



### **Crest Green Team collecting plastic bags for Trex recycling initiative**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest's Green Team is taking part in an initiative through the Trex company to collect and recycle plastic bags and similar materials.



If the borough collects more than 500 pounds worth of plastic refuse in a six-month span, the Trex company will donate a composite bench to the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

The Green Team has set up collection sites at Borough Hall, the Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center and the Joseph Von Savage Memorial Pool for members of the community to drop off plastic bags and other similar materials. Plastic materials can include but are not limited to grocery shopping bags, produce and bread bags, cereal box liners, ice bags, resealable food bags, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags and bubble wrap. All materials should be clean, dry and free of food residue.

For more information about this plastic bag collection and recycling initiative, contact Deborah Rogers at (609) 729-8089.

### **Ribbon-cutting ceremonies celebrate completion of capital projects**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest held ribbon-cutting ceremonies in June to celebrate vast improvements made at Sunset Lake along New Jersey Avenue from Rambler Road to Monterey Avenue and along the beach block at Rambler Road.

Improvements at Sunset Lake included a two-part project that included shoreline stabilization measures and recreational amenity upgrades.

Shoreline stabilization improvements were 90 percent funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that totaled nearly \$1.2 million.



Recreational amenity improvements at Sunset Lake include the replacement of the kayak launch stair structure with a fishing pier and kayak launch area with a floating dock compliant with ADA standards; an observation pier; replacement of the gazebo with a new ADA-compliant gazebo; a drinking fountain and water filling station; bicycle racks; and low-level LED path lighting along all walkways. The borough received a grant of approximately \$302,000 from the Cape May County Open Space program to help fund the project.



The project at Rambler Road included numerous Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant upgrades; a traffic circle median at the eastern end of Rambler Road to promote a safer drop-off area for vehicles; better traffic flow and pedestrian and bicycle safety; more visible bicycle lanes; a concrete island at the entrance to the beachfront bike path; and additional bicycle racks. In addition, improvements at the beach entrance include a wider sidewalk, cable railings with wood posts, an ADA-compliant detectable warning surface at drop-off points and a replica lifeguard boat for photo opportunities.

Total cost of the project at Rambler Road was \$220,431.

More than half of the cost was covered by nearly \$125,000 from a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) Small Cities ADA grant.

Various borough and county officials, as well as members of the public, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

### **Repairs made to old library building; restroom upgrades on tap**

Repairs have been completed on the north wall of the old library building. These repairs were necessary after damage was caused from high winds. The cost of the repairs was covered by an insurance claim.

In the near future, the borough will proceed with a plan to create Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible restrooms. The cost of this project will be covered by a part of a \$354,454 DCA Small Cities grant that also includes improvements to the Joseph Von Savage Memorial Pool.

Designs submitted by the borough architect and engineer are currently under review by the Wildwood Crest Board of Commissioners. The borough is also seeking alternate sources of funding to help offset the additional renovation costs at the old library building.

In addition to the new restrooms, the building and its surroundings will feature a senior wellness meeting room, an environmental solarium, Crest merchandise sales, historical artifacts, meeting/banquet room space, wellness eatery, fire pits and more. The building grounds will also include parking, as well as accessibility from the Wildwood Crest Bike Path.

### **Wildwood Crest to host 9/11 Memorial Service**

The Borough of Wildwood Crest will host a 9/11 Memorial Service on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at Miami and New Jersey avenues, adjacent to Sunset Lake.

Various community and religious leaders are expected to attend the Patriot's Day ceremony, which will honor all of those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

All residents and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Call (609) 522-5176 for further information.



## Upcoming Events in Wildwood Crest

**CREST SUMMER MUSIC SERIES:** The FREE Wildwood Crest Summer Music Series continues each Saturday through Sept. 21 (Seafarers Celebration) at Centennial Park (Fern Road & Ocean Avenue). All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Log on to [wildwoodcrest.org](http://wildwoodcrest.org) or check out the Wildwood Crest Facebook page for the complete schedule. For more information, contact the recreation department at 609-523-0202.

**FIREFIGHTERS' WEEKEND CRAFT SHOW:** The Wildwood Crest Recreation Department hosts the Firefighters' Weekend Craft Show Friday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sunrise Park at Rambler Road (Rambler Road and Ocean Avenue). Dozens of craft vendors will be on hand. Admission is free. Call 609-523-0202 for more information.



**SEAFARERS' CELEBRATION:** The annual Wildwood Crest Seafarers Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21. A massive street festival featuring live music, children's and family entertainment, food, scores of craft vendors and more will be held along New Jersey Avenue at Sunset Lake from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event then shifts to Centennial Park for more live music at 7:30 p.m., followed by a beachfront fireworks show at 9 p.m. Call 609-523-0202 for more information.

**CREST BEST RUN FEST:**  
The second annual Crest

Best Run Fest is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13. Hosted by DelMoSports, the Crest Best Run Fest includes separate running races of 5K, five miles, a kids race and a doggie derby on Saturday, followed by the signature 10-mile running race on Sunday. Log on to [DelMoSports.com](http://DelMoSports.com) for registration information.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** The Wildwood Crest Recreation Department will host its annual Halloween season Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Crest Pier Recreation Center.

Children will dress up in costumes and collect candy from vehicles decorated for Halloween. Includes DJ entertainment, hayrides on the Crest Bike Path (new!), food and more. Prizes will be awarded to best-decorated vehicles. Vehicles must be registered. Registration deadline for vehicles is Friday, Oct. 25 (no registration necessary for children). Event is free.

Call (609) 523-0202 for more information.

**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:** The Borough of Wildwood Crest will host a Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at Sunset Lake near Atlanta and New Jersey avenues. The event will include a visit from Santa Claus, food, holiday music, a short family-style run and more. Rain/inclement weather date is Thursday, Dec. 5. Call 609-523-0202 for more information.



## Wildwood Crest News Tidbits

**IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO SUNRISE PARK:** The Borough of Wildwood Crest has various improvements planned for Sunrise Park at Rambler Road, mostly funded through a grant from the Cape May County Open Space Program. Improvements include an additional children's playground, additional walking paths, fitness stations and more. Work is tentatively scheduled to commence this fall.

**TOURISM INFORMATION CENTER FALL HOURS:** The Wildwood Crest Nesbitt Tourism Information Center hours for the post-summer season are as follows: 8 am- 5 pm Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7, 8 am-1 pm Sunday, Sept. 8; 8 am-5 pm Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14, 8 am-1 pm Sunday, Sept. 15; 8 am-5 pm Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 19-21, 8 am-1 pm Sunday, Sept. 22. The Nesbitt Tourism Information will close for the season on Sunday, Sept. 22. Call 609-522-0221 or 609-523-0202 for more information.

**BOROUGH FLAGS FOR SALE:** The official Borough of Wildwood Crest flag is currently available for purchase. Flags are being sold exclusively at the Nesbitt Tourism Information Center near the beach entrance at Rambler Road. Cost is \$50 per flag (cash only). Flags are made of nylon and are 3-feet x 5-feet in size.

**CREST PIER TEMPORARY CLOSURE:** The Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation Center is set to close from Tuesday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Sept. 30, due to gymnasium floor refurbishment and other maintenance projects. The building will reopen for open recreation and fall programs on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Call 609-523-0202 for more information.

**TRASH/RECYCLING INFORMATION:** Trash and recycling collection in Wildwood Crest will continue on the summer schedule through Monday, Sept. 30. Trash and recycling will be collected on the Labor Day holiday (Monday, Sept. 2). Trash and recycling collection will revert to the winter collection schedule on Tuesday, Oct. 1. All zones will receive trash and recycling pickup once per week. There will be no trash collection on Monday, Oct. 14 (Columbus Day), General Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 5), Veterans Day (Monday, Nov. 11), Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 28) and the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, Nov. 29). Zones not collected on a holiday will have trash and recycling collection on the next regular working day after each holiday. Call 609-522-7446 for more information.

**RECYCLING CENTER HOURS:** Trash/recycling drop-off at the Wildwood Crest Recycling Center remains on summer hours through the month of September. Trash and recycling can be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Thursday, Oct. 3. The Wildwood Crest Recycling Center will revert to winter hours beginning Friday, Oct. 4. Winter trash-recycling drop-off will be available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 609-522-7446 for more information.



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