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Saturday and Wednesday *Trenton Walks!* through March Aim to Engage People to Celebrate Each Other, the Outdoors, the Capital City's Heritage

Trenton Walks! is hosting five more walks on the third Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month through March in its first winter season celebrating the capital city and its people. The next walk will take place on Wed., Jan. 15 starting at noon outside Ellarslie Museum in Cadwalader Park, going to the edge of Ewing Township along the D&R Canal State Park towpath and back.

The walks through March will acquaint participants in exciting new developments planned along the Delaware River and introduce people to the nexus between the Battle Monument in its urban setting and the peace, tranquility and beauty of Cadwalader Park. They will also celebrate the Chambersburg and Villa Park neighborhoods, Route 29 redevelopment efforts and Capital Park.

These walks follow a successful if bitterly cold trek highlighting the First and Second Revolutionary War battles in Trenton which drew 17 hearty souls on Jan. 4. The walkers stood on the very spots in downtown Trenton that were pivotal to George Washington and his troops in turning the tide of that war against the British.

"Getting out of your car to walk with new and old friends around the city is a great way to learn more about Trenton's unique place in the history of the United States and to understand the beauty and complexity of the capital city of the most densely populated state in the nation," said Larry Paul, chair of the Trenton Green Team, the executive sponsor of **Trenton Walks!**

"We're excited to offer the next series of walks in Trenton, following a launch of the Trenton Walks program last spring," said Corey Hannigan, lead for the Mercer County Action Team of the Circuit Coalition, which co-sponsors the walks program

"Trenton's layers of history and service are fascinating for their depth and variety of experiences," said Tim Brill, co-chair of the **Trenton Walks!** program and lead for the N.J. Conservation Foundation in central New Jersey. "Each walk enables participants to learn more about the many experiences, offerings and challenges of Trenton."

"Walking is a fun and low-stress way to get people together to enjoy nature and each other, while also learning about the many features of Trenton. Our goals with the Trenton Walks!

program are to nurture pride in the city, to break down social and physical barriers and to empower people to understand and embrace their community," said Becky Taylor, co-chair for Trenton Walks.

Here's the schedule for the remainder of the winter Trenton Walks season:

Wed., Jan. 15 - This walk starts outside Ellarslie Museum in Cadwalader Park, with the route following the Delaware & Raritan Canal Park towpath toward Ewing to Lower Ferry Road, and it returns to Ellarslie, a 3-mile walk. Leading the walk will be Tim Brill, co-chair of **Trenton Walks**! and Avery Lentini, community engagement specialist of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

Sat., Feb. 1 - Walkers will get a taste of Chambersburg and Villa Park on this Saturday morning walk that starts at 9:30 a.m. at Unity Square (formerly Columbus) Park. Walkers will move on to Villa Park, then loop back to Unity Square Park, celebrating the Chambersburg and Villa Park neighborhoods. Leading the 1.9 mile walk with be Becky Taylor and Tim Brill, co-chairs of the Trenton Walks! and Shereyl Snider, community engagement lead for the East Trenton Collaborative.

Wed. Feb. 19 - This walk will focus on Capital City Park and the NJ 29 Redevelopment Project. Walk details, leaders and contact information to be determined.

Saturday, March 1 - This walk will be a follow on to a walk hosted last year on East Trenton Redevelopment, in other words East Trenton Redevelopment Walk Part 2, from the East Trenton Collaborative to Enterprise Avenue (part of the Assunpink Greenway.) Walk details, leaders and contact information to be determined.

Wed., March 19 - This 2.5-mile walk, co-hosted by the Mercer County Planning Department and **Trenton Walks!** features the Delaware River starting at noon at the Old Trenton Wharf next to Coopers Riverview at 50 Riverview Plaza. The route takes walkers along the river behind the Trenton Thunder Arm & Hammer Baseball Park and along South Riverwalk Park to the Marine Terminal Park and back. Optional lunch at Cooper's Riverview to follow. Leading the walk will be Cindy Taylor, land preservation coordinator for Mercer County Planning, and Tim Brill, co-chair of **Trenton Walks!**

To learn more about the walks, please visit the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association's "Trail Happenings" webpage: https://gmtma.org/trail-happenings/

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