



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

February 4, 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 2/1/2022](#)

Non-Profit Grants from Worcester County Government Available Online Through Feb. 7

Worcester County Government (WCG) is accepting applications from area non-profit agencies now through Monday, February 7, 2022.

Applications are available to download as a PDF at www.co.worcester.md.us. Once there, the link to the Non-Profit Grant Application can be found under "Important Links" on the right side of the web page.

[WCG Non-Profit Grant Application](#)

Join the OC Chamber & CQI Associates Commercial Energy Purchasing Cooperative



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Energy Co-op
Buying Power for Business & Residence
Energy & Sustainability Management Consultants

JOIN THE CHAMBER ENERGY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE
Combine your usage with other members to receive lower rates

To learn more and schedule a FREE energy bill analysis, call 443-472-3870 or email joe@cqiassociates.com

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 effected 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](#)

OC Chamber News & Events

OC Chamber of Commerce Announces Partnership with Lincoln Financial Group and Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) to Deliver a New Group 401(k) Program, the Lower Shore Multiple Employer Aggregation Program (MEAP)



We're thrilled to announce our partnership with Lincoln Financial Group and Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) to deliver a new group 401(k) program, the **Lower Shore Multiple Employer Aggregation Program (MEAP)**.

Here's what you'll experience with the new Lower Shore MEAP 401(k) program:

- Access to potential pricing and service efficiencies—economies of scale
- Less administrative work, as you hand off many of the responsibilities that come with running a 401(k), including filing Form 5500 and employee loans
- Relief from many fiduciary obligations, while maintaining your current plan design—or changing to a plan design that works for you

[Lower Shore MEAP Information](#)

OC Chamber Jeep Raffle: Enter to Win a Brand New 2022 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport!



The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce is raffling off a brand new 2022 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport! Gorgeous four door, hydro blue pearl paint with a soft top! Purchase at least one entry then share this raffle on your social media to earn 3 FREE entries! Raffle drawing date is August 26, 2022.

[Purchase a Jeep Raffle Ticket](#)

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.

We're Excited to Announce the Return of the [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 spaces available, but they are filling quickly! [Email Heather](#) for more information.

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

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