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UPDATE TO HISTORIC WALNFORD MILL DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

UPPER FREEHOLD— Unfortunately, visitors to Historic Walnford, Upper Freehold, will have to wait a bit longer to experience the rumble, clack and whoosh of the site's 19th century gristmill. **The gristmill will not resume operation as scheduled on April 7 due to mechanical issues.** Repairs are underway and hope to be completed in May. Please check the Monmouth County Park System's website www.MonmouthCountyParks.com for updates.

Besides the gristmill, the site also features the pre-Revolutionary Waln House, an 1879 carriage house, and an assortment of other structures. While the Waln House is currently closed for interior painting and scheduled to reopen on May 5, the site's other historical buildings are open daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Upcoming events at Historic Walnford include **Strike While the Iron is Hot** from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8. During this free offering, Master Craftsman Tom Kelleher of Old Sturbridge Village will share his 19th century blacksmithing skills. From 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, the site will host **A New Broom Sweeps Clean**. See this demonstration on how to make brooms, carpet beaters and clothes pins. Then Sunday, May 20 is **Walnford Day**. This annual celebration of the site features horse-drawn wagons, historic demonstrations and hands-on activities. Admission and parking are free.

For more information about Historic Walnford and the Monmouth County Park System, 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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