

SUNSET ISLANDER

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SUMMER 2011 ISLAND HOURS

Clubhouse
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Indoor/Outdoor Pools
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Island Time Cafe
11 a.m. - till

Island General Store
6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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It's (Sunset) Island Time Again!

Set sail on a pirate ship, visit a local winery, dress up for our annual Fourth of July parade or simply do nothing at all. At Sunset Island, summertime can be a frenzy of activities or a haven of long walks on the beach.

The Island Social Committee has a dozen events planned for the summer; outdoor movies are back, we're getting in shape with kickboxing on the beach and kayaks are available for a leisurely trip around the bay; details inside. New activities this year include game nights for 11 - 16 year olds and our first-ever Island talent show! We will post updates on all activities on Facebook ("Like" Sunset Island Community Association) and on the Sunset Island Web site: sunsetisland-ca.net. Have a suggestion for the Social

Committee? Talk to Community Manager Melissa Esham. Better yet, join the Social Committee for a chance to meet new people and have fun!

The Island Time Cafe has great music scheduled every night of the week this summer and the extended summer hours mean late dinners overlooking the bay. Join us for happy hour each day from 5 - 7 p.m. for food and drink specials. Have you tried the fish tacos? They are fantastic!

Finally, our End of Season Owners' Party is scheduled for September 17 at the Clubhouse/Pool Deck. Details to come.

We are having a terrific summer on the Island - hope to see you soon!

Sunset Island: FAQs



FAQ: I'm never sure where to meet when an activity is planned for one of our beaches. Is there a way to distinguish one beach from another?

A: We're glad you asked! After years of calling our beaches "the pool beach," "the beach near the crab pier" and "the beach at the north end of the Island," we've decided to give the beaches proper names. Or rather, someone on the Island will! If you have great names for our beaches, submit them to Community Manager Melissa Esham (Melissa.Esham@sunsetislandca.net) by August 31. We will announce the winning names at the End of Season Owners' Party on September 17 and put the new names on signs to end the confusion!

Photo: Name our beaches! Sunset Island is holding a contest to officially name the Island's three beaches.

FAQ: The Sunset Island Scavenger Hunt was a blast! Will that become an annual event?

A: We hope so! This year we had 23 teams compete for prizes, not to mention bragging rights, in the first Sunset Island Family Scavenger Hunt during Memorial Day weekend. Teams had to find 32 items on the Island, all hidden in plain site! Winning teams won gift certificates to the Island Time Cafe and Old Pro Golf. Congratulations to the Bognet/Brennan family for winning First Place!

Photo: Ray Hoy and family strategize in the first annual Sunset Island Family Scavenger Hunt.



FAQ: The Adirondack furniture in front of the General Store is beautiful. Is it for sale?

A: Yes! The Adirondack chairs, brightly colored rockers and side tables are available to purchase through the store. The furniture is weather resistant and can be shipped just about anywhere...though you'll want it for your front porch on Sunset Island!



FAQ: We noticed a lot of horseshoe crabs on the beaches in June. Are they dangerous?

A: Although they look menacing, horseshoe crabs are not dangerous at all. (There's no truth to the rumor that the tails sting!) In fact, you can thank horseshoe crabs for many medical breakthroughs including huge advances in eye research, the development of wound-healing bandages, and more!

Horseshoe crabs pre-date dinosaurs, crawling around shallow waters about 300 million years ago. These days, horseshoe crabs wait for high tides and full moons in late spring to lay eggs along our beaches. Females lay about 20,000 eggs at a time - a good thing because migrating birds depend on the eggs for food. The big crabs are female, the smaller crabs are male.

If you see a horseshoe crab, please leave it alone!

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A green heron rests for a moment on the Sunset Island shoreline. The bird was one of two dozen species spotted at the annual Memorial Day Nature Walk on the Island. Thanks to Carol Sottili and Bob Robinson for leading the walk again this year. Thanks to Margo Owens for the photo!

New in 2011: Ocean City Hosts Dew Tour

The best cyclists and skateboarders in the world head to Ocean City in July for the first stop on the nationally recognized Dew Tour. The event features an array of extreme sports and is scheduled for July 21-24. All events will take place on the beach at the Inlet, near the pier.

The Dew Tour is nationally televised and draws thousands of people from around the world. In addition to extreme sports, look for special giveaways and loads of activities at the Tour's free Festival Village. Ocean City will also host a Dew Tour concert on the beach, a skateboard bowl event, and a surfing competition. For more information or for tickets, visit the Ocean City Web site at ococean.com.



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Your Island Specialist look forward to catching up with all our fellow owners and friends for another great season. Our mission is still the same, to provide you with the highest level of quality services, exceeding expectations and earning your confidence for future business and referrals. Please let us know how we can help you today, tomorrow or in the future.

with all the happenings on Sunset Island.



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JULY

Sunday, July 3

Sunset Island Block Party
5 - 9 p.m.

Canal Walk Lane

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July Celebration

4 - 6 p.m. Sunshine the Clown
6:30 p.m. Parade (General Store)

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social at
the Crab Pier**

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Tuesday, July 5

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Wednesday, July 6

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Thursday, July 7

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Friday, July 8

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Turnstyles

Saturday, July 9

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

8:30 p.m. - Movie Night

**Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty
Galore**

Sunday, July 10

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Monday, July 11
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Tuesday, July 12

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Wednesday, July 13

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Thursday, July 14

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Friday, July 15

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Saturday, July 16

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

8:30 p.m. - Movie Night
E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial

Sunday, July 17

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Monday, July 18

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Tuesday, July 19

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Wednesday, July 20

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Thursday, July 21

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Saturday, July 23

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

8 p.m. Game Night
Manhunt!

Ages 11 - 16

**Meet at General Store with flashlight
(don't forget bug spray!)
Snacks and drinks provided**

8:30 p.m. - Movie Night
Rango

Sunday, July 24

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
The Larks

Monday, July 25

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Kieran Lally

Tuesday, July 26

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Wednesday, July 27

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Thursday, July 28

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Friday, July 29

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Saturday, July 30

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

Sunday, July 31

7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

**All events subject to
cancellation due to weather.*

YOUR ISLAND REAL ESTATE & RENTAL COMPANY

www.SunsetIslandSalesandRentals.com

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SALES RENTALS

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AUGUST

Monday, August 1
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Tuesday, August 2
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Eddie & Dominic Elliott

Wednesday, August 3
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Thursday, August 4
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Friday, August 5
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Saturday, August 6
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence
8:30 p.m. - Movie: Toy Story 3

Sunday, August 7
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Monday, August 8
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Tuesday, August 9
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Wednesday, August 10
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Thursday, August 11
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Friday, August 12
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

Saturday, August 13
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Sunday, August 14
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Monday, August 15
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Tuesday, August 16
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
The Larks

Wednesday, August 17
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Beach Bumz

Thursday, August 18
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Friday, August 19
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Saturday, August 20
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

**8 p.m. Game Night
Manhunt!
Ages 11 - 16
See July 23rd entry for details**

Sunday, August 21
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Monday, August 22
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Rusted Axle & the Gingers

Tuesday, August 23
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Eddie & Dominic Elliott

Wednesday, August 24
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Thursday, August 25
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Landers Heinz Project

Friday, August 26
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Pressure Kids

Saturday, August 27
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Under the Influence

Sunday, August 28
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Time Police

Monday, August 29
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Bill Floyd

Tuesday, August 30
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Alex & Shiloh

Wednesday, August 31
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Eddie & Dominic Elliott

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Kieran Lally

Friday, September 2
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Electric Co.

Saturday, September 3
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot

Sunday, September 4
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Mood Swingers

Monday, September 5
7 - 10 Music on the Bay
Bill Floyd

Saturday, September 17
End of Season Owners' Party
Clubhouse/Pool Deck
Details to follow

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cancellation due to weather.*

Get Moving!

Get a summer workout right on the beach! Sunset Island offers fitness classes for adults and youth (10 and up) on the North Beach. \$10 per session. Call Jeannie Dark at 410-726-5276 to sign up. Personal training sessions also available!

ADULT classes
Monday - 9 a.m.
Kickboxing

Wednesday - 9 a.m.
Yogalates

Friday - 9 a.m.
Bootcamp

YOUTH classes (10 and up)
Mondays and Wednesdays
3:30 pm.



Finance Committee: Mid-Year 2011 Report

The association's financial position is currently on very stable footing and all indicators show we are positioned well for the future. Despite having approximately 82 less completed units to pay into our operating coffers, we have continually met all our expenditure requirements and have ended each year in a better position than budgeted.

The reserve fund account has been continually funded without pause since the inception of the community. The reserve fund balance is currently about \$1.58 million. With the aid of Stu Eisen of RBC Wealth Management, the Association has set up a ladder of investments that continue to yield between 3 and 4.5 percent. In keeping with industry standards, the Association periodically hires engineering firm Miller and Dodson to perform a study of all the assets owned by the Association to determine its on-going life expectancy and to evaluate the adequacy of current funding levels. A study completed this year indicates we are funding the reserve at an appropriate level to ensure funds will be available for the future repair and replacement needs of our community. The study reflects

the value of the Association's assets to be replaced in the next 30 years to be over \$8 million dollars. Please contact management if you would like to review the study.

Despite weathering a challenging real estate market, the Association as a whole has seen less than average delinquencies and foreclosures, as compared to other vacation home communities. Due to an Island-wide no tolerance collection policy, past due owners are paying off balances to avoid legal action and to gain access to community facilities to which they had been denied. And anyone renting their unit must maintain a zero balance or be denied a rental package for their tenants.

The Finance Committee meets quarterly with management and the investment advisor and reports regularly to the Board of Directors on financial matters. Our next meeting will be August 13, 2011 at 9 a.m. when we will begin to work on the 2012 budget. Owners are welcome to attend our meetings and to join the committee.

Please note:

The Spring 2011 Sunset Islander incorrectly listed the adult admission to Dickens Parlour Theatre in Millville. The correct price is \$18 for adults; \$12 for children. We apologize for the error.



Have you seen....? Sunset Island now has a gorgeous new entrance. (As seen in the photo, above.)

Did you know...? Sunset Island has a Lost and Found located at the Clubhouse front desk. Look for your missing sunglasses, beach towels and flip flops there.

Have you heard...? Sunset Island is holding a contest to name our three beaches. Think of creative names for the "beach by the pool," the "beach by the crab pier" and the "beach at the north end of the Island" and submit them to Community Manager Melissa Esham by August 31. The winning names will be announced at the End of Season Owners' Party September 17!



Tennis Anyone?

Owners and Guests enjoy unlimited court usage at the Ocean City Tennis Center

Reserve a court seven days in advance

Reserve one court hour per pass

Check in at the tennis shop and show your pass before play

OC Tennis Center
61st St. & the Bay
Ocean City, MD
410-524-8337

KAYAK ADVENTURE TOURS

"Kayaking at Sunset" Guided and Self Guided Mapped Excursions!

Explore our coastal bays as you paddle with our experienced tour guides or try our self guided mapped excursions.

2 hours for \$45 per person
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

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443.614.4769

www.bestaquatic.com



Day Trips on Delmarva:

Great Grapes! Shore Vineyards Offer Wines for Every Palate

The Eastern Shore's sun-kissed summers and rich soil make it the perfect spot to grow over a dozen varieties of grapes. In the last decade, vineyards have taken root along the bay shores and in fields that once grew corn and soybeans. Now wine lovers can spend a day (or more!) exploring the subtle variations of locally-grown, locally crafted vintages. Explore even more wine at the **Ocean City Wine Fest** September 30 through October 1.



Bordeleau Vineyards & Winery

3155 Noble Farm Rd. Eden, Maryland
410.677.3334 www.bordeleauwine.com
Wednesday - Saturday Noon-6 Sunday 12:30-6

In 2008, Bordeleau opened Wicomico County's first licensed winery and tasting room. The vineyard is home to 11 varieties of grapes: French American hybrids consisting of chambourcin and vidal; and standard vinifera vine grapes which include chardonnay, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, sauvignon blanc, cabernet franc, viognier, pinot gris, petite verdot and malbec.

Costa Ventosa

9031 Whaleyville Rd. Whaleyville, Maryland
410.352.9867 www.costaventosa.com
Friday - Sunday Noon-6

Costa Ventosa is a casual, fun winery located on 10 acres of farmland in beautiful Worcester County, about 10 minutes from Sunset Island. "Costa Ventosa" means "Windy Coast." The tasting room has a distinct Shore cottage feeling. Take a tour of the wine production area, gaze out over the 4 acre vineyard, or sit on the front porch with a glass of wine.

Layton's Chance Vineyard and Winery

4225 New Bridge Rd. Vienna, Maryland
410-228-1205 www.laytonschance.com
Sunday - Thursday 11-5 Friday - Saturday 11-6

Take pleasure in a lazy day at Layton's Chance Vineyard by walking the nature trails, relaxing in the picnic areas, touring the farm and vineyard, all while drinking great wine. Layton's offers tours of the vineyard, and winery and a summer concert series through September.

Great Shoals Winery

26431 Mason Webster Rd. Princess Anne, Maryland
410.849.9616 www.greatshoals.com
Call or email to arrange a visit

Great Shoals Winery is based in Mount Vernon along a sandy bank of the Wicomico River, not far from Great Shoals Light on the Upper Tangier Sound. The winery blends regional fruit to create brut sparkling wines using the traditional méthode champenoise. Each bottle of Great Shoals Sparkling is filled with distinctive and complex flavors melded by the champagne process.

Nassau Valley Vineyards

32165 Winery Way Lewes, Delaware
302.645.9463 www.nassauvalley.com
Tuesday - Saturday 11-5 Sunday Noon-5

Nassau Valley is Delaware's first and only farm winery. Tours and tastings are free. The self-guided tour includes a history of wine museum and a look at the wine cellar and production areas. Picnickers are welcome.

DEAD FREDDIES



ISLAND GRILL
Come Get Shipwrecked With Us!
Ocean City, Maryland

Crab Cakes, Steak, Quesadillas, Burgers, Wraps and More!

64th Street & the Bay 410-524-3733 (FRED)
Open for lunch and dinner at 11 a.m. Carry Out Available
Children's Play Area - Adult Deck - Entertainment



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*Send us your photos! If you have great Sunset Island photos to share, send them to jennings.communications@comcast.net for publication in the *Sunset Islander* and on Facebook!*

Free Movies on the Beach

Ocean City - 27th St.
Mondays and Fridays, 8:30 p.m.
June 27 through August 12

The Princess Royale - 91st St.
Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.
July 7 - August 25

The Carousel Hotel - 118th St.
Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m.
June 15 - August 24

Free Concerts on the Beach

Division St.
Wednesdays 8 - 9:30 p.m.
Bring your beach chairs and/or blankets.
July 13, 20; August 3, 10, 17, 24.

Sundaes in the Park

Music and Ice Cream at Northside Park
127th St., 6 - 8 p.m.
Free admission, small fee for ice cream
July 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28



Forget Something?

No need to fight the traffic.

Our General Store offers everything from wine and beer to Pop Tarts and peanut butter. Stop in for Old Bay before your next crab feast, or grab a Boar's Head deli sandwich on your way to the beach. We have fresh coffee and pastries starting at 6:30 a.m., sliced deli meat for lunch and locally made ice cream all summer long.



Sunset Island General Store

Fountain Drive West & Corner Store Lane