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PARK SYSTEM SHOWERS RESIDENTS WITH FUN DURING APRIL



The Great Spring Perennial Plant Swap takes place from 10am-2pm on Saturday, April 26 at Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown.

LINCROFT— Hop over to the Monmouth County Park System this April and enjoy fun, family-friendly activities. Highlights for the month include the *Great Spring Perennial Plant Swap*, *Pottery Open House*, and *Spring Craft Show*. April also brings the Park System's *Earth Day Weekend*. Here's a full listing of April events:

Drop-In Tuesdays at the Rec Center

Tuesdays, April 1-29 from 4-5:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Children ages 6-10 are invited to join the Rec Center staff for afterschool games and activities! Each week we'll switch up an extra activity. FREE!

Family Gym Time

Mondays & Wednesdays, April 2-30 from 12:30-2:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Enjoy tunnels, gym mats, trampolines, scooters and other play equipment. No instruction provided. Parent supervision is required. The cost is \$10 per family; cash or check only.

Wildlife Wednesday

Wednesday, April 2 from 3-3:45pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Explore new ways to enjoy nature during this program designed for ages 5 and up (with adult). The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Adult Open Ceramics

Friday, April 4 from 6:30-9:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Leave the kids at home and let your creative juices flow. Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to give your own personal style. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, April 5 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park Activity Barn, Lincroft

If you are looking to try your hand at archery, join us for this open shoot. All equipment is provided. No outside equipment permitted. There is limited instruction during this program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). Cost is \$7 per person; cash or check only.

Walnford's Mill Demonstrations

Saturdays & Sundays, April 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold

Experience the mill in action during these demonstrations. FREE!

Drop-In Surprise StoryTime

Saturday, April 5 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Join us for a reading from a nature- or garden-related book. If the weather is nice, look for the clue at the Horticultural Center's entrance that leads to the secret spot in the gardens. If it's rainy or cold, we'll be inside the Horticultural Center. FREE!

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, April 5 at 3pm along Stonebridge Trail at Charleston Springs Golf Course, Millstone

Saturday, April 26 at 3pm in Big Brook Park, Marlboro

Join our Roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest. FREE!

Open Ceramics

Sunday, April 6 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own. The cost is \$6 per hour plus price of bisque ware; cash or check only. Pieces will be fired in about a week.

Book Swap

Sunday, April 6 from 1-3pm

Thursday, April 10 from 6-8pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Bring an unwanted book(s) and swap it for something new. Don't have a book to swap? We have extras. Light refreshments served. FREE!

Monday Night Open Teen Basketball

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 7-8:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Teens age 13-18 are invited to drop-in and enjoy our courts. The cost is \$5 per night; cash or check only.

Family Game Night

Fridays, April 11 & 25 from 6-8:30pm

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center, Tinton Falls

Get ready to play! Board games, table games, and gym games will be available for some good old family interaction. The cost is \$15 per family (2-4 people); \$5 each additional person. Cash or check only.

Turtle Feeding

Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13 at 12noon

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Help us feed our turtles. FREE!

Climb Time

Saturday, April 12 from 12noon-3pm

Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

Sunday, April 27 from 2-5pm

Thompson Park, Lincroft

Join us for a FREE chance to try our 25 foot rock climbing wall. Climbers must be 42 inches or taller.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, April 13 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Enjoy piano music from the 1890s. FREE!

Blacksmith Demonstration

Sunday, April 13 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

Come see what the Blacksmith is making in his workshop. FREE!

Snakes of Monmouth County

Saturday & Sunday, April 19 & 20 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Learn about some of the snakes found in Monmouth County. FREE!

Pottery Open House

Thursday, April 24 from 4-8pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

Join us for this chance to see if a pottery class is right for you. Dress for a mess as there is a lot of mud flinging going on around here. You won't make anything you can take home but the experience will last a lifetime. Ages 18 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. FREE!

Great Spring Perennial Plant Swap

Saturday, April 26 from 10am-2pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Calling all Gardeners! Bring plants in one-quart, one-gallon or two-gallon containers and take home the same size and number of plants. FREE!

Spring Craft Show

Saturday, April 26 from 9am-2pm

Tatum Park, Middletown

Stop by on your way to or from Deep Cut Garden's Plant Swap and pick up the perfect item for your garden or home. Admission and parking are free.

Earth Day Celebration - Manasquan Reservoir

Saturday, April 26 from 11am-5pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

Enjoy fun for the whole family with activities, crafts and special Earth Day exhibitors! Admission and parking are free.

Sheep Shearing/Wool Days

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27 from 12noon-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel

This annual demonstration allows visitors to appreciate the work of an old-fashioned sheep shearer. FREE!

Earth Day - Bio-Blitz

Sunday, April 27 from 11am-5pm

Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown

Help us catalogue nature in the park. All equipment provided. FREE!

Earth Day - Nature Walks

Sunday, April 27 from 11am-5pm

Holmdel Park, Holmdel

Meet at the Shelter Building at the top of the hour for these nature walks. FREE!

Earth Day - Celebrate the Shore

Sunday, April 27 from 11am-5pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center, Port Monmouth

We're hosting an interactive show and tell program as well as tours of the house. Tours start on the hour. FREE!

Earth Day - Spring Plant Walks

Sunday, April 27 from 11am-5pm

Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown

Explore the gardens and learn how to become an earth-friendly gardener. Walks start on the hour. FREE!

Earth Day - Eco-Fashion Fun!

Sunday, April 27 from 11am-5pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft

Create eco-friendly fashion jewelry and accessories from recycled materials. FREE!

Bird Walk

Sunday, April 27 at 12:30pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell

See what birds we can find during this nature walk. FREE!

Historic Seabrook-Wilson House Tours

Sunday, April 27 from 1-4pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth

Visit this house, which dates back to the early 1700s, and see displays on the ecology of the bay and local history. FREE!

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit

www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call the Park System at 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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