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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friend:

A new summertime tradition offered by our Department of Parks and Recreation has been our Wellness on the Waterfront, scheduled every July to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month. The month-long program features different events each evening at the Clipper Pavilion at the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex in West Orange.

The waterfront already is a vibrant area that attracts residents from all over Northern Jersey and beyond. The pathway around the reservoir, scenic vistas, picnic pavilion and children's playground offer people of all ages a chance to recharge, unwind and breathe in the peaceful and relaxing setting of one of the most beautiful open spaces in our historic Parks System. The yoga, concerts, movies and arts programs scheduled during the month encourage residents to experience the outdoors and highlight the importance that our open spaces have on our daily lives.

Of course, we witnessed this firsthand during the pandemic when residents flocked to our parks, reservations, picnic areas and athletic fields to escape lockdowns and restore their peace of mind during difficult times. This is not a new phenomenon; enhancing the public's health and quality of life was the reason our parks were created over 125 years ago.

I hope you can make time to experience these beautiful nature wonders of our parks system. Together we will continue Putting Essex County First.

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This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs received an operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State

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Wellness on the Waterfront Inspires and Entertains!

Wellness on the Waterfront has become Essex County's signature event celebrating **National Recreation and Parks** month in July.

This year's national theme, We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation, is indicative of all the professionals who build strong, healthy and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation.

Essex County will highlight the importance of parks through its traditional Wellness on the Waterfront activities that entertain and inspire. Residents and guests are invited to relax under the Clipper Pavilion and enjoy yoga demonstrations, exercise classes and concerts. The Clipper Pavilion is located

in the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex on Cherry Lane in West Orange adjacent to the serene Orange Reservoir.

On Monday evenings, there will be Yoga for Adults. Classes are suitable for beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Classes are held rain or shine. Classes are Mondays, July 11, 18 & 25 and August 1, 8 & 15 at 6:30pm.

On Tuesday evenings, elevate your visit as part of Wellness on the Waterfronts Jammin' in July free series of concerts. Take in a new sound every week with Broadway tunes, big band, steel drums and more. Concerts are Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 and August 2,9 & 16 at 7pm.





The current Wellness on the Waterfront concert lineup is:

- July 5: Chatham Community Band
- July 12: West Orange Community Band
- July 19: Maplewood Concert Band
- July 26: Peter & the Master Key
- August 2: Apex Ensemble

August 9: TBD

August 16: Sterling Sample, Steel Drummer

On Thursday evenings, join the group and get in shape with a Full Body Work Out. This exercise class will be held on Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6:30pm. 🔳

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 ext. 0 www.essexcountynj.org/codeyarena

SUMMER 2022 FIGURE SKATING CAMP

June 27th to August 5th 8:00am to 3:30pm BASIC SKILLS and above

Week 1: June 27 to July 1 Full Day\$440 Half Day\$325	
Week 2: July 5 to July 8 Full Day\$350 Half Day\$235	
Week 3: July 11 to July 15 Full Day\$440 Half Day\$325	
Week 4: July 18 to July 22 Full Day\$440 Half Day\$325	
Week 5: July 25 to July 29 Full Day\$440 Half Day\$325	
Week 6: August 1 to August 5 Full Day\$440 Half Day\$325 ** All half day sessions are mornings only and pick-up is between 12pm-12:15pm	

** 10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS

Daily Schedule (activities subject to change)

8:00 am. – Check-in

Morning sessions may be combined based on enrollment.

Select evenings throughout the Summer, after dark

Get a unique look at the 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. All ages. **\$10/participant**

Friday, June 10 Thursday, June 23 Thursday, July 14 Thursday, July 28 Thursday, August 11 Tuesday, August 23 Saturday, September 10

More info: https://turtlebackzoo.com/

*On ice sessions – two sessions Bring a bag lunch daily. Lunch is not included. *Off-ice Training – Ballet, Stretching, Strength Training and Helmets (suggested) Lunch -Afternoon -*On ice sessions

*Off-ice Training – Ballet, Stretch, Arts/ Crafts, Trip Adventure

Sneakers are recommended for off-ice training

General Information

* Full payment is due with registration * Wear warm clothing, gloves

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland 973.228.8776 ~ www.essexcountynj.org/ environmentalcenter

CLUBS FOR KIDS

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays, June 7, 21; July 12, 19; August 2; Sept. 6, 20, 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). Advanced registration required. Fee: \$10/child/ session or \$80 for the full series

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 June 18, 25; July 6, 14, 18, 25; August 6, 20, 27; 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 find the answers to these questions and more. Learning and fun happen all the time here. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advanced registration required.

ESSEX COUNTY GARDENERS'

SHOWCASE The Rutgers Extension of Essex County 4-H program invites all Essex County youth and adults to participate in the upcoming county Gardeners' Contest! Entries will be accepted at Garibaldi Hall at the Essex County Environment Center, 621A Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, on Friday, September 23rd from 3:30pm to 5pm or Saturday, September 24th from 9am to 10am. Items will be judged and awarded the afternoon of September 24th at the Essex County Environmental Center's Annual Fall Family Festival. For more

Summer Zoo 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. https://turtlebackzoo.com/

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK

information, visit https://essex.njaes. rutgers.edu/4h/youth/fairs/.

ECEC PUBLIC PROGRAMS

EVENING PADDLE ON THE PASSAIC Monday, June 6; 6pm to 8pm. 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. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. **Fee: \$20 per person**

SATURDAY MORNING OUTDOOR YOGA

Saturdays, June 11, 18, 25; July 9, 16,23, 30; 10am to 11am. For ages 16 and older. All levels welcome.

Experience the joy of practicing yoga in the great outdoors on Essex County Environmental Center's partially shaded deck. In this class, you will be guided through a sequence of movements designed to stretch and strengthen the body. Yoga postures will be linked to the breath in a continual flow, with attention paid to proper physical alignment. Dress comfortably and please bring your own mat. During inclement weather, class will be moved indoors. Advance registration, pre-payment and a minimum number of participants are required. No refunds for missed classes; class CREDIT ONLY issued on a case-by-case basis. **Fee: \$15 class, \$10 for those 65 and older**

Yoga instructor Julia Lawlor received her RYT-250 yoga teaching certificate at Jaipure Yoga in Montclair in 2019. She has also had training in yoga for mental health, trauma and addiction, and has taught classes for women with breast cancer at Englewood Hospital and women in recovery at a drug rehab center in Newark. She is eager to share with others the benefits that she's enjoyed in the regular practice of yoga.

FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS Tuesday, June 14; Monday, July 25.

6pm to 7:30pm. For families. This rrribbettting program will take an upclose look at our pond ecosystem. Search out and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Advanced registration and minimum number of



participants are required. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FAMILY FIELD TRIP Wednesdays June 22 & August 10

Wednesdays, June 22 & August 10. 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. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult**

WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE Monday, June 27. 6pm to 7pm. For children ages 6-12. Test your wildlife wisdom in a hands-on exploration as

wisdom in a hands-on exploration as you play games of inquiry to examine a variety of skulls, tracks, furs, feathers and scat! Compare and contrast form and function and discuss with a naturalist. All participants make and take a clay animal track. Advanced registration and



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minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult

BIKE RIGHT – LEARN TO RIDE Thursdays, July 14 & August 20. 10:30am to 12:30pm. For children

ages 5 and older. Make learning to ride a bike easier for your child with TransOptions' Bike Right Learn to Ride class. Bike Right Learn to Ride will teach children the safe, easy and effective way to learn to ride. Using this "balance first" method, parents help get their children rolling while the child does most of the work. Participants learn the basics of balancing, starting, stopping, and steering a bike, as well as proper helmet fit and adjustment. Please bring a helmet and a bike (without training wheels) in good working order. In the event of rain. this program will be rescheduled. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$10 per child

BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI Saturday, July 16 to Saturday, July 30

May 17- June 5

FISHING DERBY 2022

DATE SITE

Sunday, June 5

Branch Brook Park

Sunday Derby Registration: 9:00am - 10:00am Derby: 10:00am - 11:30am Awards: 11:35am - 12:50pm

• 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.



10:30am to 1:30pm. For all ages. Featuring live butterflies and butterflythemed programming for all ages. Must book a time slot. Walk-ins will not be accommodated. Tent and programming to take place at Garibaldi Hall side of Environmental Center grounds. Fees collected go to the Essex County Parks Foundation and directly back to Environmental Center programming. Fee: \$8 per person (includes a take-

Tent Hours ~ Monday through

Friday from 12pm to 3pm and

Saturdays, July 16, 23 & 30 from

away item per paid participant)

THE VERY HUNGRY MONARCH CATERPILLAR Saturday, July 16. 10:30am to 11:30am

For 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. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$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 23. 10:30am to 11:30am

For 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. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP Saturday, July 30. 10:30am

to 11:30am

For 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 Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child: \$12 per adult

PLASTER WILDLIFE TRACKING Saturday, August 6. 12pm to 1:30pm. For families with young children ages 6 and up. Predict what tracks

you might find in our wooded wetland habitat and go search the forest and river edge. We'll discover hoofed, clawed and webbed animal feet and see how wildlife is especially adapted to the terrain. All participants make and take a plaster animal track. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult

BUZZFEST

Saturday, August 13; 10am to 11am, 11am to 12pm, 12pm to 1pm, 1pm to 2pm. 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. Take home a bee themed craft. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Limited space per time slot: choose to book from one of three time slots. Fee: \$15 per participant (includes a take-away item per paid participant)

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. Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per adult

Wednesday evenings from July 6th to August 17th. **FREE!** Bring your own chair. Rain may reschedule. Films begin at dusk. Zoo Admission not included.

FINDING BIGFOOT Wednesday, August 17; 5:30pm

to 7pm

adult

to 7pm

For families with young children ages

5 and up. Let's have some forest fun and uncover the mysteries of Bigfoot! Maybe he has been hiding in our Environmental Center habitat all along. Let's check the trail camera, examine fresh tracks and sign, look for sleeping nests, scratching posts and see what we can uncover on this genuine scientific field study. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. **Fee: \$30 per** family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child, \$12 per

FOREST MUSHROOMS 101 Wednesday, August 31; 5:30pm

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue. West Orange 973-731-5800 ~ www.essexcountynj.org/ turtlebackzoo 📐

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS **Select Saturdays and Sundays** throughout the Summer, times vary

TBZ's Early Childhood programs encourage family learning and foster early environmental awareness. We invite young children to discover the natural world through gently structured play, art, stories, animal visits and more. Age restrictions apply; pre-registration required; zoo admission not included.

Hatchlings (12-24 months), Tots (ages 2 & 3) and Explorers (ages 4 & 5) are \$25-\$30 per participant.

For more information, visit https:// turtlebackzoo.com/discover/earlychildhood-programs/

WONDERS OF THE WILD Most Saturdays throughout the Summer, 1pm

Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing 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. Programs are available to students ages 6-12. The programs include a visit to Essex County South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir, or Zoo as weather permits. This does not include zoo admission for after the program. \$30/participant. For more information, visit https://turtlebackzoo. com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/

SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS

Select Saturdays throughout

the Summer, 1pm. Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs geared to 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. Cost is \$30/participant and includes a visit into the zoo, but not zoo admission for after the program. For more information, visit https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/ sophisticated-science-seminars/

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE **ADVENTURERS Select Sundays throughout the**

Summer, times vary

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. Cost is \$15/participant. For more information, visit https:// turtlebackzoo.com/discover/familynature-club-nature-adventurers/

SUMMER DATE NIGHT Saturday, July 23, 6pm-10pm

Looking for something different to do for a fun night out? Have you ever wondered about the dating habits of some of the wilder residents of Turtle Back Zoo? Join our staff for an academic, but cheeky discussion of the "birds and the bees" at our fourth Summer Date Night. Date Night is an evening education event for adults, ages 21 and over. Cost is \$140/ couple. 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 at 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/educationcenter-programs/

WORLD OCEANS DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, June 8 – Livestream **Event (tentative)** Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12

- Pop-up Events

Join us at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo as we celebrate all things marine on World Oceans Day! On June 8, join us for a livestream event and then visit Turtle Back Zoo on June 11 & 12 to learn all about the ocean, the critters that call it home, and take away some skills you and your family can use to help this imperiled environment. Both events are free; weather permitting. For more information, visit https://turtlebackzoo.com/

ACCESSIBILITY AT ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

Several of the events in this year's Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series will take place in Essex County Brookdale Park, which is located in Bloomfield and Montclair. Both of the paved parking lots in the park are dedicated for handicapped parking on concert evenings. A golf cart shuttle is available to bring concert goers from the parking lots to the concert area. (The shuttle is not wheelchair accessible.)

The two main access roads in the park are West Circuit Drive, which is on the Montclair side of the park, and East Circuit Drive, which is on the Bloomfield side of the park. Both roads can be reached by Watchung Avenue and Bellevue Avenue. West Circuit Drive also can be reached through an entry point at Grove Street. There are paved walking paths linking the parking lots to the concert area.

Seating for the concerts is on the grass in the meadow. There are a limited number of chairs set up for the concerts. Park patrons should bring their own chairs for the concerts. There is a restroom building located between the meadow and the football field; port-a-johns are also set up.

ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER MUSIC **Starting June 21, 2022**

For more information: www.essexcountynj.org





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OUR SPONSORS:









Team and individual projects were welcomed in the following categories: Grades K-4, Grades 5-8 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 during the week of Earth Day!



2ND PLACE Joseph & Nikali Mihika K-4[™] Grade



"Our South Mountain Recreation Complex, Turtle Back Zoo and other attractions have become popular destinations for families to learn about nature, conservation and experience the outdoors. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you enjoy a wild adventure right here in Essex County!"

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. Essex County Executive

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Visit the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex for fun and adventure!





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3RD PLACE Sabrina Palmer K-4TH GRADE

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ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

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"By Our Own Hand" refers to the toll of veteran deaths by their own hand as well as to the resiliency and creativity from transforming military uniforms into handmade paper.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

49 Washington Street, Newark 973.596.6550 www.newarkmuseum.org

Saya Woolfalk: Field Notes from the **Empathic Universe Through December 31**

"Saya Woolfalk: Field Notes from the Empathic Universe" invites visitors to enter the kaleidoscopic and culturally hybrid worlds created by the artist. The exhibition features an immersive video installation exploring portraiture and a series of new mixed media collages, all accessed through the North Wing elevator, which will be transformed by Woolfalk's digitally-collaged murals.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

973.746.5555 / www.

Tenacity & Resilience: The Art of

"Tenacity & Resilience: The Art of Jerry Pinkney" will feature more than 80 beautiful illustrations and working drawings from nine children's books spanning 1979 to the present by Jerry Pinkney, one of America's most renowned children's book illustrators. These illustrations express powerful messages from the history of the Civil Rights movement in America, honor Black heritage, and inspire with tales of courage and aspiration. They also reflect Pinkney's compassionate nature and his desire to be a "strong role model for my family and other African Americans." Mr. Pinkney passed away on October 20, 2021, three months before the opening of this exhibition. We hope you will join us in celebrating his legacy and enjoying his multifaceted talents as a master

By Our Own Hand: Frontline Arts in collaboration with Donna Bassin

MAM presents a year-long, site-specific Donna Bassin. On view are approximately 800 sheets of handmade paper created from veterans' uniforms and provided by Frontline Paper, an initiative of Frontline Arts. Inspired by the ancient practice of Tibetan prayer flags hung to mark an important and challenging occasion,

3 South Mountain Avenue. Montclair

montclairartmuseum.org

Jerry Pinkney **Through June 26**

watercolorist. draftsman. and storvteller.

Through August 14 installation in the Laurie Art Stairway, in collaboration with Frontline Arts and

ROGER MCGUINN CO-FOUNDER OF THE BYRDS **THU, JUN 23** AT 7:30PM Tickets: \$34-\$49

BRIA SKONBERG

SUN, JUN 19 AT 7:30PM

QUARTET

SAT, JUN 11

Tickets: \$29-\$39

AT 8PM

PEABO BRYSON SAT, SEP 10 AT 7PM & 9:30PM Tickets: \$59-\$79



JESSE COOK TEMPEST TOUR II **FRI, JUN 17** AT 8PM Tickets: \$34-\$42

RYAN HAMILTON FRI. SEP 9 AT 8PM Tickets: \$28-\$35

MARIA BAMFORD SUN, SEP 11 AT 7:30PM Tickets: \$30-<u>\$45</u>

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By Our Own Hand: Frontline Arts in collaboration with Donna Bassin



WEST ORANGE ARTS CENTER

551 Valley Road, West Orange 862.500.1918 / www.WOArts.org G

The JSDD WAE Center's "Inside **Out**" Virtual exhibit indefinite

On display is the work of over 20 WAE Center artists and most of the artwork is available for purchase. Self-driven and self-taught, this genre of work is referred to as "Outsider Art," meaning that the artist is not formally trained yet still create from an organic place of knowledge and experience. The visual representations of each artist's own raw experiences, thoughts, and feelings communicate their perceptions of the world around them, in varied and vibrant form. To schedule your visit, please email info@woarts.org or call the center. A virtual exhibit is on the West Orange Arts Council's website.

ESSEX COUNTY SPRING EVENTS

June 1: Laughs in the Loft. Laughs

in the Loft is a monthly series hosted by Joe Larson featuring several stand-up comedians. On June 1, celebrate the one-year anniversary of this series with a special show on the SOPAC mainstage. Intended for mature audiences. Laughs in the Loft is recommended for ages 18 and up. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$30. SOPACnow.org

June 1: Ageless Makeup For Women

Over 50. This interactive class will take you through the best products and techniques to bring out your best look. Participants can bring their own brushes and makeup, but this is not a requirement. Lyn Lynch is a makeup artist and skincare expert with more than 20 years of experience in the cosmetics industry. South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. \$40. 6:30-9pm. 973.378.7620. www.somadultschool.org

June 2: New Jersey Symphony Mozart & Mendelssohn. The New

Jersey Symphony's Brennan Sweet and Elzbieta Weyman play some of the loveliest music ever written for violin and viola, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. Kathleen Nester makes the orchestra's tiniest instrument sing loud and proud in Vivaldi's Piccolo Concerto. The sunshine of Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony warms the entire program. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 1:30pm. \$25 to \$90. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony. org



Brennan Sweet at New Jersey Performing Arts Center

June 4: Sculpture Exploration: Seeing Deeper - Tau, The Monumental Masterpiece In

Our Midst. Tony Smith (1912-80), architect, painter and sculptor, was a third-generation South Orange native whose monumental abstract sculptures revolutionized public art and galvanized the international art scene. He lived and worked most of his life in South Orange and his backyard was a neighborhood curiosity with plywood mockups of sculptures that would soon fill museums all over the world. This on-site event at TAU will expose attendees to the grandeur of the sculpture's scale and form. As the class proceeds around the sculpture's base, three experts will discuss the significance of Smith's background, work and worldwide recognition; the effect of place on art in a public environment and the controversies often surrounding a public art piece like TAU. Note: This event is being held outdoors at the sculpture site with very limited seating available; please be prepared to stand and move about. Meadowlands Park, South Orange. \$25.3-4:30pm. 973.378.7620. www. somadultschool.org



SOMA Children's Summer Program

June 9: Max Weinberg's Jukebox.

Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame drummer and South Orange native Max Weinberg invites audiences to create the set list in real-time for this interactive concert experience where anything and everything from the Beatles to the Stones to Bruce and The E Street Band's biggest hits is on the set list of possibilities! South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. Concert: \$49-\$64. Meet & Greet: \$115. SOPACnow.org

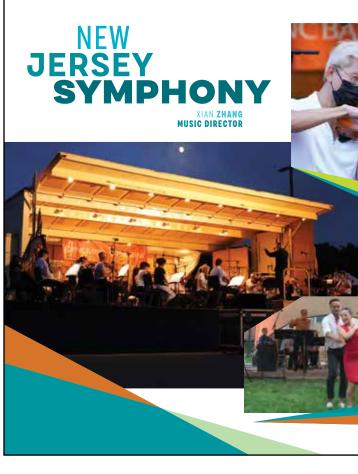
June 10: Joan Osbourne. A multi-

platinum selling recording artist and seven-time Grammy Award nominee, Joan Osborne is a soulful vocalist who has performed alongside such notable artists as Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris and Mavis Staples. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$38-\$48. SOPACnow.org

June 11: Anderson Park 'Music Under the June Moon' Concert. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey perform under the historic Olmsted Oak in Essex County Anderson Park, 274



Bellevue Avenue, Montclair. 7:30pm to 9pm. Rain date is June 12. Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates. Handicap parking information is on the Friends of Anderson Park website. 973.477.7207. FriendsOfAndersonPark.com.





SOMA Children's Summer Program,

June 11: Bria Skonberg Quartet.

Described as "one of the most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation" (Wall Street Journal) and "the shining hope of hot jazz" (New York Times). triple threat trailblazer Bria Skonberg is a force to be reckoned with. This multi award-winning trumpeter, singer and composer makes her SOPAC debut, combining her signature sound of fiery trumpet playing and smoky vocals. She blends Jazz, Blues and beyond with storytelling and adventurous concoctions of classics and soulful originals. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$29-\$39. SOPACnow.org

June 12: New Jersey Symphony Season Finale: An American

Rhapsody. The NJ Symphony will end its season with fireworks made in the USA. Daniel Bernard Roumain kicks off the festivities with his exciting new work. The sparkling talent of New Jersey Symphony Principal Horn Chris Komer shines in a new concerto written for him by four leading jazz composers. Aaron Dworkin, the visionary founder of the Sphinx Organization which lifts up young Black and Latinx musicians, narrates

SUMMER CONCERTS

Enjoy outdoor concerts with the New Jesey Symphony coming to a location near you!

Essex County Branch Brook Park

Friday, June 24, at 7:30 pm Presented by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Presented by The County of Essex

The Newark Museum of Art select Wednesdays,

June through August at 7 pm Co-presented by The Newark Museum of Art

For more information on all concert dates and venues visit: njsymphony.org/summer



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Coleridge-Taylor's moving Rhapsody with the words of our nation's first president. And the City of Lights swirls around you in Gershwin's beloved classic. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 3pm. \$25 to \$90. 800-255-3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/ 📐

June 12: Richie Furay Album Preview.

In The Country is the forthcoming studio release by Richie Furay featuring a collection of 14 classic country songs. Attend this very special concert event and be among the first fans to hear some of these songs performed prior to the official June 18th release date. There will be a full backing band and Furay will be performing songs from his catalog of classic Poco, Buffalo Springfield, and Souther-Hillman-Furay. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 7pm. \$75-\$95. SOPACnow.org

June 13: School's Out - A Broadway **Cabaret.** Join Robert Dusold and friends for a special fundraiser featuring local Broadway stars from such hits as The Lion King, The Producers, Mamma Mia, Les Miserables, Chicago, Phantom of the Opera and many more! This fabulous evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent and live auction, as well as some surprises! This event is a fundraiser for the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. The Woodland, Parlor, 60 Woodland Avenue, Maplewood. \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door. 7-9pm. 973.378.7620. www.somadultschool.org G



Nick Lowe at SOPAC

June 17: Jesse Cook Tempest

Tour II. Jesse Cook is a global guitar virtuoso. The international appeal of this accomplished performer is his style of mixing Flamenco with Classical, Jazz, Zydeco, Blues and Brazilian samba. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$34-\$42. SOPACnow.org

June 19: Guided House Tours: Eyewitness to Black History. Explore

200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, and primary and secondary source documents. Artifacts include a bill of sale for an enslaved person in the household, an 1800's newspaper,

an 1840's 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. Crane House & Historic YWCA, 110 Orange Road, Montclair. Tours are at 12pm, 1pm and 2pm. \$12/adult; \$10/ student/senior; \$8/child; under 2 free. Free admission for MHC members. www. montclairhistory.org

June 19: Nick Lowe's Quality Rock & Roll Revue. Legendary songwriter Nick Lowe is widely known for such hits as "Cruel to Be Kind" and "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding." Since 2014. Lowe has toured around the world on a wave of Surf Rock with the Lucha Libre Mexican wrestling masked instrumental heavy hitters, Los Straitjackets. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$49-\$59. SOPACnow. org

June 23: Roger McGuinn. Roger

McGuinn's instantly recognizable style can be heard on his signature 12-string Rickenbacker to his vocals on hits such as "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Eight Miles High" and "Mr. Tambourine Man." South Orange Performing Arts Center, One Sopac Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$34-\$49. SOPACnow.org

June 24: New Jersey Symphony at **Essex County Branch Brook Park.**

Celebrate the summer with the New Jersey Symphony! The whole family will love this evening of great orchestral music under the stars at Essex County Branch Brook Park. Branch Brook Park, Park Avenue & Lake Street. 7:30. www.njsymphony.org/accessibility

June 26: Jubilee - A Celebration of African American Music. A

retrospective of African American music from its origins in Africa to Spirituals, Blues, Ragtime, the American Song Book, and contemporary music. The Montclair State University Drum & Dance Ensemble will begin the program. Metropolitan Opera soloist Roosevelt Credit will lead a gospel choir. The Montclair Early Music instrumental ensemble will play Blues and Ragtime by rarely performed African American composers. Host Rev. Jessie Branson of Union Baptist Church in Montclair will tell the story of how this wonderful music evolved. Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 2pm. \$35 includes admission to the museum and the Jerry Pickney Exhibit. 973-932-0424. www. montclairearlymusic.org



June 27-July 22: Children's Summer



Artist: Christine Lush-Rodriguez

473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19 Rain or Shine 10am to 5pm

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Max Weinberg at SOPAC

Program at the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. This popular "camp a la carte" is back! There's a wide variety of courses from which to choose in the worlds of creative arts, music, science and sports. This program is unique in that it offers a flexible schedule where

students choose their own classes (there are five periods a day) and make the day as long or short as they like. The camp is open to children entering grades 1-9 in September 2022. All classes take place at Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, Maplewood. Fees vary. 973.378.7620. www.somadultschool.org

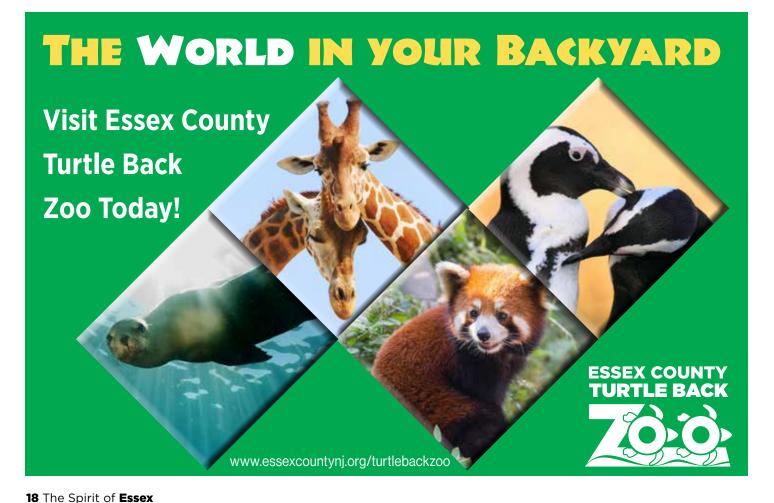
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Farm Camp

July 11-15; July 25-29; August 8-12; August 22-25. 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. Our mission is to provide the best camp experience for youth, while also providing a beneficial learning experience about food, animals, our earth, and its agricultural past. For ages 6-11. Registration required in advance. Scholarships available. Counselor positions for ages 16+ and counselor-in-training positions for ages 12-15 are available. Crane House & Historic YWCA, 110 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am-12:30pm. **\$325.** www.montclairhistory.org



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