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Monroe Presents a Throwback to Vintage Baseball

MONROE – While the uniforms and rules of baseball have drastically changed since the sport first made its 19th century debut to the American masses; the love of the game lives on.

That concept continues to inspire and spark interest in the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission's annual "Old Time Baseball Game" year after year.

The 2017 game, scheduled for Sept. 23 at the Township's historic Dey Farm site, will pit the Philadelphia Athletics against the Flemington Neshanock's Baseball Club for a not-to-be-missed doubleheader that kicks-off at noon.

"Our players will be donning the same uniforms you would have seen during those turn-of-the-century games," said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "If that's not interesting on its own, the players will also be abiding by the rules of that era. This is truly America's favorite pastime as it was originally intended and an incredibly popular and unique event that continues to bring our community together."

As an added bonus, representatives from the Pinelands Antique Engine Association of Toms River will be on hand displaying three of their antique engines to the public.

"Bring a picnic basket and a blanket, your friends and family or just yourself," said Councilwoman Miriam Cohen. "This truly promises to be a fun afternoon for all of our residents and visitors. Best of all, it's free for everyone!"

While games are underway, the public is welcome to tour Monroe's historic Dey farmhouse, along with the property's recently renovated 1830s barn and 1850s Henry L. Miller one-room schoolhouse. These preserved structures are all located on the farm's Federal Road site between Perrineville and Applegarth roads.

"This is a 19th century snapshot of our town," said Monroe Township Historian John Katerba. "We take great pride in our agrarian past and our early founders' commitment to education here in Monroe. If you can't make it out the day of the game, we do offer an open house at the farm on the first Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. between May and October."

For further information, interested parties can contact Monroe's Historic Preservation Commissioner Lisa Macyda at lamacyda@gmail.com, like the "Monroetwphistory" page on facebook or follow "Monroetwphistory" on Instagram.

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