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Summer 2011 Newsletter

Ocean Isle Beach Goats



Ocean Isle Beach was in the news this last April due to a controversy involving the Ocean Isle Beach goats. What Ocean Isle Beach goats? You ask. If you haven't seen our "famous" Ocean Isle Beach goats, you better hurry, since they might not be around very long. Even though everyone refers to them as the Ocean Isle Beach goats, they don't actually live on the island. They live on the spoil islands just off the islands of Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach. There are fresh water lagoons on the islands, and plenty of trees for the goats to use as shade. These spoil islands resulted when the US Corps of Engineers created the Intracoastal Waterway, and the goats have probably been on this land ever since. No one seems to know where they came from, but they might be descendants of some original Spanish goats. Spanish goats, which no longer exist in Spain, were brought to the New World in the sixteenth century. For over three

hundred years, Spanish goats were the only goats around in the Southern part of the United States. They're very hardy and able to survive in adverse climatic conditions. They're strong, fertile, and can handle extreme heat. They're also very large. Some people who see our island goats from afar assume they're deer or cows because of their large size. The descendants of Spanish goats are also known as "Brush Goats", since they're used for brush control.

Back to the controversy. The spoil islands are the property of the state, and the state wanted to remove the goats, and auction them out to the highest bidder on the condition that they be removed between May 18 and June 4. Plans have changed due to the amount of negative feedback the plan received from both permanent residents and visitors who have enjoyed seeing the OIB goats all these years. For now, the Ocean Isle Beach goats have been given a reprieve, and they get to stay a while longer. The Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Center offers Goat Island tours. Call 910-575-FISH.

In the news



WWAYTV3, a Wilmington, NC TV station runs a contest every week, where people cast votes on line for The Best of...The categories run from "Best Pizza", "Best Dog Groomer" and everything else. The week of 5/20 to 5/27, the category was "Best Beach in the Region". The area covered Top Sail on the north to Sunset Beach on the South. On Friday, May 27, the announcement during their evening news was, "...and the winner is...Ocean Isle Beach." Mayor Debbie Smith received a plaque commemorating the win. Ocean Isle Beach not only won, but it won by a huge landslide.



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What's new?



Since your last trip to Ocean Isle Beach...

Yo quiero
Taco Bell



The long awaited Taco Bell finally opened in Shallotte. It's located on the north end of Main Street. Those of you with your GPS can key in 4461 Main Street, Shallotte.

The boat ramp parking lot was enlarged and repaved. If you're putting your boat in the water this year, you'll appreciate the new, expanded lot.



- The Causeway Gourmet Restaurant has expanded, and now has seating capability for 37.
- A new deli opened on the mainland on Causeway Drive. It's called Ocean Twist. Stop by for a quick bite, and let us know how you like it.
- In the Not-So-Sure-It's-Good-News department, a new Eagles store has opened at the old IGA market on the mainland on Causeway Drive.
- You'll have a smooth ride this year. Most of First and Second Streets have been repaved, as well as the Causeway, from Beach Drive to the Pier.
- There will no longer be trash cans on the beach side of the dunes. All trash cans have been moved to the street side, so I guess we will all have to walk our trash a bit farther.

Sunset Slush has opened a new location!


They still have their colorful, umbrella-covered carts on the beach, but they also have a new stand with an arbor adjacent to the pier.



Don't miss Myrtle Beach's latest attraction, the Skywheel. The twelve million dollar, 200' high ferris wheel is the largest one east of the Mississippi. The Skywheel, located on the oceanfront, next to the new Jimmy Buffett's Landshark Bar & Grill, features forty two climate-controlled gondolas that seat up to six people. For more information, check them out on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SkyWheelMyrtleBeach.

We asked for ideas about what you would like to see in future newsletters, and we have received several suggestions:

Number one was contact information for emergency medical care. If you're in an unfamiliar area, and your child cuts his foot on an oyster shell, or you end up with a bad stomach ache, who do you call? Here are some suggestions for emergency medical care.


Brunswick Community Hospital 910-755-8121 24-hour emergency center Highway 17 North, 14 miles from OIB Road
Express Care (for minor injuries and illness) 910-579-0800 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday Highway 17 South to 1 st light at Union School Road, turn right.
Novant Urgent Care 910-755-5440 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday 4503 Main Street, Shallotte Highway 17 North to Smith Avenue, turn right. At light at Main Street, turn left.

Another suggestion for a newsletter topic was,



What to do in case of jellyfish stings?

We don't want to think about it, but it happens. While we don't have the very dangerous man-o-war, we do see an occasional jellyfish on our beaches, and their sting is not pleasant. As far as most people know, all jellyfish have tentacles and are capable of stinging. However, there are over 2,000 known species of jellyfish and a number of them do not even have tentacles. Even among those species that do have tentacles, not all species are harmful to humans. On the other hand, some jellyfish have venom that is considered amongst the most deadly in the world. Jellyfish tentacles are equipped with nematocysts which are stinging, harpoon-like cells, used to inject toxins as a defense mechanism. They're very small, but their great number makes them very efficient. When stung, the nematocysts are imbedded in the skin even after the tentacle is removed, so you definitely don't want to rub the area. Avoid pouring fresh water on the nematocysts, since this will further activate them. If vinegar is not readily available, pour some ocean water on the affected area. You might want to use a pair of tweezers to dislodge the nematocysts, but be careful to not touch them with your bare hands. If you don't have tweezers handy (does anybody carry tweezers to the beach?), use a seashell to scrape off the nematocysts. White distilled vinegar, or even apple cider vinegar will quickly neutralize the sting, so it's a good idea to include a small, plastic bottle of vinegar in your tote bag. I've also heard an old wife's tale claiming that urine works wonders for jellyfish stings, but, while this is still debatable, the biggest question is, who wants to try this when other methods work? Most jellyfish stings are not deadly, just uncomfortable, and very itchy. An over the counter hydrocortisone cream will do wonders for the itch.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!



Do you have an idea on a topic or event you want to see in one of our quarterly newsletters? Tell us about it!

Send an email to ncmcclure@atmc.net.

While you're at it, send us your beach pics from past trips to Ocean Isle Beach!

We love to feature reader-submitted photos, like the one on the last page here.

In the Spring newsletter you were told about the impending nuptials of our reservationist, Linda Creech, to Michael Roth. The wedding took place at a duck pond near their home on May 1st. The bride, who loves horses, rode up on a Palomino horse named Sara, while the groom looked out in awe, with tears in his eyes. Michael's family traveled from Pennsylvania and Maryland for the wedding, and Linda's large family was also in attendance, as well as friends of both the bride and groom. Linda made the wedding cake with the help of her aunt Elizabeth, the maid of honor. She also made her own bouquets of blue roses. The newlyweds honeymooned in the North Carolina Mountains, where they enjoyed some more horseback riding and some wonderful trout fishing. Linda and Michael would like to thank all of you who sent them good wishes.



Skywheel

If you're afraid of heights, I wouldn't recommend riding – or as they call it – flying on the Skywheel. One of my traveling companions felt a bit queasy, and the other one sat on the bench, and couldn't move the whole time. Personally, I love the view from up high. I've gone parasailing at 800 feet up, and I've taken the airplane tour of Ocean Isle Beach at 1000 feet, so the Skywheel was...well, a ferris wheel, albeit a very large one. It is, after all, twenty stories high. If you look south from the top you can see the old Pavilion ferris wheel, which is now at Family Kingdom. It looks like a toy. The Skywheel ride was delightful. The gondolas are very comfortable, and the ride is slow enough that you get to really enjoy the view, take lots of pictures, and be thankful that you're not on the bungee jump ride across the street. They're still trying to get their alcohol license, and eventually you'll be able to buy a drink at Jimmy Buffet's Landshark Bar and Grill at the foot of the Skywheel, and bring it up with you. After all, like Jimmy Buffet said, "that frozen concoction ... helps me hang on". Neither you nor I want to spend too much time in crowded Myrtle Beach, but the new Skywheel is worth fighting traffic, and driving around trying to find a place to park, for an afternoon of fun. Or go in the evening for an added bonus of a gorgeous light show. As of this writing, tickets were \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors and children. Make sure to get a \$2.00 off coupon from the Monster Coupon Book (only good until 5 p.m.).



*Everybody here is outta sight
They don't bark and they don't bite
They keep things loose they keep things light
Everybody's dancing in the moonlight*



The Harvesters, 1972



Once again, the OIB Property Owners Association is sponsoring Friday night concerts in the parking lot of the Museum of Coastal Carolina on Second Street. The concerts start at 6:30 p.m., and they're free, although they do accept cash donations for the local Food Pantries. The Entertainers opened the Concert Summer Series performing on May 27 to a very large crowd. Some of the children played in the fenced in playground area, but some got into the music groove and enjoyed the dancing.

We know you're all anxious to get your chairs set up on Fridays, but the Museum has asked that you don't set up your chairs until 5:15 p.m. because the museum is open until then.

2011 Concert Schedule		
June 3	Northern Border	Bluegrass
June 10	The Imitations	Beach/Motown
June 17	Mark Robert &	Beach
June 24	Goldrush	Variety
July 1	The Holiday Band	Beach
July 8	Craig Woolard	Beach music
July 15	Continental Divide	Variety
July 22	Band of Oz	Beach music
July 29	Tim Clark Band	Variety
August 5	The Imitations	Beach/Motown
August 12	Legends of Beach	Beach Music
August 19	Sea Cruz	Beach/Variety
August 26	Carolina Breakers	Variety
September 2	Craig Woolard	Beach music



If you're in the area the first week in July, don't miss our annual Fourth of July parade. This year it will be on Monday, July 4 at 10:00 a.m. The parade starts at the Museum of Coastal Carolina. It travels east on Second Street to LaGrange, and then returns to the museum on First Street. Here's some photo highlights from last year's parade.



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Below is a current list of properties that are available through R.H. McClure Realty, Inc. We would like very much to represent you in your quest for properties on or around Ocean Isle Beach. Our sales staff will assist you with any listed property in this area. Please check with us often, as prices and listings change frequently. Call

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Beach Homes

Oceanfront-124 East 1 st St 4 br, 4 bath	\$1,435,000
2 nd Row-169 E 1 st St 3 br, 2 bath, half of duplex	\$ 369,000
Soundfront-155 Marsh Lagoon- 5 br, 5.5 bath	\$ 895,000
Natural canal – 79 Wilmington, 6 br, 2 bath	\$ 495,000
Concrete canal-48 Pender St, 4 br, 2 bath	\$ 499,000
Concrete canal-48 Newport St, 4 br, 2 bath	\$ 459,000
Island Park Cottages-3 Myrtle Ct, 4 br, 2 bath	\$ 359,900

Beach Condos

Windjammer Unit 1-J – 2 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 329,000
Windjammer Unit 1-I – 2 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 329,000
Oceanside West Ph 2 B-2 – 3 br, 2 bath, oceanfront	\$ 339,000

Beach Lots

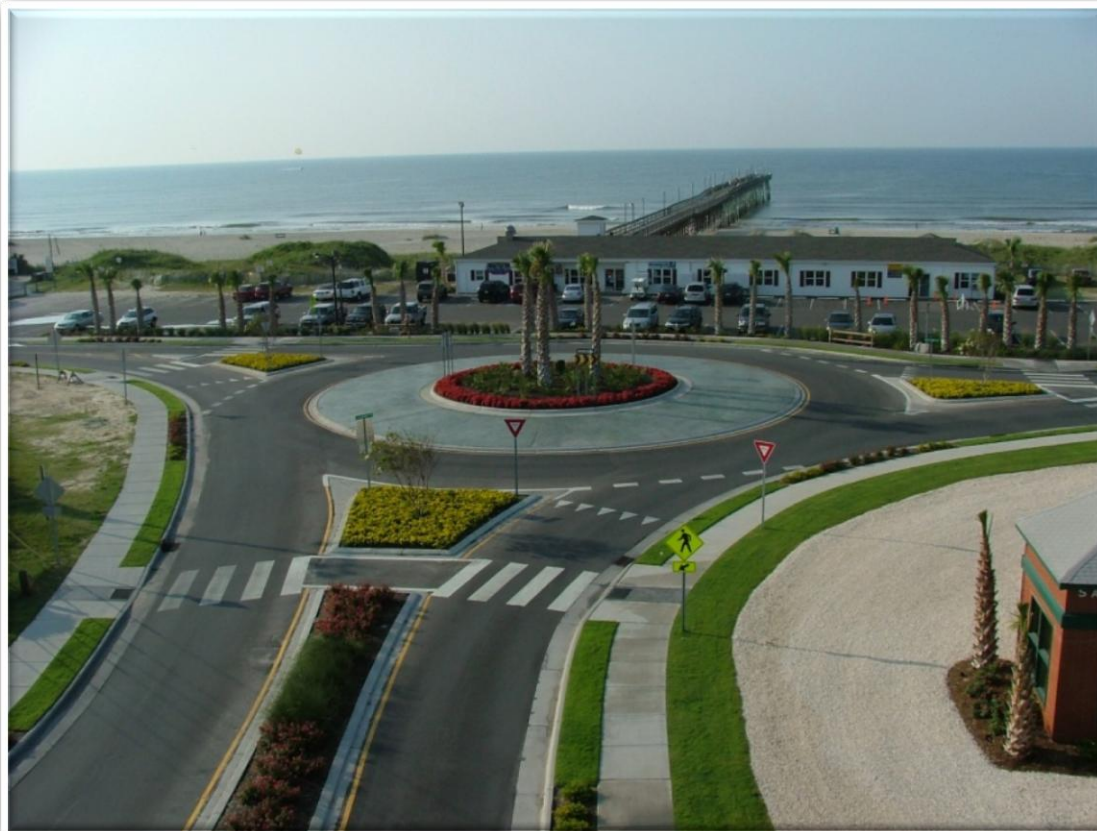
Kings Lynn-6640 Kings Lynn Dr, Soundfront-Holden Beach	\$375,000
Soundfront Lot-192 West 4 th St	\$479,000
2 nd Row Lot-2 Sea Turtle Path-lot across from beach club	\$329,900

Mainland Lots

Bricklanding GC – lot	\$ 69,900
Bricklanding GC-1633 Carriage Pl	\$ 99,000
Bricklanding GC-1625 Carriage Pl	\$ 99,000
Crow Creek – 389 Autumn Loop, golf course lot	\$ 82,000
Crown Stream – 1602 Crownstream Drive	\$ 35,000
Brookhaven Subd. Lot 10 in Brookhaven, 5 min. to Wilmington	\$325,000

Mainland Homes

Hewett Farms-1336 Hewett Farms Rd- 4 bedroom 3.5 baths	\$ 539,000
Crown Stream – 1600 Crownstream Dr.- 3 bedroom 2 bath	\$175,000



Ocean Isle Beach Roundabout
Photo courtesy of the OIB Fire Department