

Ventnor Community News

A free email newsletter about community events & activities in Ventnor



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July Events & Activities

July 1 - 8, Sunday - Sunday Barbecues On The Beach

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

July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Wednesdays (Every Wednesday thru Sept. 12)

Ventnor International Farmers Market

3:00 - 7:30pm. Fruit, Veggies, Baked Goods, Bread, Cheese, Seafood, Tea, Renault Winery, Delicious eats from some of your favorite Ventnor restaurants, Arts & Crafts, Local musicians, Demonstrations and much more! St. James Parking Lot, 6415 Atlantic Ave (at Newport). Bring Friends & Family. Walk, Bike, Drive! See You At The Market! Please be green and bring your own shopping bag. For more information call 609-929-1710 or click [here](#) for the Beautification Committee's Facebook page.

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 City Recreation Department at 609-823-7950.

July 7, Saturday**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 7, Saturday**Movie On The Beach**

8:30pm. Free! On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee. This week's movie: The Sandlot.

July 8, Sunday**CSURE Playground Summer Party**

11am - 3pm. Free! Open to all kids (and their parents). Refreshments and entertainment. At the CSURE Playground, Somerset & the Boardwalk. Click [here](#) for more information.

July 9-13, Monday-Friday**Junior Life Saving Program**

The Beach Patrol is offering a Junior Life Saving program July 9-13, 10:30am-Noon at headquarters on the Boardwalk at Suffolk. The program is open to ages 9-13. \$10 per person. Registration forms are available at headquarters. For more information call the Beach Patrol at 609-823-7953.

July 14, Saturday**Ventnor City Garden Tour**

10am - 4pm (Rain or shine). Enjoy 12 to 15 "South Jersey Shore" gardens in Ventnor. Tickets on sale now! Only \$15. For more information click [here](#) or call 609-929-1710 or 267-980-7632. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Beautification Committee. It's a Bloomin' Good Time!

July 14, Saturday**Concert On The Beach**

7:00pm. Free! On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee. This week's band: Lighthouse.

July 17, Tuesday**AmpSurf Surfing Event**

On the beach, South side of the Ventnor Pier. AmpSurf is a non-profit organization for veterans, amputees, friends and family of the disabled. They promote, inspire, educate, and rehabilitate people with disabilities. Especially our Veteran heroes, through adaptive surfing and fun safe outdoor activities that everyone can participate in and enjoy. Click [here](#) for more information on how to volunteer to help or to participate.

July 21, Saturday**North Beach Residents Meeting**

10 - 11:30am. Weather permitting, the July meeting will be on the Boardwalk at the pavilion

in front of Oakland Avenue. If the weather does not permit, check the North Beach website or Facebook page for a new location. North Beach t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, flags and tote bags are available on the North Beach website (click [here](#)). The North Beach section of Ventnor runs from Jackson Ave to Little Rock Ave, from beach to bay. Click [here](#) for the North Beach page on Facebook.

July 21, Saturday
Movie On The Beach

8:30pm. Free! On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee. This week's movie: The Fantastic Mr. Fox

July 27, Friday
Art In The Park

3 - 8pm. Free! 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. Sponsored by the Ventnor Arts Center on the fourth Friday each month May - September. Any artists interested in participating should contact the Arts Center at 609-823-7952.

July 25, 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.

July 28, Saturday
Concert On The Beach

7:00pm. Free! On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee. This week's band: Cocktail Party Phenomenon.

Ventnor Community Information

Commission Meeting Changes

Please note that the times of the Ventnor City Commission meetings have been changed for July and August, 2012. The meetings will start at 4:30pm (instead of the usual 7:00pm). The dates remain the same (2nd and 3rd Thursdays) July 12, 19 & August 9, 16. All of these meetings are open to the public and are held in City Hall on the 2nd floor.

New Boardwalk - Beach Ramps

Construction of new ramps from the Boardwalk to the Beach by the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to begin on July 9. The plan is for them to work on every-other ramp so there will always be beach access

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.

Tot Arts & Crafts Camp (for ages 4-6) Starts July 2, 9am-1pm
Sports Camp (For ages 6+) Up to 8 weeks
Semet Soccer Camp (August)

Chuck's 3 on 3 Basketball

A schoolyard-style basketball tournament held annually in Ventnor at the VECC. This year August 4 & 5. Students and Adults participate in one of 7 divisions based on grade level or highest level played. Teams of 3 or 4 must submit registration form with payment. Registration deadline is July 30. Tournament shirts to the first 250 paid players. Sponsored by Roberts Place of Margate. Hosted by the Ventnor City Recreation Board. For more information and a registration form click [here](#) for the website or click [here](#) to email them.

Stay Safe

The Ventnor City Police Department reminds you:

- When walking to and from the beach, keep safety in mind and don't run out into traffic expecting vehicles to stop on a dime. It may be wiser to walk a block in either direction to an intersection with a traffic signal.
 - When parked, take a second before you open your car door and make sure there isn't a bicyclist passing that would strike your car door, or vice-versa.
 - When driving look out for motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians.
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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. \$5 each. Proceeds benefit the Ventnor Home and School Association. Click [here](#) to email them for more information or to order.

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 Badges

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

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](#).

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Ventnor Arts Center

The Ventnor Arts Center offers classes year round with highly qualified, 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, Yoga
Tuesdays:	Drawing, Tai Chi, Wax Sculpture, Children's Dance, Zumba/Adult Jazz
Wednesdays:	Ceramics, Oil & Acrylic Painting, Egg Tempera Painting
Thursdays:	Pastels
Fridays:	Tai Chi, Jewelry Marking, Metalsmithing

- The Arts Center is 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 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 July. 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.

The Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

For Kids:

Time For 3's. Every Thursday in July & August. 10:30am. Suggested for ages 24-40 months. Early literacy activities including songs, rhymes, fingerplays and reading! Registration required.

Library Lotto. Mondays in July & August. Receive a coupon for each book you read that week. Every Monday a coupon is drawn and that person wins a prize.

Comic Drawing. Every Saturday in July. 10am. For ages 9-16. Presented by DC/Marvel Comic illustrator Joe Del Beato. Learn how to draw your favorite superhero and anime characters. Advance registration required.

Drop-In Craft. Wednesdays, anytime 12:30-7:00pm. Parents are invited to share a story then make a craft with their child.

Paws To Read. Every Saturday in July & August. 10:30am. For kids of all ages. Practice reading to Luke (a poodle) and if you are new to reading, Barbara reads to you.

Make a Dream Journal. Wednesday, July 25 at 5:30pm. For ages 9 and older. Make a dream journal to keep track of how your dreams help you solve problems and tell you what you really want in the future. Registration requested. For teens too.

For Teens:

Teen Apprentice: A Community Service Event. Tuesdays, July 10 - August 7 at 4:30pm. For ages 12-16. Before the 1st meeting, check out www.dosomething.org to see what other kids are doing. Then go to www.donorschoose.org to pick a project. Each team has four weeks to complete their goal and meet to discuss challenges while reaching their goal. Then the entire group comes together to compare their accomplishments and celebrate the winning team.

Teen Classic Movie Night. Tuesdays, July 17 - August 14. 6pm. For ages 13 and older. Enjoy teen movies old and new. The popcorn and lemonade are on us! Click [here](#) for the Library's calendar for movie titles.

Decorative Doodling for Teens. Wednesday, July 11 at 6pm. For ages 13-16. Try your hand at decorative doodling (Zen tangles) and use your project to embellish scrapbooks, journals, art or notecards. Register by July 9.

For Adults:

Antiques Appraisal. Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30pm. Bring one or two small items to be appraised by Linda Patterson-Hinkle of Aardvark Antiques and Ken Aiscowitz from Days of Old Antiques. Registration required by July 17.

What Our Dreams Do For Us. Thursdays at 6:30pm. For adults & teens. July 5: Dreaming - A Life's Journey Every Night. July 12: Dreams of Losing & Finding - Dealing With Grief. July 19: How Childhood Influences Affect Our Adult Lives. Presented by psychotherapist James Villarreal. Register by June 30.

Book Discussion. Friday, July 20. 10am. Talk Funny Girl by Roland Merullo.

For Families:

Learn To Play Chess. Every Saturday in July & August. 12 - 5pm. Open to all ages.

Movie For a Saturday Afternoon. Every Saturday through August 18. 1:30pm. Open to all. Get out of the heat and watch a family movie. Click [here](#) for the Library's calendar for movie titles.

The Magical Adventures of the Dream Weaver. Saturday, July 21 at 11am. Open to all. Don Dougherty of Classroom Adventure Stories performs a magical adventure tale.

Save The Date

**Saturday Evenings in August
Free Movies & Concerts on the Beach**

Free movies and concerts on the beach continue in August. On the beach behind the Ventnor Library at Newport Avenue. Movies at 8:30pm. Concerts at 7:00pm. Bring the family and bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance and the Ventnor City Special Events Committee.

August 7 Movie (After National Night Out): Chipmunks Chipwrecked, August 11 Band: The Flynns. August 18 Movie: The Three Stooges, August 25 Movie: Glee in Concert.

**August 4, Saturday
Nights In Ventnor - Go Green**

5pm. Help set a Guinness World Record! Some very creative "green powered" water crafts will follow a 1.5 mile route through the back bays of Ventnor. Put together a craft yourself or with friends and join the fun! Followed by prizes, a barbecue and music! If you have never seen this event click [here](#) for videos from previous years. For 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 8, Wednesday**Cape Atlantic Women's Lifeguard Races**

6:30pm at Suffolk Avenue Beach. Women lifeguards from Atlantic and Cape May Counties compete. Come watch the action.

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 16. Sign-up by August 13 to be included on the map. This is a one-day sale - no rain date. Click [here](#) for more information or call Linda at 609-822-9393 to sign-up.

August 19, Friday**Annual Goudy Memorial Lifeguard Rescue Races**

6:30pm at Suffolk Avenue Beach. Watch Ventnor's lifeguards compete against other local towns in water rescue maneuvers.

August 18, Saturday**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.

August 25, Saturday**Absecon Island Surfing Championship**

At the Ventnor Pier. Open to residents of Absecon Island. For more information click [here](#).

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): July 12

Formal Meeting (3rd Thursday): July 19

Change of time: 4:30pm 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): July 11

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

Recreation Board: (2nd Tuesday): July 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): July 18

6:30pm in City Hall.

Board of Education: July 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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