



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland  
Chamber of Commerce

# Things You Need to Know This Week

October 8, 2021

## Member Notice

**Advertising Space is Available for the 2022 *Experience Ocean City*; Deadline is TODAY, 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 TODAY, October 8.** [Email Nancy Schwendeman](#) or call 410-213-0144x106.

[Experience Ocean City Information Sheet](#)

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**Project Restore: Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development Accepting Grant Applications; Deadline is TODAY, October 8**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is administering \$25 million to provide financial support to Maryland's new or expanding businesses to help incentivize commercial investment in vacant retail and commercial properties.

Project Restore will provide two grant opportunities for businesses that plan on opening or expanding into previously vacant spaces: Property Assistance Grant and Business Operations Grant.

[Learn More About Project Restore](#)

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## Please Complete the 2021 J-1 Exchange Visitor Host Impact Survey by TODAY, 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 TODAY, 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.

[Take the survey](#)

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## Special Event Zone in Ocean City Through October 10



For the Endless Summer Cruisin' Car Event this weekend, all Ocean City & Worcester County roads will be designated as a Special Event Zone 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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## **FREE Workforce Development Money for Your Employees with the Eunice Q. Sorin Workforce Scholarship**

Reward your best and brightest employees by enhancing their skillset with the Eunice Q. Sorin Workforce Scholarship.

Action items for employers:

- [Download and display the flyer](#) with the QR code near the time clock and/or near the break room or email it to your employees.
- Remind your employees to submit the completed application to the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce by October 30, 2021.

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. Candidates must live or work in Worcester County. **The deadline to apply is October 30, 2021.**

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

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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 78<sup>th</sup> 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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## Ørsted to Build Maryland's First Emissions-Free Offshore Wind Operations & Maintenance Facility in West Ocean City



Ørsted, the global leader in offshore wind energy, announced it will build Maryland's first emissions-free offshore wind operations and maintenance facility in West Ocean City on Harbor Road. The nearly \$20 million facility will service Ørsted's Skipjack Wind program, create up to 110 temporary and permanent jobs in the community, and position the Ocean City area as a strategic hub for offshore wind jobs and economic activity.

[Ørsted Press Release](#)

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