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PRESS RELEASE

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**Ocean Springs Chamber announces 2018 calendar of events**

(Ocean Springs, MS) - The Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce – Main Street – Tourism Bureau is starting off the New Year with a full calendar of events which include the Spring Arts Festival, Annual Taste of Ocean Springs Food & Wine Festival, Restaurant Week and Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival.

As a way to promote and encourage visitors to Ocean Springs, enhance economic impact and generate community activity, each year the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce plans, prepares and executes several annual events.

“From its unique shops, galleries, and restaurants to its beautiful outdoor amenities and strong calendar of events, Ocean Springs is a tourist destination”, says Cynthia Dobbs Sutton, executive director of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce- Main Street-Tourism Bureau. “These annual events aid in strengthening the economy and sustainability of our local community.”

Below is a list of the annual community events planned for 2018.

January 27- **Ocean Springs Elks Club Mardi Gras Parade** at 1 p.m. in downtown

February 9- Ocean Springs **Night Parade** at 7 p.m. in downtown.

March 17 – **St. Paddy’s Day Celebration** from 10 a.m. – until

March 24 & 25 – **Spring Arts Festival: Herb, Garden & Art** from 9– 5 p.m. (Sat), 9-4 p.m. (Sun) in downtown

April 1 - **Taste of Ocean Springs Food & Wine Festival** Tickets go on sale

April 27 & 28 - **1699 Historical Society’s Weekend of Discovery**

May 10 - **Taste of Ocean Springs Food & Wine Festival** from 6-8 p.m. in downtown

May 13-19 – **Ocean Springs Restaurant Week**

June 2 - **Red, White & Blueberry Festival** from 10-2 p.m. in downtown

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July 21 & 22 – Annual **July Sidewalk Sale** from 10-5 p.m. downtown, uptown, all around town

September 1 – **Artwalk** from 10-4 p.m. in downtown

September 30-October 7 – **Cruisin the Coast**

October 4-7 – **Cruisin' the Coast Ocean Springs** from 9-5 p.m.

October 5 – **Ocean Springs Cruisin' Sock Hop & Street Party** from 5-9 p.m. in downtown

October 31 -**Trick or Treat Down the Street** from 6-8 p.m. in downtown

November 3 & 4 – **Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival** in downtown from 9-5 p.m.

December 6– **Annual Tree Lighting with Santa** from 6-8 pm in Marshall Park

December 7 & 8 – **Holiday Open House**, downtown, uptown, all around town from 10-5 p.m.

In addition to the annual events, the Ocean Springs Fresh Market sets up at the L&N Depot Plaza each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine, and downtown throughout the year.

For a complete list of Chamber hosted events and other community events, visit [www.oceanspringschamber.com](http://www.oceanspringschamber.com).

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