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Volunteers Sought For Cleanup Events In County Parks

Next Event Scheduled for, April 27, at Amico Island Park, Delran

Burlington County Freeholders are seeking volunteers to participate in two park cleanup events on April 27 and May 4.

"Burlington County residents care about the County and our parks," said Freeholder Director Joe Donnelly. "It is great to see so many people working together to keep our community green."

Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 12 noon Amico Island Park, Norman Avenue, Delran:

Volunteers will learn about watersheds and help inventory and collect litter and debris along the shoreline of this 55 acre Park. This event is part of the NJ Adopt-a-Beach *Clean Water Challenge*. Event flyer:

http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/upload/Clean_Communities/Images/2013April_Amico_IslandEvent.pdf Park information: http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/upload/Parks/Images/Amico_Island_Park.pdf

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 am to 12 noon,

North Branch, Rancocas Creek: Birmingham to Smithville & Smithville to Mount Holly

This event is open **ONLY** to experienced paddlers who have their own canoes or kayaks. Volunteers will paddle the scenic Rancocas Creek and remove litter and debris along the way.

Registration is REQUIRED for this event. Event Flyer:

http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/upload/Clean Communities/Images/2013 May rancocas creekEvent.pdf Rancocas Creek Canoe Trail: http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/pages/pages.aspx?cid=709

All volunteers are encouraged to bring drinking water and wear long pants, long sleeves, long socks and sturdy close-toed shoes that can get muddy. Bags and gloves will be provided. Participants younger than age 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and letters documenting volunteer community service will be available to students. Severe weather will cancel these events.

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Registration for Amico Island is requested for planning, but volunteers may just show up. Individuals should contact the Clean Communities office at cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us, or (609) 499-1001, ext. 266 and provide your name, address, and phone number.

Throughout the spring, groups are encouraged to schedule a clean-up of the shoreline at Amico Island Park during low tide, to clear the litter brought in daily by the tides. County park rangers will meet organized parties and provide safety information, gloves, bags and removal of collected debris.

During the first two park cleanups this year sponsored through Burlington County Clean Communities, 96 volunteers collected over 5,000 lbs. of litter and debris.

For more information about these and other local cleanup opportunities visit the Burlington County Clean Communities website: www.co.burlington.nj.us/cleancommunities; email cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us or call (609) 499-1001, Ext. 266.