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## **Postal Officials Offering Moth Week Postmark**

**East Brunswick, NJ** — Local postal officials are helping National Moth Week take flight by offering a specially designed pictorial postmark on Saturday, July 20 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at a temporary philatelic station in Butterfly Park at the corner of Winton Road and Rues Lane. The public is encouraged to bring stamped envelopes, postcards, and other collectibles to Butterfly Park on July 20 to receive the Moth Week pictorial postmark (Pictured). National Moth Week, July 20-28, is a global citizen science project started in 2012 and run by the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission.

For those unable to get to Butterfly Park on July 20, East Brunswick Postmaster Glenn Gregorio advises the pictorial postmark is still obtainable free—of—charge for up to 30 days after the conclusion of Moth Week. Postmaster Gregorio recommends mailing a self—addressed, stamped envelope containing the letter or article to be cancelled by August 28 to: Postmaster, 614 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick NJ 08816-9998. After applying the postmark, the cancelled articles will be mailed back to the requestor.

National Moth Week offers everyone an opportunity to become a Citizen Scientist and contribute valuable scientific data about moths. This year, nearly 400 moth-spotting and educational events are registered in all 50 states and nearly 40 countries from July 20 to 28. Many events will take place across New Jersey. In addition to the temporary philatelic station at Butterfly Park, the events on July 20 in East Brunswick will include a 10 a.m. butterfly and caterpillar hunt, and an 8:30 p.m. Moth Night observation. Participation is free and open to people of all ages and abilities, from young citizen scientists to professional entomologists.

The National Moth Week postmark and temporary philatelic station are examples of how postal employees become involved in various community programs that educate and support worthwhile causes.

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