THE SPIRIT OF Essex

Summer 2023

ESSEX COUNTY PARKS
SUMMER MUSIC
FREE | LIVE CONCERTS

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County Commissioners

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PUTTING ESSEX COUNTY FIRST
Dear Friends

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

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

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

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

Sincerely

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Indicates the facility is handicap accessible. Please contact the facility directly for specific accommodations.
Outdoor concerts have a long and storied history in the Essex County Park System.

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

The 2023 Free Summer Music Concert Series will kick off with a series of Fourth of July concerts and firework shows. The first will feature The Chiclettes, a high energy homage to select female vocal groups from the early days of rock n roll to the modern era. This event takes place in Weequahic Park on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30pm and is followed by a fireworks spectacular at 9pm. Later that week on Friday, June 30 at 7:30pm, Essex County welcomes back the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for a performance in the Oval at Branch Brook Park. This program never fails to entertain and will include a salute to the branches of the armed forces as well as fireworks. Finally, on Monday, July 3 at 7:30pm, Independence Day will be celebrated in Brookdale Park with America’s #1 Show Band, The Infernos. Featuring singers and musicians from all over New Jersey, the Infernos will bring their high energy act to the new Brookdale Park Gazebo as a prelude to the biggest fireworks display in Essex County. See the advertisement on page 9 for the detailed schedule of performers visiting the Essex County Parks System this season!
Summer Figure Skating Camp
- Basic 3 & above
- Full & half day sessions
- June 26 to August 5 (Mondays to Fridays)

Learn to Skate Group Lessons – 6 weeks
Classes start in early June
Ages: 3½ to Adult
Classes offered on Tuesdays or Thursdays
• Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 6)
• Basic 1-6
• Freestyle
• Therapeutic Skating/Special Olympics

Public Session Skating
Ages: 3½ to Adult
Tuesdays and Fridays, 4:45-6:15pm
Saturday, 11:45am-1:15pm and 2:30-3:30pm
Sunday, 10:15-11:45am and 12:30-2pm
Adults - $10 / Children 16 & under - $8 / Seniors - $8 / Skate Rentals - $5

Birthday Parties
Reserve a party room to celebrate your child’s birthday on the ice. **$125 for three-hour party room use.** Parties are held during public sessions skates or private ice sessions
• Group admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

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

**ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**
621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
973-228-8776 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

IN-PERSON FIELD TRIPS
Small groups/pods and families; all ages
Summer topic selections include: Seasonal Adventure, What’s in That Hole?, Lenape Village Tours, Backyard Birding, Frog Pond Science, Plant Identification Walk, Owls the Night Hunter, Nature Journaling, Wetland Biodiversity, Camping 101*, and MORE!
One group at a time with a limit of 10 people. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the Center. Fee: **$10 child, $12 adult or $30 per family (2 adults, 2 children).** *Where noted, additional fees apply.

**SUMMER LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAMS**
**SUMMER 2023 THEME: All Together Now**
Topics are Mighty Migrations, Frog Pond Science and Lenape Living. An Essex County Environmental Center staff naturalist will travel to your library! Maximum of 25 participants per class. Program length is one hour.
Fee is $150 (includes materials fee); $25 travel fee for neighboring counties. For ages 5-10 years. “All Together Now™” is a trademark of the Collaborative Summer Library Program™. For information and to register, contact David Alexander at the center or dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org.

**CLUBS FOR KIDS**

**YOUTH GARDEN CLUB**
Tuesdays – June 6, 20; July 11, 25; August 8, 15; Sept. 12 from 4pm to 5pm. For ages 5 and up.
Together we’ll grow food in our garden plot and learn about everything from soil to seeds along the way. Participants will get hands-on experience with planting, harvesting and cooking. Session themes include soil and composting, seed planting and labeling, thinning, weeding and watering, selective harvest, garden pests, healthy eating and more! This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only).
Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar.
Fee: $10 per child per session.

**FOREST FRIENDS CLUB**
Thursday, June 15 from 4pm to 5pm
For children ages 5 through 10.
We’ll explore the forest using nets, binoculars, magnifiers, and microscopes to investigate nature in our wooded wetland habitat. Together we hope to foster an ethic of stewardship and offer an opportunity to take part in hands-on conservation projects. This is a drop-off
and pick-up class (children only). Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee: $10 per child per session.

ESSEX COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
To explore programming for all ages, visit http://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h!

4-H YOUNG GARDENERS CLUB
Saturdays – June 3, 17, 24; July 1; August 5, 19, 26 from 10am to 11am. For children in grades K to 12. Have you ever wondered how vegetables and flowers grow? From where spaghetti sauce comes? How you can find a rainbow in a garden? The 4-H Young Gardener’s Club can provide the answers to these questions and more. Learning and fun happen all the time here. Meet in Garibaldi Hall. Advanced registration required; please call 973.353.1337.

CANOE CLINIC FOR FAMILIES ON THE PASSAIC
Monday, June 5 from 6pm to 8pm. For families with children ages 6 and older. Are you a beginner, curious about the river or just want to experience a short and safe paddle? Join Environmental Center canoe instructors to learn paddle skills at our canoe launch. This is geared for beginners and children 6 and up accompanied by a parent or guardian. Environmental Center staff will provide all the equipment and instruction to get you started. Buoys will mark an area available for canoe paddling and guides will be on-site to provide instruction. Learn the skills and access points to take advantage of the wonderful recreation and wildlife watching opportunities on the river, right here in Essex County! Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $20 per person.

FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS
Wednesday, June 14 and Monday, July 24 from 6pm to 7:30pm. For families. This rribbetting program will take an up-close look at our pond ecosystem. Search out and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult.

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FAMILY FIELD TRIP
Tuesday, June 20; Friday, August 11 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. For families with young children ages 4 and up. Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1-mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Girallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we’ll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $12 per child, $15 per adult.

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

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK 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. Last entry is 7pm.

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

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

BUZZ INTO ACTION with INSECT EDUCATION
Saturday, July 22 from 10:30am to 11:30am. Ages 5 and up. Love insects? Join us for a family-fun and hands-on presentation all about Bugs n’ Butterflies. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult.

INSECTS OF SUMMER NIGHTS
Monday, July 24 6pm to 7:30pm
For families. Discover insects of summer nights, both the pesky and the pretty – they all have their place. First, we’ll make our own natural insect repellent, and then together we’ll explore in search of fireflies, ladybugs, aphids, moths and more before returning to make and take an insect mosaic craft! Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee: $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult

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

FOREST MUSHROOMS 101
Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30pm to 7pm. For families with young children ages 6 and up. Fascinated by fungi? Explore the local forest for gilled, pored, ridged, and toothed mushrooms with naturalist David Alexander. We’ll learn their anatomy and create whimsical, yet realistic air-dry clay replicas of what we find. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult.

ESSEX COUNTY BRANCH BROOK PARK
Saturday, June 3
Registration: 8:00am - 9:00am
Fishing Derby: 9:00am - 10:00am
Awards: 10:00 - 10:30am

• See www.essexcountynj.org for any cancellations due to weather.
• Children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles.
• There are no rain dates in case Fishing Derbies are canceled due to weather.
• Prizes will be awarded in various age categories.
FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS
Monday, August 21 6pm to 7:30pm
For families. This ribbetting program will take an up-close look at our pond ecosystem. Search and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee: $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult.

GARDEN HERBAL SCRUB-MAKING
Monday, August 28 from 5:30pm to 7pm. For families. Make and take a homemade herbal scrub. Visit our geodome to harvest Lemon balm and lavender. Learn about the power of scent, care for your skin and how to use nature to promote self-care. We will select our favorite scents using herbs and essential oils and add them to either a sugar or salt scrub of our choice. Time outdoors on the trails is a must! So, dress for the weather. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Fee is $30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or $10 per child, $12 per adult.

2023 ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Don’t let the summer go by without taking those stunning photos in your favorite Essex County Park. Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 6, so grab a camera and visit an Essex County Park! Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the County Park System. For rules and regulations, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center.

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO
560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, 973.731.5800 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

WONDERS OF THE WILD
June 10: SPACE & June 24: To the Farm; from 1pm to 3pm
July 8: Digging for Dinos & July 22: Radical Reptiles; from 1pm to 3pm
August 12: Animal Art & August 26: Tyrannical Terrain; from 1pm to 3pm
Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing ENJOY BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES under the stars on the rooftop of our parking deck outside the Essex County Turtle Back Zoo.

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

**SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS**

June 18 from 1pm to 3pm: Bad Bugs July 29 from 1pm to 3pm: Biology, Evolution, and Adaptations

August 19 from 1pm to 3pm: Back to the Future with Fossils.

Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs for audiences ages 13 to 103. Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats and conservation, animal careers, and more. The programs are perfect for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **$30/participant; includes a visit into the zoo, but not zoo admission for after the program.** [https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/](https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/)

**FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE GUARDIANS**

June 3 and June 25 from 1pm to 3pm: Butterfly Bonanza

June 11, July 9 and August 6 from 10am to 12pm: Salamander Sundays

Nature Guardians is an FNC program focused on community engagement that connects families with local conservation actions and citizen science research, shaping our understanding of the natural world. This season’s programs will focus on building your birding skills and a brand-new salamander research project at Turtle Back Zoo. **$5-$15/participant.** [https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/](https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/)

**FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE ADVENTURERS**

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

**POP-UP EVENTS AT TBZ**


Join us at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo as we celebrate all things wild! Pop-ups are informal education stations in the zoo that focus on a particular animal, habitat, or conservation issue, and provide some take-away skills that you and your family can use to be better global stewards. All events are free with zoo admission; weather permitting. For more information, visit [https://turtlebackzoo.com/](https://turtlebackzoo.com/)

**OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO OR CLOSER TO YOU**

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

**BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS & ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS**

**BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS**

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

**ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS:**

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

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

Bagels and Bison: July 22 at 9am

Clouded Leopards and Croissants: August 13 at 9am

**Join us** for a deeper exploration into the care and conservation of our animals! For 6-year olds and over only; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the party must have a ticket. Group sizes are strictly limited. No photographs are permitted behind the scenes; all attendees will sign a photo waiver prior to the tour. Attendees may be asked to wear face coverings at some locations. Tour and program guests do not enter exhibits or touch animals. Animal Encounters include bagels and coffee and an educational presentation. **$50/participant.** For more information, visit [https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/behind-the-scenes-tours/](https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/behind-the-scenes-tours/)
The Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series offers a diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage throughout our historic Parks System. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze, and dance to the sounds of summer.

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LIVE AT YOUR LOCAL ESSEX COUNTY PARK
All performances at 7pm unless otherwise noted

JERSEY SOUND
Tuesday, June 20 • Yanticaw Park, Nutley

TOTAL SOUL
Tuesday, June 27 • Veterans Memorial Park, Newark

LA CARIBENA ORQUESTRA
Tuesday, July 6 • Riverbank Park, Newark

EPIC SOUL
Tuesday, July 11 • Watsessing Park, Bloomfield

CASPLASH
Wednesday, July 12 • Ivy Hill Park, Newark

SMOOTH
Tuesday, July 18 • Vailsburg Park, Newark

AFRI-CARIB
Wednesday, July 19 • Riverfront Park, Newark

STAN ZIZKA’S DEL-SATINS
Tuesday, July 25 • Cedar Grove Park, Cedar Grove

HERE’S ELTON
Wednesday, July 26 • Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

NEW POWER SOUL
Wednesday, August 2 • Belleville Park, Belleville

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

FIREWORKS SHOWS
All performances begin at 7:30pm

THE CHICLETTES
Wednesday, June 28
Weequahic Park, Newark

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Friday, June 30
Branch Brook Park, Newark

THE INFERNOS
Monday, July 3
Brookdale Park, Bloomfield/Montclair

ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK
All performances begin at 7:30pm

‘80s VS. ‘90s
Friday, July 7

THE DUPREES
Friday, July 14

COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT WITH KICKIN’ NASH
Friday, July 21

LAUNCH BAND: A TRIBUTE TO STYX, QUEEN AND BOSTON
Friday, July 28

EVENT HORIZON
Friday, August 4

FESTIVALS

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

JAZZ AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
Saturday, July 8 • 12noon – 8pm
Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

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

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

Festivals are co-sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. Concert schedule is subject to change. Please check essexcountyparks.org for updates and cancellations.

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

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

**FIRST PLACE - PK — 2ND GRADE CATEGORY**
Sabrina Palmer

**SECOND PLACE - PK — 2ND GRADE CATEGORY**
Wyoming Elementary
Maia, Amanda & Audrey

**THIRD PLACE - PK — 2ND GRADE CATEGORY**
Lennon & Edward Virgin
FIRST PLACE - 3rd—5th GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Kavya & Violet

THIRD PLACE - 3rd—5th GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Devin, Anugreh, Etash & Ian

SECOND PLACE - 3rd—5th GRADE CATEGORY
Wyoming Elementary
Joanna & Aasha

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

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

THIRD PLACE - 6th—8th GRADE CATEGORY
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School - Angelo Amador
The following events are offered for the public’s enjoyment by Essex County-based arts and history organizations.

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**ARMS COUNCIL OF LIVINGSTON**

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

Bench Project. LIVINGSTON, the Seat of Creativity
May 29 to September 30
Reproductions of vetted artist’s work will be displayed on outdoor benches to continue our mission to foster the Arts community in the Livingston area. Work has been selected from approximately 100 submissions.

**JCC OF GREATER METROWEST**

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

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

Gaelen Juried Show and Sale
June 11 through July 30
Competitive juried art exhibit offering talented and creative artists in painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, drawing/pastels a unique venue for their art. Area artists look forward to this prestigious annual juried exhibit.
The Best of the Eagles

THE EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

SAT, JUN 24 AT 8PM

Tickets: Starting at $29

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ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

June 1 and 3: New Jersey Symphony Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concert.
Chen Yi’s new work brings her signature blend of Chinese traditional themes and Western orchestral forms to this new commission. Stravinsky takes baroque-era music and spikes it with his inimitable sense of harmony and rhythm in his Suite from Pulcinella. Violinist Randall Goosby pulls out all the melodic and soulful stops of Tchaikovsky’s only violin concerto. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Thursday at 1:30pm and Sunday at 8pm. Tickets start at $25. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

June 3: Friends of Anderson Park’s “Music Under the June Moon” Concert. Bring a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey perform under the historic Olmsted Oak in Essex County Anderson Park. Rain date is June 4, same time. Handicap parking information is on the Friends of Anderson Park website. Essex County Anderson Park, 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair. 7:30-9pm. Free. Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates. 973.477.7207.

June 9 and 11: New Jersey Symphony Season Finale with Joshua Bell. An all-new commission from the genre-bending Resident Artistic Catalyst Daniel Bernard Roumain kicks off an epic season finale. Superstar Joshua Bell brings to life Bruch’s Violin Concerto No. 1. Stravinsky’s energetic and dark tale The Rite of Spring, based on pagan rituals in Russia, was a truly groundbreaking masterpiece that became among the important and exhilarating musical works of the 20th century. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets start at $25. 800.255.3476. https://www.njsymphony.org/

June 9: Guyana Flag Raising Ceremony. Join the Guyana Consulate General in celebrating the independence anniversary of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. East Orange City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange. 5-8pm. Free. 973. 951.9898.

June 10 Musical Excursion: “Sonic Vistas”
Take a classic music "playcation" to the beautiful sights and sounds of Borodin’s “The Steppes of Central Asia,” Strauss’s “Tales from the Vienna Woods,” and Respighi’s “Pines of Rome.” Livingston Symphony Orchestra, 30 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston. 7:30pm to 9pm $25 adults, $15 seniors and students, free under 12. www.lsonj.org

June 10: Rock Hunger VI. This annual music festival benefits the food pantry at Nutley Family Service Bureau. Performers include The Attic, The Sticky Wickets.
Porch Rockers & Mother Hubbard. Outdoor concert, tricky tray, 50/50. Old Canal Inn, 2 East Passaic Avenue, Nutley. 2-6:30 p.m. $25. 973.667.1884 ext.101. www.NutleyFamily.org

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

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

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

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

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


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

August 9, 10, 11 and 12: Summer Arts Day Camp Culminating Performances, Art Show, Piano Recital, Presentation. The conclusion will include student written scenes, including dance, theater, vocal music, visual art, creative writing, group piano and community activism projects. The times and venues will vary. Contact Marcia Heard at marcia.heard@accacreates.org or 973.371.9782.
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June 1 to August 31: Discovering Wellness in Essex County Branch Brook Park. A series of free wellness events, including Yoga, Zumba and Boot Camp, will be offered. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Wednesdays and Saturdays. 10:00am. Free. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Volunteer Stewardship in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance team in ongoing stewardship efforts. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Free. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Historic & Horticulture Tours. Learn more about the historical significance of Essex County Branch Brook Park and the formal gardens during a 45-minute walking tour. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. In-person event. Flexible dates. Flexible times. Fee $25 per person. Advanced registration is required.

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June 3: African American Heritage Festival. Each year, on the first Saturday in June, the Montclair African American Heritage Foundation hosts a wonderful parade and fun-filled festival with exciting star-filled lineups for the festivities. There will be a motorcade starting at Maple Avenue and ending at the TD Bank parking lot in downtown Montclair. The Montclair History Center will be in attendance with an information booth. TD Bank, 233 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair. 1 pm. Free.

June 6-9: Museum Week. Museum Week is an annual event that takes place on social media, with the goal of promoting museums and cultural institutions around the world. During Museum Week, museums and cultural institutions share content on their favorite social media platforms and organize special events in their venue. In honor of Museum Week, the Crane House & Historic YWCA will be open Tuesday, June 6th through Friday, June 9 from 11am to 2pm for self-guided tours. General admission fees will be waived this week. Instead, we ask that you pay what you can! No prior registration required.
June 15: **History at Home: Trinity – Doing Good Work in Montclair’s Caribbean and African American Communities.** Trinity, which closed in 2007 after 91 years, became a home for British subjects who immigrated from the Caribbean in addition to becoming a church home for many entrepreneurs, professionals, and musicians who broke racial barriers in various disciplines. This program will be presented by Nesta Stephens, a former parishioner at Trinity Episcopal. Virtual – Zoom. 7-8pm. Free

June 18: **Guided House Tour: Eyewitness to Black History.** Explore 200 years of Black history in Montclair and New Jersey through rare first-hand accounts, primary and secondary source documents at the Crane House & Historic YWCA. Artifacts include a bill of sale for an enslaved person in the household, an 1800s newspaper, an 1840s New York Knickerbocker magazine, census data, personal letters, oral histories, and mid-century Jet and Ebony magazines. These artifacts provide a springboard for discussion about race both in the past and in the present-day. 1 and 2pm. $12 adult, $10 students and seniors, $8 children, free for children under 2 and MHC members.

**Farm Camp:**
- **Week 1:** June 26-30
- **Week 2:** July 10-14
- **Week 3:** July 24-28
- **Week 4:** August 7-11

The Montclair History Center, Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H, and the Montclair Community Farms partner each year to host a fun, nature and history filled camp for youth to learn about our past, and from where our food comes. Farm Camp supports youth development by promoting a positive interest in nature, historical living, and agriculture. Campers will spend their days on site at the Montclair History Center at 108 and 110 Orange Road. Here, they will have access to the Montclair Community Farm, historic houses, and large open spaces! Registration required. 9am to 12:30pm. $350 per child, per week. https://www.montclairhistory.org/farm-camp
“National Park and Recreation Month is the perfect opportunity to highlight the beauty of our open spaces, the importance of recreation facilities and the positive impact they have on our wellness and quality of life. The area overlooking the Orange Reservoir provides a beautiful and unique spot to host a diverse lineup of activities to exercise, entertain and inspire you. We invite the public to celebrate with us and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events”

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Wellness on the Waterfront
2023

Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex
Clipper Pavilion, Cherry Lane

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

Mondays Yoga for Adults: July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7 at 6:30pm
These classes are suitable for both beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Classes are held rain or shine

Tuesdays Jammin’ in July: July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15 at 7pm
Elevate your Waterfront experience with music. The schedule is as follows:
July 11: West Orange Community Band
July 18: Maplewood Concert Band

Wednesdays ZOO-VIES: July 5, 12, 19, 26-films begin at dusk
Movies under the stars on the rooftop of our Turtle Back Zoo parking deck. Bring your own lawn chair. Rain cancels. The location is at TBZ not the Clipper Pavilion. For a complete schedule, visit EssexCountyNJ.org

Thursdays Full Body Workout: July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30pm
Join the group and get in shape!

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West Orange Street Fair 2023
June 3, 11 am - 5 pm
211 Main Street, W Orange

Free Admission to the Thomas Edison National Historic Park, Classic Car Show, Street Performers, Beer & Wine Garden, Rock Climbing Wall

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Essex County
Branch Brook Park
Friday, June 30 at 7:30 pm

Come indulge in the magic of live music in the great outdoors with your New Jersey Symphony conducted by José Luis Domínguez. Our talented musicians will delight you with classic favorites and movie themes. Bring a picnic blanket, your loved ones, and watch the fireflies dance on a summer evening under the stars.

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