



Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Mission: To promote business, tourism and civic responsibility.



Chamber Board Opposes Additional Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach Municipal Lodging Tax

The following correspondence was provided stating the Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce opposition points regarding additional municipal lodging tax for Hotel and Motels for both the Town of Dewey Beach and the City of Rehoboth Beach.

The Chamber is in opposition to any additional municipal accommodation tax for a number of reasons including the following:

- Current contributions hotels and motels contribute directly to both the City's well-being and general fund in addition to the 8% lodging tax that has been collected for decades by all the hotels and motels in Sussex County for the State.
 - Through City license fees, hotels pay a base rate plus a per room fee which contributes a higher rate to the City compared to other businesses in Rehoboth Beach.
 - Per requirements by the Fire Marshal, Board of Health, OSHA and Workplace Safety, etc., hotels and motels employ staff and security to monitor and serve guests. The efforts made by hotels and motels to maintain a safe and friendly environment for visitors reduces the need for police and other City services.
 - The 8% lodging tax is returned to the State and provides funding for beach replenishment, the State's General Fund, State Tourism, Southern Delaware Tourism, and tourism advertising/ marketing and fulfillment for both Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach. No part of the 8% is allocated to be retained by the hotels or motels; they are a collection partner only.
- Unfair disadvantage the hotels and motels within the municipality will be at a disadvantage versus those beyond the municipality (i.e. Route One) as well as short-term rentals within City limits.
 - Short-term rentals can charge a lower rate to the customer, have less enforcement and less regulation, and require more City services.
- Detrimental timing the timing of any increased accommodation tax is critical since collaboratively our hotel and motels have thousands of guest reservations on the books for the summer and fall of this year. Postponing the implementation of any tax is of critical importance.
 - Any new tax or fee needs to be properly explained to guests prior to making a reservation so that the guest can decide if they can afford their stay. Calling a guest to tell them their vacation will be more expensive is unfair to business operators as well the guests.

The Chamber also stated the following: the City of Rehoboth's proposal to increase the water consumption at 30% and water sewer at 60% is of critical concern to the entire business community. Without prior knowledge that these could be implemented beginning on April 1, 2019, there was no opportunity for businesses to budget or plan for the increases. Many leases clearly state that any governmental fee or increase is passed on from the landlord to the lessee, which means the business operator will have to cover the cost of these increases.

Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach

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2019 Upcoming Calendar

DATE MEETING or EVENT	TIME/PLACE
Mar 15City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	3:00 pm/Commissioners Room
Mar 21Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Mar 21Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:00 am/Jake's Seafood
Mar 23Merchants' Attic	Begins at 10:30AM/Cape HS
Mar 29General Membership Mtg See page 3 for details!	Noon/Cultured Pearl
Apr 13Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Life Saving Station
Apr 18Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Apr 18Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:00 am/Jake's Seafood
Apr 19City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	3:00 pm/Commissioners Room

For Resort Area Events, visit www.Beach-Fun.com

2019 Business After Hours

Members are invited to attend monthly Business After Hours! These popular mixers are a great opportunity to meet and network with your fellow Members.

A \$1.00 donation is collected at the door which creates the funds for the 50/50 raffle. Business card drawings are also held and door prizes are given out to the lucky winners!



Thursday, April 11 · CUVÉE Ray Wine Bar Thursday, May 16 · DiFebo's, Rehoboth Beach Thursday, June 6 · Crooked Hammock Brewery Thursday, September 19 · Azzurro Italian Oven + Bar Thursday, October 10 · Hyatt Place/Lighthouse Cove Event Center Thursday, November 14 · The Pines Rehoboth Beach Thursday, December 19 · Chamber Holiday Party at Jake's Seafood

General Membership Meeting



Join us Friday, March 29, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the Cultured Pearl Restaurant for a General Membership Meeting.

Guest speakers will be: John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer of DART and Julie Theyerl, Chief Customer Experience Officer for DART, giving an Employee & Employer "Parking & DART to the Beach Update" plus "1 minute of fame" speakers: Jonathan Parker from Jonathan L. Parker & Associates, LLC and Maryanne Kauffman, Director of International Student Outreach Program (ISOP).

Lunch will be buffet style, \$22 per person. Menu includes assorted sushi rolls, House salad with ginger dressing, Edamame, Korean barbecue with Kim Chee and fried rice, Tempura vegetables, Green curry chicken, Jasmine rice, and Dessert. To RSVP, please contact Lisa at 302-227-6446 ext. 14 or lisa@beach-fun.com.

Shredding Day



The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center in partnership with WSFS will host the 10th Annual Shredding Day!





Friday, May 3, 2019 • 10AM-2PM (Rain Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 • 10AM-2PM) WSFS • 19335 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach (Lighthouse Plaza Shopping Center by Giant)

No Charge; Donations are appreciated! Call the Chamber for more info! 302-227-6446







BRAG BOARD

Thanks for the Postcard

Dear Sophia,

Thank you for the postcard from Delaware. I would like to visit Delaware some day. My class won a pizza party from the postcard challenge. I was third place in my class for getting the most post cards.



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Congrats to Local Chef

According to its website, StarChefs Rising Stars Awards celebrate up-and-coming chefs and culinary professionals, who represent the vanguard of the contemporary American dining scene.



With that in mind, a(Muse.) owner and chef Hari Cameron was recently named a 2018 D.C.-Chesapeake Rising Star by the culinary publication that prints quarterly. He was one of 18 culinary professionals from the region recognized, and the only one in Delaware. (Photo & article from CapeGazette.com).

City of Rehoboth Welcomes New Dispatchers

The Rehoboth Beach Police Department recently welcomed two new dispatchers. Rehoboth dispatch answers local 911 calls and sends the necessary emergency service assets – ambulance, police, and fire department. They also communicate



Micheline & Kaitlyn

with the county dispatch center where multiple agencies are working together. The new dispatchers are Kaitlyn Carpinone and Micheline Senzamici. "Dispatchers must have the ability to handle more than one task at a time and operate efficiently in critical and stressful situations. They must be able to communicate with callers, police, fire and ambulance crews, and other dispatchers in a team atmosphere in both emergency and non-emergency situations," said Chief Keith Banks. "I'm excited to welcome Kaitlyn and Micheline. They are great assets to the City of Rehoboth Beach and our department."

TKo Hospitality Recognizes Knockout Award Winners

TKo Hospitality Management hosted its annual Knockout Award recognition ceremony Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Dewey Beach. TKo partners E. Thomas Harvey III, Kostas Kalogeropolous and Vince DiFonzo recognized managers and associates who actively embraced the company culture of C.A.R.E: Community service, Accountable to partners, Respect for each other and Excellence in all we do.

The TKo Knockout Award is a way to recognize associates who go above and beyond in fulfilling company culture with guests, owners, fellow associates and the communities they serve. Among those recognized with Knockout Awards were Michael Schlegel, Hotel Manager at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, Annie Benjamin, Housekeeping attendant at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, Phyllis Smith Tiller, Guest Service Agent at the SpringHill Suites Newark, Maria Rodriguez, Executive Housekeeper at the SpringHill Suites Newark, Corinne Harrington, Front Office Manager at the Surf Club Oceanfront Hotel, Patty Jackson, Asst. General Manager at the Hotel Monte Carlo Ocean City and Philippe Lespangol with TKo Hospitality. Also recognized at the celebration were Jeffrey Straub and Kathy Quimby who recently were recognized as "Front of the House" Associates of the year for the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association. Both Jeffery and Kathy are associates at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.

For more information, visit www.TKoHospitalityMgt.com.



TKo Knockout Award Winners shown are (top row I-r) Patty Jackson, Kathy Quimby, Corinne Harrington, Michael Schlegel. (bottom row I-r) Philippe Lespangol, Jeffrey Straub, Annie Benjamin, Maria Rodriguez, Phyllis Smith Tiller

MEMBER UPDATE

Longtime Member - KINfolk - Says Goodbye!

Since 1999, **KINfolk** has provided, for free, laptop computers and internet access to children who are hospitalized or homebound with illnesses or injuries. Young patients have been connected to family, friends, even schoolwork, thanks to the service. Students have been able to graduate with their classmates even though they could not attend class. Friends could encourage and cheer up patients without exposing them to potentially harmful germs. And families could share news, good and bad, without having to repeatedly tell the story.

Children across the United States, but particularly here in Delaware, benefitted from KINFolk. At AI DuPont Hospital for Children (AI), KINfolk's flagship hospital, dedicated volunteers delivered a computer to the patient's room, helped them set it up and navigate the internet (with proper safeguards, of course!). At KINfolk's inception, most young clients did not have an internet address, and KINfolk provided that. KINfolk also provided and maintained computers in the waiting rooms at AI, helping ease the anxiety and boredom attendant to waiting to see a medical professional. Over the years, conservative estimates are that KINfolk helped more than 65,000 children and their families.

Times have changed. Today, you can hold more technology in your hand than KINfolk's original computers offered. No longer is "dial up" used and wireless access is nearly universal. The cost and availability of technology has also changed.

When I founded KINfolk, I thought technology would pass us by in about 10 years. It has taken 19, but it has happened. So, with mixed emotions, KINfolk is closing its laptop screen. It is hard to feel regret, having done so much good, and we all leave with fondness for the mission and love for those we served.

But, in leaving, I want to express gratitude on behalf of all the KINfolk KIDs, to our long term and steadfast supporters - AI, AstraZeneca, Verizon, Wilmington Trust, and Grotto Pizza; to the members of the Board of Directors over the years; to the Executive Directors who served; to the incredible, dedicated volunteers whose commitment continues to move me; and to you, who attended our events, donated to our auctions, donated money, requested donations in lieu of gifts at your weddings and birthdays and spread the word to family and friends who needed our services. And, of course, thanks to the brave young patients and their families, whose courage inspired us.

While you should probably never single out individuals when doing this, special acknowledgements to Kathy McNamara, Board member, and founder of our Sussex County Wine Tasting and Art Auction, and Don Hobson, Board member, team leader of the volunteer band, and so much more. They were integral to KINfolk's success.

When I named KINfolk, I envisioned an organization of people ("folk") helping Kids In Need. I also wanted to convey a sense of family, ("kin"). As KINfolk closes, I want you all to know that you will always be part of the wonderful, welcoming and warm family that was KINfolk.

KIN folk

Thank you, Jane Brady (Founder)

Reach Resort Area weekly renters through Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend!!

For just 10 cents per single product piece, Chamber members can have their product placed in up to 11,000 Realtor Bags. The bags are delivered once a week from May through August to the majority of the local realtors. Product placement can be purchased either for the entire season or in four to five week consecutive periods (first-fourth quarters).

Contact Sophia for more information! 302-227-2233 x15 or sophia@beach-fun.com





WELCOME New Members!

The following businesses have been approved or are pending approval for Chamber Membership. Please keep these businesses, as well as other Chamber Members, in mind when purchasing goods or services.

Breakfast Guru Restaurant & Bar

Dennis Kangayl 19 Wilmington Avenue Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 www.breakfast-guru.com Restaurant/Eatery

Delaware Prosperity Partnership

Christina McGinty 1201 N. Orange Street, 1st Floor Wilmington, Delaware 19801 302-477-7497 www.deprosperitypartnership.com Service - Non-Profit

Fells Point Surf Co

Alison Schuch 23 Bellevue Street Dewey Beach, Delaware 19971 302-212-2005 www.fellspointsurf.com Retail - Apparel & Accessories

GCFL Productions

Natalee DeHart 6 Baker Street Berlin, Maryland 21811 443-844-5178 www.gcflproductions.com Service - Business Services

Jetset Travel American Express Travel Representative

Angela Armutcu 19470 Coastal Highway Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-678-5050 www.jetsettravel.biz Service - Travel

T.E.A.M. Productions LLC

Robert A. Rothermel, Jr. 3 Dorchester Street Ocean City, Maryland 21842 410-289-8230 www.team-productions.com Service - Advertising/Marketing



Thank You <u>Monthly</u> Renewing Members

The Chamber wishes to thank the following Members who recently renewed their membership investment. The list below represents Members who renewed during the period of February 7 - March 13, 2019. Thank you for your continued support!

All States Construction Company · Anchorage Motel · Applied Bank · Artisans' Bank · Atlantic Oceanside Resort Atlantis Inn · Bad Hair Day? · Baird Mandalas Brockstedt LLC · Bay Coast Realty · Bayside Homes Delaware Beach Retreat LLC · Bethany Blues · Big Fish Grill & Seafood Market · Bling Salon & Spa · Blue Hen Disposal Bluecoast Seafood Grill & Raw Bar Rehoboth · Carolyn Watson Photography · CertaPro Painters Clendaniels Plumbing, Heating & Cooling · Community Bank Delaware · Debbie Reed Team of Re/Max Realty Group Delaware Association of Realtors · Delmarva Board Sports & Discovery Tours · Diehl Foraker CPA's LLC · Egg Envirotech Environmental Consulting, Inc. · Epworth United Methodist Church · The Evergreene Companies Ferris Home Improvement · Fino, Inc. · Gold Leaf Hotel of Dewey-Rehoboth Beach · Hyett Refrigeration, Inc. Intellicor · Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant · Jungle Jim's · Junior Achievement of Delaware · Kings Creek Country Club Law Office of Susan Pittard Weidman, PA · Leisure Point · The Local Buzz @ Joe Maggio Realty M.L. Lichtenberg & Associates LLC · Mark Showell Interiors · Marshall, Wagner & Associates, P.A. · McDonald's Meals on Wheels of Lewes & Rehoboth, Inc. · Megalodon Shark Teeth · Midway Speedway · The Olive Orchard One Day At A Time Gifts, LLC · Pet Wants Rehoboth Beach · Piccard Homes · RB Convenience Read Aloud Delaware · Rehoboth Ale House · Rehoboth Beach Animal Hospital · Rehoboth Beach Running Company Rehoboth Toy & Kite Co. · The Ruff Life by Sara England Designs · Ryan Homes · Schagrin Gas Co. · ShoreEasy.com The Sleep Emporium · South Moon Under · Statera Homes · Tiffany Caldwell Photography · VeaRehoboth Ward & Taylor LLC · Weis Markets

Beach Goes Red, White & Blue



The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, USO Delaware and Delaware's First Responders

invite you to join us as we salute Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, Lifeguards, our Military and ALL those who serve!

★ ★ Saturday, June 8, 2019 · Begins at 11AM ★ ★ Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach · Some Activities Weather Dependent

USO Show Troupe Evening Performance on Friday, June 7th at the Starboard Restaurant in Dewey Beach

Join us Saturday, June 8th at the Rehoboth Bandstand for Free Musical Entertainment and the following: Demonstrations & Displays by USO Delaware and Local, County & State First Responders Retro & Historical Displays by Ft. Miles & Others · Family Fun Activities & Balloon Twisting



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2019 Event Sponsors To Date

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to have our Members as sponsors!

We greatly appreciate your support of the Sea Witch[®] Festival, Beach Goes Red, White & Blue, Spring & Fall Sidewalk Sales, Dewey Beach Movies and Bonfires, and the Sandcastle Contest.

Information was mailed in February! Sponsors to date include . . .

WRDE NBC Coast TV \cdot Seaboard Hotels \cdot The Bellmoor \cdot County Bank

Fairfield Inn & Suites \cdot Clear Space Theatre Company \cdot Mudslingers of Rehoboth Beach

The Ice Cream Store · Mug & Spoon · Geico Local Office Delaware

Hyatt Place Dewey Beach · Peninsula Pave & Seal · Rehoboth Bay Realty, Co.

See Next page for sponsorship opportunities! Plus, turn to pages 20 & 21 for additional sponsorship info!

DEWEY BEACH MOVIES & BONFIRES

Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce

FREE MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Bring your family & beach chair for a family friendly movie shown on a giant screen on Dewey Beach at Dagsworthy Avenue. Movies begin at 8:30 PM (dusk) and are shown on Mondays.



FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BONFIRES

Bring your family & beach chair to a bonfire & marshmallow roasting on Dewey Beach at Dagsworthy Avenue. Bonfires are held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesdays. The 2019 Schedule is June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14, 21.

Movies and Bonfires are donation based activities; contributions sustain these activities and are appreciated! Activities are subject to weather cancellations: lightning or unsafe conditions. Updates will be posted on the Chamber's Facebook Page.



2019 Bundle Sponsorships

Your business can be a part of all the Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center events. Pick your sponsorship below!



Beach Goes Red,

White & Blue!

June 8



Dewey Beach Movies & Bonfires Summer 2019



Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest September 7



Spring & Fall Sidewalk Sales May 17-19 · Oct. 4-6



Sea Witch **Festival**[®] October 25-27

Official Sponsor of Any One Major Event* • \$10,000

Includes everything listed in the Perfect Wave Sponsorship, PLUS marketing and promotion as Official Sponsor of that event! WRDE NBC Coast TV has returned as the Official Sponsor of the Sea Witch Festival®! *Only one Official Sponsor per event.

• Full Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$750

• (3) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag Ons...\$150

• (3) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$300

Full Page Color Ad in Visitor's Guide...\$1,650

(2) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag Ons...\$200

Perfect Wave Sponsor • \$8,000 (Actual Value \$10,277) • (1) Sea Witch® Festival Activity Sponsor...\$300 • (3) Chamber Member Blasts...\$297

- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000
- Banner Production & Placement at Designated
- Events...\$600 • Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts/Product...\$550
- Balloon for Sea Witch® Parade...\$600

• Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000

• Banner Production & Placement at Designated

• Prominent Logo on Event T-Shirts/Product...\$550

- (2) Event Trophy Sponsorships...\$500
- **Tidal Wave Sponsor \$6,000** (Actual Value \$7,553)

1/2 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch[®] Program...\$450 (2) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag Ons...\$100 (1) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag Ons...\$100 General Press Release for Each Event...\$750 Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100

- (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200
- 1/2 Page Color Ad in Visitor's Guide...\$1,250

Barrel Wave Sponsor • **\$4,000** (Actual Value \$5,153)

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- General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
- Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
- Logo/Listing on Event TV Commercial...\$2,000
- Banner Production & Placement at Designated
- Events...\$600

Events...\$600

Logo on Event T-Shirts/Product...\$225

• (1) Event Trophy Sponsorship...\$250

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- (1) Beach Goes Blue TV Commercial Tag On...\$100

- 1/4 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch[®] Program...\$350
 1/2 Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$125
- Swell Wave Sponsor
 - General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
 - Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
 - Banner Production & Placement at Designated Events...\$600
 - Logo on Event T-Shirts/Product...\$225
- 1/4 Page Color Ad in Sea Witch® Program...\$350 (1) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag On...\$50
 (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200
- (2) 1/4 Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$200 • (2) Chamber Member Blast...\$198
- (1) Product Placement at a Business After Hours or a General Membership Meeting...\$100
- (2) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$50
- **\$950** (Actual Value \$1,800) Rip Wave Sponsor
 - General Press Release for Each Event...\$750
 - Press Release w/ Check Presentation Photo...\$100
 - Logo on Event T-Shirts/Product...\$225
- Banner Production & Placement at Designated Events \$600
- (1) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slide...\$100 • (1) Sea Witch® T-shirt...\$25

Contact **Emily** at 302-227-6446!

- Full Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$175
- (1) Website Banner for 1 Year...\$350
- Full Page "Focus On" Newsletter Ad...\$175 • (2) Website Banners for 1 Year...\$700

• (2) Chamber Member Blasts...\$198 • (2) Product Placement at Business After Hours or General Membership Meetings...\$200

• (2) Chamber Beach Blasts...\$300

• (4) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$100

• (2) Product Placement at Business After Hours

(1) Ticket to a Awards Recognition Event...\$55

or General Membership Meetings...\$200

- (1) Chamber Beach Blast...\$150
- (3) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$75
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- (2) Chamber Member Blasts...\$198
- (1) Product Placement at a Business After Hours
- or a General Membership Meeting...\$100 (2) Sea Witch® T-shirts...\$50
- (1) Ticket to a Awards Recognition Event...\$55

- (1) Beach Goes Blue Radio Spot Tag On...\$50
- (2) Dewey Beach Movie Preview Slides...\$200

\$2,000 (Actual Value \$2,823)

REPORTS and **STATISTICS**



Accommodation Occupancy Chart | 2018 vs. 2019

Weekend	Room Count	Weather	Event	Wednesday	Room Count
January 5-7, 2018	1,356	10's Snowy	No Event	January 3, 2018	1,003
January 4-6, 2019	1,254	50's Rain	No Event	January 2, 2019	901
January 12-14, 2018	1,781	30's Cloudy	No Event	January 10, 2018	1,044
January 11-13, 2019	1,204	30's Cloudy	No Event	January 9, 2019	958
January 19-21, 2018	1,671	40's Sunny	No Event	January 17, 2018	1,095
January 18-20, 2019	1,396	40's Cloudy	No Event	January 16, 2019	960
January 26-28, 2018	1,786	40's Sunny	No Event	January 24, 2018	1,034
January 25-27, 2019	1,302	40's Sunny	No Event	January 23, 2019	994
February 2-4, 2018	2,051	40's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	January 31, 2018	1,001
February 1-3, 2019	1,738	40's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	January 30, 2019	954
February 9-11, 2018	1,738	50's Cloudy	No Event	February 7, 2018	1,061
February 8-10, 2019	1,537	30's Cloudy	No Event	February 6, 2019	993
February 16-18, 2018	2,399	50's Sunny	Holiday/Merchants' Attic	February 14, 2018	1,183
February 15-17, 2019	2,167	50's Rainy	No Event	February 13, 2019	1,002
February 23-25, 2018	2,030	40's Cloudy	None	February 21, 2018	1,074
February 22-24, 2019	1,672	40's Rain	None	February 20, 2019	1,025
March 2-4, 2018	2,049	40's Sunny	None	February 28, 2018	1,173
March 1-3, 2019	1,837	40's Rainy	Gumbo Crawl	February 27, 2019	1,086
March 9-11, 2018	1,998	50's Sunny	None	March 7, 2018	1,095
March 8-10, 2019	1,672	40's Rainy	None	March 6, 2019	1,025

Year to Date Occupancy TOTAL Comparison

WEEKEND

January - March 11, 2018 · 18,859 January - March 10, 2019 · 15,779

WEDNESDAY January - March 7, 2018 · 10,763 January - March 6, 2019 · 9,898

Calls to accommodations are made each Wednesday for upcoming weekend availability and prior weekends occupancy count. Info based on 3,886 Room Referral Count (includes Hotels/Motels, Inns, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfasts, etc.) and indicates the highest occupancy between Friday/Saturday/Sunday. You will never follow your own inner voice until you clear up the doubts in your mind.

Roy T. Bennett

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REPORTS and STATISTICS

Website Results for www.Beach-Fun.com | 2018 vs. 2019

Month	Page	views	Users	Visits	Absolute Visit		Bounce	e Rate *	Avg. Time	on Site *
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
January	21,740	22,354	6,892	7,390	6,347	6,733	53.38%	57.30%	1:47	1:55
February	33,479	22,442	10,437	9,253	9,665	8,427	49.54%	61.00%	1:56	1:41
YTD Totals	55,219	44,796	17,329	16,643	16,012	15,160	51.46%	59.15%	1:51	1:48

* YTD Total Average

Top Pages Viewed - February 2019

Page on Site Page Views

Order a Visitors Guide...... 2,897 1 2 Thank You Page (Visitors Guide)...... 1,097 3 Merchants' Attic 809 4 5 6 7 8 9

Top 10 States to Visit Website - February 2019

State Visits 1 2 Pennsylvania 1,992 3 Maryland 987 4 5 Virginia 506 6 7 8 9

Delaware Labor Force Trends

(January 2019); Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January 2019 was 3.5%, down from 3.6% in December 2018. There were 16,900 unemployed Delawareans in January 2019 compared to 19,800 in January 2018. The US unemployment rate was 4.0% in January 2019, up from 3.9% in December 2018. In January 2018 the US unemployment rate was 4.1%, while Delaware's rate was also 4.1%.

Source: Delaware Department of Labor - Monthly Labor Review; published March 8, 2019. https://lmi.delawareworks.com

Visitor Center Visitation

20192018 2017..... 2016 2015FEB103 157 401 358 307

Feel free to drop off business cards, brochures, coupons and menus to the

Chamber's Visitors Center located at **501 Rehoboth Avenue**. For more details, call Mariella at 302-227-6446!





JOIN THE CONVERSATION



THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

Fraizer's Restaurant • 9 E. Loockerman St. • Dover, DE 19901

All Delaware chambers of commerce are coming together for this half day, immersive experience in Delaware's capital. You will learn about current issues that could impact your business and interact with the legislators who can pass or vote down this bills.



- Meet us at Fraizer's for a focused workshop on the most important issues this legislative session. Learn why you need to be involved.
- We are bringing the House Small Business Caucus meeting to us. Participate in an open forum and discuss all things small business. A lunch buffet will be provided.
- Put your advocacy skills to work. Meet your organization's legislator one-on-one.
- Tour the historic Legislative Hall.
- Attend session and watch your legislators in action.

Admission is \$25 REGISTER online today at www.DSCC.com

Reach your fellow Members by advertising in the Focus On Newsletter!

Four printed issues with a minimum of 24 pages. A total of 4,400 copies are printed for each issue and are mailed to the Membership, elected officials,



and inserted into the Cape Gazette newspaper. There will be three electronic newsletters emailed to 1,100+ Members & contacts. All ads are full color and include ad design.

Ad Size.....Ad Dimensions

Business Card Ad	\$50.00	3.6″ wide x 2.15″ high
Front Page Footer	\$100.00	7.4″ wide x 1.5″ high
Quarter Page Ad	\$100.00	3.6″ wide x 4.3125″ high
Half Page Ad	\$125.00	7.4" wide x 4.3125" high
Full Page Ad	\$175.00	7.4" wide x 9.125" high

Contact Sophia to reserve your spot! 302-227-6446 x15 or sophia@beach-fun.com



Beginning Monday, May 20, 2019, DART offers Employee Discounted Parking Program.

Employees can park at the Rehoboth Park & Ride on Shuttle Road at a discounted rate of \$4 (regular price is \$10) and they'll receive a daily pass to ride DART's frequent, daily Beach Bus services. The discounted rate applies only during the staff's scheduled work hours and the hangtag must be displayed on their rear view mirror. Hangtags are available for pick up by employers only beginning May 20, at the Rehoboth Park & Ride office Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. Please bring a business card or some other type of identification. For information, visit DartFirstState.com or call 302-226-2001.

Additional \$2 Subsidy Provided by City of Rehoboth: If you are located and licensed in the City of Rehoboth Beach, your employees can park for just \$2 per day and they'll receive a daily bus pass. Call the Rehoboth Beach City Manager's office at 302-227-4641 for more information.

The Lewes Park & Ride continues to offer free parking with frequent, daily Beach Bus service.

DART will once again offer parking for tour & bus operators at the Rehoboth Beach Park & Ride! After dropping off passengers, motorcoaches can park at the Rehoboth Park & Ride for \$20/day, and the Driver will receive a DART Daily Bus Pass to "DART" to the Beach, Shops, Boardwalk...and More! After September 8, 2019, parking is free. To reserve your space, call 302-226-2001.

2019 REGIONAL ADVERTISING PLACEMENT

(as currently approved)

Publication Run Date

AAA World Magazine	-
Better Homes & Gardens	,
Calkins Media	
Comcast/Xfinity.com Web	2019
Country Living	May
Facebook/Social Media	
Family Circle	May
Good Housekeeping	May
Guest Quest	-
I-95 Presence/Welcome Center	2019
Interfuse, Online	Spring
Pocket Ranger App	
Recreation News	
Southern Living	April & September
WBOC	
WBOC Digital	
WMDT	
Woman's Day	
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Sample Ad

2019 Regional Advertising Budget - \$100,000. 2019 Local Advertising Budget - \$11,000. Sample local advertising includes: Discovery Map, Jolly Trolley, etc. Additional advertising is taken as sponsorship becomes available.



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GCFL utilizes content strategy, social media strategies, video production, and digital marketing to help businesses create consistent and successful branding messages. By helping businesses tell their story, they are able to showcase their unique perspectives, personal profiles, and impassioned



involvement in the local community. Their approach is personal, detailed, and unique. The team doesn't believe in cookie cutter branding or stale marketing; rather, they strive to discover the underlying magic of your business, and let it shine through video creation, content marketing, and digital promotion. Every business has a story to tell, let GCFL help you tell your story. More info at www.gcflproductions.com or 443-844-5178. \Rightarrow

Highway One - Ten Sisters Road Race Series

For the 17th year, the Highway One Companies and Races2Run want to quote NASCAR with a familiar-kindof mandate: "RUNNERS START YOUR ENGINES," for a healthy summer of great fun, staying in



shape, and remarkable camaraderie with visiting runners from around the country and with our local athletes who just love to run. Ten walk/runs are held from May 27th until September 7th at well-known establishments in Dewey Beach.

Beginning in 2002 the "Sisters" events have taken place each year in Dewey Beach thanks to the sponsorship of the Highway One Companies. As the Companies expanded, the races expanded from 7 Sisters to 10. There were also a couple of "brothers" races for a few years. Proceeds from the races go to local charities. Races begin on Memorial Day weekend and end with the coveted Gary P. Lister Bottle and Cork 10 mile/5 K runs (now in its 43rd year) on the first Saturday after Labor Day.

Visit www.races2run.com/dewey-beach-series for details on each of the Ten Sisters events and to register early and get a discount.



Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls

Located on the ocean block of Rehoboth Avenue, Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls kicked off its third season with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on March 7th (see picture below). To celebrate its re-opening, Mason's is offering all guests \$1 off of any of their famous lobster rolls for the month of March only.



This year, Mason's will be introducing its Bar Harbor roll, where guests can get the meat equivalent of a 1 ¼ lb. lobster, including a lobster tail, on any of their favorite lobster rolls (i.e. Classic, Connecticut, Lobster Salad or Lobster BLT). The Bar Harbor roll is 50% larger than its standard lobster roll and only costs \$5 more.

Mason's is located at 67B Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For more information visit their website, www.masonslobster.com or call 302-727-0411.



Signature Property Management

Signature Property Management provides management and maintenance services for residential condominium communities and



their homeowner associations, or HOAs. Founded in 2014, it is locally-owned and operated in Sussex County, DE, with real estate, finance and accounting, community management and maintenance professionals on staff and a focus on partnerships to protect and enhance the value of the managed communities, complete transparency and accountability using state-of-the-art industry specific technology.

For more information, please visit them at their new location at 20375 John J. Williams Highway (Route 24) in Lewes. The company can also be reached at 302-260-9595 or www.spmde.com.









Beach Life

WELLNESS GUIDE

A look at how coastal Delaware residents are embracing healthy living

Look for Delaware Beach Life's Wellness Guide in the June issue, featuring content on a variety of health and fitness topics, a directory of wellness providers and more!

For advertising opportunities call 302-227-9499 or email info@delawarebeachlife.com

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2019-2020 Chamber Coupon Book

The Chamber created and distributed 50,000 Coupon Books and is printing the same for 2019! 50,000 Coupon Books will be printed & distributed locally by the Chamber during the last week of May to the Boardwalk Kiosk, Visitors Center, Realtors, and Accommodations. The books are also included in 11,000 Summer Realtor Bags and placed in some Resort Area bins. The duration of the Coupon Book is May to May.

Cost per coupon is **\$125** and includes free coupon design! The deadline for payment and coupon is April 12, 2019.

Coupon Dimensions - 3.5" wide x 1.375" tall; Full Color; Min. of 300 dpi. Email to Meghan as a pdf file to meghan@beach-fun.com.

For More Information, Contact Sophia! 302-227-6446 • sophia@beach-fun.com

Don't Miss Out...Complete the form below!

Please check:

- □ I will email a camera-ready coupon by April 12th (specs listed above)
- □ I would like the Chamber to create my coupon (info required to create coupon below; also email high resolution logo and/or picture to meghan@beach-fun.com)

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Business Contact Name_____

Business Contact Email

Information below to be shown in print:

Business Name

Business Phone Number

Business Address

Business Website

Coupon Offer (i.e. 10% off any one single item)

Coupon Disclaimer & Expiration Date (i.e. Must present coupon at time of purchase. Valid till 5/31/2020)





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2019-20 Sample Page

Please check which added value advertising service you want to participate in:

2019 Realtor Bag Season

2020 Visitors Guide

Note: Realtor Bag product is due by April 17, 2019 (11,000 pieces). If product is not received for the 2019 Realtor Bag season, a half page ad will automatically be placed in the 2020 Visitors Guide.

Don't forget to have your coupon in the 2019-20 Coupon Book...\$125!

Check if you want to do a coupon! Deadline for payment & coupon is April 12, 2019.



Contact Sophia at 302-227-6446!



2019 Individual Event Sponsorships

Your business can be a part of any of the **Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber** of **Commerce & Visitors Center** events. Mark your selection(s) from the options below.



4th Annual Beach Goes Red, White & Blue June 8, 2019

Join us as we salute Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, our Military and ALL those who serve! Activities will take place in Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach. Enjoy free musical entertainment on the Rehoboth Bandstand as well as demonstrations and displays from Local, County and State Police, First Responders, USO Delaware and Fort Miles.



40th Annual Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest September 7, 2019

Teams and individuals of all ages will express their artistic flare in the sand on Rehoboth Beach. The contest will be held on the beach off of Delaware Avenue in front of Funland. Spectators are invited to vote for their favorite creations and join in on the fun with kids craft activities and a community sandcastle.

Logo on Event T-Shirt	\$100
Trophy Sponsorship	\$100
Children's Activities	\$500

Children's Activities \$500



Santa's House & Light Display on the Boardwalk

November & December Weekends

Hundreds of children will line up at Santa's House on the Rehoboth Boardwalk to tell him their wish list. Santa's House will be open during the Rehoboth Beach Tree Lighting and weekends in December. Don't miss the light displays along the boardwalk too!

 Santa Sponsor for the Week \$200 (inclusion on press release, website, Newsletter & Facebook, plus promotional picture)



Free Movies and Bonfires in Dewey Beach June 24 - August 21, 2019

Become a movie slide sponsors and reach the 3,000+ visitors attending the free Dewey Beach Movies on the Beach and Bonfires on the Beach. Movie slides run on a loop for 30 – 45 minutes prior to all 9 scheduled movies.

- "Featured" Movies & Bonfires Sponsor\$500 (Includes 2 movie slides; approved handout opportunity during events; inclusion on 2 press releases)
- "Blockbuster" Movies & Bonfires Sponsor\$1,500 (Includes 4 movie slides; approved handout opportunity during events; inclusion on 4 press releases)



Chamber Recognition Luncheon · November 20, 2019

Installation & Distinguished Awards Banquet · December 2019

The Chamber will hold two events: a Recognition Luncheon on November 20th honoring our 20-Year Members, Sponsors and Scholarship Recipients as well as the Annual Installation and Distinguished Awards Banquet in December recognizing the recipients of the Business of the Year, Mae Hall McCabe and Volunteer of the Year Awards and Installation of the Chamber Board. Join us for these sell-out events!

Contact **Emily** at 302-227-6446!

30th Anniversary of the Sea Witch® Festival · October 25-27, 2019

The Sea Witch® Festival is a multi-award winning festival that continues to draw crowds of 195,000+ over the 3 day weekend. Festival goers can participate in the costume parade, dog parade, trick or treating, haunted bonfire, 5K, live entertainment, beach games and more!

Your business can be a part of the Sea Witch[®] fun! Mark your selection(s) from the options below!

Costume Parade - Saturday

- Parade Trophy Sponsorship \$150

Dog Costume Contest & Parade - Sunday

- Co-Sponsor of Dog Parade......\$500
- OFFICIAL Dog Parade Sponsor \$1,000

Official Bandstand Sponsor

Bandstand Sponsor (banner & amenities)..... \$5,000 *only one Bandstand Sponsor permitted

Festival Gear Sponsorship

- Festival Event T-Shirt (min. of 1,000 printed)
 - Logo on t-shirt \$125
 - Logo on (1) sleeve of t-shirt...... \$2,000

Official Sea Witch® Vittle

*only one vittle per category

Website - Beach-Fun.com - Advertising

□ Web Banner on Sea Witch[®] Page \$350









Fun Activities & Beach Games Sponsorship

Hula Twist Off \$300

Peanut on the Nose Race \$300

Monster Stomp\$300

Noggin Joggin\$300 Choo Choo Express\$300

Tyke Bike on the Boards.....\$300

1/8 page (3.625" w x 2.28125" t)...... \$300

1/4 page (3.625" w x 4.8125" t) \$350

1/2 page (7.5" wide x 4.8125" t)...... \$450

Full page (dim. below; No Bleed only) \$750

Outside Back Cover (dim. below) \$850

Inside Front Cover (dim. below) \$850

No Bleed: 7.5" w x 9.875" t; Covers With Bleed: 8.125" w x 10.75" t

*some activity names subject to change; one sponsor per event

Program Advertising (full color; 10,000+ copies)

Festival Program Advertising

Recognition as sponsor in program & press; logo on event ribbon (if applicable)

Broom Toss on the Beach...... \$300 Sold Out!



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By 8/30

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Kid's Beach Games Parade Trophies

Costumed Dog Parade

For additional information or questions, contact Emily Grothey at 302-227-2233 ext. 11 or events@beach-fun.com

Business Name

Contact Name

Business Phone Number

Email Address

Contact Signature

Date

By signing this agreement, you agree to the sponsorship as completed on this sheet. Completed forms can be sent to the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Emily Grothey. PO Box 216, Rehoboth Beach Delaware 19971. Email to events@beach-fun.com or fax to 302-227-8351.



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