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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' award-winning Halloween event: The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs. All are invited to join them on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 6:00PM as hundreds of witches and wizards fly through downtown Ocean Springs, tossing treats to tall and small for the 9th 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 "Tales Unbound By Time". The ride will begin at Government Street and Pershing Avenue, heading west, and then turn south onto Washington Avenue, ending at Porter Street.

Want to watch the witches? The entire family is invited to dress up and see the magic fly through Ocean Springs on Saturday, October 24th! Witches Ride participants will start to fly down the streets at 6PM 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 approximately 1-2 hours before the ride, and the entire Witches Ride route will be barricaded to ensure spectator and participant safety.

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. Since the start of the Witches Ride, they have donated over $114,000 to local animal welfare groups and agencies.

This year they were honored with the "Best Holiday Event" award by Mississippi Main Street Association. The event has grown from 30 witches to hundreds; and now more than 5,000 spectators line the streets of Ocean Springs, MS to see the witches take "flight" on foot, bicycle, tricycle, and golf cart down the streets of downtown Ocean Springs!

In addition to the Witches Ride, there are other ways to get into the Halloween spirit while supporting their mission. Additional events include the Packet Pickup Mix & Mingle, Halloween Pub Crawl, the Witches Ride Raffle and the Bewitching Pet Parade. If you would like to purchase tickets, sign up to volunteer, or get more information on these events, visit the website at www.oswitchesride.com.

The Witches Ride of Ocean Springs would like to thank all of their amazing sponsors including 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 Diamond Sponsor Singing River Hospital System as well as their Platinum Sponsors: Mosaic Restaurant, The City of Ocean Springs, and TJ's Custom Apparel.

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/1PBkogproAnExXxTdAxHN1zEXlZUBG6EP?usp=sharing