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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**OCTOBER 20 IS THOMPSON PARK DAY!**



*Pumpkin painting will once again be part of this year's Thompson Park Day.*

LINCROFT— From start to finish, ***Thompson Park Day*** offers fun for the whole family! A celebration of the season, the event is held from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, October 20 at Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Free activities include a mini maze, canoeing on Marlu Lake (weather permitting), kids' races, and entertainment. Other free offerings include the ***Kids Zone***, ***Meet the Mustangs***, ***Zany Zombies***, and ***Discover Walnford***. Activities requiring a ticket (each ticket costs \$2) are Grab n' Go ceramics, pumpkin painting, a climbing wall, wagon rides, inflatable rides, mini golf, a junior ferris wheel, a swing ride, 3 lane sports obstacle course, rock-n-roll racing, and archery. The Creative Arts Center will be offering ***Fired Up Ceramics*** for five tickets.

The Park System's annual scarecrow contest will be held from 11am to 4pm. Entries are \$10 in advance or \$15 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 noon, 2pm, 4pm

***Tot Trot:***

(Walkers to 17 mos.) 11:45am, 2:45pm, 3:45pm

(18 to 23 mos.) 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm

(2 to 3 yrs.) 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm

***Pee Wee Run:***

(4 to 6 yrs.) 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm

***Sack Races:***

(7 to 8 yrs.) 1pm, 3pm

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

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

11:45am Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Band

1pm Snakes of Monmouth County

1:45pm Eva the Diva

3pm Snakes of Monmouth County

4:15pm The Little Rockers Band

**Strolling Entertainment:**

11am-3pm Scarecrow Stiltwalker

11am-3pm Balloonist

12noon-4pm Macaroni Anne Cheez

1-5pm Frankenstein's Monster Stiltwalker

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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