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## Editorial: A fair that's fit for Glen Ridge

GLEN RIDGE VOICE

If you're looking for something to do this weekend, there's a local street fair right in town: the Glen Ridge Arts Festival and Eco-Fair, which brings together a number of community organizations and vendors along Ridgewood Avenue.

The event will include more than 100 vendors and exhibitors, entertainment, food and youth activities.

Whether you want to learn about tree or lawn care or buy something for mom for Mother's Day, there's opportunities to do both on Saturday.

Also, the event helps to keep money raised stay in the community. Proceeds from the arts festival goes to local art programs and scholarships.

Something new this year is an event for preschoolers at Glen Ridge Congregational Church lawn, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Pilgrim Nursery School, according to an event news release. There will be a bouncy house, balloon artist and arts and crafts.

While the arts festival has been running more than three decades with the Eco-Fair added in 2007, if that's any indication of the success of the event. It's interesting that an event that was originally expected to be a one-time-only thing is still going almost a decade later. We'd like to think that it speaks to Glen Ridge becoming more environmentally conscious – that people do want to learn more about how to recycle, conserve water and plant a garden that doesn't require the use of pesticides or dangerous chemicals.

The event has been battered by rain and even thunderstorms in the past, but hopefully this year the weather will hold out for a successful and enjoyable day for the community.

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