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## Hunterdon County Parks Continue Record Trend With Successful 2018 Summer Season

Summer activities with Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation continues with record participation in several programs, including the Canoe Program and the Summer Concert Series, which was well supported by residents and attracted more than 16,000 attendees.

Several new activities were added to the summer Parks program. A Kayak fleet, Sunset Paddles, Canoe Trips through the Pinelands, Lego competitions and two volunteer clean-up opportunities were all actively attended. Several of the new programs were sold-out and both volunteer events had lunch donated by Shop Rite of Flemington.

Freeholder Director Matt Holt said, "Hunterdon County's outdoor opportunities are a key piece of the County's attraction to residents and visitors. Miles of walking trails, waterways, campgrounds, beautiful vistas and acres of open space for everyone to enjoy. Our Parks Division has developed programs to nurture and enrich our appreciation for nature here in the County and help preserve its natural beauty.

As our numbers of visitors increase, we recognize how vital the County's Parks are and how important it is to continue preserving them for future generations. The Parks Division has continually captured the best of the outdoors through their creative and fun programs and we congratulate them on a successful 2018 summer season."

The Summer Nature Program continues to grow with another record season of over 560 attendees. Many programs had wait-lists because of their popularity. The Environmental Camp held field trips to Sandy Hook, The Lego Camp excited the campers through creation competitions, and The Art and Theater Camp continued to focus on youth by encouraging participants to use their hands and imagination to create original artwork and performances in this age of technology.

Freeholder John W. King, the Board's liaison for Parks said, "The parks here in Hunterdon County bring families together. The parks encourage outdoor activity, improve overall health, mentally and physically, and are a wonderful backdrop for scores of programs throughout all four seasons. I am grateful to the Parks Division for the hard work they do all year round so that residents and visitors alike are able to enjoy Hunterdon County."



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Parks and Recreation Division Head, Dan Bush said, “We are proud to have bracketed the summer with two volunteer events for the community. Giving back is paramount to our future success. We also planned for the expansion of our Trails System in Lebanon Township to connect with Teetertown to Point Mountain. Touch-A-Truck is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and continues to be the largest stand-alone event for public turnout having reached over 2000 patrons in 2017. The Parks and Recreation Division is grateful to all who participated and to have had another successful summer season.”

Activities and events for all ages is contained in the recently released Winter Harbinger. The Harbinger contains public programming through February. Copy and paste the following address into your browser:  
[www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/harbinger.html](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/parks/harbinger.html).