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Educate – Facilitate – Motivate is the new tag line of the Borough’s Environmental Commission. The Commission was established in March of 1969 and is committed to working to protect Rumson’s natural resources. It has been very successful working with our schools, community businesses and other organizations to raise awareness of our natural resources and environmental issues. This issue describes recent projects that they have undertaken and the upcoming events they have planned. The back of this newsletter contains a handy recycling poster for your convenience.

The Borough is grateful to the Commission members who volunteer their time, experience, and passion to the preservation of our natural resources.

The Rumson Environmental Commission Mission

The Rumson Environmental Commission is working with our community to protect our unique natural resources. Through collaboration with local stakeholders that share a purpose of maintaining the health of our local ecosystem, we educate our residents on what we can do to maintain and protect our land, water and air; facilitate the adoption of behaviors that will meet those ends, and motivate residents and local businesses to join in the effort.

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| Stephen Barrett, Chairman | |
| Jennifer C. Crow | Wayne Greenleaf |
| Kristen Rolfes Hall | Thomas Clark |
| Fred Andre | Mark Wellner |



(standing): Wayne Greenleaf, Stephen Barrett; (seated): Kristen Rolfes Hall, Jennifer Crow

Ongoing Projects and Upcoming Events

Bottle-Filling Stations:

In the fall of last year, we partnered with the Forrestdale School Spirit Club to educate students and families on how important it is to reduce the number of disposable plastic water bottles. We sold reusable water bottles and offered sponsorships to raise funds to replace the legacy water fountains in the schools with bottle-filling stations. Through our efforts we were able to purchase six bottle-filling stations, which are being installed this academic year throughout Forrestdale and Deane Porter schools.

Movie Night for the Environment:

Many children’s movies have a strong environmental message and can be used as an entertaining teaching tool to raise awareness among children and families in our community. The first free family friendly movie night was held at Surf BBQ on January 23rd and showed the movie **WALL-E**. The Forrestdale Environmental Club led a discussion about the environmental themes in the movie and Clean Ocean Action hosted an educational talk about how our behaviors affect our local waterways.

Please see the Environmental Commission website for future movie night information.

Rumson! Clean-Up Your Parks Day:

On April 14, opening Day of the Rumson Rec & Travel baseball season, we will hold the second annual “Clean-

Up Your Parks Day” at each of the five Rumson Parks that are home to recreation and travel sports. Last year teams of baseball players, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, National Junior Honor Society kids and interested residents helped us gather 6 giant bags of debris from the area parks. In addition to providing bags, latex gloves and water, we offered prizes for the “most interesting garbage find.”



Rally for the Rivers Fest:

The rally will be held on Saturday June 2nd in Victory Park from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. The event is a collaboration between the Rumson Environmental Commission and Clean Ocean Action (COA) celebrating our most unique natural resource, the Navesink & Shrewsbury Rivers. The event will provide an opportunity for COA, the Rumson Environmental Commission and other local organizations including Borough of Rumson Department of Public Works, Forrestdale Environmental Club, RFHHS Environmental Club and the Littoral Society to educate residents on how we can protect our rivers so we can continue to enjoy them for years to come.

DPW/Environmental Commission Day:

Please join the Borough’s DPW staff and the Environmental Commission at the DPW yard behind Borough Hall on October 20th, 9:00 am to Noon – for demonstrations, recycling information and equipment viewing. Come check out “The Beast”!



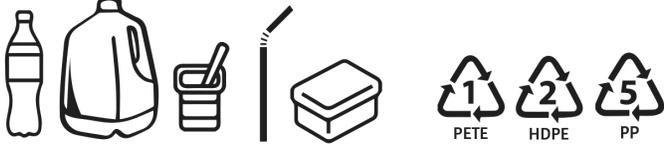
RUMSON BOROUGH RECYCLING



YES



PAPER & CARDBOARD: Corrugated cardboard boxes, paper cartons, cereal & frozen food boxes, newspaper, magazines & catalogs, mail, mixed paper, phone books, etc.-CLEANED & FLATTENED



PLASTIC: All plastic containers labeled #1, #2 or #5 with caps removed and sorted separately
CLEAN CONTAINERS ONLY-CAPS SEPARATED



METAL & GLASS: Glass jars & bottles with caps removed, metal food cans and aluminum cans
CLEAN CONTAINERS ONLY -CAPS & LIDS SEPARATED



SHREDDED PAPER can be recycled if taken to the Rumson Borough Recycling Center behind Rumson Borough Hall.

Please visit WWW.RUMSONNJ.GOV/ENV for more detailed information

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DONATE INSTEAD: Many items can be donated instead of being sent to landfill. See website for local organizations and other options.



HAZARDOUS ITEMS: All hazardous waste containers and items must be taken to Monmouth County Recycling Facility in Tinton Falls. Stores such as Home Depot will take CFL lightbulbs and propane tanks.



APPLIANCES, TV SETS & COMPUTER EQUIPMENT can now be recycled as part of a scheduled Wednesday bulk pick-up and Borough Green Day.



PLASTIC BAGS & STYROFOAM cannot be recycled at this time. Please see website for drop-off recycling locations.

NON-CFL LIGHTBULBS, PLASTIC FLOWER POTS & SOME ALKALINE HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES should be discarded in trash.

Fantastic Five Recycling Tips: Five simple things to incorporate into your life to help the environment!

- Recycle everything that is recyclable.** Refer to the diagram provided and find more detailed information on our website.
- Use reusable water bottles** instead of disposable plastic bottles.
- Avoid Styrofoam altogether.** Styrofoam is not recyclable and its production and disposal takes an out-sized toll on the environment.
- Invest in reusable shopping bags** and use them instead of disposable plastic and paper.
- Buy in bulk** instead of single use or convenience sizes. Package it yourself in smaller reusable containers if you need an item "on the go".

Residents can take recycling to the Recycling Center behind Borough Hall. Rumson provides curbside co-mingled recycling on alternate Wednesdays. Please see the Borough or Environmental Commission websites for monthly recycling days.

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

April 14th, 10:00 AM to NOON – Clean-Up Your Park Day
After Baseball Opening Day ceremony for a park clean-up. All residents welcome!

June 2nd, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM – Rally for the Rivers Fest
Victory Park

October 20th, 9:00 AM to NOON – DPW / Environmental Commission Day
DPW facility behind Borough Hall



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