

SPRING 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Days

Saturday, May 2, 9 am – 1 pm

Jersey City:
JCIA
501 Route 440

Kearny:
DPW
357 Bergen Ave.

Sunday, May 17, 9 am – 1 pm

Bayonne:
Norton Paints
148 East 5th St.

North Bergen:
MUA
6200 Tonnelle Ave.



What to bring:

- Cleaners
- Corrosives
- Pool and photographic chemicals
- Oil-based chemicals
- Oil-based varnishes
- Household and car batteries
- Propane Tanks (from barbecue grills only)
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Pesticides and Herbicides
- Latex paint
- Formaldehyde

- Used motor oil
- Old gasoline
- Fire extinguishers
- NEW!** Compact Fluorescent bulbs
- Antifreeze
- NEW!** Marine & auto flares
- Computers
- Printers
- Monitors
- Consumer Electronics
- Cell Phones

Trade your MERCURY FEVER THERMOMETER for a digital one!
For more information, call our Environmental Hotline: **1-800-540-0987**

Throwing out electronic equipment like computers, televisions and stereo equipment, is **DANGEROUS**. Some components might contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury, arsenic and cadmium. You **CANNOT** toss these with your regular garbage.

Instead, remember to drop all your electronics off during the HCIA's Bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days.

It's Easy! We'll Do The Rest!

Using long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are a great way to go green. However, they contain mercury, which is an environmental contaminant. Though compact fluorescent light bulbs are extremely safe to use in your home and contain very low levels of mercury, they should always be included with other household hazardous waste for collection on designated HHW Days. For more information on what to do if you break a CFL, please visit the EPA's website: www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/

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Stride & Ride

A Free Family Safety Fun Fest!

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The Hudson TMA is encouraging walking and bicycling as an alternate means of transportation in our Hudson County community. Kids of all ages can participate in a "Bike Rodeo," a junior obstacle course teaching safe cycling skills. Parents and family members can also enjoy hands-on training with their children ages 4 and up in



our "Teach Your Child to Ride a Bike" activity. Enter our fun walking races or just enjoy the free entertainment, raffles and giveaways.

Children must bring their own bicycles or tricycles; strollers are also welcome. Enter from 85th St. and Bergenline Avenue and see us in the parking lot across from the picnic tables.

For more information on the 2009 Stride & Ride event, please call the Hudson TMA at 201-792-2825 or visit www.hudsontma.org.

Lincoln Park Driving Range is Now Open



Spring means warmer weather, outdoor recreation and golf!
LINCOLN PARK DRIVING RANGE is now open 7 days a week.
Golf Lessons are available.

Located at the intersection of Duncan Avenue and Route 1-9 in Jersey City (also known as Route 440), the Driving Range is open seven days a week from 8 am to 8 pm.

Operated by the Hudson County Improvement Authority.
For more information about the Lincoln Park Driving Range, call **201-332-1917**.



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Call us at **800.540.0987** or visit us at: www.hcia.org

SEASONS

HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

SPRING 2009

BEING GREEN MAKES GOOD CENTS...

Going to Earth Day on April 18th Makes *Great* Sense!!!

Saturday April 18th, the Hudson County Improvement Authority's Annual Free Earth Day Fair is the place to be – especially if you want learn about ways to protect our environment and have loads of FREE fun with your family! The theme for this year's celebration is Being Green Makes Good Cents and nothing makes more sense than to take advantage of one of New Jersey's premier free family Earth Day events.

The HCIA Earth Day Fair, held in beautiful Liberty State Park, has become an annual tradition for runners, school groups, families and residents from all over Hudson County. Held in the North Field and inside the Historic CRRNJ Terminal, the festivities begin at 10 AM with a 5K Run, the 5K Walk for Liberty, sponsored by the Friends of Liberty State Park, and a Kids' Fun Run.

Adults who register for the Race/Walk from 7:30 to 9:30 AM., will receive t-shirts and a chance to earn trophies and medals. All kids 12 and under can register at 10 AM for the Fun Run. Every participant will receive a gift bag and there will be age-appropriate winner categories.

At the fair there will be plenty of family-friendly activities. A "Kids' Kingdom" area will include environment-themed displays, information on services available throughout Hudson County, and tree seedlings (courtesy of the NJDEP's Division of Parks and Forestry). Other giveaways and interactive entertainment, such as inflatable rides, arts and crafts, entertainment on stage throughout the day, strolling entertainers and contests will ensure a full day of family fun.

"In today's economy every resident of Hudson County is looking for ways to save money. What most people don't realize is that going green can actually offer a chance to increase household savings. Saving energy by turning the lights off and shutting computers down means lower electrical bills, and energy-saving light bulbs decrease waste while saving your budget."
— County Executive Tom DeGise



Every year, Earth Day affords us an opportunity to reflect on our own commitment to environmental stewardship. We all know that recycling is the law in New Jersey, and here in Hudson County I am proud to

say that recycling rates have been increasing. What we may not realize is how much money we can actually save by going green. By taking just a few easy steps toward energy conservation, Hudson County residents can see a difference in our environment and in our wallets!

Thomas A. DeGise
County Executive



On behalf of myself and my fellow commissioners, I would like to invite you to join us for another free day of family fun at our Annual Earth Day Fair in Liberty State Park on April 18th. There

will be rides, giveaways, activities and live music. It offers the perfect chance for Hudson County residents to enjoy the beauty of Liberty State Park. We hope you'll come out and enjoy the day with us.

John L. Shinnick
HCIA Chairman



Composting is a simple and effective way to do your part for our environment. This Earth Day, register at our sign-up display for your Home Composting Bin and you will save over \$125! Then we will see you at the

HCIA's Compost Bin Sale Day on May 9th. We'll also see you at our Household Hazardous Waste Days in May. It's free for residents and an environmentally-friendly way to start your Spring cleaning.

Norman M. Guerra
Executive Director



Being 'GREEN' Makes Good 'Cents'!

The 7th Annual Crayon Contest Winners!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

- First Place – Little Red Apple Preschool in North Bergen
- Second Place – Lincoln School in Harrison
- Third Place - Little Lamb Preschool in Bayonne
- Fourth Place – Clarendon School in Secaucus
- Fifth Place – Huber Street School in Secaucus

For a list of all the participating schools please visit www.hcia.org.

Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, Environmental Programs Administrator Mary-Ellen Gilpin, HCIA Chairman John Shinnick and Executive Director Norman Guerra congratulate principals, teachers and students from the winning schools at a ceremony in Lincoln Park, Jersey City.



Welcome Union City!

The HCIA would like to welcome Union City to our list of municipalities who are participating in urban clean-ups; along with Bayonne and Jersey City. Litter is a pervasive problem that adversely affects the health, wealth and welfare of New Jersey residents. Litter tends to accumulate in places where a lot of people live and work in small areas.

New Jersey Clean Communities, a statewide, grassroots, community-driven effort to reduce New Jersey's litter, works with a network of 558 towns and 21 counties to hold local litter clean-up events. Community volunteers are always needed.

To register to become part of these urban clean-up initiatives, please call the Clean Communities Office at 609-989-5900 or visit njclean.org



Get into the swing of spring!

The Lincoln Park Tennis Courts Open Now!



Court Access
7 Days a Week
from 7am-11pm

For more information on tennis lessons and clubhouse hours please call: 201-309-1424

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING



Hudson is currently undergoing major capital improvement projects that are changing the face of the county. From Journal Square to Harrison, projects that will help spur Hudson's economic engine are underway. Through the HCIA, a new Office of Strategic Planning and Development has been created which will assist in the development and redevelopment of county projects.

The new office will assist the county in developing projects, coordinate any property acquisition needed, explore "Green" initiatives and other environmentally-friendly opportunities available, and coordinate meetings with the stakeholders, boards and agencies involved.

Taking the Lead to Save the Planet

This March, HCIA Environmental Programs Administrator Mary-Ellen Gilpin was honored at the "Celebrating Hudson County Women: Taking the Lead to Save the Planet" ceremony by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

In her over 20 years with the Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA), Mary-Ellen Gilpin has vastly expanded community recycling programs and dramatically transformed the face of environmental education in Hudson County.



County Executive Tom Desise, Freeholder Chairperson Doreen DiDomenico and Hudson County Clerk Barbara Netchert were on hand to congratulate HCIA Environmental Programs Administrator Mary-Ellen Gilpin on her honor.

Lincoln High School Environmental Fair

On Saturday, March 28, the Lincoln High School Family and Schools Together (FAST) Work for Children Program sponsored its Third Annual Environmental Fair in partnership with the HCIA's Environmental Programs Division. The fair featured displays and environmental craft workshops for children.

Approximately 200 parents and children attended the event. Students and adults worked together to create "trash-to-treasure" craft project items from recycled products.



Sign-Up For YOUR Compost Bin at Earth Day!

Visit the HCIA's Compost Bin sign-up display at the Annual Earth Day Fair on April 18th to register for your compost bin for only \$25 – Retail Value over \$150! Then pick up your Earth Machine Bin at the HCIA's Composting Bin Sale Day, Saturday, May 9th.

Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne
8:00 – 11:00 AM

Braddock Park, North Bergen
8:00 – 11:00 AM

Lincoln Park, Jersey City
1:00 – 4:00 PM

West Hudson Park, Kearny
1:00 – 4:00 PM



You can also reserve a bin by calling the Hudson County Improvement Authority Environmental Hotline at 800-540-0987. All residents who register by Friday, May 1st will receive a FREE kitchen scrap bucket!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2009

HCIA Earth Day Celebration: Fair & 5K Run

Liberty State Park, Saturday, April 18, 10am-4pm

Arbor Day

Buchmuller Park, Secaucus, Tuesday, April 28, 9am

May 2009

HHW Day

Saturday, May 2, 9am – 1pm

Jersey City: JCIA, 501 Route 440

Kearny: DPW, 357 Bergen Avenue

Hoboken Arts & Music Festival

Washington Street, May 3, 11am – 6pm (Rain or Shine)

Compost Bin Sale Day!

Saturday, May 9, 8 – 11am

Stephen R. Gregg Park, Bayonne

Braddock Park, North Bergen

Saturday, May 9, 1-4 pm

Lincoln Park, Jersey City

West Hudson Park, Kearny

Everything Jersey City Festival

Saturday, May 16, 11am – 6 pm

Central Avenue, Jersey City

HHW Day

Sunday, May 17, 9am – 1pm

Bayonne: Norton Paints, 148 East 5th Street

North Bergen: MUA Garage, 6200 Tonnelles Ave.

Clean Communities Kids' Day

Newark, Robert Treat Hotel, Tuesday, May 19, 8 am – 2pm

June 2009

Hudson TMA Stride & Ride

Braddock Park, North Bergen, June 6, 10am– 3pm

Meadowfest 2008

Laurel Hill Park, Secaucus, June 13, 10am – 4pm