



The County Report

AN UPDATE FROM THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

May 2018

Mount Holly, New Jersey

25TH ANNUAL EARTH FAIR CELEBRATION on Sunday, June 10 at Smithville Park

Burlington County residents are invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Fair on Sunday, June 10, when this popular county event returns to Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton. The free, family-fun eco-fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.



“Earth Fair celebrates environmental stewardship and eco-friendly, sustainable living. These principles were important when the event began 25 years ago, and remain just as meaningful today.

Kate Gibbs,
Freeholder Director

I hope residents of all ages will join me in learning simple choices we can make in our daily lives to care for the environment and help sustain our Planet Earth,” said Burlington County Freeholder Director Kate Gibbs.

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.

The event promises to be an exciting day of great music, food, activities and

environmental education for children and adults. Exhibitors promoting the latest in “green living” will be on hand, along with great live music. With a strong focus on recycling, visitors will learn how the choices they make today will benefit future generations.

“The County’s Recycling Tent will highlight our ‘Recycling Right’ initiative. Recently, a growing number of outbound shipments of recycled materials from the United States are being rejected by recycling mills across the globe due to contamination. We’ll have the latest on how we’re combating this issue here in our County, what items to recycle, and an interactive Recycling Trivia Wheel for kids,” added Freeholder Director Gibbs.

Our mainstay at the event, the Sustainability Tent, will feature electric cars, native plants, caring for backyard chickens, and protecting and enjoying waterways.

Earth Fair favorites such as Mike McGrath, host of the National Public Radio show, *You Bet Your Garden*, will be back again; this year’s topic is *How to Have*



Earth Fair visitors test their recycling trivia talents.

Your Lawn and Diversity Too. Joining us for the first time is the Garden State Discovery Museum with two informative programs, Spectacular Science and Planet Pirates. We also look forward to welcoming back The ScienceTellers and Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, who will each offer engaging learning experiences.

Visitors can also look for familiar faces, *April Mae and the June Bugs*, who will come to the Fair on their “Eco” Bus, powered by recycled cooking oil. New to the fair this year is *Cheers the Band* and the *Peas and Carrots Band*, so get ready to tap your toes and enjoy some great music.

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Looking for a **GREEN** Civic Club Outing?

Burlington County Civic Clubs are invited to tour our Recycling Center and see sorting in action.

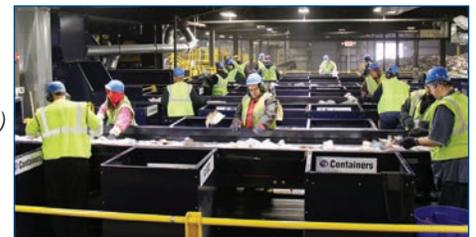
Club Tours may be scheduled weekdays between:

- 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (*system will be running*)
- 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (*system will not be running*)

Reservations are on a first come basis. Minimum Group size – 15 adults. For safety reasons, the tour is for adults only.

Email recycle@co.burlington.nj.us or call 609-499-1001 for tour details.

For a glimpse of what you’ll see, take a virtual tour of the recycling center at burlicorecycles.com





THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PRESENTS

2018 EARTH FAIR

Celebrating 25 years!

Sunday, June 10

10 am - 4 pm

Eco-Friendly Vendors & Performances

See What's Trending in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING TENT



Music by:

April Mae & the June Bugs

touring the country in their

"Boogie Bus" fueled by recycled vegetable oil!

Also taking the stage:

Cheers the Band

Peas and Carrots Band

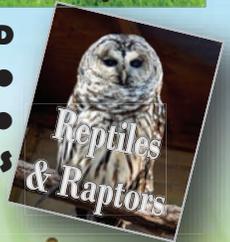


Mike McGrath

from "You Bet Your Garden"

"You can have a lawn and diversity too!"

- LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITS • SCIENTETELLERS • UPCYCLED T-SHIRTS • SCIENTIFIC CIRCUS • FACE PAINTING • MAKE-AND-TAKE ART • MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT • MANSION TOURS • VILLAGE TOURS



HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK

803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060

609-265-5858

IN THE GALLERIES:

Photo Focus

Nature Center Exhibit

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

at Smith's Woods on Railroad Ave.

County residents ONLY

ID REQUIRED

No businesses

10 am to 3:30 pm*

*Program may end prior to 3:30 pm if shredding trucks reach capacity.

Rain Barrel Making Workshop

Must preregister at haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu or 856-216-7103 x3



Free admission & free parking

Visit the Underground Railroad Museum

NEW

- Spectacular Science
- Planet Pirates
- Medford Memorial Middle School's Citizen Science Education Program
- Traditional Earth Skills

Programs subject to change. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks advance notification to Burlington County Parks.

www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks

Keep Plastic Bags Out of Your Recycling Cart

The Burlington County Recycling Program is one of the largest shared services in the state, providing efficient recycling collection at no cost to our municipalities. The system is a

great convenience to our residents, protects the environment, and last year alone saved towns \$3.3 million in avoided landfill fees. The success of our program depends on our ability to sort paper, bottles and cans into clean commodities that recycling mills purchase from us to be reused.

Plastic grocery and trash bags, along with plastic wrap, are very problematic for recycling centers. They **MUST** be kept out of all recycling containers.

Many recycling mills have already begun refusing to purchase shipments of recycled materials that are contaminated with these items. Help us continue our free service by **recycling right** and keeping all plastic bags and wrap out of recycling.

We encourage you to drop off unwanted plastic bags at retail stores that have recycling bins for clean, dry plastic bags and wraps. You can find store dropoff locations at plasticfilmrecycling.org.



Aluminum Cans - Rock Stars of Recycling

Saving Energy and Supporting our Program

Aluminum cans are recycling rock stars. They can be recycled and back on grocery shelves as a new can in as little as 60 days. Mills can make a new can from an old one using 95 percent less energy. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on an iPod or run a television for four hours. We depend upon revenues earned from recycling aluminum cans to fund the recycling of less valuable materials like glass and paper.

It takes 31 empty cans to make a pound. Each day, our recycling center sorts over 120,000 aluminum cans. The sorted cans are pressed into a 900 lb. block called a "bale". Our bales are sent to Alcoa in Tennessee and made into new cans. Alcoa only recycles very clean cans, no foil or other types of aluminum.



Freeholder Director Kate Gibbs and OTC Recycling Director Isaac Manning with 3 bales of aluminum ready to become new cans.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING TIPS

- **Never flatten cans - our sorting equipment views flat items as paper, so squashed cans end up on the paper conveyor, contaminating the paper.**
- **Rinse cans, especially pet food cans.**
- **Keep out straws and cigarette butts.**
- **Remember, cans only - no foil items.**
- **Make sure you recycle cans at summer parties. Every can counts!**

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Also new this year, Medford Memorial Middle School students and their award winning teacher, Vicky Gorman, will present their Citizen Science Education Program, which is designed to improve the scientific literacy of the community. This is not your usual science class!

The Friends of the Mansion at Smithville will offer tours of the Smithville Mansion for a small donation of \$5 per person. Proceeds help fund programs and improve the Mansion and its grounds. Visitors can also tour the Underground Railroad

Museum and take in the art exhibits at the Workers House Museum and Annex Gallery.

Our popular confidential document shredding returns from 10 a.m. to **3:30 p.m.** at Smith's Woods on East Railroad Avenue. Remember the bridge is closed, so you must access Smith's Woods via Route 38. To reach the main Earth Fair activities after shredding, simply follow the detour signs.

Earth Fair 25 promises to be a great day for family fun and "green" learning. We hope you will come join us!



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EARTH FAIR - SUNDAY, JUNE 10
at Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton

Paper shredding too!

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Curbside recyclers - check out BurlCo's FREE "RECYCLE COACH" PHONE APP and never miss another collection day!

- Receive "bad weather" schedule change alerts
- Report collection and cart issues
- Find where to recycle TVs
- View calendar with Paper Shredding days, etc.

No smartphone? No problem!
For the PC/laptop-friendly version visit BurlcoRecycles.com

Download the FREE **Recycle Coach™** app
Search "Recycle Coach"

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY! PAPER SHREDDING EVENT ON JUNE 10

The Freeholder Board is pleased to offer another **FREE** shredding event at our 25th Annual Earth Fair. Please note – you can locate the shredder site at Smith's Woods by using the map on this page. See you at the fair!

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.* | Rain or Shine

*Program may end prior to 3:30 p.m. 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.

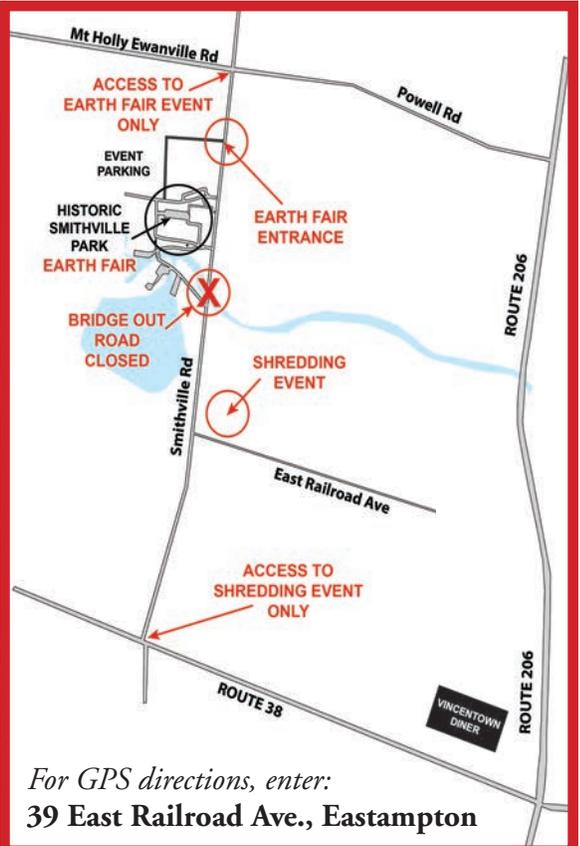
NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR! Our staff will unload your car (limit 4 bags/boxes of un-shredded documents weighing no more than 10 lbs. each). We can even take your pre-shredded paper. **CONFIDENTIAL FILES ONLY** – bank and credit card statements, tax returns, etc. (staples/paper clips OK).

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

Burlington County Residents only - ID required, no businesses or non-profits.



Kate Gibbs,
Freeholder Director



For GPS directions, enter:
39 East Railroad Ave., Eastampton