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PLAY CROQUET IN THE PARK THIS SUMMER

Join the Fun Every Wednesday Evening at Smithville

Pick up a mallet and have some “wicket” fun playing croquet with Friends at Historic Smithville Park this summer.

Sponsored by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Friends of the Mansion at Smithville will be hosting the lawn games every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm, June through September, weather permitting, and the public is invited to participate.

Played as both a recreational pastime and competitive sport, croquet involves hitting balls through hoops, often called “wickets,” embedded in a grass playing court. Popular when Hezekiah B. Smith’s model industrial town flourished at Smithville in the late 1800s, the games are open to participants ages 12 and older and no experience is necessary. The cost is \$5 per person and participants will each receive 15 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of game time. There will also be an end-of-season tournament.

Proceeds benefit the restoration and maintenance of the Historic Smithville Mansion, the centerpiece of Historic Smithville Park. The park is located on Smithville Road in Eastampton, just three-quarters of a mile off Route 38. Registration is suggested. For more information, or to register, call (609) 265-5858.

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