

**Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce** 

Mission: To promote business, tourism and civic responsibility.

## Meet the Membership Team!

The Chamber of Commerce is happy to introduce the Membership Duo of **Abbie Kaiser and Mariella Trosko!** 

Abbie and Mariella's goal for 2020 is to make contact with all Members...whether by phone, email, Business After Hours or by stopping by your business!



If you have questions about your membership, need to update your profile, add your email to the blast list or want information on complimentary as well as fee based services such as the Member Blast, website links and more....just reach out!

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## Merchants' Attic · Saturday, April 18



Join us for the State's Largest Indoor Garage Sale!
The 2020 Merchants' Attic is Saturday, April 18th
from 10:30AM to 2:30PM at the Cape Henlopen High
School in Lewes. Up to 100 vendors will sell their wares
including excess business inventory, handmade items, antiques,
collectibles, and secondhand household items.

Still accepting vendor applications, nearly 75% sold as of 2/21/20! Vendor fee is \$80 for a 10 ft. x 10 ft. space. (Vendors are responsible for their own table/chair). For more info, contact Emily at 302-227-6446 ext. 11 or events@beach-fun.com.

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## 2020 Upcoming Calendar

DATE	MEETING or EVENT	TIME/PLACE
Mar 14	Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Life Saving Station
Mar 18	Board Retreat at Legislative Hall	10:00 am/Dover
Mar 20	City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	3:00 pm/Commissioners Room
Apr 11	Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Life Saving Station
Apr 16	Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Apr 16	Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:00 am/Jake's Seafood
Apr 17	City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	3:00 pm/Commissioners Room

For Resort Area Events, visit www.Beach-Fun.com

## **2020 Business After Hours**

Members are invited to attend monthly Business After Hours! These popular mixers are a great opportunity to meet and network with your fellow Members.

A \$1.00 donation is collected at the door which creates the funds for the 50/50 raffle. Business card drawings are also held and door prizes are given out to the lucky winners!



March 12 · The Starboard

April 23 · Cooter Browns

May 14 · Thompson Island Brewing Company

**September** (Date TBA) · Hyatt Place/Lighthouse Cove Event Center

October 8 · Lefty's Alley & Eats

November 12 · Mariachi Restaurant

December 17 · Holiday Party at Jake's Seafood

(June date to be announced)

### **General Membership Meeting**

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Noon on Friday, March 20th at the Cultured Pearl. The restaurant is located at 301 Rehoboth Avenue in Downtown Rehoboth Beach. Luncheon is \$22 per person. Guest speakers will be John Sisson and Julie Theyerl with DART along with several 2-Minutes of Fame speakers.

RSVP to joe@beach-fun.com or 302-227-6446 x14.

## We can't make it happen without YOU!

Special thanks to the guys at **227 Rent** and **First Rate Movers** for helping the Chamber get the 2020 Visitors Guide off the truck and into the basement! You guys are AWESOME!!



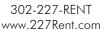














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#### **BRAG BOARD**

#### Congrats to Local Pool Designers!

Ashton Group at the Beach has recently joined Master Pools Guild. The Guild is based primarily in the USA and Canada and specializes in luxury residential and commercial pool design. It is a selective, invitation-only group with more than 100 elite members worldwide placed carefully to avoid competition.

Joe and Nicole Ashton, owners of Ashton group are truly honored to be part of this elite organization. With this membership, Ashton Group will be able to provide their clients with even more cutting edge information and the most up to date trends and safety practices.



For additional information, visit ashtongroupatthebeach.com and masterpoolguild.com.

## Rehoboth Officer Receives Award from American Red Cross

On August 29, 2019, City of Rehoboth Beach Seasonal Officer Cole Revel called on his training to save the life of a man who was choking. For this heroic and lifesaving action, Revel received the Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Extraordinary Personal Action in a ceremony at City Hall on January 23, 2020. The award was presented by Theresa Young, Greater Chesapeake Region Red Cross Executive Director. "We're extremely proud of Cole for displaying the highest degree of concern of one human being for another who was in distress," said Young. "His actions exemplify our mission to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

Last August 29, Revel and fellow officer Brian Reynolds responded to the area of Wilmington Avenue and the boardwalk for a subject choking. Upon arrival, they verified that a subject was choking. Revel performed two abdominal thrusts that successfully cleared the airway of an 18-year-old choking victim who refused additional care. "His quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate actions and effective care resulted directly in saving the life of this individual," said Cpl. Brian Reynolds who nominated Revel for the accolade.

For further information, please contact the City of Rehoboth Beach Communications Department at 302-227-6181 ext. 522.

PS...Cole was also the 2019 Delaware Coast Press Scholarship Award Winner! See page 12 for picture.



## Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach Recognized at the American Bus Association

Thank you, again, for co-sponsoring the Delaware Booth at the American Bus Association Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska. Your contribution enabled Delaware to have an enhanced presence as a group-friendly destination, and your sites and services



received higher visibility via your printed materials and digital flyers. Also, a special thanks to the attendee co-sponsors who helped with booth set-up, coverage or breakdown.

Once again, the Delaware Booth was a popular draw at Marketplace! The crowd enjoyed the theme, "Get on Board with Delaware Adventures." The picnic fare was a huge hit, which included delicious beef and barbeque pork sliders and goodie bags of s'more and energy trail mix. The operators loved the Therm-O Grocery Totes and booth visitors also had fun playing the Plinko game, winning prizes and trying their luck at grand prize drawings. The next ABA Marketplace will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Tina Madanat, Sales Director and Group Tour Leader with the Delaware Tourism Office

## Thank You Letter from the Delaware Humane Association



#### **BRAG BOARD**

#### Thanks to Anderson Carpet One

Special thanks to the team at Anderson Carpet One for re-carpeting Santa's House located on the Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk during the holiday season. The carpet looks great!!

Be sure to stop by their new showroom located at 19269 Coastal Highway in Rehoboth Beach (the old Linen Store location). For more information, call 302-227-3244.





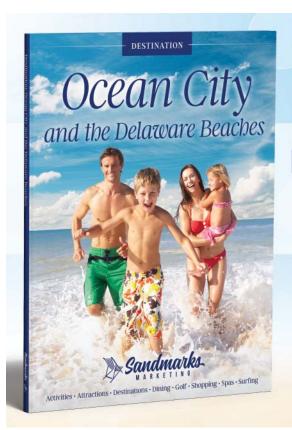
#### Congrats to Downtown Restaurant

Congratulations to the Cultured Pearl for being named as the Best Sushi Restaurant in Delaware by the Daily Meal. For more information, visit www.thedailymeal.com/eat/best-sushi-restaurant-every-state. The Cultured Pearl is located at 301 Rehoboth Avenue in Downtown Rehoboth Beach.



#### Quote of the Month

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did." *Newt Gingrich* 





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## **WELCOME** New Members!

The following businesses have been approved or are pending approval for Chamber Membership. Please keep these businesses, as well as other Chamber Members, in mind when purchasing goods or services.

#### **Advanced Materials Technology**

Daniel Casey 3521 Silverside Road Quillen Building, Suite 1-K Wilmington, Delaware 199810 302-660-2542

Service - Product Development & Manufacturing

## Bethany Beach Ocean Suites Residence Inn by Marriott

Lorna Petchey
99 Hollywood Street
Bethany Beach, Delaware 19930
302-539-3200
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rehribethany-beach-ocean-suites-residence-inn
Accommodation - Hotel/Motel

#### **Coastline Furnishings**

Michael Denofrio 18467 Coastal Highway Lewes, Delaware 19958 302-539-4000

www.bethanyresortfurnishings.com

Retail - Furniture

## Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America

Chris Chapdelaine
1910 Baden Powell Way
Dover, Delaware 19904
302-622-3300
www.delmarvacouncil.org
Service - Organization/Association/Agencies

#### Coho's Market & Grill

Dave Lyons & Rick Hardy 305 Rehoboth Avenue, Unit B Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-226-4782 www.cohosmarket.com Restaurant/Eatery

#### Eliza Beth Dee LLC

Len Digrasso Serving Delmarva 610-306-2042 Attraction - Theatrical/Entertainers

#### **Gordmans**

Amanda Burkett 18910 Rehoboth Mall Blvd. Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-645-7773 www.gordmans.com Retail - Apparel & Accessories

#### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

Diana Huebler 18438 Kates Lane Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-500-2415 www.holidayinnexpress.com/rehobothbeach

www.holidayinnexpress.com/rehobothbeach Accommodation - Hotel/Motel

#### **Lamb's Custom Painting**

Michele Robertson P. O. Box 764 Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-260-9869 www.lambscustompainting.com Service - Painting Contractor

#### Linda Hallbrook with eXp Realty

Linda Hallbrook PO Box 1072 Seaford, Delaware 19973 302-381-4242 www.lindahallbrook.exprealty.com Real Estate - Sales

#### **Mark Perry Productions, LLC**

Mark Perry 33114 Ambling Way Millsboro, Delaware 19966 443-521-4382 www.markperryproductions.com Service - Event Planning & Production

#### **Marshalls**

Mary Fioca-Smith 18578 Coastal Highway Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-645-8729 www.marshalls.com Retail - Apparel & Accessories

#### **Meals on Wheels Delaware**

Susan Dubb 100 W. Tenth Street, Suite 207 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 302-656-3257 www.mealsonwheelde.org Service - Organization/Association/Agencies

#### Nick's Mini Golf

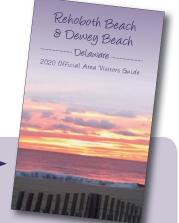
Nick Geracimos 2200 Coastal Highway Dewey Beach, Delaware 19971 410-524-8804 www.nicksminigolf.com Attraction - Amusements

#### Stewart E. Renard CPA

Steward Renard 17527 Nassau Commons Blvd, Suite 207 Lewes, Delaware 19958 302-291-2718 www.srenardcpa.com Service - Accounting Services

#### **Mary Jo Tarallo**

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 Patron Member



## Hot off the Press!...

The Visitors Guide, Calendar of Event Posters & Ticklers are in house!

Feel free to stop by the Administrative office at 306 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach to pick up your supply. You may also call the Chamber at 302-227-6446 to arrange for delivery.



### Thank You Monthly Renewing Members

The Chamber wishes to thank the following Members who recently renewed their membership investment. The list below represents Members who renewed during the period of November 4, 2019 - February 7, 2020. Thank you for your continued support!

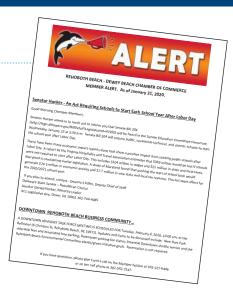
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## **Important Updates**

#### LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

Legislative topics continue to arise such as Minimum Wage and legalizing Marijuana. Stand by for Chamber Legislative Alerts from our legislative representative Lincoln Willis.

All legislative issues are posted on the Chamber's website. Visit Beach-Fun.com, click on Site Index then scroll and click on Legislative Information (Local, State & Federal).



## DOWNTOWN REHOBOTH BEACH PARKING

The City of Rehoboth Beach Parking Committee unanimously recommended extending the 2019 three hour meter limit to four hours. The Chamber stated during the January Commissioners' Meeting that based



on the complaints received during the Downtown Advisory Task Meeting (see below for link to meeting notes), as well as the survey results and visitors complaints that "extending the parking limit by an additional 60 minutes was unlikely to solve the issues" (in particular having to move your car every four hours vs. every three hours). The Chamber supported no limit up to the twelve hours. The Rehoboth Beach Commissioners' have not yet voted on the 2020 parking.

A Downtown Task Force Advisory Meeting was held on February 4, 2020 at the Bellmoor Inn. See below for weblink to view more information.

For meeting minutes, visit Beach-Fun.com, click on Site Index then scroll and click on Downtown Rehoboth Beach Advisory Task Force.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 20th at the Cultured Pearl. John Sisson and Julie Theyerl from DART will be reporting on DART. More info on page 2.



## Schwab is now in the neighborhood.

Mark E. Engberg, CFP® Independent Branch Leader Stephanie P. Brown, MBA Independent Financial Consultant

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## General Membership Meeting

The Chamber of Commerce held the first General Membership Meeting of 2020 on January 30th at the Cultured Pearl.

David Mueller of Alarm Engineering was the 2 Minutes of Fame Speaker and 2019 Volunteer of the Year, Zach Babbie received his plaque. The Guest Speaker was Nick Caggiano Sr. of Nicola Pizza. Nick shared his life story, how Nicola Pizza got started, and his vision for Downtown Rehoboth Beach.







## **REPORTS and STATISTICS**

### Accommodation Occupancy Chart | 2018 vs. 2019

Weekend	Room	Weather	Event
	Count		
November 2-4, 2018	2,403	50's Sunny	Film Festival
November 1-3, 2019	3,041	50' Sunny	None
November 9-11, 2018	2,244	40's Sunny	WonderFest
November 8-10, 2019	2,269	40's Sunny	Film Festival
November 16-18, 2018	1,802	50's Sunny	WonderFest
November 15-17, 2019	1,637	50's Cloudy	WonderFest
November 23-25, 2018	2,049	50's Cloudy	Tree Lighting
November 22-24, 2019	1,605	50's Cloudy	WonderFest
November 30-December 2, 2018	1,616	50' Sunny/Rain	None
November 29-December 1, 2019	2,057	40's Sunny	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 7-9, 2018	2,190	40's Cloudy	RB Marathon
December 6-8, 2019	2,123	40's Sunny	WonderFest
December 14-16, 2018	1,398	50's Rain	None
December 13-15, 2019	1,407	50's Rain	WonderFest
December 21-23, 2018	1,309	50's Sunny	Holiday
December 20-22, 2019	1,247	40's Cloudy	WonderFest
December 28-30, 2018	1,781	50's Sunny	NYE; Slam Dunk to the Beach
December 27-29, 2019	1,800	50's Sunny	WonderFest

Wednesday	Room
	Count
October 31, 2018	1,112
October 30, 2019	1,123
November 7, 2018	1,191
November 6, 2019	1,277
November 14, 2018	1,186
November 13, 2019	1,195
November 21, 2018	1,299
November 20, 2019	1,116
November 28, 2018	1,013
November 27, 2019	1,386
December 5, 2018	1,077
December 4, 2019	1,108
December 12, 2018	1,026
December 11, 2019	1,062
December 19, 2018	950
December 18, 2019	993
December 26, 2018	950
December 25, 2019	1,259

#### **Year to Date Occupancy TOTAL Comparison**

**WEEKEND** 

January 1 - December 30, 2018 · 134,725 January 1 - December 29, 2019 · 131,096

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**WEDNESDAY** 

January 1 - December 26, 2018 · 86,008 January 1 - December 25, 2019 · 85,653



### Accommodation Occupancy Chart | 2019 vs. 2020

Weekend	Room	Weather	Event
	Count		
January 4-6, 2019	1,254	50's Rain	No Event
January 3-5, 2020	1,297	50's Rain	No Event
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January 11-13, 2019	1,204	30's Cloudy	No Event
January 10-12, 2019	1,487	60's	No Event
January 18-20, 2019	1,396	40's Cloudy	No Event
January 17-19, 2020	1,582	30's Flurries	No Event
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January 25-27, 2019	1,302	40's Sunny	No Event
January 24-26, 2020	1,360	60's Rainy	No Event
February 1-3, 2019	1,738	40's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge
January 31-February 2, 2020	1,805	40's Cloudy	Polar Bear Plunge

Wednesday	Room
	Count
January 2, 2019	901
January 1, 2020	993
January 9, 2019	958
January 8, 2020	997
January 16, 2019	960
January 15, 2020	1,036
January 23, 2019	994
January 22, 2020	1,056
January 30, 2019	954
January 29, 2020	1,143

#### **Year to Date Occupancy TOTAL Comparison**

WEEKEND

January - February 3, 2019 · 6,894 January - February 2, 2020 · 7,531 WEDNESDAY

January 1 - January 30, 2019 · 4,767 January 1 - January 29, 2020 · 5,225



Calls to accommodations are made each Wednesday for upcoming weekend availability and prior weekends occupancy count. Info based on 3,886 Room Referral Count (includes Hotels/Motels, Inns, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfasts, etc.) and indicates the highest occupancy between Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

### **REPORTS and STATISTICS**

#### Website Results for www.Beach-Fun.com | 2018 vs. 2019

Month	Page	/iews	Users/Visits			Absolute Unique Bounce Rate * Avg. Time on Site * Visitors		Bounce Rate *		on Site *
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
January	21,740	22,354	6,892	7,390	6,347	6,733	53.38%	57.30%	1:47	1:55
February	33,479	22,442	10,437	9,253	9,665	8,427	49.54%	61.00%	1:56	1:41
March	41,473	30,960	12,770	10,955	11,899	10,111	52.02%	60.78%	1:51	1:44
April	40,053	41,736	12,720	14,378	11,887	14,315	53.51%	63.17%	1:48	1:32
May	54,949	49,959	16,086	18,388	15,270	17,442	50.67%	62.93%	1:59	1:37
June	96,793	50,408	27,207	18,919	26,201	18,094	50.54%	63.75%	1:53	1:34
July	73,562	60,792	27,458	23,350	25,706	22,393	66.39%	65.97%	1:25	1:31
August	56,551	57,464	21,852	21,722	20,211	20,707	65.97%	64.25%	1:29	1:31
September	43,698	66,174	16,993	27,569	15,645	26,193	65.82%	67.32%	1:29	1:18
October	93,796	120,446	37,344	45,970	34,205	43,182	67.06%	57.92%	1:10	1:16
November	19,714	18,355	8,450	8,393	7,042	7,456	70.05%	70.90%	1:20	1:18
December	16,087	16,662	5,786	7,442	5,785	6,878	67.04%	70.75%	1:26	1:20
YTD Totals	591,895	557,752	203,995	213,729	189,863	201,931	59.33%	63.84%	1:37	1:31

<sup>\*</sup> YTD Total Average

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	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
January	22,354	24,051	7,390	9,786	6,733	9,154	57.30%	66.78%	1:55	1:34
YTD Totals	22.354	24.051	7.390	9.786	6.733	9.154	57.30%	66.78%	1:55	1:34

<sup>\*</sup> YTD Total Average

#### **Top Pages Viewed - January 2020**

Pag	ge on Site	. Page Views
1	Polar Bear Plunge Event Page	2,787
2	Order a Visitors Guide Page	1,386
3	Events	1,139
4	Thank You Page	665
5	Area Activities	544
6	Sea Witch® Festival	521
7	Merchants' Attic	493
8	Chamber Events	380
9	Site Index	377
10	Dewey Beach Activities Page	366

#### Top 10 States to Visit Website - January 2020

Sta	te	Visits
1	Delaware (partly Member driven)	2,998
2	Pennsylvania	1,926
3	New Jersey	947
4	Maryland	911
5	District of Columbia	579
6	New York	550
7	Virginia	445
8	Ohio	122
9	Massachusetts	119
10	California	103

#### **Delaware Labor Force Trends**

#### See page 15 for Facebook & Instagram Stats!

(December 2019); Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December 2019 was 3.9%, up from 3.8% in November 2019. There were 19,100 unemployed Delawareans in December 2019 compared to 17,200 in December 2018. The US unemployment rate was 3.5% in December 2019, unchanged from 3.5% in November 2019. In December 2018 the US unemployment rate was 3.9%, while Delaware's rate was 3.6%.. Source: Delaware Department of Labor - Monthly Labor Review; published January 24, 2020. https://lmi.delawareworks.com

## December AWARDS Luncheon WINNERS

The Chamber of Commerce held an Awards Luncheon on November 20, 2019 at the Cultured Pearl Restaurant. The following awards were presented!



True Blue Jazz & RBDBCC Scholarship
Presented to Isaac Weathersby



DE Coast Press Educational Scholarship
Presented to Cole Revel



20 Year Chamber & Community Supporters

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Starboard Restaurant · Tangier Island Cruises
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WRDE NBC Coast TV (Sea Witch® Festival) & Weis Markets (Dewey Movies & Bonfires)

Perfect Wave: Delaware Today
Tidal Wave: Grotto Pizza

Barrel Wave: Custom Mechanical · DART · Seaboard Hotels
Swell Wave: The Bellmoor · Blue Moon · County Bank
Jack Lingo · M&T Bank · Tidemark Federal Credit Union
Rip Wave: Affinity Energy Management · Arena's Deli
Bayhealth · Buffalo Wild Wings · Cape May-Lewes Ferry
Charles Schwab · Crosswinds Motel/Atlantic Liquors
First Rate Movers · Fulton Bank · Hyatt Place
Kilwins Rehoboth Avenue · Portraits in the Sand
Preston Automotive Group · Sussex County Women's Journal
Trinity Logistics

\$1,000+: Carl M. Freeman Companies · Creative Concepts
Discover Bank · Garrison Homes
Rehoboth Beach Animal Hospital

## December AWARDS Evening WINNERS

The Chamber of Commerce held the Annual Installation of the Board of Directors and Award Recognition Banquet on December 4, 2019 at the Lighthouse Cove Center.

The following awards were presented!



Mae Hall McCabe Award Stan Mills



Business of the Year Award Rehoboth Toy & Kite Co.



Monumental Continuous
Business Recognition
Short's Marine



Volunteer of the Year Zach Babbie



Town of Dewey Beach Volunteer of the Year Julie Johnson



Town of Dewey Beach Lifeguard of the Year Lt. Zack Stevenson



Individual Service Awards

Stan Mills & Toni Sharp Former City of Rehoboth Beach Commissioners



2020 Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Pictured from left to right: Ben Gray, Jay Becker, Mike Meoli, Marvin Carney, Rachel Webster, Vince DiFonzo, Chris Weeks, Carrie Lingo, Mitch Resnick, Keith Martin, Susan Townley-Wood, Kay Wheatley and Scott Swingle. Not pictured: Jerry Esposito, Chip Hearn, Billy Klemkowski, Dale Lomas, Rob Marshall, and Steve Montgomery.

#### **RIBBON CUTTINGS**

#### Jonathan L. Parker & Associates

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For more information, visit www.journeycounts.com or call 973-714-0342.

#### **Delaware Humane Association**

Delaware Humane Association (DHA), located in both Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach, is a nonprofit, no-kill animal care and adoption center. DHA's mission is to make "friends for life" by connecting people with animals, and by building strong relationships to better serve





the community. DHA is committed to providing for the needs of homeless and owned dogs and cats by providing temporary shelter, affordable spay and neuter services, low cost vaccination clinics, a pet food pantry, adoption and placement resources, and more. For more information, visit delawarehumane.org and connect on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @delawarehumane.

#### Marshalls

At Marshalls, we think life's better with surprises. That's why we deliver surprise in our stores,



everyday. As an off-price retailer, we provide great value on ever-changing selections of brand-named, designer, and high-quality fashions at prices generally 20%-60% below full-price retailers. What makes us so exciting to shop is we don't know what's coming until we open the delivery truck doors. We have a variety of merchandise arriving daily, with each delivery containing thousands of items. Our rapidly changing assortment creates a surprising shopping experience that our customers love. So stop by often to see our designer finds, at spectacular savings! Marshalls is located at 18578 Coastal Highway in Lewes. For more info, call 645-8729.

#### **Nations Lending**

Nations Lending recently opened a new branch located at 19621 Blue Bird Lane, Suite 3 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Matthew Trone, the Personal Mortgage Advisor for the Branch, is excited and ready to help with all your mortgage needs and questions.

For more information, visit www.nationslending.com/rehoboth-beach-de or call 302-643-2670.

#### Karen M. Wearden, Financial Advisor

Karen M. Wearden, Financial Advisor of Edward Jones celebrated her new office on January 9, 2020 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Wearden has been a financial advisor with Edward Jones since 2015. She serves clients with wide-ranging goals, from growing wealth to saving for education expenses, to planning and living a successful retirement. Wearden's new office is located at 17723 Coastal Highway, Unit 4 in Lewes. For more information, call 302-200-9821 or visit www.edwardjones.com/karen-wearden.



# Reserve your spot in the popular Resort Area Coupon Book and Dining Guide!!

#### **Chamber Coupon Book**

Members can purchase a coupon for \$125 that includes free design & placed in 50,000 Coupon Books.

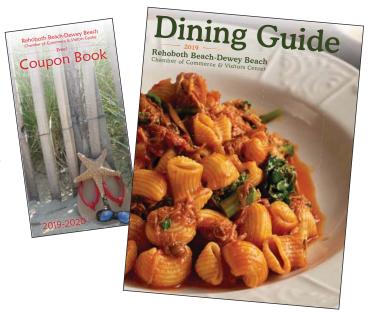
#### **Dining Guide**

Restaurants can purchase a two page menu spread for \$800. Added value includes either a half page ad in the Visitors Guide or product in the Realtor Bags...at no additional charge. 25,000 Guides are printed.

Deadline for artwork & payment is April 9th. Both publications are distributed to the Visitors Center, Boardwalk Kiosk, realtors, and accommodations during the last week of May.

#### Contact Abbie or Mariella to sign up!

abbie@beach-fun.com · 302-227-6446 x15 mariella@beach-fun.com · 302-227-6446 x18



## Chamber's new Meeting Room available for rent!



Thanks to a donation from the Community Matters Foundation and Highway One Companies . . .

The Chamber's Administration Office at 306 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach has a meeting room available for rent.

There is seating for 10-12 people and the room is available Monday-Friday between 9:30AM-4:30PM. Use of HDMI connection to smart tv and dry erase board included.

Rental Fee: Member \$10/hour & Non-Member \$20/hour

Please call Chamber Staff at 302-227-6446 for room availability!

## Did you know . . .

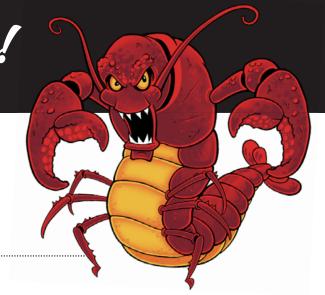
As of February 12, 2020, the Chamber has 71,095 Facebook Followers & 1,226 Instagram Followers! Follow the Chamber at: www.facebook.com/RehobothDeweyChamber & www.instagram.com/rbdbcc

# Be a part of the fun!

The Chamber of Commerce produces several events throughout the year and Members have an opportunity to be apart of those events through sponsorship or volunteering!

## 2020 Events

Merchants' Attic · April 18
Spring Sidewalk Sale · May 15-17
Monday Night Movies · June 29-August 17
Wednesday Night Bonfires · July 1-August 19



Sandcastle Contest · September 12 Fall Sidewalk Sale · October 2-4 Sea Witch® Festival · October 23-25 Santa's House · November/December

## Bundle Sponsorships

(see page to right) are available!

OR

individual event sponsor! •••••

Information was mailed to all members in February. The information can also be downloaded at Beach-Fun.com (click on site index then scroll and click on Event Sponsorship Opportunities).

## Have questions?

Contact event coordinator Emily at 302-227-6446 x11 or emily@beach-fun.com



## 2020 Bundle Sponsorships

Your business can be a part of all the Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center events. Pick your sponsorship below!



Merchants Attic April 18



Spring & Fall Sidewalk Sales May 15-17 October 2-4



**Beach Goes** Red, White & Blue May 30



Mon. Movies June 29-August 17 Wed. Bonfires July 1-August 19



Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest September 12



Sea Witch® **Festival** October 23-25

#### Official Sponsor of Any One Major Event\* • \$10,000

Includes everything listed in the Perfect Wave Sponsorship, PLUS marketing and promotion as Official Sponsor of that event! \*Only one Official Sponsor per event.

#### **Perfect Wave Sponsor \$8,000** (Actual Value \$10,177)

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000
- Banner Production & Placement at Designated Events...\$600
- Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirt...\$450
- Balloon for Sea Witch® Parade...\$600
- (2) Event Trophy Sponsorships...\$500
- (1) Sea Witch® Festival Activity Sponsor...\$300
- Full Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$750 (3) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag Ons...\$150
- (2) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag Ons...\$200
- (3) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$300
- Full Page Color Ad in Visitor's Guide...\$1,650
- Full Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$175
- (2) Website Banners for 1 Year...\$700
- (3) Chamber Member Blasts...\$297
- (2) Chamber Beach Blasts...\$200
- (2) Product Placement at Business After Hours or General Membership Meetings...\$200
- (4) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$100
- Logo on Merchants' Attic Map...\$100
- (1) Ticket to a Awards Recognition Event...\$55

#### **\$6,000** (Actual Value \$7,503)

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000 · Banner Production & Placement at Designated Events...\$600
- Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts...\$450
- (1) Event Trophy Sponsorship...\$250
- 1/2 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$450
- (2) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag Ons...\$100
- (1) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag Ons...\$100 (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200
- 1/2 Page Color Ad in Visitor's Guide...\$1,250
- Full Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$175
- (1) Website Banner for 1 Year...\$350
- (2) Chamber Member Blasts...\$198
- (2) Product Placement at Business After Hours or General Membership Meetings...\$200
- (1) Chamber Beach Blast...\$100
- Logo on Merchants' Attic Map...\$100
- (3) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$75
- (1) Ticket to a Awards Recognition Event...\$55

#### **Barrel Wave Sponsor \$4,000** (Actual Value \$5,153)

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000
- · Banner Production & Placement at Designated Events...\$600
- Logo on Event T-Shirt...\$125

- (1) Event Trophy Sponsorship...\$250
- (1) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag On...\$50
  (1) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag On...\$100
- (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200 • 1/4 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$350
- 1/2 Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$125
- (2) Chamber Member Blasts...\$198
- (1) Product Placement at a Business After Hours or a General Membership Meeting...\$100
- Logo on Merchants' Attic Map...\$100
- (2) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$50
- (1) Ticket to a Awards Recognition Event...\$55

#### Swell Wave Sponsor · **\$2,000** (Actual Value \$2,823)

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100 • Banner Production & Placement at Designated
- Events...\$600
- Logo on Event T-Shirt...\$125

- 1/4 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$350
- (1) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag On...\$50 (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200
- (2) 1/4 Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$200
- (2) Chamber Member Blast...\$198
- (1) Product Placement at a Business After Hours or a General Membership Meeting...\$100
- · Logo on Merchants' Attic Map...\$100
- (2) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$50

#### **\$950** (Actual Value \$1,800) Rip Wave Sponsor

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo on Event T-Shirt...\$125
- · Banner Production & Placement at Designated
- (1) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slide...\$100
- · Logo on Merchants' Attic Map...\$100
- (1) Sea Witch® T-shirt...\$25

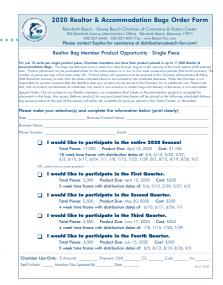
Create the perfect sponsorship package for your business...contact Emily to get started!

### Reach Resort Area VISITORS and RESIDENTS!

## **Realtor & Accommodation Bags**

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Chamber assembles and distributes an average of 11,000 bags that are filled with the Visitors Guide, Coupon Book and Member product. The bags are delivered to area realtors who give to their week-long renters.

Members can have their product included for 10¢ per piece (25¢ per multi-page; i.e. magazine). Product examples are flyers, postcards, coupons, or tri-fold brochures and it is recommended to include a discount or coupon on your piece in order to track its success. Product placement can



be purchased either for the entire season or in four to five week consecutive periods (first-fourth quarters). The number of pieces per bag will be kept under 40.

### **Community Bags**

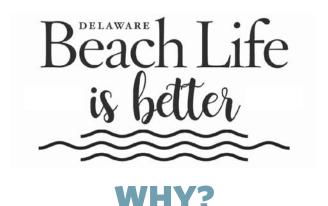
Great opportunity for Chamber of Commerce Service Industry Members...plumbers, electricians, painters, landscapers, pest control, garage door repair, handyman, banks & more!

For 10¢ per single product piece, Chamber members can have their product placed in up to 3,500 Community Bags. Bags are provided to newly developed or developing communities through the developer or builder and then given to prospective homeowners from April - October. Product placement can be purchased in segments of 1,000. The number of pieces per bag will be kept under 40 and will include a Chamber Area



Visitors Guide, Dining Guide, Coupon Book, and Calender of Event card.

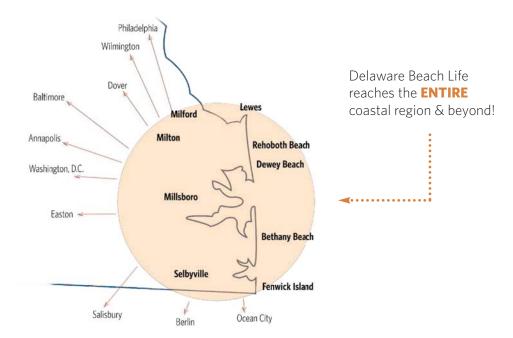
For more information, contact Sophia at 302-227-6446 x25 or sophia@beach-fun.com



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## **THANKS** to our December Host!

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## **THANKS** to our January Host!

18385 Coastal Highway, Lewes · 302-644-2500 www.bethanyblues.com



























## **THANKS** to our February Host!

71 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach · 302-227-6211 www.nicolapizza.com





















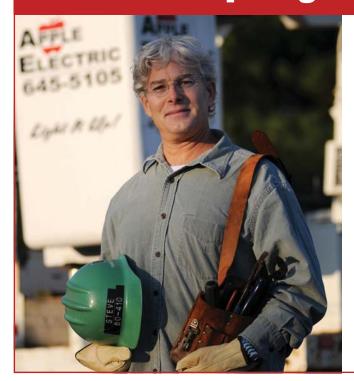








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