



# Solutions eNewsletter

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**Thank you to all the volunteers, musicians, sponsors, donors, activists, and participants for a successful 37th Annual NJ Friends of Clearwater Festival.**

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Behind Hess Station, Rt 35 North  
Ocean Township, NJ  
Sept. 8, 9:30am

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater  
Annual Gathering, BOD Meeting &  
New Home Port Barn Raising  
Noon-4pm, Saturday, Sept 15  
@ Hudson River Maritime Museum  
50 Rondout Landing Kingston, NY 12401

Environmental Committee Mtg  
Sunday, Sept 16, 8:30-10am  
Cobblestone Restaurant, Eatontown

Monthly Joint Clearwater-Sierra Club  
Meeting, September 24, 6-8:00pm,  
Student Life Center (SLC)  
Brookdale Community College (BCC)



Google Directions to Monthly Meeting @ Student Life Center, Brookdale

## Whale Pond Brook Cleanup: 9/8/2012

**Who?:** NJ Clearwater sponsoring the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association

**What?:** WHALE POND BROOK CLEANUP

**When?:** September 8 2012, 9:30AM Registration until NOON

**Where?:** Back lot of Ocean Twsp Hess Gas Station, northbound, east side of Rt 35

**Why?:** Because we like you (or some other Mic-Key Mouse reason)

**How?:** Physical Activity; teams will be formed & assigned in locations on south side of Whalepond adjacent to Hess  
Other questions answered:

**Parking?:** Sheraton Hotel south parking lot (walk south to Hess)

**Equipment?:** Gloves & bags provided; Bring sturdy boots, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, hats & other clothing.



## NJ Clearwater Festival Shines Through in Rainy Weather

The 37th Annual NJ Friends of Clearwater Festival continued a remarkable Clearwater tradition despite the intermittent downpours laced with bright sunshine and continued stormy financial climate that threatened it. Clearwater was able to overcome the hurdles through the gift of song by its many entertainers, a few stalwart sponsors, and efforts of our dedicated diehard volunteers



Board of Directors  
President: Joellen Lundy  
VP: Jim Franchi  
Treasurer: Tim Johnson  
Ed Dlugosz, Ben Forest, Andrea Spinelli,  
Marylin Johnson, George Moffatt, Ingrid  
Heldt, Lynn Humphrey

Article Deadline for Next  
Issue is Last Friday of Month

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sponsors, and efforts of our dedicated general volunteers.

The one-day 2012 Clearwater Festival was held on August 11 between intermittent downpours in Sunset Park. This was the twelfth year of the festival in Asbury and we'd like to take some credit for city's renaissance-we've believed in it early. Almost every genre of music was represented on our 3 stages from gospel and rock to Blues and R&B to Jazz and Folk.



AME Gospel Youth Choir



Jan Christensen, Folk Singer

As always, the Clearwater Festival's purpose is to educate the public to take active ownership of the Earth's environment. Active ownership means doing the small individual things to maintain and conserve our natural resources as well as to take part in fighting the negative policies and practices of polluting businesses and our government. Two NJFC volunteers have done this consistently and for their efforts have been awarded: *Clearwater Volunteer of the Year* to Susan Goedkoop and *Environmental Achievement Award* to Ed Dlugosz. Our Festival theme this year illustrates those issues: Watch Over Our Mother Earth!



"In this pivotal Presidential election year, eco-friendly representatives and laws are on the endangered species list hunted down by big oil and the tea party at all levels of government", said Ed Dlugosz. "Our precious Clean Water & Air Acts and the EPA are the targets on the national level. In NJ, the NJDEP is being dismantled by the Waiver Rule and outsourcing regulations enforcement to environmental entities, known as LSRPs, who may advise the polluters and have serious conflicts of interest. We urge voters to vote for the Environment by opposing candidates who have poor eco-records and are indebted to big business." For lists of eco-friendly candidates go to: [National Eco-Friendly Candidates](#) and [NJ Endorsements](#).

Three other Clearwater campaigns were also highlighted at the festival: Fight Fort Monmouth Contamination, Wampum and Whale Pond Watershed Restoration, and Environmental Justice. For more information on these and other issues, see our website at: [www.njclearwater.org/news.php](http://www.njclearwater.org/news.php).

## **Board Seeks Funding for Independent Testing of Wampum Lake**

### **Environmental Advisory Group Wants Independent Study of Heavy Metal Contamination**

By Nicole Antonucci, GMNews Staff Writer

Members of the Fort Monmouth Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) voted to support Eatontown's effort to seek funding for an independent study to determine the source of contamination at Wampum Lake.

Members of RAB voted 6-1, with one abstention, to support the study following a presentation by Ed Dlugosz, chairman of the Eatontown Environmental Commission, during the July 12 meeting held in Oceanport. Barricelli cast the only dissenting vote on a motion to pursue



funding for additional testing, and RAB member Diane Crilly abstained.

"This is important, and there seems to be some basis, some criteria for this," said James Allen, chairman of RAB. The source of the contamination of Wampum Lake has been the topic of discussion at several past meetings.

During the presentation, Dlugosz countered arguments that there is no evidence that one source is responsible for the contamination of the lake and that additional testing is needed to find the source. "We are looking for the source of that contamination, looking for the people responsible. If it is Eatontown's problem, so be it. If it's Metallurgical Industries, so be it. If it's Fort Monmouth, then that has to be considered as well," Dlugosz said. "We want to find out who is responsible and help clean it up."

Dlugosz told the RAB committee the levels of heavy metals in Wampum Lake exceed those in the other water bodies.

Dlugosz also cited a study done by Dr. Donald Dorfman of Monmouth University, which revealed that heavy metals were detected in several fish in Wampum Lake, including chromium, copper, mercury, lead and zinc. "It is affecting the wildlife, affecting health. Two-thirds of the metals are ... putting animals and humans at risk," Dlugosz said, presenting a chart with potential health impacts from each metal.

He added that possible contamination sources include the laboratories and landfills at Fort Monmouth, which show evidence of materials that produce the same heavy metals that are contaminating the lake. "Many of the items on the list are battery components, and the Army is famous for communication. The Army is a mobile unit, and communication is made possible by the batteries installed," he said.

In the presentation, Dlugosz mentioned the detection of a third unnamed stream that runs through the fort property and empties into the Shrewsbury Brook, the northern branch of Wampum Brook. Using current photographs, Dlugosz showed the presence of the stream after significant rainfall.

He said that although there have been claims that Eatontown properties such as industrial operations may have caused the pollution, there is no evidence to substantiate the claims. "We looked at our own properties to look for active and non-active sources, looked at the tax maps to find any industries. There was only a sheet metal place."

Further testing is needed, he said, to find the source of the contamination. "We want to go upstream and look for other places further up and look at the area in between to see if there is any indication," Dlugosz said, adding that one location of interest is the lake at the Suneagles Golf Course. Attempts by the Eatontown Environmental Commission to obtain funding from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the state DEP and other organizations, have been unsuccessful, he said.

The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board is scheduled for Oct. 4.

Editors Note: The article was abridged due to space limitation; go to our website and [Read More](#)

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All these performers understood the situation we faced and presented us with a gift of song. Without their generosity, this year's Festival would not have occurred in this year of economic meltdown. Please support these wonderful artists by attending their shows and buying their DVDs and CDs:~

### **Main Stage**

Allen Chapel AME Youth Choir

Three Mercies

Poppa John Bug [www.myspace.com/poppajohnbug](http://www.myspace.com/poppajohnbug)

O'Neill and Martin [www.myspace.com/oneillandmartin](http://www.myspace.com/oneillandmartin)

The Wag [thewagband.com/index.html](http://thewagband.com/index.html)

Arlan Feiles [www.arlanfeiles.com/](http://www.arlanfeiles.com/)

Cobra Brothers [thecobrabrothers.com/](http://thecobrabrothers.com/)

### **Children's Area**

Danny Adlerman

[www.dannyandkim.com/index.html](http://www.dannyandkim.com/index.html)

Lorraine Stone, StoryTeller [wisdomkeeper.webs.com/](http://wisdomkeeper.webs.com/)

Robert Francis, Dork of Deception [dorkofdeception](http://dorkofdeception)



### **Acoustic Stage**

Tommy and Abby Anton [www.tommyanton.com/](http://www.tommyanton.com/)

Spook Handy [www.spookhandy.com](http://www.spookhandy.com)

Danny Rongo [www.dannyrongo.com/](http://www.dannyrongo.com/)

The Sunday Blues [www.thesundayblues.net/](http://www.thesundayblues.net/)



### **Circle of Song Session Leaders:**

- \* Jim Crawford, Tony DeSantis, Ingrid Heldt
- \* Carl Croce, Sharleen Leahey, Mara Levine
- \* Sheli Aarden-Monacchio, Arlon Bennett, Helga Kaefer
- \* Joe Petraitis, Tom Picard, Jerzy Jung
- \* Sloop Singers: Jan Christensen, Eric Russell, Hillary Zaenchik
- \* Circle Round the Sun
- \* Isis & her Tribe



Circle of Song Singers Finale on the Main Stage

For the COS Singers' websites, read our entertainment brochure:

[www.mcclearwater.org/docs/clearwater-festival/Fest2011%20PR%20Columns.pdf](http://www.mcclearwater.org/docs/clearwater-festival/Fest2011%20PR%20Columns.pdf)