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Witches Take Flight to Raise Money for Animals

Ocean Springs, MS - Get ready to cast a spell of magical fun and generosity at Ocean Springs' most enchanting event of the year! The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs invites you to join them on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM as hundreds of witches and wizards fly through downtown Ocean Springs, tossing treats to tall and small for the 8th Annual Witches Ride of Ocean Springs.

Want to fly with the witches? Registration (for ages 18+) is open but fewer than 100 spots remain! The cost to participate is \$60 per person, and if you would like to fly in your golf cart, the cost is \$100 per golf cart (all golf carts must be registered with the City of Ocean Springs). The theme this year is "Twilight in the Enchanted Forest". The ride will begin at Government Street and Pershing Avenue, heading west, and then turn south onto Washington Avenue, ending at Porter Street.

The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs began as a fundraiser that started flying in 2018, with the goal of helping better the lives of local animals by donating the ride's proceeds to local animal welfare organizations. In 2019, the Witches Ride of Ocean Springs became an official 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and since the start of the Witches Ride, they have donated over \$91,000 to local animal welfare groups and agencies. In 2024, more than 5,000 people lined the streets of Ocean Springs, MS to see hundreds of witches take "flight" on foot, bicycle, tricycle, and golf cart down the streets of downtown Ocean Springs!

The entire family is invited to dress up and spend some time in Ocean Springs on Saturday, October 25th! The day of festivities will begin at 10:00AM with the Bewitching Pet Parade & Costume Contest. Register your pet (or bring a shelter donation) for the parade and don your Halloween finest and parade through the park! Not parading? Come join the fun and cheer on the people and their pets! Bring your chairs and blankets to snag a good shady viewing spot in the frightfully beautiful Marshall Park located in downtown Ocean Springs.

Then beginning at 6:00PM, Witches Ride participants will start to fly down the streets to bring treats and delight the crowds in their creative costumes, decorated bicycles, tricycles, wagons, and golf carts. Spectators of all ages are encouraged to attend this free, family-friendly event, and be sure to bring a bag to carry home all of your treats! Road closures along the route will begin before the ride and the entire Witches Ride route will be barricaded to ensure spectator and participant safety.

In addition to the Witches Ride, adults aged 18+ are invited to participate in a Halloween Pub Crawl hosted by the Witches Ride of Ocean Springs that will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM on Saturday, October 26 at 9 participating restaurants and bars in downtown Ocean Springs. Costumes are highly encouraged to keep spirits high. Pub Crawl cards can be purchased for \$10 online. Three cash prizes will be awarded on October 31, 2025.

The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs would like to thank all of their amazing sponsors: businesses and individuals who support not only the spirit of joy that the Witches Ride brings to Ocean Springs, but also the animals in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Extra thanks goes to their Platinum Sponsors: Mosaic Restaurant, The City of Ocean Springs, The Lady May and Glory Bound Gyro Co.

If you would like to purchase tickets, become a sponsor, sign up to volunteer, or find more information on the event, visit the website at www.oswitchesride.com. To contact organizers of the Witches Ride or schedule an appearance, please email info@oswitchesride.com, or call 601-345-4089.

Link to event photos and media:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PBkogproAnExXxTdAxHN1zEXIZUBG6EP?usp=sharing>