



# CURRENTS

BETHANY-FENWICK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2024

## JOSHUA M. FREEMAN FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Friday, February 23rd, the Chamber will honor the outstanding police officers, paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters who help keep our local communities safe throughout the year. The 2024 Joshua M. Freeman First Responder Awards, presented by the Carl M. Freeman Companies, recognizes their service and dedication. The luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at the Coastal Kitchen at Bear Trap Dunes on Friday, February 23rd, from 12:00 - 2:00 PM.

Support is provided by the Carl M. Freeman Companies, Banks Wines & Spirits, Delmarva Power, Coastal Point, Mountaire Farms, Coastal Services, Wilgus Associates, State Farm Agent Billy Reese, Taylor Bank, Bethany Beach Books & The Book Drop, Beebe Healthcare, True North, Anne Powell - Coldwell Banker Realty, and PNC Bank.

The overall Valor Award winner will be announced at the event.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 NOMINEES!

- Patrolman Molly Ryan, Bethany Beach Police Department
- Corporal Justin Wechtenhiser, Dagsboro Police Department
- Officer Cameron Clift, Fenwick Island Police Department
- Sergeant Mark Burton, Ocean View Police Department
- Patrolman 1st Class Tyler Bare, Selbyville Police Department
- Corporal Shaun Baldasano, South Bethany Police Department
- Firefighter Jerry Carter, Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company
- Fire Police Captain William Bowden Sr., Millville Volunteer Fire Company
- EMT Nathan Shine, Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company
- EMS Lieutenant Justin Shockley, Frankford Volunteer Fire Company
- Firefighter Ed Ferencie, Frankford Volunteer Fire Company
- Engine Captain Daniel Hudson, Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company
- EMT Tyler Hickman, Millville Volunteer Fire Company
- EMT Matt Troutman, Sussex County EMS



Deputy Chief William Parramore with the Selbyville Volunteer Fire Company, 2023 Overall Valor Award winner

# AROUND THE CHAMBER

## 2024 JOB FAIR AT INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

BUSINESSES SIGN UP NOW!

BUSINESS APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

EVENT DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

The 2024 Job Fair at Indian River High School is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024! The event will be open to the public and held in the Indian River High School gymnasium from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.

Businesses can still apply to be part of this event [by clicking here](#) to sign up. The 2024 business registration deadline is February 7th. Contact [membership@thequietresorts.com](mailto:membership@thequietresorts.com) for additional information.



## 2024 CAREER FAIR AT SUSSEX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

BUSINESSES SIGN UP NOW!

BUSINESS APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

EVENT DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

The 2024 Career Fair at Sussex Central High School is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024! The event will be open to the public and held in the Sussex Central High School gymnasium from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Business registration is open now!

[Click here to secure your table at the event.](#) Registration closes Friday, March 8th.



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# AROUND THE CHAMBER

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FEBRUARY

35247 ATLANTIC AVE., MILLVILLE, DE, 19967  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH  
8AM - 10AM



The BFACC is partnering with Charm City Run, Sarge Athletics, and Stride Physical Therapy & Wellness to bring you a health and wellness focused morning to kick off the new year.

Breakfast will be provided, courtesy of the three presenting businesses! All three participating businesses, Charm City Run, Sarge Athletics, and Stride Physical Therapy & Wellness, will have 30-minute presentations/demonstrations prepared for the group.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

## MEMBERSHIP 101

36913 COASTAL HWY., FENWICK ISLAND  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH  
8:30AM - 9:30AM



Membership 101 is a small interactive workshop designed for you to get the most out of your Chamber membership. Bring your computer, work with the Chamber team and see what the Chamber can do for you. This is a small group workshop held in the Chamber conference room, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE SALTED RIM

35553 ATLANTIC AVE, MILLVILLE, DE 19967  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
4:30PM - 6:30PM



Join the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce at the Salted Rim on Wednesday, February 28th, for the February Business After Hours! At this event, the Chamber will recognize and thank the 2024 Fire & Ice Festival "Into the Wild" sponsors and volunteers, and present checks to the event beneficiaries. The Chamber Business After Hours is a fantastic way to promote your business through networking with fellow Chamber members. As a courtesy to our host, an RSVP is highly encouraged.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

## COASTAL POINT 20TH ANNIVERSARY RIBBON CUTTING

111 ATLANTIC AVE, OCEAN VIEW, DE 19970  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH  
OPEN HOUSE: 1PM - 4PM | RIBBON CUTTING: 1:30PM



As a special thanks to all advertisers and readers, help the Coastal Point celebrate their 20th anniversary at the Coastal Point Open House! Join Coastal Point and the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 8th, from 1:00PM - 4:00PM at the Coastal Point office in Ocean View. The ribbon cutting will take place at 1:30PM! Attend the ribbon cutting ceremony or pop in to meet the staff and talk to your favorite Pointies. Light refreshments will be available!

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# 35TH OCEAN TO BAY BIKE TOUR & COASTAL CRUISE

THE QUIET RESORTS

TOUR DATES: APRIL 26 - 28, 2024



There are over 1,200 cyclists already registered for the 35th Anniversary Ocean to Bay Bike Tour and Coastal Cruise! Advertising campaigns, event promotions, and marketing efforts are live - so there is no better time to sponsor the event! The Ocean to Bay Bike Tour & Coastal Cruise brings over 2,000 cyclists to the Quiet Resorts every April and includes multiple sponsorship opportunities to get your business in front of the crowds.

If you're interested in learning more about sponsoring the event, please contact Alyssa at [events@thequietresorts.com](mailto:events@thequietresorts.com). For updates on the event and to register to ride, visit [oceanbaybiketour.com](http://oceanbaybiketour.com).

## BETHANY BEACH BOARDWALK ARTS FESTIVAL ARTIST REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

DOWNTOWN BETHANY BEACH

EVENT DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



This month, artist applications for the 2024 Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival will be open! This nationally ranked event includes over 100 juried artists featuring paintings, woodwork, metal, clay, jewelry, and more. Artists interested in applying for this year's show can visit [bethanybeachartsfestival.com](http://bethanybeachartsfestival.com) for event updates.

If you're interested in learning more about sponsoring the event, please contact Alyssa at [events@thequietresorts.com](mailto:events@thequietresorts.com).



# MARK YOUR *Calendar*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### BETHANY BEACH

Town Council  
February 16 | 2:00 pm

### OCEAN VIEW

Town Council  
February 13 | 3:00 pm

### SELBYVILLE

Town Council  
February 5 | 6:00 pm

### SUSSEX COUNTY

County Council  
February 6 | 10:00 am

### DAGSBORO

Town Council  
February 19 | 6:00 pm

### MILLVILLE

Town Council  
February 13 | 7:00 pm

### FENWICK ISLAND

Business Committee  
February 6 | 9:00 am

### SOUTH BETHANY

Town Council  
February 9 | 9:00 am

### FRANKFORD

Town Council  
February 5 | 7:00 pm

### Town Council

February 27 | 7:00 pm

### Town Council

February 23 | 3:00 pm

# Renewing

## JANUARY 2024

**MEMBERS** | Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber. Happy Anniversary!

The list below only mentions Members who renewed their Membership in the month of January.

### 30-39 YEARS

33 The Fenwick Inn

### 20 - 29 YEARS

28 Tanger Outlet Center  
25 Baywood Greens  
22 Delaware Beach Life Magazine  
20 Aloysius Butler & Clark

### 1 YEAR

1 Beach Break Boutique  
1 Fat Vinny's LLC  
1 Deeley Insurance Group  
1 Rejuvenation Skin Wellness & Aesthetics  
1 Think Securenet

### 10 - 19 YEARS

19 Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co.  
18 Gallery One  
17 Ocean View Church of Christ  
17 St. Matthews By-the-Sea UMC  
15 WSFS Bank - Ocean View  
15 SCORE - Counselors to America's Small Business  
15 Sage Success Studio  
13 Anne Powell, Associate Broker, DE & MD Coldwell Banker  
13 Jolly Roger Amusement Park  
12 Royal Lawn Care Inc.  
12 Atlantic Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Inc.  
12 Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition  
11 Maureen Griffith  
10 Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Alpha Chapter  
10 The Allison Stine Team of Northrop Realty

### 2 - 9 YEARS

9 McDonald's of Fenwick  
9 Atlantic Elevator Services  
9 Tidemark Federal Credit Union  
7 By the Ocean - Flooring and Kitchen & Bathroom Renovations  
7 Freeport Press  
7 Big Fish Grill Ocean View  
7 Clean Energy USA  
7 Beazer Homes - Silver Woods  
7 Christine McCoy - Realtor, "The Real McCoy Group" Coldwell Banker  
6 Scherer Financial Advisors  
5 True North  
5 Marvel's Portable Welding, INC  
5 McKee Builders  
4 Bethany Club Tennis  
4 Sabina Silkworth - Associate Member  
4 State Farm Agent Billy Reese  
4 Ellen Rice Fine Art Studio  
3 Grand Welcome - Delmarva  
3 Community Bank Delaware  
3 High Tide Coffee & Bowls  
3 Santa's Letters  
3 Aquamarine Painting, LLC  
2 Tezla Group  
2 Business Report  
2 Foxlane Homes, LLC

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

### ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONS & MARKETING

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Saturday, February 17th | 11:00am - 4:00pm



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1. Sarge Athletics Ribbon Cutting

2. T-Mobile Ribbon Cutting

3. Squash Blossom Ribbon Cutting

4. Drink Competition Winner - Via Sophia

5. Drink Competition Winner - Mango's

6. Drink Competition Winner - Salted Rim

7. Drink Competition Winner - Good Earth

8. Drink Competition Awards

9. Drink Competition Judges 10. Wild Thing - DiFebo's

11. The Eclipse - Cottage Cafe

12. Pink Meanie Jellyfish Martini - Bethany Blues



# PHOTO BOARD - FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL



1. Live Carving Demo with the Ice God
2. Chili Cookoff at the Millville Volunteer Fire Co.
3. Bethany Beach Ocean Suites Live Ice Carving
4. Ursula - Bethany Beach Books/The Book Drop
5. DE Tourism Office - "Magma"
6. Southern Delaware Tourism - Starfish
7. Town of Bethany Beach - Orca
8. Lord's Landscaping & SavvyDerm Skin Clinic Skating
9. Town of Ocean View - Ox & Wagon
10. Beach Liquors - Yosemite Sam
11. Millville Boardwalk - T-Rex
12. NVR - Sea Serpent
13. PNC Bank - Pelican
14. Salted Vines Drink Luge
15. Taylor Bank - Lion
16. Inflatables - Bethany Beach Books/The Book Drop

## ARPA-H ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) is seeking proposals from small businesses with the expertise to conduct innovative research and development to contribute toward the agency's mission.

ARPA-H is seeking Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposals that aim to rapidly achieve better health outcomes across patient populations, communities, disease, and health conditions. Awardees will develop groundbreaking new ways to tackle health-related challenges through high-potential, high-impact biomedical and health research.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## ANNUAL MOUNTAIRE SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN

Mountaire Farms, the country's fourth largest chicken processor, has dozens of \$2,500 scholarships available for the children and grandchildren of employees, poultry growers, and grain producers. The application is now open and the deadline to apply is March 4, 2024.

To be eligible, a student's parent or grandparent must be employed by Mountaire Farms, or grow broilers, breeders, or grain (10,000-bushel minimum) for Mountaire. Applicants must enroll as a full-time college student carrying a minimum of 12 credits per semester in the current school year.

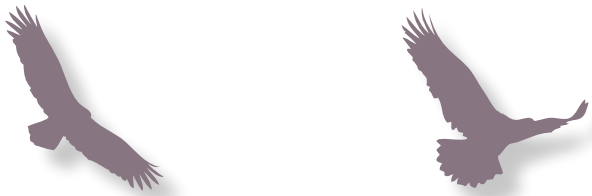
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## EDGE GRANT COMPETITION OPEN FEBRUARY 1ST - MARCH 1ST

The Delaware Division of Small Business (DSB) is now accepting applications for the 2024 EDGE program! This is the first of two Encouraging Development, Growth and Expansion, or EDGE, competitions for the year. EDGE is a competition for grant funding. Five STEM-based (or science/tech/math inspired) companies can each receive up to \$100,000 for eligible expenses while five Entrepreneur Class (non-STEM) businesses can each receive up to \$50,000.

Very small, as well as start-up, companies are eligible to apply. Businesses must have been in operation for less than seven years and have 10 or fewer full-time (or full-time equivalent – part-time) employees.

Visit [de.gov/edge](https://de.gov/edge) to access the application and required supporting materials.



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# ABOUT THE CHAMBER

## Our Mission

The Chamber's mission is to develop and implement destination events, participate in advocacy efforts, and provide opportunities for networking, marketing, and education with the goal of improving member success and enhancing the quality of life in the Quiet Resorts.

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