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VOLUNTEERS HONORED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM



*Volunteer Werner Aehlich has given over 3,000 hours to the
Monmouth County Park System.*

COLTS NECK— It was all about the volunteers on Sunday, March 6 when the Monmouth County Park System held its **Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** at Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck. Throughout the year, 1,175 people volunteered a total of 26,535 hours assisting the Park System with recreation programs, special events and park facilities. During the event, Park System staff honored 155 volunteers who gave over 40 hours in the past year.

A poignant moment came when the Park System recognized volunteers who hit milestones in their service hours. Ruth Gariepy of Hazlet, James Gault of Hazlet, Les Neiman of Belford, Linda Rovder of Monmouth Beach, and Frank Nofi of Manalapan each gave over 1,000 hours and Werner Aehlich of Holmdel crossed the 3,000 hours mark. Volunteering since March 2007, Mr. Aehlich is

a dedicated volunteer who gives his time freely, gardening in seven parks, helping lead the Trails Team, and assisting at numerous events throughout the year.

Mr. Aehlich explains how he became a Park System volunteer, "I came to Monmouth County to hike in the parks and decided to move here. Volunteering was just the next step and I began volunteering at Deep Cut Gardens. Now I love to get outside whenever I can and enjoy working with others to help make the parks more beautiful. It's great to be part of a team."

Working as a team with Park System staff, volunteers can be found helping in countless ways. They act as historic interpreters and demonstrators at Historic Longstreet Farm and Historic Walnford, serve as leaders on bus trips to sporting and cultural events, and assist in offices. They are invaluable to the Park System's therapeutic horseback riding program by assisting riders during individual lessons. Volunteers can also be found acting as docents, participating in beach clean ups, gardening, maintaining trails, and serving as educators in the Beach Nesting Bird Monitor program. They help make special events and races such as *WinterFest*, the *Wind & Sea Festival* and the *Woods Hollow Bike Race* run smoothly. The Park System is grateful to each and every one of its volunteers for his or her service.

Volunteers who gave more than 40 hours in 2016 are:

Werner Aehlich, Holmdel
Nicholas James Alexander, Red Bank
Julie R. Alter, Freehold
Lawrence E. Anderson, Holmdel
Jodee L. Anderson, Holmdel
Andrew Antonioli, Brielle
Alyssa R. Austin, Colts Neck
Ethan P. Bateman, Little Silver
Joan Berg, Lincroft
Patricia Bernstein, Colonia
Paige F. Biebel, Middletown
Jacqueline Bikker, Little Silver
Denise Bixby, Howell
Sara Y. Bonardi, Middletown
Laura K. Boyle, Hazlet
Christine Bremseth, Tinton Falls
Janet L. Breslin, Jackson
James Breslin, Shrewsbury
Marvin Britten, Middletown
Sandy Burn, Red Bank
Mary Byrne, Middletown
Stephanie Camp, Neptune
Anne M. Caruso, Long Branch
Nina Casola, Holmdel
James Church, Aberdeen
Elizabeth M. Clarke, Tinton Falls
Bridget M. Connolly, Rumson
Kathleen Culver, Red Bank
Judy Curry-Phipps, Atlantic Highlands
Joanna R. D'Avelle, Howell
Denise M. Day, Holmdel

Radhamani Dayanidhi, Tinton Falls
Darlene A. DeBarba, Fair Haven
Caitlin Delaney, Lincroft
Louise DelCollo, Colts Neck
Brianna M. Delmar, Ocean
Theresa A. Dill, Old Bridge
Barbara Duggan, Freehold
Nancy Endresen, Holmdel
Kathleen J. Evans, Tinton Falls
Harvey Evans, Tinton Falls
John R. Fenton, Neptune
Barbara A. Finazzo, Jackson
Carol D. Fornwald, Long Branch
Harden Fowler, Tinton Falls
Kathleen M. Freeman, Hazlet
Cheryl Fulmer, Freehold
Barry Fulmer, Freehold
Ruth Gariepy, Hazlet
Loma L. Gault, Hazlet
James R. Gault, Hazlet
Raymond D. Gonzalez, West Long Branch
Shannon G. Gorman, Colts Neck
Jonela R. Grimaldi, Middletown
Erin M. Gross, Holmdel
Rebecca Gwinnell, Lincroft
Alison Hamilton, Freehold
Judy Hands, Red Bank
Donna C. Hansen, Freehold
Kathleen M. Harbort, Fair Haven
Patricia M. Hauser, Aberdeen
Kerry Hennessy, Hazlet
Joyce Henry, Lincroft
James Henry, Lincroft
Liz Hesper, Middletown
Amanda Hintelmann, Rumson
Bob Hutzler, Neptune
Dawn Johnson, Aberdeen
Danielle Nicole Kaden, Holmdel
Samara J. Kaplan, Marlboro
Nadide F. Karacay, Wall Township
Roberta Kilduff, Middletown
Kristen M. Kircher, West Keansburg
Sherry A. Kosberg, Shrewsbury
Arthur J. Lackner, Eatontown
Amelia E. Lautenberg, Holmdel
Linda Lawton, Eatontown
Patricia A. Leo, Rumson
Phoebe L. Li, Morganville
Brooke D. Lichter, Holmdel
Elizabeth G. Lilleston, Atlantic Highlands

Daniel H. Lingelbach, Navesink
Jeanette Lingelbach, Navesink
Gerry Lingner, Long Branch
Lois Lyons, Tinton Falls
Joy E. Malysko, Neptune
Maury Mangan, Oceanport
Katrina E. Mavrode, Middletown
Alice McCaddin, Ocean
Elaine A. McColgan, Middletown
Sharon L. McCormick, Farmingdale
Patrice McCoy, Freehold
Kim W. McCracken, Red Bank
Richard B. Merker, Middletown
Catherine Merker, Middletown
Barry I. Miller, Middletown
Robert E. Moe, Atlantic Highlands
Janice Mundy, Freehold
William Murphy, Red Bank
Eileen Murphy, Red Bank
David Nass, Red Bank
Leslie Neiman, Belford
Lauren A. Nickerson, Lincroft
Frank Nofi, Manalapan
Paul C. O'Horo, Colts Neck
Deborah C. Osepchuk, Ocean Grove
Alex Osnato, North Middletown
Deborah A. Palumbo, Monmouth Beach
Morgan E. Plosica, Monmouth Beach
Thomas J. Puskar, Howell
April C. Qin, Holmdel
Daniela Rodriguez-Luna, Tinton Falls
Linda A. Rovder, Monmouth Beach
Meghan L. Royle, Colts Neck
Meryl A. Russell, Cranford
Diana-Lee Salerno, Little Silver
Walter Salzmann, Sea Girt
Brea E. Saunders, Laurence Harbor
Elizabeth Scharmann, Navesink
Marlis Schlegel-Steadman, Rumson
Patricia R. Schoenfelder, Keansburg
Thomas D. Scully, Eatontown
Maria S. Sgroi, Fair Haven
Patricia K. Sherwood, Keansburg
Regina M. Sieben, Long Branch
Ellen Simonetti, Morganville
Ashley Sousa, Jackson
Elyse C. Spinelli, Middletown
Ravi Srinivasan, Fair Haven
Christina E. Sundt, Red Bank
Margaret T. Swan, Bricktown

Christie E. Swanson, Red Bank
Eleanor C. Swanson, Long Branch
Ellen B. Terry, Millstone
Gail B. Tewell, Matawan
Nora E. Thomson, Lincroft
Nicole S. Thornton, Tinton Falls
Margo Thornton, Tinton Falls
Patricia A. Thul, Eatontown
Michaela Tovar, Lincroft
Barbara L. Trouwborst, Ocean Grove
Daniel L. Tutler, Belford
Ann K. Tvaroha, Fair Haven
Kassandra Uribaz, Middletown
Anna-Marie Van Brunt, Jackson
Donald R. Van Buren, Lincroft
Barbara A. Venanzini, Matawan
Gerald A. Vernon, Jr., Fair Haven
Elaine M. Weigl, Howell
Nicholas A. West, Colts Neck
Kyle P. Wicklund, Shrewsbury
Harmon Willey, Shrewsbury
Katherine Wojciechowski, Freehold
Sandra Wolfe, Howell
Christine Yovnello, Red Bank

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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