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Upcoming NJFC Events and Meetings

Sunday, June 7
General Meeting, 2PM
Eatontown Community
Center
72 Broad Street, Eatontown

Saturday, June 20, 8:30am
Environmental Cmte Mtg.,
Cobblestone Restaurant,
Eatontown

Wednesday, June 17
Festival Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting,
Tuesday, June 29, Location
Eatontown Public Library

For more info on NJFC meetings go to:

http://www.ncclearwater.org/calendar_New/calendar.php

New Members, try:
<http://www.meetup.com/Clearwater-of-New-Jersey-Meetup-Group/>

Sloop Clearwater is Flagship of Hudson Quadricentennial Flotilla

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson exploring the region and the river that bears his name, NJ and NY have organized many activities including a flotilla of ships and boats which will trace Hudson's route up the Hudson River. As co-flagship Sloop Clearwater and the replica of Hudson's Half Moon will lead the flotilla upriver to Albany. The "River Days" events will commence on Saturday, June 6 with the initial leg of the journey starting at the Statue of Liberty and ending at Tarrytown, NY with an on-shore celebration. National celebrities will join Ed Dlugosz, other Board members, and members of the Clearwater crew and staff on this first leg of the historic sail. The flotilla will be greeted at each port of call (Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, & Rensselaer) by on-shore celebrations. For more information on how you can join the sails and events, click:

http://www.clearwater.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=564&Itemid=1

Clearwater Rejects Fort Monmouth-Issued EA and FNSI and Urges Creation of Environmental Impact Statement

By Ed Dlugosz

After an extensive scientific review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Clearwater rejects the EA and cites that it does not provide sufficient evidence to call for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI). A forthright Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is therefore a necessary addition to the evidence to assure that the receiving communities—Eatontown, Tinton Falls, and Oceanport, the county, and the state have a true, whole picture of the property that will become their citizens responsibility and liability in 2011. The EA's lack of complete disclosure calls into question the claims of short-term, minor impact in almost all areas.

The Army chose to include only the Phase I ECP report which minimized the impacts of:

- 43 contaminated sites were found originally in the Phase 1 ECP of which 27 are still under remediation and not declared as NFA yet.
- Several of the contamination sites have been declared Classification Exception Area (CEA) and/or Declaration of Environmental Restriction (DER), a virtual no-fly zone forever designation.
- A poorly conceived, two-stage landfill stabilization process and design that followed 2.5 years of denial of its need after failure of previous remedies.

However, the Army chose to not include the most recent Phase II ECP from mention when addressing hazardous or toxic materials:

- 27 additional contaminated "parcels" were found in the Phase II ECP

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Article Deadline for the May issue of NJFC Newsletter is Monday, June 17

E-mail your articles to newsletter@mcclearwater.org
By the deadline stated above, please use the phrase "MC Clearwater article" in the subject of your e-mail

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which recommended a Baseline Ecological Evaluation (BEE) which is also required by NJAC 7:26E-3.11, *Requirements for Site Remediation*. The BEE is needed to determine which parcels/subparcels should go through more rigorous analysis and remediation and which parcels should be ruled out.

- The BEE had not been funded until early spring and hasn't yet been executed. Only after the BEE determinations are made can the Army enter into the 7-step process that identifies the problem more scientifically and lays out a plan for design and execution of the remediation.

These facts beg the questions:

- How can the Army declare FNSI when you have sites that will remain CEA and/or DER of no significant impact?
- How can the Army go forward and not take into account 27 parcels of land in which Phase II ECP itemized new contaminated sites that have yet to be fully assessed, much less have the Contaminants of Concern (COCs) remediated.

Additionally, the Army's EA and other documentation have never identified their pollution's impacts to food chain and environment downstream in the Shrewsbury, Sandy Hook Bay, and the Ocean. The Army has never acknowledged the impacts of the COCs to past and present workers—the computer scientists, logisticians, technicians and military in the Myers Center (and other labs)—who were never notified of the high levels of carcinogens such as PCEs and TCEs that rose as high as 7820 µg/l level within 100 feet of their workplace. Although detected vapor intrusion in Phase II was relatively negligible, the same could not have been said in the years 1955 to 2001 when the levels were sky high.

We call for a full-fledged Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the property. For the reasons above, the EIS should address not only the current state of the property and its impacts but also the significant impacts already delivered to those two major areas. Again we were assisted by the Eatontown Environmental Commission and Clean Ocean Action.

Adam Hyler Launched for a New Sailing Season

By Jim Franchi

Clearwater's Boat Committee launched the Garvey Adam Hyler from Chris' Landing for the 2009 season Saturday, May 30 without a problem on a beautiful spring day. Gil Byrnes hauled the boat with his Honda Ridgeline and Shannon Gilvary helped the others with the launch. Once afloat, John Franchi skippered while Ed Dlugosz, Jim Franchi and his sister Gail, and Keith did the rowing in record time to our berth at Oyster Point Hotel Marina. We set the rigging and prepared the berth's lines before we left for the day.

The weekly sail schedule has been set for the season. We will sail at 6 pm sharp every Thursday. All are welcome on a first come, first served basis. If the launch was any indication, we should have a great season.

Seeger 90th Birthday Bash a Great Success

By Ed Dlugosz

Pete was joined by over 50 admirers on stage and over 17,000 in the seats of Madison Square Garden on the evening of May 3rd 2009. The event

featuring Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, John Mellancamp, Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, Arlo Guthrie, and more than 50 legendary friends was a legacy fundraising event for our mother ship Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. and to announce the theme of "Creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders". All performers including musicians, labor and civil rights activists, and celebrities donated their talents.

Pete, who usually avoids birthday parties despite admirers' attempts, embraced this 90th as a way to ensure continuation of his legacy of the Sloop and the Clearwater organization. With tickets selling from \$19.19 to \$1250, two-thirds of the enormous revenues will be put into an untouchable account to ensure Pete's legacy and the remaining will be used to pay off the debt and to establish our new headquarters in Beacon, NY.

Next General Membership Meeting, Sunday June 7, 2 PM

Eatontown Community Center, 72 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ. Our major agenda item is a workshop on the upcoming Clearwater Festival. All are urged to attend this important meeting.

Pete Seeger Tribute Concert (FREE)

Thursday, June 4, 7:00PM

Pier A Park

First Street and Frank Sinatra Drive, Hoboken

Bring blanket or lawn chair;

Clearwater sloop will be docked at the NJ Transit

Erie Lackawanna Train Plaza

Info: 201-420-2207

<http://www.hobokennj.org/departments/human-services/cultural-affairs/concerts/>

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival Festival

The Clearwater Revival will take place during the weekend of June 20-21 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. For the lineup, prices, and directions go to: <http://www.clearwater.org/festival/index.html>. For

volunteer opportunities, click:

<http://www.clearwater.org/festival/volunteer.html>

Help a Sister Organization: Volunteers Needed!

By Lynn Humphrey

The Shark River Cleanup Coalition needs volunteers to assist with their Horseshoe Crab Count for Spring 2009. Sampling starts at high tide for horseshoe crab count. Survey teams should meet at the L Street Beach in Belmar at the following times.

Sampling Event #3: June 5-9, 2009

June 5, 2009	Friday	6:30 pm
June 7, 2009	Sunday	7:45 pm
June 9, 2009	Tuesday	9:30 pm

Sampling Event #4: June 20-24, 2009

June 20, 2009	Saturday	5:45 pm
June 22, 2009	Monday	7:30 pm
June 24, 2009	Wednesday	9:15 pm

People should dress for the weather, Wear insect repellent and watershoes or waders are highly recommended. SRCC will provide all training and no special skills are required. Data collected provides valuable information regarding movement and distribution of crabs and helps to

preserve habitat. If you are interested email us for more information.

Ed Lippincott, Executive Director Shark River Cleanup Coalition

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Cigarettes Are Bad For The Planet's Health

It is estimated that several trillion cigarette butts are littered worldwide every year. That's billions of cigarettes flicked, one at a time, on our sidewalks, beaches, nature trails, gardens, and other public places every single day. In fact, cigarettes are the most littered item in America and the world. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate tow, NOT COTTON, and they can take decades to degrade. Not only does cigarette litter ruin even the most picturesque setting, but the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment, and littered butts cause numerous fires every year, some of them fatal.

Quote of the Month:

The people that are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones that do.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

A father carries pictures where his money used to be.

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