



Ocean Township Celebrates the Earth at the 4th Annual Green-Fest!

GROWING HEALTHY AND STRONG

Saturday, June 14, 2014

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

As a certified Sustainable Jersey[®] Municipality, Ocean Township Environmental Commission invites you to attend this FREE event focused on creating excitement, knowledge, and enthusiasm for a healthier world and healthier lifestyle for its residents.

Return to the Ocean Township Library for a festival dedicated to the Earth!
Learn how the Earth provides for us, and how we can do the same for the Earth in return.

10:00 to 10:30 am - Sing into Summer!

Sing into summer with members of the Ocean Township Intermediate School Chorus. Come and allow the children's voices to delight your ears and tend to your soul's garden!

10:30 to 11:00 am - The Energy Hog is back!

Join this dastardly character, who makes learning about energy fun, while empowering children to take the lead at home by inspiring their families to make wise energy decisions.

11:00 am to 12:00 noon - The Good, The Bad, and the GMOs.

Ms. Regina McDuffee, Store Manager, of *Dean's Natural Foods Market* will explain the differences between "safe and healthy foods" and those that may have been tampered with using genetically modified organisms. GMO program and display table will appear on behalf of the "Non-GMO Verified Project".

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm - The Library's Garden... the planning, process, & planting.

Join professional landscape designer and Ocean Township Garden Club representative Laurel Von Gerichten for a slideshow and talk about bringing to life a sustainable green space in front of the library. Then, watch the garden grow, as you visit!

Ongoing from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm - Make a Clean Sweep!

Ocean Township Boy Scout Troop 70 will lead several "clean sweeps" of the library grounds and surrounding area. First, learn about pollution and how it affects our Earth, and then take a short hike with the troop to help remove unwanted rubbish from our library environment and surrounding area!

Parents, please supervise children under the age of 14.

1:00 to 2:00 pm - "Native Plants at the Shore"

Ocean Township has a lot to offer, including the neighboring shoreline. Discover the beauty of local native plants and their importance in securing our future. Join Monmouth County Master Gardener John Gibbons, for a talk about coastal gardens, native plants, and gardening tips. Select the best plants for your garden, and your garden will give back to you!

Tables and Ongoing Programs, running for the full-length of the Green-Fest: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm include:

Ride your bike to the library for a Check-Up / Tune-Up!

The Belmar Bike Shop "Bike Docs" will set up their "Bicycle Check-Up Station" at the Green-Fest. Keep your bicycle healthy, so it can keep you and the Earth healthy in return.

Children's Craft - Grass Hats are back!

Design and decorate your own "Lawn-like Lid" or "Trendy Turf-Topper". Presented by Ocean Township Garden Club co-president, Pat Mercurio.

Let the Girl Scouts Teach You!

Visit the OT Girl Scouts and their "Nature is our World" table. The *Ocean Township Girl Scout Cadette Troop 212* and their leader Jessie Blair will offer demonstrations and displays about saving Nature by saving energy!

Reuse & Recycle by visiting the Friends of the Ocean Township Library Booksale!

A great way to be green, supportive, and resourceful! Visit the Friends' of the Library table to buy used (recycled) books at a very low cost, and support a group that works so hard for the library!

More Environmental Information available at the library on Saturday, June 14, 2014.
Show your true green colors by celebrating with us!



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