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WEST ORANGE STREET FAIR & EDISON DAY

Saturday, June 7th from 11 AM-7 PM

Thomas Edison National Historic Park, 211 Main Street, West Orange

June 6, 2014 – WEST ORANGE, NJ – For the first time ever, the West Orange Downtown Street Fair is partnering with the Thomas Edison National Historical Park and the West Orange Town Picnic for a large-scale community event with a full day of activities, food and entertainment.

The Street Fair features 75 artists, crafters and vendors lining Main Street in front of the Edison museum. There are lots of activities for kids – from jump houses, face painting and art projects to a Touch-A-Truck area. Food and beverages will be sold and for the first time a beer garden has been added to the event.

From 11 AM-7 PM the Thomas Edison National Historical Park will host **Edison Day**, an annual event drawing crowds from all over the state. Admission to the museum is free as well as tours of Edison's estate, Glenmont. There will be special late hours at the Laboratory from 5 PM-7PM.

The **West Orange Town Picnic** will be in full swing from 1-4 PM, located near the food tents on the lawn in back of the Edison museum. Learn everything there is to know about the town, get free giveaways and enter the raffle contest for free overnight stays at the Wilshire Grand and the Marriot Residence Inn, and dinner for two at the 5-star Highlawn Pavilion and the Manor.

On the Stage -- Presented by Pleasant Valley Productions

Free entertainment will run from 11 AM-7 PM and is located on the Main Stage behind the Edison museum. Singers, a jazz pianist, cabaret singers, a dance troupe, theatrical presentations and many more acts will provide an entertaining backdrop throughout the entire day. The day features Chelsea Carlson, Fadden & Jung, Christina Boateng, Barry Spatz, 'Brendan & Friends Comedy,' 'A Few Moore' and the casts of 'Ragtime & Company.'



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Edison Day Activities

Building 1

Laboratory Complex

Take a moment to check out the Museum Store or watch one of several movies including the Great Train Robbery.

Building 2

Chemistry Lab

On June 6th the American Chemical Society recognized Thomas Edison for his work in chemistry with a National Historic Chemical Landmark designation. Check out the chemistry lab and learn more.

Buildings 3 & 7

Pattern Shop and Blacksmith Shop

It wasn't all chemistry and science at the laboratory, there were many support functions as well. Take a minute and check out the wood and metal work that took place at the laboratory.

Building 4

Edison Archive

Take a look at documents and photos that highlight the history of West Orange. Meet the archivists and town historian.

Building 5

Employee of the Month - 2nd Floor

Vote for your favorite Edison laboratory employee. Winner will be posted on Facebook and Twitter on Monday, June 9th.

Speedwell Village – 3rd Floor

What do Samuel Morris and Thomas Edison have in common? Stop by the third floor and find out, even try your hand at telegraphy.

Dream Rocket Art Exhibit - 3rd Floor and Stair Tower

Be one of the first to see the new art exhibition. Submissions are from around the US and all are completed on 2x2 cloth squares. Each square is the artist's interpretation of Innovation – Edison and Beyond. Which is your favorite artwork?

On the Courtyard

Edison Concours d'Elegance

The Edison Concours d'Elegance Foundation LLC, the National Park Service and the Edison Innovation Foundation are working closely to create a world-class car show in October of 2015 on the historic grounds of Glenmont. Take a sneak peak at one of the cars – a 1927 Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8 A S Roadster. This luxury sports car was originally built for Rudolph Valentino.

Hands-On Chemistry Activities

Come learn about the role of chemistry in Edison's inventions with posters and demonstrations presented by young scientists and inventors from area high schools. Activities sponsored by the American Chemical Society North Jersey Section.



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Junior Ranger Tent

Kids, earn your Junior Ranger badge by picking up your booklet at the tent. Complete the activities and receive your badge.

Help Support the Park

Get to know the Edison Innovation Foundation and the Friends of Thomas Edison NHP by stopping by their tents to see how you can help the park.

Edison Club of Millburn High School

Find out how your local high school can form their own club, learn about Thomas Edison

Meet the Ranger at 3 PM

What does a park ranger do? What does the ranger keep inside the patrol car? Join the program and see if you would like to be a park ranger. Meet in courtyard.

Building 1 at 4:30 PM

Animated Highlights from the Black Maria

Jane Steuerwald, Executive Director of the Black Maria Film and Video Festival, will present a half-hour program of animation from the 33rd Annual Black Maria Film and Video Tour – 2014. Works will be appropriate for a general audience.

The day features ‘Edison Entertainment’ for everybody of every age.

Building 11

Wax Cylinder Recording

Stop in the building - watch and listen as these New Jersey musicians record on 100 year old phonographs. You decide if it sounds like your digital music today.

11 AM Larry Fast/Synergy

Larry Fast is best known for his series of pioneering electronic music albums recorded under the project name SYNERGY.

12 PM Bob DeVos

With horn like, blues-drenched lines and a warm, fat sound, acclaimed jazz guitarist Bob DeVos has an enthusiastic following for his signature mix of groove and sophistication.

1 PM Jenny and the Felines

Jenny and The Felines are a power pop trio fronted by Jenny Cat, a veteran songwriter and performer of the NJ/NYC music scene.

2 PM Demolition String Band

With a shared passion for country, rock ‘n roll, bluegrass and mountain music Elena Skye and Bob Reiners lead the Americana group The Demolition String Band.

The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum -- located next to Alden Street.

What do Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi and Thomas Edison all have in common? They are all from New Jersey and they are all members of the NJ Hall of Fame. Take some time and find out about other members of the hall of fame.



Black Maria Video Art

Enjoy a display of video art experimentations by Keri Knowles projected inside the Black Maria film studio along with archival footage of films produced by Edison. Keri Knowles grew up in West Orange inspired by the spirit of creative experimentation showcased at the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

Electric Car Show from 11 AM-4 PM

NJ Electric Auto Association

Get to meet and talk to real-world owners of electric cars - get the low-down without the media hype. Meet vehicle owners of Tesla, Nissan, Ford, Toyota, Honda and more. Find out what it's really like to drive electric. The Electric Cars will all parade in at 11 am and then parade out at 4 pm. Visit the cars during the day at the Glenmont Garage.

Glenmont Home

Walk through the first floor of the house that Thomas Edison called home. See where Mina served tea, the family ate all their meals and where children had their dance lessons.

Basement – Power Behind the Heat from 11:45 AM and 12:15 PM

Take a tour and learn about the geothermal system that powers the heat and cooling of the house. Ticket Required – available at the Potting Shed.

Glenmont Garage

Was Edison's first car an electric car or gasoline powered car? Walk into the garage and see if you guessed right. Kids can take a picture in a mini Model-T.

On the Grounds of the Estate

Rutgers Extension Master Gardeners of Essex County

Love the flower beds around the house? Make an origami pot and plant a seed to take home to your own garden.

Grounds Tour at 12 PM

The Edison family used the entire estate for their enjoyment. Take a tour of the grounds and find out where the staff hung the laundry, where chicken eggs were collected and where the children went swimming in summer. Meet in front of the house at noon.

Meet the Ranger 11:30 PM

What does a Park Ranger do? What does the Ranger keep inside the patrol car? Join the program and see if you would like to be a Park Ranger. Meet the Ranger by the patrol car next to the Potting Shed/Greenhouse.

Thomas Edison NHP is located at 211 Main Street, West Orange, NJ.

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