

# LOWER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



## FROM THE COUNCIL...

Welcome Spring!

As the weather finally gets better, we can anticipate finally enjoying the outdoors again without coats, and letting the sun warm us up as nature blooms, if it ever stops raining.

In prior newsletters I have been highlighting all of the great things we have in our community that we may overlook. Well, I am staying with that theme, and actually bringing up the horrible memory from a few years ago, the pandemic. The one good thing that happened is it opened our eyes to going outside and being healthy.

Council started looking at our parks because people wanted to go outside, and with the help of the Recreation Advisory Board, the Recreation Department, and many others we started renovating all our parks so everyone could enjoy them and be proud of them.

We are now nearing completion with upgrades with phase 1 of Rotary Park near the MUA on Bayshore Rd (phase 2 will begin when proper DEP permitting is secured). The park in Diamond Beach has been demolished and the new park is nearing completion and should open soon. Stop by Mulligan Field, possibly during a community event or for a movie. Go enjoy a baseball game at Freeman Douglass Memorial Park near LCMR or at the Bakley complex behind the Mitnick school, I am sure the Little League would like the spectators. Want to watch some youth soccer? Check out the fields, games are happening everywhere. Maybe you want to get some exercise? Go the Will Recreation Center behind Townhall and see what they have to offer, including indoor pickle ball.

Not ours, but in Lower Township, want to take a walk in nature try the Cox Hall Creek Wildlife Management Area, they have some great trails or maybe the trails at the Lighthouse or in the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge in Diamond Beach or maybe the Garrett Family Preserve. Coming in the future will be more trails in the Higbee's Beach area, but that project is just getting started.

To finish with what is one of my personal favorite outdoor things to do in Lower, the Lower Township/DRBA free concert series is coming back to the Cape May Lewes ferry grounds. More details are to follow on this but ask anyone that attended how great these were and the venue is beautiful, especially at sunset.

Lower Township residents and visitors, go outside and enjoy everything we have to offer.

- Council Member Thomas Conrad



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## LOWER TOWNSHIP FREE CONCERT SERIES

Lower Township Department of Parks & Recreation in association with the Delaware River and Bay Authority and Cape May-Lewes Ferry will host a :

### Free Family Concert Series at the Cape May - Lewes Ferry Terminal Green

Concerts run weekly every Wednesday evening starting July 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and wraps up at about 8:30 p.m. On Tuesday, August 20th the final concert featuring the Amish Outlaws will benefit the Children's Fund. Guests are invited to bring a beach chairs, blankets, picnic snacks, family and friends and enjoy an evening of live music and the best sunsets.

Parking is free and food and beverages are available to purchase. Please remember, carry-in alcoholic beverages are not permitted. There are no rain dates.

**Wednesday, July 10 - Split Decision**

**Wednesday, July 17 - The Big House Band**

**Wednesday, July 24 - Legacy**

**Wednesday, July 31 - Jimmy and the Parrots**

**Wednesday, August 7 - Fat Mezz**

**Tuesday, August 20 - Amish Outlaws, Children's Fund Benefit Concert**



Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners through the Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage



## MANAGER'S REPORT

Lower Township public works along with private contractors continue to develop the pedestrian walkway along the Delaware Bay in North Cape May. Recently they have created a safe environment for individuals to access the beach with significant improvements in the Townbank section allowing residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy the striking views, marine life, surrounding nature and amazing sunsets not to mention soaking up the sunshine and relaxing on the beach. The improvements consisted of redesigning many pathways to assist with erosion as well as building steps and platforms to access the beach that has steep drop-offs along the dunes.

The Township plans to continue sustainable development along the pedestrian walkway leading into David Douglass Park along the canal near the

## SPOTLIGHT

**CALLING ALL YOUTH & FAMILIES!**



**BEACH CLEAN UP**  
PRIDE IN OUR DELAWARE BAY BEACHES!

Clean Up Route (1.7 Miles)  
Meet at David Douglass Sr. Memorial Park  
Beach Drive, North Cape May, NJ 08204

8:45AM - 9:10AM: Check In  
9:15AM - 11:00AM: Clean Up  
11:00AM - 11:30AM: Refreshments

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CREDIT HOURS PROVIDED  
Gloves, bags, and tools provided by Public Works

REGISTER AT: [WWW.LTHVC.ORG/BEACH](http://WWW.LTHVC.ORG/BEACH)

Logos for LTHVC, Cape May County, and other partners.



### LOWER TOWNSHIP SHRED DAY

**When:** Saturday June 1, 2024  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Where:** Behind Lower Township Municipal Complex.  
2600 Bayshore Road (Villas)

REMOVE LARGE BINDERS, PLASTIC COVERS, AND LAMINATED PAPER

REMOVE LARGE CLIPS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Thomas, CRP, CCCC  
Lower Township Recycling Coordinator  
609-884-0898 ext. 315

Stay in vehicle! Keep plastic bags out of recycling!



## COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB

[covid19.nj.gov](http://covid19.nj.gov)

Call (General COVID-19 Questions): 2-1-1 (24/7)

Call (Medical COVID-19 Questions): 1-800-962-1253 (24/7)

Call (Vaccine Appointment Support): 1-855-568-0545 (8a-8p)

Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts.

Cape May County is offering 1.5 million dollars of COVID-19 relief grants to help renters, homeowners and businesses.

Visit [ACIANJ.org](http://ACIANJ.org) or call 609-343-2390

**Cape May County Department of Health**

[capemaycountynj.gov](http://capemaycountynj.gov)  
609-465-1187

Cape May - Lewes Ferry terminal. Last season we built restroom facilities at the end of Lincoln Boulevard and replaced the pavilions at the park. Our staff and engineers are presently in the design phase to further improve one of the greatest assets along our waterway. Once the design is finalized and permits are secured, the work should begin with the assistance of Cape May County Open Spaces funding as well as assistance from the DRBA.

Our outdoor areas and parks are very important to all of our residents and visitors and we will continue to enhance everything we have to offer. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer season!

**LOWER TOWNSHIP  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
FESTIVAL &  
FIREWORKS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2024**

FESTIVAL BEGINS AT 5 P.M.  
FIREWORKS STARTING AFTER 9 P.M.

**RIDES • FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT**

**FUN FOR ALL**

**ON THE BAYFRONT IN NORTH CAPE MAY**  
Fireworks Barge Located off of Emerson Avenue

## REMINDERS

Lower Township Council Meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of Lower Township Hall, located at 2600 Bayshore Road, unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of meeting dates and times, visit the township website at: [TownshipofLower.org](http://TownshipofLower.org).

All dogs over the age of six months shall be required to be licensed, and a license for same shall be obtained and attached to the harness or collar of each dog prior to January 31 of each and every year.

Looking for township forms, helpful links, tax payment portal, want to make a suggestion, contact a certain department or report a pothole? Visit the township website at: [townshipoflower.org](http://townshipoflower.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 24**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
AT CLEM MULLIGAN SPORTS COMPLEX

**MAY 25**

POOL PASSES GO ON SALE  
AT LOWER TOWNSHIP RECREATION CENTER

**MAY 27**

MEMORIAL DAY  
TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

**MAY 27 AT 11 A.M.**

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE  
VILLAS VFW POST 5343

**JUNE 1 AT 8:45 A.M.**

BAYSIDE CLEAN UP DAY  
DAVID DOUGLASS SR. MEMORIAL PARK

**JUNE 1 FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON**

SHRED DAY  
BEHIND LOWER TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 2600 BAYSHORE ROAD

**JUNE 2**

ESCAPE THE CAPE TRIATHLON  
ALONG THE BAYFRONT IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

**JULY 3 AT 5 P.M.**

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL  
ALONG THE BAYFRONT IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

**JULY 4**

INDEPENDENCE DAY  
LOWER TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

**JULY 10**

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS - FEATURING SPLIT DECISION AT 5:30 P.M.  
CAPE MAY - LEWES FERRY

**AUGUST 3**

COOMBS DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BAY RUN

## ONGOING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

OPEN PLAY PICKLE BALL  
ENDS APRIL 26, 2024

**EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:00 P.M.**

ADULT YOGA  
MILLMAN CENTER

**EVERY MONDAY FROM 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.**

ADULT NIGHT  
RECREATION CENTER

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

## NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Winter Edition / Spring Edition / Summer Edition  
High Summer Edition / Fall Edition / Holiday Edition  
Look for it at the entrance or counters of local businesses.

### Township of Lower

2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251

609-886-2005

<https://townshipoflower.org/>

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING - (609) 886-2005  
LOWER TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT - (609) 886-7880

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER - (609) 886-1619

TO MAKE A POLICE REPORT: CAPE MAY COUNTY DISPATCH - (609) 886-2711

FOR ANIMAL CONTROL: SHORE ANIMAL CONTROL - 1 (800) 351-1822

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