



# NJ Friends of Clearwater Newsletter

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## Meetings

Sunday, September 12  
@ 2pm General  
Meeting, Eatontown  
Community Center

## Wrap-up Festival Meeting

September 21 @ 7PM  
25 Peters Place, Red  
Bank

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I want to thank all the NJ Clearwater Festival volunteers, performers, and activists who gave unselfishly of their time. I want to thank Shop-Rite and Wakefern for their long-time and very generous sponsorship that allows us the confidence to move forward to plan and put on our wonderful festival every year. I'd like to encourage our other generous donors and sponsors to make it a habit so that we can bring an ever greater outreach during the year. Most of all, I want to thank our festival-going friends, old and new, who are willing to take our messages of concern and hope for this pretty planet and turn it into action. I'd like to commend our media outlets for their coverage every year. This was our 10th year in Asbury and we at Clearwater like to think that we've contributed to the renaissance of the city by the sea. —Ed Dlugosz, President NJFC



Collage of Matt Denton's Photos

**Sunday, September 12**  
**NJFC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING**  
**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**Eatontown Community Center**  
**72 Broad Street, Eatontown**

**Come join us and become a member. Feel free to bring a covered dish or desert to share if you like New Jersey Friends of Clearwater All NJFC Members and prospective members are welcome! If you want NJFC to know WHO YOU ARE and that you're looking for work, this is the best way you can make your availability and skills known. General Meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of the month**

***Please take note we will be having a  
Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Meeting in October  
Stay tuned for details***

**Hi ALL! (An Unbiased Report From the People)**

As Interpreter Coordinator, I interface with the public as I roam from stage to stage... I hear lots that people do not get a chance to hear. Here are some of comments I heard during the day:

"KUDOS! AWESOME! WOW! THANK YOU! I love the banners!  
THANK YOU FOR controlled SOUND Levels at all the stages!  
THANK YOU For set lists and lyrics! Music stand borrowed-THANK you!  
Food choices and food served was great!  
Thank you for providing access to all your performances... This was the first time. I am loving it!  
I am so glad the volume and loudness of music is controlled this year because I almost planned on staying home... the last few years it was way toooo loud.  
This is my first festival...I had no idea all the activities NJF Clearwater was involved with!  
The discussion in the [Environmental Justice Roundtable] forum was informative and enlightening.  
Speeches were educational and nice to see Mayor and Congressman Pallone support!  
Chairs to sit in..... I am grateful for that... I do not remember Clearwater providing so many.  
WOW...Helen is watching over us....  
Circle of song was lots of fun!  
Awesome choices of talents on all stages.  
WOW love the release of the butterflies...too cool!  
SO glad the weather cooperated!"

Sorry, did not hear any negative comments! SMILE!  
Thank you to all at the front or behind the scenes..big hugs!  
A heart felt Thank you to all from all the Interpreters!

**Roseanne**

**Asbury Park Hosts Environmental Festival**

Being conscious of what's around you deemed important

By JOSEPH SAPIA, ASBURY PARK PRESS STAFF WRITER • August 21, 2010, reprinted in its entirety  
ASBURY PARK - At 13, Michel Herrera is environmentally conscious.

"Sometimes, I see trash and I pick it up and throw it in the garbage," said Michel, an eighth-grader at Sisters Academy, here. "They (litterers) give a bad image to everyone." Picking up litter, according to Michel, is a simple way to better the environment.

On Saturday, Michel was one of three students - the others being Brenda Cabrera, a fellow academy eighth-grader, and Aide Ruiz-Perez, a freshman at Red Bank Catholic High School - posing questions to environmental activists during the 35th Annual Clearwater Festival's Environmental Justice Roundtable. The roundtable is a regular part of the environmental festival, held at Sunset Park.

Having schoolchildren ask questions ties in with the United Nations' International Year of Youth, said Kerry Butch, urban project director for the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions.

"We're going to have a dialogue among longtime environmental activists and leaders," Butch said. "Hopefully, we'll learn from each other and the activists partner with youth and get youth involved with environmental issues."

The festival goal is "to raise environmental awareness," said Joellen Lundy, a Red Bank resident and vice president of the festival sponsor, New Jersey Friends of Clearwater. "A big part of this is a lot of environmental groups meet each other and they get to network," Lundy said.

Environmental groups at this year's event included the Environmental Partnership, a coalition of several municipal environmental commissions in Monmouth County; Citizens for Wesley Lake, which is on the boundary of the city with Ocean Grove; Shark River Cleanup Coalition; New Jersey Environmental Lobby; EarthShare New Jersey; and Rutgers Environmental Stewards.

Another part of the festival is "to have fun and listen to music," Lundy said.

The Clearwater movement has been a mix of music and environmentalism since folk singer Pete Singer founded the group along the Hudson River in New York in 1967. New Jersey Friends of Clearwater, formerly the Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater, dates to 1974.

### President's Address

New Jersey Friends of Clearwater is pleased to be in Asbury Park for the tenth straight year to celebrate our 35th Annual Clearwater Festival. Clearwater has spent the last 40 years teaching the lessons of stewardship of our waterways, hence our name.

This year's annual theme is **"Knock Out Pollution, Protect Our Watersheds!"** Pollution can enter our watersheds from the smallest stream at watershed's highest elevation to the point when it joins the ocean at its estuary. Whether the problem is non-point source (NPS) or point source pollution, watersheds are the routes the contaminants take to the sea (and everywhere in-between). Watersheds are the both the source of most of our drinking water and the breeding ground and food source for almost every living creature. People can most directly protect our watersheds from NPS or "runoff" pollution by taking easily "do-able" precautions like cleaning up litter; minimizing or using natural fertilizers and pesticides; maintaining automobiles and other vehicles; etc. We've illustrated the use of these precautions in our portable environmental classroom, Traveling Environmental Festival (TEF), with our interactive EnviroScape model watershed demonstrations at schools, youth events, or like today, at Festivals around the state.

Point-source pollution is usually associated with industrial pollution: laboratories, landfills, heavy industry and refineries, poorly maintained fleets of transportation; poorly designed community sewage treatment plants. Other sources of pollution include lack of open space, i.e., "paving paradise" as Joni Mitchell sings in "Big Yellow Taxi; and destroying fresh- and saltwater wetlands that act as filters for pollutants and breeding grounds for the lower rungs of the food web. By protecting our watersheds we can knock out pollution not only in the watersheds themselves but also in the estuaries, bays, and its final destination, the Ocean. We've invited the activist group, Save Barnegat Bay to speak to you what happens when you don't protect your watersheds.

Clearwater has been at the forefront of a fight against a problem the public didn't

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know it had prior to 2007. Fort Monmouth is scheduled to close by September 2011. The Army revealed-over the period of 6 months-to a citizen review board, chaired by me, that there were 43 contaminated sites including 3 groundwater plumes and 9 landfills on Fort Monmouth's 1126 acres. Contaminants include heavy metals (cadmium, mercury, lead, etc.); VOC solvents (PCE, TCE, Chlorobenzene); PCBs, pesticides, arsenic, cyanide and other poisons, chemical and biological toxins, and other carcinogens. In late 2008 an additional 27 contaminated sites were discovered. Since 2007 Clearwater has racked up a impressive string of victories-where the Army initially refused-including forcing the Army to stabilize the landfill streambanks, capping the landfills, excavating/remediating over 60 1000 gallon underground storage tanks, performing additional rounds of vapor intrusion testing at large laboratory facilities, and to do additional stream sediment testing, to name a few. It's not done by any means. The additional sediment testing does not go far enough downstream to find contamination that has been deposited for over 60 years in the stream. The extremely high levels of VOCs (one should have been a Superfund site) in groundwater and soil gases detected at some facilities beg the question: how many workers had grown ill, contracted cancer, and died? We must be vigilant to make sure that the health of the past and future workers and residents of that property are safeguarded and all adjoining properties and waterways are cleaned properly.

Clearwater's fight to Save Sandy Hook (also the name of the separate entity we formed) from the ill-conceived and poorly-funded commercialization of Fort Hancock has achieved almost universal backing among the public and press. We failed to win in our six-year lawsuit to have the US District Court block the lease citing National Park Service for violation of several federal laws and failing to provide proof of solvency. The battle ended last year when the developer, given an open field, failed to find financial backers whereupon the purported lease was broken by NPS. It's a bittersweet victory because the NPS failed to maintain 36 buildings for ten years, including Clearwater House, and all are crumbling.

I want to take the time to honor a real warrior for the environment who passed away recently, Judith Stanley Coleman. Judith was an ardent supporter of Clearwater and vice-versa. She won Clearwater's "Environmentalist of the Year" in 2006 for leadership and financial support of the Save Sandy Hook group and the Monmouth Conservancy, As her vice president of SSH, I saw her impassioned fight against loosing the jewel of the Jersey shore fall into the hands of speculators, especially that the National Park System was a hard-won national conservancy. I'm sure you've seen essays on her other good works like the Visiting Nurse of Central Jersey, the Cancer Wing of Monmouth Medical, and others too numerous to mention.

We are again delighted to see the major signs of renewal everywhere in our host city. So, welcome to all of you. Visit our Clearwater environmental displays and join our great group at our Membership Booth. Enjoy the many talented performers, Join in at our Circle of Song. Visit our artist & crafter area. Speak with the other activists to learn what you can do. The goal of our festival is for every person attending to walk away with a greater understanding of, and commitment to, environmental guardianship. Thank you all for coming out showing your support for a healthy environment.

**Ed Dlugosz**

**President, New Jersey Friends of Clearwater**

## **The Coaster, Live and Local, August 26, 2010**

**by Dave Christoper, Reporter/Photographer, Coaster**

Reproduced and presented with great admiration and thanks to The Coaster organization and Dave Christopher for their coverage of the Clearwater Festival 2010.



# LIVE AND LOCAL

by Dave Christopher



## CLEARWATER FESTIVAL



Planet Zemo Band performs at the 35th annual Clearwater Festival in Sunset Park in Asbury Park, one of many bands and musicians entertaining the crowd

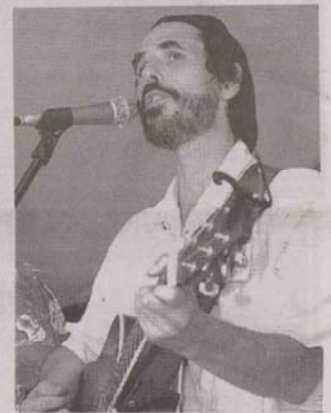
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Chuck Lambert



Marco y LaReina with Samba and Stories for Children of All Ages



Spook Handy



Jeannie O'Neill and Thomas Martin



Matt Wade



Releasing the butterflies to the music of the Porchistas



Circle of Song Singers



## Music and Magic at the Festival

Every festival for 35 years, Clearwater has brought music and magic to the audience and ourselves. This year was no exception, more so because the magic was literally there in the faces of the children as they watched the butterflies released into the wild before the last musical act of the day. During the rest of the



day the children were mystified as they entered Clearwater member Una McGurk's Butterfly with a small amount of sugary bait that allowed them to attract the myriad butterflies to them or watch the tiny hanging chrysalis metamorphosize into magnificent Monarch Butterflies.

Across the aisle of the children's area, magician Robert Francis, the Dork of Deception was regaling kids of all ages with slight of hand, jokes, and planned miscues. The magician was one of four children's performers who entertained with a

variety of instruments, songs, and stories. The performers Marco y LaReina used percussion, lilting Samba melodies, and storytelling to enrapture and involve their audience. Wendy Zoller and the Sing Me a Day Band entertained using puppets and music. Danny Alderman, a long time fixture at the Fest, became a Clearwater member shortly after performing for the very first time.

## NJ Clearwater Circle of Song - First Sing-Along - Thursday - Sep 16 - 6:30 pm

NJ Clearwater decided to keep up the fun we had at our Festival last month by having its first monthly NJ Clearwater Circle of Song gathering.

A contribution of \$3 to \$7 requested, which will be split between Clearwater and Pastor Sony's work with the homeless and the hungry.

The location is about 3 blocks from our Festival site:

### First United Methodist Church of Asbury Park

906 Grand Avenue (two blocks from the Ocean near Second Avenue) in Asbury Park

There is plenty of parking in the rear; Look for the signs.

Our first Leader-Performers will be Sharleen Leahey and Mark Bodino.

Ingrid Heldt will also participate in the rounds.

There should be plenty of time for audience members to join in. Please bring your instrument(s) and your favorite songs, especially if they are about the environment or if they are sing-alongs.

Contact: Ingrid Heldt, Singer-Songwriter for Peace and the Environment,  
[www.ingridmusic.com](http://www.ingridmusic.com)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Roundtable Held at 35<sup>th</sup> Clearwater Festival

by Ed Dlugosz

It's a sad statistical fact: The poor, the young, and people of color are more likely to live in America's most-polluted neighborhoods. Poor communities are routinely targeted to host facilities with negative environmental impacts, such as landfills, incinerators, dirty factories, truck depots and more. For decades, a community-based movement known as environmental justice (EJ) has been battling these inequities and struggling to improve the environmental health of these neighborhoods. While most of these neighborhoods are urban, communities of any

size have know the injustices. Even before the movement had a name, the residents knew EJ and workers in poor areas knew that the health deck was stacked against people who had no voice or clout.

While these people and their advocates have made great strides in making headway, unless other caring people in wealthier and healthier communities know and act, their case for environmental justice will not have the impetus it needs for real change. It is for these reasons I've instituted the annual EJ Roundtable at the Festival. I hope the Roundtable has enlightened and motivated the festival-goers and the readers of accounts of the Festival to support the many initiatives that are represented by the participants. For the past 2 Clearwater Festivals we've engaged national and statewide activists, including Lois Marie Gibbs—heroine of the Love Canal, in an important dialogue about what Environmental Justice is/isn't, how to recognize it, and how an organization and we as individuals can help.

This year's Roundtable brings another stellar group of EJ activists to the Asbury venue. This year roundtable participants are: Ana Baptista, Ironbound Community Corporation; Henry Rose, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance; Avery Grant, Concerned Citizens of Long Branch; Trina Paulus, Hope for the Flowers; Ed Dlugosz, NJFC; and Kerry Butch, ANJEC Urban Project Director. These panelists and members of the public, like Denise Summer of MRHS, represented a diverse mix of background, experiences and issues. In a tie-in with the UN's International Year of Youth, this year the panel was moderated by three Asbury Park youth: Brenda Cabrera, Michel Herrera, and Aide Ruiz-Perez. The young women posed questions to each of the panelists in turn and were able to elicit different perspectives on the issues and solutions. US Representative Frank Pallone joined our panel and was able to give his governmental and personal perspective to the young women EJ questions.



Topics like the PurGen coal-fired power and fertilizer plant proposed for the already overburdened citizens of Linden; the effects of Fort Monmouth contamination on workers and surrounding towns; and the cumulative health and well-being impacts of environmental injustices on neighborhoods in Newark, Camden, Elizabeth and elsewhere made for an eye-opening revelations to some audience members, which was our purpose.

Summing up the event Ms. Butch said, "We've had a dialogue among longtime environmental activists and leaders," "Hopefully, we've learned from each other and the activists will partner with youth and get youth involved with environmental issues."

Note: Through the efforts of many activists, there are now laws, NJDEP- and EPA-based Advisory Councils, and of course, grassroots organizations

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like Ms. Gibbs' Center for Health, Environment & Justice, NJFC, and Ms Baptista's Ironbound Community Corporation. For further information, see back issues of the NJFC Newsletter starting November 2008 or write to us at: [info@mcclearwater.org](mailto:info@mcclearwater.org).

### Upcoming Events:

- Eatontown Environmental Commission presents: Toxic VOC Vapor Intrusion by Larry Siegel, Executive Director CPEO, September 16 2010, 7:30pm, Eatontown Borough Hall, Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ
- Clearwater Festival Wrap-Up Meeting, Clearwater Festival Committee Leads & Members Only, September 21, 2010, 25 Peters Place (Joellen's Home), Red Bank, NJ
- NJFC BOD Meeting, September 28, 2010, 7pm, Cobblestone Restaurant, Rt. 35, Eatontown, NJ
- NJFC General Membership Meeting, October 3, 2010, 2pm, Eatontown Community Center, 72 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ
- Fort Monmouth Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting, October 7, 2010, 7pm, Gibbs Hall, FM Suneagles Golf Course, Tinton Avenue, Eatontown, NJ (Full Public Access)

**We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive. ~Albert Einstein**

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