

# Things You Need to Know This Week

June 17, 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

## 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, <u>contact Billy Apostolou, Young Professionals Chair.</u>

#### **Check Out Our Newly Launched OC Chamber Website!**



Organized, easy to navigate, lots of images. Members have their own homepage and it's easy to switch over to visitor homepage!

#### **Project Restore Accepting Next Round of Applications**



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.

### OC Strong & United\_Summer 2022 Toolkit



The Town of OC Communications Department has developed a great toolkit for this summer. As a vacation destination, we are not immune to less than desirable visitors, so, it's important to be prepared. Make sure you post plenty of positive stories throughout the summer.

Please contact the Chamber for additional information (410) 213-0144 | <a href="mailto:mychamber@oceancity.org">mychamber@oceancity.org</a> | <a href="mailto:www.oceancity.org">www.oceancity.org</a>