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DELDOT TO HOLD DART PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 28

A public hearing is scheduled for 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM tomorrow, Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. Potential changes to the DART service for the upcoming year, as well as an increase for the current discounted employee parking from \$3.00 per vehicle to \$4.00 per vehicle, will be discussed. **There is potential for this increase for employees in downtown Rehoboth to be passed on to the business community.** Plan on making your comments known.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Chamber Legislative Rep. Andy Stayton: The **Minimum Wage Bill** is not listed for action in the House Labor Committee this week so it will not be heard until after the 2-week Easter break. The Tax Bills are not listed in the Senate Revenue Committee for action on Wednesday, March 27 so they will not be heard until after the Easter break also. Procedurally, the Senate could suspend rules to bring them up, but it is doubtful that will happen.

From Chamber Legislative Rep. Mark Lally: House Bill No. 55 - An act to amend title 6 of the Delaware Code relating to security for franchised distributors. This Bill may be of interest to Chamber members who own or operate franchises. It is presently scheduled for a House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce committee meeting today, March 27, 2013.

This Bill clarifies that parties to a franchise agreement are not within the definition of “employee” under the Wage Payment and Collection Act of the State. Franchising is well-regulated at the federal and state level to ensure that both the franchisee and franchisor can benefit from the business relationship, which is outlined in the franchise agreement. It is understood that franchisees are not employees of their franchisors, as they independently operate their businesses on a day-to-day basis. Franchisees make hiring decisions, place purchase orders, bring in new businesses and process payrolls.

CHAMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Chamber will hold a General Membership luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 – Noon at Kings Creek Country Club, with Tony Pratt of DNREC who will speak on upcoming beach replenishment. The luncheon fee will be \$15.00 – menu to include chicken noodle soup, chicken stir fry, BBQ roast pork loin, rice pilaf, and vegetable medley. Seating at the meeting is limited, so reserve your spot now by contacting Joy at 302-227-2233 ext. 14 or joy@beach-fun.com.

For a complete Calendar of Events, visit the Chamber website - 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.