

Murals painted at Manalapan Rec Center by Students



The Manalapan Environmental Commission partnered with the Manalapan High School Environmental Club, SAVE (Students Against Violation of the Earth) to paint murals on several structures at the Manalapan Rec Center. The murals have nature themes and cover structures that surround two demonstration gardens previously planted by the Commission.

Mayor Susan Cohen called the murals “a beautiful addition to the area that will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come. It was truly a community project and we want to thank all of the volunteers”. A once

unsightly electrical box is now painted dark purple with lightening bolts, a fire hydrant has been made to look like a mushroom from the Mario Bros video games, and three sides of a storage garage have been painted with vibrant murals of flowers and butterflies. One wall of the garage includes 3 large butterflies at different heights that children and adults can stand in front of to take a fun photo looking as if they have wings themselves.

According to Jenine Tankoos, Chair of the Environmental Commission, “the murals are part of a larger project called the Eco Patio to be completed this fall beside the murals. The Eco Patio will include a large patio with seating to be constructed this summer as well as landscaping and permanent educational displays all with an environmental education theme.”

The Township honored the teachers and students who designed and painted the murals at a Township Committee meeting on June 14. This included teachers Nora Cavaluzzi and Maryanne Mildorf, and students Melissa Badamo, Madison Braswell, Emily Deady, Bart Ficilli, Danielle DelosSantos, Melanie Kovaks, Brittany Lew, Chris Lynch, Nupoor Matieda, Jessica Nava, Anthony Prestia, Jessica Schwab, Juliana Sorbara, Katelyn Spina, Megan Spina, Conner Stockwell, Robert Koralja, Einat Shayer.

3 Photos attached. Photos taken by Jenine Tankoos. Names of the 3 students painting Monarch butterfly in the photo with people are: Nupoor Matieda (in front or Left), Danielle DelosSantos (middle), and Brittany Lew (back or right)