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Board of Directors Mtg
January 9, 7pm
25 Peters Place, Red Bank

Monthly Joint Clearwater--Sierra
Club Meeting,
Monday, January 28, 6-8:00pm,
Student Life Center (SLC)
Brookdale Community College

February Membership Mtg
followed by Circle of Song
Sunday February 3,
NJFC Meeting: 12 Noon
Circle of Song: 1:30pm
Both at Turnstile Cafe, 1607 Rt 71
Belmar, NJ

RAB Meeting
7pm, Thursday February 7, 2013
Building 455
Fort Monmouth

Congratulations to NJFC Board of Directors and Officers

Congratulations are in order for the 2013 Board of directors and the committees that they lead:

- Ed Dlugosz--Environmental Action
- Jim Franchi--Environmental Sail Program
- Ben Forest--Environmental Policy
- Chrissie Goedkoop
- Ingrid Heldt--Circle of Song
- Lynn Humphrey--Membership and Volunteers
- Marylin Johnson
- Tim Johnson
- Joellen Lundy--Festival
- George Moffatt--TEF Coordinator
- Brian Ostering--Entertainment
- Isis Ra--Fundraising
- Andrea Spinelli--Sponsorships and Grants

The slate includes two new members, Isis Ra and Brian Ostering, who are wonderful performers and have been important contributors to our Annual Clearwater Festival for years. The officer lineup is:

President: Ed Dlugosz
Vice President: Jim Franchi
Treasurer: Joellen Lundy
Secretary: Lynn Humphrey

January's Circle of Song is Great Success

by Ed Dlugosz

January 6th's COS was a great success by any measure. Our audience was wall-to-wall, our circle of talented performers numbered 14, and our featured leader-performer Jerzy Jung sung and looked like an angel. Jerzy is an award-winning young local singer-songwriter whose music is socially conscious and has been played on stations such as MTV. She was a part of our 2012 Festival lineup, and we also know her from Musicians on a Mission, the organization that did a benefit for NJ Friends of Clearwater in 2011.



Google Directions from Your Location to Monthly Meeting @ Student Life Center, Brookdale

Board of Directors
 President: Ed Dlugosz
 VP: Jim Franchi
 Treasurer: Joellen Lundy
 Secretary: Lynn Humphrey
 Ben Forest, Andrea Spinelli, Marilyn Johnson, Tim Johnson, George Moffatt, Ingrid Heldt, Isis Ra, Brian Ostering, Chrissie Goedkoop

Article Deadline for Next Issue is Last Friday of Month

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Jerzy Jung singing "I Don't Want to Hate You" at COS.

If you are not familiar with COS, then it would be worth your while to learn. The format allows anyone who brings their voice and/or instrument to lead the performers and audience in song. The leader-performer usually sets the stage with folk or contemporary sing-a-long songs. After a couple of songs, the next performer to the left leads the next song. Since the gig lasts an hour and a half, every performer gets to lead several times. As in the past, the air was filled with old and new tunes and the chance to meet new performers and audition for the Annual NJ Friends of Clearwater Festival held in August. All monies collected goes to charity. For more pictures and videos, please goto NJFC Website's News. <http://www.mcclearwater.org/news.php>

Next Month's--Sunday, February 3--leader-performer is Rose Marie Wright, a wonderful local story teller. The Circle of Song is held at the TURNSTILE COFFEE BAR, 1607 Highway 71, Belmar, NJ, 732-894-9012. 1:30 - 3:30 pm - come any time. The Turnstile is a world class cafe and it's Handicap Accessible.

Starting with our February 3rd date, we will precede the COS at 12 Noon with an hour-long **NJFC Membership Meeting** at the Turnstile Cafe. There is no requirement to attend both events altho' there'll be a half hour buffer for COS setup. We are trying to recapture some of our fun-filled meetings of yore.

[Google Directions from Your Location to Monthly Circle of Song & Membership Meeting](#)

Joint Clearwater-Sierra Club January Meeting

The role of watershed management and pollution control will be discussed by two Monmouth County environmentalists - The Sierra Club's Faith Teitelbaum and Monmouth County Parks' naturalist Joe Reynolds -- at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan 28 at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. The joint meeting of the N.J. Friends of Clearwater and the Jersey Shore (Monmouth) Group of the Sierra Club is open to the public.

Faith is a founder and co-chair of the Whale Pond Brook Watershed (WPBW) Association. The WPBW stretches from Tinton Falls to the Atlantic Ocean and passes through 5 towns which, along with Clearwater, are represented in the Association. Joe is chairman of the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council, which since 2000 has focused on the Raritan River and Bay from Sayreville to Sandy Hook. Both

speakers will relate how they helped start the two watershed groups, the problems they had to overcome, their successes to date, and their organizations' future plans. Both watersheds have been devastated by Superstorm Sandy.

There are 2,857 watersheds in the United States. By focusing on specific watershed basins, hydrologists, geologists, engineers, environmentalists, government officials, and concerned citizens can systematically study a complex variety of water issues - including preserving water supplies and controlling land and water pollution, storm water runoff, soil erosion, and wastewater management. Watershed-based activities provide an organizational structure for programs that can range from simple anti-litter campaigns and stream cleanups to coordinating sophisticated programs to, for example, manage water resources, expand parkland, preserve wildlife habitat, increase fish production, and control pollution.

The watershed presentations by the Whale Pond and Bayshore groups are hosted by Brookdale's Environmental Club to encourage students to be involved in statewide and national debates on the importance of strong environmental regulations. At the Lincroft meeting, a cash buffet begins at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

[Google Directions from Your Location to Monthly Meeting @ Student Life Center, Brookdale](#)

Whale Pond Brook Cleanup

Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association conducted another cleanup on December 8 2012 at a location behind the Hess Station situated on northbound Rt. 35 in Ocean Township. Heavy rains and winds from Sandy and the Nor'easter deposited a great deal of debris and muck in the flooded channels of Whale Pond Brook.



The debris blocked the passage of water and diverted into new passages. Here you see two intrepid volunteer waist deep in the Big Mucky. One liked it so much that he took a swim. The partial results shown at right with the full crew.



For a full view of pictures click our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Whale-Pond-Brook-Watershed-Association>

Continued Vigilance in the Wake of Sandy

SuperStorm Sandy is also leaving a legacy of problems to clean water, soil, and air. Be on the lookout for poorly handled/disposal of the debris, waste, and equipment. In our haste to clean up, let's assure that it's done correctly. Report unacceptable practices including fraud and price-gouging.

There are widespread reports by our coalition members, health departments, and NJDEP of problems caused by Sandy from failed waste treatment plants, flooding of railroad tunnels, and superfund sites. Our partner COA has reported the following:

Sandy's Pollution Wake

COA is concerned about the toxins that were released into the environment through the impacts of Sandy. The largest spill in a decade occurred in the Arthur Kill with the release of 380,000 gallons of diesel fuel that affected many marshes in the area. Sheens were visible throughout the waterway and seepage from contaminated land areas were also evident. There were numerous boats and fuel tanks that were set adrift or marooned along the shoreline or in coastal waters. Cars were flooded and oils that accumulated in tunnels and subways were pumped into the Hudson Estuary. COA is seeking more government assessments about where contamination likely occurred and more monitoring to identify polluted areas where possible. Although very different than the BP disaster, Sandy's storm surge did result in the release of fossil fuels from many sources.

FMERA Environmental Advisory Committee Resumes Meetings

By Ed Dlugosz

After 3 months without a EAC meeting for both good and poor reasons, the first meeting of the new FMERA fiscal year took place on January 7, 2013 at Russell Hall on Fort Monmouth (FM) property. The "good" reason was SuperStorm Sandy which flooded a large portion of FM putting FMERA's new FM facility under 5 feet of tidal surge. Sandy and the following Nor'easter downed many trees, placed much of the Oceanport portion of FM underwater, and inundated the 9 contaminated dumps which were unconscionably placed on wetlands along 3 miles of tidal streams passing through FM Main Post.

The poor reasons were: 1) to quell reaction to the controversial FMERA decision to place the Monmouth County Department of Public Works (MCDPW) Road Crew facility next to a residential area of Eatontown on a piece of FM property originally planned for Open Space; and, 2) the controversial reallocation of EAC members to disenfranchise long-time members and replace them with representatives from the real estate, developer/contractor, and county spheres of interest who, we felt, were already represented more than enough on the other committees and changed the balance of power. (Both of these issues were earlier reported in this eNewsletter and the local press).

The EAC meeting itself was mainly an introductory session for the new representatives. The FMERA Executive Director gave a "Virtual Tour and Overview" of the redevelopment process and projects. The next

and Overview" of the redevelopment process and property. The meet and greet was pleasant but reserved. The new EAC membership consisted of:

1. Ken Kloo: EAC Chairman and NJDEP Board Representative
2. Linda Range: NJDEP Case Manager
3. Edward Dlugosz: Eatontown Representative
4. Jon Cohen: Tinton Falls Representative
5. Richard Gruskos: Oceanport Representative
6. Jennifer DeLorenzo: MC Representative
7. Ben Forest: National Advocacy Group Representative
8. Dr. Diane Phillips: Brookdale CC Representative
9. Mark Mauriello: Developer/Contractor Representative (Edgewood Properties)
10. Leah Yasenchak: Real Estate Broker Representative (Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc.)

The remainder of the meeting was spent listening to updates on current and future redevelopment parcels. The quick updates included the CommVault, Patterson Army Clinic, Teen Center/Pool, and Childhood Development Center Parcels. The near future parcel was the Howard Common residential parcel. While the other parcels already had FOSTs or FOSLs in place. The Howard Common parcel didn't have either and they had already sent out a Request for Offer to Purchase (RFOTP) without a FOST, very curious. What was also curious was the postponement of a discussion of the controversial MCDPW parcel FOSL.

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