

Mayor Hayes Welcomes Residents to 5th Annual Bridgewater Eco-Blast Fair and Eco-Ride

On May 2nd, Mayor Hayes attended the Annual Bridgewater Eco-Blast Fair. Like years before, the Mayor hosted his Annual Eco-Ride to the fair site. The ride highlights the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and biking as exercise and alternative form of transportation. Several residents took part in the ride from Bridgewater Senior Center to Bridgewater Municipal Complex.

The Mayor stated, "This is a day when the entire community comes together and shares a common desire to have our Township be truly sustainable across all facets of our quality of life; from recycling to wildlife appreciation, to healthy eating, to simple enjoyment of family and friends." At the fair, hundreds were in attendance. Over forty commercial establishments with operations in Bridgewater, and exhibitors from throughout the state came to participate in the Eco-Blast Fair. We are grateful for their participation which helped make this event a signature Bridgewater event and a leader in areas such as sustainability. A Taste of Bridgewater 2015 gave residents the opportunity to sample different foods from restaurants in Bridgewater. Arts and crafts were provided for children. They were given the opportunity to decorate bird houses, plant tree seedlings, and make bird feeders from recycled soda bottles. Musical entertainment at this year's fair was provided by *Off the Grid* and *The Graduates*.

This year's Eco-Blast turnout has been the best yet from everyone involved; vendors, exhibitors, and residents. Mayor Hayes wishes to thank everyone involved with the Eco-Blast Fair, with special thanks to the vendors for their contributions, Jim Rokosny Chair of the Environmental Commission, the members of the Commission and the Sustainability Task Force, and the director of Bridgewater Health and Human Services, Chris Poulsen for making the Eco-Blast Fair the best it's ever been.

