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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR COUNTY PARK CLEANUP DAYS

First Event Scheduled for March 19th at Pennington Park in Delanco

Burlington County Freeholders are seeking volunteers through the Clean Communities Office to participate in the first of several County park clean-up days scheduled to take place starting this month and running through April.

First on the schedule is the March 19th scheduled clean-up day at the newly-renovated 140-acre Pennington Park on Creek Road in Delanco, where volunteers are sought to help clear litter and other debris from the Rancocas Creek shoreline. The clean-up starts at 9 AM and runs till 12 noon.

All volunteers are encouraged to bring drinking water and wear long pants and sleeves, long socks and sturdy close-toed shoes that can get muddy. Bags and gloves will be provided.

Participants younger than age 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and letters documenting volunteer community service will be available to students. (Severe weather will cancel the event.)

Registration is required. Individuals should contact the Clean Communities office at cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us, or (609) 499-1001, ext. 266 and provide your name, address, and phone number.

“County residents, including quite a few young people, have played no small role in keeping our parks clean and green,” said Freeholder Director Bruce Garganio. “Obviously it’s very gratifying when folks decide to get a little bit of extra exercise by helping us out.”

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Last year, more than 350 residents helped clean up Burlington County parks by collecting 27,000 pounds of litter and removing 2,800 pounds of invasive plants. This spring, you can join the crowd.

Other cleanup days on the Clean Communities schedule include:

- Saturday, April 2 from 9 AM to Noon at Rancocas State Park, Rancocas Avenue, Hainesport (off Marne Highway, Route 537) - Join in a spring cleaning of the forest and wetland areas of this beautiful 700-acre park.
- Saturday, April 16 from 9 AM. to Noon at Amico Island Park, Norman Avenue, Delran - Come out and get to know this 55-acre park and help collect litter and debris that daily tides bring onto the shoreline.
- Saturday, April 30 from 9 AM to Noon at Historic Smithville Park, Smithville Road, Eastampton - Help continue the efforts of volunteers who removed 1,300 pounds of litter and 1,320 pounds of invasive garlic mustard plants from this park last spring. (Meet at the parking lot off Meade Lane.)

Groups are also encouraged and invited to schedule a clean-up of Amico Island Park during low tide on any day over the next three months, to clear the litter from the shoreline. County park rangers will meet organized parties parties and provide safety information, gloves, bags and removal of collected debris.

Email cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us or call (609) 499-1001, Ext. 266 for more information.

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