



# MC Clearwater Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events and Meetings

Monday, December 3  
Anti-LNG Meeting  
Langosta Lounge  
1000 Ocean Avenue,  
Asbury Park @ 12pm

Tuesday, December 9  
Sea Level Rise Workshop:  
How Prepared Are You for  
Rising Waters?

Sunday, December 14  
Membership Appreciation  
Luncheon & Board of  
Directors Election!  
12-2pm; Eatontown  
Community Center, 72  
Broad St.

Environmental Committee  
Meeting, Monday,  
December 22, 2008,  
7:00pm  
Cobblestone Restaurant  
Eatontown

Sunday, January 4, 2009  
Monthly Membership  
Meeting  
Eatontown Community  
Center, 72 Broad St. 2pm

## The Loss of a Clearwater Member

By Pat McGrath

On the evening of November 4, 2008, Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater lost yet another tireless laborer, Richie Chrobocinski. Richie was one half of that dynamic duo known to the Clearwater family as Helyn and Richie. Now both are gone, and we are left to feel the loss.

For thirty or so years Richie, worked ardently to further the Clearwater agenda. Whether it was the house at Sandy Hook, one of the boats, the festival, or one of the many other events the club was involved in, Richie was there, usually with a van full of tools. Those of us that knew him well often pondered why he needed all those tools as long as he had his screw gun and several rolls of duct tape.

Richie would work on what ever needed to be done. When the house at Sandy Hook needed screens, he built them. When we were told by the National Park Service to sheet rock the kitchen, he installed the sheet rock. Consistently he would sell the most ads for the festival program. He would build stages and decorate them with art hand made by his wife, Helyn.

His true love in Clearwater was the Rainbow Race. He cared for that vessel in a way no one else could. He was a part of her, and she was a part of him. If it was at dry dock or in the water, when Richie and the Rainbow Race came together, everyone could feel a new and special energy in the air.

Richie was a gifted carpenter who built a major addition to my home in Monmouth Beach. I guess that was what all the tools were for. His business was called Labour of Love. His life, and his commitment to Clearwater, was in fact a Labour of Love.

Richie will be missed sorely by Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater, and by each one of us until we see him some day on Fiddlers' Green.

## MCFC "Green Team Training: Building A Green Team" Participation

by Ed Dlugosz

Many Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater members are active in multiple environmental organizations, activities, and initiatives throughout the tri-state area. Nowhere was that more evident than at the Monmouth County Cool Cities Partnership (MCCCP) workshop held Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the Monmouth County Agricultural Building,

Saturday, January 17  
Budget Meeting  
Details Coming Soon!!

For more info on MCFC  
meetings go to:  
[www.mcclearwater.org/cal  
endar.php](http://www.mcclearwater.org/calendar.php)

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By the deadline stated  
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article" in the subject of  
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Kozloski Road, Freehold. For example long-time MCFC member Irene Gibson was helping host the workshop as a member of AAUW and the Interfaith Environmental Council; Laura Bagwell was there also representing the Sierra Club and the Red Bank Environmental Commission; and Ed Dlugosz was also representing the HRSC, Eatontown Environmental Commission and the Environmental Partnership.

What brought hundreds of like-minded people together was the third-in-the-series, and the most practical, MCCCCP program entitled "Green Team Training: Building A Green Team". The featured speaker was Jim Polos, Freeholder Middlesex County and former Highland Park mayor. Mr. Polos and his MCSET are responsible for the GoGreen/Save Green Campaign which has been reducing Middlesex County's carbon footprint, reducing energy consumption, and utilizing renewable energy sources, and making their County sustainable. He offered practical advice on how to influence the communities' leaders and public by making easy to understand pleas to the pocketbook and showing the cost-benefits of going green. Evidence of his approach has yielded a fleet of hybrids, solar panels on schools, and a sustainable product purchasing power in Middlesex county and its communities.

Monmouth County Freeholder Barbara McMorro, Marie Savoia, and Judy Kramer hosted the event and introduced local exemplar Cool Cities' initiatives in Middletown, Long Branch, Asbury Park, and Neptune. Most have been driven from the bottom up as exemplified by Tom Pivinski's AP grassroots effort that has finally encompassed and energized the redevelopers of Asbury renaissance. The MCCCCP and Mr. Polos emphasized that each community had its own set of circumstances, budgets, and power players so that stakeholders must be tailored to suit those factors. For further info on MCCCCP, email Marie at [mjsavoia@comcast.net](mailto:mjsavoia@comcast.net) or click [Monmouth County's Green Connection](#). To see Mr. Polos' group, click on [MCSET](#) or [Go Green/Save Green Challenge](#)

### TEF Partnering with College Students and Staff

By George Moffat

Our Traveling Environmental Festival is getting off to a great start, supported by grants from Whole Foods and Wachovia/Lakewood Blue Claws. We also are partnering to present the program with two well-known educational organizations, the Science Field Station of Brookdale Community College and the college's Ocean Institute, both located at Sandy Hook. Field Station Manager Robert Macaluso and Ocean Institute Director Dave Grant are working with us to train science students and staff members to be employed as TEF instructors. Thirteen college students have already received training and Institute staff members will work with us during their off-season months. Two students, Alex Broszeit of Manasquan and Patrick Vansaghi of Howell, successfully inaugurated the program last month at Neptune City's Woodrow Wilson School.

We have scheduled TEF presentations with the Asbury Park and Lakewood School districts for early next year and we are working with other districts as

well. Hopefully, the 2009 program will exceed the very successful 2007 and 2008 presentations.

“The grants will permit us enrich the TEF program by associating with the academic community, its students, and staff, while also updating equipment, exhibits, and instructor training materials,” said George Moffatt, TEF director. “The grants also will permit us to expand the program’s outreach to the community. In addition, the grammar school students and their teachers are very impressed with seeing college students as TEF instructors.”

### **Membership Renewals Are Now Due!!**

***Up to date paid membership required for December BOD elections.***

Individual: \$25.00 Family: \$35.00 Low income/Senior Citizen: \$10.00

Lifetime Individual: 250.00 Lifetime Family: \$400.00. Renewal forms

available at: <http://www.mcclearwater.org/docs/membership-form.htm>

Make tax deductible check or money order payable to: Monmouth County

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MCFC Dues, P.O. Box 303, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

### **MCFC ELECTION BALLOT FOR 2008-2009**

**The Board of Directors is proud to place into nomination the following members of Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater. PLEASE NOTE: Write-in candidates can only be done at the Sunday, December 14th Elections.**

**The candidate must be present and willing to serve on the board-before the name can be approved as an addition to the ballot. No write-in names will be counted from absentee ballots.**

**Absentee voters should only vote for the slate of 6 officers below.**

**Place the ballot in a blank envelope and seal it. Then place the sealed ballot into another envelope and mail to: MCFC Elections, PO BOX 303, Red Bank, NJ 07701. If your membership renewal is due, please include that in the envelope with your ballot. To be counted, ballots must be at the post office by Saturday, December 13**

ON ELECTION DAY: Please vote for up to 6 nominees (this would include the 6 Names placed in nomination by the Board of Directors AND any possible write-in candidates). VOTE CAREFULLY – A ballot with MORE than the maximum six will be disqualified. ALSO, if you decide to change a vote, make sure your change(s) very clear or the vote may incorrectly count your choices.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ed Dlugosz        | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Forest        | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chrissie Goedkoop | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Humphrey     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Johnson       | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joellen Lundy     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

The normal board rotation is one half one year and one half (+1) the next. One ballot per member and as many separate ballots constituting the family unit.

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"Tell me, I may forget;  
show me, then I may remember;  
but involve me, and I'll understand."  
Chinese Proverb

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

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