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### **SEVEN PRESIDENTS OCEANFRONT PARK'S SKATEPLEX REOPENS**



Monmouth County Recreation Commissioner Chair Fred J. Rummel, Freeholder and Park System Liaison Lillian G. Burry, and Park System Supervising Landscape Architect Joe Sardonia at the redesigned Skateplex.

LONG BRANCH -- Grab your board and helmet! The Monmouth County Park System's Skateplex at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch, is officially reopened and better than ever. Closed since September for a renovation, the Skateplex underwent a massive redesign that replaced nearly all of the existing features with a new concrete street course. Designed to allow skaters to move seamlessly through its features, the course offers floating ramps, ramps, stairs, planters and stainless steel grind rails while incorporating the existing bowl.

Originally opened in 2004, the Skateplex provides a safe place for skateboarding and is a popular destination for skaters. "The Park System is responsive to the wants and needs of the populous," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, liaison to the Monmouth County Park System. "The Skateplex is a perfect example of how they are working to meet the needs of the people of this area."

After a decade of use and weathering from Superstorm Sandy, the Skateplex was in need of major repairs. The Park System took the opportunity to replace the original course with a concrete one built to last decades with only minimal repairs. Working closely with Spohn Ranch, a skatepark design company based in California, the Park System started the project in 2013. Construction started this past fall and has recently been completed.

The Skateplex is once again open year round, 8 a.m. to dusk, weather/safety conditions permitting. An ANSI or SNELL approved helmet must be worn by those under 17 at all times while in the skatepark. It is recommended that users age 17 and older also wear a helmet. Elbow and knee pads are recommended for all ages. Bicycles and scooters are not permitted within the skatepark.

For more information about the Skateplex or Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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