



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

Member Notice

Update on Maryland RELIEF Act Assistance to Small Businesses: Income Tax, Unemployment Insurance and Grants

The RELIEF Act exempts from State income tax any COVID relief business grants or loans (including forgiven loans). It also allows businesses that collect sales tax to retain up to \$3,000/month in collected sales tax revenue for sales made during the months of March, April and May of 2021. Read more information on the [Maryland Comptroller's RELIEF Act website](#).

The RELIEF Act also ensures that COVID layoffs for 2020 do not affect an employer's unemployment insurance experience rating for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The new law also allows businesses that employ fewer than 50 individuals to elect to defer unemployment insurance taxes for the first 3 quarters of calendar year 2021. If an employer elects to do so, they can defer payment until the due date for the 4th quarter of 2021, which is January 31, 2022. See related Relief Act of 2021 information on the [Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance website](#).

The RELIEF Act also included \$22 million for grants of up to \$12,000 each to restaurants and eating places, bars/taverns and caterers that can demonstrate a need for assistance. Grants will be prioritized for businesses that have not received prior State/local grants. However, restaurants/bars/caterers that previously received State/local grants could qualify for additional grants if prioritized funds are not utilized. Applications are expected to be available in late March and will be processed through local jurisdictions. [Read more about the RELIEF Act Financial Assistance through State Programs](#).

SBA to Open Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program on April 8

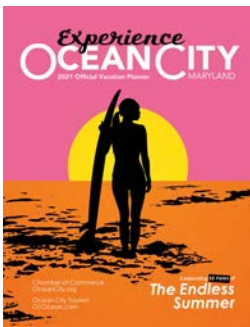
The U.S. Small Business Administration is opening the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program on April 8. [Sign up for alerts](#) There will also be a webinar on March 30 2:30-4pm in advance of the opening. [Please register in advance for this webinar](#)

OC Chamber Sends Advocacy Letter to Senator Cardin Urging Support of the Expedious Cancellation of Proclamation 10052

The Greater Ocean City MD Chamber of Commerce, and its 850 business members, urge Senator Cardin to write the President in support of the expeditious cancellation of Proclamation 10052, resuming timely processing of nonimmigrant visas, and opening up visa appointments in U.S. Embassies and Consulates for nonimmigrant visas as soon as possible.

[Read the Letter to Senator Cardin](#)

2021 Experience Ocean City



The 2021 Experience Ocean City Vacation Planner is here: print AND Digital! To schedule your FREE delivery, email [Nancy](#) or call 410- 213-0144, ext. 106.

[View the 2021 Experience Ocean City Digital Version](#)

Key Card Booklet – Deadline is April 5

Don't miss the April 5 Deadline to advertise in the 2021 Keycard Booklet & Reach 300,000+ Guests! Contact [Nancy](#) for information and pricing.

[View the Key Card Information Sheet](#)

Worcester County High School Open Air Job Fair April 14

Worcester County Public Schools, Greater OC Chamber of Commerce, OCHMRA and the Worcester County Department of Tourism & Economic Development have partnered to hold an **Open Air Job Fair for Worcester County High School Students** to fill seasonal positions in Ocean City and Worcester County. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 14th from 9:30am-1:30pm** at Stephen Decatur High School on the stadium track. (rain date is April 21st).

All Worcester County high school students will be permitted to attend this free event during school hours. Students from Snow Hill and Pocomoke will travel by WCPS bus transportation.

This event is **free for employers** to participate. Employers must sign up so we can assign spots following proper social distancing protocols. Employers may arrive at 9am to set up. Please try to bring your own table/chairs and applications.

[Employer Sign Up Genius](#)

[Worcester County High School Job Fair flyer](#)

Apply to Receive Federal Surplus Property

Maryland Department of General Services, Surplus Property Division wants to help your business receive Federal surplus property donations. The Federal Government under Title 40 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 549 [Title40 Sec549](#) allows States to obtain Federal Property and donate to:

1. Educational Institutions
2. Health Organizations
3. Service Activity Services (SEAs) - Boys and Girls Scout, American Red Cross
4. Non-profit Organizations
5. Museums
6. Small Business 8 (a) organizations - Socially and Economically challenged businesses)
7. State and Local governments - public agencies

Organizations must be registered with the Maryland State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP), to receive Federal property.

[More info on Federal Surplus Property](#)

[Federal Surplus Property Program Application](#)

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