



Ocean Township Celebrates the Earth at the 5th Annual Green-Fest!

GROWING HEALTHY AND STRONG

Saturday, May 2, 2015

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.

The Ocean Township Library is the place to celebrate and learn about our planet, our interaction with its other important inhabitants, and our ability to maintain a healthy planet for future generations.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Yoga for Kids.

Children from 5 to 12 years of age, learn how to get your mind, body and spirit in gear for being the very best kid you can be! With Julia Stark of Mindful Family Yoga.

11:00 am - 12:00 noon - The ABCs of Vegetable Gardening.

Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County Ellen Simonetti & Bob Mellert share their horticultural and environmental expertise. Explore new methods to grow your own bountiful garden!

11:15 am - 11:45 am - The Energy Hog STRIKES AGAIN!

This foul fiend makes another appearance in the Ocean Township Library's Children's Room. He definitely has a few things to learn. We need all children to come out and show HIM how to be a friend of the Earth!

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm - Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo! *

YeeHaw! Round up the kiddos for Ocean Township's and Safe Routes to School/Meadowlink's Bike Rodeo! Bring your bike and your helmet for a safety, size and fit inspection by a Bike Mechanic and a Nurse, while an OT Police Officer coordinates the rider wrangling with useful instruction. Learn basic bike road-riding skills on the rodeo's challenge course! Don't have a helmet that fits? Meet with the Bike Rodeo Staff to get fitted for a FREE one before you ride off into the sunset. (This program is intended for proficient bike riders.)

***Registration is required for participation. Stop by the Library's Reference Desk to fill out and submit the required waiver form. The completed form must be submitted before the Rodeo. Also, if you can't make the Rodeo, but still need a helmet, register for one at the Reference Desk before the Green-Fest.**

12:15 pm - 12:45 pm - Metal Recycling

Nirmal Khana, owner of Ocean Metal Recycling, discusses the benefits of metal recycling and how you can make money from scrap you may have at home.

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm - The Ancient Practice of Beekeeping: Essential in the Modern World.

Join a discussion of the time-honored tradition of Keeping Bees. What does it entail and how is the activity such a critical component for the future of our planet? What can we learn from beekeeping at the local level? Join Ocean Township Environmental Commission Chair Ray Pogwist as he shares his beekeeping experience and leads the discussion.

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Help Make a Clean Sweep of Library Grounds.

Help give our library grounds a good spring cleaning! Walk the grounds, line the woods and keep your eyes open for anything that doesn't belong! Pick up gloves and bags for unwanted items. Parents, please supervise children under the age of 14 by accompanying them on hike.

2:00 pm - Take a Tour

Take a tour of Ocean Township's Community Garden at Middlebrook Apartment Complex (AN OFF-SITE PROGRAM at 816 Deal Road, Ocean Township, Middlebrook Apartments).

The Middlebrook at Monmouth Apartment Complex provides the locale for the community to come together and keep this rich garden growing.

See where more than 1,000 pounds of produce are grown yearly and donated to our local Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Learn how to get a plot of your own, and get involved!

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

- Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association
- AmeriCorps
- Ocean Township Department of Public Works: OT recycling and solid waste questions answered. Free leaf mulch!
- Ocean Middle School and High School student Earth Day projects
- Lisa Bagwell's Art Exhibit : As an environmentally responsible resident of the Garden State, Lisa has declared that it is her creative duty and ethical responsibility to sort, store and re-invent unsung heroes of unwanted scraps.
- And more!



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