

Ventnor Community News

A free email newsletter about community events & activities in Ventnor



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May Events & Activities

May 2, Wednesday

Ventnor Home & School Association

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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Wednesdays

Ventnor Boy Scouts

Troop 275 meets Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Trinity Church, 7117 Ventnor Avenue. Membership is open to all boys age 11-18. In May the Troop will be traveling to Shrewsbury, PA for an invitational merit badge camporee. The troop is planning an overnight canoe trip in June, and of course will be off to Summer Camp at Citta Scout Reservation at the end of July. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Boy Scouts call Scoutmaster Bard Shober at 609-823-8881.

May 3, 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 609-487-036.

May 5 & 6, Saturday & Sunday

Open Pier Days

The Pier will have "Open Pier" days on May 5 & 6, 10am - 2pm. Everyone is invited. The entire pier will be open to the public for walk-on (fishing by members only).

May 7, Monday

Lions Club

7:00pm. The Ventnor-Margate Lions Club meeting at Fedeli's Restaurant, 9403 Ventnor Avenue, Margate. The Lions Club is dedicated to helping the blind and vision impaired. Meetings are open to anyone who would like to become a member. The club is open to men and women in Downbeach and

the surrounding area. For more information click [here](#) to email the Lions Club.

May 8, Tuesday

Election Day

Election of the Ventnor City Board of Commissioners. Polls are open 6:00am to 8:00pm.

May 8, 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.

May 12, Saturday

North Beach Committee Meeting

10am - 11:30am. Monthly meeting open to all residents and merchants. In the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building. 6500 Atlantic Avenue. The North Beach section of Ventnor runs from Jackson to Little Rock, Bay to Beach. North Beach window & car stickers (free at the meeting) are available now along with sweatshirts, t-shirts, flags and tote bags. Click [here](#) to visit the North Beach Facebook page.

May 14, Monday

Ventnor Mothers Club

7:30pm. Monthly meeting in the Community Room at the rear of the Ventnor Library. All Ventnor moms are welcome to attend. For more information click [here](#) to email the Mothers Club.

May 15 & 22, Tuesdays

Beach Volleyball Tryouts

6pm. Tryouts for Beach Volleyball League. Open to all adults. At Suffolk Avenue Beach. For more information call the Recreation Department at 609-823-7950.

May 16, Wednesday

Spring Meet & Greet

6 - 9pm. At the Carisbrooke Inn. Featuring guest speaker radio personality Barbara Altman. Also featuring local artists, refreshments & hors d'oeuvres. Open to everyone! Tickets are available for \$20 in advance. Sponsored by the North Beach Ventnor Residents Committee. For more information or to purchase tickets click [here](#) to visit the North Beach website. Tickets are also available at Carisbrooke Ice, 5304 Ventnor Avenue.

May 18, 19 & Memorial Day Weekend

Buddy Poppy

VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled and needy veterans who are paid for their work providing them with some form of financial assistance. Local VFW Posts purchase and distribute these Poppies which provides financial assistance in maintaining veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans. For more information about the Buddy Poppy program click [here](#).

Ventnor's VFW Post 3361 will be selling poppies in Pathmark 10am - 2pm on May 18 & 19 and in both Ventnor Wawa's 10am - 2pm on May 25-27. Please support them.

May 19, Saturday

Yankees vs. Reds

The Ventnor City Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium. 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 1:30pm. For more information or to purchase tickets call the Recreation Department at: 609-823-7950.

May 21, Monday
AARP Ventnor Chapter

1:30pm. Monthly meeting of the Ventnor chapter of the AARP. This month featuring live musical and comedy entertainment. 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.

May 21, Monday
Lions Club Member Drive

6:30pm. Enjoy food and entertainment with the Lions Club at Jo Jo's Restaurant in Ventnor. The public is invited to see what the Club is all about, enjoy a great meal and sit back for some entertainment from local performers. The club is open to men and women in Downbeach and the surrounding area. For more information click [here](#) to email the Lions Club.

May 22, 23 & 24 - Tue, Wed, Thu
Spring Recitals

6:30pm. Spring band recitals at the VECC, 400 N. Lafayette Avenue. Open to the public. For more information click [here](#) to email band director Joe Jacobs.

May 23, 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.

May 19, Saturday
Players & Playwrights

Noon - 3pm. 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.

Memorial Day Weekend

May 25, Friday
Art In The Park

3 - 8pm. The Ventnor Arts Center is sponsoring "Art in the Park" which will be held on the fourth Friday of every month starting May 25. Meet regional musicians, potters, painters, jewelers and sculptors and watch them demonstrate their craft. A free, fun filled event for the whole family. Join us in the park behind the Ventnor Library. Any artists interested in participating should contact the Arts Center at 609-823-7952.

May 26, 27 & 28 (Sat, Sun, Mon)
Barbecues on The Beach

Barbecues are permitted on the beach in Ventnor from 10am to 6pm each day this holiday weekend. Grills only! No open pits! Beach badges are required for everyone age 12 or over.

May 26, 27 & 28 (Sat, Sun, Mon)**Men's NABA National Baseball Tournament**

Teams from all over the country playing on Ventnor's fields in Ventnor Heights. Come watch them play. Games are 9am - 10pm Saturday & Sunday. Finals played on Monday. For more information call the Ventnor City Recreation Department at 609-823-7950.

May 27, Sunday**Kenny Wayland Memorial Run**

9am. The annual run to benefit the Kenny Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund. The run starts at Newport & Atlantic Avenues. Pre-registration \$15 by May 26 includes the official t-shirt. Day-of registration \$20 7:30am-9:00am at the Community Room (Newport Avenue side of the library). Trophies and medals for various divisions. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Firefighters FMBA Local 38 and the Ventnor City Recreation Department.

Click [here](#) for race details and a registration form. Click [here](#) to read about the history of the race and the scholarship. For more information call the Ventnor Fire Department at 609-823-7956.

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 at the VFW Post with refreshments and door prizes.

May 28, Monday**Ventnor City Memorial Day Barbecue**

4 - 6pm. For all Ventnor residents. Free! Behind the Ventnor Library, 6500 Atlantic Avenue.

May 29, Tuesday**Beach Volleyball**

The Summer Beach Coed 6 Volleyball League starts May 29 and runs thru August. All levels of play. Four Divisions: AA, A, BB and B. Play is on Tuesday evenings 6 - 10pm at the Ventnor City Municipal Sand Volleyball courts between Suffolk and Somerset Avenues. Sign-ups will be at the same location on May 22 & 23 after 6pm. Play under the lights and have fun! The team fee is \$180. For more information click [here](#) to email Volleyball Director Michael Feely.

Ventnor Community Information

Road Work Status

Road paving work is currently underway. Ventnor Avenue from Fredricksburg to Dorset should be completed by May 4, weather permitting. From that time two weeks will be needed for the work done at Little Rock and Ventnor to settle. Then Ventnor Avenue from Dorset to Jackson will be paved. Other roads will be paved as the construction work is completed.

Dog Gone

Dogs are not permitted on any part of the beach in Ventnor from May 16 until October 1. This law applies 24 hours a day. Dogs are never permitted on the boardwalk. This law applies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year (366 days in leap years). These laws exist for public health and safety. For those who may think that they are exempt from these laws, please think again.

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. Starting May 5 badges will be on sale 7 days a week through May 31.

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.

Beach Patrol

The Ventnor City Beach Patrol will open four protected beaches on weekends starting Memorial Day Weekend: Suffolk Ave., Dorset Ave., New Haven Ave., Lafayette Ave. Beaches will be protected from 10am to 6pm. Additional beaches and days will be added gradually. All Ventnor beaches will be protected by June 23. Please do not enter the ocean in un-protected areas.

Lifeguard tests will be conducted on June 10 at 10am. Anyone interested may pick up an application at City Hall or, starting May 26, at Beach Patrol Headquarters at Suffolk Avenue.

Fishing Pier

The Ventnor Fishing Pier office is now open 7 days a week, 8am - 4pm. Existing members and anyone who would like to become a member should stop by the office before May 31 to get your gate key at pre-season rates. A photo ID will be required for all renewals and new members. Click [here](#) for membership fees and pier rules. For more information contact the pier office at 609-823-7944.

A reminder that dogs are never permitted on any part of the pier (or boardwalk). Kids under age 10 and all strollers are not permitted past the second (locked) gate.

The Pier will have "Open Pier" days on May 5 & 6, 10am - 2pm. Everyone is invited. The entire pier will be open to the public for walk-on (fishing by members only).

Seasonal Fire Safety

The Ventnor City Fire Department reminds all residents to test their battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation. Seasonal residents are reminded that their detectors may not have been tested since last Summer. Properties with "hardwired" detectors should replace back up batteries as needed. For assistance with household smoke and carbon monoxide detection please call the Fire Department at 609-823-7942.

Residents are reminded that charcoal and propane barbecue grills are prohibited above ground level in all buildings other than owner occupied one and two family dwellings. Such grills and propane bottles must be stored outdoors, at ground level and at least five feet from any combustible surface or opening into a building and away from any building overhangs. Proper electric and natural gas grills are permissible above grade level.

Fire Pits

Effective May 3, 2012 a new ordinance will go into effect in Ventnor regulating fire pits. The ordinance provides new restrictions to insure safety and comfort to homeowners and their neighbors including the regulation of fuel, smoke, and distance to adjacent buildings. The restrictions contained in the ordinance were developed with the close coordination of the Ventnor City Fire Department. The ordinance does contain fines and possible imprisonment for violations which are commensurate with the seriousness of the respective violations. If you have a fire pit you are urged to read the ordinance which you may do so by clicking [here](#).

From The Ventnor City Police Department

- Road paving work is in progress. Please pay attention to lane shifts, detours and no-parking signs while the work continues on Ventnor Avenue and other roads to follow.
- 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 is pleased to announce that they are in the process of hiring four 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.

Volunteers Wanted for The Arc

The Arc of Atlantic County is seeking volunteers to work at The Arc Makes Cents Thrift Shop, 6409 Ventnor Avenue. The Arc raises much needed funds for programs that support more than 700 people with developmental disabilities in our community. For more information [click here](#).

Attention Snowbirds

If you had your Ventnor mail forwarded to somewhere else for the Winter please contact the Ventnor Post Office at least one week before you depart the other location. They will stop forwarding your mail from Ventnor and hold it for pickup when you return. Call 609-823-5521.

Summer Camps

The Ventnor City Recreation Department is sponsoring the following Summer Camps. [Click here](#) for the full program listing, schedule and a registration form. Programs begin in June. For more information call the Recreation Department at 609-823-7950.

Sports Camp (up to 8 weeks)	Villanova Field Hockey Camp
Tot Arts & Crafts Camp (for ages 4-6)	Sharpshooters Basketball Camp
Tory's Basketball World Camp	Semet Soccer Camp

Little League

Ventnor Little League game schedules are available by clicking: [Minor League](#) [Major League](#)

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Ventnor Library Programs

The Ventnor Branch of the Atlantic County Library System is offering the following programs in May. 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.

For Kids:

Make A Mother's Day Gift. Saturday, May 12 at 12:30pm. For ages 8-11. Paint a flower pot in the "impressionist" style as a gift for mom. Advance registration required.

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

Little Listeners. Every Thursday in May at 10am. Also Saturday, May 12 & 26 at 10:50am. Early literacy activities, songs, rhymes and reading. For ages 3 and over. Registration required.

Lego Club. Saturdays, May 12 & 26 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, May 4 & 18 at 10am. Nine week session of songs, stories and fingerplays. For ages 3-36 months.

For Teens:

Tween / Teen Group. Wednesdays, May 9 & 23 at 5pm. Enjoy crafts and Wii. For ages 13 and over.

For Adults:

Gathering Wool. Every Thursday in May at 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.

Book Discussion. Friday, May 18 at 2 pm. Snow In August by Pete Hamill. Open to adults.

Senior Computer Help Appointments. Every Thursday in May, 2-4pm. Learn to use the mouse, surf the net or use the library's online resources. Advance registration required.

All Ages:

Chess players wanted! 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:	Drawing, Wax Sculpture, Adult Tap, Ballroom Dance
Wednesdays:	Ceramics, Oil and Acrylic Painting
Thursdays:	Pastels, Yoga
Fridays:	Beading, Metalsmithing
Saturdays:	Sewing, Metalsmithing, Zumba

● The Arts Center is now accepting applications for the Ocean Breeze Arts and Crafts Shows to be held 9am - 4pm on July 7 and August 18. All artists and crafters with original work are welcome to apply. For more information or an application please call the Arts.

● The Arts Center is sponsoring "Art in the Park" which will be held on the fourth Friday of every month starting May 25, 3-8pm. Meet regional musicians, potters, painters, jewelers and sculptors and watch them demonstrate their craft. A free, fun filled event for the whole family. Join us in the park behind the Ventnor Library. Any artists interested in participating should contact the Arts Center.

- The Arts Center will be holding Young Peoples Summer Arts Camps June 25 to August 3. Contact the arts center for a camp brochure.

Hold The Date

June 6, Wednesday

Ventnor International Farmers Market

Join us for opening day festivities from 3pm to 7:30pm at the new Ventnor International Farmers Market! Featuring a live broadcast by WFPG 96.9. 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'd like to be a vendor, 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. Artists and crafters with original work will display their art. 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 would like your garden to be considered for the tour click [here](#) for more information or call Michele at 609-929-1710. 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. If you've never seen this click [here](#) to view the videos of previous years's parades. Sponsorship opportunities now available: call Mike Wiesen 609-487-0808. Rain date: August 5.

August 7, Tuesday

National Night Out

An evening of fun, games, food and music for the whole family. Outside behind the Ventnor library. 6500 Atlantic Avenue.

August 18, Saturday

City Wide Yard Sale

8:00am - 2:00pm. Free! Sign-up with your neighbors for a block sale or set up on your own. Maps showing participating homes will be available August 15. Sign-up by August 13 to be included on the

map. For more information or to sign-up call Linda at 609-822-9393.

September 15, Saturday

Le Tour de Downbeach

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

Movies & Concerts on the Beach

Free! Saturday evenings in July and August. Schedule to follow. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee.

Ventnor City Meetings

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

Ventnor City Commission

Workshop Session (2nd Thursday): May 10

Formal Meeting (3rd Thursday): May 17

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): May 9

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

Recreation Board: (Usually 2nd Tuesday) This month: May 1

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): May 23

6:30pm in City Hall.

Board of Education: May 15, 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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