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1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI 02891 Phone: 401-596-7761 Email: lkonicki@oceanchamber.org Web: oceanchamber.org What an amazing time to lead a Chamber of Commerce. I am truly humbled by the trust placed in me by the Board of Directors. There is so much opportunity to help and this organization has proven that it is uniquely qualified to overcome the obstacles and usher our community through these unprecedented times. At no point in history has the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce been more vital to sustaining the local economy than right now. The challenges have been incredible and I am so proud that The Chamber's response has been nothing short of extraordinary, supporting businesses and the community at large during the pandemic.

When a nationwide business shutdown crippled our small businesses, and other business groups communicated remotely or went on hiatus, the OCCC expanded its operations to 7 days a week, with highly visible response services. We found creative solutions, provided unbridled energy and yielded dramatic positive results for local shops and restaurants. We were the lifeline that helped retailers pay their rent with our Facebook Live shop-



ping programs. We were the trusted counselor assisting with PPP loan questions, providing timely grant information, issuing guidance on re-opening practices and coordinating PPE distribution. We rallied residents with optimistic messages of "Community Strong" and "Support Local" and gave away over 800 facial masks to community members. We generated nearly \$60,000 in gift certificate sales to directly benefit small businesses and keep this economy moving.

The OCCC has been on the forefront, bravely and effectively leading this community since the very onset of Covid-19. Six months into the pandemic, we continue to help businesses survive and thrive. Despite the expanded, critical cadre of services provided, many small businesses are still struggling and have not been able to renew their memberships or pay on time. Couple that challenge with the loss of over \$90,000 in fundraising when our signature events were forced cancelled due to government regulations – Fusion, Pawcatuck River Duck Race, Great Escape Auction, and Virtu Art Festival at 1/3 of normal size. Consider the cruel irony that no Chamber of Commerce is eligible for federal PPP support, yet we have taken on tremendous additional responsibility to provide critical services and maintain community traditions.

We love the privilege of serving the community and our Board, along with a small but mighty staff of 2, have persevered to keep us stronger, longer. But there is much work ahead as we face the Covid-19 business challenges of fall & winter and work to sustain the businesses. We recently launched Sunday Fundays to support downtown. We will also present a re-imagined Candidates Night, Holiday Stroll and Santa's Arrival/Winter Wonderland.

To maintain the momentum of progress, The Board members and I have introduced a fundraising campaign. The community has always counted on The Chamber, and now we ask that you support our The Chamber. Please, if you are in a position to give, donate to support the ongoing efforts of the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce. We would like to recognize Mal Makin and Professional Planning Group for making a generous leadership gift to kick-off the Legacy Campaign. Additional contributions were pledged or received by Chariho Furniture, First Physical Therapy, Grey Sail Brewing of Rhode Island, Stonington Vineyards, Joanna Valentini, Bella Vita Salon and Zoe & Co. We are deeply appreciative and hope that these kind acts inspire others. Let us know if you would like more information on this initiative.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support. We are truly "in this together" and here to help in any way that we can.

Warm Regards,

Maria Gabriele Allen

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the rescheduled Virtu art Fair

We are grateful to Wilcox Park for allowing us the opportunity in August to produce a modified event in Covid-era. The trust placed in us by Westerly Library, the Town Council and the Police Department was truly appreciated. We'd also like to thank the artists who participated and all the community volunteers who helped us execute this ambitious undertaking this year. With just over 2,100 attendees it was a much smaller audience than normal but everyone who entered was patient, kind and understanding of the rules and process. They were also very supportive of the artists which was the main goal! 2020 has been particularly hard on artists of all

kinds. We felt it was crucial to overcome the challenges and provide an opportunity for much needed revenues for this sometimes unrecognized, segment of the economy. Arts are vital to our community and to a sense of joy and peace. We look forward to showcasing more artists this winter with Facebook Live and to presenting a more "normal" Virtu in 2021. Special appreciation goes to WBLQ, First Financial Advisory Services/Geraldine Cunningham and Associates, Cherenzia Companies, EZ Waste, Westerly Paints, Bella Vita, BakeFresh, Christ Church, the Chorus of Westerly and Warm Center for a variety of event support services.



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255 Hempstead Street New London, CT 06320 Phone: 860-443-2896 Web: childandfamilyagency.org Contact: Matthew Vangieri

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Contact: Matthew Donovan

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Locally sourced whole animal butcher shop, online market and casual counter service restaurant in historic downtown Mystic, CT. Offering farm fresh pasture raised meats, produce and artisan bread and cheese, famous rotisserie chicken, sandwiches and more. Kitchen is open daily from 10am - 8pm for indoor and outdoor dining, take out and happy hour daily 3-6pm. Pre-Order locally sourced grocery goods and prepared meals for the next day pick up through the online market. Stop by the Butcher shop and farm fridge to see what's new from the local food community.



MYSTIC PAINT & DECORATING CENTER

50 Williams Ave Mystic, CT 06355 Phone: 860-572-7031 Email: mysticpaintsanddecorating@gmail.com Contact: Brandon Donahue

Mystic Paints has re-opened under new ownership! Now owned and operated by the same family who run Westerly Paints on 85 Franklin St. Westerly, RI. Mystic Paints is still a proud dealer of Benjamin Moore Paints and now an authorized Festool dealer. Stop in and say "Hello" at 50 Williams Ave Mystic, CT.



RISE NUTRITION

37 S. Broad Street, Unit #9 Pawcatuck, CT 06379 Phone: 860-495-2529 Contact: Angela Bujnevicie

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SOUTH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

1555 Shannock Road Charlestown, RI 02813 Phone: 401-213-6711 Web: southcountyhabitat. org Contact: Colin Penney

Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes, by advocating for fair and just housing policies, and by providing training and access to resources to help families im-

prove their shelter conditions. In 2007, South County Habitat for Humanity opened the first (and only) ReStore in Rhode Island! Located in Charlestown at 1555 Shannock Road, the ReStore is a non-profit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, building materials, appliances and home accessories to the public at a fraction of the retail price. With the help from local donors, shoppers, and volunteers, proceeds from the ReStore sales are used to build homes in South County. Anyone can shop, donate, or volunteer Tuesday-Saturday from 9AM-5PM. To learn more, visit schhri.org or "Like" South County Habitat for Humanity (@southcountyhabitat) and the ReStore (@ SCHHReStore) on Facebook!



OYSTER CLUB

13 Water Street Mystic, CT 06355 Phone: 860-415-9266 Web: oysterclubct.com

Oyster Club, located in historic downtown Mystic, offers it's guests farm inspired coastal cuisine. Taking advantage of the regions local farmers and fisherman, Oyster Club features seasonal specialties including Stonington sea scallops, pasture raised beef, local produce and artisanal cheeses. In addition to the casual fine dining atmosphere, Oyster Club boasts one of the region's premiere raw bars, an exquisite wine list and exceptional service.



YOUR CBD STORE

38 West Broad Street Pawcatuck, CT 06379 Phone: 860-495-0380 Web: Facebook/YourCBD-StorePawcatuckCT/ Contact: Michael Geronimo

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WATER STREET CAFÉ

143 Water Street Stonington, CT 06378 Phone: 860-535-2122 Web: waterstcafe.com Contacts: Walter Houlihan & Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan

A local institution, Water Street Cafe, with our beautiful mahogany bar-built by frenchman Oliver LeBras-our casual and eclectic atmosphere and warm staff, is a favorite spot among locals. Nestled in the center of the seaside village of Stonington Borough, we are known for our succulent Oyster Bar, fresh seafood and daily menu that includes Stonington fisherman's catch of the day and fresh seasonal produce from local and organic farmers. Open Tuesday - Saturday from 5:00 - 9:00PM. Both indoor and outdoor seating is available. To make a reservation please call after 4PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. We

are looking forward to seeing all of our beloved guests soon!



GRAND & WATER ANTIQUES

135 Water Street Stonington, CT 06378 Phone: 860-535-2624 Web: grandandwater.com Contact: Deborah Norman

Deborah Norman makes antiquing fun. Warm and knowledgeable, she has conjured an irresistible environment to help you see how easily antiques can slip into your heart and home. When a piece calls out to you, Deborah is happy to relate its history, where it was made, when, how-the whole story. If you're unsure where to put it a bit of her expert coaching and enthusiastic conversation helps reveal the ideal possibility. Antiques run in Deborah's blood. Her great grandmother, Ada Chase, wrote for The Magazine Antiques when first published in the 1920s, and her grandmother, Virginia Albertine, bought and sold antiques for decades at her Norwich, Connecticut shop. Deborah opened Grand & Water Antiques in 1994. Today, one American History degree and years of devotion later, Deborah's passion for the lifestyle and her shop still burns strong.



LIVE SHOPPING EVENT SCHEDULE

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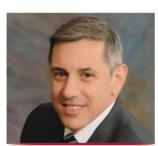
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Due to arrive in early December, this limited edition heirloom publication is nothing short of spectacular. Stonington artist Susan Scala beautifully illustrated the pages over 10 months. There are over 60 "pops" in the book and the most notable include the Morgan ship, an octopus and a whale from Mystic Aquarium, the Stonington Lighthouse and the Bascule Bridge in Mystic which raises and lowers! There is magic in each and every page of this publication along with history about the Town, featured landmarks, arts and culture and much more. The price is just \$40 and all the proceeds are used for charitable purposes. \$.50 of each book sale will benefit the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and \$.50 will benefit the Stonington Historical Society. Pre-order yours now and you'll be assured of arrival before the holiday. Over 1,100 have already been ordered and there are only 4,000 total so don't miss out. Use the order form here and mail a check or call 401-596-7761 to order via phone. Thank you for your support of the Ocean Community Chamber Foundation and this special project.





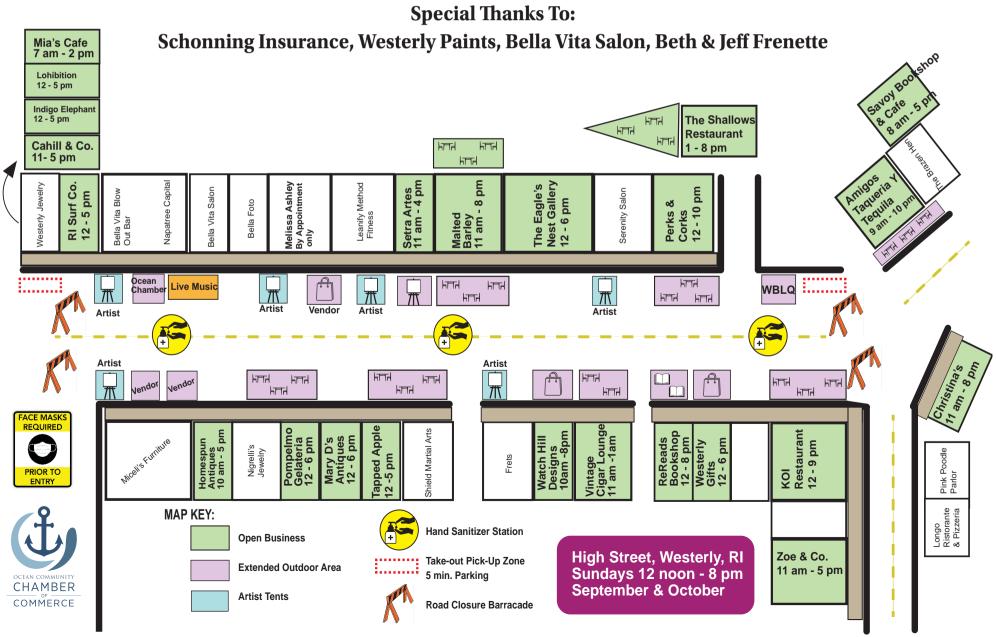


For Sundays this fall, High Street will be closed to cars from 12 noon – 8pm. Instead, a pedestrian shopping and dining experience will be created to encourage outdoor commerce in response to Governor Raimondo's campaign to "Take it Outside!" The Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Westerly are collaborating on this effort. Check the website oceanchamber.org for weekly schedule of entertainment and activities.

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Care Center in Rhode Island, access to behavioral health services, primary care resources or advanced diagnostic and treatment methods for digestive health disorders, Westerly Hospital offers a full range of private inpatient room and outpatient services in a community hospital setting. You can also take advantage of telemedicine or video visits with a caregiver from the comfort of your home.

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