Earth Fair Returns to Historic Smithville Park – Sunday, June 4

Burlington County’s Earth Fair returns to Historic Smithville Park on Sunday, June 4 for its 24th year. The free eco-fest, will take place at 803 Smithville Road in Eastampton from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

“This wonderful event allows residents of all ages to enjoy historic Smithville Park while engaging in environmentally friendly activities. If you are looking for ways to protect and appreciate the environment, and have some fun along the way, Earth Fair is for you,” said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio.

Please note that though the Park is open, Smithville Bridge on Smithville Road is closed for repairs. If you have access to GPS use the Park’s address, 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ or simply follow the clearly marked detour signs.

Once again Earth Fair promises to educate and entertain with “green” vendors, environmental displays and activities for kids and adults. Look for familiar faces, such as Mike McGrath, host of the Public Radio Show, You Bet Your Garden. This year’s topic is Birds, Bees and Butterflies – how to naturally attract fabulous fliers to your landscape. Also returning is Mike Haberland with his Rain Barrel Workshop where you can make your own rain barrel from repurposed barrels. There is a $45 fee for the workshop and supplies; advanced registration is required. Email Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu or call (856) 216-7130, ext. 3 to register.

Live animal exhibits and presentations also return to Earth Fair. A variety of bugs, reptiles, amphibians, ocean oddballs and 4-H animals will be here to delight all ages. Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and the Rancocas Nature Center return with their popular live animal presentations, Hunters of the Sky and Fabulous Frogs.

“This year’s Sustainable Living Tent will showcase Eco-friendly solutions and tips for your home,” added Freeholder Director Garganio. “The tent will also highlight the newest crossover vehicles that get up to 100 MPG and allow residents to learn about rain gardens, solar energy and buy energy efficient bulbs.”

New this year is Nature Jeopardy! Test your knowledge of nature in our County Parks with this “Jeopardy” style trivia game. Buzz in with the correct answer and score points for your team! Questions start out easy and get progressively harder.

Also new to Earth Fair is the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts featuring Wire Walkers. Witness their dramatic crossings of the Rancocas Creek while enjoying this important waterway. The Give and Take Jugglers with their “little” circus shows will follow after each crossing.

A Prescription to Stop Drug Abuse and Pollution

Not sure what to do with old and out-of-date prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs? Flushing these meds down the drain can harm septic systems and lead to pharmaceutical water pollution. Even worse, they can end up in the wrong hands.

“As part of our effort to combat drug abuse and protect our watershed, the Freeholder Board is promoting Project Medicine Drop,” said Freeholder Linda Hughes, who serves as a member of the County’s drug task force. “This convenient program gives you a safe and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted medications.”

The program is easy! Residents can bring unwanted pills, capsules, patches, inhalers and pet meds to a drop box located in any of the police departments listed below. No syringes or liquids will be accepted.

Participating Police Departments as of May 1, 2017 – Burlington City, Burlington Twp., Bordentown City, Bordentown Twp., Evesham, Mansfield, Maple Shade, Medford Twp., Mt. Laurel, Moorestown, NJ State Police (Red Lion Station), North Hanover, Palmyra and Westampton.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4
10:30AM-4PM

Eco-Friendly Vendors & Performances!
See what’s trending in the
SUSTAINABLE LIVING TENT

Birds, Bees & Butterflies – How to Naturally
Attract Fabulous Fliers to Your Landscape
with Mike McGrath
from “You Bet Your Garden”

Live Animal Exhibits &
Presentations All Day!
Tropical Rainforest • Reptile Program • 4-H
Rizzo’s Discovery Reptiles • Rancocas Nature Center
Fish Tales & Ocean Oddballs • Fabulous Frogs • The Bug Lady
Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife • Hunters in the Sky – Birds of Prey

New to Earth Fair This Year!
Nature Jeopardy • Wire Walkers • Give & Take Jugglers
Folk Songs & Tales that Built America

Returning: REI 5K Run • Fantastic Forces • Sciencetellers
People Powered Screen Printing • Scientific Circus – Trash Zone
Kids Zenergy Zone: Rock Climbing Wall, Inflatable Slide, Obstacle Course

Rain Barrel Making Workshop
Must preregister at haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu
or 856-216-7130 x3.

Face Painting • Papermaking • Musical Playground
Make-and-Take Art • Musical Entertainment
Canoe Rentals ($15/canoe)
Mansion Tours ($4/person) • Village Tours

Historic Smithville Park
803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060
609-265-5858 | www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks

Free admission & parking. Refreshments for sale. Rain or shine.
Programs subject to change.

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks
advance notification to Burlington County Parks Dept. by calling (609) 265-5858.
Made in America – a Recycling Success Story

Did you know your recycling efforts help create and keep American jobs? American companies can use recycled material, because it lowers their energy and raw material costs, helping them compete against foreign companies. For example, the aluminum cans we collect are shipped to Alcoa’s plant in Tennessee and made right back into new cans.

“We have a success story even closer to home! Newman & Company, Inc. is a family owned paper recycling business founded in 1919 that sits on the banks of the Delaware, just over the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. Newman employs 300 people and has recycled paper collected from our County since the 1980s,” said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio.

Newman has a huge paper recycling plant that pulps the recycled paper into a slurry that is screened and cleaned and pressed multiple times to create new paper board used for boxes, game boards, puzzles and tablets. The only problem with using recycled paper is when it contains contaminants like plastic film or Styrofoam. This drives up costs and hurts paper quality.

“So during your next game of Monopoly or Candy Land, remember to recycle right and take pride in the fact that your game board could have been made from papers recycled by your community, giving a special meaning to ‘Made in America,’” Director Garganio concluded.

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Also on the Rancocas Creek, folks can rent a canoe for a nominal rental fee of $15 per canoe. The Kids Zenergy Zone will include inflatables such as rock wall climbing, slides, an obstacle course, and a musical playground of repurposed items. Children can also enjoy face painting, science storytelling, “make and take” activities including papermaking and people-powered screen printing, and join in the fun of entertaining performances and magic shows.

For runners, REI is sponsoring a 5K Run. The run starts at 7 a.m. and will finish in time for runners to partake in the festivities at Earth Fair. For details contact REI at 856-810-1938, or visit REI website at www.rei.com/events/rei-trail-run-series-smithville-park/eastampton/172949.

Visit the “Re-Purposeful Art Exhibit” located on the 2nd floor of the Mansion to view creative ways that artists repurpose everyday and not-so-everyday items!

The Friends of the Mansion at Smithville will offer Mansion tours for a fee of $4 per person. Proceeds help fund programs and improve the historic Mansion and grounds.

Earth Fair event show times will be posted on the Park’s website by May 15 at www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks.

Our popular confidential document shredding returns to Smith’s Woods on East Railroad Avenue. Remember the bridge is closed, so access to Smith Woods is limited to Route 38. To reach the main Earth Fair activities after shredding, simply follow the detour signs.

What to Do with Old X-Rays?

The County now has a special dropoff for unwanted X-rays for residents who wish to recycle them.

When X-rays are recycled, the silver is extracted and the film is melted, ensuring patient privacy.

Where: Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex’s Convenience Center, 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road, Florence 08518, Hours: Monday-Friday from 7am–5pm and Saturday from 7am–Noon.
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Mark your calendar!
Sunday, June 4th – Earth Fair
at Historic Smithville County Park in Eastampton
Paper shredding too!

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!
Paper Shredding Event on June 4th

“Summer is right around the corner and we have another FREE shred event coming up, this time at the County’s Annual Earth Fair. Help keep the Earth cleaner, greener and your family’s identity safe!”

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH
10am – 3:30pm* | Rain or Shine
*Program may end prior to 3:30pm if shredding trucks reach capacity

Burlington County’s Earth Fair at Smithville Park
SMITH’S WOODS, EASTAMPTON
Due to Smithville Road bridge closures, you can only access Smith’s Woods via Route 38.

NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR! Our staff will unload your car (limit 4 bags/boxes of un-shredded documents weighing no more than 10 lbs. each). We can even take your pre-shredded paper. CONFIDENTIAL FILES ONLY – bank and credit card statements, tax returns, etc. (staples/paper clips OK).

DO NOT BRING – circulars, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, binders, plastic folders, computer disks, or plastic credit cards.

Bruce Garganio, Freeholder Director of the County of Burlington