



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

June 24, 2022

Member Notice

[Introducing Our Member Perks VIP Discount Program](#)



We have revamped our Member-to-Member Discounts program to the “Member Perks VIP Discount Program.” Each Chamber member will receive two physical member perks VIP cards – either use the card or download the app to take advantage of local and national deals.

Have a special VIP deal you want to offer to other OC Chamber members? Your business logo & deal will be featured on myclubperks.com.

[ADD YOUR MEMBER PERKS VIP DISCOUNT DEAL NOW](#)

United Work & Travel Presents the J-1 Student Welcome Dinner on June 28



Let your J-1 students know about the first J-1 student welcome dinner on Tuesday, June 28 from 6-9pm at Holy Savior Church upstairs at Father Connell Hall, 1705 Philadelphia Ave.

[Labor Challenges Result in New Plan for Independence Day Celebration in OCMD](#)



Ocean City officials received surprising news when they learned the two Independence Day firework shows scheduled for July 4th would not go on as planned. The firework company contracted to provide fireworks for both holiday celebrations told officials that labor shortages resulted in having inadequate staff to host the events as expected.

As a result, the Town of Ocean City pivoted and developed a new plan for Ocean City's Independence Day Celebrations:

July 3rd: Sundaes in the Park Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day at Northside Park during Ocean City's Sundaes in the Park Concert series. Sundaes in the Park will feature a 7 p.m. concert by "Mike Hines & the Look" and an intimate firework show at 9 p.m.

July 5th: American Idol Star Jay Copeland Performs at Northside Park

Enjoy a FREE concert by American Idol Star and Salisbury native Jay Copeland on July 5th. Delmarva's very own Idol will rock the house with crowd favorites to celebrate the holiday with his fun and upbeat energy.

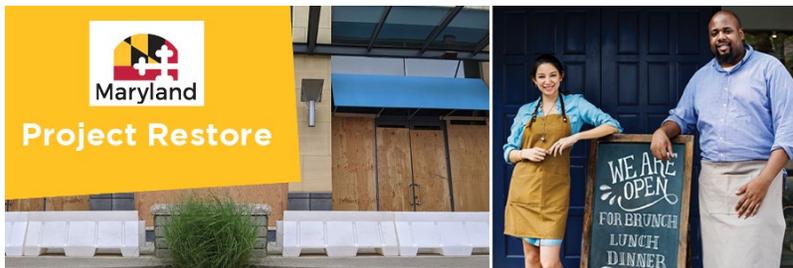
(Note: There will be no fireworks featured during or after the July 5th concert at Northside Park).

July 5th: Downtown on the Beach & Boardwalk

Music at the Caroline Street Stage will kick off at 8 p.m. with the unique Firework Show beginning at 9 :30 p.m. The show's rare features will be a departure from a traditional display, and will include new fireworks features by Celebration Fireworks Company. Unlike traditional firework displays, this year's show will include a few surprises. To capture the show as the spectacle it should be, you will need to enjoy the celebratory display from the beach between the amusement pier and 3rd Street.

Additional July 4th celebrations are taking place across Maryland's Coast, from Berlin to Ocean Pines. For more information, call 800-626-2326 or 410-250-0125.

[Project Restore Accepting Next Round of Applications Beginning July 7](#)



Project Restore will provide \$25 million to fill vacant retail and commercial buildings and support business investment, job creation, and economic growth in Maryland's communities. Businesses opening or expanding into vacant retail and commercial properties may be eligible for Project Restore grants from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Project Restore grants can help new and growing businesses with rent payments and operating costs in their first year.

Project Restore provides two grant opportunities for businesses, including nonprofits, that are expanding, moving to or opening in a property that was previously vacant for at least six months:

Property Assistance Grant: Provides up to \$30,000 for one year to support costs associated with rent, mortgage payment or property improvements as applicable.

Business Operations Grant: For businesses that generate sales and use tax, provides up to \$250,000 per calendar year to support capital (property improvements, equipment etc.) and operating (staff salaries, marketing, inventory etc.) costs associated with business operations in the vacant property.

Save the Date! Sunday, July 24: Celebrate Christmas Eve in July with the Young Professionals to Benefit the Christmas Spirit Campaign



This is a Sunday Funday event you don't want to miss! Join the Young Professionals of Ocean City on Sunday, July 24, 12-3pm at Blu Crabhouse & Raw Bar. This event benefits the Christmas Spirit Campaign, which provides Christmas joy to underprivileged children in Worcester County.

No tickets will be sold at the door! Tickets can be picked up and purchased via cash or check prior to event in the OC Chamber Visitor Center during normal business hours. For more information, [contact Billy Apostolou, Young Professionals Chair](#).

Please contact the Chamber for additional information
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