

Save the Date!
26th Annual EXPO
May 15th



How We Can Help You

As we reported last month, Hurricane Sandy not only affected many homes and businesses throughout the Jersey Shore, it also affected our Chamber's event schedule and move into our new office. In the meantime, we have been disseminating as much post-Sandy information as possible to the public via this newsletter, "Business in Mocean" in The Today Paper and thru email blasts. You will also find postings on our Website that include everything from FEMA and SBA updates to local information. Were you aware that if your property was damaged you might be eligible for a reduction in your property taxes? While there is a deadline for filing, this was included in a recent email. So get on our email list - send your name and email address to gotcc@gotcc.org.

Our Website is also a source for marketing and tech information to help your business grow. Your Chamber supports both the business and residential community, and by supporting our members, so do you! So when in need of products

and services, please use our searchable member directory!

If you are thinking of joining the GOTCC, you should be aware that consumers are 63% more likely to do business with businesses who are a member of the local Chamber of Commerce.* There are many other good reasons to become a member, and you can do so right online. Current members can renew online as well. Renewals and new memberships can be paid online using checks, credit/debit cards, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Prefer the old-fashioned way? Call us at 732.660.1888.

As the year winds down, we wish you happiness throughout the season, and joy, good health and prosperity in the New Year.

Stay tuned here, online and via email, for news about our Grand Opening networking event, Wine & Chocolate Tasting and 26th Annual Business & Consumer Expo.



Join the GOTCC



Renewals



Sandy Info



Member Directory

Learn about how you can easily LINK to a Website for more INFO using your SMART PHONE with these QR CODES: www.gotcc.org/newslist.html under Informational Articles.

The Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce WELCOMES Eatontown & Tinton Falls Businesses!

FREE & Low Cost Networking Events!
FREE Business Promotion to 28,000
FREE Email Marketing Program*
FREE Marketing & Tech Info
Reach B2B & Consumer Biz
Power of One Memberships!
& MORE AMAZING BENEFITS!

It helps, but you don't have to network to increase your business with a GOTCC membership! *Details:

www.GOTCC.org/benefits

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TOP PICTURE: Event host Tim Horn, General Manager of Ray Catena Lexus of Oakhurst accepted a plaque commemorating their sponsorship of the GOTCC's 17th Annual Golf Outing - Ray Catena Lexus Classic from Outing Chair/GOTCC Board Member Tom Madden, Esq.



Networking Event

After weeks of weather-related stress, the GOTCC FREE After Hours Networking event on November 15th was the perfect night out for over 70 business people. We thank General Manager Tim Horn and his staff at Ray Catena Lexus of Oakhurst for hosting and sponsoring the perfect evening of re-connecting and connection-making in their luxurious showroom.

Amidst a sea of enviable vehicles, was set a lovely gathering area with stools, linen-covered bar tables and couches. A delicious buffet prepared by Piccola Italia was accompanied

by a little wine, enjoyable round-robin introductions and a lot of good company.

Tom Madden, Esq., the 2012 GOTCC Golf Outing Chair, presented a plaque of appreciation to Tim Horn for their long-time support and for sponsoring the 2012 outing, the Ray Catena Lexus Classic at Hollywood Golf Course - another enviable event sponsored by Ray Catena Lexus of Oakhurst.

We look forward to doing it again. Our thanks to Tim and his staff!

SANDY UPDATES

Deadline Approaching for Sandy Recovery Loans - So far the SBA has approved more than \$150 million in disaster loans to about 2,500 homeowners, renters and businesses recovering from Hurricane Sandy. If you have a disaster loan application, you should complete and send it back to us as soon as possible. The N.J. filing deadline for physical property damage disaster loan applications is Dec. 31. To read more go to www.gotcc.org/sandyrelief.html

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office has opened a satellite location at 3544 Hwy. 66 in Neptune (adjacent to Home Depot). The facility, known as the "Monmouth County Connection", is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 6, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 8 and Saturday from 9 to 1; offering a variety of services including passports, notary public, voter information and senior and veterans' services. For details: (732) 303-2828.

If you lost your job as a result of Hurricane Sandy, permanently or temporarily, you may be eligible for disaster unemployment benefits. The first step is to fill out a claim - it is fastest to do so online at www.njufile.net - when asked for the reason you have been separated from your employer select "Other" and then type in "Hurricane Sandy" in the comment box. If you cannot file online, files by phone (expect long hold times): North Jersey 201-601-4100; Central Jersey 732-761-2020 and South Jersey 856-507-2340. Funds are available to hire workers for many temporary disaster recovery jobs. Call 1-877-682-6238 or email sandyhelp@dol.state.nj.us SBA Home Disaster Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate or personal property owned by the victim. Renters are eligible for their personal property losses, including automobiles.

For much more info, important links and phone numbers visit www.gotcc.org/sandyrelief.html