



**HAWTHORNE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**
445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

PRESS RELEASE

The Hawthorne Environmental Commission and the Hawthorne Board of Education is sponsoring the 26th Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton on Saturday, April 21 in the **Hawthorne High School** cafeteria from 10 am to 2 pm. This year's theme is "**Discover Hawthorne's Natural Beauty.**"

A variety of activities and educational programs will be presented. Entertainment for all ages will highlight the day. Special presentations will include two shows from *Rizzo's Reptiles Discover Green Program* at 11:00 to 11:45 and 12:00 to 12:45 pm.

There will be a Scavenger Hunt for participants to Learn and Discover Hawthorne's Natural Beauty by visiting each of the informational booths at Cel-Earth-Bratton. There will be information on Hawthorne's Green Map, Birds of Hawthorne, Importance of Native Plants, Garden tips from Hawthorne's Community Garden, Hawthorne's Recycling Program, Stormwater Pollution Prevention, Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission, Hawthorne Historical Society, and Bear Management Resources. Each participant will be entered in a raffle to win a prize in the categories of Grades K to 2, Grades 3 to 5, Grades 6 to 8, and adults.

As part of Hawthorne's Buy and Support Local Businesses, Gourmet Express will be selling refreshments, food, and snacks. Chet Scents by Donna Johnson will be selling soy candle to purchase.

In addition, the Borough of Hawthorne will have a mobile shredding truck stationed at the **Hawthorne Municipal Building** between 9 am to 1 pm. Hawthorne residents can bring three boxes of personal documents to be shredded. Additional boxes may be shredded for \$5 each.

Students of all grade levels are encouraged to participate by using their imaginations to make projects emphasizing "**Discover Hawthorne's Natural Beauty**" theme. Students are encouraged to utilize Hawthorne's Green Map as a guide. Projects must arrive by 9:30 AM and be picked up at 2:30 pm and registration is required through the child's school.

Awards for the best projects will be given at the end of the program at 1:30 pm.

The Ecology Club members from the Hawthorne High School and students from Lincoln Middle School will be serving refreshments and offering a variety of games for young children. The day's event will also include dirt cake, raffles, prizes, face painting, and tattooing. Come and spend the day! All are invited and welcome. Admission is free.

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