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O.C.toberfest  
Beach Maze, Pet Parade, Pumpkin Race  
October 18-19 & 25-26, 2014  
N Division St & the Boardwalk  
FREE Events  
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## O.C.toberfest Halloween Happenings

Thousands of people experienced the thrill of the giant Halloween Beach Maze this past weekend in Ocean City, Maryland. If you didn't get a chance to check it out there is still time, this Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This year the maze is bigger and better than ever. Experience a friendly scream as you meander the sands of the giant beach maze. Wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, creepy clowns, zombies and more await your arrival. The beach maze is free for the whole family. Also while finding their way through the maze, families can play the "eye spy" game to look for haunted zombie parrots. Prizes are awarded hourly thanks to gift cards from the Bull on the Beach Restaurant, Candy Kitchen, Crab Alley, Dough Roller, Layton's Restaurant, Phillips Restaurant and Park Place Jewelers. Look for the entrance to the maze on the beach near North Division Street.

Another event that took place this past weekend as part of the O.C.toberfest events was the "Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade." Over 100 pets, their owners and friends came out on Saturday afternoon dressed in their best costumes and paraded the boardwalk. There were some really great costumes! Lots of prizes and surprises were awarded to the Funniest, Scariest, Best Group, Cutest, Best Homemade and Best Pirates. Some of the winners included Trooper, the standard poodle dressed as a flying monkey while his owner, Angelina Pezzetti, from Princess Anne MD, was dressed as the Wicked Witch, Devon, the Maltese/Yorkie was dressed as a chia pet while owner Barbara Fritz from Telford PA, was dressed as a gardener, Riley, the Bernese Mountain dog, was dressed as a political candidate while owners Ella & Sam, from Frederick MD, had buttons and signs that said "Vote for Riley", Hershey, the chocolate lab, was dressed as a dirt bike while Rudy from Berlin dressed as a dirt bike rider, Skye, the Husky, dressed as a police woman while her owners Jimmy & Billie Greene from Mechanicsville MD were jailbirds and Meatball the French Bulldog was dressed as a pirate while owners Angela, Ruby and Matthew Manos from Berlin MD were dressed as pirates and a parrot pulling their own pirate ship! Fun was had by all and more than \$700 in donations, both cash and pet supplies, were collected for the Worcester County Humane Society.

The fun continues next weekend with “The Great Pumpkin Race” Saturday October 25 at 1 p.m. This event is a wacky and zany side-by-side race featuring wild and tricked out pumpkin race cars. Join the free fun by creating your very own pumpkin race car and enjoy a fun-spirited, good ol’ fashion bump and bang pumpkin race.

Prizes will be awarded for creativity and for race winners. It’s a “run what you bring” pumpkin race with a few simple rules to follow. For a complete list of rules, visit [www.octoberfestmd.com](http://www.octoberfestmd.com).

Registration takes place starting at 11 a.m. on the boardwalk at North Division St. Races begin at 1 p.m. If you’re not up for the challenge of making a pumpkin race car, come watch all the excitement and cheer on your favorite racer.

For more information on any of these free events, call 410-798-6304, 1-800-OC-OCEAN or visit [www.Octoberfestmd.com](http://www.Octoberfestmd.com). O.C.toberfest events are presented by the Mayor and City Council along with the Department of Tourism and the Tourism Advisory Board.