

The Chamber's Business & Community Awards Celebration: Building Community with Leadership, Dedication & Service

Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) recognized business and community heroes on October 29, 2025 at The Grove at Centerton, continuing a 39-year tradition of honoring extraordinary business and community heroes. Jonathan Cummings, Chamber President opened the celebration saying, "you are amazing people and organizations whose work, heart, and dedication embody our celebration theme: building community with leadership, dedication, and service."

With 250 people in attendance, it was a special evening of recognition and thanks. Randi Galan, Co-chair of the awards celebration, summed it up this way, "from boardrooms to classrooms, from businesses that invest in our future, to police offices and cars, to neighbors who tend a city park, each of our honorees strengthens our community's foundation. We grow stronger when we lead together, serve together, and build together."

The 2025 Francis H. Sharp, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award recipients were retired Bridgeton Police Chief Michael Gaimari, Sr., and husband and wife team, Gregory and Bonnie Facemyer.

2025 Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award recipients were Dorothy "Dotty" Robinson and the late Marlene Urban, who was honored posthumously.



Congratulations 2025 Business and Community Heroes

Meeting Our Legislators

On Oct. 1, Bridgeton Area, Greater Millville, and Greater Vineland Chambers of Commerce held a joint legislative breakfast featuring the NJ District 1 and District 3 legislators. Meghan McCormick Hoerner, co-chair of the Bridgeton Area Chamber Government Relations Committee moderated the discussion. Participating legislators were NJ State Sen. Michael L. Testa, Jr., NJ Asw. Heather Simmons, and Asm. David Bailey, Jr., Erik K. Simonsen, and Antwan L. McClellan. The meeting was sponsored by The Authority and Cumberland County Board of Commissioners.



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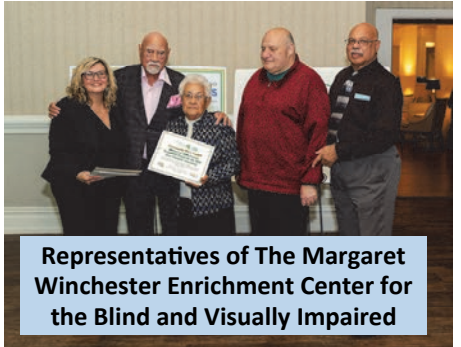
Maria Martini for Marlene Urban



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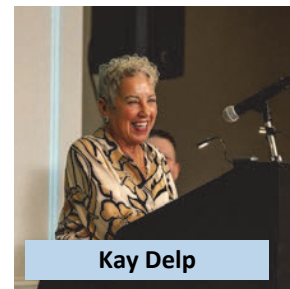
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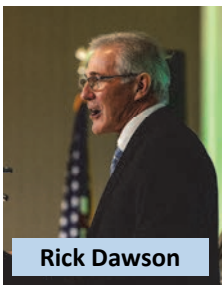
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25 Days of Christmas, Hanukkah & Winter Shop Local Ideas

These and other holiday and winter shop local ideas can be found at www.CumberlandGrows.com/ShopLocal and www.CumberlandGrows.com/Member-Directory

From Nov. 24 to Dec. 19, the Chamber and CDC present 25 days of local shopping ideas for the holidays and winter. Ideas are being sent via email, social media and all are posted on www.CumberlandGrows.com/ShopLocal. Some ideas are included in this newsletter.



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"Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future", "Honrando el Pasado, Inspirando el Futuro" was theme of the Chamber's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Oct. 15 at Inka Chicken Restaurant in Bridgeton.



Minerva Alvarado, Chamber 1st Vice President, and Board Member, moderated the meeting. She recalled her family's move to the United States from Puerto Rico and their work building an American dream for themselves and their children.

Guest speaker was Harlan Miller, President, KYMO (Keeping Young Minds Occupied). He talked about his mission working to make young people's lives better. Using techniques to communicate with them, to help build positive relationships, and to enhance hope.

The keynote speaker was Mayor Albert Kelly of the Great City of Bridgeton. The Mayor focused on how all people, all communities, and all organizations working together can build commerce, understanding, and progress.

The Chamber's Bridgeton Business Alliance Committee's Pioneer Award was given to Latin American Economic Development Assoc. (LAEDA) by Darleen Andfield, Chair of the Chamber's Bridgeton Business Alliance Committee. LAEDA Executive Director Ray Lamboy accepted the award which reflects the many ways the organization helps business get started and grow in Bridgeton and all of South Jersey.



The main event sponsor was TD Bank, and supporting sponsors were Atlantic City Electric and Bridgeton Auto Mall.

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Minerva Alvarado, primera vicepresidenta de la Cámara y miembro de la Junta, moderó la reunión. Recordó la mudanza de su familia a Estados Unidos desde Puerto Rico y su trabajo construyendo un sueño americano para ellos y sus hijos.

El ponente invitado fue Harlan Miller, presidente de KYMO (Keeping Young Minds Occupied). Habló sobre su misión trabajar para mejorar la vida de los jóvenes. Utilizar técnicas para comunicarse con ellos, ayudar a construir relaciones positivas y aumentar la esperanza.

El ponente principal fue el alcalde Albert Kelly de la Gran Ciudad de Bridgeton. El alcalde se centró en cómo todas las personas, todas las comunidades y todas las organizaciones que trabajan juntas pueden fomentar el comercio, la comprensión y el progreso.

El Premio Pionero del Comité de la Alianza Empresarial de Bridgeton de la Cámara fue otorgado a la Asociación de Desarrollo Económico Latinoamericano (LAEDA) por Darleen Andfield, presidenta del Comité de la Alianza Empresarial de Bridgeton de la Cámara. El director ejecutivo de LAEDA, Ray Lamboy, aceptó el premio, que refleja las muchas formas en que la organización ayuda a que las empresas comencen y crezcan en Bridgeton y en todo el sur de Nueva Jersey. El patrocinador principal del evento fue TD Bank, y los patrocinadores de apoyo fueron Atlantic City Electric y Bridgeton Auto Mall.

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Chamber and CDC Open House

The Chamber and CDC presented an open house and business networking and information meeting at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building and the Chamber / CDC office on November 12. The evening kicked off with information tables, networking, food and beverages from Got Pizza? mobile unit. The business information session began in the Hopewell Township main meeting room when event co-chairs Stephanie McGhee and Nikki Halter, and CDC Vice Chair Mayor Abigail O'Brien



Dustin Tarpine of Cedar Rose Vineyard

Stephanie McGhee (left), Nikki Halter and Dep. Mayor Jim Crilley.



welcomed everyone. Event sponsors Bridgeton Auto Mall and Countrywide Home Care were recognized. A report of business and community activities in Deerfield Township was offered by Mayor Abigail O'Brien. She stressed while there has been business growth in the township, planning is designed to retain the township's agriculture-base, and its small-town vibe. She welcomed spotlight business from Deerfield, Cedar Rose Vineyards. Co-owner Dustin Tarpine

talked about the history of the business from uncleared land to successful vineyard, winery, and event center.



Mayors Abby O'Brien (left) and Robin Freitag.

Hopewell Township Mayor Robin Freitag talked about the growth in the township and also highlighted the planning that protects the township's farmland, open spaces, natural areas, and beautiful vistas. She talked about steady growth at the Township's Business Park anchored by the Greater Bridgeton Amish Market. The spotlight business from Hopewell was Overdevest Nurseries. Owner Ed



Ed Overdevest

Overdevest talked about the humble beginnings of the agriculture business to its current success. Upper Deerfield Deputy Mayor Jim Crilley summarized the recent spurt of growth along Rt. 77.

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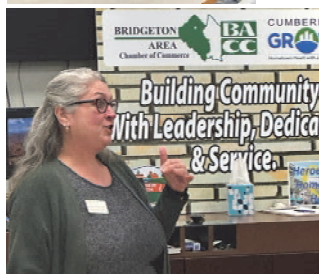
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Deputy Mayor Jim Crilley said the growth is in the limited area of the township zoned for this type of industrial growth and where infrastructure, incentives, and available land are keys. He also stressed the vision of the leadership and residents to retain the agriculture heritage of the township.



Upper Deerfield Business spotlight was Print Signs & Designs, represented by new owner Hal Goldstein. He said he, his wife and the experienced staff of the business are working to sustain and grow this strong local business.

A County business update was presented by Dylan Wulderk of The Authority (CCIA) that serves as the county's economic development office.



Patricia Mooneyham, owner of the Passion Professor, talked briefly about the opportunities & challenges of using AI in businesses. Information on avoiding check washing fraud was presented by Jeff Walding and

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The Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce will present its **32nd Annual Golf Tournament on May 13, 2026** at the Centerton Golf Club. Mark your calendars to attend and support the largest fundraising event of the Chamber to support its operations and services to its members.

We are looking for the presenting sponsor for the tournament. Consider helping the Chamber and putting your company's name and logo on this major event. See www.CumberlandGrows.com/golf for more information or call Laurie or Tony at the Chamber office, 856-455-1312.

The move of the tournament to early spring was in part to accommodate a new fundraising event for the Chamber of Commerce Foundation, which supports community projects, organizations, and events, and provides scholarships and other support to young people in the Bridgeton area. The Chamber Foundation will hold **Designer Handbag Bingo on Friday, June 26, 2026**. Mark your bingo calendars! More information coming soon.



The Authority Presented "Improving Your Tomorrow" Roundtable

The Authority (Cumberland County Improvement Authority) hosted its annual roundtable with the theme of "improving your tomorrow" on Sept. 11 at

The Authority office and grounds. It was a great opportunity to learn about current and future economic development initiatives in the region and to hear the success stories of businesses who call Cumberland County home. For information on The Authority, www.TheAuthorityNJ.com.



Speakers talk of the success of their businesses in Cumberland County.



Jerry Velazquez, Authority Pres. & CEO

HOLIDAY & WINTER LOCAL SHOPPING IDEA



The holidays and winter are times when friends, family, businesses associates, and co-workers gather to celebrate and enjoy delicious food and beverages. Buy from and go to our Chamber members listed here. Use the QR code for more information.

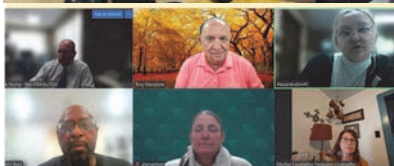
Bridgeton UEZ Fall Extravaganza of Events!

The City of Bridgeton UEZ and its Board of Trustees has been busy this fall, starting with a Community Block Party with partners Gallery 50, STEAMWorks, HopeLoft, UAG Team, KYMO/H.E.A.R.T., Games on the Go, Epic Elevation LLC, Bridgeton Chamber of Commerce, Flying First Class Equestrian Center, Dream World Exotic Slingshots and the Bridgeton Public Library. Residents were able to attend art shows, paint their own canvas, see wooden business cards being made, enjoy paper crafts, and see movies at the McCormick Theatre. Kids could pet ponies, experi-



Birds of a feather flocked together to enjoy the Chamber's recent bowling night with a Thanksgiving theme at Chamber member Campani's Legacy Lanes. Thanks to all who came out, and to event sponsors

First National Bank of Elmer, Bridgeton Auto Mall, and Marlise Counsellor- Mary Kay. Prize winners included 1st place Ultra Clean, 2nd place WIZO Educational, and 3rd place Mary Kay / Counsellor. Matt Hunzer won 1st place for highest individual game, and Tyler Sloboda took 2nd.



Twenty people joined the free Zoom networking meeting presented on Nov. 24 by Bridgeton Area, Greater Millville, and Greater Vineland Chambers of Commerce.

ence amazing cars, and get free food which was donated by local vendors and food trucks.

On October 31st, families were welcomed to a Trunk or Treat event by the "Gotham Protectors" who spent Halloween in Bridgeton. Kids got to meet Batman (Tony Hill), Robin (Harlan Miller), Poison Ivy (Latoya Miller), Batgirl (Stephanie Gonzalez) and Cat Woman (Ashley Logan), too! The real heroes were the businesses who gave out candy, the residents who dressed up with their kids, and the amazing volunteers.



Bridgeton UEZ Board of Trustees at Halloween event

On November 8, many attended the UEZ Awards Gala held at the Marino Center. Awards were presented to D's Fruta, Bridgeton Family Diner, Angeles and Blossoms, and Esther's Beauty Styling Salon for their UEZ Façade Improvements in downtown Bridgeton. Realizing entertainment and art bring energy to Bridgeton's public spaces, the following entertainers were recognized: DJ Bone (Tommy Clark), Harlan Miller, Jr., (DJ Blendz) Courtney Wartars, Zayyron Jones, Jaz, and Mariachi El Charro. Bridgeton City Departments were recognized and awarded for their UEZ initiatives: Construction, Public Works, Finance, Zoning & Housing, Code Enforcement, Historic Preservation, Business Administration office, Recreation & Parks and the CDBG Program. The closing remarks captured the essence of the event: "Together, we celebrate excellence. Together, we uplift Bridgeton. Together, we continue Building Bridgeton's Future - together." Special thanks to the UEZ Board of Trustees.

On November 23rd, the UEZ partnered with the Hon. Mayor Albert Kelly, and the amazing team at Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church to bless the community with free Thanksgiving meals and frozen turkeys. Guests

also received cookies and sliced cake donated by Century Bakery, rice and hot chocolate donated by El Comal Restaurant. Ashley Logan and her Girl Scout Troup donated hats, gloves, socks, and side dishes. Thanks to LaToya Miller of H.E.A.R.T. for cooking turkeys, rice and baked macaroni and cheese for the platters. It was a heartwarming day filled with lots of smiles!

The next UEZ event is a Stuff the Trunk Holiday Mission. Collection boxes are being placed at local businesses in town and City Hall to collect new sneakers and unwrapped toys (no guns

of any kind, please) for kids age 1-17. We're asking anyone who is interested in putting a collection box at their business to contact Harlan Miller, 856-213-7605, Harlan88@kymoteams.org. Thank you. Happy holidays from the UEZ Board of Trustees!



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Sat., Dec. 13, Noon, Holiday Parade Downtown Bridgeton. Watch and enter the parade. Begins at Washington and Mayor Aitken Dr. goes east on Washington St. into downtown making its way to West Ave. To enter contact Bridgeton Recreation office, 856-453-1675, Recdept@cityofbridgeton.com.

Thurs., December 18, The Chamber's Election and Annual Meeting at 11:15 AM. Holiday Luncheon and Music by BHS students with Rotary and other clubs at 12:10 PM. Seabrook Fire & Rescue Foundation Hall, Foster Rd., Seabrook. Register to attend and to sponsor: www.tinyurl.com/BACCHoliday. \$30 per person.



Tues., January 27, 2026, Meet and Hear from Rowan College of South Jersey Interim President. 11:30 AM sign-in, networking; program & lunch start at noon. Green Olive Restaurant in Hopewell. \$35 per person (\$30 for Bridgeton Area Chamber members) Register to attend and to sponsor: www.tinyurl.com/BACCRowanPresident

Tues., February 24, 2026, Free Meet and Greet at Cumberland County Library. 4:30 - 6:00 PM, tour of library facilities, information on the library, county government updates, light food and beverages. Register in advance: www.tinyurl.com/BACCLibrary

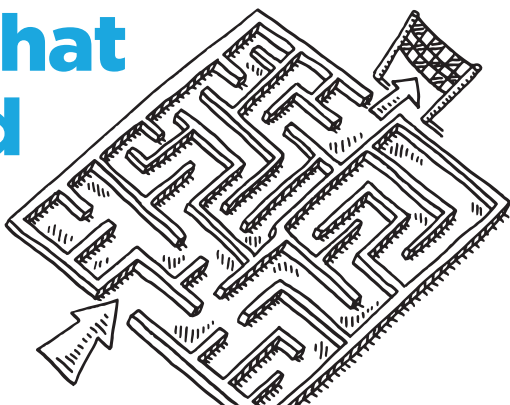
Thurs., March 19, 2026, Celebrating Women in Business at Frightened Turtle Winery at Sunny Slope, 5-7 PM, \$40 per person, \$35 for Bridgeton Area Chamber members Join us for a panel discussion among local women business owners and leaders as we recognize National Women's History Month theme: "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." Panel to be announced. Food, beverages, and Frightened Turtle wine. To sponsor and/or attend: www.tinyurl.com/BACCWomen.

Wed., April 22, 2026, Free Meet and Greet at Bridgeton Auto Mall 4:30 - 6:30 PM, tour of facilities, information on the business, light food and beverages. Register in advance: www.tinyurl.com/BACCBAM

Dog Days of Summer Helps K9 Unit
Pictured, L-R, are Cumberland County Sheriff Michael Donato, Emmitt Booth, Patricia Mooneyham, Officer Darryl Eldridge, Lt. Darrell Meyers, and canine Crickett, as the Chamber Foundation presents a \$2,000 check, the net profit from the Foundation's summer fundraiser held in August at Cedar Rose Vineyard.



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BRIDGETON ROTARY CLUB & BRIDGETON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITE THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING OTHER SERVICE CLUBS IN THE AREA TO COME TOGETHER FOR

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025
SEABROOK FIRE & RESCUE FOUNDATION
90 FOSTER ROAD, BRIDGETON, NJ 08302

11:15 AM - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING
11:45-12:30 NETWORKING, BUFFET LUNCH, PROGRAM
12:30 PM BHS STUDENTS PERFORM HOLIDAY MUSIC



This meeting brings together the Bridgeton Rotary Club, Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, members of other service clubs, and the community to share a more than 75-year holiday tradition of the Rotary Club featuring musicians and singers from Bridgeton High School. Come to share fellowship, holiday spirit, and donations to help those in need.

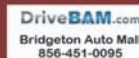
We are asking each person attending to bring a donation of a check payable to Bridgeton Salvation Army, cash for the Salvation Army or a new unwrapped toy to be given to the Salvation Army in Bridgeton.

The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00 per person. Please make reservations with the Chamber by December 15. Members of Bridgeton Rotary Club may register for this meeting at the Rotary Club meeting up to Dec. 11 or no later than Dec. 15 with Rotary.

FEATURING

- NETWORKING
- FOOD
- CANDLE LIGHTING
- DONATIONS TO HELP BRIDGETON SALVATION ARMY HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED
- HOLIDAY MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE STUDENTS OF BRIDGETON HIGH SCHOOL

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