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SEPTEMBER 2024

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1	2	3	4	5	6 Bethany Beach Boardwalk Festival MEET THE ARTISTS	7 Bethany Beach Boardwalk Festival
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29	30					

2025 QUIET RESORTS AREA GUIDE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Ad Reservation Deadline: Nov. 8 All Ad Materials Due: Nov. 27



Every year, the Chamber produces the Discover the Quiet Resorts Area Guide, a premium publication about Southeastern Delaware. Advertising opportunities are now available for the 2025 guide, with a 10% discount for new and previous advertisers who reserve their ad before Oct. 1st!

In 2024, **50,000 guides** were printed and distributed in 67 local businesses, 34 travel centers throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, in both Chamber Information Centers, and mailed upon request nationwide. A digital version of the guide is housed on both Chamber websites, garnering 16,600 unique viewers so far in 2024.

Click here to learn more or reserve your ad space!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MEET THE ARTISTS OF GALLERY ONE

FRIDAY, SEP. 6 | 5 - 7 PM Gallery One

ARTIST EXHIBITS

SATURDAY, SEP. 7 | 10 AM - 5 PM Downtown Bethany Beach

WINE TASTING

SATURDAY, SEP. 7 1 - 3 PM or 4 - 6 PM Harvest Tide Steakhouse 3rd Floor



AWARDS & MEMBER CELEBRATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: EVENT HOST RFP Deadline: Sep. 16

The Chamber is requesting proposals for member businesses interested in hosting the 2024 Best of the Quiet Resorts Awards & Member Celebration!

RFP's are due back to Emily at membership@thequietresorts.com by end of business Monday, September 16th.

Click here to learn more and submit your RFP.

Membership 101

THURSDAY, SEP. 12 | 4 - 5 PM Chamber's Fenwick Island Office (36913 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island)

Are you new to the Chamber or a long time member looking for a BFACC crash course? Join this hour long class to learn about member benefits, monthly networking events, how you can login to your member information center, and more!

Space is limited so RSVP today and be sure to bring collateral to display in the Information Centers.

Click here to RSVP.



TOPIC: DELAWARE EARNS TUESDAY, SEP. 17 | 12 - 2 PM Chamber's Dagsboro Office (33370 Main St., Dagsboro)

Registration for, or filing for exemption from, Delaware EARNS is open now until October 15th, so this is the perfect opportunity to come and register onsite with support from DE EARNS Program Director, Ted Griffith, or learn more about what this program means for your business.

This is a complimentary event courtesy of the BFACC and lunch will be provided!

Click here to RSVP.

3 AROUND THE CHAMBER



ATLAS YOGA GRAND OPENING TUESDAY, SEP. 17TH | 5:30 - 7:30 PM Atlas Yoga

(118 Atlantic Ave. #402, Ocean View)

Celebrate Atlas Yoga's grand opening with a complimentary Harvest Full Moon Flow yoga class from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, followed by an open house and ribbon cutting 6:30 - 7:30 PM! The ribbon will be cut at 7:00 PM.

Visit this link to secure your spot for the Harvest Full Moon Flow and use code "CHAMBER" at checkout for complimentary pricing, courtesy of Atlas Yoga!

Click here for more information.



OFFICE HOURS WITH THE DE SBDC THURSDAY, SEP. 17 | 8:30 - 10:30 AM Chamber's Dagsboro Office (33370 Main St., Dagsboro)

The <u>DE Small Business Development</u>
<u>Center</u> is holding office hours once a
month at one of the BFACC offices!

Join them in September at the
Dagsboro office and learn more about
this robust resource for small
businesses.



DE PAID LEAVE WITH L&W INSURANCE WEDNESDAY, SEP. 18TH | 8:30 - 10:00 AM Su Casa - Ocean View

(86 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View)

Delaware's new Paid Family Medical Leave program is here, and it's transforming how businesses manage employee benefits! This is your chance to get ahead of the curve with insights from industry expert, L&W Insurance.

This is a complimentary event, courtesy of L&W Insurance, and breakfast will be provided.

Click here to RSVP!



SEED & SAPLING MEDSPA GRAND OPENING + MIXER WITH THE MILLSBORO CHAMBER THURSDAY, SEP. 19 | 4 - 7 PM Seed & Sapling

(246 Clayton Ave., Frankford)

Join the BFACC and Greater Millsboro Chamber in celebrating the grand opening of Seed & Sapling Medspa Retreat!

This mixer will take place from 4 - 7 PM, with the ribbon to be cut at 5:30 PM.

Click here to RSVP!

4 AROUND THE CHAMBER



TUESDAY, SEP. 24 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM Bethany Blues BBQ - Bethany Beach (6 N Pennsylvania Ave., Bethany Beach)

The September Business After Hours at Bethany Blues is one you won't want to miss! The BFACC will be kicking off a full fall of networking and celebrating sponsors and beneficiaries of the 46th Annual Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival.

Click here to RSVP.



SESSION 2: PHILADELPHIA FED + BFACC COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES DISCUSSION TUESDAY, SEP. 25 | 9 - 11 AM Fenwick Shores

(1501 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island)

The Federsal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and BFACC are holding the second session in their Community Perspectives
Discussion series on September 25th! This two-part series seeks to better understand how current labor market conditions are impacting Sussex County. You do not need to have attended session 1 to register for session 2!

Click here for more information.



CHAMBER RELAUNCHES LOCAL CUISINE WEBSITE!

The BFACC has revamped localcuisinede.com to be a comprehensive guide for dining establishments, hotels, and vacation rentals in the Quiet Resorts! If your business falls in one of those categories, check your listing and help us put your best foot forward!

2025 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS OPEN NOW

Fall means the Chamber staff is drafting Corporate Sponsorship Agreements for 2025! Are you interested in advertising in the 2025 Discover Guide and sponsor events in 2025? You're likely going to benefit from being a Corporate Sponsor! Email Lauren to discuss, at lauren@thequietresorts.com.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: BFACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BFACC is seeking nominations to fill 3 seats on its Board of Directors in 2025! Looking to get more involved with the Chamber and serve your business community? Send nomination letters, for yourself or a coworker, and 3 references to Lauren at lauren@thequietresorts.com.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OPEN!

<u>Click here for a sponsor form</u> or email Alyssa at events@thequietresorts.com.



A Weekend for the Books Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2025

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6 RENEWING MEMBERS - AUGUST 2024

Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber. Happy anniversary!
The members listed are only those who renewed in August. Logo's shown for businesses with 25+ years of Chamber Membership that renewed in August.

40+ YEARS

41 - Harpoon Hanna's

39 - 30 YEARS

38 - Mr. Natural Bottled Water, Inc.

29 - 20 YEARS

- 26 Old Pro Golf
- 26 South Coastal Library
- 26 Town of Ocean View
- 23 Michael McCarthy Stones
- 22 Bethany Auto Parts & Marine Supplies
- 22 Sunshine Plaza
- 21 Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home
- 20 Good Earth Market
- 20 W&T Weidman & Townsend

19 - 10 YEARS

- 19 Temple Bat Yam
- 18 Patti's Hallmark Shop
- 17 Dirty Harry's Restaurant
- 15 SurfFishingSpecialties.com
- 15 Small Business Administration
- 14 Herker Property Maintenance
- 12 Mills Creek Builders & Companies, Inc.

9 - 2 YEARS

- 7 Linkbank Dagsboro Branch
- 7 Chad J. Toms, Esquire of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLC
- 6 PIECES on Main
- 5 Shaka Shack
- 3 Bethany Brewing
- 3 Nicole Peterdozzi Realtor with Coldwell Banker
- 3 Sandy Pony Donuts
- 3 Preston Productions Inc. / dba Delaware Motion Pictures

1 YEAR

- 1 Property Tenders LLC
- 1 Trendy Shore Boutique
- 1 Delaware SBDC
- 1 Adobe Acrobat
- 1 Nally Ventures, LLC
- 1 Hurricane Martial Arts
- 1 Patterson Schwarz Real Estate Kim Bowden
- 1 Beach House Weeds











WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ace Handyman Services -

Seaford Rehoboth

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Dagsboro, DE 19939

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8 PHOTO BOARD - AUGUST 2024

Good Vibes Tiki Cruises Ribbon Cutting, Aug. 7



Kalena Jewelers Ribbon Cutting, Aug. 8





Thank you to the local beach patrols for a safe summer and to the sponsors of the 2024 Lifeguard Award Celebration!

La Vida Hospitality, Fells Point Surf Co., Anne Powell Del Vecchio - Coldwell Banker, Banks Wines & Spirits, Coastal Services, Custom Mechanical, Law Offices of Scott & Shuman, Piper By Marni, PNC Bank of Bethany Beach,

Sea Colony Recreational Association, Bank of Ocean City, Scherer Financial Advisors, Taylor Bank, and Clove & Cedar Coffeebar **BFACC Donation to Sussex County** Lifesaving Association, Aug. 13





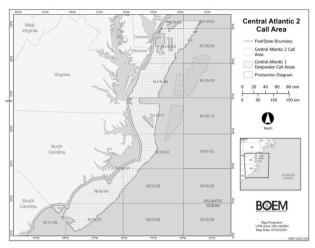
Delaware State Beach Patrol



9 DAILY DIGEST

BOEM PUBLISHES CALL FOR INFORMATION AND NOMINATIONS ON SECOND OFFSHORE WIND SALE IN THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC

On August 21, 2024, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced that it will publish a Call for Information and Nominations for a second offshore wind sale in the Central Atlantic (map below). There is now a 60-day public comment period, until October 21, 2024, before BOEM will review commercial nominations for the sale of this Central Atlantic 2 Call Area. BOEM will be holding multiple digital and in-person public meetings during the public comment period.



On Thursday, September 5th, the Governor will be signing the following environmental bills:

- 1.SB 265 Offshore Wind
- 2. HB 9 State Fleet Electrification
- 3. HS 2 for HB 13 EV Equipment Financial Support
- 4. SB 237 Climate-Forward Comprehensive Planning
- 5. HB 402 Solar Infrastructure on State Buildings

<u>Click here for more information and the BOEM reports on Central Atlantic 2 Call Area. Click here for the public meeting schedule.</u>

DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

With funding from the federal Digital Equity Capacity-Building Grant currently in review, the Delaware Broadband Office (DBO) plans to offer approx. \$1 million in sub-grants for digital equity initiatives in Delaware. These are intended to support each communti's priorities, pilot or replicate new approaches, and reach people wary of government services or unfamiliar providers. This is a separate program from the Digital Equity Competitive Grant, for which applications are to be submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration by September 23, 2024.

Click here to learn more!

SPORTS TOURISM CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

The Delaware Tourism Office reopened the Sports Tourism Capital Investment Fund for applications on August 1, 2024. The fund is intended to provide support to new or existing sports facilities that hold events throughout the year to attract out-of-state visitors and contribute to the state and local economy.

Applications for the investment fund will be accepted by the Delaware Tourism Office until September 13, 2024, at 4:00 PM. More information on eligibility, funding requirements, and complete program regulations can be found on the Delaware Tourism Office website.

Click here to learn more!

10 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 overall goal of improving member success and enhancing the quality of life in the Quiet Resorts.

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