

LOWER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025



FROM THE COUNCIL...

To Lower Township Residents and Visitors alike,

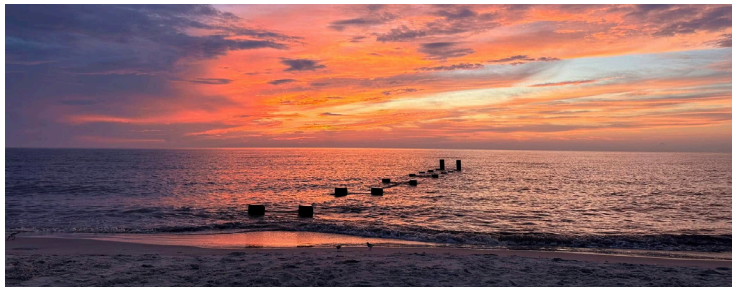
Welcome to the best time of year! A time when the flowers are in bloom, the crops that New Jersey is known for have been planted, with some crops already coming into season. Strawberries and watermelon, the early arrival of some corn off the stalk and the goodies the produce stands sell are in ample supply. And there are the events Lower Township is noted for, the concert series at the Ferry Terminal, the Family Fun Nights, being sponsored by the Lower Township Recreation Department, the Lower Township Pool opening soon to the public, and the Police and Basketball Camps readying to accept applications.

Soon we will see bathers and day trippers upon our beaches. In that regard, I would like to remind you that Lower Township has leash laws. You are asked to comply with those laws for the comfort and safety of those upon our beach. Our Public Works Department has been busy with leaf and branch pick up, along with the usual maintenance of our public access areas and buildings. They have done a fine job and by all accounts, we are ready. Ready for you to come and enjoy all that Lower Township has to offer. Be sure to see the Longest Yarn, a comprehensive hand knitted display, depicting the scenes most noted from the D-Day invasion. This display is from Europe and will remain at the Airport Museum for the summer. Remember at the close of each day, to take time to witness the sunset-what Lower Township is best known for.

Whatever you do, be kind, courteous, and tolerant of the many people we will see coming and going over the next few months. Be safe and if you see something that doesn't quite look right, call our Police Dept, who are at the ready to address any concerns you may have.

On behalf of myself and the Mayor and Council, I wish you a Safe, happy, and Healthy Summer! Enjoy!!

- Council Member Roland Roy



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LOWER TOWNSHIP FREE CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendars! Lower Township, in cooperation with the Delaware River & Bay Authority, is proud to announce an amazing line for the 2025 concert series- including Lower Township new comers The Jimmy Kenny Band and Heart Tribute Band Kick it Out!

The Summer Concert Series returns
Wednesdays July 9, 2025 through August 27, 2025.

Where: The Green at the Cape May Terminal-Coastline Realty Stage
When: Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Bands take the stage at 5:30 p.m.
Concerts are free and open to the public; no tickets are required for entrance.
Please note that no outside alcohol and no coolers are allowed on the green.

The 2025 Summer Concert Line-Up

July 9, 2025 | Soul Cruisers
July 16, 2025 | Split Decision
July 23, 2025 | E-Street Shuffle (Springsteen tribute band)
July 30, 2025 | Jimmy Kenny Band (Zac Brown, Jimmy Buffett, Kenny Chesney tribute band)
August 6, 2025 | Fatt Mezz Children's Fundraiser
August 13, 2025 | Amish Outlaws
August 20, 2025 | Kick it Out (Heart tribute band)
August 27, 2025 | Don't Call Me Francis



Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council of 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 - BEACH RULES

Lower Township Council and government officials welcomes residents and visitors to responsibly enjoy the township's shoreline for the 2025 summer season.

Lower Township beaches, including the bayside shoreline, are smoke free. Dogs, other than service animals, are restricted from township beaches during the hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Memorial Day and continuing until the Monday of the Labor Day holiday weekend. Leashed animals are permitted any time of day during the off-season. This ordinance not only protects residents who would like to have beach hours without dog distractions, but it protects pets on the beach during the heat of the day.

It is unlawful to allow dogs to run loose or leave your animal's waste on the beach. Shore Animal Control officers will be patrolling the beaches in Lower Township and will be issuing summons to pet owners in violation of this ordinance, dogs off leash and for owners that do not clean up after their pets. Shore Animal Control can be reached at 1-800-351-1822.

Residents and visitors to the township's beaches are reminded that they are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and carrying out waste where trash cans are not available. The public is also prohibited to walk on the dunes or remove vegetation.

Beach-goers are prohibited from consuming alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs or act in an indecent or offensive manner. It is unlawful for anyone to build, maintain or use a fire or any open flame, including portable BBQ grills. Setting off fireworks is also prohibited.

Selling merchandise, soliciting, or advertising is prohibited without a license and written permission of the Lower Township.

Be considerate of the neighborhood where you find parking. Drive cautiously and be aware of pedestrians and cyclists.

Lower Township officials want all residents and visitors to have a safe and fun summer season and enjoy the home of the best sunsets.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - GRAND OPENINGS



Lower Township Mayor Frank Sippel, members of the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce, and County Commissioners helped cut the ribbon at Crest Savings Bank's grand re-opening of the Villas branch location on Bayshore Road.

Mayor Frank Sippel along with Councilman Joe Wareham were on hand to support the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Ocean State Job Lot (formerly Big Lots). Ocean State Job Lot now has nine stores in New Jersey and brings more than 70 jobs into the township.



DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PARKS & RECREATION

The Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce its new webpage which is: www.lowertownshiprecreation.com

This webpage includes information about our programs and services, facilities, upcoming events, contact information and most importantly online registrations for our current programs. The Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation will continue to enhance and develop this webpage moving forward.

All Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation program registrations will now be completed online at www.lowertownshiprecreation.com

Stowaways Cape May is honored to support our local community with a \$10,000 donation to Lower



Township, which will directly benefit the Department of Parks and Recreation's Community Programming.

As proud members of the community of Lower Township, Stowaways Cape May are committed to giving back and fostering well-being through ongoing collaboration and impactful community engagement.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 7 FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON

SHRED DAY
BEHIND LOWER TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 2600 BAYSHORE ROAD

JUNE 8

ESCAPE THE CAPE TRIATHLON
ALONG THE BAYFRONT IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

JUNE 21 AT 8:45 A.M.

BAYSIDE CLEAN UP DAY
DAVID DOUGLASS SR. MEMORIAL PARK

JULY 3 AT 5 P.M.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL
ALONG THE BAYFRONT IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
LOWER TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 9

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS - FEATURING SOUL CRUISERS
AT 5:00 P.M.
CAPE MAY - LEWES FERRY

AUGUST 2

COOMBS DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BAY RUN

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

OPEN PLAY PICKLE BALL

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

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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

MUA OFFICE - (609) 886-7146

MUA EMERGENCY - (609) 780-0101

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Download the Smart911 app after registering.

Sign Up at Police, Township or MUA websites

If you need assistance with registering, contact the Township Clerk's office at 609-886-2005, extension 100, between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm.

LT Alerts is Replacing Nixle
Nixle messages will end on 6-30-22

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