



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland  
Chamber of Commerce

# Things You Need to Know This Week

October 1, 2021

## Member Notice

### **Join the OC Chamber & CQI Associates Commercial Energy Purchasing Cooperative**

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 Fall Campaign runs through today, October 1, so register today!

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

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### **Maryland Relief Act Grants Online Sales & Teleworking Support Grant Program; Application Deadline October 1**

Funding for the Worcester County Online Sales and Teleworking Support Grant Program is provided by the State of Maryland Relief Act, and the Maryland Department of Commerce to assist Worcester County businesses with expenses related to establishing or expanding online sales and/or offering employees telework opportunities during COVID-19 (after March 9, 2021).

#### **Grant Process**

Please submit a complete and accurate online application with all required supporting documentation by **5:00 p.m. today, October 1, 2021**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Please also verify that you are in good standing with the state of MD

[Register Your Business Online | Maryland.gov](#)

Click the link below for the application and submit to Worcester County Government- Kim

Reynolds- One West Market Street Room 1103 Snow Hill, MD 21863 or Fax 410-632-3131.

[Worcester County Small Business Online Sales/Telework Assistance Grant](#)

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**Special Event Zone in Ocean City October 5-10**

In preparation for the Endless Summer Cruisin' Car Event, all Ocean City & Worcester County roads will be designated as a Special Event Zone starting Tuesday, October 5 through Sunday, October 10. Residents and visitors should expect extreme traffic delays, alternate traffic patterns and a heavy police presence. For more details, visit the [Town of Ocean City's website](#).



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**Mark Your Calendars for Thursday, October 7 for Our October Alive After 5**

Come out and mingle at our October Alive After 5 (formerly Business After Hours) on Thursday, October 7 from 5-7pm at Hilton Suites Oceanfront. There will be a "poker run" and prize for best hand, happy hour drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

[Alive After 5 Invite](#)

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## **Advertising Space is Still Available for the 2022 *Experience Ocean City*; Deadline Extended to October 8**

The 2022 *Experience Ocean City* will feature a more year-round, all-season experience. This essential planning tool for vacationers will drive guests to your business. Space reservation deadline is October 8. [Email Nancy Schwendeman](#) or call 410-213-0144x106.

[Experience Ocean City Information Sheet](#)

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## **Please Complete the 2021 J-1 Exchange Visitor Host Impact Survey by October 8**

In partnership with the Alliance for International Exchange, **InterExchange Work & Travel USA** is surveying businesses to gather data on how the reduced number of J-1 Visa Exchange Visitors have impacted local seasonal businesses. The deadline for the survey is **Friday, October 8th 6pm.**

Host businesses for the J-1 Summer Work Travel program are encouraged to fill out a survey to collect aggregate industry data to demonstrate how the reduction in number of Summer Work Travel participants impacts seasonal businesses in Maryland. The survey will take no more than 7 minutes to complete.

[Complete the survey](#)

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## **Advance Your Career or Upgrade Your Skills - Apply for Our Eunice Q. Sorin Workforce Scholarship by October 30**

If you live or work in Worcester County and want to advance your career or upgrade your skills, apply for the Eunice Q. Sorin Workforce Scholarship. The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Foundation developed the Eunice Q. Sorin Scholarship to enhance workforce and economic development in our region. This scholarship is also made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Young Professionals of Ocean City. **The deadline to apply is October 30, 2021.**

[Apply for the Eunice Q. Sorin Workforce Scholarship](#)

[Workforce Scholarship Flyer](#)

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## Register For a Free 6-Session Leadership Education and Skills Development Workshop

This workshop provides leadership education and skills development for individual participants in six workshop sessions (4 hours in length for a total of 24 hours). Workshop dates are Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 5 from 3-7pm at Mother's Cantina on 78th St in Ocean City.

Participants will be able to build personal relationships, develop leadership and change-management skills, learn how to intentionally monitor and evaluate their own leadership skills while also creating a transformational culture for the essential skills success. A meal will be provided, courtesy of Mother's Cantina.

### [Leadership Education & Skills Development Workshop Flyer](#)

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## Town of OC Requests Your Feedback

Please add your voice to the Ocean City conversation. The Town of OC Tourism & Business Development office is seeking your feedback on Ocean City and business in general. Now is your opportunity to share your thoughts, collaborate and help shape the future!

### [Complete the survey](#)

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