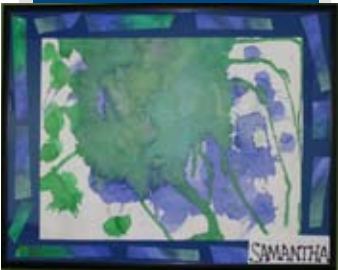


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The NJMC is pleased to announce the Flyway Gallery Exhibit

"Welcome to Our World: Artwork from Children with Special Needs"

Now through May 29th.



"Welcome to Our World", sponsored by Putting the Pieces Together Support Group, showcases the works of many young artists with special talents. Spend time viewing this exhibit and you will see into the souls of these children and their artistic interpretation of the world around them.



For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov



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Greetings from Chairman Doria



Welcome to NJMC Today, the New Jersey Meadowlands

Commission's Electronic Newsletter. This month's edition brings news of several exciting green initiatives that advance our efforts in promoting renewable energy sources and reducing dependency on the fossil fuels that contribute to global warming. By providing funding to Meadowlands municipalities for hybrid vehicles and offering our staff expertise in developing solar programs, the NJMC is demonstrating its commitment to protecting

the environment while saving taxpayer dollars by reducing fuel and energy costs.

In addition to protecting the delicate balance of nature, the NJMC also works to promote economic growth. An excellent example is our new Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, which you can read about in this issue.

Looking forward, summer will soon be upon us and it's a perfect time to experience the

Meadowlands from the vantage point of our guided Pontoon Boat and Canoe tours of the Hackensack River. These trips offer a unique opportunity for visitors to see the birds, vegetation and wildlife that inhabit our marshes up-close and gain a new appreciation for the River's revival.

Thank you.
Joseph V. Doria, Jr.
*Commissioner,
New Jersey Department of
Community Affairs
Chairman, New Jersey
Meadowlands Commission*

NJMC Helps Meadowlands Towns Go Green

As part of its ongoing effort to foster a sustainable Meadowlands while saving taxpayer dollars, the NJMC has formed a pilot Municipal Solar Assistance Program and is offering District municipalities funding to use toward the purchase of a hybrid vehicle. The Solar Assistance Program will involve Commission staff working with municipal officials in various facets of solar facility development, including site selection, obtaining financial incentives, procurement and

regulatory compliance. The Commission is offering all 14 Meadowlands District towns up to \$20,000 to use toward the purchase of a hybrid vehicle for their fleet. The NJMC has already converted more than one-third of its own fleet to energy-efficient hybrids. These initiatives offer both environmental and economic incentives by reducing reliance on fossil fuels and lowering energy costs.



NJMC Celebrates Arbor Day With The Gift of Trees

In celebration of Arbor Day the NJMC gave each of the 14 District municipalities 13 Tulip trees. This is the 6th year that the Commission has sponsored the Community Tree Planting program. In that time the NJMC has purchased 1,000 trees for the towns. This program is a symbol of the NJMC's commitment to the municipalities to help them add to their green spaces, creating a better quality of life for the residents in the District.

Downtown Grant Program Announced

The Commission recognizes that a vibrant downtown business district is a source of identity and pride for a municipality, provides rates to lessen the tax burden on residents and enhances property values. So the NJMC was proud to recently announce that it is administering a Downtown Revitalization Grant Program for District towns. Funding can be used for a variety of initiatives, from facade and landscaping improvements to technology upgrades and marketing projects. There is \$310,000 available for the first round of funding.

NJMC Announces 2008 Pontoon Boat and Canoe Tour Dates

It wouldn't be summer in the Meadowlands without the NJMC's Pontoon Boat Eco-Cruises and guided canoe tours along the Hackensack River. A view from the water provides a unique way to discover the marshes, meadows, terrapin turtles, fiddler crabs, waterfowl and more, all within the backdrop of the New York City Skyline. Experienced NJMC tour guides provide a history of the area and point out sites of interest during the two-hour tours. Pontoon Boat tours launch from River Barge Park in Carlstadt while canoe tours launch from Mill Creek in Secaucus and the Saw Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area in Lyndhurst. The tours are traditional favorites and sell-out quickly, so register soon. For more information call 201-460-4640 or visit our Web site at www.nj.meadowlands.gov.



Explore the Stars At the Meadowlands Astronomy Series

In conjunction with the opening of the NJMC Center for Environmental and Scientific Education and William D. McDowell Observatory, a series of astronomy programs will be presented in May and June. The series, hosted by NASA/JPL Ambassador and Meadowlands Astronomy Educator Laura Venner, includes programs on the Phoenix Mars Landing, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter and the Summer Solstice. For more information and to register call 201-777-2431 or visit www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

New Cable Show Airing Monthly

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is working hard to make your Meadowlands Municipality a great place to live, work and play. You can learn more about the projects and programs offered by the NJMC by watching the new cable television show "Your Meadowlands." This half-hour, monthly show airs on cable systems throughout the Meadowlands District. So far, the show has featured an overview of the NJMC, including the history of the agency and its mission.

"Your Meadowlands" also profiles the departments of the NJMC, highlighting the services provided to Meadowlands Municipalities. So sit back, turn up the volume and enjoy "Your Meadowlands."



Throughout the year on upcoming shows, we'll feature specific Meadowlands Municipalities and what the NJMC is doing to help improve your quality of life. So stay tuned and please join us as we bring Your Meadowlands to your television.

Time Warner	Channel 10	Mondays	7:00 pm
Comcast			
Union	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Jersey City	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Meadowlands	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Cablevision			
Oakland	Channel 78	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Bergen	Channel 118	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Hudson	Channel 18	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.
Bayonne	Channel 18	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.