

Ventnor Community News

A free email newsletter about community events & activities in Ventnor



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April Events & Activities

April 3, Tuesday

Sons Of Italy Monthly Meeting

7:00pm. The Sons of Italy Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #783. In the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building. 6500 Atlantic Avenue. New members are welcome! For more information call Sal Spena at 609-839-4982.

April 4, Wednesday

Ventnor Home & School Association

6:00pm. Monthly meeting in Room 327 at the VECC, 400 N. Lafayette Avenue. For more information click [here](#) to email Home & School.

April 4, 11, 18, 25 - Wednesdays

Boy Scouts

Membership in Ventnor's Troop 275 is open to all boys age 11-18. The troop meets Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Trinity Church, 7117 Ventnor Avenue. For more information call Scoutmaster Bard Shober at 609-823-8881.

April 5, Thursday

Jersey Shore Knitters Club

7 - 9pm. Monthly meeting in the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building. Open to new members. For more information call Liz Slater 609-487-8036.

April 9, Monday

AARP Ventnor Chapter

1:30pm. Monthly meeting of the Ventnor chapter of the AARP. Several representatives of health care organizations will be on hand to answer questions. In the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building. 6500 Atlantic Avenue. Both members and non-members

are welcome to attend. For more information call Berenice Goddard at 609-572-1960.

April 14, Saturday

North Beach Pickup Patrol

9:30 - 11:30am. Every neighborhood needs a good cleaning! Join the North Beach Residents Committee for a neighborhood cleanup. This event is open to everyone. Meet on the Boardwalk at Oakland Avenue at 9:30am. Click [here](#) for more information or visit the North Beach website at www.NorthBeachVentnor.com

April 14, Saturday

Rabies Vaccines for Dogs & Cats

10am - Noon. Ventnor City will hold a rabies vaccine clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 14 at the firehouse at New Haven & Winchester Avenues. Dogs: 10am-Noon. Cats: 11:30am-Noon. (Cats must be leashed & caged.) Dog licenses (required in Ventnor) are available through the City Clerk's office. For more information call 609-823-7904.

April 15, Sunday

Chef's Night Out

4 - 8pm. The very popular annual Chefs' Night Out Restaurant Tour. Enjoy small plates from some of Ventnor's most "foodie-licious" restaurants including Caruso, Domenicos, Isabellas, Jade Orchid, JoJo's, Lisa's, Malelani, The Red Room, Jagielkys Candy, Carisbrooke Ice and Moonlight Liquors. You won't go home hungry! Local musicians will entertain and, new this year, artists creations onsite. All this food and fun for only \$40 per person. Limited tickets. They're selling fast so now is the time to buy. For tickets and information call Shelly at 267-980-7632 or Michele at 609-929-1710. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Beautification Committee. Rain or Shine.

April 17, Tuesday

Trip to Longwood Gardens

The Ventnor Chapter of the AARP is sponsoring a trip to Longwood Gardens – open to everyone. They will depart from the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building at 8:00am. Cost is \$40.00 and includes transportation, entrance to the gardens and lunch. Please call Dominic Gregorio at 609-823-5026 or George Thomas at 609-822-9721 for more information or to purchase a ticket.

April 21, Saturday

Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep

9:00am - 12:30pm. Join us for some Spring cleaning on the beach. Sponsored by Clean Ocean Action. Come as an individual or a group. Trash bags will be supplied. Bring gloves. Meet on Newport Avenue at the Boardwalk at 9:00am (or later if you can't make it at 9am). Click [here](#) for the Beach Sweep web page.

April 25, Wednesday

VFW Meeting

7:30pm. VFW post 3361. This is a very important meeting as the annual election of officers will take place - all members are encouraged to attend and vote. New members are welcome too! 601 N. Dorset Avenue in Ventnor Heights. For more information call Bob McNulty at 609-653-0988.

April 26, Thursday

Bubbles For Autism

1:00pm. Everyone is invited to join students at the VECC in trying to set a new world record for

blowing bubbles to raise awareness for autism. At the soccer field behind the VECC. Click [here](#) for more information.

**April 28, Saturday
Players & Playwrights**

1pm. Players & Playwrights At The Jersey Shore. All aspiring playwrights and actors are invited. At the Ventnor Library, 6500 Atlantic Avenue. For more information click [here](#) to email the group.

Ventnor Community Information

An Update From South Jersey Gas on Road Work

The Mayor's Office received this update from South Jersey Gas Company on March 28:

"Thank you to all the residents and business owners of Atlantic City, Margate and Ventnor for their patience as our work along Ventnor Avenue nears completion. Now that we have transferred most residential and business gas services to be fed from the newly installed gas main, we're going to start the process of taking the old gas main out of service. This work will begin on or about April 9th and will take approximately one week to complete. Milling and paving of Ventnor Avenue will start in Margate the week of April 16th and is expected to reach Ventnor by the end of April or beginning of May. We expect to be completed with our work on Ventnor Ave. by the end of May."

A reminder that SJG has agreed to re-pave, at their expense, each road in Ventnor that they have worked on once their work (and the City's water and sewer line work) is completed .

An Update From Mayor Theresa Kelly

The quality of our water is excellent as determined by the testing we do and the DEP did recently. Well #8 at the ball field in Ventnor Heights is being repaired. It has not been online since last September. We are testing the well water at this location to determine when it should be placed back online, or whether it requires additional work.

Regarding, the next phase of beach replenishment, the Army Corp of Engineers is working in Atlantic City at present, proceeding towards Ventnor. I remind you that we will be receiving an additional sand-fill at no expense to Ventnor taxpayers. We don't have a specific date when they will begin in Ventnor. When the time frame is given to us by the Army Corps, we will inform you.

At the Commission meeting of March 15th the municipal budget was introduced showing a 2.8 cent municipal tax increase. That means residents will pay \$28 more in taxes for every \$100,000 of assessed value. The two biggest factors for the increase are: our assessments decreased over \$35,000,000 due to residents appealing their taxes and an increase in debt service to fund infrastructure improvements. The next public hearing will be on April 19th at 7PM in Commission chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall.

Beach Badges

Beach badges are on sale now at pre-season prices in the tax office in Ventnor City Hall, 6201 Atlantic Avenue. 9am - 4pm, Monday - Friday. Now thru May 31 prices are \$7 each or \$3.50 each for seniors age 65 and over. Starting June 1 all badges will be \$15 each. No badges are required for children under age 12. Ventnor beach badges may also be used in Margate.

If you can't make it to City Hall now you may reserve beach badges at the pre-season prices for pick-up later, providing your check is received by May 31. Mail a check made out to the City of Ventnor for the above prices. Mail to: VC Beach Badges, 6201 Atlantic Ave, Ventnor, NJ 08406. Badges will not be mailed to you. They will be held at the tax office for you to pick-up Monday-Friday.

From The Ventnor City Police Department

- A reminder that NJ State Law states that those age 17 and under must wear an approved helmet while riding bicycles, skateboards and any other device with wheels beneath it. Motorists are reminded that school is in session and to be mindful of children walking to and from school.
- The VCPD continues to enforce the No U-turns signs that recently went into law in front of VECC on Lafayette Avenue. Summonses have been issued.
- The VCPD is pleased to announce that they are in the process of hiring Class 1 Special Officers for this coming Summer season. The officers will be assigned to the boardwalk and used to enforce parking regulations throughout the city with an emphasis in the business districts and two hour parking, where applicable.

Yankees vs. Reds

The Ventnor City Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium on Saturday, May 19. The Yankees will be playing the Cincinnati Reds. There are two ticket prices: lower level for \$90 and \$70 for upper. This includes the roundtrip bus ride. Tickets are first come. The bus will leave Ventnor at 9am. Game is 1:30. For more information or to purchase tickets call the Recreation Department at: 609-823-7950.

Ventnor Little League Registration

Registration continues online. Click [here](#) for details or to register. Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Sponsor's name will appear on team jerseys or ball field signs. Call Rich Mendell for more information at 609-576-1184.

Go Green For Dogs

The Nights In Ventnor - Go Green team has donated several "doggie waste pickup stations" around town. They have also committed to stock the stations with disposable bags to help you clean up after your pet. The Go Green team reminds you that dogs are never permitted on any ball fields, playgrounds, public parks or on the Boardwalk in Ventnor. The presence of these pickup stations do not invite you to allow your dog to break the law. The absence of pickup bags does not remove your legal responsibility to pick up after your pet. And, if the law isn't a good enough reason for you, for the health and safety of everyone who lives and plays here, be a responsible pet owner!

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Ventnor Library Programs

The Ventnor Branch of the Atlantic County Library System is offering the following programs in April. The library is located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue between Newport and New Haven. Free Wi-Fi Internet access is available in the building and outside in the rear park. For more information, hours or to register for any program call 609-823-4614. Click [here](#) to visit the library's website.

Visit the library during National Library Week: April 8 - 14.

For Kids:

Read with Terri & Cody the Therapy Dog. Every Wednesday in April (and May). 4pm. Open to kids of all ages. If you are new to reading Terri will help you.

Little Listeners. Every Thursday in April (and May) at 10am. Also Saturday, April 14 & 27 at 10:50am.

Early literacy activities, songs, rhymes and reading. For ages 3 and over. Registration required.

Lego Club. Saturdays, April 14 & 28 at 2pm. Get together with other Lego lovers to build something and present it to the group. For ages 3 and over. Parents invited.

Wee Read. Fridays in May. Registration begins April 20. Nine week session of songs, stories and fingerplays. For ages 3-36 months.

For Teens:

Tween / Teen Group. Wednesdays, April 11 & 25 at 5pm. Enjoy crafts and Wii. For ages 13 and over.

For Adults:

Tax Help. Mondays, April 2, 9 & 16. 10am - 2pm. By appointment only. Get free tax help from AARP. Call Terry at 609-823-5877 to schedule.

Gathering Wool. Every Thursday in April (and May). 3pm. Open to adults. All levels of experience welcome. Chat, snack & meet your neighbors, while you knit, stitch, bead & sew. Bring any project you're working on or come to be inspired.

Poetry Workshop. Wednesday, April 11. 6pm. Discuss, write & share poetry. Open to adults & teens. Registration required by April 9. Presented by Christine Malvasi.

Book Discussion. Friday, April 20 at 2 pm. Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin. Open to adults.

For Families:

Sidewalk Poetry. Thursday, April 26. 3:30pm. Open to kids & adults. Express yourself in chalk on our sidewalk in honor of National Poetry Month. Event held indoors if it rains.

Chess players wanted! All ages. Saturdays 12-5pm. For more information call the library.

Ventnor Arts Center

The Ventnor Arts Center offers classes year round with highly qualified and professional instructors. Classes are open to all levels of students. Free trial classes are offered to new students. The Arts Center is located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue (rear of the Library building). For class times, instructors and fees please click [here](#) for the Arts Center website. For more information or to register call 609-823-7952.

Mondays:	Homeschool Art & Dance Classes, Watercolor Painting, Ceramics
Tuesdays:	Wax Sculpture, Basic Drawing, Adult Tap, Ballroom Dance
Wednesdays:	Ceramics, Oil and Acrylic Painting
Thursdays:	Sewing, Pastels, Yoga
Fridays:	Beading, Metalsmithing
Saturdays:	Sewing, Metalsmithing, Zumba

● The Arts Center is looking for artists to participate in an outside mural project in Ventnor. If you're interested please contact the Arts Center for more information and to sign up.

● The Arts Center is now accepting applications for our Ocean Breeze Arts and Crafts Shows to be held July 7 and August 18. All artists and crafters with original work are welcome to apply. For more information or an application call the Arts Center or click [here](#) to email.

● The Arts Center will be holding Young Peoples Summer Arts Camps in July and August. Contact

the arts center for a camp brochure.

Hold The Date

May 16, Wednesday

Spring Meet & Greet

6-9pm. At the Carisbrooke Inn. Guest speaker: radio personality Barbara Altman. Sponsored by the North Beach Ventnor Residents Committee. Open to everyone! Tickets \$20 in advance available now. Click [here](#) here for more information and to buy tickets.

May 28, Monday

Memorial Day Barbecue

For all Ventnor residents. Behind the Ventnor Library.

May 28, Monday

Memorial Day Services

9:15am at the Ventnor Fishing Pier, 9:45am at City Hall and the main service at 11:00am at the VFW Post 601 N. Dorset Avenue followed by an Open House with refreshments and door prizes.

June 6, Wednesday

Ventnor International Farmers Market

Shop every Wednesday starting June 6 through September 12 from 3pm to 7pm at the new Ventnor International Farmers Market! At St. James parking lot - Atlantic Avenue at Newport - near the beach, Boardwalk and library. Walk, bike or drive. The market will feature fresh fruit and produce, baked goods, flowers, cheeses, seafood and many other delicious offerings too numerous to mention. Also, beautiful handmade arts and crafts. Enjoy music provided by local musicians while you shop around. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Beautification Committee. See YOU at the Market!

If you would like to become a vendor or know someone who would, please click [here](#) for details and an application or email us at: VentnorCityBeautification@comcast.net

July 7 & August 18, Saturdays

Ocean Breeze Arts & Crafts Show

9am - 4pm. At the Ventnor Arts Center. 6500 Atlantic Avenue.

July 8, Sunday

CSURE Playground Summer Party

11am - 3pm. Open to all kids (and their parents). At the CSURE Playground, Somerset & the Boardwalk. Refreshments and entertainment.

July 14, Saturday

Ventnor City Garden Tour

10am - 4pm. See beautiful gardens throughout Ventnor. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Beautification Committee. If you have a garden you would like it to be considered please email the Committee at: VentnorCityBeautification@comcast.net It's a Bloomin' good time!!

August 4, Saturday

Nights In Ventnor - Go Green

5pm. The annual fossil-fuel-free parade of some very creative water vessels through the back bays of Ventnor. Sponsorship opportunities now available: call Mike Wiesen 609-487-0808. Rain date: August 5.

**August 7, Tuesday
National Night Out**

Fun, games and a barbecue for the whole family. Behind the Ventnor Library.

**September 15, Saturday
Le Tour de Downbeach**

Bicycle tour through Ventnor, Margate, Longport and Atlantic City.

Ventnor City Meetings

All of these monthly meetings are open to the public. The next scheduled meeting date is listed.

Ventnor City Commission

Workshop Session (2nd Thursday): April 12

Formal Meeting (3rd Thursday): April 19

7:00pm in City Hall (second floor). Click [here](#) to see the agenda for current and past Commission meetings. For more information contact City Clerk Janice Callaghan at 609-823-7904.

Planning Board (2nd Wednesday): April 11

6:30pm in City Hall (second floor). Call 609-823-7987 for more information.

Recreation Board: (2nd Tuesday): April 10

6:30pm in the Recreation Building in Ventnor Heights on Surrey Avenue near Balfour. For more information call 609-823-7950.

Zoning Board (3rd Wednesday): April 18

6:30pm in City Hall.

Board of Education: April 24, Tuesday

6:00pm. In the Auditorium at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex. 400 N. Lafayette Avenue. For more information call the VECC at 609-487-7900.

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