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News from Monmouth County's Open Space, Park and Recreation Agency

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County Recreation Board Invites Award Applications For Excellence in Recreation, Parks, and Planning

LINCROFT--Attention all public or non-profit recreation agencies: is your agency proud of a new or renovated recreation facility? Do you offer an interesting or innovative program? Do you have a volunteer who is pivotal to the success of your programming efforts? The Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners invites you to tell them about it. Continuing in their commitment to parks, recreation, and open space initiatives, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners has announced its annual awards program. The awards, first presented in 1980, recognize volunteers, facilities, programs, park maintenance, and open space planning efforts that meet the recreation needs of Monmouth County. The awards program is open to Monmouth County's public and non-profit agencies. Nominees must complete a nomination form and answer award specific questions. The application deadline has been extended to May 15, 2009.

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Edward J. Loud, Chairman of the Board of Recreation Commissioners, explained that, "These awards represent a commitment by the Board of Recreation Commissioners to recognize the efforts of local municipalities and not-for-profits in the provision of recreation services. Local recreation offerings, in combination with the County Park System's parks and programs, provide the best of all recreation services for the citizens of Monmouth County."

The 2008 awards program recognized people, programs, and facilities from Hazlet, Holmdel, Fair Haven, Freehold, Neptune City, Rumson, Sea Bright, Tinton Falls, and Brookdale College Ocean Institute.

Applications have been mailed to officials in each of Monmouth County's 53 municipalities. The deadline to submit the completed applications has been extended to May 15. Award presentations will be made in July (during Park and Recreation month) by the Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Questions and correspondence regarding the Monmouth County Recreation Awards Program should be addressed to the Monmouth County Park System, Public Information Office, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738, by e-mail to info@monmouthcountyparks.com or by telephone, please call 732-842-4000, ext.4256. A copy of the Monmouth County 2009 Achievement Awards Program application may be obtained at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

The Monmouth County Park System manages 38 parks and recreation areas, welcomes over 5 million visitors, and offers more than 4,000 recreation programs each year. For information about the Monmouth County Park System, call (732) 842-4000 or visit on-line at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

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