



The Borough-wide Yard Sale is part of Avalon's Spring Weekend May 9-10. Events include a wine tasting, plant sale, hoagie sale and document shredding.

## Avalon hosts Spring Weekend events May 9-10

AVALON — Avalon will be kicking off its tourism season with a host of activities Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10. The weekend includes a festival presented by the Avalon Chamber of Commerce, the borough's annual yard sale and other community activities.

On Friday, the Chamber of Commerce begins the weekend with its annual Wine and Spirits Festival, being held this year at Avalon Community Hall, 30th Street and the beach.

The "Rustic Vineyard" theme will send guests straight to wine country as they sample from among more than 200 high-end wines and flavored vodka. The event also features a scotch, bourbon and whiskey tasting. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from the area's best restaurants, along with gourmet cheeses from the Avalon Supermarket. The festival begins at 6:30 p.m. Ticket in-

formation is available at [www.visitavalonnj.com](http://www.visitavalonnj.com).

On Saturday, a slew of events are scheduled throughout the borough, including the 20th annual Borough-wide Yard Sale sponsored by the Avalon Garden Club.

Visitors can drive throughout the community to find the best yard sale items available between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; the event will be held rain or shine. All participants will have a sign in their front yard. Copies of the yard sale map will be available at Avalon Community Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

At 9 a.m., the Avalon Department of Public Works hosts the annual Community Paper Shredding Day. Residents and property owners may visit the 15th Street entrance to drop off their unwanted documents, which will be shredded by Guardian Document Shredding Co. of Mount

Holly. The documents will be shredded on site and taken to a recycling facility. The event will run for five hours and is a free service to residents and property owners.

The Avalon Volunteer Fire Department also joins in the fun, with two major events at the firehouse at 31st Street and Dune Drive.

The department will be holding its annual plant sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inside, firefighters will be holding their annual hoagie sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Avalon Police Department caps off the day with its annual bicycle auction at noon at the Avalon Department of Public Works. Confiscated and abandoned bicycles from the 2013 season will be auctioned off in as-is condition; proceeds will support various public safety efforts.

For additional information, visit [www.avalonboro.net](http://www.avalonboro.net).

## Antiques show to benefit cancer center

AVALON — Cape Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will host the annual Remembrance Day Antique Show and Sale to benefit Cape Regional's Brodessar Cancer Center on Friday and Saturday, May 23-24, at the Avalon Community Center, 30th Street and the beach in Avalon.

The show will feature a gala opening event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, featuring classical guitarist Joe Urbani, along with wine, cheese, finger foods and great antiques. Tickets for the gala are \$25 per person.

The antiques show will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Arthur Schwerdt, well-known expert on

antiques, will be at the show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, when he will appraise two items for \$10. His book, "The Antique Story Book," will be available for sale.

The show will feature more than 20 quality antiques dealers from around the Delaware Valley, many new to the show, who will provide a wide assortment of antiques, including glass, china and furniture.

Pieces range from fine antique furniture to unique kitchen collectibles and jewelry. Admission to the show is free.

For more information or to purchase gala opening event tickets, contact (609) 463-4040 or email George Zitnay, chairman of the event, at [gzitnay@comcast.net](mailto:gzitnay@comcast.net).

## Dissolve

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ity. He also noted an ongoing investigation by the county Prosecutor's Office of the LTMUA.

"Many employees and commissioners asked council to have LTMUA looked at for mismanagement and possible illegal activity at several Township Council meetings," he said.

Voll said a township Public

Services Department would be created.

All Public Works operations would be moved to the LTMUA property and the current Public Works Yard, which has a tax assessment of \$484,000, would be offered for sale. He said the township would never consider selling the water/sewer utility to a private entity.

Conrad questioned the timing of dissolving the LTMUA while an investigation contin-

ues at the county Prosecutor's Office.

Former Executive Director Matt Ecker was arrested in October 2013 on charges of tampering with a witness and obstructing administration of the law or other government function.

Beck said he would die of old age before the prosecutor completed the investigation.

Conrad asked how many LTMUA employees would lose their jobs.

## Bike path

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supply in-house engineering and its Public Works Department would do the actual work.

"We will pave the trail between where it ends in Lower and will pave it into Middle Township as far as Satt Boulevard in Rio Grande," Voll said.

He said Middle Township is in the process of completing its bike path from Whitesboro to Satt Boulevard.

With many communities looking to share services, the Open Space Board was happy to see the proposed plan.

"We're doing a shared service with Middle," Voll said.

He noted that by sharing services with its neighbor to the north, Lower Township would "expedite getting the bike trail done and it will save money for both communities."

A schedule for the connector is still somewhat nebulous.

Now that the Open Space Board has made its recommendation to freeholders to approve funding, plans and a timeframe can now be firmed up.

"Once I get a thumbs-up from (Middle Township Manager) Connie Mahon, then we will get a surveyor out there to survey and we'll start the process," said Voll, adding that he hopes to see the project started this fall.

## Cape May police program promotes helmet use

CAPE MAY — In an effort to promote the use of bicycle helmets and encourage safe behavior, the Cape May Police Department, in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, began handing out "positive tickets."

The department has implemented "Think Positive: A Helmet Safety Reward Program," an initiative that uses positive reinforcement and education as a means to reinforce the importance of helmet safety and brain-injury prevention.

Children under the age of 17

seen wearing a helmet when participating in a wheeled-sport activity will be given a "positive ticket" by an officer.

The ticket includes various rewards for the child for practicing safe, responsible behavior. The reward, donated by local merchants, can be redeemed for prizes. When shown to parents, the tickets provide additional information on brain injury and helmet safety. The reward makes the program appealing to the kids and encourages them to get "caught" wearing their helmet.

Brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults. A properly worn helmet is the single most effective safety device available to reduce brain injury and death by as much as 88%.

New Jersey's helmet law requires that children under the age of 17 wear a helmet while bicycling, skateboarding and roller-skating.

"Think Positive: A Helmet Safety Reward Program" is a community program that involves not only police and local children, but also schools, businesses, community leaders, media and, most importantly, parents.

For more information, contact Sgt. Tom Connelly, Officer Anthony Genaro or Officer Scott Krissinger at (609) 884-9500. For more information on brain injury, visit [www.bianj.org](http://www.bianj.org) or call the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey at (800) 669-4323.

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