

CAPE MAY COUNTY CHAMBER



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From the President's Desk:

Dear Members,

November is a month for gratitude, and there is so much to be grateful for across Cape May County's business community. From family-owned shops preparing for the holidays to our year-round employers planning for 2026, your resilience and collaboration continue to power our local economy. Thank you for all you do.

Saluting Our Veterans

As we mark Veterans Day on November 11, we honor the service of the many veterans who live and work in Cape May County. We will continue to engage with partners to improve access to services for veterans and their families. If your business offers a veteran discount or special hiring program, please let us know.

Shop Local Season

The holiday season is here, please join us in championing Small Business Saturday (Nov. 29) and the broader "shop local" campaign throughout the month. Your purchases keep paychecks in our community, support local nonprofits, and strengthen the year-round economy.

Advocacy & Policy Watch

Your Chamber remains focused on the issues that shape our economy: a fairer distribution of occupancy tax revenues, pragmatic energy policy, the NJ State Plan, workforce housing and transportation, and predictable regulatory frameworks (including NJ PACT). We'll continue to engage our federal, state, and county partners and keep you informed on developments that affect your bottom line.

Save the Date: Energy Forum - December 4

We're hosting an Energy Forum on Thursday, December 4 at Cape Square Entertainment, Rio Grande. The program will explore New Jersey's supply/demand realities and what's ahead for reliability and affordability. Confirmed participants include: Erick Ford, Stevens & Lee; Jim Gilroy, PSEG Nuclear; Mike Renna, CEO, South Jersey Industries; and Jacob Sneed, Atlantic City Electric. Registration details will be circulated shortly. If your company is interested in sponsoring this timely program, please reach out.

Education Foundation & Leadership Cape May

Our Education Foundation continues to invest in leadership and workforce development county-wide. Planning is underway for the 2026 -27 Leadership Cape May cohort, including expanded field experiences across the county. If you'd like to nominate an emerging leader or discuss scholarships and sponsorships, we'd love to hear from you.

Membership Notes

Host a networking event in 2026: we're building the calendar now.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, know how grateful we are for each of you - our over 900-member strong Chamber community.

Your investment, voice, and partnership make a measurable difference for Cape May County.

**Warm Regards,
Barbara Stafford Jones,
President**



◆ **UPCOMING EVENTS** *

11/20—Membership Luncheon—Avalon Yacht Club

12/3—Mingle Bells Evening Networking—Cape May Seashore Lines

12/4—NJ Vision of Energy Forum—Cape Square Entertainment

12/18—Holiday Luncheon—The Lobster House

Chamber & Legislative Updates

- ◆ The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce proudly announced the recipients of the 2025 Annual Excellence Awards at the 81st Annual Meeting & Installation Dinner, presented by Simonsen & McClellan of New Jersey Legislative District One, held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the Wildwoods Convention Center. The award winners were as follows: Michael Clark, Volunteer of the Year; Johnnie Walker, Military Veteran Leadership in Business; Green Street Market, Environmental Leadership; Kyle McClure, Young Professional of the Year; Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, Non-Profit of the Year; and Sturdy Savings Bank, Business of the Year. **[Read more.](#)**
- ◆ The 2026 Jersey Cape Vacation Guide is accepting advertisers for its 59th edition until November 15. The Guide highlights the best of Cape May County with engaging content on attractions, dining, accommodations, and activities. This year's package includes expanded digital marketing opportunities like a visitor-focused website, email blasts to 7,000+ subscribers, an e-newsletter, and social media features. **[Learn more.](#)** **[View the digital version.](#)**
- ◆ The Chamber will be welcoming Kevin Reilly, an acclaimed keynote speaker, author, former broadcaster for Philadelphia Eagles Network, and former professional football player at the Chamber's membership meeting on November 20 at Avalon Yacht Club. After a rare tumor led to the amputation of his left arm and ended his football career, Reilly overcame unimaginable obstacles to find success in the corporate world, broadcasting, and motivational speaking sharing a powerful message of perseverance and strength. The event is sponsored by Exclusive Land Design. **[Learn more and sign up.](#)**
- ◆ The Chamber will be hosting *NJ Vision for Energy Forum: Managing Energy Costs: What Businesses Can Do to Stay Ahead* on December 4 at Cape Square Entertainment. This is a timely conversation on how to navigate energy price volatility and take advantage of programs designed to reduce costs. Hear directly from energy professionals as they share insights on energy efficiency, reliability, and new technologies shaping the local energy future. **[Learn more and sign up.](#)**
- ◆ Sponsorship opportunities for 2026 with the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce are now available. Businesses and organizations can partner with the Chamber through a variety of events, including signature programs such as the Annual Dinner, Women in Business Conference, Business at the Beach Expo, and the Annual Golf Tournament, as well as through mixers, seminars, and monthly membership meetings. Sponsorships are also offered for Education Foundation events and programs. These opportunities provide valuable visibility while directly supporting the Chamber's mission and ongoing programs that strengthen the local business community. **[Learn more.](#)**
- ◆ The Chamber is collecting new diapers to support families facing diaper need. According to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, many low-income parents must choose between diapers and food, as diapers aren't covered by programs like SNAP or WIC. The Chamber office is serving as a drop-off location for anyone wishing to contribute. **[Learn more.](#)**
- ◆ New Jersey's statewide minimum wage will increase by \$0.43 to \$15.92 per hour for most employees, effective January 1, 2026. Under the law, the minimum wage rate for employees of seasonal and small employers will continue to increase gradually until 2028 to lessen the impact on those businesses. The minimum hourly wage for these employees will increase to \$15.23 on Jan. 1, up from \$14.53. **[Read more.](#)**
- ◆ Atlantic Cape Community College announced the upcoming retirement of Dr. Barbara Gaba, whose contract concludes on June 30, 2026. Dr. Gaba, who has led the College for nearly nine years, will retire following a distinguished 40-year career in higher education. **[Read more.](#)**
- ◆ Begley Law Group, P.C. provided an informative overview of New Jersey FamilyCare, the state's Medicaid program that offers health insurance coverage to about 20% of New Jersey residents. Funded by both federal and state dollars, the program includes benefits such as doctor visits, prescriptions, hospitalizations, dental and vision care, mental health services, and more. Eligibility is based on income and family size, with specific thresholds for adults and children. **[Learn more.](#)**
- ◆ The Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation and Cape May County Women's Commission will celebrate the accomplishments of the 2025 Women of Wonder Award recipients at their Women of Wonder Awards Luncheon on Nov. 13. This year's honorees are Jodie DiEduardo, Senior Vice President of Community Banking at Crest Savings Bank; Cheryl Spaulding, Community Relations Specialist and Public Information Officer for the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office; and Diane Wieland, Director of the Cape May County Department of Tourism. **[Read more.](#)**

Chamber Event Highlights

81st Annual Meeting & Installation Dinner – October 15

The Chamber extends a heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the 81st Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner, presented by Simonsen & McClellan Legislative District 1, at the Wildwoods Convention Center on October 15.



The Chamber welcomed the 2025-26 Board of Directors and Executive Committee members and recognized the recipients of the 2025 Annual Excellence Awards.



We thank our sponsors and partners for making this event possible!

[Read our Thank You Note here.](#)

Our next Membership Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 20 at Avalon Yacht Club. Learn more and sign up.

New Member Reception — Oct. 7



The Chamber hosted a New Member Reception, welcoming new members, board members and ambassadors to learn about the many benefits and opportunities the Chamber has to offer. Companies welcomed were Ohana Financial, Curry Consulting, Mattress Firm, Aces Mechanical, Re Move It, Tesla Payments, Nine Salon, AtlantiCare, and Sturdy Savings Bank.

Glow Golf Social — Oct. 10

The inaugural Glow Golf Social event at Big Little 9 Golf Course was a huge success. Guests enjoyed ideal fall weather, nine glowing holes, and fantastic refreshments kindly donated by MudHen Brewing Company, Obscura Brewery, and Briganti By The Bay Natali Vineyards. We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated and supported this event, as well as to our event partners and gracious hosts at Big Little 9 and Morey's for helping us create such a memorable evening. We look forward to having this again next year.



Non-Profit Summit — Oct. 17



Non-Profits from Cape May County and surrounding areas came together to share their missions, initiatives, projects and information about their organizations as part of the Cape May County Non-Profit Summit, presented by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic Cape Community College, ACENDA Integrated Health, Cooper University Health Care and the Cape May County Women's Commission. It was a great day of networking and exchanging ideas at the Cape May Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College.

Evening Networking Mixer — Oct. 29

Chamber members enjoyed a delightful evening mixer last night at Cape May's oldest original hotel, The Chalfonte Hotel! Guests mingled over food, cocktails, and conversation, taking in the timeless charm of the King Edward Bar and even learned some history. The Chamber extends sincere thanks to the Mullock family and Chalfonte staff for their warm hospitality and for hosting this memorable event.



Chamber Member of the Month: Janney Montgomery Scott

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Out on the Town with Our Members



A Chamber staff member and family enjoyed a fantastic day at **Beachcomber Camping Resort's** Thomas F. Brodesser Memorial Car Show & BBQ. The weather was perfect for this community-spirited event, which featured an impressive display of historic and vintage cars, open to the public for the first time. Guests enjoyed live music, exciting raffles, and a delicious barbecue, all while supporting a great cause. Event proceeds benefited local charities, reflecting

Beachcomber's strong commitment to giving back. The well-organized event drew a wonderful crowd and showcased the dedication of the Beachcomber team in hosting a memorable day for all.

Beachcomber Camping Resort is located at 462 Seashore Road, Cape May. Please visit their website at www.beachcombercamp.com for more information.

Playing at **Cape May National Golf Course** was an exceptional experience from start to finish. The course itself is beautifully maintained, with lush fairways, challenging yet fair holes, and stunning scenery that makes every round enjoyable. Each hole presents a unique challenge, striking a perfect balance between strategy and playability for golfers of all skill levels. The staff at Cape May National went above and beyond to ensure a seamless experience. From the warm welcome at check-in to the



helpful guidance on course layout and conditions, everyone made me feel valued and well taken care of. Their professionalism and friendliness added a personal touch that truly enhanced the day. Overall, playing at Cape May National was not just a round of golf, it was an experience I will not soon forget. I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a top-notch golfing experience with excellent amenities and exceptional service.

Cape May National Golf Club is located on Route 9 in Erma. Please visit their website at www.cmngc.com for more information and to book a tee time.

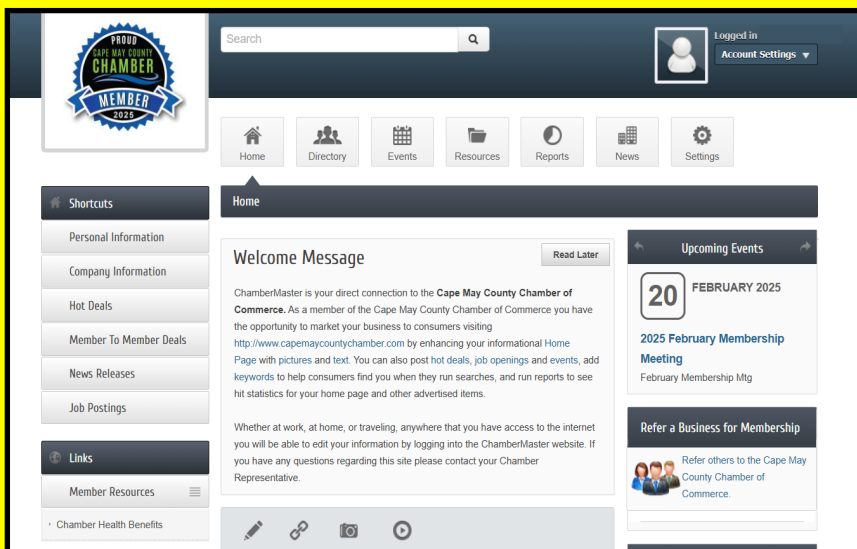


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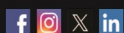
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