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### **MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HONORS VOLUNTEERS**

COLTS NECK— Thank you. These words are always lovely to hear and even nicer to be shown. On Sunday, March 2, it was the Monmouth County Park System’s turn to show its appreciation during its *Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony* at Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck. During the event, Park System staff honored 1,222 volunteers who gave 25,392 hours assisting with recreation programs, special events and park facilities.

These volunteers can be found lending a helping hand throughout the year. They serve as historic site interpreters, trip and program leaders, and office assistants. Many volunteers like to roll up their sleeves and help maintain trails and gardens. Others assist in monitoring endangered bird species or with beach clean-ups. Some are part of the Park System’s docent project where they greet and help park visitors. Volunteers are also integral to the success of the Park System’s therapeutic horseback riding lessons and special events such as Earth Day, Thompson Park Day and the Monmouth County Fair.

These are just some of the ways volunteers help the Park System. The ceremony allows Park System staff to recognize the time, talent and energy volunteers freely give. Coordinator of Volunteers Melissa Kelly thanked them, “We know we couldn’t do what we do without the assistance of our volunteer staff...your dedicated support, energy, and enthusiasm. It means so much to us all.”

Here's a list of volunteers who were recognized for giving more than 40 hours in 2013:

Talya R. Acherman, Marlboro  
Pam Adams, Middletown  
Zachary J. Alexander, Red Bank  
Trina Anderson, Red Bank  
Valerie Andrewlevich, Tinton Falls  
Andrew Antonioli, Brielle  
Mary R. Baechle, Hazlet  
Jim Baye, Ocean  
Patricia Bernstein, Colonia  
Benjamin A. Berube, Sea Girt  
Lois E. Blake, Colts Neck  
Laura K. Boyle, Hazlet  
Christine Bremseth, Tinton Falls  
Sandy Burn, Red Bank  
Mary Byrne, Middletown  
Emma Caccavale, Highlands  
Stephanie Camp, Neptune  
Sharon Capriotti, Tinton Falls  
Rebecca E. Carhart, Port Monmouth  
Barbara Carroll, Colts Neck  
Anne M. Caruso, Long Branch  
Elizabeth M. Clarke, Tinton falls  
John P. Connors, Ocean  
Linda Csernica, Little Silver  
Kathleen Culver, Red Bank  
Stacy Curro, Atlantic Highlands  
Judy Curry-Phipps, Atlantic Highlands  
Eric Dalton, Keyport  
Darlene A. DeBarba, Fair Haven  
Ean D. Delehanty, West Long Branch  
Anthony DiSpirito III, Middletown  
Hannah B. Eareckson, Brielle  
Deborah Elsinger, Shrewsbury  
Ilona Fallon, Hazlet  
Carol D. Fornwald, Long Branch  
Barry Fulmer, Freehold  
Cheryl Fulmer, Freehold  
Ruth Gariepy, Hazlet  
James R. Gault, Hazlet  
Loma L. Gault, Hazlet  
Victoria Gercher, Howell  
Brandon L. Gioggia, Belford  
Julienne Goldfine, West Long Branch  
Raymond D. Gonzalez, West Long Branch  
Jayson Gonzalez-Goldstein, Marlboro  
Kasey A. Goon, Marlboro  
Susan L. Halle, Middletown

Donna C. Hansen, Freehold  
Lisa A. Haskell, Fair Haven  
Emily E. Hassell, Aberdeen  
Patricia M. Hauser, Aberdeen  
Amanda Hintelmann, Rumson  
Stephanie Marie Hunt, Neptune  
Richard A. Huntington, Old Bridge  
Andrew Imperiale, Sea Girt  
Mayah J. Irizarry, Long Branch  
Anusha Kallakuri, Holmdel  
Nadide F. Karacay, Wall Township  
Andrew W. Karlan, Freehold  
Sherri Keenan, Highlands  
Rose A. Keiser, Manalapan  
Roberta Kilduff, Middletown  
Sherry A. Kosberg, Shrewsbury  
Emma Krall, Middletown  
Katha A. Larity, West Keansburg  
Amelia E. Lautenberg, Holmdel  
Linda Lawton, Eatontown  
Elizabeth G. Lilleston, Navesink  
Daniel H. Lingelbach, Navesink  
Jeanette Lingelbach, Navesink  
Michael J. Loeffler, Matawan  
Haley Mander, Holmdel  
Maury Mangan, Oceanport  
Lynne E. Martocci, Tinton Falls  
Elaine A. McColgan, Middletown  
Patrice McCoy, Freehold  
Kim W. McCracken, Red Bank  
Nancy Meagher, Middletown  
Phillip M. Mejia, Long Branch  
Kathleen A. Melnykevich, Tinton Falls  
Christina Minakakis, Long Branch  
George Minakakis, Long Branch  
Bonnie Muir, Long Branch  
Janice Mundy, Freehold  
Eileen Murphy, Red Bank  
Dawn Nahory, Lincroft  
Stephanie J. Nolan, Eatontown  
Emily E. O'Connor, Hazlet  
Kaylyn Ann O'Gara, Morganville  
Morgan E. Plosica, Monmouth Beach  
Arturo J. Poznanski, Middletown  
April C. Qin, Holmdel  
Ashley L. Reha, Freehold  
Patricia A. Richter, Red Bank  
Teddy Rieman, Rumson  
Howard Rockhill, Spring Lake Heights

Daniela Rodriguez-Luna, Tinton Falls  
Gail C. Sanderson, Lincroft  
Brea E. Saunders, Laurence Harbor  
Marlis Schlegel-Steadman, Rumson  
Christine Scott, Neptune  
Patricia K. Sherwood, Keansburg  
Ellen Simonetti, Morganville  
Matthew R. Smith, Little Silver  
Ashley E. Stillwagon, Eatontown  
Jason M. Stone, Port Monmouth  
Alex Sundt, Red Bank  
Dianne L. Swenson, Highlands  
Ellen B. Terry, Millstone  
Gail B. Tewell, Matawan  
Patricia A. Thul, Eatontown  
Barbara L. Trouwborst, Ocean Grove  
Daniel L. Tutler, Belford  
Ann K. Tvaroha, Fair Haven  
Elizabeth S. Vandor, Tarrytown NY  
Sandra Wolfe, Howell  
Emma M. Wulforth, Tinton Falls  
Richard A. Yackel, Red Bank

Volunteers who gave over 100 hours are:

Werner Aehlich, Holmdel  
Theresa J. Astmann, Red Bank  
Janet L. Breslin, Jackson  
Marvin Britten, Middletown  
Nina Casola, Holmdel  
Jack T. Curry, Roosevelt  
Louise DelCollo, Colts Neck  
Barbara Duggan, Freehold  
Harvey Evans, Tinton Falls  
Barbara A. Finazzo, Jackson  
Natalie J. Fishlin, Holmdel  
Harden Fowler, Tinton Falls  
Jonela R. Grimaldi, Middletown  
Julia Guercio, Red Bank  
Rebecca Gwinnell, Lincroft  
James Henry, Lincroft  
Joyce Henry, Lincroft  
Liz Hesper, Middletown  
Bridget Marie Jones, Manasquan  
Danielle Nicole Kaden, Holmdel  
Megan M. Kane, Holmdel  
Isabell A. Linde, Red Bank  
Gerry Lingner, Long Branch

Lois Lyons, Tinton Falls  
Ralph Maratea, Lakewood  
Corinne H. Mazzocchi, Wall  
Richard B. Merker, Middletown  
Catherine Merker, Middletown  
Barry I. Miller, Middletown  
William Murphy, Red Bank  
Leslie Neiman, Belford  
Frank Nofi, Manalapan  
Alex Osnato, North Middletown  
Deborah A. Palumbo, Monmouth Beach  
Linda A. Rovder, Monmouth Beach  
Ashley Seyglinski, Robbinsville  
Eleanor C. Swanson, Long Branch  
Margo Thornton, Tinton Falls  
Barbara A. Venanzini, Matawan  
Gerald A. Vernon, Jr., Fair Haven  
Thomas E. Walters, West Long Branch  
Elaine M. Weigl, Howell

To learn about Park System Volunteers, 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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Sitting (l to r) - Harden Fowler (3,000 Hour Volunteer), Gerry Lingner (2,000 Hour Volunteer), Werner Aehlich (2,000 Hour Volunteer), Joyce Henry (1,000 Hour Volunteer), and James Henry (7,000 Hour Volunteer)

Standing – Park System Assistant Director Bruce Gollnick, Recreation Commissioner Vice Chairman Kevin Mandeville, Freeholder Director/Park System Liaison Lillian G. Burry, Coordinator of Volunteers Melissa Kelly, and Public Information Officer Karen Livingstone

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