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Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes Announces “Tree 4 All” Autumn Festival

Shade Tree Board Partners with the Assam Foundation of North America to Offer Fall Tree Dedication and Cultural Arts Performances

The Bridgewater Township Shade Tree Board (Team Arbor) and the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA) are pleased to announce a tree dedication celebration in recognition of October as Urban and Community Forestry Month. The “Tree 4 All”, a free community event, will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Chimney Rock Park. The park is located on Chimney Rock Road, Martinsville. The event will include a memorial tree dedication, live music and a host of cultural arts performances. A nature hike to the Hawk Watch with the Bridgewater Environmental Commission will take place at the conclusion of the event at 2:00 PM. The event is sponsored through the support of the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA).

The celebration also marks Bridgewater’s achievement as a recognized Tree City USA community from the U.S. Forestry Service for the 20th consecutive year and honors the community for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The celebration will include cultural arts performances by the Bhaarat Nritya Academy, Rutgers Bhangra, the Lynn Academy of Irish Dance, Gujarati Folk Dance and Bihu Dance. The arts program will also include a community Dandiya performance, martial arts display, tai-chi display yoga display and a musical performance from members of the Bridgewater-Raritan High School Orchestra. Various community exhibits including the Raritan Valley Community College Sustainability Program will be offered as part of the event. Local business exhibits will also be available for review. Food will be provided for purchase from Masala Art and Frosted World Bakery with additional vendors to be added soon.

For more information about the Tree 4 All celebration please feel free to contact Chris O. Poulsen, Township Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at cpoulsen@bridgewaternj.gov.