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# Counting Down To Fun ... October 27-29 SEA WITCH® FESTIVAL!

Costume Parade · Dog Parade · Live Bandstand Music Beach Games · Hayrides · 5K Race · Hoedown Horse Shows on the Beach · Haunted Bonfire Trick or Treating · Artisan & Vendor Area and More!

Helpful Hints ... If only visiting for the day, take a shuttle or get into Downtown Rehoboth Beach before 9AM. Rehoboth Avenue Parade Route Closed 10AM-3PM.

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**Schedule of Activities at Beach-Fun.com** 

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# 2017 Upcoming Calendar

#### DATE ...... MEETING or EVENT ...... TIME/PLACE

Oct 12Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Oct 12Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Oct 14Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Lifesaving Station
Oct 18General Membership Mtg	12 pm/Kings Creek CC
Oct 20City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	7:00 pm/City Hall, 2nd Floor
Nov 9Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Nov 9Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Nov 11Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Lifesaving Station
Nov 17City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	7:00 pm/City Hall, 2nd Floor

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

# **2017 Business After Hours**

Members are invited to attend monthly Business After Hours! These mixers are a great opportunity to meet and network with your fellow Members. Each event runs from 5-7 PM. 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, October 12 · The Resort at Massey's Landing

Thursday, November 29 · Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats \*\*

Thursday, December 21 · Jake's Seafood House, Coastal Hwy \*\*

\*\* More Information on Page 3!



Next General Membership Meeting is October 18th with Delaware State Treasurer, Ken Simpler.

RSVP @ 302-227-2233 x14

# **Current Board Opening**

There is a vacant Board position on the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. If interested in applying, please advise Carol Everhart by the closing date . . . October 11, 2017. Carol can be reached at 302-227-6446 or carol@beach-fun.com.

# **Chamber Holiday Parties**

SAVE THE NEW November & December Business After Hours Dates!





Pre-Holiday Party Limited to first 200 arrivals . . Wednesday, November 29th from 5:00-7:00 PM at Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats. \$5.00 at door and five 50/50 raffle tickets to members with membership key tag.



Holiday Party Thursday, December 21st from 5:00-7:00 PM at Jake's Seafood House on Route One. \$5.00 at door and five 50/50 raffle tickets to members with membership key tag.





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# BRAG BOARD

# Thanks for the Support

August 11, 2017

Dear Carol:



On behalf of the Miss Delaware Scholarship Organization, I want to thank you for the support you and your staff members gave us during this transitional year.

We were excited to kick off our 2017 pageant season by bringing back the iconic Bandstand event on June 2nd. We are grateful to you for helping to set this process in motion. I look forward to establishing this once again as the Pageant's annual, signature event.

I greatly appreciated the Chamber's help in bringing visibility to the MDSO including us in your promotional material. It was exciting to see how many businesses helped to provide transportation, entertainment, food and lodging for our contestants, families and friends. The Jolly Trolley, Funland, the Greene Turtle, Arena's Deli, Salero, and the Breaker's Hotel were among those which supported us.

With your help and the excellent backing we received from local restaurants and businesses, this year's pageant was a success. We have already started planning for 2018 and look forward to strengthening relationships with these business partners.

From the Board, committee members, and volunteers, thank you for paving the way for a very successful return to the Rehoboth Beach community.

Sincerely, Laura B. Moylan, M.D. Executive Director

# Nickle Electrical Awarded a Top Workplace

Nickle Electrical Companies has been awarded a 2017 Top Workplaces honor by The News Journal. The



Top Workplaces lists are based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by WorkplaceDynamics, LLC, a research firm that specializes in organizational health and workplace improvement.

"We'd like to thank all of the employees who responded to The News Journal survey," said Steve Dignan, Nickle President/CEO. "This is a great honor and we couldn't have done it without them."

Some of the aspects measured were company culture, alignment, communication, and more. The honor was announced in the August 27 edition of The News Journal.

# Congrats to Chesapeake Plumbing & Heating

For the third straight year, Inc. magazine has placed Chesapeake Plumbing and Heating, Inc. on its annual Inc. 5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The 2017 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2013 to 2016. During this time, Chesapeake saw a three-year sales growth of 178%.

The list represents a unique look at the most successful companies within the American economy's most dynamic segment— its independent small and midsized businesses. Companies such as Microsoft, Dell, Domino's Pizza, Pandora, Timberland, LinkedIn, Yelp, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees of the Inc. 5000.

Locally, sixteen Delaware companies qualified for inclusion on the 2017 Inc. 5000 list. Of those, Chesapeake ranked 8th statewide and 1st for Sussex County. In the previous two years, Chesapeake was recognized as the 6th fastest-growing Delaware company. According to the publishers, only twenty percent of companies named to the list qualify three times.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by Inc. magazine once again, said Travis Martin, the company's owner. Chesapeake's continued success is built upon the hard work and professionalism of our employees. Their commitment to our company's core values, which drives customer service, is second to none."

Chesapeake Plumbing and Heating has been serving residential and commercial customers in Delaware and Maryland since 2003. Locally owned and operated, Chesapeake specializes in repair and new construction services for plumbing, heating, cooling and fire sprinkler systems. It also has a division that provides utility construction and trenching.

To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2013. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2016.

For more information about Chesapeake Plumbing and Heating, visit chesapeakeplumbingandheating.com or call 302-732-6006.

# **BRAG BOARD**

# Thanks for the Opportunity to Speak

Below are Members who participated in the "2 Minutes of Fame" during the September General Membership Meeting...

"Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to speak yesterday. I had a great time! I managed to meet so many great people"! Thanks, Domineque of The Factory

"Thank you for the opportunity to speak and attend the luncheon yesterday. I enjoyed meeting some new folks and look forward to attending more". Thanks! Sophia of Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats

# WSFS Named a Soaring 76

WSFS was recently named one of the Philadelphia Business Journal's Soaring 76. This award honors the fastest-growing companies in the Greater Philadelphia Region based on revenue growth over a three-year period from 2014-2016....Congrats!

## Job Well Done by Dewey Beach Lifeguards

Following are excerpts from an e-mail sent to Dewey Beach Lifeguard Captain Todd Fritchman concerning the actions of Dewey Beach Lifeguards on September 16, 2017 –

"To all staff: Thank you! Your organization, talents, training, knowledge, perseverance, professionalism and dedication has saved my brother's life. . . . The response of your lifeguard, the recovery of my brother's body from the water and the immediate resuscitation is the only reason we can hear this horrifying story. He is doing well, fully cognitive with only minor trauma to his spine. This is all due to your presence and choice to be there to rescue. Thank you - admiration, respect and appreciation."

Thank you. Admiration, respect and appreciation, Eric Porter

## Thanks for the Continued Support

Dear Carol, thank you again for your support of the Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation (DOCF) "Turn the Towns Teal" campaigns. Your participation helped spread our message of awareness - with no test for detection of ovarian cancer, the KEY is to know the symptoms.

We look forward to helping save more women's lives with your assistance.

Sincere Regards, Sally Oberle

## Atlantic Sands Announces New Executive Chef

The Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center is pleased to announce Chef Brian Goldfarb as Executive Chef for its kitchens, including banquets, the hotel's Sandcrab beach bar and the Atlantic Boardwalk Grille restaurant. Locals in Sussex County may have experienced Chef Goldfarb's skill in the kitchens of Kupchick's Restaurant and LaLaLand in



the past. More recently he spent several years as a partner and catering chef at Touch of Italy in Rehoboth.

Chef Goldfarb attended the New England Culinary Institute and then honed his classic French cooking skills while at The Accomac Inn in Wrightsville, PA where he was involved in large scale catering operations. His experience continued when he took a position with Jan Birnbaum at the recently opened Sazerac, a Cajuninfluenced destination in Seattle. While on the West coast, Chef Goldfarb also helped to build the Waterbar and Epic Roasthouse restaurants, the first waterfront restaurants to be built on the Embarcadero in 100 years.

Chef Goldfarb is already receiving high marks from guests who have started to enjoy his culinary skills during banquets, weddings and parties, available year round at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center. He is also creating new and exciting menus for the hotel's seasonally operated Sandcrab beach bar and Atlantic Boardwalk Grille.

The Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center is located at 1 Baltimore Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where Chef Brian Goldfarb and the Catering Sales team can be reached at 302-227-2511.



# 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.

#### 1st & Pond Art & Funky Stuff

Pete Borsari 7 South 1st Street Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-387-2842 www.thepondrehoboth.com Retail - Gifts & Specialty Shops

# American Heart Association in Delaware

Karen Gritton 200 Continental Drive, Suite 101 Newark, Delaware 19713 302-286-5711 www.heart.org Service - Non-Profit

#### **Beach Barre Body**

Aimee Fulchino 19323 Lighthouse Plaza Blvd., Unit 6 Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 443-324-6656 www.beachbarrebody.com Service - Exercise & Fitness

#### **Brain Love Neurotherapy**

Lauren Haggerty 19633 Blue Bird Lane, Suite 5 Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-278-7828 www.brainloveneurotherapy.com Service - Health Services

#### **Century 21 Home Team Realty**

Frank Parks 19354B Miller Road Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 800-447-7711 www.c21hometeam.com Real Estate - Sales

#### **Circle D Properties LLC**

Richard W. Downes 46 Eagle Drive Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-670-9417 Service - Property/Pool Management

#### Dave Ashby Photography

Dave Ashby 18735 Bethpage Drive Lewes, Delaware 19958 570-389-1266 www.ashbyphoto.com Service - Photography

#### **Dewey Artist Collaboration**

Leah Beach 19875 Hebron Road Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 www.deweyarts.org Service - Non-Profit

#### **First State Inventory**

Vince Stinchecum Serving Delaware 302-703-9901 www.firststateinventory.com Service - Inventory Services

#### Global Intercasting LLC, Coastal Radio Division

Eric "Sharky" Shindledecker Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-236-9200 Service - Radio

#### **Henlopen Overhead Door**

Trish Bachman N. Conley Drive Lewes, Delaware 19958 302-228-0561 www.henlopenoverheaddoor.com Service - Building Materials

#### **Indigo Opal Salon**

Kate Carrow 301 Rehoboth Avenue, Suite F Shops at the Pearl Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-260-9857 Service - Beauty Services

# The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Stacey Battles 1300 N. Grant Avenue, Suite 100 Wilmington, Delaware 19806 302-660-2360 www.lls.org/delaware Service - Non-Profit

#### The Max Challenge of Lewes

Lisa Cammy 17437 Ocean One Plaza Lewes, Delaware 19958 302-703-1188 www.themaxchallenge.com Service - Exercise & Fitness

#### **Rita's Rehoboth Avenue**

Teresa Tessitore 47B Rehoboth Avenue Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-567-2658 www.ritafranchises.com/rehobothavenue Restaurant/Eatery

#### Stingray Sushi Bar

Janine L'Italien 59 Lake Avenue Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-227-6476 www.stingrayrestaurant.com Restaurant/Eatery

# Sussex County Association

#### of Realtors

Andrew Mason 23407 Park Avenue Georgetown, Delaware 19947 302-855-2300 www.scaor.com Service - Non-Profit



# Thank You Monthly 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 August 2 - October 5, 2017. Thank you for your continued support!

Allen Insurance Group · APPI Energy · Atlantic Boardwalk Grille · Atlantic View Hotel Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley · Avenue Inn · Beach View Hotel · Boulevard Ford-Lincoln Caliber Home Loans · Canalside Inn-Rehoboth · Cancer Support Community Delaware · Care Patrol Casa DiLeo Italian Restaurant & Caterer · Children's Beach House · CIEE-Seasonal J1 Staffing Solutions Clean Energy, USA, LLC · Clear Space Theatre Company · Clearent · Coastal Sunrooms and Porch Enclosures Cold Stone Creamery · Colonial East, L.P. · COMCAST SPOTLIGHT · Cooper, Jeffrey, M., DMD, PA Delaware Beaches, Yoai Bear's Jellystone · Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition Inc. · Delaware KIDS Fund Delaware PC Services LLC · Dewey Vacation Rentals · Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats · Element Design Group Fins Fish House and Rawbar · The Fresh Market · Gourds-N-More Country Store · Group J Design, Inc. Harbor Linen LLC · Heritage Antique Market · Heritage Shores Club · Indian River Marina, DE Seashore St Park The Inn at Rehoboth Beach Apartments · Kick n' Chicken · Kids Cottage, LLC · La Red Health Center, Inc. Lighthouse Restaurant · Little House Candles · Logo Motive Screenprinting · Lyons Companies Megee Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. · Melson Appraisal Service · Meridian Home Watch Inc. Mid-Shore Electrical Services, Inc. · Stan Mills/Patron Member · Nassau Valley Vineyard On The Rebound Bulldog Rescue · Onix Group · Pasqualini's Bakery · Patio Systems, Inc. Progar & Company, P. A., CPA/Payroll Professionals · Que Pasa · Rehoboth Guest House Rehoboth Home Services · Response Computer Group, Inc. · RISE Fitness + Adventure Ron Krajewski State Farm Insurance · RRW, Inc. dba Home Instead Senior Care · The Sand Crab Beach Bar Save Our Lakes Alliance 3 (SOLA 3) · Scott Dostal Mortgage Team of Rehoboth/Lewes Semra's Mediterranean Grill · Seniors Helping Seniors · The Swell Tiki Bar & Grill · Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Touch of Italy Salumeria, Trattoria & Pasticceria · Town of Dewey Beach Unfinished Business: A Community Thrift Shop · Wells Fargo Home Mortgage · Yesteryears Old Time Photos

# SANDCASTLE CONTEST ... LOTS OF FUN!

Thanks to Funland, Mariner Middle School's AVID Program, judges, volunteers & sponsors!



# **BUSINESS after HOURS PICTURES**

# **THANKS to our September Host!**

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# **General Membership Meeting**

Karen Lundin, Brendan Hickey and Rebecca Robbins with the University of Delaware Alternative Spring Break Program presented at the September 20th meeting held at Kings Creek Country Club.



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# REPORTS and STATISTICS Accommodation Occupancy Chart 2016 vs. 2017 Weekend Room Weather Event Wednesday Room nuary 1-3, 2016 1,931 50's Sunny New Year December 30, 2015 1,258

Weekend	Room Weather Count		Event	Wednesday	Room Count	
anuary 1-3, 2016	1,931	50's Sunny	New Year	December 30, 2015	1,258	
ecember 30, 2016-January 1, 2017	2,554	30's Cloudy	New Year	December 28, 2016	1,305	
anuary 8-10, 2016	1,611	50's Sunny	No Event	January 6, 2016	944	
anuary 6-8, 2017	1,406	30's Snow	No Event	January 4, 2017	968	
anuary 15-17, 2016	1,857	50's Sunny	Holiday	January 13, 2016	1,043	
anuary 13-15, 2017	1,795	30's Sunny	No Event	January 11, 2017	972	
anuary 22-24, 2016	1,377	30's Snow	No Event	January 20, 2016	993	
anuary 20-22, 2017	1,777	40's Rainy	No Event	January 18, 2017	1,028	
anuary 29-31, 2016 anuary 27-28, 2017	1,602	30's Sunny	No Event	January 27, 2016	970	
anuary 27-28, 2017	1,783	40s Sunny	No Event	January 25, 2017	1,012	
ebruary 5-7, 2016	2,143	40's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	February 3, 2016	1,065	
ebruary 3-5, 2017	2,201	30's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	February 1, 2017	916	
ebruary 12-14, 2016	2,305	30's Snow	Holiday/Merchants' Attic	February 10, 2016	1,027	
ebruary 10-12, 2017	1,952	50's Sunny	No Event	February 8, 2017	934	
ebruary 19-21, 2016	2,034	30's Sunny	None	February 17, 2016	1,114	
ebruary 17-19, 2017	2,644	70' Sunny	Holiday/Merchants' Attic	February 15, 2017	922	
ebruary 26-28, 2016	2,440	40's Sunny	None	February 24, 2016	1,054	
ebruary 24-26, 2017	2,096	70's Sunny	None	February 22, 2017	1,083	
Narch 4-6, 2016	1,800	50's Sunny	Gumbo Fest	March 2, 2016	1,089	
Narch 3-5, 2017	1,922	40's Cloudy	None	March 1, 2017	1,088	
Narch 11-13, 2016	2,169	60's Cloudy	None	March 9, 2016	1,195	
Narch 10-12, 2017	1,927	40's Rainy	None	March 8, 2017	1,121	
Narch 18-20, 2016	2,556	40's Sunny	St. Patrick's Day	March 16, 2016	1,226	
Narch 17-19, 2017	2,387	40's Cloudy	St. Patrick's Day	March 15, 2017	1,128	
March 25-27, 2016	2,472	70's Sunny	Easter	March 23, 2016	1,309	
Narch 24-26, 2017	2,518	70's Sunny	None	March 22, 2017	1,161	
pril 1-3, 2016	2,356	50's Rain	Chocolate Festival	March 30, 2016	1,365	
Narch 31-April 2, 2017	2,330	50's Cloudy	Dewey Chili Fest	March 29, 2017	1,190	
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April 8-10, 2016 April 7-9, 2017	2,203 2,588	50's Rain 60's Cloudy	Dewey Music Festival None	April 6, 2016 April 5, 2017	1,147 1,148	
April 15-17, 2016 April 14-16, 2017	2,676 2,843	50' Sunny 50's Cloudy	Dewey Music Festival Easter/Dewey Music Festival	April 13, 2016 April 12, 2017	1,284 1,602	
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spril 22-24, 2016 spril 21-23, 2017	3,117 2,954	70's Sunny 60's Sunny	Coastal DE Running Festival, Bacon Fest, & Dewey Music Festival Coastal DE Running Festival	April 20, 2016 April 19, 2017	1,075 1,439	
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April 29-May 1, 2016	2,393	60's Cloudy	None	April 27, 2016	1,286	
pril 28-30, 2017	3,413	70's Sunny	Dewey Treasure Fest	April 26, 2017	1,382	
May 6-8, 2016	2,621	60's Cloudy	Mother's Day, Dewey Arts Fest	May 4, 2016	1,411	
Nay 5-7, 2017	2,944	60's Cloudy	Dewey Country Music Fest	May 3, 2017	1,505	
May 13-15, 2016	3,140	70's Sunny	No Event	May 11, 2016	1,426	
Nay 12-14, 2017	2,940	50's Rainy	Mother's Day	May 10, 2017	1,827	
May 20-22, 2016	3,064	60's Sunny	Sidewalk Sale	May 18, 2016	1,608	
May 19-21, 2017	3,415	80's Suny	Sidewalk Sale	May 17, 2017	1,872	
May 27-29,2016	3,515	80's Sunny	Memorial Day Weekend	May 25, 2016	1,791	
Nay 26-28, 2017	3,386	70's Sunny	Memorial Day Weekend	May 24, 2017	1,703	
une 3-5, 2016	3,215	70's Cloudy	Beach Goes Blue	June 1, 2016	1,606	
une 2-4, 2017	3,068	70's Sunny	None	May 31, 2017	1,696	
une 10-12, 2016	3,397	70's Sunny	Restaurant Week	June 8, 2016	2,209	
une 9-11, 2017	3,509	70's Sunny	Beach Goes BlueRed & White, Too!	June 7, 2017	1,635	
une 17-19, 2016	3,564	70's Sunny	Father's Day	June 15, 2016	2,258	
une 16-18, 2017	3,399	70's Sunny	Miss Delaware	June 14, 2017	2,400	
une 24-26, 2016	3,487	70's Sunny	No Event	June 22, 2016	2,609	
une 23-25, 2017	3,508	70's Sunny	Running of the Bull, Dewey	June 21, 2017	2,619	
ıly 1-3, 2016	3,462	80's Sunny	4th of July Holiday	June 29, 2016	2,540	
une 30-July 2, 2017	3,570	80's Sunny	4th of July Fireworks	June 28, 2017	2,775	
uly 8-10, 2016	3,402	90's Sunny	Dewey Running of the Bull	July 6, 2016	2,421	
ily 7-9, 2017	3,402	80's Sunny	None	July 5, 2016 July 5, 2017	2,332	
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ıly 15-17, 2016 ıly 14-16, 2017	3,500 3,542	90's Sunny 80's Cloudy	No Event None	July 13, 2016 July 12, 2017	2,724 2,726	
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uly 22-24, 2016 uly 21-23, 2017	3,621 3,600	90's Sunny 80's Sunny	No Event No Event	July 20, 2016 July 19, 2016	2,743 2,871	
	12 526	80's Sunny	No Event	July 27, 2016	2,921	
uly 29-31, 2016 uly 28-30, 2017	3,536 3,450	80's Cloudy	No Event	July 26, 2017	2,801	

# **REPORTS and STATISTICS** Accommodation Occupancy Chart | 2016 vs. 2017

Weekend	Room Count	Weather	Event	Wednesday	Room Coun
August 5-7, 2016	3,619	80's Sunny	Art League Show	August 3, 2016	2.972
August 3-5, 2017	3,584	80's Sunny	Art League Show	August 2, 2017	2,880
August 12-14, 2016	3,614	90's Sunny	Art League Show	August 10, 2016	3,109
August 11-13, 2017	3,419	80's Cloudy	Art League Show	August 9, 2017	2,966
August 19-21, 2016	3,625	80's Sunny	No Event	August 17, 2016	3,245
August 18-20, 2017	3,568	80's Sunny	Summer Vibes Fest	August 16, 2017	2,990
August 26-28, 2016	3,567	80's Sunny	No Event	August 24, 2016	2,744
August 25-27, 2017	3,485	80's Sunny	No Event	August 23, 2017	2,694
September 2-4, 2016	2,837	70's Storm	Labor Day & Tropical Storm Hermine	August 31, 2016	2,070
September 1-3, 2017	3,204	60's Cloudy	Labor Day	August 30, 2017	2,057
September 9-11, 2016	3,571	70's Cloudy	Sandcastle Contest	September 7, 2016	2,241
September 8-9, 2017	3,030	70's Sunny	Sandcastle Contest	September 6, 2017	1,976
September 16-18, 2016	3,582	70's Sunny	DB Triathalon	September 14, 2016	2,446
September 15-17, 2017	3,269	70's Sunny	Dewey Beach Triathlon	September 13, 2017	1,973
September 23-25, 2016	3,432	80's Sunny	DB Music Festival	September 21, 2016	2,100
September 22-24, 2017	3,495	80's Sunny	No Event	September 20, 2017	2,114
September 30-October 2, 2016	3,071	70's Cloudy	Elvis Fest	September 28, 2016	1,530
September 29-October 1, 2017	3,215	70's Sunny	Elvis Fest	September 27, 2017	1,517

January - October 2, 2016 · 113,484 January - October 1, 2017 · 115,223 January - September 28, 2016 · 71,168 January - September 27, 2017 · 70,328

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.

## Website Results for www.Beach-Fun.com | 2016 vs. 2017

Month	Pageviews		Users/Visits		Absolute Unique Visitors		Bounce Rate *		Avg. Time on Site *	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
January	36,863	35,856	10,299	10,682	9,415	9,896	49.39%	45.53%	2:22	2:02
February	45,436	47,246	13,358	14,461	12,031	13,406	49.42%	49.34%	2:07	1:52
March	54,147	54,490	15,909	15,733	14,530	14,697	50.88%	49.61%	2:08	2:07
April	66,091	74,459	18,447	23,564	17,036	22,195	50.39%	54.82%	2:12	1:42
Мау	81,709	68,097	22,044	19,648	20,808	18,424	47.92%	49.19%	2:12	1:53
June	128,917	95,174	36,583	27,798	34,960	26,471	50.63%	49.96%	1:59	1:52
July	146,498	102,687	39,388	31,053	37,295	29,334	47.55%	51.45%	2:04	1:44
August	113,298	81,449	31,499	24,971	29,548	23,357	50.03%	52.64%	2:03	1:48
September	76,917	65,576	25,850	22,241	23,683	20,481	58.50%	57.43%	1:41	1:29
YTD Totals	749,876	625,034	213,377	190,151	199,306	178,261	50.52%	51.11%	2:05	1:49
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Pa	ge on Site	
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Sta	te Visits	
1	Delaware (partly Member driven) 6,454	
2	Pennsylvania 5,636	
3	Maryland 3,903	
4	District of Columbia	
5	New Jersey 2,715	
6	New York1,350	
7	Virginia1,226	
8	Ohio	
9	California	
10	Massachusetts	



WHAT. The **28th Annual Sea Witch® Halloween & Fiddlers' Festival** is an award-winning family event that takes place over a three day weekend. Popular activities include: costume parade, dog parade, Fiddlers' Festival, live musical entertainment at the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand, trick or treating in both Dewey Beach & Rehoboth Beach, Sea Witch® Hunt, old fashioned beach games, artisans & crafters and more!!

WHEN. October 27-29, 2017. WHERE. The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach, Delaware Resort Area.

**DELIVERIES.** Best to schedule your deliveries on FRIDAY to AVOID SATURDAY STREET CLOSURES!

**PROGRAMS.** Programs were mailed to Members on October 5th. During the week of October 23rd... programs will be available to the public at the Visitors Center & will be delivered to specific business locations. The complete program can also be viewed at www.Beach-Fun.com.

**BUSINESS CLUE KEEPERS.** If you have been a clue keeper in the past, you will remain on the list unless the Chamber has been notified to remove you. There are 114 clue keepers and clues will be delivered on Friday, October 27th.

**BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST.** This year's festival theme is "Count Crabula!" The Chamber invites downtown businesses to decorate for the Festival. The three businesses that capture the spirit of Sea Witch best with their décor will be awarded (1) Website Banner on the Chamber's website, www.beach-fun.com, to run for (1) year. The judges will be looking for pumpkins, scarecrows, ghosts, goblins and crabs! Participating businesses can also email a picture of their entry to the Chamber at events@beach-fun.com by 5 PM on Monday, October 23 to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced via the Chamber website and member fax/email blast the week of October 30.

MARQUEES. Help us promote the Festival on your business marquee!!

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS.** Crowd control fencing on both sides of Rehoboth Avenue will be in place beginning on Friday, October 27th at 11PM on the median side & Saturday, October 28th at 4AM on the sidewalk side on Rehoboth Avenue.

- Rehoboth Avenue, Median: crowd control fencing will prohibit parking in certain median areas.
- Rehoboth Avenue, Sidewalk Side: any vehicles parked on the sidewalk side will be fenced in until after the parade.
- 4th Street for Costume Parade Registration & Line-Up: some parking restrictions.
- **Towing Information:** should a vehicle be towed, the owner can contact Coastal Towing at 302-645-6300.

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**REHOBOTH AVENUE CLOSURE.** ARRIVE EARLY...9AM or earlier!!! Rehoboth Avenue will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, October 28th at 10AM and will reopen immediately following the costume parade (approximately at 3PM). There are 16 shuttles providing service to the Downtown Rehoboth Beach drop-off/ pick-up location at Lake Avenue at the north end of the Boardwalk by the Henlopen Hotel and it will operate on Saturday only, October 28th from 8AM - 8PM. Remember, there is a \$1 or donation (cash collected as riders board shuttle to return to satellite parking locations).

**FULL PARADE ROUTE.** The walkers will lead the parade from 4th Street and enter Rehoboth Avenue headed west to State Street then turn left on Rehoboth Avenue headed east, turn at the Bandstand to return to 4th Street. Motorized vehicles join & follow the walkers on the parade route at State Street.

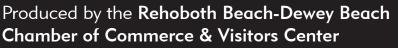
**COSTUME WALKING PARADE REGISTRATION AND LINE-UP.** Costumed public is welcome to enter the walking section of the Parade and Costume Contest. The parade is donation based. Registration for the costume parade will take place on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 9AM. Registration will be held on the Grub Grocery parking lot at 305 Rehoboth Avenue. (People Only: No pets, livestock, wild animals or reptiles). Costumed parade walkers will register and line up on 4th Street (adjacent to Grub Grocery). The costume parade will begin and end at 4th Street.

**MOTORIZED/FLOATS/ROLLING PARADE PARTICIPATION.** With limited available space for the line up at State Street, there is a limit of 50 rolling/motorized vehicles. Many requests to be in the parade have not been accepted in order to alleviate a back-up onto Route One.

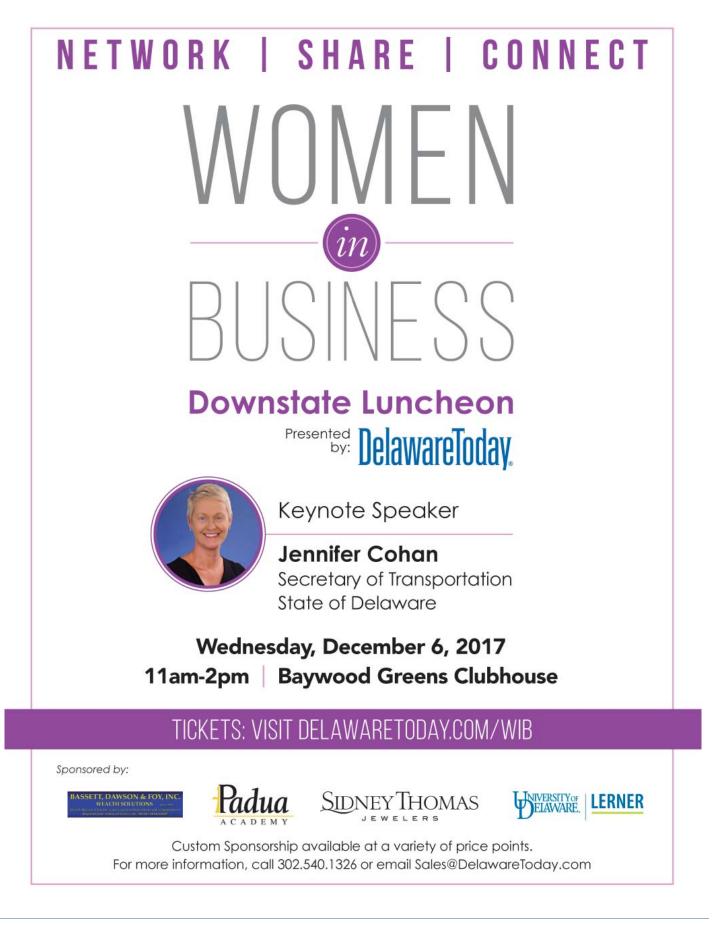
**PARADE ON TV!** The costume parade will be televised live on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 10:30AM on WRDE NBC Coast TV. The parade will re-broadcast on Saturday at 6PM & Sunday at 10AM on COZI TV.

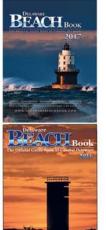
**INCLEMENT WEATHER.** For information on weather related cancellations and/or postponement of festival events, call the Chamber at 302-227-2233 ext. 12 for recorded updates. Updates will also be posted on the Chamber's Facebook page, plus tune in to local radio stations. Also see schedule of activities for activity rain locations. Don't forget to bring your slickers & umbrellas in case of magic rain.

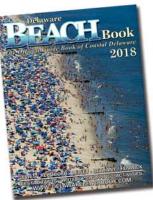
**RESTROOMS.** Permanent public restrooms are located at the Bandstand & Rehoboth Avenue, the Boardwalk & Baltimore Avenue, the Boardwalk & Delaware Avenue, and Grove Park. Mobile restrooms are located at the Beachside Bar & Grill parking lot, 251 Rehoboth Avenue on Saturday only from 8AM until the end of the costume parade.













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# **MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

#### **RP Boat Rentals**

Stormy Harrington, the man of the sea, shared his love of boating by opening RP Boat Rentals on the Broadkill River at Riverside Park in June 2017. Stormy, having been a commercial fisherman all of his life, had 16 fiberglass skiffs custom built with the fisherman in mind. He personally hand finished each one for safety, efficiency and design. RP Boat Rentals, located at 909 Pilottown Road in Lewes, DE is open seven days a week from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM from Memorial Day through September 30th.

Upon losing his best friend, Captain Speed, Stormy was gifted a tract of land known as Riverside Park. Stormy likes to believe that he is finishing the dream that Speed started but didn't have the chance to finish himself. Stormy and his wife Bev took on the huge project in hopes of making Riverside Park a place where Tenants can store their wares for their businesses or hobbies and feel safe and comfortable in their surroundings. Stormy does the physical labor on the grounds while Bev is behind the scenes being the business manager and bookkeeper. RP Boat Rentals is a family run business that hopes to keep on growing.

Boat renters can cruise up the scenic Broadkill River through miles of beautiful, winding marshland. Renters are encouraged to bring fishing poles, crab pots, and a camera. Anyone born before 1978 does not have to have a Certificate to operate a boat, but those born after 1978 are required by law to take the Boaters Safety Course. The Safety Course can be taken online at www.boat-ed.com/Delaware. Rental prices are \$100 for a half day rental or \$150 for a full day rental. For more information about boat rentals, call Stormy Harrington at 302-727-8414 or visit www.rpboatrentals.com. •

# Indigo Opal Salon

Indigo Opal Salon owners, Dana Evans and Kate Carrow are excited to announce the opening of Indigo Opal Salon, which is located at 301



Rehoboth Avenue, in the shops of the Cultured Pearl. Along with their talented team they offer hair, nail, and facial waxing services. Call 302-260-9857 to make an appointment. For more information, visit www.IndigoOpal.com.

# 1st & Pond Art & Funky Stuff

1 st & Pond is excited to be open in vibrant downtown Rehoboth Beach. Art & Funky Stuff is more than a tag line, it is the store's philosophy, bringing hand-crafted unique goods for gifting and for keeping. The store is located at 7 South 1 st Street and can be reached by calling 302-387-2842. •

# **Delaware Humane Association**

Delaware Humane Association celebrated their Grand Opening Ribbon Chewing Celebration at their new adoption center located in Midway Shopping Center on Thursday, August 24, 2017, 18675 Coasta



Thursday, August 24, 2017, 18675 Coastal Hwy - Suite 8, Rehoboth, DE 19971.

With a home-like feel, their adoption center will eventually be like a mini-community center, with such things as art exhibits, obedience classes, boarding, vaccination clinics, birthday parties and more. The adoption center routinely houses cats, and will have kittens, dogs, and puppies (as available) for immediate adoption.

The center is open Monday - Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm / Saturday 12:00pm - 4:00pm / Sunday closed. To speak with one of the staff, please call 302-200-7159, or visit delawarehumane.org/Rehoboth for more information.

Delaware Humane Association (DHA) is a nonprofit no kill animal care and adoption center serving a four state area. DHA's mission is to make "friends for life" by connecting people with animals, and by building strong relationships to better serve our community. We are committed to providing for the needs of homeless and owned dogs and cats by providing temporary shelter, affordable spay/neuter services, low cost vaccination clinics, a pet food pantry, adoption/placement resources, and more. For more information about DHA, visit delawarehumane.org or call 302-571-0111. •

# Kendall Furniture

Kendall Furniture is the Eastern Shore's premier furniture store. Featuring four stores in three convenient locations including Ocean City, Fenwick Island and Selbyville provide over 25,000 square feet of beautiful showrooms to inspire even the most discerning taste. Kendall's has everything you need to make your house a home from quality furniture and accessories to window treatments, rugs, and mattresses. They have earned the reputation for quality, value and good oldfashioned customer service. Their non-commissioned, nonpressure staff is experienced in design and sales and is ready to help make furniture buying a breeze.

Being a small business in a small community, Kendall Furniture believes they all need to help out when they can! Shopping local means that you are allowing them to help the community, something they love doing. Kendall's and the staff support many events and charitable causes throughout the year and have fun doing so. A few that they have enjoyed helping are: Atlantic General Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Pj Aldridge Foundation, Coastal Hospice, Worcester County Humane Society, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and many more. For more information check out their website at www.kendallhomefurnishings.com.

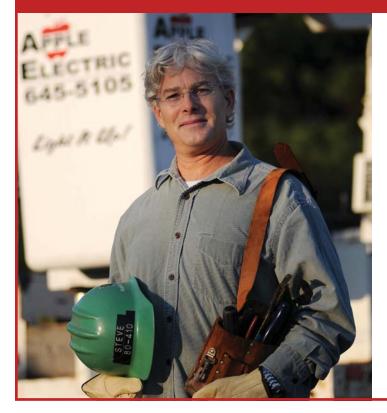
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