



BROOKDALE PARK CONSERVANCY

June Meeting:
JUNE 23RD

July Meeting:
JULY 27TH

June—July, 2009

DOG WHISPERERS Jeff Coltenback and Fernando Camacho



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Join us at the June membership meeting to hear Jeff & Fernando, and join in the question and answer session. June 23rd at 7:30pm. Brookdale Reformed Church, 16 Bellevue Ave, Bloomfield.

JEFF COLTENBACK has been training dogs since 1995 (certified by APDT in 2001 and ABC Mentor in 2003) and is a Canine Nutrition Consultant (3 Certificate programs completed with honors). He is the owner and operator of Paradise Pet, a holistic pet shop in Bloomfield, a NJ State Certified Animal Control Officer, a Reiki II Certified Practitioner (Usui System of Natural Healing), a Level I Certified Bach Flower Practitioner and has recently produced his own DVD, *Holistic Pet Care*. Jeff has also made guest appearances on Martha Stewart Satellite Radio - Sirius 112.

FERNANDO CAMACHO is certified in dog behavior and training with the Animal Behavior College and the owner and operator of FernDog LLC. He began his dog behavior career at a doggie daycare where he spent his days supervising the packs and studying the intricacies of canine communication and now specializes in dog pack behavior. Fernando teaches group puppy and obedience classes, conducts seminars throughout New Jersey and New York and teaches educational programs for doggie daycares.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: INDIAN SPRING CLEAN-UP

In June of 2009, with cooperation from the Essex County Parks Department, the BPC will start restoration work on the historic Indian Spring site. The project will begin with an aggressive clean up of pedestrian litter, plant debris and sediment. Phase Two involves the careful removal of a non-native and highly invasive shrub, Amur Honeysuckle, which has completely obscured the site from view. Phase Three reintroduces native shrubbery to the area as well as native herbaceous groundcover to keep the nearby brook's appearance natural while incorporating an environmentally responsible and sustainable maintenance program to be carried out by the BPC and supervised by the Essex County Parks Department.

The Indian Spring once gushed from the foot of a six-foot sandstone cliff, a crossing point for the Watchung-Acquackanonk Indian trail where it served as a tribal gathering place for the Lenni Lenape Indians.

PLAYGROUND PAVING

As of July 13, Essex County has scheduled Brookdale Park's Playground area paving per BPC's layout recommendation. They will push for the area to be completed along with the rest of the park's paving on June 30th, but the playground area improvements may not be completed until shortly after that.

