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Ocean Fun Days 2009!

Did you know a shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes? Come to our sixth annual Ocean Fun Days for more cool ocean facts. Learn from marine scientists, researchers and environmentalists about the treasures of the coastline and how to protect our shore habitat for years to come. Enjoy hands-on marine and environmental programs, exhibits and eco-tours. Activities include:

- Sandcastle Workshops**
- Children's Games and Prizes**
- Youth Fishing Clinics**
- Rip Current Workshops**
- Coastal Crafts**
- Seining Lessons**
- Conservation Exhibits**
- Beach Combing Tours**
- Touch Tanks**
- And Our Famous Live Crab Races!**



This FREE two-day event is sponsored by NJNG, in partnership with the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/New Jersey Sea Grant, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Department of Transportation Office of Maritime Resources.

Come celebrate the natural wonders of the Jersey Shore!

Saturday, May 16, Seaside Park

Island Beach State Park

Sunday, May 17, Sandy Hook

New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rain or Shine Both Days

For additional details and directions, visit www.njmsc.org or call 1-732-872-1300, Ext. 19.



2009 Exhibitors

American Littoral Society • Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program • Bluewater Wind • Brookdale Community College • Clean Ocean Action • Conservation Services Group Gateway National Park Service Sandy Hook • GeoGenix Solar Systems • Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve • James J. Howard Marine Sciences Lab Jenkinson's Aquarium • Marine Academy of Science & Technology (MAST) • Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES) • Marine Mammal Stranding Center Monmouth Conservation Foundation • Monmouth County Economic Development and Tourism • Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater • Native Plant Society of NJ Navesink Maritime Heritage Association • New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences • New Jersey Beach Buggy Association • New Jersey Lighthouse Society • New Jersey Natural Gas NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife Clean Vessel Act • NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry • NJ Marine Sciences Consortium • NJ Sea Grant Extension Program NJ Watershed Ambassador Program • NOAA • Novins Planetarium • Ocean County Department of Solid Waste – Recycling • Ocean County Library • Ocean County Master Composters Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission • Ocean County Office of Public Affairs and Tourism • Richard Stockton College of Marine Science & Environmental Science Sandy Hook Foundation • Tuckerton Seaport • Twin Lights Historic Society • U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Win a Jenkinson's Family of Five Fun Pack!

Enter our FREE drawing for a Family of Five Fun Pack to Jenkinson's in Point Pleasant Beach, including passes to the beach, amusements, mini-golf and the aquarium.

Enter me into the FREE drawing.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mailed entries must be received by May 9, 2009.

Mail your entry form in a separate envelope to:

New Jersey Natural Gas

Attn: Customer and Community Relations
1415 Wyckoff Road, P.O. Box 1464,
Wall, NJ 07719

-or-

Fax to: 732-938-7183

E-mail to: oceanfunday@njng.com

-or-

Enter in person at the NJNG exhibit at Ocean Fun Days.

Winners will be announced at each event and need not be present to win. No purchase necessary. One entry per household.

SafetyCorner

Plan Before You Plant

When designing a landscape to complement a home or business, often property owners consider aesthetics first. While trees and shrubbery do lend beauty to your landscape, the planning phase should include a good understanding of the growing habits of the species you would like to incorporate into your design.

For example, a willow tree has an aggressive root system and should be planted well away from any underground utility lines. As trees mature, their roots could entangle the line and eventually disrupt service forcing you to remove the tree. Taller species, once mature, could also interfere with overhead utility lines.

Call 811 or 1-800-272-1000 for a FREE mark out of public utility lines at least three days before you begin any planting. Not only will this safeguard your property and family but also help ensure that the new landscaping will be able to mature and provide all the benefits you want for years to come.

Most municipalities have laws governing the planting and maintenance of trees on your property. Make sure to contact your local government entity for information specific to where you live and work.



Help Us Preserve our Beaches

NJNG is committed to preserving the most beautiful natural resource of our Jersey Shore, our beaches. Come join our VISION volunteers as we clean up Belmar Beach. Just look for the NJNG flags!

Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.
Ninth Avenue Beach, Belmar
Sunshine only

Restoring Natural Gas Service to Your Summer Property?



Need a seasonal turn on? Now it's easier than ever. Just visit njng.com and click on My Account to get started. Remember to contact us early, even in April. We receive many seasonal requests, especially for the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays, and appointments are scheduled in the order they are received. Make sure to contact us at least 10 business days in advance. If you prefer, you can call 1-800-221-0051 to set up the appointment to turn your natural gas service back on.



PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE

Celebrate Earth Day With Us!

It was back in the late 1960s that the concept of an earth day first took root. At the time, environmental issues were very rarely high-level agenda items for politicians. Over the years, Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day, tried to bring concern for the environment into the political dialogue, but his attempts often went unnoticed.

In September 1969, the Senator started a nationwide grassroots movement focusing on the environment and in the spring of 1970, when 20 million people joined in the cause, Earth Day was born. Today, with more than a billion participants each year, Earth Day is a global event and the only one celebrated simultaneously around the world.

Celebrate Earth Day 2009 by participating in Planting for Our Future. Through this NJNG program, you can help restore our environment through the planting of trees that absorb CO₂, a greenhouse gas and major cause of climate change. To bring you this opportunity, we've partnered with The Conservation Fund, America's premier conservation nonprofit organization. A typical NJNG residential customer can offset their emissions from natural gas usage by making a donation of only \$30 to The Conservation Fund's Go Zero[®] program for the planting of six trees.

For every \$5 you donate, one tree will be planted and 100 percent of your donation will go directly to planting trees in native forests across our country, including the Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge right here in Ocean County. But there's more. For every tree you plant, NJNG will plant one too - up to 10,000 trees every year! To date, with your help, we've planted nearly 24,000 trees and reduced carbon dioxide emissions by over 31,500 tons!

Join in our efforts by simply using the enclosed envelope to make your donation either by check or by monthly contribution on your NJNG bill. Help us to fight climate change and enhance the quality of life on our planet for generations to come.

Conserve to Preserve[®]

How To Reach Us

Call us:	
Toll-free:	1-800-221-0051
People with hearing and speech impairments (TTY/TDD):	1-800-223-0024
Out of state:	1-732-938-7977
Report a gas leak:	1-800-GAS-LEAK (1-800-427-5325)
Call before you dig:	811 or 1-800-272-1000
E-mail us:	customerservice@njng.com
Visit our Web site:	www.njliving.com
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