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Dear Municipal Clerk:

On August 25, the National Park Service (NPS) turns 100! I am writing to provide you useful resources so you and your residents can join the celebration.

In recognition of its 100th birthday, NPS has launched FindYourPark.com to encourage everyone to enjoy and support America's national parks. Here constituents can locate parks across the country or right in their own backyard. New Jersey's 11th Congressional District is fortunate to be home to two of our nation's historical parks: Morristown National Historical Park and Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange.

As you well know, Morristown National Historical Park commemorates the sites of General Washington and the Continental Army's winter encampment of December 1779 to June 1780, where they survived the coldest winter on record. The park also maintains a museum, as well as items relating to Revolutionary America. Enclosed, please find a brochure for the Park's 2016 celebration schedule. Additionally, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/morr/index.htm.

For more information on New Jersey's role in the Revolutionary War, I encourage you to visit www.revolutionarynj.org, which partners with NPS to promote the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, which includes nearly 300 sites including Jockey Hollow and the Dey Mansion in Wayne.

Located in West Orange, Thomas Edison National Historical Park includes Edison's former home, remarkable office and laboratory. The museum collection at the park, the largest body of Edison-related material, is estimated to number over 300,000 items, while its archives contain approximately five million documents. For more information, visit their webpage www.nps.gov/edis/index.htm.

Not too far away, in Paterson, the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park highlights the Great Falls, which powered new industries and played a key role in shaping the

American Industrial Revolution. For the latest information view www.nps.gov/pagr/index.htm.

I know that any of these parks and their staff would welcome you especially during August 25-28, when entrance to all national park sites will be free.

I hope you and your residents find this information useful!

Sincerely,

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Member of Congress

Enclosures

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Morristown

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Morristown National Historical Park
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Centennial Calendar

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration! The centennial kicks off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

The park, along with our many partners, have put together an exciting menu of programs and activities. We invite you to find your park at Morristown National Historical Park during our Centennial activities listed below.

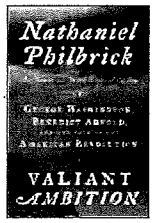
For the latest program information, please visit us on the web at **www.nps.gov/morr** or call us at **973-539-2016 ext. 210.**

Photo by Park Volunteer Steve Santucci

May

LA GIUDITTA
May 1
The Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey performs the 1693 first edition oratorio based on the manuscript in the park archives. The original manuscript will be on display, as part of our Centennial efforts for archival exhibitions.
Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 3:00 pm
Visit https://baroqueorchestra.org for tickets.

AUTHOR PRESENTATION ON *VALIANT AMBITION*
May 13
Morristown NHP hosts award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Nathaniel Philbrick for a presentation on his brand-new book, *Valiant Ambition.*



Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 7:00 pm

SPIRIT OF THE JERSEYS STATE HISTORY FAIR
May 14
Come see the biggest history show in New Jersey and learn about the state's history from the 1600's to the present day. Be sure and stop by Morristown NHP's tent to see what a soldier carried and try your hand at some 18th century games. Park-specific and NPS Centennial information will also be available.
Monmouth Battlefield State Park.

PETER TOTH: CENTENNIAL SERIES PIANO RECITAL
May 29
Please join Morristown National Historical Park for a series of special piano recitals to celebrate the NPS Centennial. Playing on the park's 1873 Steinway grand piano, celebrated Hungarian pianist Peter Toth will perform solo piano works.

Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 1:00 pm

June

NPS CENTENNIAL JAZZ BAND CONCERT
June 3
The National Park Service's Centennial Band from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park will be performing at the park as part of their Centennial tour. They will be bringing music these halls have never heard before and best yet, it's FREE.
Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 7:00 pm

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HISTORY HIKE
June 4
Come celebrate National Trails Day at Jockey Hollow! Join a ranger for a guided history hike of the Grand Loop Trail (excluding the section south of Tempe Wick Road). Gain a broader understanding of the encampment, its layout, the terrain the soldiers encountered, and the history surrounding it all.

FIND YOUR PARK

Meet at Jockey Hollow Visitor Center
Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

NEW JERSEY HISTORY AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE
June 8 & 9
There will be a session on the NPS Centennial and history, as well as what area NPS sites are showcasing for the Centennial.
Thomas Edison NHP and Seton Hall University
For more information and to register, visit http://www.njpreservationconference.org/

June

PETER TOTH: CENTENNIAL SERIES PIANO RECITAL
June 12
Please join Morristown National Historical Park for a series of special piano recitals to celebrate the NPS Centennial. Playing on the park's 1873 Steinway grand piano, celebrated Hungarian pianist Peter Toth will perform solo piano works.
Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 1:00 pm

GATEWAY TO HISTORY
June 19
Singer and songwriter Gordon Ward will perform cuts from his CD *Gateway to History*, including a number that directly connect to the Morristown NHP story, including his hit song remembering Joseph Plumb Martin. The park's first edition of Martin memoir will be on display as part of our Centennial efforts for archival exhibitions.
Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 1:00 pm

July

CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT
July 1-September 4 (Labor Day)
A new, temporary exhibit featuring park archival and collection items.
Washington's Headquarters Museum

REVOLUTIONARY TIMES 2016!
July 2 - 4
A Fourth of July celebration complete with a patriotic lawn concert at Washington's Headquarters Museum and the Reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Morristown Green. For more information, visit morristourism.org or www.nps.gov/morr

PATRIOTIC LAWN CONCERT
July 3
The famous United State Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will perform on the lawn of the Washington's Headquarters Museum!
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
For more information, visit www.nps.gov/morr

August

CENTENNIAL SERVICE FAIR
August 20-21
In honor of the NPS Centennial, Morristown NHP has teamed up with Celebrate New Jersey to bring service-learning and volunteer organizations together for a energetic civic engagement fair. More details will be announced in early Summer 2016.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE 100TH BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
August 25-28
Activities and programs will be announced in Spring 2016.
www.nps.gov/morr

September

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
September 22
New American citizens participate in the park's annual Naturalization Ceremony. Date and time will be announced in Spring 2016.
Washington's Headquarters Museum
Time: 11:00 am

CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT AT THE NEW JERSEY STATE CAPITAL ROTUNDA
Date TBD
Details will be announced in Spring 2016!

October

FALL LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND
October 22-23
Acitivities and programs will be announced in Summer 2016.
Jockey Hollow
www.nps.gov/morr

November

NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CONFERENCE
November 18 & 19
The park will jointly host the opening reception on Friday, November 18, at the Washington's Headquarters Museum. For more information, visit http://nj.gov/state/historical/

December

HOLLY WALK 2016
December 3 & 4
Once again, the park with partner with the Morris County Tourism Bureau and other area partners for the 2016 Morristown Holly Walk. More information will be announced in Summer/Fall 2016.
For more information, visit morristourism.org

Fee Free Days in 2016

The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and we want everyone to join the party! On 16 days in '16, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates in 2016:
January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
April 16-24: National Park Week
August 25-28: National Park Service Birthday
September 24: National Public Lands Day

FIND YOUR PARK
FINDYOURPARK.COM

What is "Find Your Park"?

Find Your Park is a national public engagement campaign that is part of the National Park Service Centennial. We are inviting the American people to find their "park" and discover the work all of us do every day to help protect our country's most special places and resources.

By doing so, we are not only celebrating the first century of the National Park Service, but helping to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates for the next 100 years.

Everyone finds their park in a different place and in a different way.

Visit **www.findyourpark.com** to explore ways to find your park, share your park story, and support your park.

But wait, there's more!

This handout is a list of the currently scheduled Centennial programs and events but are not the only park programs that are offerered throughout the year.

For the latest information about programs and visiting the park, please visit us on the web at **www.nps.gov/morr** or call us at **973-539-2016 ext. 210.**

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Follow us on Twitter @MorristownNPS

Keep up with the adventures of our museum staff on their blog at http://morristownnhpmuseum.blogspot.com

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Morristown National Historical Park preserves, protects, and commemorates the landscapes, structures, features, and museum collections of the Continental Army winter encampments, the headquarters of General George Washington, and related Revolutionary War sites at Morristown, New Jersey for the benefit and inspiration of the public.

Morristown NHP also represents a continuum of our nation's efforts to protect our common heritage: as the very first "national historical park", the park was also established to commemorate, preserve, and memorialize American history and heritage. The park maintains a museum & library collection related to the encampments & George Washington, as well as items relating to pre- and post-Revolutionary America.