



# The County Report

AN UPDATE FROM THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

May 2019

Mount Holly, New Jersey

## 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EARTH FAIR CELEBRATION on Sunday, June 9 at Smithville Park

Join the Burlington County Freeholders at Smithville Park on Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our family-friendly, Earth Fair, rain or shine.

This year's Earth Fair looks at the latest technological innovations in conservation. In the Sustainable Living tent, visitors can learn about the advantages of electric cars or pick up LED bulbs for their home (for a small fee, while supplies last).

Stop by the County's Recycling Tent to learn how to "Recycle Right" and see some of the more peculiar items found in recycling carts! Think you know what's right? Take your turn at the Recycling Trivia Wheel and win a prize if you do!

Interested in checking out the latest science in nature? In *Life That Glows*, residents can step into our dark room with a special UV flashlight to discover plants, invertebrates, and mushrooms that glow. Demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Don't miss WHYY's Mike McGrath, host of "You Bet Your Garden", in the Main Event Tent at 1 p.m. Mike shares his wit, humor and extraordinary knowledge about gardening in 'Attracting Pollinators and



*Freeholder Singh and family enjoy a stroll on the new floating trail at Smithville Park that opened on May 1st.*

other Beneficial Beasts to Your Beds'. Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge can also be found in the Main Event Tent talking about predators and prey in nature.

Make your own rain barrel to keep your garden green this summer while conserving water. The rain barrel workshop is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by contacting Mike.haberland@njaes.rutgers.edu.

The Medford Memorial Middle School students will be back again this year to increase your scientific literacy through their Citizen Science Education Program. The students' advisor, Vicky Gorman,

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## Household Battery Recycling 101

The two main types of household batteries are *alkaline* and *rechargeable*.

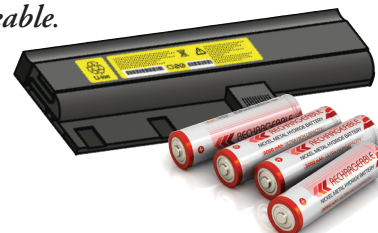


**Alkaline Batteries  
DO NOT RECYCLE**

**Alkaline batteries** come in AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 Volt sizes. They do not contain mercury. **Put them in your household trash.**

**Rechargeable batteries** come in the same sizes as alkaline batteries, but also include batteries used for laptops, portable tools and toys. Rechargeable batteries include Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion) and Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb) batteries.

Recycle these at Home Depot, Lowes, Staples and other locations listed at [www.Call2Recycle.org](http://www.Call2Recycle.org).



**Rechargeable Batteries  
RECYCLE AT  
PARTICIPATING STORES**

***Never put batteries in your recycling! Batteries have caused fires at our recycling center!***



THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PRESENTS

# EARTH FAIR

June 9, 2019

10:00 AM - 4 PM

Eco-Friendly Vendors & Performances!

## FREE PAPER SHREDDING

10 am until 4 pm\* at Smith's Woods on E. Railroad Ave. County residents ONLY/ ID required. *No businesses.*

\*Program may end prior if shredding trucks reach capacity.

609-499-1001

See page 4 for restrictions and detour info.



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

"Attracting Pollinators & Other Beneficial Beasts to your Beds" - MIKE MCGRATH—1 PM

LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITS & PRESENTATIONS

Rancocas Nature Center • Cedar Run



## Rain Barrel Workshop

10:30 AM - 12 PM

Pre-registration required.

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## LIFE THAT GLOWS PRESENTATION

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

MR. BOND'S SCIENCE GUYS



## Music by:

Denise Sullivan ♪ Chris Westfall ♪  
SuperLemonade ♪ Marc Berger ♪  
Green Planet Band

## Kids' Entertainment

Obstacle Course • Rock Wall • Magic Shows •  
Kids' Fun DJ • RCBC Virtual Reality RV



The Underground Railroad Museum, Worker's House Gallery, and Mansion Annex Gallery will be open!

**Historic Smithville Park**  
**803 Smithville Road, Eastampton**  
**www.co.burlington.nj.us**




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

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks notification by calling 609-265-5858. Programs subject to change.





## What Happens to Your (PET) Plastic Bottles?

Most plastic water, juice and sports drink bottles are made from  PET plastic (short for polyethylene terephthalate). At the recycling center, high speed optical sensor machines sort thousands of these bottles each day. The bottles are fed into a huge compactor and crushed into 1200-pound blocks, called bales.



A 1200 lb. bale of PET plastic bottles.

The average PET bale (shown above) contains about 20,000 bottles.

Each week, the county's recycling center ships 75 of these PET bales (1.5 million bottles) to plastic recycling mills in the U.S. and Canada.

The mills chop the plastic bottles into small flakes, wash the flakes and then melt them into small pellets.

The pellets are sold to manufacturers, melted and spun into threads used to make a host of new products, including high end sportswear and fleece jackets, carpet, and even athletic shoes.



Important  PET bottle recycling tips:

- Empty and rinse bottles with food residue before recycling.
- Screw-top caps and labels can stay on the bottle.
- Do not crush bottles!

## Your Recycling Program - Providing jobs for people with special needs since 1982

Burlington County's recycling program began as a unique experiment in 1982, between the County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Occupational Training Center of Burlington County, Inc. (OTC). The OTC, a non-profit agency that provides training and jobs for individuals with special needs, was seeking work for their trainees just when the County was ready to launch its new recycling program. The Board of Freeholders hired the OTC to run the recycling program, creating new jobs for people with special needs while helping the environment.

This partnership has continued for 37 years and has matured into the largest Regional Recycling program in the state, servicing over 140,000 homes and processing over 42,000 tons of recyclables each year. The County's recycling program has provided hundreds of jobs over the years, giving individuals with special needs a stable and supportive work environment while meeting the recycling needs of our residents.



OTC employees Tony Jones and Mike Kripner on the paper sort line with Freeholder Director Tom Pullion.

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is the recipient of the NJ Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

The new Franklin Institute's Traveling Science Show, allows guests to explore states of matter as a molecule and challenge ideas of what is hot and cold. Watch balloons shrink, bubbles freeze, and a rubber ball shatter by using liquid nitrogen. Also check out an interactive display on electricity, featuring experiments such as the Van de Graaff generator, plasma balls, jumping rings, and the Tesla coil.

Earth Fair will also include a vortex cannon, 3D printers, and Ozo bots. Join Mr. Bond's Science Guys for fun with bubbling potions, chemical reactions, and explosions! Be sure to find Meteorologist

John Marshall in the Billiard room to learn about being a weather forecaster.

Visitors will also be treated to great music by SuperLemonade, The Green Planet and Marc Berger. Food trucks will be selling festival fare.

The Friends of the Mansion at Smithville will offer tours of the Smithville Mansion for a small donation of \$5 per person. Visitors can also tour the Underground Railroad Museum and take in exhibits at the Worker's House Gallery and Annex Gallery.

Our popular confidential document shredding returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Smith's Woods on East Railroad Avenue. Admission and parking are free, so bring the family and celebrate the Earth at Burlington County's Earth Fair 2019.

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*Designed at Rowan College at Burlington County*

## Recycling Needs **YOUR HELP!**

**NEVER** put plastic bags or bagged recyclables in your recycling containers.  
**Recycling with plastic bags will NOT be collected.**  
Thank you!



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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Mark your calendar for Burlington County's 26th Annual  
**EARTH FAIR - SUNDAY, JUNE 9**  
at Historic Smithville Park in Eastampton

*Confidential paper shredding too!*

**PRINTED ON RECYCLED, RECYCLABLE PAPER**

## PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY! PAPER SHREDDING EVENT ON JUNE 9

Summer is almost here and to celebrate and help keep your family's identity safe, we have another **FREE** shred event, this time at the County's Annual Earth Fair. Please note - you can locate the shredder site at Smith's Woods by using the map on this page.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.\* | Rain or Shine

\*Program may end prior to 4 p.m. if shredding trucks reach capacity.

**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.

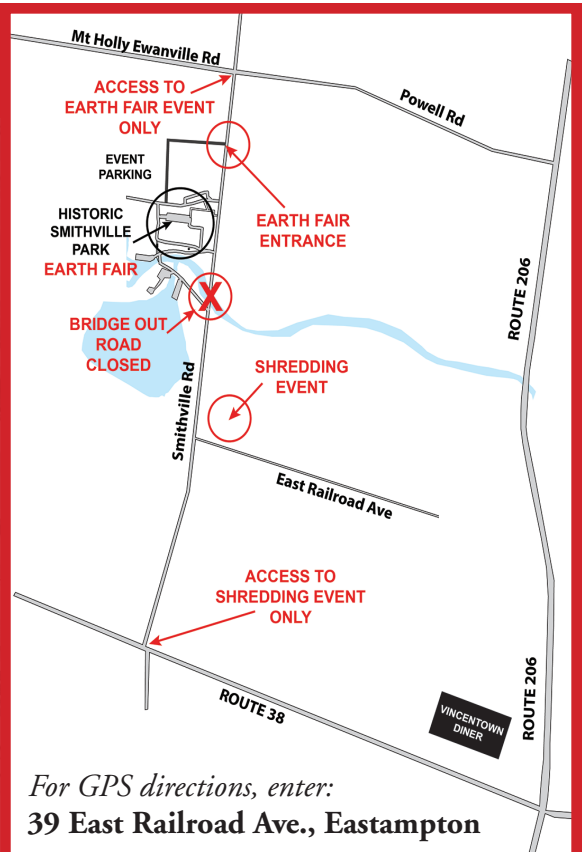
**NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR!** Our staff will unload your car (limit 4 bags/boxes of un-shredded documents weighing no more than 10 lbs. each). We can even take your pre-shredded paper. **CONFIDENTIAL FILES ONLY** - bank and credit card statements, tax returns, etc. (staples/paper clips OK).

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

**Burlington County Residents only - ID required, no businesses or non-profits.**



Tom Pullion,  
Freeholder Director



For GPS directions, enter:  
**39 East Railroad Ave., Eastampton**