



## Celebrate the Season at the Seashore

While one would think Ocean City is a ghost town this time of year, it is actually an enchanting time to visit. The crowds are gone, leaving the roads open for exploring and the room rates at an all-time low. Restaurants reward patrons braving the weather with off-season specials sure to please any purse and palate. Recently, the annual light display, Winterfest of Lights, turned on its twinkle, celebrating the 25th anniversary of this award-winning event. More than one million lights sparkle on the animated, fairy-tale-



Ocean City's Winterfest of Lights

themed light displays throughout Northside Park. Hop on the train and ride the one-mile journey, which takes you through 58 acres of lights and features a 50-foot Christmas tree. After the train ride, be sure to



### A COMMUNITY OF GIVING

**Dine United / Stay United check for \$71,398 will benefit the lower eastern shore**

grab hot chocolate in the heated Winterfest Village pavilion and take pics with Santa in front of the large poinsettia tree. Admission to board the train is only \$5 for guests 12 years and older and FREE for children 11 years and younger. So grab your family and friends for this wonderful tradition!

Also at Northside Park, the town of Ocean City will be hosting a New Year's Eve fireworks show to celebrate the beginning of 2018. The fireworks display, which will begin promptly at midnight on New Year's Eve, will be accompanied by live entertainment. Winterfest of Lights hours will be extended until midnight, giving you plenty of time to ride through the winter paradise. Several hotels and restaurants also offer fabulous New Year's Eve packages. Ocean City is a great place to ring in the new year!

### Community Giving

It never ceases to amaze me how giving our community truly is. Over the summer, we partnered with the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore to raise funds that would stay in our backyard. Together, Dine United and Stay United raised over \$71,000! Cole Taustin, vice president of Blu Crabhouse & Raw

Bar and the inventor of the Dine United OC Competition, stated, "I could not be more excited about the success of Dine United and Stay United. The generosity of the business community in Ocean City has always been tremendous, and this is just another testament to that."

Thank you to all restaurant participants: Surfin' Betty's Beach Bar, DaVinci's By The Sea, Sello's Italian Oven Bar, Little House of Pancakes, Ribs & Pizza, Coastal Coffee, The Dough Roller – 41st and 70th Street locations, Happy Jack Pancake House, Outback Steakhouse West OC, Brass Balls Saloon, Blu Crabhouse & Raw Bar, Phillips Seafood House & Phillips Crab House, Grotto Pizza – 15th and 125th Street locations, The Embers Restaurant, Crab Bag, O.C. Secrets, and The Harrison Group Restaurants, including The Original Pool Bar & Grill, Deep End Pool Bar, The Coral Reef Café, Hemingway's at the Coral Reef, Atrium Café, Caribbean Pool Bar & Grill, Mañana Mode, 32 Palm, Rumbas Lounge, and Harrison's Harbor Watch.

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