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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HONORS VOLUNTEERS

COLTS NECK—Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes. In 2012, the Monmouth County Park System was lucky enough to receive 1,628 pairs thanks to its amazing volunteers. From sorting donations for Sandy Relief Efforts to assisting during races, these volunteers gave 27,000 hours to the Park System. On Sunday, March 3, the Park System honored these dedicated individuals during its *Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony* at Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck.

Throughout the year, volunteers can be found acting as historic site interpreters, serving as trip leaders, and assisting in offices. They also help remove invasive plant species, lead recreation programs, and monitor endangered bird species. Volunteers are integral to the success of the Park System's therapeutic riding lessons and special events such as Earth Day, Thompson Park Day and *Creatures of the Night*. The Park System's Trails Team, a group of volunteers dedicated to building and maintaining over 129 miles of trails, travels throughout the county to assist staff.

These are just some of the ways that 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, "Your support contributes to the success of our recreation programs, special events and park facilities on many levels...Thank you for volunteering."

Here's a list of volunteers who were honored for giving more than 40 hours in 2012:

Pam Adams, Middletown
Trina Anderson, Red Bank

Samantha Antonaccio, Keyport
Brittany Baechle, Hazlet
Jim Baye, Ocean
Joan Berg, Lincroft
Kelsey Bernarducci, Eatontown
Beamin Berube, Sea Girt
Lois Blake, Colts Neck
Christine Bremseth, Tinton Falls
Sandy Burn, Red Bank
Sarah Bush, West Long Branch
Mary Byrne, Middletown
Emma Caccavale, Highlands
Larry Canale, Rumson
Sharon Capriotti, Tinton Falls
Julia Castellano, Middletown
Danielle Ciupinski, Matawan
Elizabeth Clarke, Tinton falls
John Connors, Ocean
Joe Coppola, Little Silver
Daniel H. Corey, Lincroft
Lance Cox, Freehold
Linda Csernica, Little Silver
Kathleen Culver, Red Bank
Judy Curry-Phipps, Atlantic Highlands
Jackson Dalton, Keyport
Eric Dalton, West Long Branch
Darlene DeBarba, Fair Haven
Mitchell Dormont, Manalapan
Gladys Elena Dunn, Toms River
Barbara Eckert, Keyport
Deborah Elsinger, Shrewsbury
Johanna Ericson, Atlantic Highlands
Alexander Farrell, Old Bridge
Patricia Farrell, Colts Neck
Brett Farrell, Colts Neck
Barbara Finazzo, Jackson
Carol D. Fornwald, Long Branch
Ryan Freeman, Oceanport
Victoria Frotton, Leonardo
Katherine Fullerton, Oakhurst
Barry Fulmer, Freehold
Cheryl Fulmer, Freehold
James Gault, Hazlet
Julia Guercio, Red Bank
Susan Halle, Middletown
Kelly Harmon, Atlantic Highlands
Paula Harvey, Atlantic Highlands
Lisa Haskell, Fair Haven
Emily Hassell, Aberdeen

Liz Hesper, Middletown
Blanchard Hiatt, Red Bank
Amanda Hintelmann, Rumson
Julie Hunt, Red Bank
Richard Huntington, Old Bridge
Andrew Imperiale, Sea Girt
Stuart Jensen, Red Bank
Kevin Johnson, Holmdel
Danielle Nicole Kaden, Holmdel
Josephine Kane, Middletown
Nadide F. Karacay, Wall Township
Andrew W. Karlan, Freehold
Edward Kelly, West Long Branch
Linda Kelly, West Long Branch
Hoan Kichen, Shrewbury
Joanna N. Lamberta, Middletown
Amelia Lautenberg, Holmdel
Linda Lawton, Eatontown
Laura Lazzari, Aberdeen
Jeanette Lingelbach, Navesink
Michael Loeffler, Matawan
Debra Lotosky, Middletown
Michele Mancino, Middletown
Maury Mangan, Oceanport
Ralph Maratea, Lakewood
Mike Mazzocchi, Wall
Maureen McCahery, Bradley Beach
Elaine McColgan, Middletown
Nancy Meagher, Middletown
Phillip Mejia, Long Branch
Christina Minakakis, Long Branch
Mary Ellen Moran, Atlantic Highlands
Bonnie Muir, Long Branch
Janice Mundy, Freehold
Dawn Nahory, Lincroft
David Nass, Red Bank
Emily O'Connor, Hazlet
Alex Osnato, North Middletown
Olivia Perske, Hazlet
Sean Pizzio, Old Bridge
Morgan Plosica, Monmouth Beach
Maula N. Rao, Holmdel
Patricia Richter, Red Bank
Natalie Rinaldi, Middletown
David Roche, Freehold
Howard Rockhill, Spring Lake Heights
Anthony Rosati, Middletown
Kristine Russo, Spring Lake Heights
Emma Russo, Tinton Falls

Gail Sanderson, Lincroft
Jay Schaeffer, Keansburg
Marlis Schlegel-Steadman, Rumson
Alexa Schyerynec, Aberdeen
Mary Jeanne Shaughnessy, Ocean Grove
Patricia Skagerberg, Highlands
Carol Smith, Middletown
John Squires, Toms River
Sarah Stewart, Belford
Alex Sundt, Red Bank
Amanda Sutton, Atlantic Highlands
Margaret T. Swan, Bricktown
Dianne Swenson, Highlands
Ellen B. Terry, Millstone
Gail B. Tewell, Matawan
John Townend, Farmingdale
Barbara Trouwborst, Ocean Grove
Joseph Turtel, Ocean Township
Monica Valente, Cliffwood Beach
Gerald Vernon J, Fair Haven
Joel Whitman, Fair Haven
Harmon Willey, Shrewsbury
Barbara Woerz, Middletown
Katherine Wojciechowski, Freehold
Sandra Wolfe, Howell
Emma Wulfhorst, Tinton Falls
Richard Yackel, Red Bank

These volunteers were honored for giving over 100 hours of service:

Werner Aehlich, Holmdel
Andrew Antonioli, Brielle
Theresa Astmann, Red Bank
Mary Baechle, Hazlet
Stavros Basis, Lincroft
Patricia Bernstein, Colonia
Marvin Britten, Middletown
Barbara Carroll, Colts Neck
Nina Casola, Holmdel
Louise DelCollo, Colts Neck
Barbara Duggan, Freehold
Harvey Evans, Tinton Falls
Harden Fowler, Tinton Falls
Jake Frederick, Oakhurst
Ruth Gariepy, Hazlet
Lauren Gazerwitz, Middletown
Judith Green, Middletown
Rebecca Gwinnell, Lincroft

Joyce Henry, Lincroft
James Henry, Lincroft
Gerry Lingner, Long Branch
Kathryn Little, Holmdel
Lois Lyons, Tinton Falls
Patrice McCoy, Freehold
Richard B. Merker, Middletown
Catherine Merker, Middletown
Kevin Messina, Marlboro
Barry I. Miller, Middletown
Eileen Murphy, Red Bank
William Murphy, Red Bank
Frank Nofi, Freehold
Deborah Palumbo, Monmouth Beach
Linda Rovder, Monmouth Beach
Ashley Stillwagon, Eatontown
Eleanor Swanson, Long Branch
Margo Thornton, Tinton Falls
Patricia Thul, Eatontown
Barbara Venanzini, Matawan
Elaine Weigl, Howell

To learn about Park System Volunteers, please 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, 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) - Patricia Farrell (1,000 Hour Volunteer); Lois Lyons (1,000 Hour Volunteer); Freeholder Lillian Burry; Board of Recreation Commissioner Chairman Ed Loud; and Emma Caccavale (1,000 Hour Volunteer)

Standing (l to r): - Karen Livingstone, Public Information Officer; Patrice McCoy (1,000 Hour Volunteer); Barry Miller (1,000 Hour Volunteer); Louise DelCollo (4,000 Hour Volunteer); Recreation Supervisor Lauren Gerber; Coordinator of Volunteers Melissa Kelly; Park System Secretary-Director James Truncer