



TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

The White Marlin Capital of the World

February 27, 2020

Environment and Transportation Committee

Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 1493 Worcester County – Special Event Zones – Prohibitions

Dear Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

First, I would like to thank the committee for the continued time you have given our community to address the concerns of dangerous behavior and lawlessness that takes place in Ocean City during various motor vehicle events. Your previous support for our Special Event Zone legislation has allowed us to increase fines for speeding and helped us take the first step toward increasing public safety.

As host to hundreds of popular events each year, including several motor vehicle events, only three require Special Event Zones. While previous legislation has assisted in addressing speeding during these events, our community is still held hostage to event participants and we are placed great danger.

More specifically, there is one social media driven, pop-up event which occurs annually in September in which the large majority of attendees show little respect for our laws, our law enforcement officers and our community as a whole. In 2019, participants stood on the sidewalks of our streets and threw beer bottles at our police officers, they harassed our residents and caused a near riot on our streets.

Below is one example of an email we received from a resident after the pop-up event in 2019.

“As residents of a beach town, we are hardy. We can withstand unpredictable flooding, high winds, dangerous storms. However, the storm that came through this weekend under the guise of “H2O!” is something that is predictable and can be stopped. They destroyed our street, disrespected the residents and threatened the safety of everyone who lives here. I understand you believe you did everything possible, but that’s not true. I’ve included only one of many pictures I have of what they’ve done to our street. As a resident of 60th, and on behalf of the rest of the residents on this street, I implore you to shut down the public parking on the last weekend of September for the H2O event next year. Hundreds of kids were gathering in a mob in the street doing burnouts and burning away the asphalt. Hundreds of kids were listening to blaring music well into the early hours of the morning. Hundreds of kids were smoking and drinking and then throwing their trash into the street, onto our property. I would’ve included the pictures of trash the next morning that looked as though a carnival came through, but the wonderful residents of 60th street woke up early and

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cleaned the entire street. Shortly after, we all locked our doors and shut ourselves in as the animals awoke and resumed destroying the town. The police were called by multiple residents, multiple times a day, and despite them doing their best, they were outnumbered and not prepared to deal with what was going on. Our condo buildings all have ample parking and none of us need the public street parking, which is why we beg you to shut down the public parking for next year's event. We heard from many officers that every street was like this, but of the streets we've seen, ours is by far the worst. I encourage you to come and see the damage for yourselves. The picture I included is just one spot where asphalt was burned away by their tires, but there are multiple spots. I have screenshots from their social media group where they are saying they will return to 60th street next year because "that's where all the burnouts happen". I also have a lot more pictures of the damage and videos I would gladly share if you need to see via email. Thank you for your time. I will be sending this letter once a week until I receive a response"

We received dozens of emails and hundreds of social media comments that echoed the same fear, frustration and demand for change. Expanding the violations covered under the Special Event Zone legislation is for no other reason than to keep our community safe and give our police officers additional tools needed to enforce and discourage the reckless and unsafe conditions we experience during these three event weekends. Our goal is not to arrest or cite individuals, but to discourage and deter behavior that threatens the safety of our residents and visitors.

This legislation is not only supported by the City Council, the Motor Event Task Force, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association as well our residents, business community and visitors. As a community, we agree that something must change. I strongly and respectfully request that this committee provide House Bill 1493 Worcester County – Special Event Zones – Prohibitions with a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Meehan

Mayor
Ocean City, Maryland

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Sun 10/20/2019 9:43 AM

To: jcollison0520@gmail.com <jcollison0520@gmail.com>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Collison,

Thank you for attending our Council Meeting and for the follow up.

As we said at the meeting all options are under consideration and the actions on your list will be included in our ongoing discussions

Thank you again for your participation and support.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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On Oct 20, 2019, at 8:17 AM, "jcollison0520@gmail.com" <jcollison0520@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

R. Michael Collison

Email address

jcollison0520@gmail.com

Message

Thank you for the opportunity to address the council on October 7 regarding the unsanctioned H2O weekend. I also wanted to share the following suggestions as the town tries to figure out how to deal with them in the future. Should you need participation on a citizen group, I am more than happy to volunteer my time.

1. Create no parking zones on streets where cars congregate for pictures or to show off. Bayside 32nd Street (my address) is one street used for photos, especially in the area just east of the Calico Jack docking area.
2. Install temporary cameras in trouble zones off of Coastal Highway so as not to rely on social media

postings. Again, where 32nd Street and Penguin drive intersect is one such area as there is enough room for daredevils to spin their cars.

3. Establish a citizens patrol with faster method to contact police, perhaps an app that links to the call center.

4. Send a letter from the city to businesses and property owners discouraging them from allowing long-term parking and loitering or face penalties. I know there are signs posted by most businesses now, but how is that enforced?

5. I believe assistance from the National Guard will be helpful, especially at night when large crowds make it difficult for drivers to see. This would give our own forces more opportunity to patrol side streets.

6. Encourage civic groups to conduct street clean-up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings so there isn't so much for street cleaners to do on Monday.

7. Use any possible laws to impound vehicles. Tickets aren't working. Eliminating cars will eliminate problems.

8. Establish vehicle check points along Coastal Highway and at town entrances for inspections. Those who don't pass inspection should not be allowed to enter town.

9. Provide details of arrests made during the event, including the number of arrests for disorderly conduct.

R. Michael Collison
504 32nd Street #8
Ocean City
302-542-9232

Fwd: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 10/14/2019 1:02 PM

To: shman2266@aol.com <shman2266@aol.com>;

From: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>

Date: October 14, 2019 at 12:58:37 PM EDT

To: "shman2266@aol.comh" <shman2266@aol.comh>

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>, Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>

Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

John,

First I would like to thank you for visiting Ocean City.

The very first thing I would like to clear up is our police department, and allied agencies , were never told to stand down during any event.

Ocean City welcomes all visitors to Ocean City as long as they obey our laws and that includes visitors during the Cruisin Events. It is illegal to park a trailer on our city streets. We do make an exception from Wednesday thru Sunday during the 2 Cruisin Events and Bikeweek with a purchase of a permit for \$50 that is good for all 4 days. We also allow free parking at the park and ride for trailers during these events. This has been in effect for 4 years now and this information is on our website and in all of the information packets provided to individuals registered for the events. Are you actually registered for the event?

I am sorry if you were not aware of this ordinance. As far as your negative comments about me that is your right and opinion but I do take exception to your uninformed and negative comments about Ocean City.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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On Oct 14, 2019, at 10:20 AM, "shman2266@aol.comh" <shman2266@aol.comh> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?
Mayor Rick Meehan
Name
John simons
Email address
shman2266@aol.comh
Message

Hi my name's John Simon's I've been coming to the cruises for about 10 yrs. I always park my car trailer on a side street by my condo way down on 136th street. Out of the way. I was ticketed for 250 dollars for parking my 16 ft trailer. No signs stating no trailer parking. Wasn't in the way. Or sticking out in road. Now I was told by locals on h20 the police was told to stand down let them riot. I see you all scared of them and fine the law abiding good people on the cruising weekends .. way to go mayor. You must be a Dem. sounds like Baltimore mayor and u wonder why the youth are the way they are. Be my last trip here which I'm sure u don't care. I'm 49 to never been arrested and tax payer. So I guess I suffer . If you don't want the cruisers here cancel shows . I know you have trailer parking for about 50 dollars a day. Money racket just like everything else in OC..

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/9/2019 12:25 PM

To: 1bigm22@gmail.com <1bigm22@gmail.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Minor,

I am sorry that the unsanctioned group that was in town that weekend disrupted your visit. It was unfortunate that these individuals had little to no respect for our laws and other vacationers.

We share your concerns and are going to do our best in the future to address these issues.

I hope you did get to go to Winefest as it turned out to be a great event!

Again I apologize that your weekend did not turn out as you had planned.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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On Oct 9, 2019, at 12:01 PM, "1bigm22@gmail.com" <1bigm22@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Michael Minor

Email address

1bigm22@gmail.com

Message

Hello Sir this is my second time writing your town about the inconvenience that my wife and I experienced in your town the weekend of Sept. 27-the morning of the 29th we came to enjoy a weekend at the wine fest and experienced a weekend of chaos we spent a couple hundred dollars to more less stay in our rooms because it wasn't safe with all the speeding of cars up and down coastal ave and Baltimore St and with all the noise we didn't know if it was gunshots going off or what you have a beautiful town there and we were excited to come there that weekend just to be disappointed we were just wondering if its asking to much for maybe set us up for another weekend of maybe a comp of some kind or atleast respond to us we sent our first letter the week we came back home and

we are from Havre de grace Md. We got something back from Mr Bill Funkhouser about collecting all emails for out of town leaders to read we thank you sir for maybe considering or taking a look at the problem we experienced and hopefully understand what we are trying to say here.

RE: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 10/7/2019 1:52 PM

To: 'gonrogue69@gmail.com' <gonrogue69@gmail.com>;

Gonrogue,

Thank you for your email. We will be discussing all future options moving forward and I thank you for your recommendation.

Rick Meehan
Mayor

From: gonrogue69@gmail.com <gonrogue69@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2019 5:16 PM

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>

Cc: Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>

Subject: Message from the OC Government Website

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Gonrogue

Email address

gonrogue69@gmail.com

Message

Hi. I come to OC for fun. This H2O Thing is out of control. The police say things like raise the fines. The drivers don't care about that. What OC. REALLY needs to do is start impounding cars. It might not stop it all together but I bet they will start thinking about it before they spin there wheels

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Sat 10/5/2019 6:57 AM

To: Pugmom3617@gmail.com <Pugmom3617@gmail.com>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Vicki,

Thank you for your email and we share your concerns. The OCPD has been following the posts and are preparing for the weekend.

We will be working over the next few months to develop a strategy to address the event and what occurred this past weekend.

Thank you again.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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On Oct 4, 2019, at 9:24 PM, "Pugmom3617@gmail.com" <Pugmom3617@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

Vicki Johnson

Email address

Pugmom3617@gmail.com

Message

I'm sure you've had several emails about last weekend's circus. In order to get the attention of the H2Oi hoodlums, something must impact their cars. Compounding the cars and not releasing them until all fines and fees are paid. Are these cars really street legal? They are so low to the ground that the tires are on an angle where they meet the road.

I am concerned about the safety of residents and "normal, visitors but I am also concerned about the environmental impact...the remains of the burnouts on the road will eventually wash away and end up in the BAY.

One of my biggest concerns is an article I read on an H2Oi OCMD page said they were planning to

come back around the 12th of Oct. because " ...the locals did so much complaining and the Mayor actually thinks he can stop us. "

There were several rude "comments" aimed at law enforcement as well.

I read your statement and was hopeful that you and the tiwn council are serious in yoyn effort to stop this group from destroying a family resort.

The Wine on the Beach event was ruined because people couldn't get from their hotel to the beach. Hotels are not cheap and most people will not spend that kind of money to go through what happened last weekend. Please have a plan for their impending return...just in case.

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Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Fri 10/4/2019 7:01 AM

To: rlpkrd@comcast.net <rlpkrd@comcast.net>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Bcc: SUSAN JONES <susanjones@ocvisitor.com>; Melanie Pursel <melanie@oceancity.org>;

Roy,

Thank you for your email. We are sorry you had a bad experience while visiting Ocean City this past weekend. You make a good point that it would have been a curiosity had the hotel informed you of the crowd we anticipated being here before you booked your room.

That being said it should be clear that this is not a car show but a social media generated car "rally" that is not supported by the city. This is not a city sponsored event nor do we play a role in inviting them to visit. We welcome everyone to Ocean City but we expect everyone to obey our laws and respect others. Unfortunately neither is the case with this group.

We had our officers out in full force this past weekend and also had assistance from the MD State Police and other agencies. We did not look the other way we were just not able to stop them all!

Again I sincerely apologize that this group disrupted your visit and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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On Oct 3, 2019, at 10:36 PM, "rlpkrd@comcast.net" <rlpkrd@comcast.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?
All Members
Name
roy plank
Email address
rlpkrd@comcast.net
Message
Just resending message again - the webpage acted weird after I sent it the first time. I apologize if you receive my message twice.

Mayor Rick and Council Members: Regarding the Ocean City Car Show.

I agree - we accidentally took my mother of 88 years to the beach one last time. No one beforehand told us it was going to be such a mess. The hotels concern was to sell rooms. If I had only known the place was going to be nothing but ignorant pricks getting drunk and driving like idiots we would have never went. I used to a member of the A.A.C.A. and the LBGT Lambda Car Club and none of our events were near out of hand as the car show in Ocean City. If someone even drove slightly reckless during an event they were expelled form the club! We were taught to respect those around you - not what these pigs do. The last day there, we had the unfortunate pleasure of getting sideswiped by one of these bastards! The cops all said it was just part of the craziness which goes on during "car weekend". As a matter of fact, they were not going to even write up a report on the accident, until our insurance company got after the head sargent who was on duty when the wreck occurred. We would have left the first night, but when paying \$500 a night, we had just as much right to be there "WITHOUT" the fear of getting hurt by those bastards. From this experience I concluded Ocean City is "Out Of Control" and set deiced there's no reason ever too return. I even tried fishing two different days from local piers and caught "nothing" - I assumed the rumbling/vibration/disturbance to the sand dune which Ocean City is part of was enough to even make the sea life leave!!! NOT A PLEASURABLE WEEKEND AT ALL!!! I know car enthusiast have every right to be there, and they bring a lot of business, but they MUST held accountable, just like anyone else on the road. The cops should not be permitted to "look the other way" as they have been doing. As an update, shortly after visiting Ocean City, my mother now requires 24 hour care, which I personally provide. Therefore, we are now unable to travel long distances keeping us from enjoying Ocean City as we had originally intended - and used too. I hope Ocean City takes appropriate actions to keep their town from being "USED" and their citizens and visitors from being "ABUSED". Thank you.

Re: H2Oi prevention suggestions!

Blaise Furiato <bfuriato@yahoo.com>

Wed 10/2/2019 7:45 AM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Good luck!!!

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:26:09 AM EDT, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Blaise,

Thank you for your email and the suggestions. I have copied our emails to the OCPD.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 2, 2019, at 7:16 AM, Blaise Furiato <bfuriato@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good morning Mayor Meehan!

Delighted that there is conversation to stop the H2Oi group from returning to this lovely ocean town full of travelers with children and full-time families! I lived in Neptune NJ for close to 20 years and the police force used \"portable speed humps.\" They can be installed in any location instantly and removed when necessary. I suggest the use of these to inhibit the low profile cars from entrance and also suggest a noise ordinance. The motorcycles are quieter than these cars. Also, would speed ticket cameras be an option too? I commend the powers that be to keep us safe and out of harms way!

Sincerely,

Blaise Furiato Ocean Pines

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/2/2019 7:10 AM

To: rhsinmmonsjr@comcast.net <rhsinmmonsjr@comcast.net>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Ray,

Thank you for your email and the suggestion. All options will be on the table when we meet to discuss our options moving forward . I have copied our emails to the Chief of Police .

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 6:21 PM, "rhsinmmonsjr@comcast.net" <rhsinmmonsjr@comcast.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Raymond Simmons

Email address

rhsinmmonsjr@comcast.net

Message

Mr Mayor

The best way to solve your car problem is to get legal authority to stop cars for random safety checks. The last thing these kids want is cops crawling all over their vehicles. Md stops commercial vehicles on a random basis. Perhaps designate a city "Safety Zone" Just an idea.

Ray Simmons
410-463-0832

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/2/2019 7:07 AM

To: kaykay1050@hotmail.com <kaykay1050@hotmail.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Grace,

Not a bad idea!!

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 6:28 PM, "kaykay1050@hotmail.com" <kaykay1050@hotmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Grace Shaw

Email address

kaykay1050@hotmail.com

Message

I just wanted to suggest that major road construction in Ocean City be planned for any weekend when H2o1 car enthusiasts are expected in town. A marathon of road paving, pot hole filling and line painting non stop the entire weekend. Detours, road closings and one way traffic should slow ALL traffic to a crawl. I'm sure a fun filled weekend snarled in a traffic gridlock will discourage future mayhem by this group of Morons. Thank you for your time, the entire city is doing an outstanding job, you are all appreciated.

Thank you

Grace Shaw

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/2/2019 7:07 AM

To: mmechanicus@yahoo.com <mmechanicus@yahoo.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; BOB ROTHERMEL <bob@team-productions.com>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Baker,

Thank you for your email and your suggestion. We have seen the posts that some of these individuals say they plan to return but at this point we really have no way of knowing for sure.

To be honest I have to tell you we experience some of the same problems with participants during the Cruisin Events. Maybe not to the same level of defiance but many "old car lovers" also disobey our laws and line our streets encouraging unacceptable behavior.

The citizens of Ocean City are fed up in general with Motor Vehicle Events that bring loud noise, rowdy behavior and leave long tracks of rubber on our streets.

We will have law enforcement out in force in 2 weeks to enforce our laws and we would encourage you and all Cruisin Participants to obey all of our laws and show respect for Ocean City. Cruisin needs to really separate itself from the behavior we just experienced, and have experienced in the past, in order for us to be able to continue to support and host this event. Your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Let's hope we all have a good weekend during the Endless Summer Event.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: meehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 6:45 PM, "mmechanicus@yahoo.com" <mmechanicus@yahoo.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Brian K Baker

Email address

mmechanicus@yahoo.com

Message

Good day, Mr. Mayor...I hope this message finds you well. My wife and I are both 51 years old and reside in Anne Arundel county with our 3 children (one grown) and we've frequented Ocean City at

least 3 times per year for the last couple of decades. We typically spend a week with the kids in July doing family oriented things, and we also try to visit on weekends by ourselves without the kids, especially in the Spring and Fall during the Cruisin' OC events.

We love old cars, and like you, are appalled at the recent events with the H2Oi crowd. These young people are not car enthusiasts. They're inconsiderate, self-absorbed, and well, I could think of at least 3 more words to aptly describe them, but you wouldn't be able to share them publicly. They clearly have no respect for authority or for others who share their "hobby", which brings me to the real reason for my contacting you.

Enclosed you'll see a picture that I pulled off the internet today, that shows they brazenly plan on returning for the Endless Cruisin' event in 2 weeks. I would (as would thousands of other old car enthusiasts coming to town in 2 weeks) hate to see this event tarnished by these ne'er-do-wells, and am wondering if there were a way to keep them from entering town. I'd love to see the Maryland State Police parked at every entrance into town, and flagging down and pulling over every one of their "unsafe at any speed shitboxes" (sorry for the profanity), and telling them to turn around and not come back, or have their "shitbox" impounded on the spot...their choice...but alas, I'm not in charge and that might violate some laws. Anyhow I just wanted to bring this internet posting to your attention, if it hasn't been already.

Best Regards,
Brian Baker
Glen Burnie, MD

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Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Theresa Evans <theresalevans21@yahoo.com>

Wed 10/2/2019 12:35 PM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Dear Mr. Meehan,

The people that caused havoc this week are all saying they did it because Ocean City didn't want them in there and that they will continue to do it until things change. Another way to approach this situation would be to try and develop something outside of Ocean City for these 'car enthusiasts' to use. Maybe a track where they can race and a large asphalt lot where they can all gather to do burnouts, donuts or whatever they like to do. If they felt that Ocean City would welcome them and built something for them to use for their 'event', maybe they wouldn't give so much disrespect to the town or it's government and law enforcement.

While monitoring the Facebook pages of these groups, you could feel them out on whether something was built for them to use would they feel more welcome and would they treat Ocean City like it's supposed to be treated. I realize that you are in between a rock and hard space, so to speak, but what they did is no different than what the rioters did in Baltimore City a couple of years ago. They were protesting then and this past weekend, protesting was once again happening.

The money that they bring in to Ocean City, is being spent on extra reinforcements just to deal with the troublemakers. Is it worth it?

Thanks for listening.

Theresa Evans

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 06:50:51 AM EDT, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Mrs. Evans,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately we have heard rumors that some H2oi participants plan to return during the Cruisin' Event however we have no way of knowing for sure.

If you are looking to place blame I guess you could choose my office, and I can accept that ,but really we have no way to stop anyone from coming into Ocean City.

The world around us has changed and it is unfortunate that in today's world some individuals choose to defy law enforcement and show little respect for others. Maybe it is parenting, or lack of, or just a general change in society. Either way we will continue to do what we can to enforce all of our laws and continue to explore other options to address these problems moving forward.

I sincerely hope that you and your family are able to enjoy your time in Ocean City.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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Name

Theresa Evans

Email address

theresalevans21@yahoo.com

Message

I've just been informed by my mother who lives in your town, that the unofficial H20i people that were there this past weekend creating chaos are going to come down again on the Endless Summer Cruisin' Car show weekend. This is our regular time-share week that we usually visit Ocean City. So, I guess that if my vacation is ruined by these idiots, I have no where else to place the blame except on your office. Doubling or tripling the fines will not work with these people. They save all year just to pay the fines. You need to take action, not just talk about taking action. Where will Ocean City be if someone gets killed because of one of the idiots and the town gets sued? Are you going to be paying out like Baltimore City has had to because of their inaction to problems in their city? Just food for thought.

Re: Question

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/2/2019 6:30 AM

To: jgirly2190121@yahoo.com <jgirly2190121@yahoo.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; teampro98@gmail.com <teampro98@gmail.com>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Jennifer,

Thank you for your email. We have seen the posts that some H2oi participants may return during Cruisin weekend but at this point there is no way to know for sure.

In response to your question there is only so much we can do to enforce our laws. Unfortunately we have some of the same issues with the crowd that comes for the Cruisin event so all I can ask is that you encourage everyone you know to lead by example and obey the law and respect Ocean City. Our citizens are fed up with load cars and rowdy crowds along our streets.

Thank you again and please work with us to help preserve Cruisin Weekend and keep Ocean City safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 10:29 PM, Jennifer Bailey <jgirly2190121@yahoo.com> wrote:

I have heard from several different people that i know of that the H20 idiots might be coming again the weekend of our endless summer crusin show to cause problems just as they did this past weekend.

I would like to know what you guys plan on doing to prevent this from happening. What do you plan on doing to prectect the rest of us that weekend. I dont know what i would do if one of them idiots injured me or a family member or friend or totaled my old car.

Jennifer Warwick

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Wed 10/2/2019 6:18 AM

To: o2bjbond@hotmail.com <o2bjbond@hotmail.com>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeLuca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Joe,

Thank you for your email and suggestion. There is no question that addressing what occurred last weekend will be a priority for the MCC and all options will be taken into consideration.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 11:46 PM, "o2bjbond@hotmail.com" <o2bjbond@hotmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

Joseph Cuomo

Email address

o2bjbond@hotmail.com

Message

My mother-in-law has been a full time resident of Ocean City for many years and as such my wife and I spend almost every weekend in town. Without getting into our experience last weekend, I want to thank all the law enforcement for the work they did in difficult circumstances to say the least. I would encourage the council consider enacting legislation that will allow for large fines and the impounding of vehicles during these types of events. Taking and holding of vehicles is the only thing that I believe will discourage the H2O crowd from coming back to Ocean City. A large parking lot could be arranged and secured with temporary fencing and security. Tow companies could be worked with to assure the logistics are in place to accommodate the impounding of vehicles. The plan should be highly publicized and perhaps that alone would discourage H2O cars from coming to town, but at least the first year, the city would need to be prepared to act. That's my two cents but again thanks to law enforcement and the council for your efforts.

With best wishes,
Joe Cuomo

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 3:36 PM

To: billhamilton3rd@gmail.com <billhamilton3rd@gmail.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

William,

Thank you for your email. Speed bumps have been discussed and I am sure they will be part of our discussion moving forward.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 3:24 PM, "billhamilton3rd@gmail.com" <billhamilton3rd@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

William Hamilton

Email address

billhamilton3rd@gmail.com

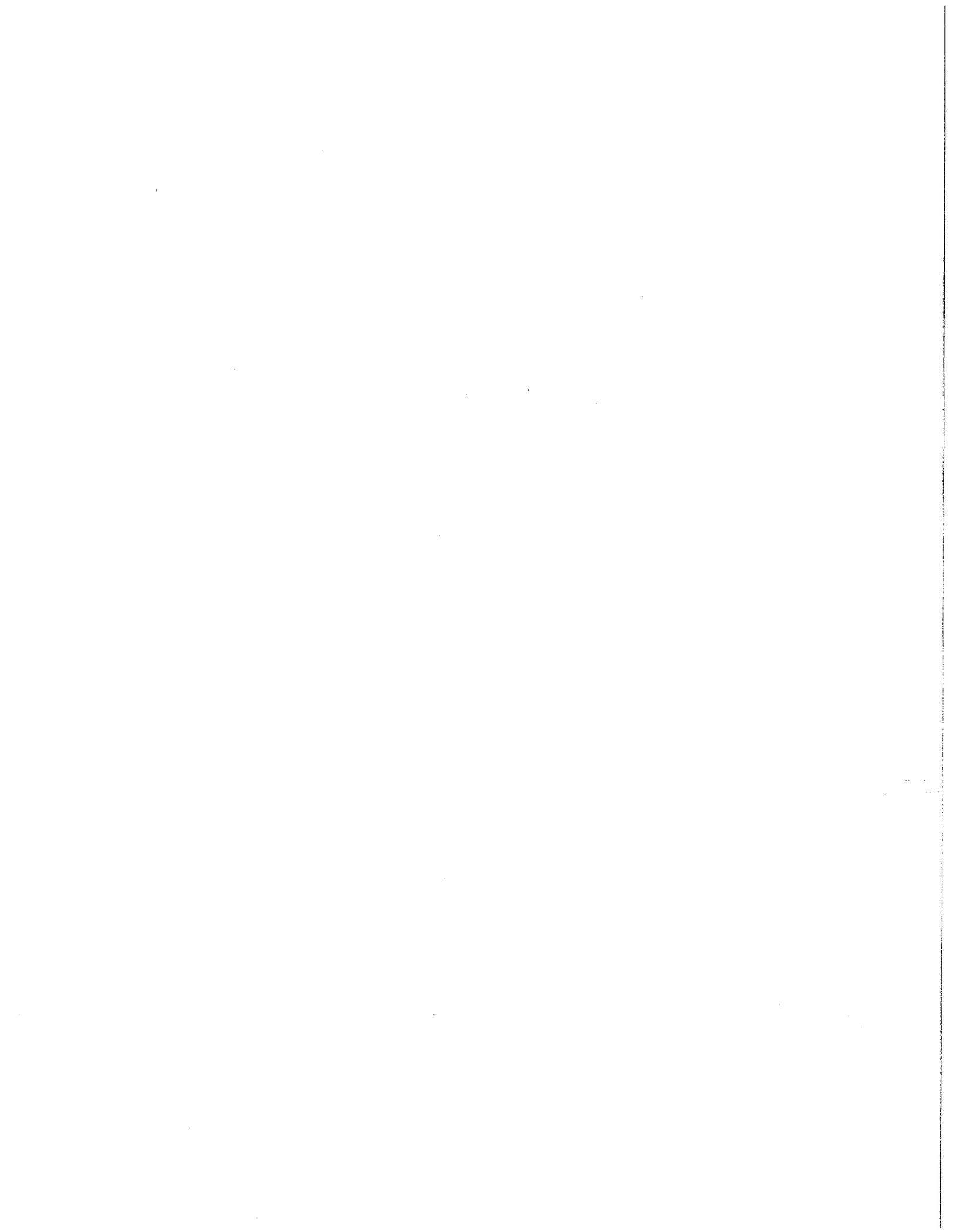
Message

Hi, I'll be brief as I know your time is both limited and valuable. I'm sure you have your best minds working on a solution to the H2Oi unsanctioned event problem. We were in the OC area over the past week but were able to avoid the problem areas. We noticed there were none of the H2Oi cars on Assateague Island - probably due to the pair of 15 mph speed bumps on the Island in both the incoming and outgoing lanes.

Just a suggestion (my oldest son's, actually): if you could deploy large temporary speed bumps on each of the 3 access roads (US 50, MD 90, & MD 528) into Ocean City (and figure out how to manage the resulting traffic problems), you could exclude most of the H2Oi vehicles and remove the attraction that draws the participants to the unsanctioned event.

Just a suggestion, FWIW.

Bill Hamilton



Re: Message from the OC Government Website

William Judy <billmartiejudy@mac.com>

Tue 10/1/2019 4:35 PM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Meehan,

Thank you for the rapid response.

Bill Judy

On Oct 1, 2019, at 2:32 PM, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

William,

You are correct and thank you for the email. We will follow up.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 2:12 PM, "billmartiejudy@mac.com" <billmartiejudy@mac.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

William Judy

Email address

billmartiejudy@mac.com

Message

Mr. Meehan,

As an owner of property in Ocean City, I want to inform you of a total mischaracterization on WBAL NEWS TV. They stated there was a huge gathering on the boardwalk of attendees to a "CAR SHOW". Was in town this past weekend and there was no sanctioned event. "CAR SHOW" or otherwise. I believe you or a member of your staff should demand an on show retraction and a statement of exactly what happened. This was a riot between people who have no respect for our property, safety, nor authority.

This representation is false and extremely misleading. DO SOMETHING SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THIS IMPRESSION OF ENTHUSIASTS JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME. In advance thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

William Judy

RE: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 10:16 AM

To: 'William Stahlgren' <willstahlgren@gmail.com>;

Cc: Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>;

Will,

Thank you again and I have shared this with OCPD.

Rick Meehan
Mayor

From: William Stahlgren <willstahlgren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Here is a link to a video which may provide you with some valuable information. I am sure you are all well aware of this but I will point out that 99% of the cars I saw had modified exhaust systems. Many were playing incredibly loud music. Some had the neon lights and some had nitrous systems. You may find some solutions here. Noise pollution and modified exhaust systems not to mention the obscenities and foul language. Again thank you for your attention, Will

https://youtu.be/Ns_e9J8vl_M

On Sun, Sep 29, 2019 at 6:35 PM William Stahlgren <willstahlgren@gmail.com> wrote:

Sir, thank you for your timely response. I must apologize for the tone of some parts of my first email. When I wrote it I was particularly agitated as my 81 year old parents had left for church a 15 minute drive from the Lankford and had just called saying they hadn't gotten there and it was two hours later! They were trapped on the road all that time with all those crazy aggressive "H2O I" drivers.

May I suggest you adopt a no modified exhaust system policy in your town. Everyone of the participants cars would have been in violation and subject to fine or arrest.

I wish you success with this awful problem. Sincerely, Will

Will Stahlgren AMS ®
Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors
Fred Wise Yacht Survey
wiseyacht.com
610-937-1117 Cell
410-275-4260 office

On Sat, Sep 28, 2019, 6:23 PM Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Will,

Thank you for your email and I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am that this group that has invaded our town this weekend and disrupted your visit.

This is not an event that is supported by the town nor have we invited them. It is a social media generated event and I can assure you we are just as upset about what is going on as you are. Their actions are intolerable. If we could stop it today we would but we have no way of just turning them away at the bridge .

We have not only our officers on the road but also the MD State Police and other allied agencies. We agree this must be stopped and will continue to explore all options.

Again my apologies to you and your family and I can only assure you that we share your concerns. We live here and this is not what we want to see in our city.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 28, 2019, at 4:20 PM, "willstahlgren@gmail.com" <willstahlgren@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

William H Stahlgren

Email address

willstahlgren@gmail.com

Message

To whom it may concern, we visited Ocean City Maryland 27-29 September 2019 joining our parents at the Lankford hotel. They had been at the Lankford for the week. It was my second visit and their 10th or more.

We were all horrified by what was going on on the roads. Countless loud cars piloted by agresive drivers roaring around making the streets and sidewalks unsafe. The noise was so great you could not sleep. The sound of hundreds of backfires which sounded like gunfire could be heard. Many of the cars were displaying foul language and anti police language. Multiple accidents were observed. Countless yelling drivers and bystanders were observed. I did not feel safe on or near the roads.

We all regret having planned our vacation and spending our hard earned money in a place that would allow this insanity to take place in their streets.

We will never return and will also make everyone aware of our experience here.

The folks we spoke to in passing and other guests at the hotel were also shocked and dissappointed. I urge you to understand that whatever you call what you are hosting in your town is

apalling and needs to be stopped.
Sincerely , Will

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Will Stahlgren AMS®
SAMS® Accredited Marine Surveyor #1309
Fred Wise Yacht Survey
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610-937-1117 cell
410-275-4260 office

RE: Message from the OC Government Website

Tim Lawrence <tlawrence@berlinmd.gov>

Tue 10/1/2019 10:14 AM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Maybe on all three entrances into OC. 50 & 90 Bridge & Fenwick. Setup inspection stations. Cars don't pass inspection. Turn around and leave.



Tim Lawrence - Electric Utility Director
Town of Berlin

10 William Street
Berlin, MD 21811

Office: 410-629-1713 | Fax: 410-641-4853
tlawrence@berlinmd.gov | berlinmd.gov

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From: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 9:59 AM

To: Tim Lawrence <tlawrence@berlinmd.gov>

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>

Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Tim,

Thank you for your email. Speed bumps have been discussed before and im sure we will revisit that issue. We will also look into what San Diego experienced.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 12:03 PM, "tlawrence@berlinmd.gov" <tlawrence@berlinmd.gov> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Tim Lawrence

Email address

tlawrence@berlinmd.gov

Message

H2O problem. Install temporary speed bumps. The lowered cars cannot handle speed bumps. They bottom out. San Diego, California had the same issue and they install temporary speed bumps.

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 9:56 AM

To: td5101@hotmail.com <td5101@hotmail.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Tom,

Thank you for your email and your support . I have copied OCPD on our emails.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 11:25 AM, "td5101@hotmail.com" <td5101@hotmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Tom Buettner

Email address

td5101@hotmail.com

Message

My wife and I agree, what a scary week. H2Oi started before 9/25/19. We were kept hostage in our homes. We believe more than one solution should be implemented. We need AI intelligence technology using our license plate technology with cameras. The majority of cars came from Northern States. AI technology software can identify all H2Oi cars and each should be charge a hefty entry fee to pay for security, so taxpayers don't. Hit their pocketbook. Regards, We love and support out town.

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 9:44 AM

To: stnmanor@verizon.net <stnmanor@verizon.net>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Barry,

Thank you for your email and your observations and suggestions.

I will make sure your email is circulated with OCPD and that this is considered when we explore all options to reduce or eliminate the negative impact caused by this event.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 7:10 PM, "stnmanor@verizon.net" <stnmanor@verizon.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Barry A. Farmer

Email address

stnmanor@verizon.net

Message

I would like to address my suggestions to the Motorized Event Task Force. I am a condo owner on the Boardwalk who has participated in multiple car events for 20 years! I am not simply a residential owner who is not inhibited for complaining about every thing they do not like about a town that has all the benefits supported by a resort community dependent on special events and resort \$\$.

Of the multiple events, only the non-sanctioned H2Oi event presents a real problem to OC as evidenced by the past week-end. Although I was not present I did learn that a neighbor in our Condo had a parking lot problem with a participant. Our process of dealing with this problem is complicated by dealing with Condo Mgt and a towing Co. problems. May I suggest that your police forces obtain car boots (renting them from another municipality) for the weekend, equipping your patrol officers with multiply units and applying the boots on appropriate violations, private or municipal, where appropriate. This would allow private towing companies time to impound the vehicles and hit the participants where

they are immediately affected.

These consequences could be announced over social media, particularly for this group, and I bet the immediate reality of redeeming a vehicle from impound would be more incentive than waiting to pay a fine or penalty in the future. In the extreme, this enforcement technique might be legislatively incorporated in the Special Events rules and regulations, for example, application to private property violations.

I hope this suggestion might be seriously considered. I think it would have very minor consequences, if any, to the multiple motor events that have positive effects on the economy and future of OC.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this suggestion.

Barry Farmer

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 9:40 AM

To: jmpiotrowski@comcast.net <jmpiotrowski@comcast.net>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Joanne,

Thank you for your email and for sharing observations. We appreciate the input.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 8:48 PM, "jmpiotrowski@comcast.net" <jmpiotrowski@comcast.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Joanne Piotrowski

Email address

jmpiotrowski@comcast.net

Message

I had heard on WTOP that Ocean City was working with the state to ban the unofficial car gathering in the future. I wanted to voice my support. This weekend I was in Rehoboth and when traveling home from the beach on Rte 50 west of the bay bridge about 2:30pm a swarm of these loud noisy cars started racing each other through the beach traffic, cutting off drivers at close aggressive distances. One guy even tried to pass cars by making a new lane between cars but couldn't fit through.

So I wanted to let you know when you speak to the state that it is more than Ocean City that was affected. And hopefully there were no accidents caused by these people traveling from the event.

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Tue 10/1/2019 9:31 AM

To: xomvamd38@mail.com <xomvamd38@mail.com>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Fisher,

Thank you for your email and your points are well taken. We have Strategic Planning coming up this month and this discuss will be number #1 on the agenda.

Thank you again for your email and expressing your opinion.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Oct 1, 2019, at 7:28 AM, "xomvamd38@mail.com" <xomvamd38@mail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

bob fisher

Email address

xomvamd38@mail.com

Message

All,

Take the opportunity to think about what these events due to the town. We experienced the worst of them last week. And they will get even worse during the other events because they have a formula now that no one can handle, flooding the town with enough people to overwhelm the law enforcement. The bikes, cars and jeeps do the same thing, they take over our roads and parking lots. They appear to be safer but they do the same thing, keep people out of our town. We are a beach community that should only cater to visitors who use our beaches. Use our bars and restaurants for eating and drinking, not parking lots to record the craziness. All of these events are NOT FAMILY FRIENDLY!

Families are scarred of loud motorcycles and cars, and young people out of control.

An event needs to be held at the convention center or inlet, not the streets!

As a resident you force me to not use any of the towns services or roads.

All for what, some monetary gain for the business community?

So stop all of these stupid events and turn our great city back to the beach lovers and families.

Like everything else in this world, it comes to an end.

Don't risk another life while you decide how to work around a situation that has NO answer.

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 9/30/2019 4:23 PM

To: LKIRR@INTERNATIONALVIOLIN.COM <LKIRR@internationalviolin.com>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mrs. Kirr,

I am very sorry that you were not made aware of the challenges we were going to face prior to your visit.

I live here and I am just as upset as you are about what we experienced in Ocean City this past weekend. I can not blame you at all for your comments and stating that you will not return. I would probably feel the same way if I were you and that is hard for me to say as the mayor.

We plan to do whatever we can to prevent this from happening in the future. I only ask that you do not judge Ocean City buy this one weekend.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 3:57 PM, LKIRR@INTERNATIONALVIOLIN.COM <LKIRR@internationalviolin.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Lori S Kirr

Email address

LKIRR@INTERNATIONALVIOLIN.COM

Message

We were in Ocean City this past weekend 9/27-/9/29 with a group of friends to celebrate a 60th birthday. We stayed at Sand Piper Dunes and Adagio on 59th street. Had no idea it was H2O weekend. You guys knew they were coming even though it's not a sanctioned event. We paid a lot of money for the rentals and we were terrorized by the gangs of people and the H2o cars. They came down our street with crowds screaming and egging the car on to burn his tires and smoke was everywhere and scared the daylights out of our children and grandchildren. The language and noise was out of control and we could not go out anywhere, nor get down coastal highway. I've never in my life been so horrified. It will be a long time before I come back to Ocean City. I will go either to

Rehobeth or Bethany. Such a shame as a teenager we lived and worked down the Ocean for years in the 1970's and 80"s. Something needs to be done. What a waste of thousands of dollars we spent on rental units last weekend. Awful. Called the police but of course they couldn't respond to our noise complaints they had bigger fish to fry!

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

marylbattista@gmail.com

Mon 9/30/2019 2:26 PM

Inbox

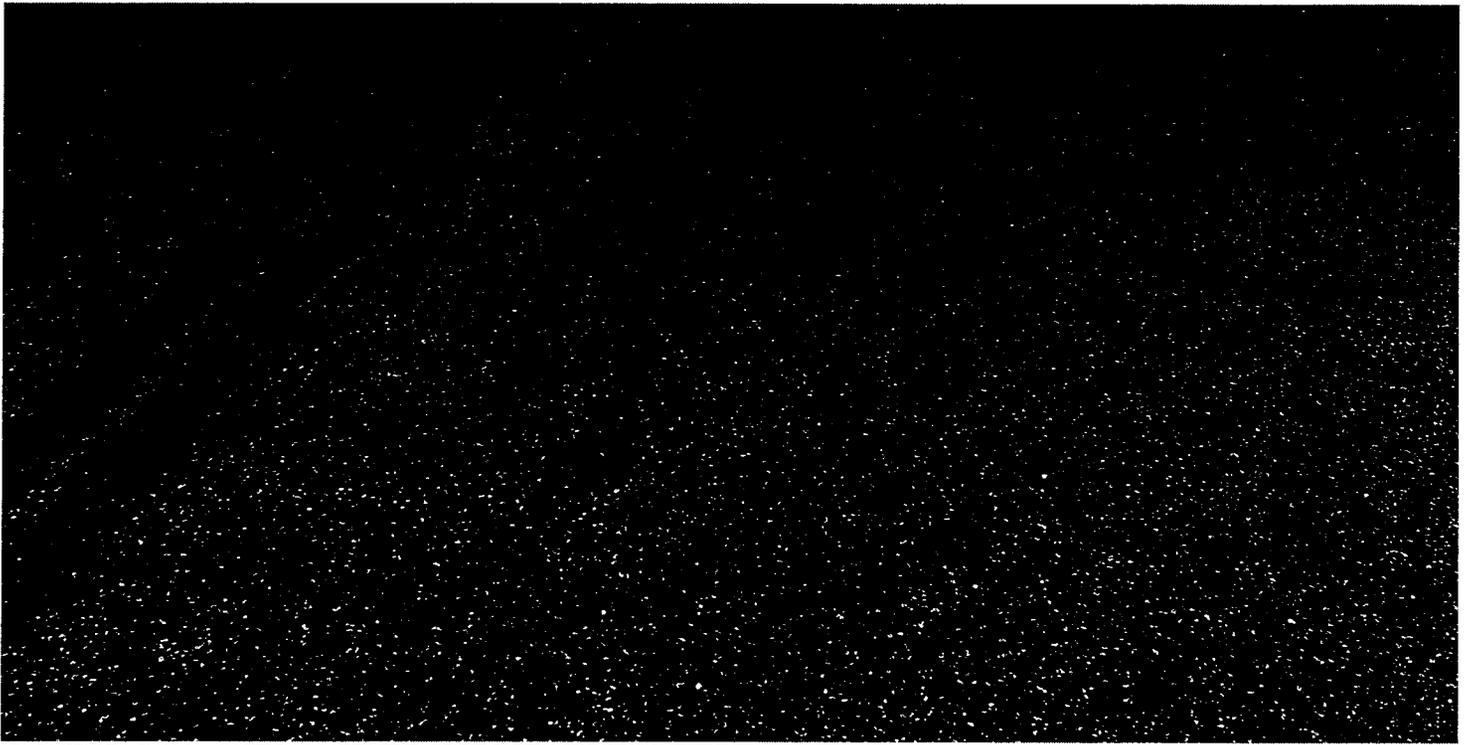
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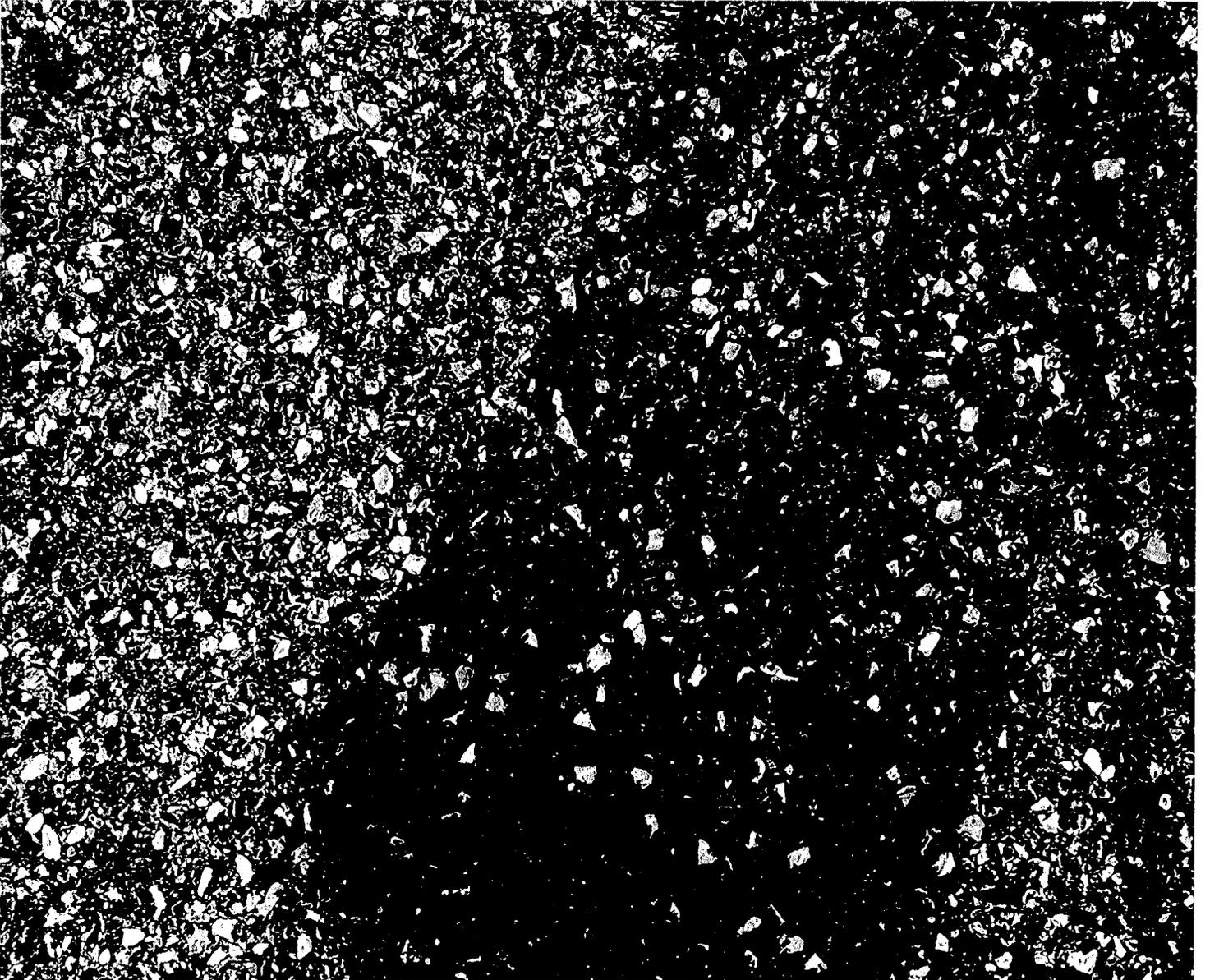
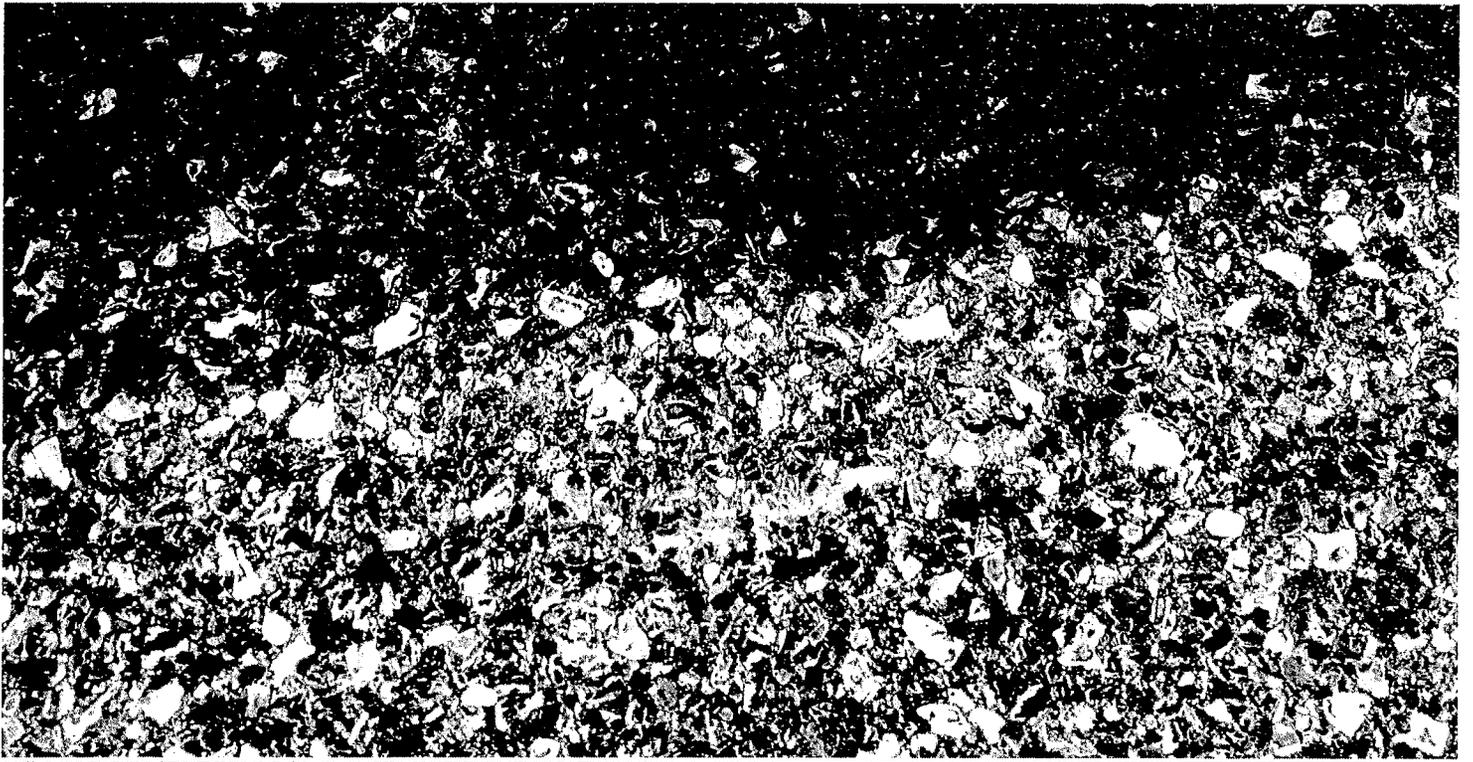
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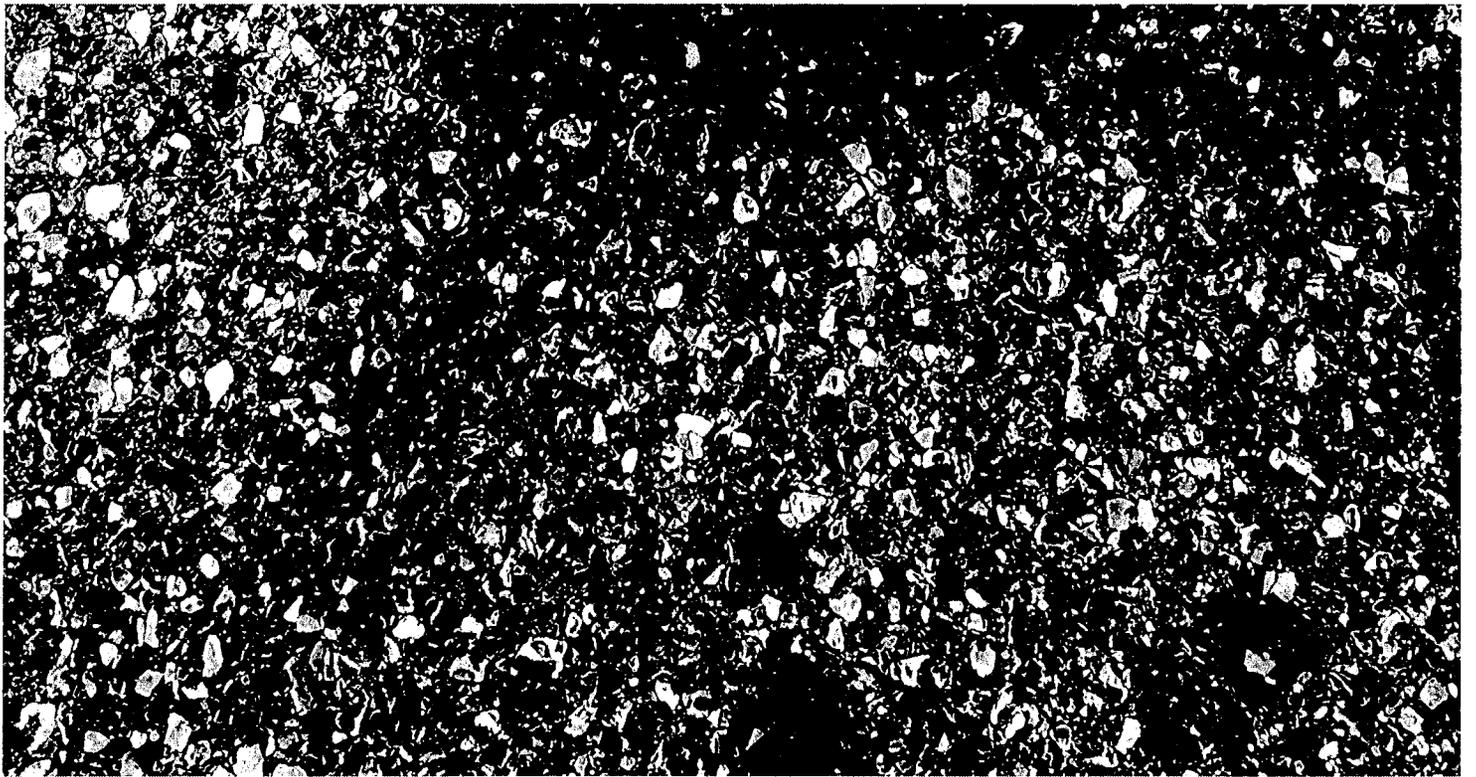
I appreciate the very quick response. It's comforting to know that you are as distraught about this as we are. I've included the other photos in this email. Thank you again for the response!

Mary Battista









Verizon

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H2Oi OCMD 2019



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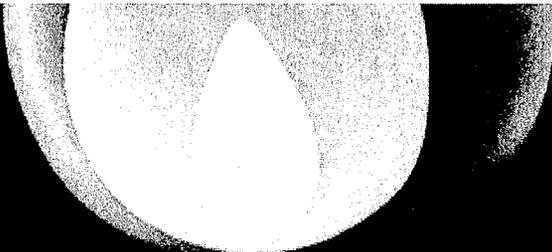


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Anthony Tibbs

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Everyone come

gridlock 60th st and bring your burnouts with you



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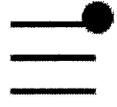
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Luke's Post



Yeah it was great cops complain
alot but they cant say nothing if
we "keep it legal" next year which
still won't happen but that's half
the fun just be safe out there

the fun, just be safe out there
that's all we gotta do

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Luke Robillard

Subi Garcia what's the best place
to stay

just going as a spectator lol. no
car

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Subi Garcia

That what i did this year only
came to watch. The "Hotel In" a
good cheap place to go, their are
2 near the board walk and a
couple in the surrounding area



Subi Garcia

A hotel near 30th St or 60th St is
where all the burnout happens so
that would be a nice spot

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 30, 2019, at 13:40, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Mary,

I have seen your street and you are absolutely correct. I think your suggestion about removing public parking is a good one and I have copied the Police Chief on our emails.

Thank you for your email and you input.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 1:13 PM, "marylbattista@gmail.com" <marylbattista@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?
All Members
Name
Mary Battista
Email address
marylbattista@gmail.com
Message
<p>As residents of a beach town, we are hardy. We can withstand unpredictable flooding, high winds, dangerous storms. However, the storm that came through this weekend under the guise of "H2Oi" is something that is predictable and can be stopped. They destroyed our street, disrespected the residents and threatened the safety of everyone who lives here. I understand you believe you did everything possible, but that's not true. I've included only one of many pictures I have of what they've done to our street. As a resident of 60th, and on behalf of the rest of the residents on this street, I implore you to shut down the public parking on the last weekend of September for the H2O event next year. Hundreds of kids were gathering in a mob in the street doing burnouts and burning away the asphalt. Hundreds of kids were listening to blaring music well into the early hours of the morning. Hundreds of kids were smoking and drinking and then throwing their trash into the street, onto our property. I would've included the pictures of trash the next morning that looked as though a carnival came through, but the wonderful residents of 60th street woke up early and cleaned the entire street. Shortly after, we all locked our doors and shut ourselves in as the animals awoke and resumed destroying the town. The</p>

police were called by multiple residents, multiple times a day, and despite them doing their best, they were outnumbered and not prepared to deal with what was going on. Our condo buildings all have ample parking and none of us need the public street parking, which is why we beg you to shut down the public parking for next year's event. We heard from many officers that every street was like this, but of the streets we've seen, ours is by far the worst. I encourage you to come and see the damage for yourselves. The picture I included is just one spot where asphalt was burned away by their tires, but there are multiple spots. I have screenshots from their social media group where they are saying they will return to 60th street next year because "that's where all the burnouts happen". I also have a lot more pictures of the damage and videos I would gladly share if you need to see via email. Thank you for your time. I will be sending this letter once a week until I receive a response.

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Re: H20i

Richard Meehan

Mon 9/30/2019 1:34 PM

To: Harry Sanders <SandersHarry@outlook.com>;

Cc: Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>;

Harry,

Thank you for your email and your support. I can assure you that all options will be considered.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 10:44 AM, Harry Sanders <SandersHarry@outlook.com> wrote:

Dear Mayer, City Manager and Chief of Police;

I was visiting your city with friends on Saturday and noticed all the modified cars and a rowdy crowd around town.

We decided to have lunch and fled the city because we felt unsafe.

Yesterday I saw the local news and realized that also you and the citizens of Ocean City disagreed with what was going on and that you will try to prevent this to happen in the future, good luck.

So I was thinking, don't let them in in the first place, I know easier said than done because once they are inside the city you cannot get them out, so the solution is don't let them in.

My idea is to have roadblocks from Friday till Sunday at the entrance of your town and send them back, they don't have access.

You have only 3 entrance to the city (not counting if you come by boat) so it would not be a burden to the police to set-up roadblocks at each entrance of the city limits and turn all the modified cars back, not allowing them into the city.

Hope you like this suggestion, regards

Harry

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 9/30/2019 10:38 AM

To: lisab75@comcast.net <lisab75@comcast.net>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Lisa,

Thank you. I have forwarded this to the OCPD. We will follow up

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 10:32 AM, "lisab75@comcast.net" <lisab75@comcast.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Lisa bradfield

Email address

lisab75@comcast.net

Message

The h2oi group has almost 1,000 people so far signed up to come back the weekend of October 10th for what they call a bonus round. What can we do about this? They have done extensive damage to this entire town and made it unlivable for the whole time they were here. All of their posts seem to indicate that they just don't care about the fines they received. I'm attaching something they posted.

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Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 9/30/2019 9:05 AM

To: pandcgordon@ptd.net <pandcgordon@ptd.net>;

Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Pat,

I am sorry you had this experience when you arrived in Ocean City. I apologize that this disrupted your visit.

Unfortunately we were invaded this past weekend by a Social Media generated event called H2oi. This is not an event that is sponsored by or endorsed by the city. We agree that the behavior you witnessed is not acceptable. It is truly unfortunate that these young adults show absolutely no respect for others.

We did have a large police presence in town in an attempt to address the issues caused by this group. This included assistance from the Maryland State Police, the Worcester County Sheriffs Department and other allied agencies.

You are correct this was not a good day for Ocean City. We all experienced this and we will be working on how to prevent this from happening in the future.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 29, 2019, at 8:00 PM, "pandcgordon@ptd.net" <pandcgordon@ptd.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?
Mayor Rick Meehan
Name
Pat Gordon
Email address
pandcgordon@ptd.net
Message
Dear Mayor Meehan: My husband and I have been coming to OC, MD for the past 17 years. We have taken our grandchildren to your wonderful State. I had a day off of work on Monday and told my husband we should go to OC, MD for the weekend. We didn't check into our hotel until 4pm. It took us 1 1/2 hours

to go 26 blocks. What we saw along the Coastal Highway was frightening, obnoxious and downright anarchy. We have never experienced anything like that in our lives. We were booked at a hotel on Coastal Hwy and left because of the 'evilness' of everything we saw...the filth written on the cars, total disrespect, and the actions of those people who participated. How sad that this happened and we were there at 4 pm....we never saw 1 police car!!! What a sad day for OC...!!

Pat Gordon

Re: Import Car Weekend..one of many I am sure

Richard Meehan

Mon 9/30/2019 8:23 AM

To: Blake, John D <jblake@wellspan.org>;

Bcc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

John,

Thank you for your email. I believe that the MCC will be united in their efforts to address the issues we face with regard to the H2oi group that invaded us this past weekend. It is essential that everyone, including businesses and property owners, work together.

The Motor Vehicle Task Force that was formed 2 years ago has been successful in addressing some of the major concerns with the spring and fall Cruisin Events. However the big difference here is that we have a promoter that wants to work with us and a group of car enthusiasts that are not coming here to just defy law enforcement and cause chaos in our community.

You are right it is unfortunate that the actions of these individuals this past weekend disrupted the plans of other visitors. I happened to volunteer down at Wine on the Beach on Saturday for the Cricket Center and it was like an oasis from the chaos. The only noise you heard was the band on the beach and all you saw was a few 1000 people enjoying the event!

Thank again and I agree with your comments and concerns.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 30, 2019, at 7:52 AM, Blake, John D <jblake@wellspan.org> wrote:

Mr. Mayor

As a property owner in Ocean City and longtime supporter, I am writing to express my grave concerns about the continuing chaos surrounding the import cars over the last several years. I enjoyed your Facebook post and the more resolved tone, but I can't help thinking that I've heard those words before. I recalled last year and the formation of a special commission that has proved ineffective and in fact, it seems things got worse!

Right now, Ocean City is a crossroads. Do you want to continue to devolve into a party town or move forward as a family-friendly resort? There of been good strides to move in a positive direction but many in city government (especially the Council) seem to want to have it both ways but that is not going to work with these people who are intent on coming to town with the expressed intent on causing as much trouble as they can. I'd love to attend the wine event, but no way will this event ever thrive until the imports are eliminated. I know quite a few people who cancelled coming to OC for the wine fest as soon as they found out about the cars. And these are people with very high incomes that you WANT to come to town.

I sincerely hope you can put your words into action that halt this travesty once and for all. I NEVER see this type of behavior with any of the other motor events (even though I find all of them annoying). Have you charged anyone who assaulted the police with felony assault of a police officer? Have any of the Facebook page owners been charged with conspiracy? If no, they you aren't nearly being tough enough. As your discussions with officials moves forward please be resolved to take the tough action necessary to end this permanently, and unfortunately, the only way it's going to end is through dramatic and forceful action. In

addition, please advise those on the council who favor a softer approach to stop thinking with their pocketbook and look at the long-term reputation of the town because this event is a black mark year after year.

Respectfully

John Blake
Lead Application Coordinator, Optime Surgery and Anesthesia
Project One Team
Wellspan Health
812-7392

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Message string: KqxfH=TU

RE: Message from the OC Government Website

Bob Fisher <xomvamd38@mail.com>

Sun 9/29/2019 12:05 PM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

This is a difficult matter for sure.

Its Sunday now and you would think that Law Enforcement has a plan, please say they do.

Since I live here full time its amazing to see that the police are so inept, but for us locals in the off season they are a bunch of tough guys.

Having a strategy for every holiday and task forces to crack down on locals.

But let them have a real issue, there no where to be found.

Ok, so that's the end of the rant, lets move on to some real stuff.

In the future to attempt to control this kind of action I suggest incorporating these into the overall solution.

1. Use an out to in strategy.

- Force all side streets into Coastal Highway
- Police need to be on every 2nd or 3rd block to make this happen.
- Cant speak for uptown but downtown is crazy.
- St Louis Ave has to be the longest stretch of road in the city other than Coastal Hgy, so treat it correctly.

This keeps the back streets where residents walk somewhat safe and gives locals a sense that their not forgotten.

2. Restrict traffic thru town.

- Shut down the middle 2 lanes
- Keep the bus lane and the left lane open
- Police and emergencies use the 2 closed lanes.
- Have crossover lanes to get to the right lane for turns, police does it during emergencies.

Idea is to slow everything down.

If you cant be seen easily, why come here, no where to do what they like.

And remember, this IS an emergency!

3. Businesses that allow their lots for parking to watch this crap.

- Need to be fined or permitted for this activity.
- Police need to understand that anywhere they sit its been designed that way on social media.

Police cruising thru the areas are a waste of time, all they do is wait until they ride by.

They must be stationary.

4. Modified vehicles

- Maryland has laws for modified vehicles, are you telling me that don't apply to visitors?
- Open the Convention Center parking lot and funnel cars in their for a ticket process.
- Fines are to be the most they can be, re-administered daily.

There's not one of those cars that are legal in Md.

5. Get a Drone License for the town.

- These eye on the sky things could help you with rapid responses.

On my way home from Lighthouse Sound I saw that a large group was forming on St Louis so I called the Police. While walking my dog I saw a car and they went down towards the Lizard. Not 5 minutes later the boys were revving them up and burning tires. And that's what happens, they ride by instead of sitting for awhile in an area and making them move.

In the end, as residents, we need to work together on this stuff, its too important to have it continue the way it is. What a way to end the year after highly successful car, jeep and bike weeks. Maybe we should get the bikers in this week, they wouldn't take this shit.

Richard Meehan

Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:02 PM

To: xomvamd38@mail.com

Cc: [Lloyd Martin](#); [Mary Knight](#); [Dennis Dare](#); [Tony Deluca](#); [Mark Paddack](#); [Matt James](#); [John Gehrig Jr.](#); [Jessica Waters](#); [Diana Chavis](#); [Douglas R. Miller](#); [Ross Buzzuro](#)

Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Bob,

You are correct this is an intolerable situation. I have experienced everything you described. It must be stopped.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 28, 2019, at 8:58 PM, "xomvamd38@mail.com" <xomvamd38@mail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

bob fisher

Email address

xomvamd38@mail.com

Message

Wow, great job this weekend. I would guarantee that every resident would say that the town is under siege and the police are helpless. Your presence on Coastal Highway has pushed these idiots to the back streets, like St Louis avenue. And now to the side streets like 10th and 11th, speeding up and down Edgewater ave. We have older people around here walking dogs, riding bikes, all the normal stuff.

Its extremely dangerous, and its for 4 days.

Your cars ride up and down but don't stop. They just come behind you.

Great strategy.

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Kathleen Gibson <beau.brie@gmail.com>

Sat 9/28/2019 5:31 PM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Rick,

Thank you for your response, I really appreciate you getting back to me. And I wish you the best of luck and safety to all the police out there.

Kathleen Gibson

On Sat, Sep 28, 2019 at 5:11 PM Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Kathleen,

We share your concerns and your position but to clarify this is not a city sponsored or supported event. This is a social media generated event that we have no control over. The special event signs are up so we can reduce the speed limit and double the fines.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 28, 2019, at 1:56 PM, "beau.brie@gmail.com" <beau.brie@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

All Members

Name

Kathleen Gibson

Email address

beau.brie@gmail.com

Message

Good afternoon,

As a long time visitor of Ocean City, Maryland, I am VERY disappointed in the 'special event' choices you have been making. The few days that you allow so called "car enthusiasts" to take over the town, are absolute nightmares. Reckless driving (I've seen pedestrians almost hit many a time) as well as alcohol and drug use (I've seen drug deals taking place in supposed family friendly places). It is understandable that this being the off-season, you are looking for revenue. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO GO. The classic cars, the motorcycles, they are very respectful and great 'special events'. But this group? They should not be

welcome.

Shame on you for putting your financial needs ahead of the safety of your visitors and residents.
Please consider getting rid of this ridiculous and dangerous yearly gathering.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Arlena Gibson

Re: Tuner Cars

Elizabeth Lee <lizlee@verizon.net>

Sun 9/29/2019 4:24 PM

Inbox

To: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>;

Thank you for response...

Your idea incorporating the National Guard and a State of Emergency is a good approach that will send a solid message...not just to them, but to the bars (Secrets) and hotels/motels/condos that rent to them. It is critical to the town's reputation and its future...

I have an idea...what if we stage a 3-prong offense right as they enter our town?

Police or another entity "channel" certain questionable vehicles (based on MD vehicle restrictions and noise ordinances) into areas where inspectors can immediately ticket and impound vehicles that do not comply. These vehicles would be seized or made to leave the town limits immediately. This could be done at the inlet parking area, the parking lot just off of Route 90, and the shuttle bus parking lot as you enter OC from Delaware.

Yes it would be challenging, but this would let them know we have all had enough of the anarchy.

Also, the hotel/motel industry needs to be more accountable. They should be completely transparent about the type of vehicles that are allowed on their premises when they make the reservation. They need to reserve the right to disallow occupancy should the vehicle not comply with MD laws and be able to turn them away. If they are not willing to do so, nor will volunteering close down those 3 days, then our town should tax the hell out of those businesses. Why should my taxes keep going up because businesses are greedy? The same goes for condominium rental companies.....

i know I've said it before, but each time we have (town sponsored or not) a loud motor event, it potentially brings bad elements to our town. Each year they get bigger, louder and cause massive pollution. We used to love the seashore in September...not anymore. I guarantee we've lost the Wine On The Beach event permanently....those are the type of events needed in the Fall. Jeep Week is one that should NOT ever be held during high season. While it was not loud, we saw many jeeps that were "tricked" out that drove aggressively. That event, like all the other motor events, has future potential to become a nightmare....

Why must we be the "Motörhead" beach capital of the East Coast???? What's wrong with just enjoying the Atlantic Ocean? Why constantly invite noise and pollution?

Anyway, keep up the good fight!!' All of the homeowners agree with you...remember that when u r up against the greedy businesses who just care about short term financial gain.

Thank you and good luck!!'

Best,

The Lee Family

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On Saturday, September 28, 2019, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Mrs. Lee,

I have to agree that this particular group presents an intolerable situation. Unfortunately there are no easy answers as to how to stop these individuals from coming to Ocean City. It is difficult for hotels and motels to know who is booking rooms in advance of their arrival but I do agree that minimums and rates may help detour some of these individuals from coming to Ocean City.

Unlike other events this group shows absolutely little or no regard for our laws or our community. It is hard to believe that these young adults have been raised to show such little respect for others. It is not a good example of today's world.

I truly appreciate your email and share your frustration. I will share your concerns with the HMRA and we will continue to work towards a better solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 27, 2019, at 3:33 PM, Elizabeth Lee <lizlee@verizon.net> wrote:

Dear Mayor Meehan,

While I fully understand that the Tuner Car "mayhem" we are experiencing since last night not sanctioned by the Town, the hotels and places like Secrets are renting to this group of people. They are unruly, dangerous drivers, and trash our town. Is it really worth the short term financial gain? What's wrong with family friendly events like SunFest? All of the loud (sanctioned) motor events are why we have these type of events/groups now coming to OC...they believe, based on other motor events, that OC is a great place to drag race and get drunk. It's disgusting to see adults lines up on the highway swilling beers and yelling....what the gel is going on? Last I checked, drinking in public and making noise was illegal. It was sad to see three nice families, in our condo building this morning, leave two days early from their vacation rental because last night was such a nightmare...they told me they have had enough of the loud events and will no longer come to our town.

Again, I appreciate all the added police presence, but this is a much bigger problem that needs to be addressed with the hotel/motel/restaurant association and who they accept money from. Our town's reputation and future depends on it.

Sincerely,
The Lee Family

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Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Fri 9/27/2019 7:54 PM

To: dorab10600@aol.com <dorab10600@aol.com>;

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>;

Thank you and travel safe!

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 27, 2019, at 6:57 PM, "dorab10600@aol.com" <dorab10600@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Rick:

I thank you very much for your response. I guess we are all frustrated. Just wish there was more we could all do to get rid of these people that have no regard for anything or anyone in OC.

We will leave tomorrow early morning and return next Friday for Corvette Weekend!! Good luck and stay safe!!

Regards,

Dora J. Benedetti
Taylor Properties
Associate Broker

175 Admiral Cochran Dr., Suite 112
Annapolis, MD 21401
(c) 301-641-1200
dorab10600@aol.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>

To: dorab10600@aol.com <dorab10600@aol.com>

Cc: Lloyd Martin <LMartin@oceancitymd.gov>; Mary Knight <MKnight@oceancitymd.gov>; Dennis Dare <DDare@oceancitymd.gov>; Tony Deluca <TDeluca@oceancitymd.gov>; Mark Paddack <MPaddack@oceancitymd.gov>; Matt James <MJames@oceancitymd.gov>; John Gehrig Jr. <JGehrig@oceancitymd.gov>; Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Diana Chavis <DChavis@oceancitymd.gov>; Ross Buzzuro <PoliceChief@oceancitymd.gov>; Douglas R. Miller <DMiller@oceancitymd.gov>

Sent: Fri, Sep 27, 2019 5:22 pm

Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Dora,

Thank you for the email. I know you understand that we do not invite this group to town and we really have no way to stop them from coming.

It is unfortunate that they have little regard for others and their disrespect for our town is intolerable. I am currently at the Public Safety Building for the 5 o'clock briefing and there are an additional 70 officers here waiting to go on duty. This includes 50 plus MD State Troopers. We will do everything we can to show them that is our town.

I honestly do not blame you for leaving tomorrow as we expect the next 48 hours to be a problematic. We are going to do everything we can to enforce the law and discourage them from returning.

We did not ask for this crowd to be here but it is what it is and we have to deal with it. The Chief just spoke and he is passionate about enforcing our laws and protecting our citizens.

I apologize that you have adjust your plans because of the actions of this group. I can assure you we are all as angry about this as you are.

Rick Meehan

Mayor - Town of Ocean City, Maryland

o: 410-289-8931 | e: rmeehan@oceancitymd.gov

On Sep 27, 2019, at 3:45 PM, "dorab10600@aol.com" <dorab10600@aol.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?
All Members
Name
Dora J Benedetti
Email address
dorab10600@aol.com
Message
What are we letting OC become? The H2O'ers have ruined the week/weekend and we let them!! There is the smell of weed everywhere and last night the noise continued past 3am!! Today is even worse!! There are banners and signs on cars hanging all over the city with the "F" word on them. Check out the banner at 30th St. at Econolodge!! Wow - is that how we want to be portrayed?? We have been coming here for years and now own property here but this is ridiculous!! We are leaving tomorrow at 6AM!!

Fwd: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Mon 5/20/2019 11:43 AM

To:beachmarkhugh@gmail.com <beachmarkhugh@gmail.com>;

Hugh,

Not to ignore your concerns I just wanted you to see an example of the majority of emails I received, and my response, regarding this past weekend.

There is very clear split for and against these events in the community and we are trying our best to create a balance to allow them to continue. Not easy but we will continue to work on it.

Thanks again for your emails.

Ruck

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov>
Date: May 18, 2019 at 9:59:48 PM EDT
To: "betsyreider@gmail.com" <betsyreider@gmail.com>
Cc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>, Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Ms. Reiner,

I'm sorry you have experienced these problems this weekend. That being said we do care and have been working hard to address your concerns.

The Cruisin Event was started 29 years ago when there were very few people here this time of year. Many of the participants bring their families with them and enjoy the same things about Ocean City that we do. Unfortunately as the popularity of the early season in Ocean City increased so did the number of cars that are not part of the event. We can not stop people from coming to Ocean City and I'm sure if we canceled the event the cars that are causing problems would still return.

We have increased police presence and have Maryland State Police, Worcester County Sheriff's Deputy's, Department of Natural Resources Police and other agencies in town assisting our OCOD. I know that they are enforcing the law because I get the emails from those that receive the tickets. I tell them all the same thing that they are invited to be here but there are no free passes and everyone is expected to obey our laws.

I understand your frustration and can only assure you that we do care and will continue to work towards addressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan

Mayor

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2019, at 6:37 PM, "betsyreider@gmail.com" <betsyreider@gmail.com> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Betsy Reider

Email address

betsyreider@gmail.com

Message

Dear Mayor

Enough is enough. I just spent the day listening to revving engines, getting stuck in traffic on coastal highway while smelling the exhaust of the sooped up cars. It's time for ocean city to stop allowing these events to take place. I read in the local papers how there was going to be increased police patrols and enforcement of the laws but it seems as if no one cares. If Ocean City is truly is a family vacation spot, it's time to stop allowing these events to spoil the weekend for every other family.

Sincerely
Betsy Reider
2 Fountain Drive East Unit 3b

Re: Message from the OC Government Website

Richard Meehan

Sun 5/19/2019 7:10 PM

To: Bill Day <billday2@verizon.net>;

Bcc: Jessica Waters <JWaters@oceancitymd.gov>; Lauren Davis <LDavis@oceancitymd.gov>;

Mr. Day,
I formed a task force to specifically address these types of events. We went before the State Legislature last year to get the authority to establish a Special Event Zone to lower speed limits and increase fines. We are working with businesses and Condo Associations to increase private security. We have the cooperation of the promoter and state automobile associations who are working with us to address illegal vehicles and encourage all vehicles to obey all state laws. Unfortunately there will always be, as in any group, those that ignore the rules and cause problems for all of us.
Bottom line is we can not stop anyone from coming to Ocean City and if we cancelled the organized portion of this event social media would take over, the cars would still come, and we would have bigger problems than we have today.
I take your comments and concerns seriously and we will continue to look for answers.
Rick Meehan
Mayor

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2019, at 5:53 PM, Bill Day <billday2@verizon.net> wrote:

Thank you for the reply. I realize you can't stop every hooligan from coming to town especially when the event is a magnet for them. However, I think as the Mayor you're the one who should take responsibility and do something to fix the problem including getting rid of the event if that's what it takes.
Bill Day

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Sunday, May 19, 2019, 3:45 PM, Richard Meehan <RMeehan@oceancitymd.gov> wrote:

Mr. Day,
I am sorry you were not aware that this event was being held this weekend. This is the 29th year of the event and unfortunately although it brings a lot of people to town to enjoy the actual event it also attracts some that have little regard for our other visitors.
I sincerely apologize that this disturbed your vacation time with you daughter. I will pass on your suggestion about notifying renters in advance so no one else is caught by surprise.
Rick Meehan
Mayor

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2019, at 1:58 PM, "billday2@verizon.net" <billday2@verizon.net> wrote:

Who would you like to send this to?

Mayor Rick Meehan

Name

Bill Day

Email address

billday2@verizon.net

Message

We came Friday for a 4 day weekend and have been hearing the extremely loud cars and motorcycles almost around the clock. It (car show) was advertised as being in 3 locations not the entire length of Coastal Highway. Just wanted to let you know it's been a miserable experience for my daughter and I. The attached was taken from the 7th floor of the 9400 building earlier today and it's not nearly as bad today as it has been. I think renters should be required to at least warn people what they're getting themselves into before taking their reservations when an event like this is allowed to take place.

Bill Day

All Members Marie-Noelle Sayan kchotel@aol.com

I am writing regarding this past weekend. Frankly I don't know where to start. First, as most may know I own the King Charles Hotel at 12th Street and Cruisin weekend for me is a hotel full of guest that have stayed with me for 12+ year. Wonderful people whom have introduced the next generation of their families to my establishment and the tradition continues. All my guest know each other and look forward to this event annually. The motorcycle incident hit some of my guest personally. 2 men were right there in their car when the accident happened. One being a state policeman got the girl out of the passenger side door of the truck and calmed her until OC personal arrived. Both were deeply affected by what they saw and cut their trip short to go home to family. I guess I am writing because it really bothered me personally also BUT I want to commend the Police, Emergency personnel and others for handling the situation in such a professional manner and hope they are not traumatized by what they saw. My only comment as a business person in this town regarding this weekend is.... the population that appeared on Friday night. They seemed to think they are invincible and took many risks on our roads. My security/night clerk arrives at 11pm and I drive to 40th street to my home. Roads had nothing but young persons who were speeding and weaving between cars. I am by no means stating all young persons act this way, I am only stating is what I experienced on my drives home. Hope we as a town can come up with a solution to educate these young ones on proper safety without penalizing all the others who have made this weekend fun for our guest and an excellent revenue source for small business such as myself. Thanks 5/22/2016 12:06

All Members Bob Ruthrauff bruthrauff@aol.com

Cruisin' Ocean City: I enjoyed the Cruising Parade of cars on the Boardwalk, especially the old models that have been restored or preserved, plus I get to photograph them. The turning Coastal HiWay into Coastal SpeedWay with roaring engines, squealing tires, and speeding reckless driving, not so much. There was none of that in the parade on Friday morning. As I walked from Seacrets to 28th Street on Thursday evening I saw a fender bender accident, a mass of county, state & Ocean City police attempting to maintain order and writing citations, I realized the noise was being made by two types of vehicles. One was late model oversized pickup trucks, and the other was late model Mustangs & Camaros. These vehicles were not part of the hundreds of vehicles in the parade.

As for the motor cycle accident that is now the talk of Ocean City. No one should be surprised that it occurred. When the City government, merchants, and citizens invite thousands of noise, speed loving car enthusiasts, we should know that will get lots of unsavory, fanatics and crazies, too. Hopefully the Ocean City government and other decision makers will realize that \$\$\$s are not the only thing important in this town. Among those other items are the ability for Emergency Response teams to function and public safety. Neither one can be assured when Coastal HiWay is turned into Coastal SpeedWay. Strict enforcement of noise, reckless driving and speed laws could nearly eliminate the driving chaos next time and prevail in the future. A warning that this was going to happen prior to an event could keep a lot of violations from happening. Having a highly visible police presence hasn't and didn't work. Tolerating all but the most flagrant violations is not the way. Hopefully the City and police will change to a preventative offense, so that after a tragic event they don't have to enact corrective procedures and action.

We and Ocean City are very fortunate that wreck and/or the police pursuit, that exceeded 100mph and extended for 50 or more blocks didn't injure or kill more people. Why didn't the police contain it with a roadblock or other means much sooner? The police and other manpower were certainly dispersed all over Ocean City. After the wreck occurred a state highway administration construction worker blocked off traffic on Coastal Highway at 17th Street and was directing traffic to Baltimore Ave. There was no police presence. Why? I doubt that this will be the last incident like this, although I hope there is no more. We were very lucky it was not worse. A better job must be done by the police and city officials.

Last night I noticed flowers at the corner of 28th Street and Coastal Highway and these words were written on the sidewalk, "If speed kills then I will die happy." Obviously there are sympathizers for the person who was killed in the accident and his behavior! 5/23/2016 7:47

Mayor Rick Meehan Donna Shaeffer donnashaeffer@aol.com

Your honor. I've vacationed on O.C. for 64 years. I've witnessed all types of behavior. None was as scary as this past weekend. My husband and friends participate in Cruisin and Bike week. I know these two events are not O.C. locals' favorites but they bring in a lot of money to the city and business owners. Hopefully you and other can see what a real problem can be. Please compare this weekend's trouble to Cruisin and Bike week and decide which is worse. Thank you. 7/25/2016 16:37

All Members Sean Urban seanmarybuy@comcast.net

Dear Mr. Mayor and Ocean City Council,

Please do something about the days-long assault on Ocean City residents' senses that occur during "bike weekend", "cruiser weekends", and now "H2O weekends". No other town would dare let such continual noise come from a residential road for so long. OC property owners, residents, and other visitors should not have to stay away from the town these weekends because they can't sleep, but that is what happens five weekends during spring and fall.

Whatever is in place now is not working. In fact, the noise is getting worse and with "H2O" now participating, it is happening more frequently. Whether from an OC sanctioned event, event participants, or "hangers on", it is clear that many hundreds of people are disregarding town noise ordinances. They do it because they know they can get away with it.

I wish I had a silver bullet. Strong regulation and enforcement may work. It works for drunk drivers (people *know* OC police are serious). It worked a few years back when laser pointers were annoying everyone. And it can work when loud vehicles disturb everyone.

At a minimum, police enforcement of noise regulations needs to be stronger, especially at night. Maybe make the fines larger, especially for repeat offenders and offenses at night.

Again, I plead with you to do something. The folks from these events coming to OC need to understand that they can have a good time, but not at the expense of property owners, residents, and other visitors.

Sincerely,

- Sean Urban"

10/1/2016 5:59 I

All Members Daniel I. Elswick dle3549@yahoo.com

Help!!!

The noise is unbearable from the unpoliced hot rod cars racing up coastal highway @ 133rd street until early in the morning. I've called the O/City police dept. and complained. No action taken up here. These cars are speeding and are dangerous to the public, please help!!!" 10/1/2016 16:15

All Members Bill Russell ocwillies@aol.com "Oct. 2, 2016 5:10pm.

The H2Oi are finally leaving Ocean City after 5 days near 33rd St. This is the third year we have been ""terrorised"" by these young houdlems. The more they get away with, the worse they are. At the end of 33rd and the Bay, there are circular tracks in the roadway where at least 4 or 5 cars have done ""donuts"" in the street. Garbage litters the street from Philladelphia down 33rd to the Bay. I can't see where there is a big benefit to Ocean City by allowing them to assemble here. I don't feel safe walking or even driving on the roads in and out of OC Their cars congest the end of 33rd ST from Daybreak Ave west to Bay. My wife and I have lived here in House #9, 304 33rd St for 25 years. I am partially handicapped and my wife has just been diagnosed with multiple cancers. I don't see how we can live here thru another visit of the H2Oi cars.

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William H. Russell 420-289-4110

All Members Jody Roesler jody.roesler@icloud.com

This H2Oi event is a nice off season boost for merchants, but it is awful being here for a "relaxing" weekend in our condo. The extra police can't stop the cars from tearing up and down Coastal Highway until 3:00-4:00 a.m., and don't seem to be able to stop the onlookers from leaving piles of trash everywhere along the road. Something has to be done about these selfish people who think nothing of keeping people up until 4:00 a.m. and leaving a mess for someone else to clean up.

10/2/2016 16:31

All Members cindy faville cynder7@yahoo.com

once again the wine festival weekend was ruined by those H2O kids, specifically setting off the fire alarm in the Grand Hotel and handicapped, infants, and elderly lady sans socks evacuated when they tampered with the smoke detectors to smoke their vape. This is unacceptable; not once, twice 3 times after 12:45 until 2am and listened to their noise on the boardwalk and other disturbances; car alarms going off; racing down the streets of oc; yelling, honking, cursing. when is the town going to do something about these hoodlums? speaking to others around town, "we pay taxes, we pay good money to be here and have to deal with this." Thank you to the officers who tried to enforce the law, but those staying at the Grand should have been punished it is an offense to tamper with Hotel property; not just kicked out as the Hotel manager advised me. DEPLORABLE 10/3/2016 14:04

All Members janet rohe janetrohe@msn.com

Hi,

I am the one who was worried and talked to you about the h2o group that has caused many problems in past yrs. I live at thunder island and told you how they took fire extinguishes and sprayed our hall ways and elevators. They also blocked our street and took over the parking lots there. Yes went thru the concrete barriers and chains. Thanks to your effort, extra police, sherriffs and putting up the buses to block these lots, the past 2 yrs have been better. I still think we should do more to discourage them. they cost the town too much money in resources and they do not spend, The greedy hotel owners can tell you how they trash rooms and the restaurant people say they spend little and tip less or none. They are still too loud. If towns in Florida can cancel spring break, why cant we? Thank you mayor for doing what you have done lately. I just think the noise would be enough to stop them. We have lost several good spots to hear music,, sAY 5-9 because one person complained and yet We wait for the crowds to go and then our sept and oct is ruined because of them, This is such a nice time of the year. The bikers are great and nice. They should be the only ones here. and they spend! The cruisers weekends have now become more problems because of the younger ones with their stupid cars. Let's be realistic. This is a small town 10 miles and to hold all those cars, cruisers included, it is too crowded and dangerous. Look at the deaths in this past May. I can also see the street that goes by Jolly Roger and all the way back to the bay from my balcony. The past 2 cruiser weekends both fri and sat people were medivac from there. No one knew anything when I asked, It has not been in the paper. To try to keep this quiet is a disservice to all. I think the old cars, the real original cruisers should register ahead, No one else should be on the highway, i know it is less and less of them. The younger ones are not interested Just some thou.ghts from a concerned citizen who loves this town. Thanks for taking your time to read this" 4972

10/6/2016 15:32

Mayor Rick Meehan Debra Patrick debpatrick203@verizon.net

My name is Debra Patrick and I have owned a condo in Ocean City for several years and come as often as my schedule allows me. I was recently there on the weekend of 09/30-10/02 and was really taken by the event that was going on with the H2O cars. I know it was not sanctioned by the city and I appreciated the extra police patrolling the city. I have to say I have never seen the city so dirty before in all the years I have been going. When I went out for a walk Sunday morning there was more litter, broken bottles of beer and booze, cigarette boxes and just trash all over the city. I hope the city can find a way to prevent such rude behavior during this one weekend in the future. 10/11/2016 13:40

Linda Bekiarian l.bekiarian@verizon.net

We go to Ocean City, Maryland in the spring and the fall to take our dog so that she can stay in a hotel (pet friendly) and walk on the beach and the boardwalk. We have always had a great time, except for this past weekend. When we approached the Coastal Highway on Friday afternoon, we were in stop and start traffic. Then, we started hearing cars with loud mufflers, which scared our dog. We had to put the windows up while I tried to comfort her. Unfortunately, we soon learned that this was something we had to put up with the whole weekend that we were in Ocean City. The hotel that we always stay at is located on Coastal Highway. The noise of the cars going up and down coastal highway either back

firing or making sure everyone heard the loud mufflers started at 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. We tried to watch television, but we could not even hear the sound on the television. We tried to walk the dog to get something to eat and had to hurry because the noise of the cars scared her. And, I must admit, it scared us also, and some people even had microphones. Someone told us that the so-called people that drive the cars stay at hotels in Ocean City; however, it has been found that they end up trashing the rooms. We will never come back to Ocean City the last weekend of September if this is what we will face. You could even hear the noise on the boardwalk. People that we met on the boardwalk, stores, and eating establishments were just as frustrated as we were. I am sure the so-called people that drove these cars didn't spend time visiting the boardwalk stores or eating at various restaurants. All they did was to drive up and down the Coastal Highway and make noise. Also, someone told us that they had to deploy about 200 police officers to control the crowd. That sure was an expense for Ocean City that wasn't necessary. We meet a couple on the boardwalk that told us when they got into the traffic jam on Friday that they turned around and went and stayed in Dewey. Ocean City lost money with that couple as I am sure many others.

I would like the name of the organization that created this unacceptable event so that I can demand a reimbursement on our hotel bill which totaled \$248. We would have left due to the loud noise, but first we would have lost our money, and, secondly, with the traffic jams, it would have taken us forever to get us off Coastal Highway and back home. So, we were inconvenienced and lost a relaxing weekend due to a large crowd of ignorant people wanting to show off their engines and create a traffic nightmare for everyone that has a normal car!

It sure gave me a different impression of Ocean City, Maryland!

As requested, please send me the name of the organization that created this so-called event so that I can demand a reimbursement on our hotel bill. Also, please let me know when and if this rude and loud event will take place next year. We will make sure we are definitely not in Ocean City, Maryland at that time frame, and we will make sure to let others know also. If you do not have the information, please let me know the proper person to contact so that I can obtain the correct person." 10/4/2016 11:21

All Members Scott Corbett (President of 144 East Oceanside Condominiums} sicorb@hotmail.com

I would like to file a complaint of ""Public Nuisance"" for the owners and rental agents of 18 Ci144 th St Ocean City Md. The property rests on 144th and Coastal Highway Oceanside.

This last weekend 10/1-10/2 thugs approximately 60 people rented this unit and conducted drag races continually on 144th St. on 10/1 and 10/2/16. Further they provided a ""scout motorcycle"" to scout streets to drag race on. Ocean City police were too afraid to act! This occurred also on the Bike Week 9/24-25/16. A large lawless crowd renting as well.

This weekend in ""Cruiser Weekend"" and I am sure more will happen as well.

My reference to OC PD not willing to do anything: I called the police more than four times for unsafe conditions on our street. Had it not been raining a child would have been killed with this going on!!!

Unsafe conditions, with 3 cars burning rubber in donuts on 144th, and a parking lot on 145th St. The responding officer about age 20 had the gall to tell me he saw nothing going on! What Hear no Evil see no Evil??? and he left.

A second call was made on this conditon, and the same officer returned to cal me out!

After giving up on this HAZARDOUS CONDITION, someone else must have called the police on this FREEFORALL and what appeared to be a Female officer took charge.

One of the vehicles was immediately deemed not street legal was set for impound at 2 144 East Oceanside. A Second at impound was set to take place for a non street legal vehicle at 18 144th st. Multiple police cars for this property and tow truck were present. a crowd of over 70 present.

The tow vehicle was set to remove the Nissan terror vehicle when a Non Caucasian female ran from the same area screaming and crying Black Lives Matter repeatedly, laid down and cried in the street!

We attempted to drive on 144th street to go out during this mini riot. We were prevented from doing so by emergency vehicles.

We had to park back in our lot and walk to the movies. When returning from the movies we noticed the same crowd at 18, the police gone, and the illegal car still there!

Evidently the chant of Black lives matter, by a non caucasian caused the police, and tow truck to back off. Please note the police lghed at the girl, as did the crowd, as there was NO Police intimidation of this crowd, nor African Americans what so ever!

However rather than protect the public, visitors, residents, and local children from marauding racers, the police AGAIN SAW NOTHING!

I think council should declare this property a nuisance. Further as a taxpayer I'd like the same services the rest of Ocean City Enjoys!

POLICE PROTECTION, BEACH REPLENISHMENT NOT STORIES, DUNE PROTECTION, TRASH PICK UP. This year has been a disaster for OCMD services above 100th st. Now we have no police? or police with no eyes? What will this weekend offer? more lawlessness in the streets?

A disgusted owner since 2000, OC BEACH SINCE 1980

SCOTT CORBETT" 10/4/2016 19:40

All Members Louis Valentine louisval995@GMAIL.COM

I just want to let you know that I have just visited your fine city.

However, there is one matter that irritates me and hence this email.

The noise factor is getting unbearable.

It was always noisy as there one main artery cutting through your city.

Without a doubt there are now more loud motorcycles, cars and trucks with souped-up noise systems and smaller vehicles (mopeds and ATV""S) that are purposely designed to emit much more noise then necessary

I was in a third floor condo and it was difficult to hear conversations and the noise levels continued throughout the night. It was a major detraction.

Unless something is done to reduce the level of noise I will be spending my vacation dollars elsewhere.

Thank you

Louis Valentine"

7/19/2017 12:37 PM

All Members Johanne Hutson oc4793@aol.com

I am greatly disturbed that your only answer to the noise & mess created by Cruisin' Cars is a SIGN (!) and then at the same time you are going to kick out one of the few GREAT events, Arts Alive, from Northside Park!!! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?????? Arts Alive is an absolutely wonderful event that brings your desired 'targeted' population to the area. Northside Park is the perfect location for such an event!!!!!! Please do not move it! Thank you. 9/21/2017 7:29 AM

Kelly Brandt kbrandt513@comcast.net

I wanted to thank the council members, the OCPD, the state police force and any others responsible for the successful police presence during the unsanctioned event "College Beach weekend" during the weekend of July 21-23. You did a fabulous job of controlling the crowds on and off the boardwalk, responding to emergency calls, keeping the streets safe, stopping illegal activity in parked cars, and showing a massive presence. This is the response I expected in light of the issues from last summer's event. As a condo owner, I would venture to say that the action taken this summer is one step towards creating the image of a family friendly vacation town, which is what Ocean City has always been. Creating a safe environment for the visitors and locals is to be applauded. Thank you. 9/21/2017 7:29 AM

Mayor Rick Meehan Bill Zichos billzichos@hotmail.com

I am disappointed to see the Cruising Weekend will be allowed back to Ocean City. I am a condo owner on 28th street and refuse to be scared away by these terrible events that our city continues to let persist. Please stop this madness. My wife and I take care of what we can, while at the beach. It breaks our hearts to city the lawlessness that goes on during these events. I encourage the mayor to walk coastal after 9pm on the Saturday night of the event. I will walk with him if he does. It is frightening. 9/21/2017 7:29 AM

All Members Robert Derencz rederencz@aol.com

It's Sunday morning and, thank God, those damn motorcycles are leaving. When are you people going to give serious consideration to ending these "bike weekends" and "cruising weekends"? I've had my fill of both. I live here year round and I despise these events. The people are literally filthy, crude rude and vulgar. You cannot get into the local restaurants because the "bikers" take over the whole parking lot; park anywhere they want and are very intimidating(my daughter and grandkids ,sadly, happen to be here...we left Ocean City and went to Rehoboth). Events like these for motorcycle and cars are "chipping" away at the Family image of Ocean City you keep bragging about. keep having these events and that image will be gone in a few years. plus, where is the OCPD during these events? Bikes are racing up and down Coastal Highway and there's not a cop to be found. I've said it before and I'll say it again: I remember and I VOTE. The next city election I will vote, only, for those who want to put an end

to these types of weekends and restore the family image to Ocean City before it's lost 9/21/2017 7:29 AM

Mayor Rick Meehan Catherine Keegan f.keegan@comcast.net

We were in your town this past weekend September 29th to October 1st. We had a horrible weekend due to the H2O cars. We realize the event was unsanctioned but the noise level was horrible!!!! We did not sleep the entire weekend! During the day the noise was everywhere you went even on the boardwalk. We realize the police were doing their BEST to control the situation but there were so many cars and not much they could do about the noise. We feel we wasted our money in your town. We are a hard working blue collar family and it was our only trip all year. We will not come next year because we can not afford to waste our money. 10/2/2017 9:46 AM

All Members Patricia J. Barkley jeannepat93@verizon.net

I have been coming to Ocean City since I was a child. In 2015 my husband and I purchased a condo on 85th Street. We planned on spending just about every weekend at the condo; however, after experiencing numerous "events involving cars and motorcycles we are ready to put the condo up for sale. We had even talked about making the condo our primary residence but I can assure you that will not be happening after experiencing the mayhem that's going on in the city. Things will not change until these "events" are no longer welcome in Ocean City. Yes, it's a shame that good people won't be able to show off their cars, etc. but there is no other way to stop this madness! Despite the fact that it brings money into Ocean City it's time the City Council puts the well being of it's citizens first and foremost before the almighty dollar. 10/2/2017 3:46 PM

Mayor Rick Meehan Mark Boastfield mbostfield@gmail.com

What in the world is going on with this city? We own a property on 58th street and heard about the h2o event which sounded horrible. Now we are here October 6 for a family gathering and have to deal with ""Hot Rod"" week and it sounds just as bad...sirens, screaming cars, people lying in the street....and I wish I bought a property somewhere else... this needs to STOP!!!!

Our property values are tanking and I blame the management of this city. Ocean City is no longer a family resort...what a shame." 10/6/2017 10:41 PM

Council President Lloyd Martin Mike and Linda Wilhelm Linmike11@verizon.net

We want to log in a complain about the constant noise that has occurred in the last three weeks due to the motor events that Ocean City has hosted, officially and unofficially. September and October use to be a very relaxing months for OC residents. Not anymore. The noise begins with Bike Week, Followed by the H201, then the classic car event. The result has been non-stop noise from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Yesterday, my wife and I went to Salisbury. On our return at 5:15 we were met with speeding cars along Coastal Highway. As we neared Montego Bay Shopping Center, an overwhelm smell of burning rubber and a smoke cloud hit us. We thought there had been an accident. There wasn't. It was caused by excessive drag racing and ""laying"" tire on the street. Today, we escaped to Rehoboth for some peace, only to return to the non-stop revving of engines.

What ever happened to OC as a family-oriented resort? Surely, the mayor and council do not consider this noise pollution family friendly? How are children suppose to sleep with all of the noise. (Not to mention the danger factor of crossing Coastal Highway with cars and bikes speeding down the highway.

We understand the desire of businesses to draw income during the ""off"" season, but at what price does this occur? The price that the residents are paying is far too high. Our once lovely September and October has turned into a noisy environment, and the beautiful town is starting to resemble a honky tonk city where out-of-control behavior is overlooked because it generates income for local businesses. If Rehoboth and Betheny can survive without these nuisance events, why can't we?"

10/6/2017 11:02 PM

Mayor Rick Meehan Christian Purin hbk1@comcast.net "Dear Mayor,

It's hard to deny that h2oi is a wild event. However, you cannot sit and turn a blind eye to your sanctioned automotive events.

Every group has its bad apples, and it's very prevalent during cruise week and bike week as well.

From watching on street corners and watching social media of every event, if you think it's just h2oi you are sadly mistaken.

I've sat and watched more fatalities this week, during your sanctioned cruisin event, than last week at h2oi.

More burnouts, more highly modified vehicles, street racing and doing burnouts down coastal highway, as well as bike week with drinking and driving/riding, doing burnouts, crashing, and wrecking.

I've also watched more accidents occur this week as well.

I think if you had a place to for these automotive enthusiasts, whether h2oi, bike week, or cruise week, for these individuals to congregate safely, that it would cut down on the shenanigans on coastal highway.

For example, during h2oi most individuals with cars just want to meet fellow enthusiasts, but when parking lots off of coastal highway are blocked off, even more cars flood into the streets than normal. Roses parking lot is a large mostly unused space, let alone the convention center that you had blocked off with busses. My proposition to you sir, is to provide a safe and monitored location for enthusiasts of all ages and groups to congregate. Maybe under police supervision at the convention center or roses, maybe have blocked off areas to do burnouts safely in, maybe with parking lots or garages that are security monitored to capture illicit behavior.

I'm just trying to help and give you good ideas, and feedback would be greatly appreciated and I hope to work with you in the future for these events.

Sincerely, a local car enthusiast." 10/7/2017 10:16 AM

All Members Terence Colins mrbusytc@msn.com

To the Mayor and Council: For two weekends in a row I have had to listen to ear splitting noise from cars on Coastal Highway waking me from sleep. I just received a bill from the town of OC and on the bottom

of the page it is advertising "Endless Summer Crusin". Now do you think that noise is any more pleasurable than the H20i debacle? When are the city leaders going to care about the quality of life issue on these weekends for the taxpaying public? I understand the revenue issue for the town but to allow these vehicles to disturb the peace for others is ludicrous. I was told by a dispatcher that last weekend was sanctioned so he wasn't going to do anything. I had to put up with the noise. When you are planning events how about eliminating Coastal Highway's use as a noise making race track. Please consider my rights also. 10/9/2017 10:49 AM

All Members Rose Marcin rmarcin@gmail.com

I would like to ask you to vote against all of the cruiser week/weekends and the bike week/weekends in the next council planning session. These events are disruptive to the residents and property owners of OC. We were in OC this past weekend (10/6-10/7) and left as the noise was unbearable. We own property in the Sea Witch condo (12 130th St) and even while inside the condo, the noise was deafening. I did call the police and report the racing up and down the highway and was told it was being monitored. I only saw one police vehicle (unmarked, but with red/blue lights flashing) over the course of several hours. The north side of town is a straightaway and the cars and motorcycles race up and down, revving their engines. The town needs to invest in more family friendly and LESS noisy activities. I refuse to come to OC on cruiser weekends and bike weekends as the beach, which is supposed to be my refuge, is not peaceful and restful at all. You may be bringing in business to bars, but you are upsetting the residents and property owners who pay taxes. Plus, I don't stay in OC and go out to dinner on those weekends because I don't like it when the cruisers/motorcycles are there, so you lose my business. I implore you to get rid of the noise making weekends. Consider bicycle related events, similar to the Bethany Ocean to Bay bike tour, or fun runs or sports tournaments. All of these will bring families to the beach and they will benefit the community. Let's get back to the family resort and not one that caters to the crowd of noise.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from EACH of you.

Rose Marcin" 10/9/2017 6:08 PM

Council President Lloyd Martin Murray M Tarlton jr mike_pat@outlook.com

I am writing as a long time participant in the cruisin program. It appears that because of the problems presented by the h20i group, the reaction is to do away with the cruisin activities.

This is always a family event for us and it is rare that any of the actual cruisin participants causes a problem. Our cars are always identified with a windshield sticker that links to our registration. I would suggest if we create a problem use that sticker number and report us to the event organizers. They in turn can deal with us and refuse to allow us to participate in future events.

To lump us together with the people that showed up for the cancelled h20i event is really unfair. That group was mad about their event being cancelled and acted that way. Throughout the cruising weekends there are many

charitable events that occur and these would be gone if

Crusin is cancelled.

I have a home in Ocean Pines, one off the reasons I have a home there is to attend cruising events.

I hope that as you discuss future plans you consider the cruisers independently and not link us with any other groups behavior." 11/6/2017 11:16 AM

All Members Sarah Tilghman csietilghman@comcast.net

Just wanted to express my opinion about the Police Commission's recommendations regarding the car weekends. I think their recommendations are well thought out, common sense solutions to many of the issues associated with these car weekends! 11/6/2017 7:58 PM

Mayor Rick Meehan Tim Romberger timromberger1@comcast.net

I just wanted to thank you for trying to stand-up for those in our town who actually live here and desperately want to see something done about these car show events. I was not at City Hall during the last council meeting, but it sounds like the meeting was hijacked by business owners who care less about our community than their own bottom line. My wife and I support anything and everything you and the council can do to curtail these events which seems to grow larger, more inconvenient and dangerous every year. The incidents at H20i this year pretty much show we've crossed the rubicon, and enough is enough. We're well beyond discussing property values or room occupancy rates -- this is about quality of life. If things don't begin to improve, I fear there will be many residents (ourselves included) who will simply decide to move. We love it here and hope it never comes to that.

Thanks again for all that you do.

Tim Romberger

612 32nd Street

Ocean City, MD 21842 11/10/2017 3:12 PM

All Members Jeff Dagen bigdadie57@comcast.net

This is for Mayor and city council:

I have been coming to OC for the spring and fall car cruises for 20+ years. I enjoy the shows and have brought family and friends along who have returned along with their families. I too get tired of the shenanigans caused by non participants of the show. My suggestion to you would be (if legal) would be to impound these people's cars or trucks until Monday. This would get them off the road for the weekend and also send a message that this type of nonsense will not be tolerated. This would hopefully allow the events to continue for many more years.

Thank You for your time. 1/18/2018 11:03 AM

All Members Annie Amantea nonnasbeachhouse@gmail.com

I realize that this weekend is car cruz'in. I truly hope that you have considered the residents, as well as visitors, in controlling the noise these cars create. Most importantly, after 11pm. 1/15/2018 11:11 AM

All Members Kate Graham ekathryngraham@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Meehan and members of the council,

I'm writing to you as a fan of your lovely city. I've visited many times from Virginia with friends and family. This weekend, I was excited to show off the beauty of Ocean City to a friend from away. We were looking forward to delicious crabs, beautiful views and seeing the ponies across the bridge. Unfortunately, I was not aware of the Cruisin' Weekend event and how it would negatively impact our weekend.

We were nearly hit on several occasions while driving down the road in the early evening hours by loud drivers roaring their engines, honking at drivers and weaving in and out of traffic.

I'm writing this email to you at 11:30 p.m as we listen to loud, obnoxious drivers roaring their engines spinning up and down the road. Even worse are loud parties screaming and yelling every time they hear a car spin out of control. I feel unsafe in what has always been a safe vacation destination. My friend and I now are looking to forfeit our vacation rental deposit of nearly \$700 to find lodging in another town for the remainder of the weekend. I've since researched online regarding this event to learn what I've unfortunately learned this evening - that Ocean City is NOT safe during Cruisin Weekend. While I certainly have learned to do more research in planning future vacations, one should never have to be concerned about an event at the convention center effecting whether they have a safe vacation.

Thank-you for the hard work of your police department as we did see some of them in force although we wish to have seen more of a presence this weekend to meet the demand.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kate Graham" 5/18/2018 10:35 PM

All Members Daryl Zysk dmz933@live.com

I'm so frustrated with your continued support of these cruiser weekends. I just crossed Coastal Highway at 81st with my 75 year old mom (Wayne Hartman's cousin). We were lucky because a car then almost flipped over as it turned the corner going 90 miles an hours. Hope the revenue from this cruiser weekend exceeds your expectations. It's noisy. Super bad for this town's image. 5/19/2018 6:59 PM

All Members Leo R Dalesio bob.dalesio@gmail.com

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am a full time resident that lives off of 120th Street on Blue Heron Court. The Saturday afternoon of Crusin' weekend, I went to the CVS at 120th and Ocean Hwy. I told my wife that it felt like a mob. The parking lots there were swarmed with cars and people. The preparations you made for the weekend were not adequate for the throngs that showed up. Allowing people to congregate in parking lots and on the streets like this while cars burn rubber up the street leads to unlawful behavior. This event is always problematic. Take care of the town and the citizens of the town - get rid of this event if you can't control it. This is not the reputation I want for our town. This event would be better somewhere that does not promote itself as family friendly.

Action is required. This attempt failed.

Sincerely,

Leo R. Dalesio 5/22/2018 8:45 AM

All Members James P. Sweeney jimsweeney630@gmail.com

I came to Ocean City the week of 9/22 to 9/29 2018 and I am staying at Thunder Island. The noise was so loud from the cars drag racing up and down Costal Highway until 3am. My wife could not sleep in the bedroom that faces costal highway.

I CAN NOT BELIVE THAT THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY WOULD LET THIS GO ON. I TALKED TO A POLICE OFFICER TODAY AND HE TOLD ME THAT THEY CAN NOT KEEP UP WITH THE PROBLEM. HE TOLD ME HE HAD WRITTEN SIX TICKETS TODAY. I SEE PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDE OTH STREET WATCHING THEN RACE UP AND DOWN THE STREET CHEERING THEN ON. THE SPEED LIMT IS 30 MILES PER HOUR AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO CARE BECAUSE KNOW ONE SEEMS TO TRY STOP THEM. I WAS OUT RIDING BY BIKE IN THE BIKE LANE AND CAME BACK TO WHERE I AM STAYING BECAUSE I DID NON FEEL SAFE IN THE BIKE LANE. I AM 69 YEARS AND I HAVE BEEN COMING HERE SINCE THE AGE OF 7 YEARS OLD AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIMME I HAVE NOT FELT SAFE RIDING MY BIKE IN OCEAN CITY. I WAS IN OCEAN CITY DURING BIKE WEEK SEP. 2016 AND I FELT SAFER THEN." 9/28/2018 2:22 PM

All Members Robin M Yates mark4hair@msn.com

Mayor Meehan, et al...tell me what has arrived in our town this weekend? This is beyond the h2o cars... I see scooters that have been trucked in and they are running rabid; ampt up pick up trucks; low to high end stupid little junked up cars with blatant messages taped on them...license plates mostly from New York and New Jersey...all with scurvy drivers in their 20s and early 30s, that are belligerent, rude and wreak of marajuana.

What are you going to do to protect the people that live here , have to make a living here, and have to pay Double taxes? For what? We are AGAIN being held captive in our homes. Who's controlling who this weekend?

I feel the "special event zone" is not working for THIS QUALITY of so called visitor... that is laying upside down in their car on our coastal highway.

I appreciate any response,

Robin Yates 9/29/2018 7:38 AM

All Members Michelle Cugini meshell1207@aol.com

I have owned a property in OCMD for almost 20 years now. We love our place. That being said, we deliberately plan weekends NOT to be in town based on events. This weekend was NOT listed as an event weekend, yet the bumblebee cars were out of control. So ridiculous that we weren't made aware of this ahead time. These type of events might bring business to the town, but drive away the real bread and butter of the ocean town. Please stop these type of events that create noise and gridlock all day and night.

Or at least post the "unofficial" events for home owners as a courtesy.

Thanks,

Michelle 9/29/2018 9:27 PM

All Members Joseph J Pearce JJPEARCE3@GMAIL.COM

You need ten times the number of policemen you had this weekend to handle the H2O cars. It's very frustrating watching these kids loudly speed around our side streets and when you call the police you are told they will get to you eventually but they are very busy now. 9/29/2018 9:56 PM

Mayor Rick Meehan Doug O'Boyle doug9509@aol.com

Mayor Meehan:

I am writing this complaint at 11:37PM, Saturday, Sept. 29 while staying at the Shangri La Motel on Coastal and 84th. At this moment, the sound of hundreds of speeding cars and revved engines is ear piercing. It sounds like the Indianapolis 500 right outside my window. I understand this is an ""unsanctioned"" event, but that is no excuse for the poor police traffic enforcement. I have called the police twice to complain, only to be told police are doing everything they can. I don't buy it. Last night and again tonight hundreds of cars have been speeding past my motel with engines roaring. Police appear to be nowhere in sight. I stay in Ocean City several times a year and I can assure you that after this experience I won't be coming back for a long time.

Doug O'Boyle

9509 Southern Cross Lane

Burke, VA 22015 9/29/2018 10:45 PM

All Members Sheila Staley sheila_staley@comcast.net

My sister and I spend a week each year in Ocean City. It is my "happy place" and I love it there. We have been coming down for Sunfest the past couple of years. We used to come down for Winefest but those little "buzz cars" made it so unpleasant that we changed our week. I had read somewhere that those little cars were not going to be there anymore. So we talked about it and thought that next year we might try for the Winefest again. That is, until my son texted me from down there this weekend and told me that those cars were everywhere!!!! Those cars need to be banned from Ocean City....they are dangerous and extremely annoying. I am scared to drive when they are there because they rip and tear up and down the coastal highway without a care for anyone's safety. Then there are the idiots that sit along the streets "egging" them on. They congest the sidewalks so that it is almost impossible to catch a bus. I don't know how you would get rid of them and I don't care how you do it....but it needs done!!! There are so many people who want to enjoy that town and can't when those cars are tearing up and down the streets and doing "doughnuts" in the parking lots. It is so sad that I will not be able to enjoy a certain event because of the danger and unpleasantness those cars create. I just wanted to let you know how I feel on the subject. Thanks for listening. 9/30/2018 12:19 AM

All Members Chris H catjhodges@verizon.net

My husband and I went to Ocean City to enjoy the nice weather this past weekend. We own a condo on 55th street. We were aware of planned events like Wine on the Beach, the Coin and Currency Show and Summer Cruisin' next week, but it wasn't until we were approaching Rt 90 that we discovered the activity and mayhem along Coastal Highway from unsanctioned H20i groups. We did not find this event advertised on various Ocean City websites nor did we find warnings from the expected activities mentioned. It wasn't until we visited oceancitymd.gov website that we saw the warnings. We did receive an email this past week from our HOA management company warning us of the speed limit changes issued but we didn't understand what the changes were for.

We spent the evenings inside our unit because we were too frightened to go out. We normally walk to local restaurants to eat but couldn't because the sidewalks were packed with people and the roads were buzzing with noise. Near us, OC police and State Troopers were stationed on 56th street and across the street near KY West. Sirens, back-firing vehicles, squealing wheels and revving of engines made it unbearable to go outside. We felt captive in our own condo. The only relief we found from the sounds was on the beach.

These activities occurred all day and evening long from 8:30 in the morning to well after 12:30 at night. It was constant. It sounded like a war zone. It sounded like the fourth of July in the evening for five hours straight.

The volume of people congregating along the roads and in parking lots was unbelievable. Johnny's Pizza and Subs was a hot spot. Why weren't people asked to leave? People were along the sidewalk standing and seated in folding chairs. There was even an individual that had put up a tent to watch the loud, obnoxious cars. People were drinking beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and leaving their trash behind. Each morning the entire area was littered with their garbage.

While we don't mind picking up some trash to maintain a pleasant appearance of our condominium complex, it is not our responsibility. Does Ocean City send crews out to clean the area? While Ocean City doesn't sanction the unregistered groups affiliated with H20i, they still benefit financially from it, and so does the State. Why aren't they doing more to prevent this activity from occurring? What happens if this group decides to visit Ocean City during the summer when families are visiting? You'll lose a lot of business and people won't return. We are questioning whether or not to sell our condo in Ocean City. What if everyone felt that way?

While we're not sure what can be done to prevent this event from occurring in Ocean City, we think that more can be done:

- Decrease the number of lanes on Coastal Hwy
- Place temporary speed bumps along the road
- Issue more violations and arrests
- Have a greater police presence along the road to make it so undesirable that these people don't return
- Place more trash cans along the road for trash

While I appreciate the efforts of Governor Hogan and Ocean City to try to manage the roadways, more must be done. Do we have to wait until someone dies to discourage this group from visiting Ocean City?

Regretfully,

Chris H. 9/30/2018 4:35 PM

Mayor Rick Meehan sue terzi sue@sunshinelearning.org

Good Morning Mayor,

I want to start off by saying how much I love Ocean City. My husband and I bought a condo 4 years ago. It took us 20 years to save our money to get the condo of our dreams. What that being said I'm so upset on what I endured this past weekend. H2OI came to our town and invaded the whole City. This is suppose to be a family oriented town. What I read on these cars were inappropriate for children to read: I eat ass, show me your tits and I love whores. How can you allow this type of atmosphere to happen. My whole weekend was horrible. I called the police several times for the noise. What happened to the noise ordinance? I understand that the police were overwhelmed but I must say I am reconsidering staying in Ocean City Md. I took a trip to Dewey Beach and it was NOTHING like Ocean City. Dewey was quiet and the beach was suburb. I will be retiring in 3 years and was moving to Ocean City but now it looks like Dewey is probably where I will be going. Does the town need need that much money? H2O, Bike Week, Cruiser Weekend. 10/1/2018 10:11 AM

Mayor Rick Meehan Carol Bauroth cjmac789@gmail.com

Good Afternoon Mayor! I hope your day is going well but I fear that you may be inundated with these types of emails regarding the OC environment over the weekend. I own a condo in OC and I do an annual ""girls' weekend"" with my 86 year old mother every year. After checking the calendar of events, we chose this past weekend to visit. What a disaster. While I recognize the H2Oi/VW/Audi /Low-rider gathering (or whatever they call themselves) is not a ""sanctioned"" event there should be some way to alert people that this influx is scheduled. We arrived at 6:00 pm on Friday evening and were gone by 10:00 am on Saturday as we just couldn't take the traffic, the noise and the poor/disrespectful behavior. Please let me know the best place that I could check in the future to see upcoming events, sanctioned or otherwise. I do not want to put my Mom through this type of experience again. It was a complete waste. Thank you-

Carol" 10/1/2018 3:22 PM

All Members Craig Schamburg cschamburg@comcast.net

To those of you who support us poor owners who continue to put up with these garbage car events, this is not intended for you. To the rest of you who think these events are just fabulous, you should hang your head in shame. When are you going to wake up and stop this garbage that is ruining our town. Talk to just about anybody and they will tell you that OC has been declining in family values for a few years now. I personally know five friends who have sold and moved elsewhere to get away form the

decline. We are going to sell once I get past my health issue. You've got some tap dancing punk playing really foul music on the boardwalk with a ton of kids around. What about our rights? You have signs about cussing, well his music is full of it, the N word and plenty of F bombs. Americas family resort NO MORE and the Council is directly responsible. 10/2/2018 1:10 PM

Council President Lloyd Martin Cynthia Wheeler cindycea@yahoo.com

To whom do I send suggestions for possible solutions to car events such as H2OI?

Sometimes we have to take extreme measures to halt extreme behavior. Thank you." 10/2/2018 1:58 PM

All Members Daryl Thornton darylgt@ddthornton.com

My girlfriend and I was at Ocean City on September 29. It was a very unpleasant experience. We knew nothing about the plans to disrupt Ocean City. They did disrupt, we went to eat and the grocery driving maybe 5 or 6 miles taking 5 or 6 hours. We would have stopped before if we had been notified. It was not safe people going into turn lanes and then pulling in front of you cutting you off. People racing from green lights smoking tires and the police doing nothing. The noise was very loud until after midnight. I do not know what the noise limit, but I can't believe that they meet the standards. I observed at least 3 people urinate at the end of the block. It was a wasted day.

The city should have warned people to stay away last weekend. There was nothing on the city web sites that said anything about this event. The Airbnb that we rented did not warn us. There were no warning signs until we got close or in Ocean City about special event speed limits. How was I to know it was total disruption that was planned. Reading on the Web the city and city police know about it. Yet no notice. Just care about making money, you do not know care about the consumers.

I found out reading news web sites, on Sunday, Ocean City knew about and had planned for the disruption. They did not provide warning to visitors. Also found out the problems have been occurring for several years.

I had been visiting Ocean City for many years. I don't know if I will ever return. There are many other beaches I can visit. If Ocean City want to continue downhill, then just continue not informing people. If I don't return for 10 years and would usually go twice a year then you lost 20 visits, for having people come for a couple of days was that lost worth it? Why would I come back when there are other options?

I am not a happy visitor." 10/3/2018 6:48 AM

Mayor Rick Meehan M Lisa Rinaca Irinaca21@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Mayor-

While I would like to praise the Ocean City police and the Maryland State Troopers that were on hand or added to help with crowd control on the unsanctioned week of September 28-30, clearly Ocean City needs more help.

I understand that the event is a social media driven event, and understand the inherent problems that arise in those situations.

However, as an owner, I am not pleased to have been driven out of Ocean City literally by a group of people who seem to have little regard for our resort. We were accosted just for watching and called 'narcs' when we asked them to move from private parking spaces. While it seemed most drivers of these cars were friendly, NONE went to bed.

Burnouts and cheers were all we heard all night to the point where we closed our windows on a beautiful September evening. September and October were our favorite times to come enjoy our condo in Ocean City. Now, we avoid at all costs if possible when there is any car or bike show.

As for the unsanctioned event, which was, simply put, unacceptable- OCEAN CITY needs to take charge through Social Media. And, now is the time to pass whatever ordinances needed to cover these types of events. I witnessed the absolute takeover of the ACME parking lot. How is that not loitering? Why do they not need a permit? If permits then translates to all other car shows- so be it.

Ocean City is what it is- a fun place to get away. We love its family values. It is a place for people to enjoy; and, we understand some raucousness on occasion.

It is not Bourbon Street or a gathering place for groups to claim for a weekend at the expense of owners and other visitors. But, our reputation is becoming just that.

Let's get this under control. And, I have considered legal aspects and those difficulties. Nothing is ever easy, But generally, there is a solution. Let's find it.

Lisa and Bill Rinaca

1306 Wilmington Lane #29 and #38

Ocean City

443-324-7555 10/4/2018 8:41 AM

Mayor Rick Meehan Lou Ann Hung ljung708@aol.com

Mr. Mayor,

I am a property owner here in Ocean City. I am writing to you late in the evening- after 10 pm. I don't know if this weekend car thing is a sanctioned event, I did see signs stating the speed limit was 30 mph strictly enforced, but I am forced to turn up the volume on my television in order to hear it in light of screeching tires and motors and the yelling from people in the street. Last weekend I witnessed mobs of people walking IN THE STREET following emergency vehicles responding to a call. I have seen a police presence today, but here on 42nd street right now, no one is abiding by the speed/noise limit. I just wanted you to be aware of what we are experiencing. We love OC and we appreciate all you do! Thank you."
10/5/2018 9:23 PM

All Members Kevin McSorley kevkev67@gmail.com "Good Morning,

I am writing to express my views and concerns relating to the September unofficial H20i event. I have been vacationing in Ocean City for the past 40-years and graduated from Salisbury University. Ocean City is my home away from home. Recently, I have been enjoying bringing my wife and two children

(ages 4 and 6) to Ocean City each fall as we rent a condo for a week at the Gateway Grand. To state the obvious, my children love coming to OC and making many magical memories similar to the ones I remember making when I was their age. While in OC, we eat most of our meals at local restaurants, we do plenty of shopping at OC retailers and we do as many paid activities as we can. In a nutshell, we spend a lot of money when in OC. However, our recent trip to OC was darkened and overshadowed by the flood of modified vehicles and unruly patrons that represented the unofficial H20i event. For the first time in my life, I am not excited to return to OC next year. To be honest, we will probably end up vacationing somewhere else especially if this even returns to OC. I have never witnessed such rude, disrespectful and immature behavior by these visitors. There were times where we genuinely felt unsafe and kept to ourselves inside our condo. I am stunned that the reckless driving and numerous accidents that took place did not result in any serious injuries or deaths to the drivers or innocent bystanders. Just know, if this event continues to happen, something very serious will occur, it's guaranteed. I cannot in good faith subject my wife and children to that type of environment again and I am saddened to know that there probably is no way of preventing this event from returning.

I understand you are all looking into ways to curb this unfortunate event. I also know many rules and laws prevent you from taking drastic measures. But I implore you to consider ways to keep these vehicles from entering the city in the first place. You can look into setting up checkpoints at all three entry points into OC with speed bumps that many of these cars cannot clear or go over. Can you extend the seasonal police program so you can have double the amount of officers patrolling the streets? You can have temporary street closings at each intersection lasting a few minutes at a time which would force an intentional traffic jam that keeps traffic moving at a slow pace. This would prevent many quick starts/accelerations at the stoplights. Can you reach out to larger jurisdictions like Montgomery County or Baltimore to provide additional resources?

I anxiously wait to see what the city's response will be. Unfortunately, I think next year will be the first year for us to not vacation in OC if this event returns. That is obviously disappointing to me and my young children.

I wish you all best of luck with this unfortunate endeavor.

Kindly,

Kevin McSorley 10/19/2018 8:17 AM
