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CELEBRATE THE SEASON DURING THOMPSON PARK DAY

LINCROFT-- From scarecrows to worm races, *Thompson Park Day* celebrates the season with traditional autumn activities in a beautiful park setting. Held from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, October 17 at Thompson Park on Newman Springs Road, Lincroft; *Thompson Park Day* is the quintessential fall festival featuring wagon rides, pumpkin painting and a corn maze. Other activities include a climbing wall, kids races, food and an arts and crafts sale. Entertainment for the day includes *Magical Shoppe of Wonders*, *It's the Wolf!* puppet show and *Magic...Tricks and Treats* on stage while an animal balloonist, a living statue and a scarecrow stilt walker stroll the grounds. The Friends of the Parks will be holding a "Strut Your Mutt" doggie costume contest as well.

"*Thompson Park Day* is the perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a day outdoors," according to Freeholder Director Lillian Burry, "This festival is just one of the many exceptional events that our county parks host each year. I encourage residents to come out and discover all that our Park System has to offer."

Admission and parking for *Thompson Park Day* are free. For more information about *Thompson Park Day* or any other Park System event, visit

www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System is celebrating its golden anniversary of keeping the county green and livable, since the Board of Chosen Freeholders created the first county park in 1960. Today, the Park System has grown to over 30 sites totaling more than 15,000 acres and offers

approximately 4,000 recreation programs and activities, making it the perfect place to come outside and play.

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PICTURED – Autumn is the perfect time of year for a wagon ride. Don't miss your chance to climb aboard during Thompson Park Day held on Sunday, October 17 from 11am-5pm at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft.