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BURLINGTON COUNTY PRESENTS AN “OLD FASHIONED SOCK HOP”

Join the Fun in Historic Smithville Park on Saturday, July 23 at 7 pm

The Burlington County Freeholders are sponsoring an old fashioned Sock Hop at Historic Smithville Park on Saturday, July 23 from 7 to 10 pm for only \$5 per person. The fun will take place rain or shine under the park's event tent on the grounds of the Historic Smithville Mansion and space is limited.

The retro-dance is being held at Smithville in conjunction with the New Harmonies Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit on display in the Smithville Mansion Annex Art Gallery through July 26. An informal dance typically held in a high school gym or cafeteria, the “sock hop” became popular in the 1950s when dancers were required to remove their shoes and dance in their socks to prevent wood floors from being scratched.

Participants are invited to BYOP (Bring Your Own Party). Bring your own food and beverage and let the D.J. take you back to a time when doo-wop groups could be found singing on the streets corners. Tables and chairs will be provided, or bring a blanket and set up a picnic in the park. (No grilling, please.)

For more information about the Sock Hop or programs at Historic Smithville Park on Smithville Road, just three-quarters of a mile off Route 38 in Eastampton, call (609) 265-5858, or go to www.co.burlington.nj.us

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