

Things You Need to Know This Week

December 1, 2023

Member Notice



As we usher out November and welcome in December, we want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for choosing to be a member of this organization.

November was fantastic:

The **Small Business Summit** was a smashing success, with members providing tips and best practices to help attendees grow their business and take steps to keep what they worked so hard to build. If you don't already follow us on Facebook, <u>check out the video we captured from the event.</u>

We kicked off our **Legislative Advocacy** with a Roundtable discussion to make sure we are focused on the most pressing topics when we advocate for you in Annapolis during the upcoming 2024 legislative session. I will often <u>post updates like this here on LinkedIn</u>.

As we look to wind down 2023 and gear up for 2024, we wanted to put a few things on your radar:



<u>Chamber Lights</u>: we have over 51 businesses and residents who signed up to be part of that competition this year. Take the Chamber Lights Challenge! Download the *Experience Ocean City* app, go to "Challenges" and choose Chamber Lights. Check in at 5 or more locations participating in our Chamber Lights decorating contest for a chance to win prizes!



Dreams & Determination: Governor Wes Moore has proclaimed 2024 as **Maryland's Year of Civil Rights** and we are delighted to begin the year by teaming up with our friends in Ocean City Tourism to host an inspirational breakfast on Friday January 12, 2024, to kick off MLK weekend.

Our speaker, Col Greg Gadson, is a retired colonel in the United States Army who served for 20+ years. He is also a bilateral above-the-knee amputee. He is an actor and a motivational speaker, and we cannot wait to hear his inspirational message on the topic "Overcoming Adversity: Prevailing Through Challenges."



Our final <u>Alive After 5</u> Networking event for 2023 will be on Friday December 8th at Schooners Restaurant in the Princess Royale Oceanfront from 5-8pm. Please bring one new, unwrapped children's toy for our Toys for Tots Drive and be eligible to win a special prize basket! We will also celebrate the recipient of The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship!

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