

Ventnor Community News

A free email newsletter about community events & activities in Ventnor



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Events & Activities

June 2, Saturday

Ventnor Pirate Football Cheerleading Signup

9:30am. For grades K - 7. In the auditorium at the VECC, 400 N. Lafayette Avenue. Click [here](#) for details and registration information.

June 5, Tuesday

Primary Elections

Polls are open 6am - 8pm. Please note that your polling place may have changed due to redistricting following the 2010 Census. Click [here](#) to check your polling location based on your address or call the Atlantic County Board of Elections Polling Place hotline at 609-645-5834.

June 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wednesdays (Every Wednesday thru September 12)

Ventnor International Farmers Market

Join us for opening day festivities 3:00 - 7:30pm on June 6 at the new Ventnor International Farmers Market! 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 & crafts and a special appearance by WFPG 96.9. Enjoy music provided by local musicians while you shop around. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Beautification Committee. Bring the whole family. See you at the Market!

For more information call 609-929-1710 or click [here](#) for the Beautification Committee's Facebook page.

June 6, 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.

June 6, 13, 20, 27 - 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. Troop 275 will be going on an overnight canoe trip on June 23-24. In July the Troop will be going to summer camp at Citta Scout Reservation in Brookville, New Jersey. If you are interested in learning more about the Boy Scouts call Scoutmaster Bard Shober at 609-823-8881.

June 7, 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.

June 9 & 11, Saturday & Monday

Ventnor Pirate Football Registration

June 9: 8:30-10:30am. June 11: 6:30-8pm. At the Ventnor Recreation Building, 311 N. Surrey Avenue in Ventnor Heights. For grades K - 7. Click [here](#) for complete details and registration information.

June 9, Saturday

North Beach Committee Meeting

10 - 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. North Beach t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, flags and tote bags are available at the meeting or www.NorthBeachVentnor.com The North Beach section of Ventnor runs from Jackson Ave to Little Rock Ave, from beach to bay.

June 9, Saturday

Teachers vs. Parents

5pm. Softball game. Free! Open to everyone. At the softball field in Ventnor Heights. Food, snacks and beverage sales benefit the Ventnor Home & School Association. For more information click [here](#) to email Home & School.

June 11, Monday

AARP Ventnor Meeting

1:30pm. Monthly meeting of the Ventnor chapter of the AARP. Guest speaker: Karen Zidell from Rutgers University who speak on laughter and everyday life. 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 Louise Wilson at 609-266-7129.

June 20, Wednesday

Ventnor Mothers Club

6:45pm. Monthly meeting in the Ventnor Library, 2nd floor. All Ventnor moms are welcome to attend. For more information click [here](#) to email the Mothers Club.

June 22, Friday

Art In The Park

3 - 8pm. Free! The Ventnor Arts Center is sponsoring "Art in the Park" on the fourth Friday each month May - September. Meet regional musicians, potters, painters, jewelers and sculptors and watch them demonstrate their craft. Music and kids activities too. A free, fun filled event for the whole family. In the park behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Any artists interested in participating should contact the Arts Center at 609-823-7952.

June 27, Wednesday

VFW Meeting

7:30pm. VFW post 3361. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are welcome too! 601 N. Dorset Avenue in Ventnor Heights. For more information call Bob McNulty at 609-653-0988.

Ventnor Community Information

New Ventnor City Administration

As a result of the municipal elections in May, Ventnor City's three Commissioners are now: Michael Bagnell (Mayor & Commissioner of Public Safety), Frank Sarno (Commissioner of Finance) and Theresa Kelly (Commissioner of Public Works). The new team was sworn in on May 15. To reach any of the three Commissioners please use the email links or phone number at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thanks Sandi

Thank You to Sandi Biagi who is retiring from Ventnor City after many years of service. Sandi served Ventnor since 1967 first as Secretary to the Mayor, then as City Clerk and most recently as Municipal Administrator. Thank you Sandi for all you've done for Ventnor!

Valet Trash Collection Service

The ACUA is offering a seasonal Valet Trash & Recycling Collection Service. On your scheduled collection day ACUA's staff will retrieve the trash and recycling containers from your residence, empty them and return them to the residence. This service is available now and runs through September or October depending on the plan you choose. You may also purchase new trash or recycling containers from the ACUA.

A reminder that Ventnor law states that trash containers may be put out to curbside no earlier than 6:00pm the day before your collection day and must be returned to a proper storage location no later than 7:00pm on collection day. Containers must be stored where they are not visible from the street. The valet service may be useful to people who might not be here on their collection day or those who don't want to handle their trash containers.

For more information, prices and a registration form for the valet service please click [here](#) to visit the ACUA Valet website or call them at 609-272-6950.

Dogs

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 or the Pier. 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 Patrol

The Army Corps of Engineers beach replenishment work will continue through most of June. The Ventnor City Beach Patrol will open individual beaches on a daily basis working around the Army Corps. Please do not enter the ocean in un-protected areas and please stay away from the work areas. For more information please call the Beach Patrol at 609-823-7953.

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

- The Beach Patrol will offer a Junior Life Saving program July 9-13, 10:30am-Noon at headquarters. The program is open to ages 9-13. Registration forms will be available starting June 9.

From The Ventnor City Police Department

- A new 45 minute parking zone is in effect on both sides of Ventnor Avenue from Sacramento to New Haven Avenues. The meters have been removed and enforcement of the 45 minute limit will be handled by the new Summer Special Police Officers. This was done by the City at the request of the businesses in the area. Please note that there are still some 15 minute parking spaces within the new 45 minute parking zone.

Correction:

The 45 minute parking zone mentioned above is in effect 8:00am to Midnight, 7 days a week. On the North side of Ventnor Avenue (side closest to the Bay) the zone runs from the East side of New Haven Avenue to a point 156 feet East of Portland Avenue. On the South side of Ventnor Avenue (side closest to the Ocean) the zone runs from the East side of New Haven Avenue to the West side of Portland Avenue. (East is closest to Atlantic City. West is closest to Margate.)

- The four new Summer Special Police Officers hired by the VCPD have completed academy and are now on duty. They patrol the Boardwalk and streets to enforce local ordinances, NJ parking violations and assist the public. They work day and evening hours.

- Well over half of the reported property/theft related crimes in Ventnor are easily preventable. Please lock your home whenever no one is home, lock your car and close the windows even if you're getting out only briefly and lock unattended bicycles.

- A reminder that it is illegal to post any type of sign on any utility pole (light, electric, telephone, etc.) including those on the Boardwalk.

- 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.

- Road construction and paving work is still in progress. Striping (painting of lines) is not complete on Ventnor Avenue so please use caution when parking near corners.

Beach Badges

Beach badges are on sale in the Tax Office in Ventnor City Hall, 6201 Atlantic Avenue. Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4pm. Starting June 1 all seasonal badges are \$15.

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.

Tory's Basketball World Camp (ages 6+) June 18-21 at the VECC

Villanova Field Hockey Camp June 18-21, 9a,-Noon at the VECC

Sharpshooters Basketball Camp (for ages 5-16) June 29 & 30

Tot Arts & Crafts Camp (for ages 4-6)

Semet Soccer Camp

Sports Camp (up to 8 weeks)

Fire Pits

Effective May 3, 2012 a new ordinance went into effect in Ventnor regulating fire pits. The ordinance provides new restrictions to ensure 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](#).

Fishing Pier

The Ventnor Fishing Pier office is open 7 days a week, 8am - 4pm. Existing members and anyone who would like to become a member should stop by the office to get a gate key. A photo ID will be required for all renewals and new members. Click [here](#) for membership fees and pier rules. Only paid members are permitted to fish from the pier. 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.

Cookbooks

Written by Ventnor teachers, school staff and parents. Featuring local recipes. They can be wrapped for any occasion to be used as a gift. \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the Ventnor Home and School Association. Click [here](#) to email them for more information or to order.

Volunteers 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 return to Ventnor. They will stop forwarding your mail from Ventnor and hold it for pickup when you return. Call 609-823-5521.

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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:	Watercolor painting, Ceramics, Zumba
Tuesdays:	Tai Chi, Wax Sculpture, Drawing
Wednesdays:	Ceramics, Oil and Acrylic Painting
Thursdays:	Pastels
Fridays:	Tai Chi, Beading, Metalsmithing

- 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 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.
- The Arts Center is sponsoring "Art in the Park" on the fourth Friday each month (May - September), 3 - 8pm. In the park behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue.

Ventnor Library Programs

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

Time For 3's. Thursdays, June 7 - August 23. 10:30am. Suggested for ages 24-40 months. Early literacy activities including songs, rhymes, fingerplays and reading! Registration required.

Building With Dad. Saturday, June 9. 2pm. Suggested for ages 7 and older accompanied by an adult. Try to make a tower out of spaghetti, tape, string and marshmallow.

For Adults:

Book Discussion. Friday, June 15. 10am. Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen.

For Families:

Learn To Play Chess. Saturdays, June - August. 12 - 5pm. Open to all ages.

Many more programs coming up in July and August!

Save The Date

Saturday Evenings in July and August

Free Movies & Concerts on the Beach

On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Exact times to be announced. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee.

Free Movies! July 7: The Sandlot, July 21: The Fantastic Mr. Fox, August 7: (After National Night Out) Chipmunks: Chipwrecked, August 18: The Three Stooges, August 25: Glee in Concert.

Free Bands! July 14: Lighthouse, July 28: Cocktail Party Phen, August 11: The Flynns.

July 6, Friday

41st Annual Ventnor Mile Run

Signups at 5:30pm behind the Library at Newport Avenue. The run starts at 7pm on the Boardwalk. Categories from 8 to 70yrs old. Medals for 1st to 3rd place. For more information call the Ventnor Recreation Department at 609-823-7950.

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. Click [here](#) for more information.

July 14, Saturday

Ventnor City Garden Tour

10am - 4pm (Rain or shine). Enjoy 12 to 15 "South Jersey Shore" gardens in Ventnor! Only \$15.

Tickets go on sale June 6 at the Ventnor Farmers Market. For more information call 609-929-1710 or 267-980-7632 or email 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. Click [here](#) to view the videos of previous year's parades. Put together your own vessel and join the fun! For event rules and a registration form click [here](#). For more information call Mike Wiesen 609-487-0808 or Diane Birkbeck 609-822-2903. Rain date: August 5.

August 7, Tuesday

National Night Out

5 - 8pm. Free! An evening of fun, games, food, prizes and music for the whole family. Outside behind the Ventnor library. 6500 Atlantic Avenue. Sponsored by the City of Ventnor, the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance, PBA Local 97 and the Ventnor City FMBA.

August 18, Saturday

City Wide Yard Sale

8am - 2pm. 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. This is a one-day sale - no rain date. For more information or to sign-up call Linda at 609-822-9393.

September 15, Saturday

Le Tour de Downbeach

The annual bicycle tour through Ventnor, Margate, Longport and Atlantic City.

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): June 14

Formal Meeting (3rd Thursday): June 21

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): June 13

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

Recreation Board: (2nd Tuesday): June 12

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): June 20

6:30pm in City Hall.

Board of Education: June 26, 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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