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**OCTOBER 19 IS THOMPSON PARK DAY!**



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 19 at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Free activities include canoeing on Marlu Lake (weather permitting), kids’ races, and entertainment. Other free offerings include the *Meet the Mustangs*, *Dash for Cash*, *Zany Zombies* and *Discover Walnford*. Activities requiring a ticket (each ticket costs \$3) are grab n’ go ceramics, pumpkin painting, wagon rides, inflatable rides, archery, *Dixie Turbo Tubs*, *Bungee Trampoline* and *Dixie Little Swinger*. The Creative Arts Center will be offering *Fired Up Ceramics* for five tickets.

The Park System’s annual scarecrow contest will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries are \$10 in advance or five tickets the day of event. The Friends of the Parks will be holding their “Strut Your

Mutt” doggie costume contest as well. Applications and details for both the scarecrow and “Strut Your Mutt” contests are available online at [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com).

The day’s schedule is as follows:

**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., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

(2 to 3 yrs.) 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 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.) 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

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

**Stage Entertainment (in the Theater Barn):**

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Magic Illusion featuring Doug Young

1:30-2:15 p.m. Dick Rainer, The Happy Juggler

4:15-5 p.m. “The Big Bad Wolf’s Really Bad Day” Puppet Show

**Strolling Performers:**

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Pumpkin Head Stiltwalker

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Snow Sisters Princesses

12-4 p.m. Patches, The Balloons Sculptor

1-5 p.m. Tyler, The Fall Harvest Stiltwalker

The event will also feature pie-eating contests. The children's pie-eating contest is at 1 p.m. and the adults' pie-eating contest begins at 1:15 p.m. These contests are free but registration is required and starts at 11 a.m. in the kids' races area.

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