



Washington Township Environmental Commission



CELEBRATE **EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY**

Scheduled Activities

April 1 – 30 *Climate Change – Impacts and Adaptation* -- Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library



An exhibit in the “New Books” area describes some of the potential and observed impacts of climate change, including effects on temperature, sea level rise, infrastructure and public health. The display also presents information on measures that can help us mitigate or adapt to some of these effects. Take-away information will be available.

Wednesday, April 4 – 7:00 pm – *An Amazon Expedition* – Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library

Nature photographer Larry A. Lyons will share his experience as part of an EarthWatch research expedition in the Peruvian Amazon. Stunning photos help tell the story of research involving freshwater dolphins, wading birds, caimans, monkeys and more. The presentation will also include insights into how the people of the Amazon live in this hot, humid and rainy climate. Advance registration required; go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.



Wednesday, April 11 – 7:00 pm – *Bluebirds* – Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library



Allen Jackson, President of the New Jersey Bluebird Society, will discuss the history, habitat and population decline of bluebirds, and conservation efforts to help their resurgence. Learn how to attract bluebirds, and how to join the effort to expand the number of bluebirds in Washington Township. Advance registration required; go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.

Saturday, April 14 – 10:00 am – Noon – *Trail Walk* – Washington Lake Park

For all ages. Join naturalist Mike Hogan of the South Jersey Land and Water Trust on a learning journey in Washington Lake Park. Learn about our woodlands, wetlands and some of the creatures that call them home. Meet at the tennis courts near the Park entrance from Hurffville-Cross Keys Road.



Saturday, April 21 – 10 am – *Rain Barrel Workshop* – Washington Township Senior Center



Rain barrels are an environmentally friendly way to conserve water and help keep your garden green, by collecting rooftop runoff during storms, and storing it for later use. Workshop leaders will help you construct your own rain barrel, so it's ready to take home and be installed in your garden. All materials will be provided; a fee of \$20 will be collected at the workshop. Advance registration required; call 856-589-0520, ext. 287.

Saturday, April 21 – 10 am – *Tote Bag Painting* – Washington Township Senior Center

Create your own beautiful design on a reusable canvas tote bag. Materials will be provided, including totes, sponges and non-toxic paints. All ages are welcome, but children 8 years old and younger should be accompanied by an adult. No fee, but registration required at 856-589-0520, ext. 287.



Sunday, April 22 - *Earth Day* - Celebrate our planet in all her beauty!



Sunday, April 22 – 12:30 pm – *2018 Community Garden Opening* - Washington Lake Park

As fresh as fresh can get! This event will be a gathering of subscribed gardeners to say hello and dig in! A limited number of garden plots are available to residents on a first come-first served basis to grow vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers through the season. To reserve a 10 ft x 10 ft plot, call 856-589-0520, ext. 287. The fee for the 2018 season is \$10 before April 15, or \$20 afterwards.



Friday, April 27 *Arbor Day* - Have you thanked a tree today?



Saturday, April 28, 11 am – 4 pm – *Environmental Outreach at Duffield's Farm Market*

Visit the Washington Township Environmental Commission's tent at Duffield Farm Market's *Down to Earth Food Truck Festival*, for earth-friendly fun and giveaways. Learn how to join our Monarch Rescue Campaign, how you can be a Bluebird Buddy, and about our other environmental projects.



Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm – *Marvelous Monarchs* – Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library



Erik Mollenhauer of the Monarch Teacher Network will describe the remarkable Journey of these beautiful butterflies, their unique life cycle, threats to their survival, and what we can do to help their populations rebound. Take home a milkweed plant to join our *Monarch Rescue Campaign*. Advance registration required; go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.