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THOMPSON PARK DAY IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15



LINCROFT - From start to finish, **Thompson Park Day** is fun for the whole family! A celebration of the season, the event is held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 15 at Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Free activities for the day include kids' races, entertainment, wagon rides, **Zany Zombies**, **Spider Zone**, **Brick by Brick Family Fun**, a putting green, pie-eating contests (1 p.m. for children & 1:20 p.m. for adults), and more. Activities requiring two tickets (\$1 per ticket, book of 25 tickets \$20) or a wristband (\$10 per person) are archery, the climbing wall, inflatables and mechanical rides. The following activities accept tickets only: ceramics at the Creative Arts Center (two tickets) and pumpkin painting (three tickets).

Scheduled activities for the day include:

Kids' Races:

Diaper Derby:

(Crawlers) 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Tot Trot:

(Walkers to 17 mos.) 11:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

(18 to 23 mos.) 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

(2 to 3 yrs.) 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Pee Wee Run:

(4 to 6 yrs.) 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Sack Races:

(7 to 8 yrs.) 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

(9 to 10 yrs.) 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

Entertainment:

- **Theater Barn**
 - Treats & Tricks Stage Show – 1 p.m.
 - The Dark Tower Halloween Puppet Show – 3 p.m.
 - Brenn Swanson's Uproarious Circus Halloween Variety Show - 4:15 p.m.
- **Strolling Entertainment**
 - Boo-o-tiful Balloon Twisting with Brenn – 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Ocean Avenue Stompers - 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - Balloon Twisters for Kidz – 12-4 p.m.

Get into the spirit of the day by entering one (or more) contests. The fun starts with the ***Scarecrow Contest*** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Pre-registration is \$9.00 and will reserve a frame. On-site registration is \$10.00 per scarecrow and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Framework and stuffing are provided; competitors bring their imagination and decorations.

Then the ***Spooktacular Jack O' Lantern Contest*** is from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is \$9.00 per pumpkin. On-site registration is \$10.00 per pumpkin and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Carving utensils and decorations provided.

The ***Strut Your Mutt Halloween Parade and Contest*** is at 2 p.m. This playful event features the following categories:

- Human(s) & Dog(s) Halloween Theme Group Costume
- Best Owner/Handler Look Alike Costume
- Most Hilarious Halloween Costume

The cost is \$5 per dog; pre-registration is recommended and available online. On-site registration accepted between 1:15-1:45 p.m. Participants may enter only one category due to limited space. Judges will award one prize per category. Additional details and pre-registration for these contests are available online at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.

To learn more about ***Thompson Park Day*** or other Park System activities, please visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call the Park System at 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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