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## Anti-immigrant rally in Lakewood draws about 70

LAKEWOOD — Close to 70 people showed up this afternoon for the second anti-illegal immigration rally held here in seven months.

As most people started their summer on the boardwalk or in the sand, the crowd at Pine Park had a more weighted agenda — protesting the influx of undocumented workers populating Clifton Avenue and the rest of the country.

But the band and nine speakers under the park's Clarence Brown Memorial Pavilion found themselves competing with a handful of hecklers with a bullhorn on the other side of the fence. One of them, Jared Shultz, 29, said he and his companions (some of whom covered their faces with handkerchiefs) had come from Trenton as members of Anti-Racist Action, whose slogan is "Fighting fascism in the streets since 1988."

Shultz claims he was approached by at least one member of a neo-Nazi group. The rallyists claim no such groups were present. The answer was unclear.

Diane Reaves, a local resident, organized both this rally and one held in October. In an e-mail prior to the event she expressed concern at "receiving some news that a possible neo-Nazi group may try to attend the rally..."