

All eyes on 'Eyes on Mercer' events

County pushing activity-filled weekend in fall

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Coming to Mercer County this fall: a weekend filled with cultural, artistic and historical events intended to call attention to the many opportunities available to residents throughout the county year-round.

County officials and the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission are planning to schedule the Eyes on Mercer weekend Oct. 15-17.

"The county just thought it would be a great idea to gather together as many groups as we could — the arts groups, history groups, cultural festivals, that kind of thing — into one action-packed weekend," said Pete Daly, spokesman for Mercer County's Eyes on Mercer campaign.

Daly said another purpose of the weekend is to get people out and involved in the various events in the county's communities.

"We really want people to come out whether it's their community or a neighboring township they're not familiar

with," he said.

"We've gotten a lot of feedback from groups asking how they can be included," said Daly.

Groups and organizations that want to participate should visit Mercer County's website for details.

The Kelsey Theatre of Mercer County Community College will be part of the Eyes on Mercer weekend, said Kitty Getlik, artistic director. The theatre will feature the musical play "Chess" throughout the weekend.

Karen West, an organizer with Downtown Hightstown, said the organization will participate as well, conducting historical house tours called "The Way We Were."

Eyes on Mercer is a great way to draw attention to the Hightstown-East Windsor area of Mercer County, West said. "It would be a great thing to help people understand this portion of Mercer County," she said.

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