



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

February 11, 2022

Member Notice

OC Chamber Legislative Update



The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce maintains an Actively Monitored Legislation list that impacts our region and member businesses. Additionally, the Legislative Committee participates in weekly Zoom sessions with our lobbyist, Dennis Rasmussen, to stay abreast of any changes or action that needs to be taken. We also work closely with our elected officials and strengthen relationships with other statewide legislators that have similar priorities in their districts.

[View Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Actively Monitored Legislation as of 2/7/2022](#)

[Oppose HB0506: Grocery Beer & Wine Sales](#)

Support our local retailers that currently provide alcoholic beverage sales by opposing this bill. This bill will establish that, on or after a certain date, a retail grocery establishment in the state may obtain a license authorizing the retail grocery establishment to sell beer and wine to individuals who are at least 21.

Join the OC Chamber & CQI Associates Commercial Energy Purchasing Cooperative

Did you know that as of the December 2021 meter read date, utility rates have significantly increased by on average **40%?!** The utility rates when compared to current third-party supplier rates are on average three cents higher.

We recommend you review your most recent energy invoice to determine if the electricity and/or natural gas rates have been affected by these increases in rates.

The Chamber of Commerce Energy Purchasing Cooperative program provides you with an option to help seek pricing that provides savings when compared to the utility rates and offers you long-term budget stability.

By joining the Commercial Energy Purchasing Cooperative, you increase the purchasing power for all members, resulting in more affordable and consistent electric and natural gas rates. As a member, your organization's energy prices will be significantly lower than it is purchasing power as an individual business. There are NO FEES to join. One application covers ALL of your electricity and natural gas accounts for ALL locations. The Spring Campaign runs through February 25.

[Significant Utility Rate Increase Alert Flyer](#)

[Learn More About the Commercial Energy Co-Op](#)

Save the Dates for these Upcoming Chamber Events!

[February 25 Chamber Awards Celebration](#)



Our Chamber Awards Celebration is back! We invite you to join us on Friday, February 25, 6-10pm at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel to honor award recipients in the categories of: Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, First Responder of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award. Sponsorships are available, [email Heather](mailto:heather@oceancity.org) for more information.

[Alive after 5 on March 3](#)



Please join us at the March Alive after 5 on Thursday, March 3! We will be socializing and networking at Pickles Pub from 5-7pm with hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

[Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Job Fair on Saturday, April 2](#)



Please join us for our 35th year of connecting job seekers and employers on Saturday, April 2 from 10am-2pm at the Ocean City Convention Center.

Job Seekers: Dress to impress, bring your resume and get ready to talk to local employers looking to fill positions!

Employers: we have space available, but it is filling quickly! [Email Heather](#) for more information.

[OC Chamber Job Fair Employer Registration Form](#)

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