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SPRING IN THE PARKS



*Head over to Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, for **Drop-In Surprise Story Time** from 11-11:45am on Saturdays, March 9 & 23.*

LINCROFT — Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! The Monmouth County Park System invites area residents to welcome the season in a park. During the month of March, the Park System has planned the following activities:

Open Shoot Archery

Saturday, March 2 from 10am-1pm

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot at the Activity Barn. All equipment will be provided. This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult). The cost is \$7 per person, cash or check only.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3 at 1pm

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a story and craft.

Open Ceramics

Sunday, March 3 from 12:30-4:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday, March 27 & 28 from 12:30-4:30pm

Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Choose from a large selection of bisque-fired pottery pieces to glaze and make your own. Leave your piece to be fired and pick up in a week. The cost is \$6 per person per hour plus cost of bisqueware. All ages welcome, children 12 and under with an adult.

Music Man Rich Marzec

Sunday, March 3 from 1-3pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Hear tunes from yesteryear as Music Man Rich Marzec performs.

Drop-In Surprise Story Time

Saturdays, March 9 & 23 from 11-11:45am

Deep Cut Gardens, Red Hill Road, Middletown

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

Roving Park System Naturalist

Saturday, March 9 at 2pm at Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck

(Meet in the parking lot on Matthews Road.)

Saturday, March 23 at 2pm at Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck

(Meet in parking lot by the soccer fields.)

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

Turtle Feeding

Saturday & Sunday, March 9 & 10 at 12noon

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell

Learn a bit about these fascinating creatures during feeding time.

Krafty Kids Drop-In

Wednesday, March 13 from 4-5:30pm

Tatum Park Red Hill Activity Center, Red Hill Road, Middletown

Thursday, March 14 from 4-5:30pm

Thompson Park Visitor Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Youngsters ages 4 & up (with adult) are invited to stop in and create a "Floral Fantasy" craft to take home. The cost is \$5 per person; cash or check only.

Play Dates in the Park – Jumbo Basketball

Saturday, March 16 from 1:30-3:30pm

Shark River Park, Schoolhouse Road, Wall

Shoot some hoops using an oversized ball and 10-foot blow up basketball goal.

Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

Read All About It

Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17 from 1-4pm

Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold

Turn back the pages of time while reading bound volumes of early 19th century newspapers and other periodicals saved by the Waln family.

Play Dates in the Park – Box Hockey

Sunday, March 17 from 10am-12noon

Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

Players face off against each other, defending three goals while trying to score in multiple opponents' goals. Open to ages 5 and up, with adult. No experience needed.

Kite Making

Saturday, March 23 from 12:30-2:30pm

Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel

Let's hope for a windy day as we make old-fashioned kites!

Celebrate World Water Day

Saturday, March 23 from 1-2pm

Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth

Touch nature items such as sand dollars, sea turtles shells, unusual seashells, whale baleen and even a dolphin skull.

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 Park System 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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