

THE SPIRIT OF

Essex

Summer 2023

ESSEX COUNTY



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 Essex County Executive
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PUTTING **ESSEX COUNTY** FIRST



A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends

This summer, I hope you take the time to visit our historic Essex County Parks System. Founded in 1895, it is the first county parks system created in the United States. Over the past two decades, we have updated and revitalized our open spaces with new athletic facilities, fields and community centers, created five dog parks (with a sixth on the way) and renewed landscaping by planting trees and reviving garden areas.

Turtle Back Zoo also has been transformed into an educational destination where you can see animals from five continents and learn about the importance of conservation. You can also walk among the trees and “fly” along a zip line at our Treetop Adventure, go for a paddle boat ride on the nearby waterfront, putt your way through our African-themed Safari miniGOLF course, stroll around the reservoir or enjoy the cool breezes coming off the water in one of our picnic pavilions. And if you’re looking for a way to escape the summer heat, skate some figure eights in our ice arena.

Learning can take place outside of the classroom at our Environmental Center. Classes regularly voyage into the wetlands, forest and river to learn about nature, ecosystems and habitats.

I hope you can make time to experience our parks system. Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First.*

Sincerely



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ESSEX COUNTY FREE SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!

Outdoor concerts have a long and storied history in the Essex County Park System.

The very first county park, Essex County Branch Brook Park, included an outdoor octagonal bandstand that was a frequent host of organized musical performances throughout the twentieth century. This year, Essex County unveils its newest addition to the Summer Music Concert series, a permanent performance gazebo in Essex County Brookdale Park. The gazebo sits tightly against the walking pathways and faces the great meadow in a similar manner to the mobile stage that was used in past years. Importantly, the gazebo features a permanent source of power to eliminate the excess noise of

generators and provides ADA access to accommodate performers of all needs.

The 2023 Free Summer Music Concert Series will kick off with a series of Fourth of July concerts and firework shows. The first will feature The Chiclettes, a high energy homage to select female vocal groups from the early days of rock n roll to the modern era. This event takes place in Weequahic Park on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30pm and is followed by a fireworks spectacular at 9pm. Later that week on Friday, June 30 at 7:30pm, Essex County welcomes back the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for a performance in the Oval at Branch Brook Park. This program never fails to entertain and will include a salute to the branches of the armed forces as well as fireworks. Finally, on Monday, July 3 at 7:30pm, Independence Day will be celebrated in Brookdale Park with America's #1 Show Band, The Infernos. Featuring singers




and musicians from all over New Jersey, the Infernos will bring their high energy act to the new Brookdale Park Gazebo as a prelude to the biggest fireworks display in Essex County. See the advertisement on page 9 for the detailed schedule of performers visiting the Essex County Parks System this season! ■

ESSEX COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

Seasonal events sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

ESSEX COUNTY CODEY ARENA

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.731.3828 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar 

Summer Figure Skating Camp

- Basic 3 & above
- Full & half day sessions
- June 26 to August 5 (Mondays to Fridays)

Learn to Skate Group Lessons – 6 weeks

Classes start in early June

Ages: 3½ to Adult

Classes offered on Tuesdays or Thursdays

- Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 6)
- Basic 1-6
- Freestyle
- Therapeutic Skating/Special Olympics

Public Session Skating

Ages: 3½ to Adult

Tuesdays and Fridays, 4:45-6:15pm

Saturday, 11:45am-1:15pm and 2-3:30pm

Sunday, 10:15-11:45am and

12:30-2pm

Adults - \$10 / Children 16 & under - \$8 /

Seniors - \$8 / Skate Rentals - \$5

Adult / Senior Skate Sessions

Ages: 35 and older

Sessions are on various weekday mornings

Birthday Parties

Reserve a party room to celebrate your child's birthday on the ice. **\$125 for three-hour party room use.** Parties are held during public sessions skates or private ice sessions

- Group admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

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Night Moves

Select evenings throughout the Summer, near sunset.

Get a unique look at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo and its nocturnal animal collection! Night Moves gives you a guided evening tour of zoo exhibits where you will learn about different animal senses and adaptations. Guided tours are one hour. All ages. **\$10/participant.**

June 9

June 29

July 15

July 27

August 11


August 24

For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/>.

Ice Hockey Camps

- Pro Ambitions Hockey Camp
- Brodeur Hockey School
- Erik Nates Euro Hockey
- D1 Development Camp
- Great Save Goaltending
- Simply Defense & Shooting Camp

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
973-228-8776 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar 

IN-PERSON FIELD TRIPS

Small groups/pods and families; all ages. Summer topic selections include: Seasonal Adventure, What's in That Hole?, Lenape Village Tours, Backyard Birding, Frog Pond Science, Plant Identification Walk, Owls the Night

Hunter, Nature Journaling, Wetland Biodiversity, Camping 101*, and MORE! One group at a time with a limit of 10 people. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the Center. **Fee: \$10 child, \$12 adult or \$30 per family (2 adults, 2 children).** *Where noted, additional fees apply.

SUMMER LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

SUMMER 2023 THEME: All Together Now

Topics are Mighty Migrations, Frog Pond Science and Lenape Living. An Essex County Environmental Center staff naturalist will travel to your library! Maximum of 25 participants per class. Program length is one hour.

Fee is \$150 (includes materials fee); \$25 travel fee for neighboring counties. For ages 5-10 years. "All Together Now™" is a trademark of the Collaborative Summer Library Program™. For information and to register, contact David Alexander at the center or dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org.

CLUBS FOR KIDS

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays – June 6, 20; July 11, 25; August 8, 15; Sept. 12 from 4pm to 5pm. For ages 5 and up.

Together we'll grow food in our garden plot and learn about everything from soil to seeds along the way. Participants will get hands-on experience with planting, harvesting and cooking. Session themes include soil and composting, seed planting and labeling, thinning, weeding and watering, selective harvest, garden pests, healthy eating and more! This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only). Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.

Fee: \$10 per child per session.

FOREST FRIENDS CLUB

Thursday, June 15 from 4pm to 5pm For children ages 5 through 10.

We'll explore the forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers, and microscopes to investigate nature in our wooded wetland habitat. Together we hope to foster an ethic of stewardship and offer an opportunity to take part in hands-on conservation projects. This is a drop-off

and pick-up class (children only). Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee: \$10 per child per session.**

ESSEX COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

To explore programming for all ages, visit <http://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h>!

4-H YOUNG GARDENERS CLUB Saturdays – June 3, 17, 24; July 1; August 5, 19, 26 from 10am to 11am. For children in grades K to 12.

Have you ever wondered how vegetables and flowers grow? From where spaghetti sauce comes? How you can find a rainbow in a garden? The 4-H Young Gardener's Club can provide the answers to these questions and more. Learning and fun happen all the time here. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advanced registration required; please call 973.353.1337.

CANOE CLINIC FOR FAMILIES ON THE PASSAIC Monday, June 5 from 6pm to 8pm For families with children ages 6 and older.

Are you a beginner, curious about the river or just want to experience a short and safe paddle? Join Environmental Center canoe instructors to learn paddle skills at our canoe launch. This is geared for beginners and children 6 and up

accompanied by a parent or guardian. Environmental Center staff will provide all the equipment and instruction to get you started. Buoys will mark an area available for canoe paddling and guides will be on-site to provide instruction. Learn the skills and access points to take advantage of the wonderful recreation and wildlife watching opportunities on the river, right here in Essex County! Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$20 per person.**

FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS Wednesday, June 14 and Monday, July 24 from 6pm to 7:30pm. For families.

This rribbetting program will take an up-close look at our pond ecosystem. Search out and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult.**

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FAMILY FIELD TRIP Tuesday, June 20; Friday, August 11 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. For families with young children ages 4 and up.

Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1-mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Grallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

EVENING CANOE PADDLE ON THE PASSAIC Friday, July 7; Thursday, July 20; Thursday, August 3 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. For adults and children ages 10 and older.

Take a leisurely paddle on the Passaic River! Paddlers will enjoy scenery and peacefulness as they paddle up the river and float downstream. Geared for beginners and children 10 and up accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet in the Garibaldi Hall parking lot. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$20 per person.**

BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI Saturday, July 15 to Saturday, July 29. Tent Hours ~ Monday through Friday from 12pm to 3pm & Saturdays, July 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. For all ages.

Featuring live butterflies and butterfly-

Family Nights

Wednesday and Thursday nights in July and August

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo has extended hours to 8pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays during July and August.

Enjoy the zoo when the summer temperatures are cooler and the workday is over. Last entry is 7pm.

<https://turtlebackzoo.com/>



themed programming for all ages. Must book a time slot by calling the center at 973.228.8776. Walk-ins will not be accommodated. Tent and programming to take place at the Garibaldi Hall side of Environmental Center grounds. Fees collected go to the Essex County Parks Foundation and directly back to Environmental Center programming. **Fee is \$8 per person (includes a take-away item per paid participant).**

THE VERY HUNGRY MONARCH CATERPILLAR

Saturday, July 15 from 10:30am to 11:30am. Ages 3 to 5. Come dressed for a butterfly story walk around the trails to learn about a day in the life of the monarch. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult.**

BUZZ INTO ACTION with INSECT EDUCATION

Saturday, July 22 from 10:30am to 11:30am. Ages 5 and up. Love insects? Join us for a family-fun and hands-on presentation all about Bugs n' Butterflies. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up**

to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult.

INSECTS OF SUMMER NIGHTS Monday, July 24 6pm to 7:30pm

For families. Discover insects of summer nights, both the pesky and the pretty – they all have their place. First, we'll make our own natural insect repellent, and then together we'll explore in search of fireflies, ladybugs, aphids, moths and more before returning to make and take an insect mosaic craft! Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 29 from 10:30am to 11:30am. Adults and children ages 8 and older. Learn about butterfly gardening in this hands-on workshop. We'll learn about native host and nectar plants and how they support our New Jersey butterflies. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child.**

BUZZFEST

Saturday, August 12 at 10am, 11am to 12pm or 1pm. For all ages. Have you ever wondered how honey goes from hive to jar? Come join our local beekeeper and see a real hive! You'll even get a sample taste. Learn about bees, their current challenges, and how we can help. Make-and-take bee themed crafts and activity stations included. Limited space per time slot; choose to book from one of three time slots. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$15 per participant (includes a take-away item per paid participant).**

FOREST MUSHROOMS 101

Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30pm to 7pm. For families with young children ages 6 and up. Fascinated by fungi? Explore the local forest for gilled, pored, ridged, and toothed mushrooms with naturalist David Alexander. We'll learn their anatomy and create whimsical, yet realistic air-dry clay replicas of what we find. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult.**



Open to Children 15 years of Age and Younger
FREE TO ENTER
Win a Prize!

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ESSEX COUNTY BRANCH BROOK PARK

Saturday, June 3

Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am

Fishing Derby: 9:00am - 10:00am

Awards: 10:00 - 10:30am

- See www.essexcountynj.org for any cancellations due to weather.
- Children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles.
- There are no rain dates in case Fishing Derbies are canceled due to weather.
- Prizes will be awarded in various age categories.

**FROG POND ADVENTURE
OUTDOOR CLASS**

Monday, August 21 6pm to 7:30pm
For families. This rribbetting program will take an up-close look at our pond ecosystem. Search and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult**

GARDEN HERBAL SCRUB-MAKING
Monday, August 28 from 5:30pm to 7pm. For families. Make and take a homemade herbal scrub. Visit our geodome to harvest Lemon balm and lavender. Learn about the power of scent,

care for your skin and how to use nature to promote self-care. We will select our favorite scents using herbs and essential oils and add them to either a sugar or salt scrub of our choice. Time outdoors on the trails is a must! So, dress for the weather. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee is \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult.**


**2023 ESSEX COUNTY PARKS
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Don't let the summer go by without taking those stunning photos in your favorite Essex County Park. Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 6, so grab a camera and visit an Essex County Park! Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the County

Park System. For rules and regulations, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center.

**ESSEX COUNTY
TURTLE BACK ZOO**

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange,
973.731.5800- www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar 

**Berson Family Center at Essex
County Turtle Back Zoo**
**973.731.5800 x103 - [https://
turtlebackzoo.com/education](https://turtlebackzoo.com/education)** 

WONDERS OF THE WILD

**June 10: SPACE & June 24: To the
Farm; from 1pm to 3pm**
**July 8: Digging for Dinos & July 22:
Radical Reptiles; from 1pm to 3pm**
**August 12: Animal Art & August 26:
Tyrannical Terrain; from 1pm to 3pm**
Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing

ZOO-VIES



ENJOY BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES
under the stars on the rooftop of our parking deck
outside the Essex County Turtle Back Zoo.

Free! Bring your own chair. Films begin at dusk. Rain may reschedule. Zoo Admission not included. [https://
turtlebackzoo.com/](https://turtlebackzoo.com/)



classroom! Our Wonders of the Wild program is an opportunity to participate in supplementary science and nature-themed programs and projects that facilitate scientific literacy and life-long environmental stewardship. **Available to students ages 6-12.** The programs include a visit to Essex County South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir or Zoo as weather permits; it does not include zoo admission for after the program. **\$30/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>

SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS

June 18 from 1pm to 3pm: Bad Bugs
July 29 from 1pm to 3pm: Biology, Evolution, and Adaptations
August 19 from 1pm to 3pm: Back to the Future with Fossils. Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs for audiences ages 13 to 103. Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats and conservation, animal careers, and more. The programs are perfect for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **\$30/participant; includes a visit into the zoo, but not zoo admission for after the program.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>


FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE GUARDIANS
June 3 and June 25 from 1pm to 3pm: Butterfly Bonanza
June 11, July 9 and August 6 from 10am to 12pm: Salamander Sundays
 Nature Guardians is an FNC program focused on community engagement that connects families with local conservation actions and citizen science research, shaping our understanding of the natural world. This season's programs will focus on building your birding skills and a brand-new salamander research project at Turtle Back Zoo. **\$5-\$15/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/>

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE ADVENTURERS
July 23 from 10am to 12pm: Local Hike. Nature play is playing WITH nature, not just IN nature and is a great way to interact with nature no matter your experience level or play style. Run, climb, build, dig, or even just sit and experience the sounds, smells, and sights of the outdoors. Nature Adventurers visits different locations near Essex County Turtle Back Zoo; zoo admission not included. **\$15/participant.** <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club-nature-adventurers/>


POP-UP EVENTS AT TBZ
May 13: World Migratory Bird Day.

May 20 & 21: Endangered Species Day. June 3 & 4: World Otter and Sea Lions Day. June 10 & 11: World Oceans Day. June 21: World Giraffe Day. July 8: Cow Appreciation Day. August 4: Clouded Leopard Day. August 5: World Tomistoma Day.
 Join us at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo as we celebrate all things wild! Pop-ups are informal education stations in the zoo that focus on a particular animal, habitat, or conservation issue, and provide some take-away skills that you and your family can use to be better global stewards. All events are free with zoo admission; weather permitting. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/>.

OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO OR CLOSER TO YOU
In-person and Virtual Programs, Outreaches, and more. Dates and Times Scheduled by Need. Join us for a dynamic and fun educational program that is focused on animals, conservation, and stewardship. We offer a variety of programs that satisfy many scientific benchmarks while also being engaging and informative. Programs can be adapted to age and ability; many can be adapted for outreaches to your school, senior center, etc. **Fees and restrictions vary per location.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/education-center-programs/>. ■



BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS & ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS



Behind the Scenes at Reptiles: June 3, 18 & 24 at 11am • Behind the Scenes at Amazing Asia: July 6 & 20; August 3, 17 & 31 at 6pm
• Behind the Scenes at African Penguins: July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24 at 6pm

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS:


Sloth Socials: June 18, July 8 & August 12 at 9am

Chillin' with the Chelonians (Turtles!): June 25 at 9am

Bagels and Bison: July 22 at 9am

Clouded Leopards and Croissants: August 13 at 9am

Join us for a deeper exploration into the care and conservation of our animals! For 6-year olds and over only; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the party must have a ticket. Group sizes are strictly limited. No photographs are permitted behind the scenes; all attendees will sign a photo waiver prior to the tour. Attendees may be asked to wear face coverings at some locations. Tour and program guests do not enter exhibits or touch animals. Animal Encounters include bagels and coffee and an educational presentation. **\$50/participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/behind-the-scenes-tours/>.





The Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series offers a diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage throughout our historic Parks System. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze, and dance to the sounds of summer.

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FIREWORKS SHOWS

All performances begin at 7:30pm

THE CHICLETTES

Wednesday, June 28
Weequahic Park, Newark

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Friday, June 30
Branch Brook Park, Newark

THE INFERNOS

Monday, July 3
Brookdale Park, Bloomfield/Montclair

ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

All performances begin at 7:30pm

'80s VS. '90s

Friday, July 7

THE DUPREES

Friday, July 14

COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT WITH KICKIN' NASH

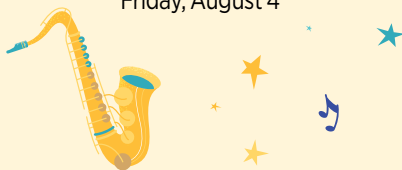
Friday, July 21

LAUNCH BAND: A TRIBUTE TO STYX, QUEEN AND BOSTON

Friday, July 28

EVENT HORIZON

Friday, August 4



LIVE AT YOUR LOCAL ESSEX COUNTY PARK

All performances at 7pm unless otherwise noted

JERSEY SOUND

Tuesday, June 20 • Yanticaw Park, Nutley

NEIL DIAMOND AND FRIENDS

Wednesday, June 21 • Verona Park, Verona

TOTAL SOUL

Tuesday, June 27 • Veterans Memorial Park, Newark

LA CARIBENA ORQUESTRA

Thursday, July 6 • Riverbank Park, Newark

EPIC SOUL

Tuesday, July 11 • Watsessing Park, Bloomfield

CASPLASH

Wednesday, July 12 • Ivy Hill Park, Newark

SMOOTH

Tuesday, July 18 • Vailsburg Park, Newark

AFRI-CARIB

Wednesday, July 19 • Riverfront Park, Newark

STAN ZIZKA'S DEL-SATINS

Tuesday, July 25 • Cedar Grove Park, Cedar Grove

HERE'S ELTON

Wednesday, July 26 • Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

NEW POWER SOUL

Wednesday, August 2 • Belleville Park, Belleville

K BROWN EXPRESS*

Friday, August 11 (7:30pm Start)
Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

FESTIVALS

GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 24 • 12noon – 6pm
Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

JAZZ AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 8 • 12noon – 8pm
Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 5 • 12noon – 8pm
Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

LATINO FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 26 &
Sunday, August 27, 12noon – 8pm
Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

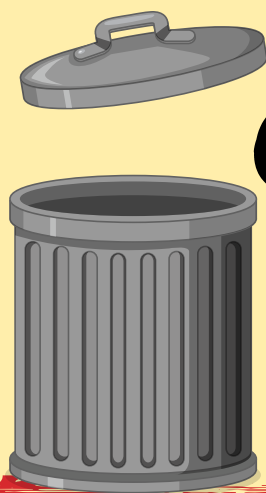
Festivals are co-sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs.

Concert schedule is subject to change. Please check essexcountyparks.org for updates and cancellations.



OUR SPONSORS:





G'ART'BAGE ART CONTEST



The Essex County Environmental Center invited residents to contribute to a cleaner, greener world by creating art out of garbage!

Team and individual projects were welcomed in the following categories: Grades PreK-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Projects were required to withstand the elements as they were showcased in an outdoor display on the Essex County Environmental Center grounds during the month of April or Earth Month!



FIRST PLACE - Pk – 2ND GRADE CATEGORY
Sabrina Palmer



SECOND PLACE - Pk – 2ND GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Maia, Amanda & Audrey



THIRD PLACE - Pk – 2ND GRADE CATEGORY
Lennon & Edward Virgin



FIRST PLACE - 3RD - 5TH GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Kavya & Violet



SECOND PLACE - 3RD - 5TH GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Joanna & Aasha



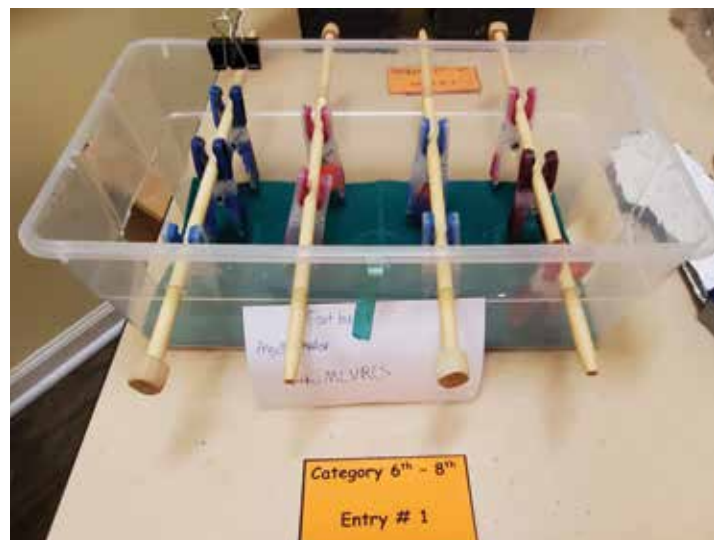
THIRD PLACE - 3RD - 5TH GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Devin, Anugreh, Etash & Ian



FIRST PLACE - 6TH - 8TH GRADE CATEGORY
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School- Yasmin Diaz,
Clarielys Jimenez, Susan Ortiz & Roshelle Sim-Romero




SECOND PLACE - 6TH - 8TH GRADE CATEGORY
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School - Sherlyn Abreu,
Angie Puca Rubi, Dennise Sarango, Yulianna Mora, Yarlemny Garcia



THIRD PLACE - 6TH - 8TH GRADE CATEGORY
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School
Angelo Amador

ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS


ARTS COUNCIL OF LIVINGSTON

Benches on South Livingston Avenue
Northfield Road and Mount Pleasant
Avenue, Livingston
973.650.6374 / ACLGallery.com 

Bench Project. LIVINGSTON, the Seat of Creativity May 29 to September 30

Reproductions of vetted artist's work
will be displayed on outdoor benches to
continue our mission to foster the Arts
community in the Livingston area. Work
has been selected from approximately
100 submissions.

JCC OF GREATER METROWEST

Cooperman JCC
760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.530.3412 / www.jccmetrowest.org


**June 4 to July 15: Juneteenth Art
Exhibition Artist's Reception.** Part of
the town-wide celebration weekend in
honor of Juneteenth, area artists address
the theme of freedom and its meaning.
West Orange Arts Center Gallery and gift
shop features local artists and artisans'
original works. Artists reception on
Saturday, June 17 1pm to 4pm.
West Orange Arts Center, 551 Valley
Road, West Orange. Saturdays 11am-
4pm and Sundays 12-3pm. Free & open
to the public. 973.325.0151. woarts.org.

Gaelen Juried Show and Sale June 11 through July 30

Competitive juried art exhibit offering
talented and creative artists in painting,
sculpture, photography, mixed media,
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their art. Area artists look forward to this
prestigious annual juried exhibit. ■

The following events are offered for the public's enjoyment by Essex County-based arts and history organizations.

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Maria Estrela at Gaelen Juried Show and Sale



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ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

June 1 and 3: New Jersey Symphony Tchaikovsky's Violin Concert.

Chen Yi's new work brings her signature blend of Chinese traditional themes and Western orchestral forms to this new commission. Stravinsky takes baroque-era music and spikes it with his inimitable sense of harmony and rhythm in his Suite from Pulcinella. Violinist Randall Goosby pulls out all the melodic and soulful stops of Tchaikovsky's only violin concerto. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Thursday at 1:30pm and Sunday at 8pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

June 3: Friends of Anderson Park's "Music Under the June Moon"

Concert. Bring a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey perform under the historic Olmsted Oak in Essex County Anderson Park. Rain date is June 4, same time. Handicap parking information is on the Friends of Anderson Park website. Essex County Anderson Park, 274



Music Under the Moon in Essex County Anderson Park

Bellevue Avenue, Montclair. 7:30-9pm. Free. Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates. 973.477.7207.

June 9: Guyana Flag Raising

Ceremony. Join the Guyana Consulate General in celebrating the independence anniversary of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. East Orange City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange. 5-8pm. Free. 973.951.9898.

June 9 and 11: New Jersey Symphony Season Finale with

Joshua Bell. An all-new commission from the genre-bending Resident Artistic Catalyst Daniel Bernard Roumain kicks off an epic season finale. Superstar Joshua Bell brings to life Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1. Stravinsky's energetic and dark tale The Rite of Spring, based on pagan rituals in Russia, was a truly groundbreaking masterpiece that became among the important and exhilarating musical works of the 20th century. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

June 10 Musical Excursion: "Sonic Vistas"

Take a classic music "playcation" to the beautiful sights and sounds of Borodin's "The Steppes of Central Asia," Strauss's "Tales from the Vienna Woods," and Respighi's "Pines of Rome." Livingston Symphony Orchestra, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 7:30pm to 9pm \$25 adults, \$15 seniors and students, free under 12. www.lsonj.org

June 10: Rock Hunger VI. This annual music festival benefits the food pantry at Nutley Family Service Bureau. Performers include The Attic, The Sticky Wickets,



Rose Squared Fine Art and Craft Show in Essex County Brookdale Park



Sea Turtle Sunrise Event at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

Porch Rockers & Mother Hubbard. Outdoor concert, tricky tray, 50/50. Old Canal Inn, 2 East Passaic Avenue, Nutley. 2-6:30 p.m. \$25. 973.667.1884 ext.101. www.NutleyFamily.org

June 11: Healing Hands Collage Workshop. Mansa Mussa, curator of Wizards of Age Exhibit, artist and arts educator, facilitates this workshop which will feature the technique of cut and paste collage. Participants will trace their hands, and use geometric shapes, photographs and text to create a dramatic 8x10 inch collage. Heidi Gallery at JSDD, 310 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston. 2-4pm. Free. RSVP required. HeidiGallery@JSDD.org or 973.272.7148.

June 17-18: 34th Annual Rose Squared Fine Art and Fine Craft Show. The 34th Annual Rose Squared Art Show in Essex County Brookdale Park returns this spring with 130 unique artisans creating and selling work at every price point. Stroll the outdoor art gallery set in the gorgeous Essex County Brookdale Park. The perfect event to refresh your wardrobe, update your home and add texture to your garden. Essex County Brookdale Park, 473 Watchung Avenue, Bloomfield/Montclair. 10am to 5pm. Free. Rain or Shine. For more information about the artists attending, visit rosesquared.com.

June 24: Umoja Dance Company's 30th Anniversary Concert and Reception. This gala event will honor Karen Lisa Love and her vision and commitment to dance. The concert will feature new pieces in addition to work from the repertoire. The reception will honor distinguished guests and the company members. Montclair State University, Memorial Auditorium, Normal Avenue and Valley Road, Montclair. Concert 5-6:30pm; reception 7-9pm. \$50 concert general admission, \$125 concert and reception, \$45 senior concert only. Purchase tickets at <https://events.eventnoire.com/e/umoja-dance-company-30th-anniversary-concert-recep/tickets>. 862.621.9130. www.umojadance.com

June 25: A Conversation with the Artists and Closing Reception – Wizards of Age: Assemblage, Decoupage, Montage Exhibit. Curator Mansa Mussa has gathered a group of artists whose work embodies the many facets of this medium. Heidi Gallery at JSDD, 310 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston. 2-4pm. Free. RSVP: 973.272.7148. HeidiGallery@JSDD.org

June 26-30: Dance Intensive. This five-day intensive includes contemporary, beginner Dunham and Humphrey Weidman Techniques.

Students learn sections of reconstructed choreography and present them in an informal showcase. Venue TBD. 10am to 4pm. The event is free to Newark residents/participants who meet income eligibility guidelines. The value is \$920. <https://accacreates.org/>

June 30: Dance Intensive Showcase. This showcase presents the students' selected works-in-progress of the choreographed works of Katherine Dunham, Alfred Gallman and Charles Weidman. Refreshments will be provided. Venue TBD. 3-4pm. Free. Donations accepted. 973.371.9782. <https://accacreates.org/>

July 5 to August 12: Summer Arts Day Camp. This six-week arts camp teaches arts including community activism, creative writing, cooperative games and group piano with Keys2Success. Students perform and present projects. Venue TBD. Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Free to Newark residents/participants who meet income eligibility guidelines. The value is \$1,400. marcia.heard@accacreates.org

July 8: Sea Turtle Sunrise Event. Help support Sea Turtle Recovery and its mission of saving injured and stunned sea turtles by attending a gourmet donut fundraising breakfast. Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange. 8-10am. \$30 adults, \$25 children. <https://seaturtlerecovery.org>

July 9: Caribbean American Fun Day. Guyana Day. Activities and cultural entertainment. Essex County Monte Irvin Orange Park, South Center Street and South Harrison Street, Orange. 10am to 7pm. Free. 973.951.9898.

August 9, 10, 11 and 12: Summer Arts Day Camp Culminating Performances, Art Show, Piano Recital, Presentation. The conclusion will include student written scenes, including dance, theater, vocal music, visual art, creative writing, group piano and community activism projects. The times and venues will vary. Contact Marcia Heard at marcia.heard@accacreates.org or 973.371.9782. ■

ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

BRANCH BROOK PARK ALLIANCE

973.969.1189

Please call for ADA accessibility details
www.branchbrookpark.org

June 1 to August 31: Discovering Wellness in Essex County Branch Brook Park.

A series of free wellness events, including Yoga, Zumba and Boot Camp, will be offered. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Wednesdays and Saturdays. 10:00am. Free. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Volunteer Stewardship in Essex County Branch Brook Park.

Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance team in ongoing stewardship efforts. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Free. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Historic & Horticulture Tours.

Learn more about the historical significance of Essex County Branch Brook Park and the formal gardens during a 45-minute walking tour. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Flexible dates. Flexible times. Fee \$25 per person. Advanced registration is required.

MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

108 Orange Road, Montclair

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June 3: African American Heritage Festival. Each year, on the first Saturday in June, the Montclair African American



Discovering Wellness in Essex County Branch Brook Park

Heritage Foundation hosts a wonderful parade and fun-filled festival with exciting star-filled lineups for the festivities. There will be a motorcade starting at Maple Avenue and ending at the TD Bank parking lot in downtown Montclair. The Montclair History Center will be in attendance with an information booth. TD Bank, 233 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. 1 pm. Free.

June 6-9: Museum Week. Museum Week is an annual event that takes place on social media, with the goal

of promoting museums and cultural institutions around the world. During Museum Week, museums and cultural institutions share content on their favorite social media platforms and organize special events in their venue. In honor of Museum Week, the Crane House & Historic YWCA will be open Tuesday, June 6th through Friday, June 9 from 11am to 2pm for self-guided tours. General admission fees will be waived this week. Instead, we ask that you pay what you can! No prior registration required.



Enjoy Farm Camp



Explore Black History at the Crane House & Historic YWCA

June 15: History at Home: Trinity – Doing Good Work in Montclair’s Caribbean and African American Communities. Trinity, which closed in 2007 after 91 years, became a home for British subjects who immigrated from the Caribbean in addition to becoming a church home for many entrepreneurs, professionals, and musicians who broke racial barriers in various disciplines. This program will be presented by Nesta

Stephens, a former parishioner at Trinity Episcopal. Virtual – Zoom. 7-8pm. Free

June 18: Guided House Tour: Eyewitness to Black History. Explore 200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, primary and secondary source documents at the Crane House & Historic YWCA. Artifacts include a bill of sale for an enslaved person in the household,

an 1800s newspaper, an 1840s New York Knickerbocker magazine, census data, personal letters, oral histories, and mid-century Jet and Ebony magazines. These artifacts provide a springboard for discussion about race both in the past and in the present-day. 1 and 2pm. \$12 adult, \$10 students and seniors, \$8 children, free for children under 2 and MHC members.

Farm Camp: Week 1: June 26-30; Week 2: July 10-14; Week 3: July 24-28; Week 4: August 7-11. The Montclair History Center, Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H, and the Montclair Community Farms partner each year to host a fun, nature and history filled camp for youth to learn about our past, and from where our food comes. Farm Camp supports youth development by promoting a positive interest in nature, historical living, and agriculture. Campers will spend their days on site at the Montclair History Center at 108 and 110 Orange Road. Here, they will have access to the Montclair Community Farm, historic houses, and large open spaces! Registration required. 9am to 12:30pm. \$350 per child, per week. <https://www.montclairhistory.org/farm-camp> ■

Essex County Department of Parks and Recreation & Rose Squared Art Shows Present



Rose Squared Art Show
34th Annual at Essex County Brookdale Park



Artist: Brian Recchia



Artist: Judy Goddard



Artist: Annette Kramer

473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | **Saturday, June 17 & Sunday, June 18**
10am to 5pm **Rain or Shine**

For info, directions, a gallery of participating artists and unique artisanal food visit rosesquared.com



“National Park and Recreation Month is the perfect opportunity to highlight the beauty of our open spaces, the importance of recreation facilities and the positive impact they have on our wellness and quality of life. The area overlooking the Orange Reservoir provides a beautiful and unique spot to host a diverse lineup of activities to exercise, entertain and inspire you. We invite the public to celebrate with us and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events”

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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and the Board of County Commissioners**
Invite You to



Wellness on the Waterfront 2023

Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex Clipper Pavilion, Cherry Lane

Essex County celebrates Parks and Recreation Month with free weekly activities at the Waterfront in the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex

Mondays **Yoga for Adults: July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7 at 6:30pm**

These classes are suitable for both beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Classes are held rain or shine

Tuesdays **Jammin’ in July: July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15 at 7pm**

Elevate your Waterfront experience with music. The schedule is as follows:

July 11: West Orange Community Band

July 18: Maplewood Concert Band

Wednesdays **ZOO-VIES: July 5, 12, 19, 26-films begin at dusk**

Movies under the stars on the rooftop of our Turtle Back Zoo parking deck. Bring your own lawn chair. Rain cancels. The location is at TBZ not the Clipper Pavilion. For a complete schedule, visit EssexCountyNJ.org

Thursdays **Full Body Workout: July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30pm**

Join the group and get in shape!

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June 3, 11 am - 5 pm
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**Essex County
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Friday, June 30 at 7:30 pm**

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talented musicians will delight you with classic
favorites and movie themes. Bring a picnic
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dance on a summer evening under the stars.

**For the summer concert schedule visit:
njsymphony.org/summer**



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