under 42", ADA Certified Disabled card holders, and OC Resident Senior Bus Pass holders

👉 *Exact cash or a prepaid photo ID General Bus Pass (from City Hall) is required. Proof of eligibility may be requested.*

## WHAT ABOUT THE WEST OCEAN CITY PARK & RIDE SHUTTLE?

- Operated by an outside provider.
- Tickets are sold at OC Transportation ticket booths (Bus Terminal buildings).
- Tickets must be presented when boarding.

**Festival pick-up location (after concerts):** South Terminal Bus Station (South Division St.).

# TRANSPORTATION FAQ

## WHERE CAN I BE DROPPED OFF IF I USE A RIDESHARE OR TAXI?

- Official location: 409 Baltimore Ave. (4th St. Municipal Lot)
- Walking distance: ~5–10 minutes to the festival grounds.
- Expect high demand after concerts. Consider leaving a little early or enjoying the boardwalk while the rush clears.

## ARE THERE OTHER TRANSIT OPTIONS?

- **OC Bay Hopper Water Taxi:** Hop-on at 118th St. Kiosk, Ocean Pines Yacht Club, OC Convention Center, and West Ocean City. Tickets online.
- **Hotel Shuttles:** Some hotels may offer courtesy shuttles (drop-off at Somerset St., two blocks from the venue). Check with your hotel.

## CAN I WALK, BIKE, OR RIDE MY SCOOTER TO THE FESTIVAL?

Yes, it is highly encouraged.

- Walking times (to Main Entrance):
  - 40th St: ~55 min
  - 30th St: ~45 min
  - 20th St: ~30 min
  - 10th St: ~15 min
- From West OC Park & Ride: ~20 min walk / 8 min bike
- Bike/Scooter parking: Available off the boardwalk between 2nd & 3rd St. *Don't forget to bring your own lock.*
- Rentals: Bike World, Dandy Don's, Big Jim's Bikes, Cycle City

## IS TRANSPORTATION ADA-ACCESSIBLE?

Yes. Full ADA parking and entry information is available in the ADA Getting Here Guide.

✓ **Festival Tip:** Plan ahead! Whether you bus, bike, walk, or take a rideshare, give yourself extra travel time, especially when concerts end.

# BOARDWALK FAQ

## WILL THE BOARDWALK BE OPEN TO NON-FESTIVAL GOERS?

Yes. The Boardwalk (Atlantic Ave.) from 27th Street to North Division Street will remain open to the public during the festival weekend.

- South of North Division Street: Within the festival footprint and open only to festivalgoers during festival hours (12 p.m. – 11:30 p.m., Sept. 26–28, 2025).

## CAN I USE MY FESTIVAL WRISTBAND AT BOARDWALK BUSINESSES?

No. Boardwalk businesses operate independently and accept their own forms of payment. Festival wristbands are only valid for purchases made at festival vendors.

## CAN I RIDE MY BICYCLE ON THE BOARDWALK?

Yes! Bicycles are allowed at all times on the Boardwalk. Riding is a great way to avoid traffic.

- Bike parking: Between 1st & 2nd Streets on the beach (bring your own lock).
- Note: Class 2 & 3 e-bikes are not permitted on the Boardwalk.
- Bicycles are not allowed inside the festival grounds.

## ARE DOGS ALLOWED ON THE BOARDWALK?

Not yet. Dogs are not permitted on the Boardwalk or beach until after October 1. Service animals are always welcome.

## CAN I HAVE ALCOHOL ON THE BOARDWALK?


No. Open containers and alcohol consumption are prohibited by town ordinance outside festival grounds.

- Alcohol may be purchased and consumed within the festival grounds only (some restrictions apply).
- Please drink responsibly and plan a safe ride home.

## CAN WE STAY ON THE BEACH AFTER THE FESTIVAL ENDS?

Festival grounds (including businesses within them) will close at 11:30 p.m. each night.

- The beach itself closes at midnight for cleaning.
- Sleeping on the beach is prohibited.
- If you're not ready to head home, enjoy the Boardwalk and nearby businesses outside the festival footprint.

 **Festival Tip:** The Boardwalk is for everyone. Let's keep it clean, safe, and welcoming all weekend long!

# FESTIVAL GOERS FAQ

## WHAT IS THE BAG POLICY AT OCEANS CALLING?

- ALL bags will be searched before entry.
- Small clutch purses and fanny packs that are 6" x 9" or smaller do not need to be clear, but can have no more than one pocket.
- All other bags larger than 6" x 9" must be smaller than 12" x 6" x 12" and clear.
- Hydration packs are allowed and do not need to be clear, but must be emptied of all liquid and have no more than two pockets in addition to the one holding the water reservoir.



\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## WHAT ITEMS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE FESTIVAL?

All guests and belongings are subject to search.

- Help speed up entry by leaving large bags at home.
- A full list of allowed and prohibited items is available here: [Oceans Calling Festival Allowed/Prohibited Items](#).

## ARE LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR RENT?

Yes! Lockers are available and can be reserved in advance of the festival. [Click here to reserve yours](#).

## CAN I LEAVE AND RE-ENTER ON THE SAME DAY?

Yes. Festivalgoers may leave and re-enter freely until 7 PM each day.

- Each re-entry requires scanning your wristband and passing through security.

## WHAT IF MY WRISTBAND IS LOST, DAMAGED, OR TOO TIGHT?

Replacement is available, but it is subject to verification.

- Please bring your wristband (if applicable), your order confirmation, and a valid government-issued ID to the Box Office.
- A \$20 replacement fee will apply.



# RESOURCES

[OCEANS CALLING WEBSITE](#)

[FESTIVAL MAP](#)

[GETTING THERE MAP](#)

[BEACH BUS EXPRESS SERVICE MODE MAP](#)

[ALLOWED/PROHIBITED ITEMS](#)

# SOCIAL MEDIA

STAY TUNED AND KEEP THE OCEANS CALLING VIBES ALIVE! FOLLOW US FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES!

[OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK](#)

[TOWN OF OCEAN CITY FACEBOOK](#)

[OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK](#)

[OCEAN'S CALLING FACEBOOK](#)

