

Ocean City CHAMBER

Fourth Quarter Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear Chamber Members,

It's been a busy fall in Ocean City, and the weather couldn't be better for our second season. September kicked off with car shows, air shows, running events, half marathons, and activities for the entire family. We had the largest Block Party to date, with sales throughout the city. All of this adds up to Ocean City businesses doing well. We thank the Chamber team and the City team for all they do to keep Ocean City bustling.

[Read More](#)



Leon & Elizabeth Grisbaum Terminal: Ground Breaking Ceremony

On October 15th, the Ocean City Municipal Airport hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Leon & Elizabeth Grisbaum Terminal. This significant event celebrated the commencement of construction, made possible by a generous \$3 million donation from Leon and Elizabeth Grisbaum. Though Leon has stepped away from flying, he remains an influential figure in the aviation community. Local leaders, including Mayor Jay Gillian and U.S. Rep. Jeff Van Drew, gathered to honor this milestone, which pays tribute to both Leon and his late wife, Elizabeth.



Record-Breaking Attendance at Ocean City Fall Block Party!

Record-breaking attendance marked this year's Ocean City Fall Block Party, with merchants and crafters reporting one of the most successful events ever! A special thanks to the Chamber team, especially Rose and Rachael, for their hard work in organizing such a fantastic event that drew over 80,000 visitors to Ocean City on October 12th.

Legislative Updates

NJEDA Main Street Acquisition Support Grant

The NJEDA Main Street Acquisition Support Grant is a pilot initiative under the Main Street Recovery Fund designed to assist eligible small businesses in covering closing costs related to the purchase of a New Jersey commercial property for operational use. Each qualifying small business can receive a grant of up to \$50,000 per location. To be eligible, the applicant must occupy a minimum of 1,000 square feet of usable space in the purchased building, and all transactions must occur in an arm's length manner with a conventional lender. The total funding available for this program is \$5 million.

NJEDA Small Business Improvement Grant

The NJEDA Small Business Improvement Grant provides reimbursement for expenses incurred in making building enhancements or acquiring new furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Eligible small businesses and nonprofits can receive funding for 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Notably, 40% of the available funds are earmarked for businesses and nonprofits located in Opportunity Zone census tracts.

NJEDA Small Business Lease Grant

The NJEDA Small Business Lease Grant aims to support the expansion and sustainability of small businesses and nonprofits by offering grant funding to offset a portion of lease payments for those leasing new or additional spaces. This program covers 20% of the total annual lease payment, providing vital financial relief to eligible organizations.

For more detailed information, you can visit the official New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) website: [NJEDA Grants](#).

OCEAN CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Legislative Breakfast Ocean City Yacht Club on Thursday, October 17th



[View Gallery](#)

Minimum Wage Update:

TRENTON – New Jersey's statewide minimum wage will increase by \$0.36 to \$15.49 per hour for most employees, effective January 1, 2025.

Pursuant to Article 1, Paragraph 23, of the New Jersey Constitution, and N.J.A.C. 12: 56-3.1(c), the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) sets the minimum wage for the coming year based on any increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce Membership Events

October 23rd - Welcome Night - Ocean City Civic Center - 6 PM – 7:30 PM

November 21st - Annual Citizen of the Year and Business Beautification Awards Dinner –
Ocean City Yacht Club - 6 PM

December 6th - Christmas Party – Jon & Patty's - 5 PM

PLEASE NOTE

All dates and locations are subject to change

Ribbon Cuttings



Flawless Cards and Collectibles
1028 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226
flawlesscardsnj.com



DeLanzo's Chiropractic and Wellness Center
701 West Ave. Suite 301
Ocean City, NJ 08226
delanzochiro.com



Kilwins
736 Wesley Avenue Unit A
Ocean City, NJ 08226
kilwins.com

Welcome New Members

Brownie Professional Cleaning

106 School Lane
Rio Grande NJ 08242
(609) 854-5801
brownieprofessionalcleaningllc.jobbersites.com

Families of Ocean City United in Success

PO Box 545
Ocean City, NJ 08226
ocnjfocus.org

Junk Rescue

876 N Lenola Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057
800-732-9209

Protect Our Coast New Jersey

Ocean City, NJ 08226
protectourcoastnj.com

Shark Bait Family Fishing Charters

228 Bay Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226
609-398-9000

The Yard

314 Bay Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226
theyardocnj.com
609-398-3345

By The Shore Cleaning Service

609-849-7100
bytheshorecleaningservice.com

Jersey Shore Property Maintenance

Ocean City, NJ 08226
609-900-2002
jerseyshorepm.com

Matera Builders

601 Bay Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226
materabuilders.com
609-391-0429

Ocean City NJ Daily

Ocean City, NJ 08226
ocnjdaily.com
609-231-8987

Socially Awkward Communications

Ocean City, NJ 08226
609-849-7100

Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors!





[Download the Ocean City Vacation App on the App Store Here](#)

OceanCityVacation.com

Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce | 300 West 9th Street www.oceancityvacation.com | Ocean City, NJ 08226 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!