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**FLYWAY
GALLERY**
"Quintessential
Meadowlands"



A landscape and nature photography exhibit by Marco Lips will be on display at the NJMC's Flyway Gallery from July 6 through Aug. 27. A reception for the artist is scheduled for Sunday July 11 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Flyway Gallery is located in the Meadowlands Environment Center, in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. For more information, click [here](#) or call 201-460-8300.

NJMC *Today*

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Greetings from Chairman Lori Grifa



Welcome to the latest edition of NJMC Today, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's monthly electronic newsletter.

Economic growth in the Meadowlands District got sweeter in June when global dessert maker Bindi moved forward with plans to build a new facility in Kearny. Bindi is the latest in a series of businesses that plan to open or have already opened new locations in the District over the past several months, reinforcing the fact that the Meadowlands is an ideal place for commerce.

The Commission also completed a major tide gate project that will help manage flooding in an industrial section of Carlstadt. Now that schools are closed and the summer is starting, I encourage everyone to experience the natural beauty of the Hackensack River up close with an NJMC guided pontoon boat cruise or canoe tour. And save the date on July 25 for our Butterfly Day and come see these beautiful winged creatures and everything else DeKorte Park has to offer.

Thanks for reading.

Lori Grifa

*Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Chairman, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission*

Economic Growth on the Rise

In June the NJMC approved a zoning certificate that will allow global dessert company Bindi to move forward with its plans to expand in Kearny. The project is the latest example of how the NJMC's efforts to attract new development, tax rates and job growth to the region are paying off. In May the NJMC approved a zoning certificate for a major warehouse development in Secaucus and welcomed the opening of a new Bob's Discount Furniture Store, also in Secaucus. The Commission in April approved a variance that will help a Brooklyn scaffolding company with its plans to relocate to Carlstadt. The company, Atlantic Hoisting and Scaffolding, says the move could result in up to 200 new local jobs. For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).



NJMC Completes Flood Management Project in Carlstadt



The Commission completed work in June on two new tide gates in Carlstadt to help better manage flooding in industrial sections of the borough. The NJMC has invested \$10 million in flood plain management over the past seven years. Recent projects include a \$5.5 million initiative – the largest in the Commission's history – to help handle flooding on Route 17 near the Rutherford-East Rutherford border, one of the busiest commercial arteries in the state. Click [here](#) to read more.

Boat and Canoe Tours Up and Running



The NJMC's guided pontoon boat and canoe tours of the Hackensack River are in full swing, with more than a dozen trips scheduled for July and August. The tours, which run through September, provide an excellent opportunity to see the river and its marshes and wildlife up-close. Boat cruises last about two hours; canoe trips are approximately three hours. For schedules and to register, call 201-460-4640 or click [here](#).



NJMC Hosts Butterfly Day

On July 25 the Commission and the Bergen County Audubon Society will host a free Butterfly Day at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst, the home of the NJMC. There will be butterfly walks for the whole family, information on butterfly identification, and tips on how to plant a butterfly garden, plus contests and door prizes. The festival ties in with the NJMC's new free Butterfly Guide to DeKorte Park and also coincides with the 10th anniversary of the Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden, created to honor a Rutherford resident who was the youngest member of the flight crew of the doomed TWA Flight 800. Butterfly Guides and other brochures are available at the Meadowlands Environment Center, in DeKorte Park, and for more information on this and other NJMC events click [here](#).

New Summer Observatory Hours

Summer nights are a great time to stargaze at the NJMC's William D. McDowell Observatory. The observatory is open to the public for free, weather permitting, on Monday and Wednesday nights from 9 to 10:30 p.m. in June and July and 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in August. The observatory features a research-grade telescope with a 20-inch mirror housed under a six meter retractable dome. Saturn, Venus and Mars should be visible in July. Visitors to the observatory must be able to climb 25 steps. For more information click [here](#) or call 201-460-8300.



Kearny Marsh Cleanup

On June 6 the NJMC co-sponsored a highly successful cleanup of the Kearny Marsh. Some 40 volunteers worked tirelessly for two hours on a hot and humid Sunday morning clearing weeds and litter along the three-quarter mile nature trail that runs along the marsh. Participants filled dozens of garbage bags and took to canoes to gather trash and other debris from the surface of the marsh. The cleanup was co-sponsored by the Bergen County Audubon Society and Northern New Jersey Cachers, with Waste Management supplying a dumpster. To read more about the cleanup, click [here](#).

New and Updated Nature Guides Available

The NJMC has new and updated free nature guides available to help visitors make the most of their trips to the Meadowlands. The new color brochures with detailed maps include a Butterfly Guide to DeKorte Park and a Saw Mill Creek Canoe Guide. The Commission also issued updated versions of the Mill Creek Canoe Guide, Hackensack River Guide, DeKorte Park Trail Guide and the Birds of the Meadowlands checklist. The guides are available at NJMC headquarters and the Meadowlands Environment Center in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst. To read more about the guides, click [here](#).

