

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 8th:**  
Lunch N' Learn - Protecting  
Barnegat Bay

**January 10th:**  
Ecological Evening: Natural  
History of Great Bay Blvd.

**January 12th:**  
Lunch N' Learn- Tuckerton  
Railroad

**January 19th:**  
Ecological Evening:  
Terrapins on Great Bay  
Boulevard

**February 5th:**  
Shore Bowl on Douglas  
Campus

**February 9th:**  
Lunch N' Learn—Clamming  
in the Bay with Parsons

### HIGHLIGHTS

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Reserve on our website:  
<http://jcnerr.org/>

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website - Soon to come  
online Archived Articles  
of JC NEWS!

## JC NERR in November

Happy Almost Turkey Day,  
Volunteers!

I hope everyone is excited for Thanksgiving and has some nice holiday plans lined up. As has been the usual, the Ed Center has been keeping busy with Ecological Evenings and Lunch N' Learns as well as prepping for our major upcoming events, the first of which is the Shore Bowl in February.

Perhaps less hard but more fun to plan for is the upcoming Volunteer Holiday Party. I know many of you like to add your own dishes to this event! Details on this are located on page two as well as an attached RSVP form.



With the Holiday Season in full swing, you will find most of our upcoming events taking place in January. However, don't forget our Lunch n' Learn on December 8th on Protecting Barnegat Bay. The talk will be given by Stan Hales, Director of the Barnegat Bay Partnership.

Otherwise look forward to learning about the old Tuckerton Railroad, the terrapins on Great Bay Boulevard, the history of Great Bay Boulevard, and details on Clamming in Barnegat Bay. In addition, the Shore Bowl will be taking place and if you are interested in volunteering or helping prep for this event please get in touch with either myself or Melanie! 609-812-0649 x203 or 206.

## Reserve Current Events

Dr. Michael J. Kennish, of Rutgers Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, was recently awarded the 2010 Graham MacMillan Award by the American Littoral Society for his contributions to marine conservation and science.

He has even more recently been awarded the 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Sierra Club of NJ for his accomplishments in helping to protect

the environments of Barnegat Bay and the coastal ocean. This is a statewide award that the Sierra Club presents annually.

Mike Kennish's research is of particular importance to the reserve system because his research involves the SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation) studies conducted at the Rutgers Marine Field Station of Barnegat and Great Bay. SAV species act

as good indicators of the health of a bay or estuary. His research also involves the Coastal Assessment Project with NJDEP and EPA, which also assess coastal health of ocean bottom samples along the coast of NJ, particularly near sewer outflows. The Reserve would also like to extend congratulations for Dr. Kennish's outstanding achievements and contributions to marine science and conservation.





# December 17th Holiday Party

This is to formally announce the date of our volunteer holiday party! It will be held on Friday, December 17th at 2:00pm here at the Ed Center. Come out and celebrate with us and reminisce about the fine year we've had and the accomplishments we've made together.

But mostly come out to see your fellow volunteers and to share some holiday cheer with all of us.



This will be my first holiday party with the Reserve, but I have been told many of you enjoy bringing your own treats and dishes. Please feel free to bring your favorite dish along, but certainly this is not a requirement!



Attached to this newsletter you will find an RSVP invitation. Please fill it out and return it to the Ed Center by December 13th!

We will be serving light appetizers and beverages in the large classroom. We hope to see everyone there!

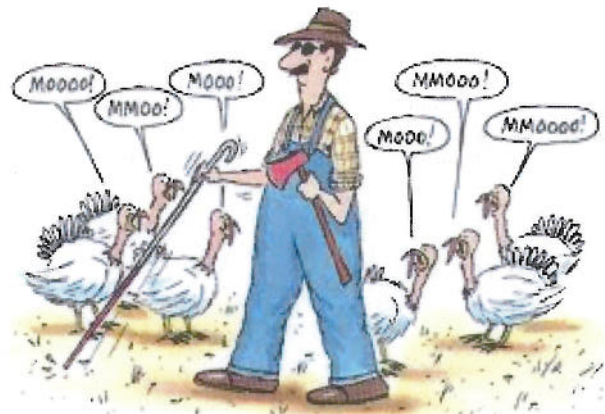


"Please RSVP on the attached form for the Holiday Party and return to JC NERR by December 13th!"

# Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope you all truly enjoy spending time around your tables with friends and family this Thanksgiving Season. There certainly is much to be thankful for.

When everyone has recovered from their above average intake of poultry and accompaniments, keep in mind that after Thanksgiving I will be in on Tuesdays regularly from this point forward if you need to reach me! 609-812-0649 x203.



# Looking Ahead

**Education:**

December 8th: Lunch N' Learn on Protecting Barnegat Bay

January 10th: Ecological Evening on the History of Great Bay Boulevard.

**Field Work:**

Bridgenetting: If interested contact Roland Hagan for schedule and dates at [rhagan@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:rhagan@marine.rutgers.edu) or 609-296-5260 x 245

**Till Next Month...**

Eat, Drink, and be Merry! See you in December!

- Jen Smith, Volunteer Coordinator



Seagull over catwalk. Photo courtesy of volunteer, Lindsey Dolan.