

Montego Bay Civic Association

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President's Corner

Happy New Year and welcome to another fantastic year in Montego Bay. Unfortunately, as you can see by the enclosed financial statement it become necessary to increase our dues. This increase is mainly to keep our reserve fund healthy and to avoid any annual assessment.

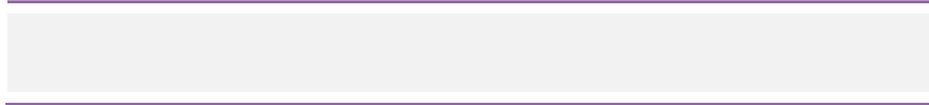
Also, we have 7 openings for Board of Directors as well as openings for Vice President and Treasurer in our upcoming election. If interested, please submit nomination and bios to the Montego Bay office by June 3, 2016.

Have a great winter/spring and hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Mike Donnelly

Annual Spring Clean Up

Ocean City annual spring cleanup will be April 9 & 10, 2016.
Residents are reminded that the following material should not be placed in the solid waste container:
Motor vehicle tires.
Building materials.
Hazardous, radioactive or medical waste.
Burning or smoldering materials or fire hazards.
Rocks, dirt, sod, paint, or motor oil.



Important Upcoming Dates.

April 1st 2016

Association Dues are Payable.

April 16, 2016

Montego Bay Civic Assoc.
General Membership Meeting
10:00am to 11:30am
Northside Park Meeting Room

May 1st, 2016

Association Dues are Payable with a 10% Late Fee.

June 1st, 2016

Association Dues are Payable with Late Fee and are Turned Over to Association's Lawyer with an Additional 18% and Attorney Fees.

Keep That Membership Card. Don't Throw It Away.

Cards are no longer issued every year. If you are a member in good standing your card will continue to work!

If you need a replacement card, it will cost \$125 and the old card will be deactivated.

Homeowners

Is your personal information up to date? If not, please contact our office and update it today.



For more information call 410-524-0318

Flooding

In times of an emergency, specifically a hurricane or natural disaster, the Town of Ocean City wants residents, property owners and visitors to **KNOW YOUR ZONE & DIVISION** where you live and visit! Your zone and division are determined by two variables: Property location and vulnerability to flood inundation. The zone colors, which are broken down by divisions, are determined by the Town of Ocean City's Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan, which divides the Town into four "divisions." The zone letters (A, B & C), however, are determined by the possible flood inundation levels where you live. In other words, our "**Low Lying Area**" (or areas with a 4 foot flood inundation) can be found in Zone A. Because the term "**Low Lying Area**" can be vague, the new zones help residents and property owners have a clear understanding of their flood vulnerability. It's important to remember that just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors: rainfall, river-flow and tidal-surge data, topography, flood-control measures, and changes due to building and development.

OCEAN CITY DIVISIONS			OCEAN CITY FLOOD INUNDATION ZONE	
1	RED	Inlet to 33 rd Street	A	4' FLOOD INUNDATION ZONE
2	YELLOW	33 rd Street to 62 nd Street	B	5' FLOOD INUNDATION ZONE
3	BLUE	62 nd Street to 100 th Street	C	6' FLOOD INUNDATION ZONE
4	ORANGE	100 th Street to DE Line		

Rental Properties

The Ocean City Council requires rental properties to have barcodes with contact information so landlords can be notified when noise violations are in progress. Properties with noise violations and without a barcode will be issued a citation for not having a rental license.

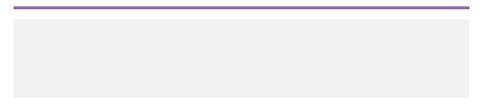
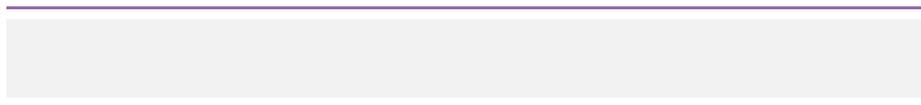
Parking

Cars that have valid license plates are allowed to park on city streets in Montego Bay. The Board does not have the authority to remove any vehicles from private property or city streets. RV's and other oversized vehicles may not park on any public street between June 1 and September 15 per town ordinance. Boat trailers from May 1 and October 1.

Pets

Leaving pet waste is a violation of City regulations and can be subject to a \$75 fine.

Dogs should be walked on leashes and under control of their owners. Animal Control can be reached on 410-723-6649.





State of the Association- Winter 2016

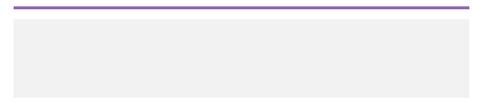
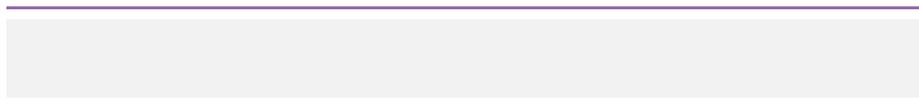
I know, I know! The burning question is "Why the raise in dues? " Basically there is an infrastructure problem in the park (lights) which must be addressed ASAP. The association has paid out over \$3,000.00 on repairs since the beginning of September and there is no end in sight for this expenditure. President, Mike Donnelly contacted Delmarva Power for a quote to replace all park wiring and the price was nearly 2 million dollars. To add to this situation, two major pieces of equipment have broken-down. The hydraulic hose on the boring machine was over 21 years old, and the wiring locator, which is a must to replace, cost nearly \$4,500.00. On the bright side, our electrician is doing a great job replacing the old aluminum wiring with up to code copper. Also, home owners are advised that light bulbs often need to be replaced by the electrician.

There has also been a long running problem with the Association's computer system which crashed locking up the website, misdirecting E-mails, and generally causing havoc. That is why our website had to be rebuilt.

Due mainly to these problems the Montego Bay Board of Directors, at the December 12, 2015 meeting voted to increase the dues for 2016 from \$199.00 annually to \$209.00 with the additional \$19.00 going into a lighting fund. Other expenses are, the replacement of the floors in the pool houses, repairs to the putt-putt course, and the addition of bike racks at the pools. Also, the Associations reserve fund must be kept at a level to handle large unforeseen expenditures. For example, the replacement of the bulkhead on Pine Tree Road which cost over \$150,000.00.

Steve Genua, Parks and Pond Chair, states the pond is healthy and looks good. With the end of season at hand the erosion around the pond has been addressed. A new diffuser was installed replacing an old one. The aerators are being winterized and the diffusers are being pulled for winter maintenance.

Russ Colley, Architectural & Permit Review Chair, has reported that his committee is closely scrutinizing plans for new homes and is sticking to the code to make sure that the plans are within the realm of community standards. Russ has been issuing violation letters which are being handled



by the home owners. Blaine Smith from Town of Ocean City Planning and Zoning has offered to work with us.

It was the board's intention to have the issues concerning the 17 foot home ballot items settled by now but according to the association's lawyer, past minutes, and the ballot stating a closing date of April, 2016. It has been decided that the election must stay opened until then.

Eileen Furnari has had all tables replaced for Pool #2 and new tables and lounge chairs have been ordered for Pool #1. Hopefully, Bocce Ball will be installed at Pool #2 next summer.

A feasibility study will be conducted by the Board regarding the placement of new signs before the new pool season. Signs will prohibit alcohol and vaping and possibly signs about observation cameras to deter vandals.

Sadly Louise Swontek passed away on August 15, 2015. She was a dedicated helper to the lifeguards and a friend to all pool goers. The Board has authorized the dedication of a bench at the Oyster Lane Pool for her years of service to the pool. Material will be donated by Finished Touch Home Improvements and a plaque has been approved by the board.

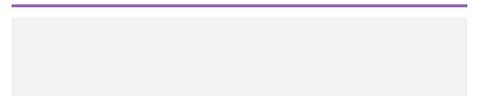
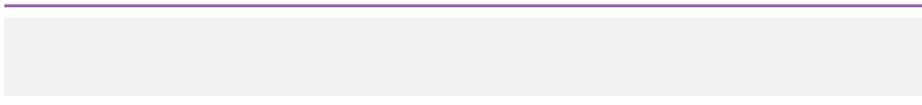
On the brighter side, I am happy to announce that the new website is finally up and running with a new and crisper look. All missing association minutes have been added as well all by laws, association papers, and other required documents. I would like to thank everyone for their patience while this problem was being corrected.

Have an Oil Tank?

If you have an oil tank on your property, play it safe and have it inspected. Rusty tanks will eventually leak and if it does, EPA fines and clean ups are extensive.

Spring Preparations

Due to fall/summer season of 2015, with rain and warmer weather, the growing season was extended. Be prepared to start mowing and trimming bushes a little earlier than usual this year. Many lamp posts will need to be painted this year. If you have rust on your pole, sand it first, then paint it flat black. New house numbers are available at the office. Remember, homeowners are responsible for maintaining lamp posts and keeping their property neat and orderly at all times. Remember, yearly bulk pickup is scheduled for April 9th and 10th.



Around Town

Seaside Boat Show

February 12, 2016 thru February 14, 2016



Roland E. Powell Convention Center

Admission \$10 for Adults; \$1 for children

Friday 11am - 7pm

Saturday 10am – 7pm

Sunday 10am-5pm

The #1 Boat Show on the Eastern Shore, featuring over 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, and fishing rods. All proceeds go to area youth.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 12, 2016

Coastal Hwy from 60th Street to 44th Street.

Parade begins at noon and travels Coastal Hwy to 45th street.

At 11:00 am at the 45th street shopping area there will be a fun fest

With food, drink, and merriment.



Easter Kid's Fun Fair and Art & Craft Show

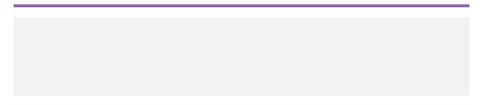
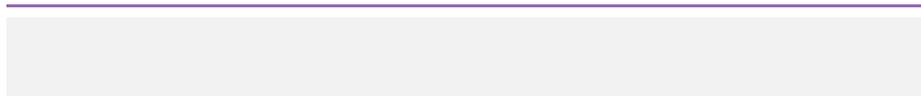
March 25 – March 26, 2016

Roland Powell Convention Center



Arts & Crafts show will feature exhibitors displaying unique handcrafted items including wearable art, jewelry, lawn and garden décor, and more.

Easter kid's fun fare continuous activities, games and entertainment, including Beany the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunts, magic, puppets, and



juggling.



Easter Sunrise Service

March 27, 2016

Boardwalk at N. Division Street

6am to 7am, N. Division Street and the Boardwalk. Open to all.

Sponsored by Ocean City Christian Ministers Association.

For more information, contact Sean Davis 410-289-6573.

Name: Springfest 2016

Date: May 5, 2016 - May 8, 2016

Website: <http://www.ococean.com>



Event Description:

The 26th Annual Springfest!

Four Fun-Filled Days of Arts & Crafts, Live Music and Great Food! Enjoy live entertainment on two stages, 184 unique crafters in two large tents, 12 gourmet food vendors, 50 commercial vendors as well as 30 food vendors.

All this and more packed into Mother's Day Weekend - Springfest 2016.

All entertainment is free with the exception of headline acts in the evenings.

Headline Entertainment for Springfest 2016: TO BE ANNOUNCED

