

Check out some of resort's oldest buildings downtown

Have you ever thought about what some of the oldest buildings are that exist in Ocean City? Over the past few decades some of Ocean City's older buildings have been demolished for a host of reasons; structure integrity, fire, and for market reasons.

However, the oldest buildings that still exist are found in the Downtown area which is the oldest section of Ocean City. Some have been modified, some moved and others added onto. All have their own unique stories. Below is a list of some of these older buildings. Which are south of 3rd Street:

Building	Address	Year built
Henry Hotel	101 S. Balt. Ave	1913
Ocean City Baptist Church	102 N. Division St	1896
Ocean City Hall	301 Balt. Ave.	1915
Ocean City Life Saving Museum	813 S. Atlantic Ave.	1891
Pier Building	401 S. Atlantic Ave.	1926
St Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church	208 S. Balt. Ave.	1878
St. Paul's By The Sea Episcopal Church	302 Balt. Ave	1900
Tarry- A - While Guest House	108 Dorchester St.	1897
The Atlantic Hotel	401 S. Balt. Ave.	1925
The Jefferson	3 Dorchester St.	1903
Violets Are Blue House	103 S.Division St.	1912

As one travels north along Atlantic Avenue and Baltimore Avenue one will see many buildings that were constructed in the 1930's and for the most part retained many of their architectural characteristics of this era. Such features include simple buildings with deep porches, clapboard and shingle siding, light colored buildings, and pitched roofs.

There are only two buildings in Ocean City designated on the National Register of Historic Places. They are St. Paul's By The Sea Episcopal Church at Baltimore Avenue and 3rd Street which was constructed in 1900 and was des-



St. Paul's By The Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Avenue.

ignated in 2008. The other is the Bay Breeze cottage located at 706 St. Louis Avenue that was constructed in 1950 and provided this National Register designation in 2018.

If you have the time one should take on of the self-guided walking tours that highlight many of the older buildings in downtown Ocean City. These walking tour maps are available at several locations in Ocean City but can be accessed to on the OCDC website at www.ocdc.org and the Downtown Association of Ocean City at <https://downtownassociation.net>. It should be noted that several of the listed buildings in the original Downtown Association may no longer be in existence from this 2011 publication.