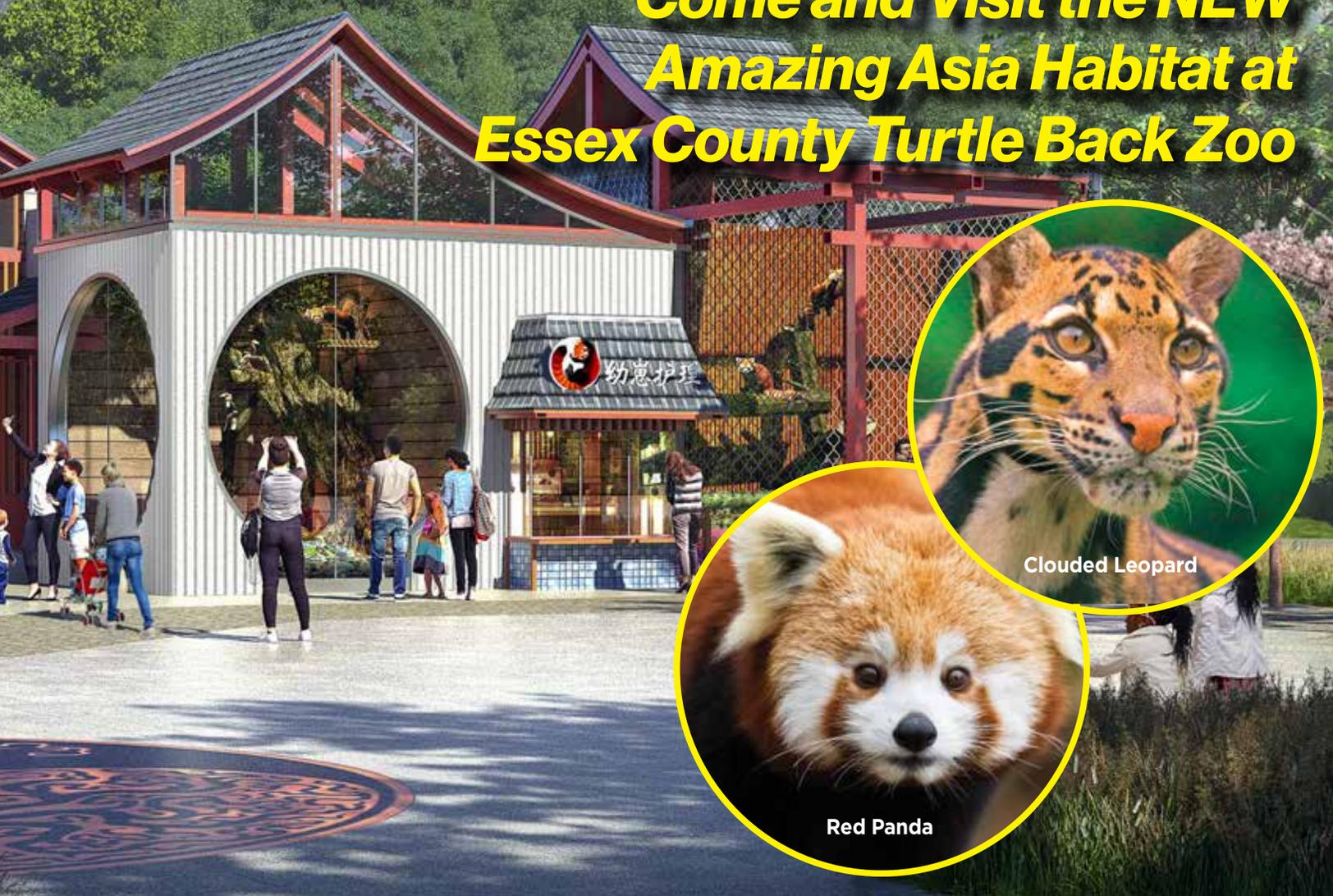


THE SPIRIT OF

# Essex

Autumn 2022

## Come and Visit the **NEW** Amazing Asia Habitat at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo



Clouded Leopard



Red Panda



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friend,

The arrival of the autumn season brings beautiful foliage, fall holidays, and family fun. You should never be at a loss for something to do with all the events and activities that have become staples of the season in Essex County.

Our Department of Parks and Recreation is ready for an exciting fall season! One of the most popular events is always the *Strut Your Mutt Canine Costume Parades and Contests*. Pet enthusiasts come out with the most creative and imaginative costumes for their canines. The parades, held at the Brookdale Dog Park, Branch Brook Dog Park and Grover Cleveland Park, are lots of fun and we encourage you to participate or just come cheer them on, even if you don't own a pet. There is also the display of artistically designed jack-o-lanterns at Gardens Aglow at Presby Memorial Iris Gardens and our celebration of autumn at our Environmental Center Octoberfest.

Essex County is one of the most diverse areas and is well known for our thriving arts communities. As you peruse this magazine, you'll read about the exciting happenings at the many museums, historic sites, art galleries, libraries and theaters. We also encourage you to walk the trails or visit one of the parks in our historic Parks System and witness the leaves change colors. Weekends are the perfect time to spend quality time with friends and family and you can do so right here in Essex County! *Together we will continue Putting Essex County First.*

*Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr.*  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

**Protect yourself and your loved ones by getting vaccinated.**  
**For vaccination information, visit [EssexCOVID.org](https://EssexCOVID.org)**  
**or call 973-877-8456.**



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## AMAZING ASIA HABITAT OPENS AT TURTLE BACK ZOO

**The wonderment of Essex County Turtle Back Zoo continues to evolve as the Animal care team prepare for the opening of the new Amazing Asia Habitat.** Clouded leopards, Pygmy slow loris, Knobbed hornbill, Red pandas and Vietnamese pond turtles, animals that are already in the zoo population, will be given a new home and on public view, some for the first time!

Besides the turtle, the animals that will be residing in the Amazing Asia Habitat are mostly arboreal animals. The new habitat is designed to meet all their needs to climb, hide and run, with height playing an important role to the success of their new home. The indoor area is about 1,250 square feet in size and 12 feet in height while the outdoor areas are 20 feet in height.

The Red pandas, one of the zoo's most well-known species, previously

had a single habitat across from the amur leopards, however this space did not support a breeding pair and as part of the Species Survival Plan we are committed to contributing to a sustainable population of red pandas. Red pandas will share their space with the Knobbed hornbill. Many animals have specialized temperature needs and the animals that call Asia home are no exception. Rotating our red pandas, who like it cool and the hornbills who enjoy the heat based on season allows us to meet these needs and have them visible to our guests all year round. In the winter, the pandas and hornbills will switch spaces.



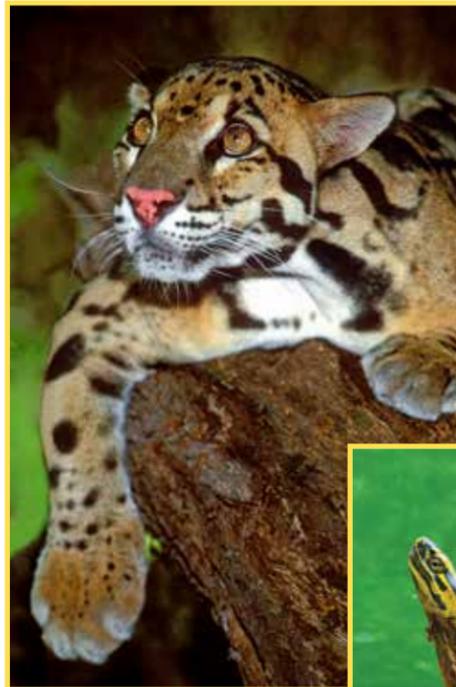
These habitats help us complete our Amazing Asia area by adding birds and, of course, a turtle. The Vietnamese pond turtle is Critically Endangered and Turtle Back Zoo has partnered with the Asian Turtle Program in Vietnam to help support the work they do in rehabilitating and releasing turtles confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade. This organization also works on the ground with local communities and promotes education initiatives throughout the region.

The goal of the Amazing Asia habitat is to offer enough space to support the SSP through breeding of both Clouded leopards and Red pandas as well as highlight the biodiversity of Asia and the importance of creating a sustainable planet for these species. It is noted that our health is closely tied to the health of wildlife and the ecosystems of which we are all a part. ■

# NEW AMAZING ASIA HABITAT

## Meet our Residents

**Clouded leopards:** Clouded leopards are a medium sized felid from South East Asia and are considered to be the missing link between small and big cats. Clouded leopards don't purr or roar, but do have a special greeting called a "prusten." Clouded leopards are highly arboreal and spend most of their time in the trees. They have special adaptations for life in the trees including ankles that rotate 180 degrees and a tail equal in length to their body. This makes it possible for them to climb head first down trees. In the wild, their primary prey are monkeys which demonstrates how agile they are in trees.



Clouded leopards  
Turtle Back Zoo is home to:  
Jye, 4, Mali, 4 and Madee, 1

**Red pandas:** Red pandas are from Nepal/China and reside in colder weather. While they are small carnivores, they primarily eat bamboo, as their panda name suggests. However, Red pandas are not actually related to Giant pandas and are instead more closely related to raccoons. Scientifically, they are in a genetic family (Ailuridae) all to themselves.



Red pandas Turtle Back Zoo is home to: Jing li, 19 and Jerry, 3. Lottie (not pictured), 1, was just paired for breeding on a recommendation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums



Pymgy slow loris,  
Norris, 6



Vietnamese pond turtles,  
One male and two females



Knobbed hornbill: William, 10



Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and Louis LaSalle display an artist rendering of the new Amazing Asia Habitat during the groundbreaking ceremony at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. With them are members of the Zoo Docents. DiVincenzo dedicated the habitat to LaSalle for his longtime activism on behalf of the Essex County Parks System and Turtle Back Zoo.

## Amazing Asia Habitat Dedicated to Longtime President of the Essex County Parks Foundation

The new Amazing Asia Habitat is a multi-animal habitat that will completely transform the western section of Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. While visitors will be able to view Red pandas, Clouded leopards, Vietnamese pond turtles, Knobbed hornbills and Pygmy slow loris, they also will be able to learn about a longtime advocate and supporter of the Essex County Parks Department and Turtle Back Zoo. The Amazing Asia Habitat is dedicated to and named after Louis LaSalle, the longtime Chairman of the Essex County Parks Foundation and Senior Vice President Emeritus with RWJBarnabas Health.

"Lou LaSalle was first pressed into service with the Essex County Parks Foundation when it was founded

27 years ago and has served as the chairman since its inception. Lou epitomizes community service in the numerous roles he has with the Parks Foundation, RWJBarnabas, area chambers of commerce and other local organizations," DiVincenzo said. "He is deserving of this honor because of his commitment to help us revitalize Turtle Back Zoo and support the Essex County Parks System," he added.

"This is more than I ever could have imagined. I don't know how to say thank you," LaSalle said at the Amazing Asia groundbreaking ceremony in October 2021. "Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing place because every time I come here there is something new he added.

LaSalle was named Chairman of the Essex County Parks Centennial Committee in 1994 and remained in the leadership role when the organization transitioned into the Essex County Parks Foundation to provide ongoing support to the Essex County Parks System. As Chairman, he has overseen fundraising initiatives to support education, enrichment and recreation programs offered in the Essex County Parks System, revitalization of recreation facilities and preservation of open space.

While DiVincenzo was serving as President of the Board of Freeholders (now called the Board of County Commissioners), he tapped LaSalle in 1995 to serve on a Blue Ribbon Committee that was tasked with making a recommendation about the future of Turtle Back Zoo. The committee visited every zoo in New Jersey and recommended Turtle Back remain open. Describing the facility as a valuable community resource, it stated the zoo had enormous potential for recreation and education opportunities.

LaSalle joined St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston as Vice President for External Affairs in 1990. His role and responsibilities grew as the hospital expanded and transformed into RWJBarnabas Health. He retired from RWJBarnabas in May 2021 and now holds the title of Senior Vice President Emeritus. LaSalle also volunteers his time with numerous community organizations, including the American Heart Association with which he has been affiliated for 57 years. ■

## 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](http://www.essexcountynj.org/codeyarena)

### Barnabas Health Cardiac & Concussion Screening, Codey Arena (Rear Lobby)

Saturday, September 24.

RWJ Barnabas Health and the Morahan Health Assessment Center for Athletes will provide **free cardiac screenings for ages 6 and up and free concussion screenings** for ages 5 and up. Email [teamlink@rwjbh.org](mailto:teamlink@rwjbh.org) to register

### Learn to Skate Group Lessons 8 weeks. Classes start in early September 2022

Ages: 3½ to Adult

Classes offered on Friday, Saturday or Sunday

- Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 6)
- Basic 1-6
- Freestyle
- Synchronized Skating (NEW this Fall)
- Theatre on Ice (NEW this Fall)
- Therapeutic Skating/Special Olympics (NEW this Fall)

### Public Session Skating

Ages: 3½ to Adult

Sessions –

- Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- Adults - \$9 / Children 16 & under - \$7 / Seniors - \$7 / Skate Rentals - \$5

### Adult / Senior Skate Sessions

Ages: 35 and older

Sessions –

- Tuesday, Thursday mornings

### Ice Dance International

Skating Show

Saturday, October 1. 7pm



## Night Moves

**Turtle Back Zoo**

**Saturday, September 10 at 7pm**

**This is the last Night Moves of the Season!**

Get a unique look at the zoo and its nocturnal animal collection! Night Moves is a guided evening tour of zoo exhibits where you will learn about different animal senses and adaptations.

All ages. **\$10/participant.**

More info:  
<https://turtlebackzoo.com/>

**NJ Daredevils Special Needs Frankenfest Hockey Tournament**  
Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9. 8am to 5pm

**Synchronized Skating Championship Competition**  
Saturday, November 12.  
8am to 5pm

**New Jersey Youth Hockey League, 16 & 18 year old Championships**  
Friday, November 18,  
Saturday, November 19, and  
Sunday, November 20.

**Birthday Parties** – Reserve a party room to celebrate your child's birthday on the ice

- \$100 - 3 hour party room
- Parties held during Public sessions skates or Private ice session
- Group Admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

### ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland  
973.228.8776 - [www.essexcountynj.org/environmentalcenter](http://www.essexcountynj.org/environmentalcenter) 

### ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 7

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

### WALTER KIDDIE DINOSAUR PARK FIELD TRIP

Thursday, September 8  
5:15 to 7:15pm

**For adults and children ages 7 and up.** Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1.5 miles 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**

### PLASTER WILDLIFE TRACKING

Saturday, September 10  
10am to 11:30am

**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**

### FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS

Thursday, September 22  
5:30 to 7pm

This rrrribbetting 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. 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

### 18TH ANNUAL FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 24  
11am to 3pm

**For all ages.** Come celebrate the Autumnal Equinox at the Environmental Center! There will be fun-filled activities for the entire family to enjoy—hands-on nature games and crafts, naturalist-led walks, live butterflies, canoeing, Native American life, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, food, and more. **FREE EVENT; some items may be for sale.**

### DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FAMILY FIELD TRIP

Thursday, September 29  
4:45 to 6:45pm

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**

### ESSEX COUNTY SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday, October 1 at 12pm to  
Sunday, October 2 at 11am

**Activities are designed for children ages 4 through 12.** Families with young

## Essex County Riker Hill Art Park

# ARTIST OPEN HOUSE & ART SALE

**Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6**

Visit a variety of different art studios, talk to the artists, purchase art work, and stop by the gallery to view a compilation exhibit of fine and decorative arts. Free!

**Essex County Riker Hill Art Park, 284 Beaufort Avenue Livingston 973.268.3500.**



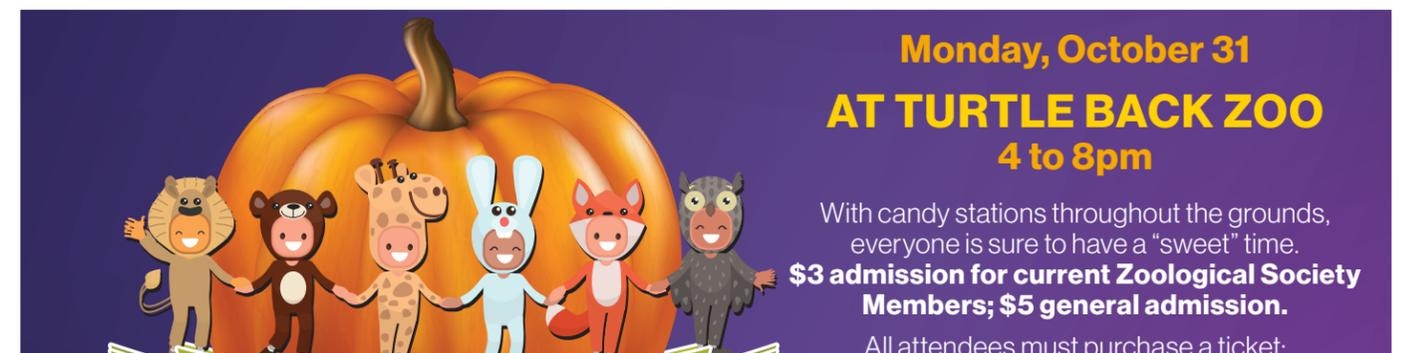
children seeking a nature-intensive outdoor experience are invited to register for the 8th annual SMR Family Campout scheduled for Saturday, October 1st through Sunday, October 2nd (rain dates, October 8-9). The program will be based out of Summit Field in Essex County South Mountain Reservation. Co-sponsored by the South Mountain Conservancy & Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, with programming from the Essex County Environmental Center. The event will feature nature games, animal exhibits from Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, guided hikes, kids' exploration and crafts, live music, a campfire with stories, morning yoga and a Sunday breakfast. For questions regarding

equipment and pricing options, please email [familycampout@somocon.org](mailto:familycampout@somocon.org). Advanced registration is required. More details and registration information will be available in the beginning of September. You can stay up-to-date by signing up for the South Mountain Conservancy bulletin at [www.somocon.org](http://www.somocon.org). **Fee: \$50 per family (up to 5 family members)**

### TODDLER SENSORY HIKE

Saturday, October 15  
9 to 10am

**For children ages 1-5 with caregiver supervision.** Bring your toddlers for a sensory exploration outside with a naturalist. Visit the forest trails, frog pond, Passaic river and more. Advanced registration and minimum number of



## Monday, October 31 AT TURTLE BACK ZOO 4 to 8pm

With candy stations throughout the grounds, everyone is sure to have a "sweet" time.

**\$3 admission for current Zoological Society Members; \$5 general admission.**

All attendees must purchase a ticket; walk-up tickets will be available. This is a family-friendly event; bring your own reusable candy bag.

Note: the zoo closes at 2pm on 10/31 in preparation for the event.  
<https://turtlebackzoo.com/>

# Spooky STORY TIME

October 22, 23, 29 & 30  
AT TURTLE BACK ZOO

Programs at 10:30am  
and 1:30pm each date

Wear your favorite Halloween costume, enjoy a spooky story read by a not-too-scary costumed character, and meet a favorite animal friend. This is a family-friendly event recommended for families with children ages 8 and younger.

\$10/participant; zoo admission not included.  
More info: <https://turtlebackzoo.com>

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

#### BATS OF NEW JERSEY

**Tuesday, October 18. 5:30 to 7pm**  
**For students in grades 1 through 5.** Ever wonder what kind of local bats are catching bugs in your backyard? Or where they sleep? Learn from a bat enthusiast about our upside-down

friends, play the role of a bat biologist in a simulated study and take home plans to build a bat house! Advanced registration and payment are required. **Fee: \$10 per child**

#### COMMUNITY COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL SALE

**Pick-up on Saturday, October 29 10am to 2pm**  
Backyard composting is an excellent way to reduce trash going to landfills and

allows you to make your own compost! Rain barrels reduce water costs, keeps our water clean and provide a natural source of water for plants and gardens all while reducing the number of pollutants that enter our storm drains. Orders must be placed by October 28th. Pick-up at Garibaldi Hall. For more information and for purchasing options, please visit <https://essex.compostersale.com/>.

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



### Rose Squared Art Show at Essex County Anderson Park



288 Bellevue Ave, UpperMontclair | **Saturday, Sept. 17 & Sunday, Sept. 18**



### Rose Squared Art Show at Essex County Brookdale Park

473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | **Saturday, Oct. 15 & Sunday, Oct. 16**

For info, directions, a gallery of participating artists and unique artisanal food visit [rosesquared.com](https://rosesquared.com)

#### SMORES n' MORE NIGHT HIKE

**Wednesday, November 2**

**6 to 7:30pm**

**For families.** Build a winter campfire, sip hot cocoa and make s'mores. Dress warmly. Advance registration and minimum number of participants required. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

#### OWL PELLET DISSECTION

**Monday, November 28**

**6 to 7:30pm For children ages 7-13.**

Learn about our beautiful and mysterious silent hunters of the night. Discover what they are eating as we discuss predators, prey and food chain dynamics. Carefully reconstruct the bones found inside owl pellets! Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. **Fee: \$10 per child**

#### HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

**Saturday, November 1**

**11am to 12pm**

**For adults.** Welcome your friends and family for the holidays with a beautiful holiday wreath! Together we'll use evergreen boughs and other materials to create a seasonal work of art! All materials are included for this hands-on workshop. **Fee: \$25 per person**

#### HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE

**Thursday, November 17**

**6 to 7:30pm**

**For families.** Join us for a hike around the Environmental Center forest, build a winter campfire, sip hot cocoa and make s'mores. Dress warmly. Advance registration and minimum number of participants required; call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

#### ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange  
973-731-5800

<https://turtlebackzoo.com>

#### Berson Education Center at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

973-731-5800 ext. 103

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**Select weekends throughout the winter. 10am and 11am**

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 is not included with registration. Hatchlings (6 to 24 months), Tots (ages 2 &**

### Essex County Senior Wellness Day at Codey Arena

**Tuesday, October 18  
10am-2pm**

Essex County senior citizens are invited to attend Essex County Senior Wellness Day. Health screenings, information about nutrition and exercise demonstrations will be available. Various Essex County agencies, including the Division of Senior Services, will have representatives on site to talk about available programs for which seniors are eligible. Also participating are area hospitals, senior day care facilities, local nursing homes and other social service providers.

**For transportation, call 973.737.7200.**

**3), and Explorers (ages 4 & 5) are in-person programs. \$25-\$30 per participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/>

#### WONDERS OF THE WILD Most Saturdays throughout the winter. 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. **Available to students ages 6-12.** The programs include a visit to Essex County South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir, or Zoo as weather permits. **\$30/student.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>

#### SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS

**Select days throughout the winter. Times vary**  
**Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs geared toward more adult audiences (ages 13+).** Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats & conservation, animal careers, and more. These programs are perfect



### ESSEX REMEMBERS

**Joins us for a Solemn Ceremony  
Commemorating the  
21st Anniversary of  
the 9/11 Tragedy**

**Sunday  
September 11, 2022  
8am**

Essex County  
Eagle Rock Reservation.  
Essex County Eagle Rock  
9/11 Memorial,  
Eagle Rock Avenue,  
West Orange.  
973.621.4400

for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **\$30/person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>

**FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE ADVENTURERS**

**Select Sundays throughout the winter. Times vary depending on the date**

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 is not included. **\$10/person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club-nature-adventurers/>

**WINTER MINI-CAMPS**

**Tuesday, December 27 to Thursday, December 29, 2022; Monday, January 16 and Monday, February 20, 2023. All mini-camps are 9am to 4pm.**

Join us at Turtle Back Zoo for some wild fun! To further our mission of conservation, education, and stewardship, campers will be introduced to the extraordinary world of animals, nature, and science. Children will enjoy age-appropriate camp activities that include games, teacher-led lessons, behind-the-scenes visits, up-close animal encounters, hands-on science projects, and fun crafts. **\$90 per day.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/zoo-camps/>

**CONSERVATION BREAKFAST PROGRAMS**

**Select Weekends this Winter 8:30am to 10am**

Turtle Back Zoo's Conservation Breakfasts are morning programs that feature one of our animals as the educational focus, highlighting the conservation challenges facing that species while providing tools and actions you can do at home to positively affect its wild relatives. **Program includes zoo**



**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**  
*Spectacular*  
**AT ESSEX COUNTY**  
**TURTLE BACK ZOO**

**Friday to Sunday, November 18-20**  
**Friday to Sunday, November 25-27**  
**Friday to Sunday, December 2-4; Nightly Starting**  
**Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 31;**  
**Closed December 24 & 25**

**5pm to 9pm**

Take a winter stroll through Essex County Turtle Back Zoo this holiday season under the sparkling lights of holiday-themed and animal characters. Celebrate the season of giving by bringing donations of non-perishable food items, new toys, and gently used coats. Different themed activities will be featured on select December weekends.

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

Sponsored by




**Essex County Parks Foundation**

**admission (for non-members) and breakfast.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/zoo-camps/>

**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. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/education-center-programs/>

**TBZ ZOOVENTURE BOX Seasonally Themed Zoo Activity Bundles**

**Pre-Order for Pick-up at the TBZ Education Center**

Zooventure boxes are seasonally themed animal, conservation, and science activity bundles that promote exploration through hands-on science experiments, personalized virtual content, arts and crafts, and other educational materials. Virtual content (zoo tours, live story times) will be available on a private google classroom; access codes included in the box. **Zooventure Boxes are designed for ages 5-8;** pick-up will be available starting Tuesday, October 4. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/education>. ■




“Our Strut Your Mutt Canine Halloween Costume Contests have become a popular event for dog owners to show off their creative talents, celebrate their pets and share a happy event with other dog owners. Whether or not you have a dog, come join us, or pick your favorites and enjoy the parade.”

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.,**  
*Essex County Executive*  
and the Board of County Commissioners

Invite You to



**STRUT YOUR MUTT**  
Pet Costume Parade

**Free Entry!**  
**Prizes will be awarded!**

**Saturday, October 22**  
**Essex County Branch Brook Park**  
West Drive near Heller Parkway  
Registration: 9:30am • Parade: 10am  
Rain date: Sunday, October 23

**Saturday, October 29**  
**Essex County Brookdale Dog Park**  
Grove Street Entrance  
Registration: 9am • Parade: 9:30am  
Rain date: Sunday, October 30

**Saturday, October 29**  
**Essex County Grover Cleveland Park**  
Near Pond House  
Registration: 1pm • Parade: 1:30pm  
Rain date: Sunday, October 30



**COUNTY OF ESSEX DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
115 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ 07104  
973.268.3500 / [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)

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"The County of Essex is proud to showcase the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens during the autumn season. Come out and see the beds of fall-blooming irises surrounded by artistically decorated jack-o-lanterns."

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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Essex County Executive  
and the Board of County Commissioners**

Invite You to

# GARDENS AGLOW



**Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens  
474 Upper Mountain Ave., Montclair**

**Friday, October 21, 2022  
6pm to 9pm**

Rain Date: Saturday, October 22

The free event includes a display of carved botanic, floral, and Halloween-themed pumpkins created by high school students. The jack-o'-lanterns will be lit with candles and lined around the flower beds to help illuminate the gardens.

Seasonal refreshments will be available.



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## ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

### THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

49 Washington Street, Newark  
973.596.6550  
[www.newarkmuseum.org](http://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.

#### Animal Kingdom September 23 through May 2024 Just-For-Members Preview Day, September 22

Earth is home to an astounding variety of life. Animal Kingdom celebrates that diversity as an interactive experience featuring art, animal specimen, and hands-on fun for all ages. Draw your own creatures to join the underwater habitat where animals come to life and swim around you in a digital aquarium: teamLab, Sketch Aquarium: Connected World, 2013-, Interactive Digital Installation, Sound: Hideaki Takahashi, teamLab© teamLab.

#### LISA PALOMBO STUDIOS

55 Mountain Ave, Caldwell  
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#### Annual Holiday Open Studio November 19 & 20 11 am to 5pm

Visit Lisa Palombo Studios for a festive weekend of fine art, refreshments, and cheer. This year, Ms. Palombo will be showcasing an exciting variety of paintings from many of her series such as her popular Ode to Monet collection. Admission is free.

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

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Moon Dance at Lisa Palombo Studios

#### WEST ORANGE ARTS CENTER

551 Valley Road, West Orange  
862.500.1918 / [www.WOArts.org](http://www.WOArts.org)

#### The JSDD WAE Center's "Inside Out" Virtual exhibit

On display is the work of more than 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 the artist is not formally trained yet still creates 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](mailto:info@woarts.org) or call the center. A virtual exhibit is on the West Orange Arts Council's website at [www.WOArts.org](http://www.WOArts.org) ■



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## ESSEX COUNTY AUTUMN EVENTS

**September 9: Ryan Hamilton.** The wholesome, Idaho-bred comic's Netflix special, "Happy Face," was called "the special you can't watch enough times." Ryan Hamilton was named one of Rolling Stone's "five comics to watch." South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$28 to \$35. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 10: Peabo Bryson.** Dubbed the King of Balladeers, Peabo Bryson is a two-time Grammy-winning vocalist known for his hit song "Tonight, I Celebrate My Love" with Roberta Flack. This legendary voice of love offers a timeless mix of Pop, Soul and R&B as only he can. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7pm and 9:30pm. \$59 to \$79. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 



Dance on the Lawn

**September 10: Dance on the Lawn.** Montclair's outdoor dance festival will return this year at a new location – the front lawn of the Montclair Public Library. Artists include Nai-Ni Chen and Company, Maxine Steinman & Dancers, Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts and more. Also in this year's program will be an original work by William Ervin, winner of Dance on the Lawn's 2022 Emerging Commissioned NJ Choreographer Award. Dance on the Lawn, celebrating its ninth year, serves as a showcase and mentoring launchpad for New Jersey's and New York's finest choreographic talent. The yearly DOTL Festival offers Montclair residents and neighboring communities a sneak peek at emerging and established artists from New Jersey and the New York area. Montclair Public Library, 50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair. 3pm to 5pm. Free. [danceonthelawn.org](http://danceonthelawn.org)

**September 11: Maria Bamford.** Comedian Maria Bamford is revered for her deeply personal comedy about mental illness as well as her dead-on impressions. Stephen Colbert called her his "favorite comedian on earth" and Judd Apatow said she is "the funniest woman in the world." Maria is the first female comic to have two half-hour "Comedy Central Presents" specials. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$30 to \$45. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 13: "Great 8's with JoJo."** Two-time Olympian JoJo Starbuck hosts and coaches one hour of private ice time for skaters to practice their figure 8's, edges, turns, control and balance. Each skater will have their own strip of ice. Space is limited. Each Tuesday beginning September 13 through June 2023. Essex County Codey Arena, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange. 12:15-1:15pm. \$30 per class for one month of classes, \$40 per class for walk-ons. Advance registration required. [info@jojostarbuck.com](mailto:info@jojostarbuck.com)

**September 15: "JoJo's Cool Workout Class."** Two-time Olympian JoJo Starbuck hosts and coaches one hour of private ice time for adult recreational skaters to learn and refine their skating skills, enhancing balance, posture, leg and core strength, mental stimulation, social and fun! Each Thursday beginning September 15 through June 2023. Essex County Codey Arena, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange. 12:15-1:15pm. \$30 per class for one month of classes, \$40 per class for walk-ons. Advance registration required. [info@jojostarbuck.com](mailto:info@jojostarbuck.com)

**September 15: George Porter Jr. & Runnin' Partners.** A forefather of Funk, George Porter Jr. is best known as a member of The Meters, the New Orleans-based Grammy-winning R&B

group he formed alongside Art "Poppa Funk" Neville, Leo Nocentelli and Joseph Zigaboo Modeliste. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$35 to \$49. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 17: David Broza & Trio Havana.** David Broza is one of the most innovative and creative musicians in the world today. His 40-plus year career encompasses Blues, Jazz, Rock, Country, Folk and World music. Singing in Hebrew, Spanish, English and Arabic, he brings together audiences of all cultures, bridging barriers of language through his music. At this SOPAC performance, he is joined by Cuban "Trio Havana" with Jorge Bringas, Manuel Alejandro Carro and Yuniel Jiminez. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$30 to \$48. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 18-19: 38th Annual Rose Squared Arts Shows.** The 38th Annual Rose Squared Art Show at Essex County Anderson Park will showcase the gorgeous art of 130 fine art and craftsmen. Rain or shine. 10am to 5pm. Essex County Anderson Park, Bellevue

Avenue and North Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair. Admission is free; artwork is for sale. 

**September 22: Kathleen Edwards.** After a musical hiatus and period of profound self-reflection, singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards triumphantly returns with her cloud-grazing voice, skilled strumming and Folk/Country music that confronts life's challenges yet finds the beauty in it all. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$28 to \$38. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 23: The James Hunter Six.** British Soulman James Hunter and his gritty, passionate, longstanding backing band bring you a sublime evening of no-nonsense Rhythm and Blues that has made the group a critical favorite and touring sensation. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$36 to \$56. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 24: Billie & Blue Eyes presented by John Pizzarelli & Catherine Russell: The Songs of**

**Frank Sinatra and Billie Holiday.** Grammy Award-winning vocalist Catherine Russell teams with jazz guitarist, vocalist and bandleader John Pizzarelli in a stunning tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. Dubbed "the essential duo," Russell and Pizzarelli transport audiences to the glory days of Jazz with masterful ease, capturing Holiday's effortless grace and Sinatra's cool swagger. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$48 to \$68. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**September 30: Delfeayo Marsalis.** Acclaimed trombonist, composer and producer Delfeayo Marsalis also has dedicated his career to music theater and education. He is known for his "technical excellence, inventive mind and frequent touches of humor" (Los Angeles Times). A New Orleans native, he is the brother of renowned trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$35 to \$45. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**October 1: Ice Dance International presents GRACE.** A soaring powerful show of world class dance on ice featuring

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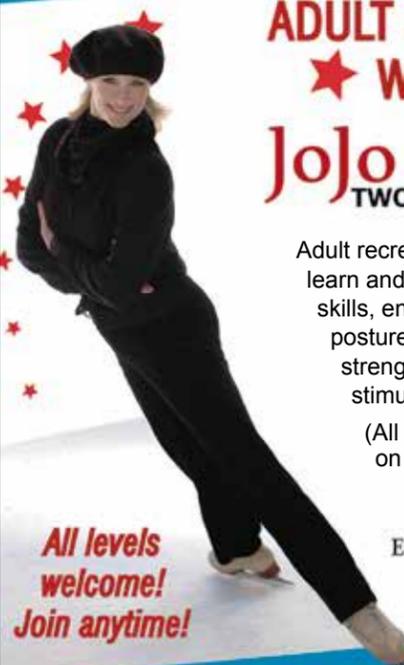
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**October 2: Kessler Foundation's Hybrid Stroll 'N Roll 2022.**

This family-fun event brings together people of all ages and abilities in the community and around the globe to raise vital funds to advance rehabilitation research and employment initiatives for people with disabilities. Enjoy food trucks, music, games, crafts, and a stroll or roll in Essex County Verona Park, or join the fun virtually from your own neighborhood! Essex County Verona Park, 11 am to 2 pm. Free. 973.324.8456. [KesslerFoundation.org/SNR](http://KesslerFoundation.org/SNR).



**October 2: Kevin Nealon.** Emmy and SAG-nominated comedian Kevin Nealon is one of the longest running cast members on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." He's also a critically acclaimed actor known for his roles in the Showtime series "Weeds" and several films by Adam Sandler's Happy Madison Productions. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$35 to \$53. 973-313-2787. [SOPACnow.org](http://SOPACnow.org)



**October 7: Bettye LaVette & Raul Midón.** Soul singer-songwriter Bettye LaVette has been called the High Priestess of R&B. Her "pure Blues growl" and commanding presence have earned this Grammy-nominated performer comparisons to Aretha Franklin and Tina Turner. Blind since birth, Raul Midón lives in a world of sound. His easy tropical groove, lyrical sophistication, silky voice and flowing electric guitar are his signature. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$42 to \$59. 973-313-2787. [SOPACnow.org](http://SOPACnow.org)



**October 7: New Jersey Symphony: Yefim Bronfman Plays Rachmaninoff.** The excitement of our centennial season begins with "Banner," a new work by one of the most in-demand composers of today, Jessie Montgomery.



## VISIT ESSEX COUNTY VERONA PARK

**Enjoy the fall weather and visit Essex County Verona Park.** The park is approximately 54 acres and is located on the corner Bloomfield Avenue and Lakeside Avenue in Verona. There is one main access road that stretches from Bloomfield Avenue to the neighborhoods that are located south of the park. Parking can be found on this road. There are five disabled accessible parking spaces: three by the playground and two nearer to the end of the row. There is some on street parking available along Lakeside Avenue. There are five entrances along Lakeside Avenue. Three of these entrances are fully accessible. One is moderately accessible, and one is not accessible at all. Patrons may also enter the park through the fully accessible entrance at the corner of Bloomfield and Lakeside Avenues.

There is a 1.25-mile paved loop that rings the park (including the lake). The pathway is wide and mostly flat with a few inclines, primarily by the dam near Bloomfield Avenue. Some of the inclines between the parking area and the loop are a little steep.

There are two-bathroom buildings that are fully accessible: one near the boathouse and one near the playground. The restroom buildings are open from 11 am to 7 pm. The boathouse is currently not open. The refreshment stand behind the boathouse has a ramp. There are tables of different heights on the deck.

The playground is fenced in with two non-spring gates, one at each end of the playground. The ground is covered by either artificial turf or rubber playground matting. There are a few inclines, including to the entrance to the picnic table area. The incline to the back of the slides is a dead end. Therefore, you must go back the way you came to exit the playground.

The Eden Wild Garden has brick paths throughout and benches. The paths are wide enough for a wheelchair, but the surface, being bricks, is not completely smooth.

If you use NJ Transit Access Link to reach the park, we suggest using the parking adjacent to the boathouse as your drop off and pick up point.

Nimbus Dance adds dynamic original choreography to Copland's "Appalachian Spring;" the iconic score is quintessential Americana with both celebratory exuberance and somber undertones. The program will close with superstar pianist Yefim Bronfman performing Rachmaninoff's thrilling Piano Concerto No. 3. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 1:30 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org>



**October 8: Chris Smither & Tim O'Brien with Jan Fabricus.** A master of acoustic Folk/Blues, Chris Smither creates a singular guitar sound – a beat-driven finger-picking, layered over his ever-present rhythmic, tapping feet (always mic'd in performance). A lifelong devotee of Bluegrass, Tim O'Brien is

skilled on guitar, mandolin, fiddle and banjo. He often performs with his wife, vocalist Jan Fabricus. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$35 to \$45. 973-313-2787. [SOPACnow.org](http://SOPACnow.org)



**October 9: Paul Reiser with special guest Vance Gilbert.** Comedian, actor and television writer Paul Reiser is one of Hollywood's most prolific creatives. Reiser can currently be seen in "Stranger Things" and "The Kominsky Method," for which he received an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series. The multi-faceted actor also recently revived one of his most iconic roles in the highly anticipated return of "Mad About You," the long-running hit '90s comedy he co-created and starred in with Helen Hunt. South

Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$38 to \$58. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**October 15-16: 23rd Annual Rose Squared Arts Shows.** The 23rd Annual Rose Squared Art Show in Essex County Brookdale Park will showcase the gorgeous art of 150 fine art and craftsmen. Rain or shine. 10am to 5pm. Essex County Brookdale Park, entrances on Watchung Avenue and Bellevue Avenue in Bloomfield and Grove Street in Montclair. Admission is free; artwork is for sale. 

**October 16: D'Italia Programs. Singing and dancing Italian style!** Join us for an afternoon of Italian favorites from O Sole Mio to Volare and more! A pinch of opera, a dash of jazz, tambourine drumming, tarantellas, costumes, authentic folk instruments, even little Bambini! "LaDolce Vita! Caldwell University, 120 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell. 3pm. \$30 general admission, \$20 seniors and students, \$50.00 supporters' reserved seats. Group rates also available. 973.461.9624. ditaliaprograms.org 

**October 20 & 23: New Jersey Symphony: Xian Zhang Conducts Brahms.** Award-winning composer Dorothy Chang wrote her inspirational and bright "Northern Star" as part of a larger collection of commissions from several Canadian composers in 2017. Michelle Cann makes a triumphant return to the Symphony stage with Strauss' light, virtuosic and witty "Burlleske" for Piano and Orchestra. Brahms' final symphony balances autumnal hues with virtuosic power. Scaling the heights of this monumental work is an orchestral and emotional feature of Mount Everest proportions. The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival will share dynamic contemporary poets offering dramatic readings between the orchestral works during the performance. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 1:30 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org> 

**October 22: Olmsted Historic Walking Tour of Essex County Anderson Park.** Before Essex County Anderson Park existed, three houses and a fire station sat on the park property. Find out where they went

and other surprising stories about how this Olmsted-designed Essex County park came to be created over a century ago, how it shaped Upper Montclair, and how it led to the formation of other Montclair parks. Also hear about efforts to rejuvenate the landscape of this park, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Essex County Anderson Park, 274 Bellevue Avenue, Upper Montclair. Meet at the boulder at the park's northeast entrance. 10am to 11:30am. Free. Call or check Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates. No rain date. Sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park. 973.477.7207. [FriendsOfAndersonPark.com](https://www.FriendsOfAndersonPark.com) 

**October 26: Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn.** Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, "the king and queen of the banjo" (Paste Magazine), have a musical partnership like no other. Béla is a 15-time Grammy winner who has taken the instrument across multiple genres. Abigail is a singer-songwriter and clawhammer banjo player. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$49 to \$84. 973.313.2787. SOPACnow.org 



New Jersey Symphony, Jaws in Concert at NJPAC

**October 29: New Jersey Symphony, Jaws in Concert.** Directed by Academy Award® winner Steven Spielberg, Jaws set the standard for edge-of-your-seat suspense, quickly becoming a cultural phenomenon and forever changing the movie industry. When the seaside community of Amity finds itself under attack by a dangerous great white shark, the town's chief of police, a young marine biologist and a grizzled shark hunter embark on a desperate quest to destroy the beast before it strikes again. Featuring an unforgettable score that evokes pure terror, Jaws remains one of the most influential and gripping adventures in motion picture history. NJPAC, 1 Center Street, Newark. 8pm. Tickets start at \$39. 800-255-3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org> 

**October 29 and 30: Halloween Family Fright Night.** A spooky yet family-friendly revue with fiendishly frightful songs, scary sketches, and an audience costume contest! Come for a howling good time, and join us for a Halloween dance party afterward! The Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. 7pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. \$10. 973.761.8453. [www.thestrollers.org](https://www.thestrollers.org)

**November 3: An Evening with Jim Messina.** Jim Messina's legacy of making hit music spans five decades, three super groups (Buffalo Springfield, Poco & Loggins and Messina), a vibrant solo career and scores of producing and engineering credits. South Orange

Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$39 to \$62. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**November 9: Darlingside.** Darlingside has long been praised for their mesmerizing harmonies and wistful songwriting. They have been described by NPR as "exquisitely-arranged, literary-minded, baroque Folk-Pop," and compared to Crosby, Stills and Nash; Simon & Garfunkel; and The Byrds. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$28 to \$38. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**November 10: Paula Cole & Sophie B. Hawkins.** Carried by her powerful, radiant voice, Grammy winner Paula Cole has a musical catalog defined by honest lyrics that covers Blues, Jazz, Folk, Pop, Gospel and Americana. Multi-instrumentalist Sophie B. Hawkins, described as a "somber Folk singer, saucy Pop gal, note-bending Jazz chanteuse," (Rolling Stone), has been tugging at heartstrings for decades with her captivating storytelling. Both singer-songwriters are known for their indelible '90s hits – Cole's "I Don't Want to Wait" and Hawkins' "As I Lay Me Down." South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 7:30pm. \$38 to \$49. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**November 11: Ain't No Mountain High Enough! Valerie Simpson & Friends Sing Ashford & Simpson.** Valerie Simpson has spent a lifetime writing

chart-topping anthems for Motown and beyond with her late husband Nick Ashford as the entity known as Ashford & Simpson. The duo penned timeless hits including "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand" and "I'm Every Woman" for Chaka Khan, Diana Ross, Whitney Houston and others before embarking on a performing career of their own. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$58 to \$88. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org 

**November 12: Yo-Yo Ma with the New Jersey Symphony.** This landmark event marks 100 years of musical excellence, innovation and inclusion – and the NJ Symphony is so excited to celebrate it with the public. Legendary and groundbreaking cellist Yo-Yo Ma will take center stage at NJPAC in Newark to masterfully perform the king of cello concertos: Dvořák's passionate concerto. Join Music Director Xian Zhang and your favorite orchestra musicians for a night to remember. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30pm. Tickets start at \$49. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org> 

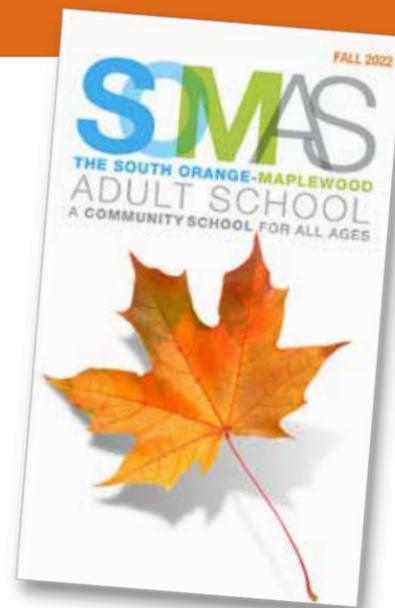
**November 12: The Last Waltz Celebration featuring The THE BAND Band with TTBB Horns & Special Guests.** The Last Waltz was the legendary 1976 farewell concert by The Band, featuring more than a dozen guest artists including Bob Dylan, Neil

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more. South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 8pm. \$32 to \$42. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org

**November 13: 8th Annual Jazz Collage Workshop.** This year's workshop will examine the rich history of Newark's Jazz scene with Mansa K. Mussa's photographs of jazz legends performing in Newark from 1982 to 2022. His collection includes images of Sarah Vaughan, Houston Person, Gary Bartz, Cindy Blackman Santana, Radam Schwartz, and Bradford



David Broza & Trio Havana at SOPAC

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**November 19: The Maplewood Strollers 90th Anniversary Extravaganza.** A spirited celebration of Nine Decades of community theatre excellence from the Strollers. Come join in the music, magic and memories as we share highlights from our 90 years of local live entertainment. The Burgdorff Center for Performing Arts, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. \$20. 973.761.8453. www.thestrollers.org

**November 19: NJ Symphony: Jessie Montgomery & Mozart.** Past Music Director George Manahan returns to bring to life Mozart's "Prague" Symphony – Mozart's exploration of what a symphony could be. Acclaimed pianist Awadagin Pratt will dazzle the audience on the keys in Jessie Montgomery's new concerto. Every musician in the orchestra has a chance to shine in Strauss' sparkling suite from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" – an orchestral work full of beauty, humor and richness. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 1:30pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org

**November 20: Kids 'N Family Series BubbleMania! Comedy with a Drip!** Featuring Casey Carle, Comic Bubble Artist. The show features Casey Carle, comic bubble artist who has "burst" onto stages across the world with his flair for showmanship and an irresistible energy for bubbling...from the intricate to the massive. Come see beauty, wonder and fun as Casey brings his amazing one-man show BubbleMania! combining spontaneous comedy, Jazzy music and brilliant bubbling. Among the many featured skills are fantastic fog-filled bubble sculptures, a cube bubble, funky foam, a big band bubble concerto, trapping an audience member (or two?) inside a gigantic soap bubble and much more! South Orange Performing Arts Center, One SOPAC Way, South Orange. 1pm. \$23. 973-313-2787. SOPACnow.org

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**October 16: Organ Recital  
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**November 6: 'Requiem' by  
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will be at 2:20 pm.**

#### Wednesdays at Noon

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**October 12: Organ Recital with  
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**October 19: Olfary Gutiérrez and  
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and Harp)**

**October 26: Organ Recital  
with Joseph Ferguson**

#### Essex Photo Club Fall Programs

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd  
Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm and will  
presented via Zoom. Guests may contact  
President Catherine Kuzik-Fernandez at  
862-485-7474 for access codes. **Levels  
are Beginner, Advanced and Salon  
for the categories of Pictorial and  
Nature**

#### Educational Programs

**September 1:** Summer Photos  
presented by club members

**October 6:** "Light Studies: Exploring the  
Light Atmosphere of a Place" presented  
by David Wells

**November 3:** "Mushroom & Fungi"  
presented by Meg Madden

#### Competitions

September 15 judged by Nick Palmieri

October 20 judged by Al Brown

November 17 judged by Phil Echo

### Montclair History Center Crane House & Historic YWCA

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**September 15:** History at Home - Back  
to School: The History of Montclair Public  
Schools. Montclair History Center Trustee  
Helen Fallon brings you back-to-school  
with a program on the district's earliest  
history. The presentation illustrates a  
timeline of the district's development,  
full of pictures and trivia. (Please note that  
a presentation on October 27 will delve  
into Montclair's magnet school system.)  
**Virtual, Zoom 12pm to 1pm, 7pm to  
8pm. Virtual free program.** Zoom  
information can be found in the program  
description under "Upcoming Programs"  
on our website.

**September 18: Guided House Tour:  
Women of the House The Crane  
House & Historic YWCA.** A window  
into the history of our nation from its  
early years as an independent country  
to a country embroiled in the civil rights  
struggle. On this special tour, hear the  
stories of the women who lived, worked,  
and played in the house. From the Crane  
wives, to the enslaved and paid workers  
of the house, to the women and girls of  
the African American YWCA, the Crane  
House & Historic YWCA has seen how a  
woman's role in the house and in society  
has changed over 200 years. **12 to 1pm,  
1 to 2pm, 2 to 3pm. \$12, adult; \$10,  
student, senior with ID; \$8 child;  
under 2 free.** MHC members are free.  
No reservations needed. 973.744.1796.

**September 29: History at Home -  
Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing  
America.** April 26, 2022, marked  
the 200th anniversary of the birth of  
Frederick Law Olmsted, the master  
designer of public parks and a founder  
of the field landscape architecture. Join  
historian and filmmaker Laurence Cotton  
(originator of and consulting producer to  
the PBS special "Frederick Law Olmsted:  
Designing America") as he does a deep  
dive into the remarkable life and career  
of the Renaissance-man Olmsted-writer,

philosopher, social reformer, advocate  
for the preservation of natural scenery,  
and creator of some of the most beautiful  
public and private parks and gardens in  
all of North. America. **Virtual, Zoom 7  
to 8pm. Virtual free program.** Zoom  
information can be found in the program  
description under "Upcoming Programs"  
on our website.

**October 13: History at Home - A  
Discussion with the Author: A  
Struggle for Heritage.** Dr. Christopher  
Matthews of Montclair State University  
discusses his new book, A Struggle for  
Heritage, and shares its relevance for  
inclusive history in communities like  
Montclair. Christopher N. Matthews, Ph.D,  
is the Chairperson of the Anthropology  
Department at Montclair State University  
and has written several other books. He  
and his students have also conducted  
archeological digs in Montclair, including  
on the MHC campus focused on the  
historic Crane and Clark houses. **Virtual,  
Zoom 7 to 8pm. Virtual free program.**  
Zoom information can be found in the  
program description under "Upcoming  
Programs" on our website.

**October 16: 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. **12 to 1pm, 1 to 2pm,  
2 to 3pm. \$12/adult; \$10/student/  
senior with ID; \$8/child; under 2 free.**  
MHC members are free. No reservations  
needed.

**October 27: History at Home - Our  
Schools, Our Town: A Short History of  
the Montclair Magnet School System.**  
Continuing our "Back to School" theme,  
Masiel Rodriguez-Vars joins us to discuss  
more recent history of the Montclair Public  
Schools, specifically the creation of the  
district's magnet school system. She  
will lead a viewing and discussion of her  
2009 documentary, Our Schools, Our

Town, about the history of the magnet  
school system in Montclair. Masiel  
Rodriguez-Vars is the Executive Director  
of the Montclair Fund for Educational  
Excellence. **Virtual, Zoom 12 to 1pm,  
7 to 8pm. Virtual free program.** Zoom  
information can be found in the program  
description under "Upcoming Programs"  
on our website.

**October 30: Rosedale Cemetery  
Tour.** Let's get outside and go for a walk  
through peaceful Rosedale Cemetery,  
founded over 175 years ago. On this tour,  
we'll venture into the old section for this  
guided tour, discussing grave imagery as  
well as the people who are buried there.  
Led by Collections Manager Erin Benz.  
After a brief introduction at Rosedale  
Chapel, we'll head in cars to the old  
section of the cemetery. There is about 2  
miles of walking during the tour. Rosedale  
Cemetery, 408 Orange Road, Montclair.  
**1:30pm to 3:30pm. In-person. \$15.  
Reservations required.**

**November 10: History at Home - Yogi  
Berra: A Legend's Lasting Values.**  
While Yogi's accomplishments in baseball  
are the striking centerpiece of his legacy,  
his integrity and long-held principles are  
just as crucial. This presentation by Eve  
Schaenen, Executive Director of the Yogi  
Berra Museum & Learning Center, will  
touch on Yogi as athlete and statesman,  
noting his impact on and off the field.  
Virtual, Zoom 12 to 1pm, 7 to 8pm. Virtual  
free program. Zoom information can be  
found in the program description under  
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**November 20: Guided House Tour:  
Many Voices.** Stop by and receive a  
guided tour of the Crane House & Historic  
YWCA. Hear the many voices of the  
men and women who lived, worked,  
and played in the house throughout its  
226-year history. While you're here, see  
what's cooking on the hearth and explore  
the herbs in the Landsberger Learning  
Garden. 12 to 1pm, 1 to 2pm, 2 to 3pm. In-  
person. \$12, adult; \$10, student, senior with  
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### South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

17 Parker Ave., Maplewood  
973.378.7620 / somadulthoodschool.org

**September 22 to October 27:  
Beginner/Intermediate Calligraphy.**  
This workshop in modern pointed-pen  
calligraphy will teach participants about  
the tools of calligraphy, basics in practice  
strokes and technique, as well as cover the  
full alphabet. **7 to 9pm. \$77.**

**September 29 to November 3:  
Ukulele: Beginner.** Learn basic chords,  
strumming and community play. In a short  
time, participants will be able to play songs  
and lead their own sing-a-longs.  
**7 to 8pm. \$125.**

**September 29 to November 3: Stand-  
Up Comedy – You Take The Mic!** Take  
that first step: learn what it takes to be  
a successful comic while creating your  
own set to be performed in front of a live  
audience! We will concentrate on writing,  
delivery and punchlines. **7 to 9pm. \$132.**

**September 29 to October 27: Tarot  
For Beginners.** Learn all the foundational  
knowledge needed to begin working with  
the tarot. **7 to 9pm. \$100.**

**October 1 to 29: Upholstery.** Learn the  
methods of professional upholstery to  
create a newly upholstered chair, ottoman  
or small furniture piece. **9am to 12pm.  
\$187.**

**October 6: Beginner Songwriting  
(for fun and no profit whatsoever).**  
Write catchy, toe-tapping original tunes  
in this super-fun, fast-moving interactive  
songwriting session. **6:30 to 9pm. \$40.**

**October 6 to November 3: Playwriting  
Workshop.** Participants will learn  
about playwriting and storytelling by  
deconstructing a myth, fairy tale or short  
story and adapting them into original plays.  
**6:30 to 8:30pm. \$160.**

**October 11: Pinot & Pottery.** A glass  
of wine can really get the creative juices  
flowing — so grab your favorite bottle,  
gather your friends and get ready to  
explore your artistic side! **Registration  
deadline: October 4.**

**October 11 to November 22:  
Landscape Painting with Water-  
Based Oils.** Although it sounds like an  
oxymoron, there is such a thing as water-  
based oil paints. No toxic materials are

needed to clean brushes or thin paints;  
just water. **5:30 to 7:30pm. \$140.**

**October 11 to November 1: Pet  
Portraits In Collage.** Create a rich and  
textured portrait of your pet using collage.  
**7 to 9pm. \$125.**

**October 18 to 25: Master Your  
Sewing Machine.** This class will  
introduce you to all the basics: threading,  
winding bobbins, tension adjustment,  
stitch width and length, presser feet and  
more. **6:30 to 8:30pm. \$50.**

**October 18 to December 13: Hooked  
On Knitting.** Beginning knitters will  
untangle the basics: how to cast on, knit,  
purl and bind off. **7 to 9pm. \$110.**

**October 22 & 29: Chalk Paint  
Workshop.** Up-cycle your old piece  
of furniture to a chic usable piece with  
confidence. Students will bring in their  
own small piece of furniture and learn how  
to paint, distress and wax to a finish. **10am  
to 12pm. \$100.**

**October 19: The Eva Samo Lecture:  
America in a New Age of Global  
Affairs. World politics is in a period  
of major transition—symbolized  
by the war in Ukraine.** Is a new Cold  
War between America and its allies vs.  
Russia and China underway? How does  
this impact on global economics—as oil/  
energy and food costs cause inflation?  
What will be the effect on America,  
especially as our midterm elections take  
place? Dr. Ralph Buultjens, leading expert  
on global politics, will discuss these and  
other key questions in the context of  
current events. **7 to 8:30pm. \$20.**

**November 15: DIY Design with  
CANVA.** Learn how to design  
professional looking marketing materials  
with Canva, a free online tool that provides  
design templates and an intuitive platform.  
6 to 8pm. **\$47.**

**November 15 to December 6: House  
Portraits In Collage.** Recreate your  
home with a fun, quirky collage using  
magazines and watercolors. 7 to 9pm.  
**\$125. ■**



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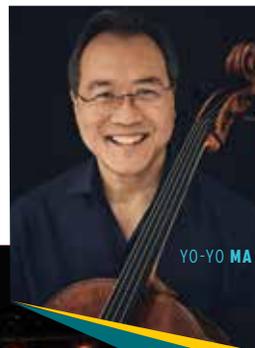
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**Oct 7, 2022 Opening Weekend:**

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**Oct 20 & 23, 2022**

Xian Zhang Conducts Brahms  
Michelle Cann, Piano & The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival

**Oct 29, 2022**

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Centennial Gala & Concert: Yo-Yo Ma  
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**Nov 17, 2022**

Jessie Montgomery & Mozart  
Awadagin Pratt, piano

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