



# The County Report

AN UPDATE FROM THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

May 2017

Mt. Holly, New Jersey

## Earth Fair Returns to Historic Smithville Park – Sunday, June 4

Burlington County's Earth Fair returns to Historic Smithville Park on Sunday, June 4 for its 24th year. The free eco-fest, will take place at 803 Smithville Road in Eastampton from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

*“This wonderful event allows residents of all ages to enjoy historic Smithville Park while engaging in environmentally friendly activities. If you are looking for ways to protect and appreciate the environment, and have some fun along the way, Earth Fair is for you,” said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio.*

Please note that though the Park is open, Smithville Bridge on Smithville Road is closed for repairs.



Freeholder Bruce Garganio (right) and Assemblyman Joe Howarth on the “recycled plastic” floating dock that visitors can stroll across at Earth Fair.

If you have access to GPS use the Park's address, 803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ or simply follow the clearly marked detour signs.

Once again Earth Fair promises to

educate and entertain with “green” vendors, environmental displays and activities for kids and adults. Look for familiar faces, such as Mike McGrath, host of the Public Radio Show, You Bet Your Garden. This year's topic is *Birds, Bees and Butterflies* –

how to naturally attract fabulous fliers to your landscape. Also returning is Mike Haberland with his Rain Barrel Workshop where you can make your own rain barrel from repurposed barrels. There is a \$45 fee for the workshop and supplies; advanced registration is required. Email [Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:Haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu) or call (856) 216-7130, ext. 3 to register.

Live animal exhibits and presentations also return to Earth Fair. A variety of bugs, reptiles, amphibians, ocean oddballs and 4-H animals will be here to delight all ages. Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and the Rancocas Nature Center return with their popular live animal presentations, *Hunters of the Sky* and *Fabulous Frogs*.

*“This year's Sustainable Living Tent will showcase Eco-friendly solutions and tips for your home,” added Freeholder Director Garganio. “The tent will also highlight the newest crossover vehicles that get up to 100 MPG and allow residents to learn about rain gardens, solar energy and buy energy efficient bulbs.”*

New this year is Nature Jeopardy! Test your knowledge of nature in our County Parks with this “Jeopardy” style trivia game. Buzz in with the correct answer and score points for your team! Questions start out easy and get progressively harder.

Also new to Earth Fair is the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts featuring Wire Walkers. Witness their dramatic crossings of the Rancocas Creek while enjoying this important waterway. The Give and Take Jugglers with their “little” circus shows will follow after each crossing.

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## A Prescription to Stop Drug Abuse and Pollution

Not sure what to do with old and out-of-date prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs? Flushing these meds down the drain can harm septic systems and lead to pharmaceutical water pollution. Even worse, they can end up in the wrong hands.

“As part of our effort to combat drug abuse and protect our watershed, the Freeholder Board is promoting Project Medicine Drop,” said Freeholder Linda Hughes, who serves as a member of the County's drug task force. “This convenient program gives you a safe and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted medications.”

The program is easy! Residents can bring unwanted pills, capsules, patches, inhalers and pet meds to a drop box located in any of the police departments listed below. No syringes or liquids will be accepted.

Participating Police Departments as of May 1, 2017 – Burlington City, Burlington Twp., Bordentown City, Bordentown Twp., Evesham, Mansfield, Maple Shade, Medford Twp., Mt. Laurel, Moorestown, NJ State Police (Red Lion Station), North Hanover, Palmyra and Westampton.



Freeholder Director Garganio with Westampton's Medicine Drop Box

THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PRESENTS

# EARTH FAIR 2017



## SUNDAY, JUNE 4 10:30AM-4PM

*Eco-Friendly Vendors & Performances!*

See what's trending in the  
**SUSTAINABLE LIVING TENT**

*Birds, Bees & Butterflies – How to Naturally Attract Fabulous Fliers to Your Landscape*  
with **Mike McGrath**  
from "You Bet Your Garden"

*Live Animal Exhibits & Presentations All Day!*

Tropical Rainforest • Reptile Program • 4-H  
Rizzo's Discovery Reptiles • Rancocas Nature Center  
Fish Tales & Ocean Oddballs • Fabulous Frogs • The Bug Lady  
Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife • Hunters in the Sky – Birds of Prey



*New to Earth Fair This Year!*

Nature Jeopardy • Wire Walkers • Give & Take Jugglers  
Folk Songs & Tales that Built America

*Returning:* REI 5K Run • Fantastic Forces • Sciencetellers  
People Powered Screen Printing • Scientific Circus – Trash Zone  
Kids Zenergy Zone: Rock Climbing Wall, Inflatable Slide,  
Obstacle Course

*Rain Barrel Making Workshop*  
Must preregister at [haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu)  
or 856-216-7130 x3.

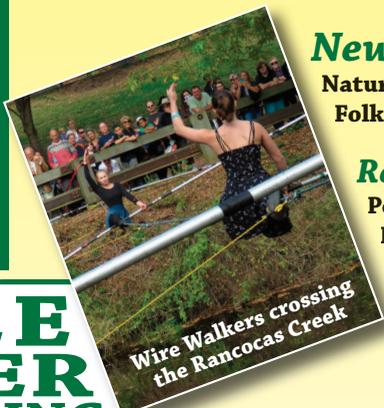
Face Painting • Papermaking • Musical Playground  
Make-and-Take Art • Musical Entertainment  
Canoe Rentals (\$15/canoe)  
Mansion Tours (\$4/person) • Village Tours

See what is in the Galleries!

Annex Gallery:  
Re-Purposeful Art Exhibit

Worker's House & Gallery:  
The Art of Basketry

Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County



## FREE PAPER SHREDDING

at Smith's Woods on Railroad Ave.

County residents ONLY  
ID REQUIRED!

No businesses or non-profits

From 10am to 3:30pm\*

\*Program may end prior to 3:30pm if shredding trucks reach capacity.

See page 4 for restrictions and detour info to reach Smith's Woods.

## Historic Smithville Park

803 Smithville Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060

609-265-5858 | [www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks)

Free admission & parking. Refreshments for sale. Rain or shine.

Programs subject to change.

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks advance notification to Burlington County Parks Dept. by calling (609) 265-5858.



## Made in America – a Recycling Success Story

Did you know your recycling efforts help create and keep American jobs?



American companies can use recycled material, because it lowers their energy and raw material costs, helping them compete against foreign companies. For example, the aluminum cans we collect are shipped to Alcoa's plant in Tennessee and made right back into new cans.

"We have a success story even closer to home! Newman & Company, Inc. is a family owned paper recycling business founded in 1919 that sits on the banks of the Delaware, just over the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. Newman employs 300 people and has recycled paper collected from our County since the 1980s," said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio.

Newman has a huge paper recycling plant that pulps the recycled paper into a slurry that is screened and cleaned and pressed multiple times to create new paper board used for boxes, game boards, puzzles and tablets. The only problem with using recycled paper is when it contains contaminants like plastic film or Styrofoam. This drives up costs and hurts paper quality.

"So during your next game of *Monopoly* or *Candy Land*, remember to recycle right and take pride in the fact that your game board could have been made from papers recycled by your community, giving a special meaning to 'Made in America,'" Director Garganio concluded.

*Freeholder Director Garganio displays game boards made from Newman's recycled paper.*



*Paper slurry ready for the presses.*



*Foam left in boxes by residents turns into a mess for the mill.*



*Finished board on giant rollers.*



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Also on the Rancocas Creek, folks can rent a canoe for a nominal rental fee of \$15 per canoe.

The Kids Zenergy Zone will include inflatables such as rock wall climbing, slides, an obstacle course, and a musical playground of repurposed items. Children can also enjoy face painting, science storytelling, "make and take" activities including papermaking and people-powered screen printing, and join in the fun of entertaining performances and magic shows.

For runners, REI is sponsoring a 5K Run. The run starts at 7 a.m. and will finish in time for runners to partake in the festivities at Earth Fair. For details contact REI at 856-810-1938, or visit REI website at [www.rei.com/events/rei-trail-run-series-smithville-park/eastampton/172949](http://www.rei.com/events/rei-trail-run-series-smithville-park/eastampton/172949).

Visit the "Re-Purposeful Art Exhibit" located on the 2nd floor of the Mansion to view creative ways that artists repurpose *everyday* and *not-so-everyday* items!

The Friends of the Mansion at Smithville will offer Mansion tours for a fee of \$4 per person. Proceeds help fund programs and improve the historic Mansion and grounds.

Earth Fair event show times will be posted on the Park's website by May 15 at [www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/parks).

Our popular confidential document shredding returns to Smith's Woods on East Railroad Avenue. Remember the bridge is closed, so access to Smith Woods is limited to Route 38. To reach the main Earth Fair activities after shredding, simply follow the detour signs.

## What to Do with Old X-Rays?

The County now has a special dropoff for unwanted X-rays for residents who *wish* to recycle them.

When X-rays are recycled, the silver is extracted and the film is melted, ensuring patient privacy.



Where: Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex's Convenience Center, 22000 Burlington-Columbus Road, Florence 08518, Hours: Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm and Saturday from 7am-Noon.

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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

**Curbside recyclers – check out BurlCo's FREE "Recycle Coach" Phone App and never miss another collection day!**

- View your recycling schedule
- Set recycling reminders
- View Calendar with Paper Shredding Days
- Get tips on how to recycle
- And more!

**No smartphone? No problem!**  
 For the PC/laptop-friendly version visit [BurlcoRecycles.com](http://BurlcoRecycles.com)

Download the FREE Recycle Coach™ app  
 Search "Recycle Coach"

*Mark your calendar!*  
**Sunday, June 4th – Earth Fair**  
 at Historic Smithville County Park in Eastampton  
*Paper shredding too!*

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## PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY! Paper Shredding Event on June 4th

*"Summer is right around the corner and we have another FREE shred event coming up, this time at the County's Annual Earth Fair. Help keep the Earth cleaner, greener and your family's identity safe!"*



**Bruce Garganio**  
 Freeholder Director  
 of the County of Burlington

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**Burlington County's Earth Fair at Smithville Park**  
**SMITH'S WOODS, EASTAMPTON**

**Due to Smithville Road bridge closures, you can only access Smith's Woods via Route 38.**

**NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR!** Our staff will unload your car (limit 4 bags/boxes of un-shredded documents weighing no more than 10 lbs. each). We can even take your pre-shredded paper. **CONFIDENTIAL FILES ONLY** – bank and credit card statements, tax returns, etc. (staples/paper clips OK).

**DO NOT BRING** – circulars, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, binders, plastic folders, computer disks, or plastic credit cards.

