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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Ocean 99 & Bethany Beach Ocean Suites
99 Hollywood St, Bethany Beach

The Chamber is celebrating its 50 Anniversary and you're invited! Join us at Ocean 99 in Bethany Beach Ocean Suites on Thursday, November 19th, for live music, hors d'oeuvres, Chamber memorabilia, commemorative gifts, and a film presentation at 7:00 PM to celebrate 50 years of the BFACC.

Tickets to attend the event are $15 per person and the more, the merrier! Business cocktail attire is encouraged.

Click here to reserve tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are also open now for any member business who wants to support the celebration and help make the event a success. Thank you to our current Founder's Circle Sponsors: Bank of Ocean City, Banks Wines & Spirits, Bethany Boathouse, Creative Concepts, Creative Millwork by Wildfish, Custom Mechanical, Law Offices of Scott & Shuman, P.A., Ocean 99, Soul Tree, Taylor Bank, West Fenwick Car Wash, and Wilgus Associates!

Click here for more information on sponsorship.

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NOVEMBER 14

Millville Holiday Marketplace
Evans Park Community Center & Millville Town Hall
10 AM - 2 PM

NOVEMBER 28

Shop Local Extravaganza
The Quiet Resorts

Trolley Tours
Bethany Beach

Coastal Christmas Showdown Kicks Off
Bethany Beach

Old Town Market & Tree Lighting
John West Park (Ocean View)
1 - 5 PM

Christmas in the Park Tree Lighting
Frankford Town Park
6 - 8 PM

DECEMBER 2

Weekly Visits with Santa
Frankford Town Park
6 - 8 PM

DECEMBER 3

Town of Millville Holiday Tree Lighting
Evans Park
5:30 - 7 PM

DECEMBER 4

Festive Fridays
Fenwick Island

Fenwick Island Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Fenwick Island Town Park
5:30 PM

Selbyville Christmas Parade
Church Street
7 PM

DECEMBER 5

Shop Local Extravaganza
The Quiet Resorts

Weekend Wonderland
Downtown Bethany Beach

DECEMBER 5

Bethany Beach Tree Lighting
Bethany Beach Bandstand
5 PM

Trolley Tours
Bethany Beach

South Bethany Tree Lighting
South Bethany Town Hall
5 PM

DECEMBER 8

Dagsboro Christmas Parade
Main Street
7 PM

DECEMBER 9

Weekly Visits with Santa
Frankford Town Park
6 - 8 PM

DECEMBER 11

Festive Fridays
Fenwick Island

DECEMBER 12

Shop Local Extravaganza
The Quiet Resorts

Weekend Wonderland
Downtown Bethany Beach

Trolley Tours
Bethany Beach

Christmas at the Cottages
Bethany Beach Nature Center & Dinker-Irvin Museum
10:30 AM - 1 PM

DECEMBER 16

Weekly Visits with Santa
Frankford Town Park
6 - 8 PM

DECEMBER 18

Festive Fridays
Fenwick Island

DECEMBER 19

Weekend Wonderland
Downtown Bethany Beach

Trolley Tours
Bethany Beach

3 - WINTER FESTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 5, & DECEMBER 12

BUSINESS REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 13

Business registration is open for Shop Local Extravaganza 2026!

Customers will be encouraged to shop, dine, stay & play local on November 28th, December 5th and 12th for a chance to win in-store prizes where applicable or the grand prize $250 gift card(s).

This is a complimentary event for any member business and participating businesses are listed on Chamber websites, social media, and on weekly full-page advertisements in the Coastal Point!

Find more details and register here.

DECEMBER 5, 12, & 19

BUSINESS REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 20

Weekend Wonderland is back in Bethany Beach on December 5th, 12th, and 19th! This Bethany Beach event encourages shoppers to visit businesses for holiday specials and in-store attractions like visits from Santa and an Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt. The town Trolley will also run during Weekend Wonderland, taking visitors on a tour of decorations from the Coastal Christmas Showdown.

This is open to any business in Bethany!

Find full information and register for the Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt here.

Coastal Point Ads

Please contact Susan Mutz via email at susan.mutz@coastalpoint.com, or call 302-539-1788, if you are interested in having your business featured in the Coastal Point and Ocean City Today advertisements for Weekend Wonderland. **Ad space must be reserved by November 20th.**

Bethany Beach Coastal Christmas Showdown

Do you think you have the most festive home or business in Bethany Beach? Enter the 2026 Coastal Christmas Showdown to find out! This annual holiday decorating contest includes public voting and judged categories for best coastal theme, most elegant, most festive, the Griswold Award, and judges' favorite. **Registration is open November 1st - 22nd and judging begins after Thanksgiving! Winners are announced at the Bethany Beach Tree Lighting on December 5th at 5:00PM.**

Find the full event information and register here.

Trolley Tours for Bethany Beach Coastal Christmas Showdown

Two Bethany Beach trolleys will be running throughout Weekend Wonderland, taking guests on a tour of the holiday displays from the 2026 Coastal Christmas Showdown! You can now reserve your seats for the trolley rides online, with different times available on November 28th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Find more information and reserve your seats here!

DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18

BUSINESS REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 20

Are you feeling festive? Sign up for Festive Fridays in Fenwick Island on December 4th, 11th, and 18th! Business participation is free, and participating businesses will be listed on bethany-fenwick.org, thequietresorts.com, The Quiet Resorts and BFACC social media accounts, and in weekly advertisements in the Coastal Point on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

This is an organized advertising effort by the Chamber, to promote the fun holiday activities and deals that businesses may already have planned, or to help businesses get creative and plan something for the holiday season! This is a free initiative for Chamber Members in Fenwick

Click to sign up

4 - AROUND THE CHAMBER

GARRISON HOMES RIBBON CUTTING - NEW MILLVILLE OFFICE GRAND OPENING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH | 12 - 1 PM | RIBBON CUTTING: 12:30 PM
Garrison Homes - Millville Office | 35786 Atlantic Ave., Ste. 3 Millville, DE 19967

For nearly 20 years, Garrison Homes has offered its clients a unique level of individual attention and involvement in order to ensure that each custom building project is completed according to the highest possible standard. In addition to building award-winning custom homes, Garrison Homes boasts a dedicated renovation department, which serves both residential and commercial clients.

RSVP here.

ART IN GLASS RIBBON CUTTING: NEW LOCATION GRAND OPENING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH | 3:30 - 4:30 PM | RIBBON CUTTING: 4 PM
Art in Glass | 33246 Main St. Dagsboro, DE 19939

Art in Glass is a professional stained-glass studio with over 40 years of experience with one-of-a-kind windows, jewelry, and fused glass. Visit the Art in Glass website for a full list of their services, gallery of custom stained, etched, and fused glass work, and more!

RSVP here.

MEMBERSHIP 101
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH | 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Chamber Fenwick Office | 36913 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island

Membership 101 is a small interactive workshop designed for you to get the most out of your Chamber membership. Whether you are new to the Chamber or a seasoned member, Membership 101 is one of the many resources the Chamber provides to grow our partnership with the businesses we serve, and learn about the Chamber staff, service area, events, and marketing opportunities.

RSVP here.

MEMBERSHIP 201
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH | 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Chamber Fenwick Office | 36913 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island

We will review the new and improved member portal, how to edit your company information and your directory listing, and show you how to post events and announcements. Attendees are highly encouraged to bring a computer/tablet to follow along in your member login during the meeting!

RSVP here.

OFFICE HOURS WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH | 11 AM - 1 PM
Chamber Fenwick Office | 36913 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island

The Delaware Small Business Center (SBDC) will be holding office hours once a month at the BFACC offices in Fenwick Island and Dagsboro! Join SBDC representatives to ask questions about budgeting, business plans, grant writing, cash flow projections, market strategies, and more!

Click here for more information.

5 - AROUND THE CHAMBER



MEMBERSHIP MEETING: WHY USING AI IS NOT JUST A TECHNOLOGY DECISION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH | 9 - 10 AM

BFACC Dagsboro Office | 33370 Main St, Dagsboro

Join the Chamber and HR experts, Melissa Rider Carson and Chanta Howard-Wilkinson, for a practical discussion about how to set your company for success when starting to use AI.

As artificial intelligence becomes part of everyday work, HR professionals and organizational leaders face new questions about how to use these tools effectively, ethically, and safely. This interactive workshop explores the practical realities of AI in the workplace and gives participants a framework for adopting AI in ways that amplify the organization's capabilities and impact, yet protect their organizations, their employees, and the people they serve.

RSVP here.

SALTED VINES RIBBON CUTTING: 10TH ANNIVERSARY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH | 4 - 5:30 PM | RIBBON CUTTING: 5:30 PM

Salted Vines Vineyard & Winery | 32512 Blackwater Rd, Frankford

Join the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber and the Lewes Chamber of Commerce on Friday, November 20th, to celebrate Salted Vines' 10th Anniversary! You won't want to miss it!

RSVP here.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIKE TOUR SHIRTS

The Ocean to Bay Bike Tour is returning April 23 & 24, 2027 and the BFACC is seeking proposals for this year's cotton and tech t-shirts for cyclists! All cyclists receive a cotton tee with the option to upgrade or add on a tech tee.

Please submit by November 5th.

Fill out the RFP here.



LAST CHANCE! ADVERTISE IN THE 2027 DISCOVER GUIDE

Ad sales close for the 2027 Discover the Quiet Resorts Area Guide on Friday, November 6th! 50,000 copies are distributed nationwide every year.

Click here for more information.

Ready to reserve? Send a completed form to Gabi at communications@thequietresorts.com.

Ad space deadline: **Friday, November 6th**
Ad materials deadline: **Friday, November 20th**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OPEN: FIRE & ICE FUN & GAMES

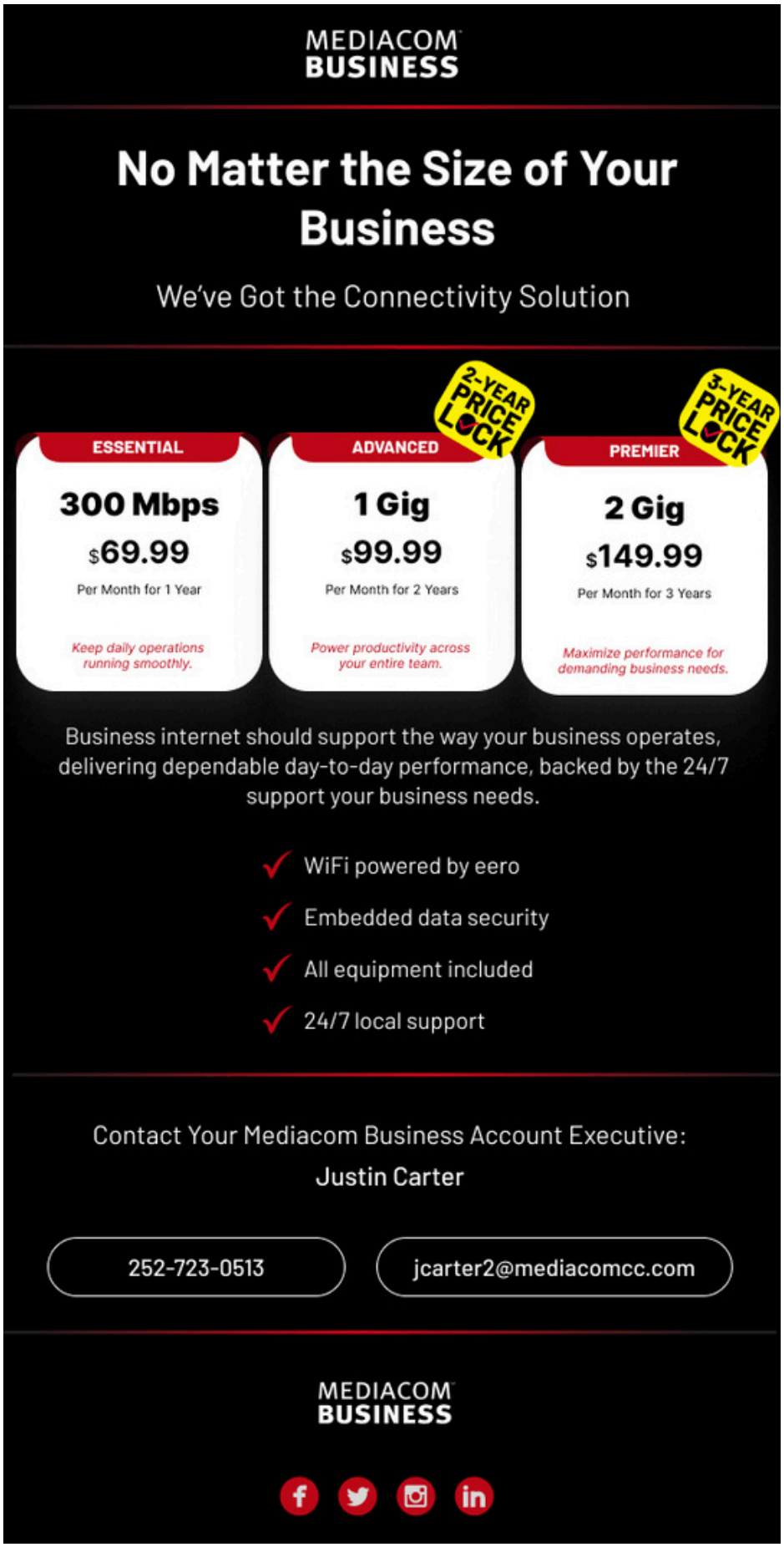
Festival Weekend: January 29-31, 2027
Ice Sculpture Sponsorship Deadline: December 18, 2026

The Fire & Ice Festival is turning 10 years old and we're celebrating with Fire & Ice "Fun & Games!" Think baseball, bowling, Bananagrams - the possibilities are endless!

Return a completed sponsor form to the Chamber or contact Alyssa at events@thequietresorts.com with questions. Ice sculpture sponsorships close on December 18th.

View the sponsorship form here.

6 - FROM OUR PARTNERS



Frankford Public Library

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND ART FAIR

Saturday, Nov. 21
9am - 2pm

Handcrafted Goods, Jewelry, Home Décor, Seasonal Gifts & Children's Gifts

Raffle Basket and 50/50 Raffle

Frankford Public Library
8 Main St, Frankford, DE
302-732-9351

8 - RENEWING MEMBERS - OCTOBER 2026

Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber. Happy anniversary!
The members listed are only those who renewed in October.

40 YEARS
40 - Jefferson, Urian, Doane & Sterner - Ocean View

29 - 20 YEARS
28 - Hastings Associates LLC
28 - South Coastal Library
28 - VueStay Vacations
26 - Atlantic Community Thrift Shop
20 - Delaware Center for the Inland Bays
20 - St. Ann's Catholic Church

19 - 10 YEARS
19 - The Penguin
18 - Cape Windsor Community Association
17 - Fortress Home Services LLC
16 - SEA Studio, Architects
14 - Bennett Termite & Pest Solutions
14 - Seaside Plumbing Inc
12 - A Sweet Affair Weddings and Events
12 - Seascape Property Management
11 - BSD
11 - Vantage Point Communications

9 - 2 YEARS
9 - Clean Delaware
8 - Morgan Organizers
8 - Ropewalk Bethany
3 - Village of Fenwick JV
4 - Art in Glass
3 - Antique Junction
2 - Hounds Town Dagsboro
2 - Maplewood Dental
2 - Scooters by the Beach LLC
2 - Surfin' Betty's Burger Bar

1 YEAR
1 - Best Life Coaching LLC
1 - Blue Heron Property Management
1 - Fort Miles Historical Association
1 - Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra
1 - Ocean 99

2027 AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS OPEN

Interested in volunteering more with the Chamber and getting a behind-the-scenes look at membership and event planning? The Ambassador Committee is accepting new members for the 2027 calendar year! The committee is a great way to get more involved with the BFACC, serve the community, and gain extra exposure for your business.

Contact Emily at membership@thequietresorts.com for more information!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ally Oktela - Associate Member

Balance Experts, Inc.
525 Naylor St, Salisbury, MD
Irina Stoehr | (410) 214-0854
info@balanceexperts.com

Celebrate Wellness Foundation
19406 Coastal Hwy, Rehoboth Beach
Kathy McDonald | (302) 396-6509
kmcdonald@lavidahg.com

Chase Selbyville, DE Branch
37463 Lion Dr, Selbyville
Connie Hamm | (302) 988-6029
connie.e.hamm@jpmorgan.com

Delaware Sea Grant
1044 College Dr, Lewes
Rosemary Carroll | (302) 344-8057
rosemary@udel.edu

Fenwick HVAC
Andrew Kram | (443) 843-4822
info@fenwickhvac.com

Garrison Homes
35786 Atlantic Ave, Ste 3, Millville
Gavin Garrison | (302) 567-6699
gavin@mygarrisonhomes.com

L'ete & Co
300 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick Island
Lindsay Mumford | (302) 841-2309

Lighthouse Christian School
28157 Lighthouse Crossing, Dagsboro
Brandon Greenlee | (302) 732-3309
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The Glaze Garden, LLC
34847 Atlantic Ave, Ocean View
Susan Deller | (267) 858-6640
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9 - PHOTO BOARD



Jennifer Scott Edward Jones Ribbon Cutting | Oct 9



Wilgus Technology Services Ribbon Cutting | Oct 14



Off Coast Wellness Ribbon Cutting | Oct 16



Melissa's Dinner & Lounge Ribbon Cutting | Oct 29







October BAH at Bethany Brewing | Oct 27

BFACC Picnic Theme for 2026 Town Halloween Events







10 - DAILY DIGEST

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3RD

Delaware's 2026 General Election is Tuesday, November 3rd. Promote change in your community by voting!

Learn more and register.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE TOURISM AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Southern Delaware Tourism Board of Directors will present the Southern Delaware Tourism Awards at the annual luncheon in December to Tourism Partners - individuals and organizations - that through their dedication and commitment have made outstanding and significant contributions to enriching tourism in Sussex County between October 2025 and October 2026.

Nomination Form **Deadline: Friday, November 6th**

MONTHLY LABOR REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2026

The Delaware Department of Labor publishes monthly labor reviews, comparing industry trends in the labor market year to year.

Click here to view the labor report for September.

REQUEST YOUR 2027 BENEFITS REVIEW

January 1 benefits renewal? Now is the time to review. Through Benefits Connection — Brokered by Allen Insurance Group, Bethany-Fenwick member employers can review current costs, plan strategy, employee needs, and available options before renewal and open-enrollment timelines get tighter. Not renewing January 1? Starting earlier can give your organization more time to plan.

Learn more.

2027 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

Fall means the Chamber staff is drafting Corporate Sponsorship Agreements for 2027!

Will you be advertising in the Discover Guide and sponsoring Chamber events in 2027? Corporate Sponsorship is for you! Email lauren@thequietresorts.com.

View the 2026 Promotions Catalog here.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

The BFACC is seeking to fill a spot on the 2027 Board of Directors!

Send 3 references and a nomination letter, for yourself or a coworker, to lauren@thequietresorts.com.

The current Board Selection Committee will confirm new directors by November, to be announced in December and inducted in January of 2027! Directors shall be from member businesses in good standing.

View the 2026 BFACC Board of Directors.

11 - ABOUT THE CHAMBER

CHAMBER MISSION

The Chamber's mission is to develop and implement destination events, participate in advocacy efforts, and provide opportunities for networking, marketing, and education with the overall goal of improving member success and enhancing the quality of life in the Quiet Resorts.

CHAMBER STAFF

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2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Board
President: Alison Schuch, *Fells Point Surf Co. & Tangerine Goods*
Vice President: Duncan Smith, *River Soccer Club*
Treasurer: Jerry Rawlins, *PKS & Company, P.A.*
Secretary: Carol Miller, *Capital Bank Home Loans*
Past President: Kristin Lang-Miller, *Tapp Network*

Directors
Emily Engh, *L&W Insurance*
Jamie Hayman, *Hayman Creative*
Kami Banks Kane, *Banks Wines & Spirits*
Kathy McDonald, *La Vida Hospitality Group*
Meg DeGrafft, *Tunnell & Raysor*
Melissa Von Bank, *Bank of Ocean City*
Ruthie Munoz, *Mountaire Farms of Delmarva*

2026 CORPORATE SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSORS
Banks Wines & Spirits
Bethany Beach Books
Coastal Point
Common Ground Hospitality
Fells Point Surf Co.
Tangerine Goods
The Book Drop
Wilgus Associates, Inc.

GOLD SPONSORS
47 ABC/WMDT-TV
Beach Liquors
Beazer Homes
Beebe Healthcare
Bethany Beach Ocean Suites
Bethany Blues
Coastal Tented Events
DNREC
Ecobay Kayak & SUP
FINS Hospitality Group
Forever Media
Hocker's Group
Hotel Bethany Beach
Juice Box
L&W Insurance
Long & Foster Realtors - Bethany Beach
Mountaire Farms of Delmarva
PNC Bank
Salted Vines Vineyard & Winery
SoDel Concepts
State Farm Agent - Billy Reese
Taylor Bank
The Big Chill Beach Club
Today Media Group

SILVER SPONSORS
Bethany Boathouse
Captain's Quarters Arcade & Go Karts
Carl M. Freeman Companies
Custom Mechanical
Difebo's Market
Difebo's Restaurant & Deli
Garth Enterprises, LTD
Heather's Home Works, LLC
Heidaway
Lefty's Alley & Eats
Lord's Landscaping
Lord's Mercantile
Mango's
Nally Homes
Nally Ventures
Renewal by Andersen
Su Casa - Bethany Beach
Su Casa - Ocean View
The Salted Rim Margarita Bar & Grille

BRONZE SPONSORS
Addy Sea Historic Oceanfront Inn
Artisans' Bank
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Climate Experts of Delmarva
Creative Concepts
Delaware Beach Life Magazine
Good Earth Market
Law Offices of Scott and Shuman, P.A.

CHAMBER OFFICES



Fenwick Island
36913 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick Island

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm



Dagsboro
33370 Main St., Dagsboro

Monday, Thursday, & Friday
9am - 1pm

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