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**PARK SYSTEM OFFERS WINTER GOLF
AT BEL-AIRE, CHARLESTON SPRINGS & SHARK RIVER GOLF COURSES**

LINCROFT— Cross your fingers and hope for mild weather! The Monmouth County Park System is keeping several of its golf courses open for play this winter – Bel-Aire Golf Course in Wall, Charleston Springs Golf Course in Millstone, and Shark River Golf Course in Neptune. Golfers will enjoy reduced rates at these courses starting January 1.

Weather permitting, courses are open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both reserved tee times and walk-on play will be available. The tee time reservation system is available to those with golf cards. Golfers looking to purchase a golf card may do so at these courses.

Weather permitting, the FootGolf course at Bel-Aire Golf Course will remain open through the winter.

The highlight of the winter golf season is the *Polar Bear Golf Tournament*. Held on Saturday, January 14 at Shark River Golf Course, Neptune, this 18-hole, individual stroke play tournament (net and gross) is open to all golfers age 12 and up. A Park System Golf Card is not required but a USGA GHIN handicap is required for net competition. The cost is \$48 per golfer and includes a continental breakfast. Registration is required and is available online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

To learn more about Park System winter golf or the ***Polar Bear Golf Tournament***, 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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