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### **BECOME A BIRD MONITOR VOLUNTEER WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM**

LONG BRANCH— Help the Monmouth County Park System protect the nests of endangered birds at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch! Volunteers (ages 18 and up) are needed to monitor known nesting sites of piping plovers and least terns on the beach. Those interested in volunteering should attend the *Beach Nesting Bird Monitor Training Workshop* on Sunday, April 17 at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch. Offered twice the same day, prospective volunteers can attend either the 12noon-2pm or the 2-4pm session. Indoor and outdoor activities are involved. Please dress for the weather. The workshop will be conducted by Todd Pover of NJ Fish & Wildlife.

Volunteers will monitor the nests April through August. During peak summer usage and special events such as the Fourth of July, volunteers will be asked to educate park visitors about these species and discourage actions which may negatively impact the birds and their chicks. For more information or to register for either workshop, please contact Melissa Kelly at (732) 842-4000, ext. 4283, or email [mkelly@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:mkelly@monmouthcountyparks.com). For more information about the Monmouth County Park System, please visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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