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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FROM MARK LALLY, CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE REP.**

**HOUSE BILL #318 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT**

- This Act doubles the research and development tax credit available to smaller businesses while keeping in place the annual cap of \$5 million for the credit as a whole. Currently, all businesses are entitled to a state tax credit that is equal to half of the corresponding federal tax credit for R&D activity occurring in Delaware. Under this Act, businesses with less than \$20 million average annual gross receipts for the most recent four years are entitled to a credit equal to 100% of the corresponding federal credit. As of 5/1/14 - in the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee

**SCAMS/ALERTS**

The Chamber receives numerous reports of scams from members. If you are suspect of calls or information, one resource anyone can access is to Google “Scams” and “Recent Scams and Alerts”.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DEWEY ARTS FEST/DEWEY BEACH LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY DAY**

Presented by the Dewey Business Partnership - Saturday, **May 10**, 2014 – 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Dagsworthy Avenue Bayside – free parking/admission – rain date, Sunday, May 11 – over 40 artists and crafters; children’s art gallery/crafts for Mother’s Day; two live magic shows, photo booth, etc. – for more information – 302-228-3701 or Dewey Arts Fest Facebook.

**MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. – GUEST SPEAKER DEDO DIRECTOR, ALAN LEVIN**

The Chamber has scheduled a general membership luncheon meeting for Tuesday, **May 13**, 2014 at Noon--Kings Creek Country Club, Rehoboth Beach with guest speaker, Alan Levin, Cabinet Secretary/Director of the Delaware Economic Development Office. The luncheon cost is \$16 per person - buffet to include flank steak with creamy horseradish, shrimp stir-fry with noodles, vegetarian chili, roasted red skin potatoes, vegetable medley, and a dessert assortment. Seating at the meeting is limited, so reserve now-contact Joy at 302-227-6446 or joy@beach-fun.com.

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL–THE ICE CREAM STORE, REHOBOTH AVENUE AT THE BOARDWALK**

The Ice Cream Store will host its 7th Annual Ice Cream Social and Taste-Testing **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, noon-7 PM. Ice cream maker extraordinaire Chip Hearn invites everyone to sample 22 new flavors – all are welcome!

**WERTZ AND CO. SOUTH GRAND OPENING - REHOBOTH BEACH LOCATION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chamber will welcome Wertz and Co. South - 20845 Coastal Highway in Rehoboth Beach - to the resort area with a special ribbon cutting at 12:30 PM **on Saturday, May 17**. Activities from 10 AM – 5 PM include a live radio broadcast by 93.7 and vendor set-ups from Lennox, Napoleon, Coyote, E P Henry, Cambridge, and more. Wertz and Co. South prides itself on its expert roofing, stonework, fireplaces, and more! There will be free giveaways, food and prizes including a 20 x 20 patio (pavers only, installation not included), grill, one week stay at the Wertz and Co. beach place, and tickets to Bluerocks and Phillies games. This fun event will include grill demonstrations, moon bounce for the kids and FREE Rita’s Water ice. There is no fee to attend.

**CHAMBER SPRING SIDEWALK SALES – FRIDAY, MAY 16 - SUNDAY, MAY 18**

Rules and Regulations - City of Rehoboth Beach Merchants - There is no registration required to participate in the annual sidewalk sales; however City of Rehoboth Beach merchants must observe the following rules & regulations:

- Sidewalk sales are specifically for City of Rehoboth Beach businesses that own, operate, and are licensed to do business at their respective storefronts.
- All tables, chairs, etc. should be removed from the sidewalks by 9:00 PM.
- Licensed merchants shall set up directly in front of their business store front.
- The business entrance must be clear and open to public.
- Pedestrian walkways must be open to public.
- Tents are not permitted.
- Restaurants may set up and sell food directly in front of their business provided they adhere to all related Department of Health regulations. **NOTE:** In the past, the Chamber of Commerce and Rehoboth Beach City Manager were made aware that vendors who do not own or operate a business with store frontage in the City of Rehoboth Beach set up sale areas during the Annual Sidewalk Sale time frames. The Rehoboth Beach enforcement officer has been made aware of the situation. Merchants located outside of the City of Rehoboth Beach are required to follow the regulations in their respective locality.

For a complete Calendar of Events, visit the Chamber website - [www.beach-fun.com](http://www.beach-fun.com). If you have questions, please give Carol a call on the member hotline- 227-6446, or her cell phone at 542-7547.