

# Ventnor Community News

A free email newsletter about community events & activities in Ventnor



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## September Events & Activities

### **September 1, 2 & 3, Saturday-Monday Barbecues on the Beach**

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.

### **September 1, Saturday Absecon Island Surfing Championship**

7am. At the Ventnor Pier. Open to residents of Absecon Island. For more information click [here](#). This event will be rescheduled if necessary to the next Saturday or Sunday depending on weather and wave conditions.

### **September 1, Saturday Ventnor Pirates Football**

The 2012 season begins today with a home game. Click [here](#) for the complete schedule.

### **September 1, Saturday Concert on The Beach**

7pm. Free! The band "Cocktail Party Phenomenon." 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.

### **September 2, Sunday Car Wash Fundraiser**

1 - 4pm. For the Ventnor Boy Scouts. Look for their signs at the five corners intersection on the Margate Causeway in Northfield.

Many of Ventnor's scouts will be advancing to the next rank following a very busy summer

including a week at the Citta Scout Reservation in Barnegat, NJ. Christian Maldonado is advancing to Tenderfoot, Ben Share, Isaac Linsk, Lou Ciccollelo, and Steven Rubio to First Class, and Dale Shober to Life Scout. In October the Scouts will be traveling to Oley, PA for a camping weekend focused on Golfing and the golf merit badge.

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**September 3, Monday**  
**Labor Day Barbecue**

4 - 6pm. The Ventnor City Labor Day Barbecue is free and open to all Ventnor residents. Hot Dogs, Burgers, Potato Salad, Chips, Ice Cream, Cookies, Soda, Water and DJ/music. In the park behind the Ventnor Library. Atlantic Avenue at Newport. Sponsored by the Ventnor City Special Events Committee.

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**September 4, Tuesday**  
**Sons Of Italy Monthly Meeting**

7pm. 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 invited! Full Membership is open to anyone with Italian ancestry, and Social Membership is open to anyone else. For more information call Grace Olivo at 609-823-8419.

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**September 5 & 12, Wednesdays**  
**Ventnor International Farmers Market**

3 - 7pm. St. James Parking Lot, 6415 Atlantic Ave (at Newport). Bring Friends & Family. Walk, Bike or Drive! 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.

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**September 5, Wednesday**  
**Ventnor Home & School Association**

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

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**September 6, Thursday**  
**Back To School in Ventnor**

The Ventnor City Police Department will have its trained staff of crossing guards at these intersections: Wyoming/Winchester, Wyoming/Monmouth, Wyoming/Ventnor Gardens Plaza and Lafayette/Balfour.

VCPD reminds students to use the designated "Safe Routes to School", cross at marked crosswalks, and if in the approved grades to ride a bike to school wearing a bike helmet. Bicycle, scooter and skateboard riding students are asked to respect the crossing guards and to follow their instructions. Crossing guards work to maintain the safety of our children and motorists are obligated under NJ State Law to obey the signs given by crossing guards.

NJ State Law mandates that only "pedestrians" are covered under the crosswalk law and this requires students to dismount their bicycle, scooter or skateboard and walk across the street.

VCPD will conduct extra patrols in the "Safe Routes to School" area and in the 2 hour parking zone in front of the school. Those driving children to/from school are urged to give themselves extra time until the process becomes a routine.

**September 6, Thursday**  
**Knitters Club**

7 - 9pm. Monthly meeting in the Community Room located on the Newport Avenue side of the Ventnor Library building. This month: Christmas gift ideas and tunisian knitting. Open to new members. For more information call Liz Slater 609-487-8036.

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**September 8, Saturday**  
**Concert on The Beach**

7pm. Free! The band "The Flynns." 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.

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**September 9, Sunday**  
**Le Tour de Downbeach**

The annual bicycle tour through Ventnor, Margate, Longport and Atlantic City. Open to all. The tour starts at 10:00am at the Ventnor Library and ends at Tomatoes Restaurant in Margate with a barbecue. Sponsored by the Ventnor Merchants Association and the Margate Business Association. For more information and a registration form click [here](#) or call Mike Wiesen at 609-487-0808. Rain date: Sunday, September 16.

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**September 10, Monday**  
**AARP Ventnor Chapter**

1:30pm. Monthly meeting of the Ventnor chapter of the AARP. This month's speaker is Elizabeth Colaneri, Esquire who will speak on the importance of wills and the importance of having a power of attorney. 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.

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**September 18, Tuesday**  
**Ventnor Mothers Club**

6:30pm. Planning meeting. In the Ventnor Library (second floor). All Ventnor moms are welcome to attend. For more information click [here](#) to email the Mothers Club.

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**September 21, Friday**  
**POW/MIA National Recognition Day**

11am. Ceremony hosted by VFW post 3361. At the POW/MIA monument at Ventnor City Hall, 6201 Atlantic Avenue.

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**September 22, Saturday**  
**North Beach Ventnor Residents Meeting**

10 - 11:30am. 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 on the North Beach website (click [here](#)). Click [here](#) for the North Beach Facebook page.

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**September 22, Saturday****Players & Playwrights**

1 - 4pm. Meeting of Players and Playwrights by the Jersey Shore. Open to anyone interested in playwriting or performing. New members are welcome, and prior experience is not required. At the Ventnor Library, 6500 Atlantic Avenue. For more information click [here](#) to email dramaturg John Perovich.

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**September 26, 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.

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**September 28, 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. Any artists interested in participating should contact the Arts Center at 609-823-7952.

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**September 29, Saturday****National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**

10am - 2pm. Ventnor residents have an opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted, expired or potentially dangerous prescription drugs in a safe and non-hazardous manner. The Ventnor City Police Department is hosting "Operation Take Back New Jersey" at Police Headquarters in City Hall, 6201 Atlantic Ave. Bring in any prescription drugs you don't want in your home anymore and the VCPD will dispose of them properly. Disposing of prescription drugs in your household trash or flushing them down the toilet are both potential safety and health hazards so please take advantage of this opportunity to do it properly.

During the last Take-Back Day in April, 2012 a record-breaking 276 tons of unwanted or expired medications were turned-in for safe and proper disposal in the U.S.

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## Ventnor Community Information

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**Commission Meetings**

The schedule of Ventnor City Commission meetings for the Fall season is as follows: The workshop meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday each month and the formal meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday. All meetings will begin at 5:30pm. All are open to the public and are held in City Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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**Road Paving**

As of now it is expected that road paving work will continue on Ventnor Avenue starting shortly after Labor Day. Milling and paving work on side streets is expected to begin in November after all other work is completed on each street.

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### **Calling All Disabled Veterans in Ventnor**

The Ventnor City Fishing Pier is sponsoring a “free fishing day” on September 15 for all disabled veterans who live in Ventnor. For more information or to sign-up call the Fishing Pier office at 609-823-7944.

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### **Ventnor Police Checkpoint**

The Ventnor City Police Department reports that during the overnight from August 24 into August 25, 2012 a DWI Checkpoint was conducted at Newport and Atlantic Avenues. 852 vehicles passed thru the checkpoint and there were three arrests for DWI, and four arrests for CDS (Drug) offenses. Additionally there were 3 warrant arrests and a total of 16 motor vehicle summonses issued. VCPD reminds motorists to utilize a designated driver or hire a taxi cab if they plan on consuming alcoholic beverages while out.

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### **Bicycle Theft**

Bicycle theft is an ever present threat. Make the investment in the security of your bicycle by purchasing and USING a quality lock. If you observe suspicious activity please call Ventnor City Police Department and report it immediately.

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### **Traffic “Hotspots”**

The Ventnor City Police Department has received reports of stop sign violators at Cornwall & Winchester and reports of speeding vehicles in the 6400 block of Winchester Ave. Officers are closely observing these areas and making car stops. Violators may be issued a motor vehicle summons that carry 2 points and a fine.

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### **Not Yet**

Dogs are not permitted on any part of the beach in Ventnor until October 1. This law applies 24 hours a day. Dogs are never permitted on the Boardwalk or Pier.

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### **Step Up For the Arc Walk**

The Arc of Atlantic County is seeking walkers and sponsors for its 10th annual Step Up for The Arc Walk on Saturday, October 27 on the Ventnor Boardwalk. Proceeds benefit The Arc of Atlantic County’s programs that help more than 700 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families each year. Click [here](#) for more information about participating or becoming a sponsor.

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### **Herrs Tour**

The Ventnor chapter of the AARP is sponsoring a trip to the Herrs Potato Chip factory and lunch at Shady Maple on Tuesday, October 23. The cost of the trip is \$40. We depart from the Ventnor Senior Center at 8:00am and will depart Shady Maple at 4:00pm. You will have time to visit the farmers market there. For more information call Dominic Gregorio at 609-823-5026 or George Thomas at 609-822-9721.

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### **Please Forward**

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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.

- Fall classes include the following. Classes begin September 10. Registration is open now.

Oil and Acrylic painting	Drawing	Pastels
Wax Sculpture	Ceramics	Jewelry Making
Tai Chi	Zumba	Yoga
Adult Tap	Ballroom Dance	

- A Children's Dance Program will begin the week of September 10 and will run for eight weeks. Pre-registration is required by September 10.

### Monday

Pre-Ballet/Jazz	Ages 5-7	4-5 pm
Tap	Ages 8 and up	5-6 pm
Advanced Ballet	Ages 13 and up	6-7:15 pm

### Tuesday

Jazz III	Ages 12-13	4-5 pm
Jazz IV	Ages 14-15	5-6 pm

### Wednesday

Jazz I	Ages 7-9	4-5 pm
Jazz II	Ages 9-10	5-6 pm
Jazz III	Ages 11-12	6-7 pm
Jazz V	Ages 16 and up	7-8 pm

### Thursday

Elementary Ballet	Ages 7-10	5:45-6:45 pm
Intermediate Ballet	Ages 10-12	6:45-8 pm

### Saturday

Creative Movement	Ages 3-5	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Jazz/Tap	Ages 7-10	12:30-1:30 pm
Acro	Ages 6-11	1:30-2:30 pm

## Ventnor Library Programs

The Ventnor Branch of the Atlantic County Library System offers educational and entertaining programs for kids, teens and adults throughout the year. 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. To register for any program call 609-823-4614. September programs include:

For Kids: Paws To Read with Luke the Therapy Dog, Time For 3's, Inbeteen Club, Lego Club.

For Teens: Learn To Play Chess, Teen Advisory Board.

For Adults: Gathering Wool, Book Discussions, Hispanic Heritage Month Events.

For a complete schedule of Fall, 2012 programs click [here](#).

## 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): September 13**

**Formal Meeting (3rd Thursday): September 20**

5:30pm. 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): September 12**

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

**Recreation Board: (2nd Tuesday): September 11**

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): September 19**

6:30pm in City Hall (second floor).

**Board of Education: September 18, 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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