

THE SPIRIT OF

# Essex

Summer 2026

**Essex County and  
the Importance of  
New Jersey in the  
Revolutionary War**

**THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA**



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PUTTING **ESSEX COUNTY** FIRST



## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends,

As the warmth of summer arrives and the winter chill fades away, it's the perfect time to get outside, make memories, and enjoy everything Essex County has to offer. We invite you and your family to explore the many parks, attractions, and recreational opportunities that make our county a premier destination for summer fun.

Spend the day at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo where you can visit exotic animals, discover exciting new exhibits, and meet some of the zoo's newest residents, including prairie dogs, capybaras, and the beloved lion cubs. Take a ride on the miniature train through the scenic South Mountain Reservation, soar through the trees on the Treetop Adventure Course and zip line, challenge friends and family at Safari MiniGOLF, or enjoy a relaxing afternoon along the waterfront.

This summer also marks the beginning of the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States, and Essex County is proud to commemorate this historic milestone with community events and festivities throughout our parks system. Residents and visitors can enjoy spectacular Fourth of July fireworks celebrations, summer concert series performances, Movies Under the Stars, family festivals, and many other activities that bring neighbors, friends, and families together in celebration of our nation's history and community spirit.

Summer is also the perfect season to experience the rich arts, culture, and history of Essex County. Visit our museums, galleries, and theaters to enjoy inspiring performances and exhibits, or explore our historic sites to learn more about the people and places that helped shape our county's unique story.

We look forward to welcoming you to our parks and facilities this summer as we continue working together and *Putting Essex County First*.

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# Essex County and The Importance of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War



Washington Rock

**While all of New Jersey is known as the "Crossroads of the American Revolution" (1775-1783), Essex County went a long way in helping the state earn that title.**

During the War, the County saw significant troop movements from both British and American forces and the Essex County Militia was consistently kept on high alert. Two locations in Essex County Parks have significance to this period.

On September 13, 1777, American forces fought British forces in what are now Essex County Belleville and Branch Brook Parks. The Americans were attempting to stop the British from getting to Newark. This exchange, known as the Battle of Second River, is commemorated with a plaque on Mill Street in Branch Brook Park.

Later in the war, lookouts were stationed at critical points along the Watchung Mountains, including in what is now Essex County South Mountain Reservation. On June 23, 1780, lookouts there lit a signal beacon to warn the militia that British troops were headed toward them. Local lore says that George Washington stood at this point to oversee the battle, giving it the name "Washington Rock." There is also a plaque located there marking the spot. ■




Plaque commemorating the Battle of Second River

## 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 /  
<https://essexcountyparks.org/south-mountain/codey-arena> 

### Summer Figure Skating Camp

- Basic 3 & above
- Ages 5-15
- Full & half day sessions
- Mondays to Fridays from June 29 to August

### Learn to Skate Group Lessons – 8 weeks

Classes are from June 3 to July 29  
Ages: 3½ to 12  
Classes offered:

- Snow Plow (Ages 3½ to 5)
- Basic 1-3 (Ages 6 to 12)

### Public Skate Sessions

Ages: 3½ to Adult  
Adults - \$14 / Children 16 & under - \$10  
Seniors - \$10 / Skate Rentals - \$5

### Adult Only (35 & older) Skate Sessions

Ages: 35 and older  
Weekday Sessions

### Birthday Parties –

- Reserve a party room to celebrate your child's birthday on the ice
- \$125 - 3-hour party room
  - Parties held during our public session or private ice session
  - Group admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

### Ice Hockey Camps – JULY 2026

- NY Sirens – PWWL Girls Hockey Camp
- Pro Ambitions Hockey Camp
- Erik Nates Euro Hockey
- Great Saves Goaltending
- Simply Defense & Shooting Camp

### ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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

Pre-registration and payment are required either in person, by mail or online at [www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar](http://www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar).

### NATIONAL TRAILS DAY 2026

**Saturday, June 6; 9am to 1pm**

**For all ages.** Celebrate the first annual National Trails Day with the Essex County Parks Department! A variety of hikes for all ages and abilities will be offered in select Essex County Parks locations, led by the Essex County Environmental Center, Essex County Turtle Back Zoo and our partner organizations – South Mountain Conservancy, Hilltop Conservancy, Eagle Rock Conservancy with Sierra Club's Essex Chapter, Branch Brook Park Alliance, NYNJ Trail Conference, NJ Native Plant Society, Essex Chapter and the New York City Parks Department's Greenbelt Native Plant Center. For more information and to register, visit [www.essexcountyparks.org](http://www.essexcountyparks.org). **FREE**

### THE GREAT SWAMP BONSAI SOCIETY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH FREE ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW

**Saturday, June 6; 11am to 3pm**  
**Families welcome.** The Great Swamp Bonsai Society (GSBS), a long-standing bonsai club in northern New Jersey, invites the public to its Annual Bonsai Show. Founded in 1976, GSBS is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The club draws members from eight New Jersey counties and Eastern Pennsylvania, making it one of the longest-running bonsai clubs in the region. The show will feature dozens of bonsai exhibits from club members, live styling and shaping demonstrations and expert advice from experienced members. No bonsai experience is needed to enjoy the show. Held at Garibaldi Hall. For more information, visit [www.greatswampbonsai.com](http://www.greatswampbonsai.com). **FREE**



Open to children 15 years of age and younger

**Wednesday, June 3**  
**Weequahic Park**

**Thursday, June 4**  
**Grover Cleveland Park**

**Tuesday, June 9**  
**Monte Irvin Orange Park**

**Wednesday, June 10**  
**Branch Brook Park**

**Thursday, June 11**  
**South Mountain Recreation Complex**

**Registration: 5-6pm**  
**Derby: 6-7pm**  
**Awards: 7:15pm-7:30pm**

See [www.essexcountynj.org](http://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 cancelled due to weather.
- Prizes will be awarded in various age categories.

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



## Rose Squared Art Show

37th Annual in Essex County Brookdale Park



473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | **Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21**  
10am to 5pm  
Rain or Shine

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

### BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER VOLUNTEER

**Monday, June 8; 5-6:30pm**

**For adults and students in grades 9 and up.**

Do you have an interest in the environment and/or education and want to get more involved? Join center staff for an information and training session to find opportunities that fit your skills, interests and schedule. Needs include program support, gardening, outdoor stewardship projects and much more! **FREE**

### FAMILY DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP

**Tuesday, June 9; 5:30-7:30pm**

**For families with young children ages 4 and up.**

Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1 mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Grallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. **Fee: \$15 per person**

### KITCHEN GARDENS

**Saturday, June 20; 10:30am to 12pm**

**For all ages.** Bring the vibrant flavors of garden herbs into your kitchen year-

round and harvest fresh while cooking! We'll dig into the essentials of indoor cultivation and, whether you're a culinary enthusiast or a beginner gardener, you'll leave with the confidence to maintain a thriving, aromatic kitchen garden that's as beautiful as it is delicious. We'll visit our herb garden and meet some favorites like basil, cilantro, oregano, thyme, parsley, chives, dill, lemon balm and sage. Each participant will roll up their sleeves to pot their own personalized herb garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Led by Roxana Marroquin, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program Associate, Agriculture & Natural Resources. **Fee: \$15 per person**

### NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Monday, June 22; 3:30-5pm**

**For ages 13 and older.** This session is essential for volunteers looking to assist our lead educators during our Nature Explorers Summer Camp. You will master the art of "invisible teaching," learning how to transform a simple hike into a captivating journey of discovery. Through this training, you'll build the confidence to lead nature-based activities for elementary-age campers

and sharpen your ecological knowledge of our beautiful local landscape. For more information or to register, contact Maura Toomey at [mtoomey@parks.essexcountynj.org](mailto:mtoomey@parks.essexcountynj.org). **FREE**

### FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS

**Tuesday, June 23; 6-7:30pm**

**For families.** This rrrribbetting program will take an up-close look at our wetland and pond ecosystem. Search out and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. **Fee: \$15 per person**

### GROWING VEGETABLES USING INTENSIVE GARDENING PRACTICES

**Saturday, June 27; 10am to 12pm**

**For adults.** Join Claudia Urdanivia, Urban Agriculture Agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Essex and Hudson Counties, to learn to make the most of your vegetable garden plot by growing intensively and using best practices such as succession planting, interplanting, and crop rotation. For all garden levels. Meets in Garibaldi Hall. **Fee: \$15 per adult**

### TEEN TRAILBLAZER CAMP

**Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2; 9:30am to 1:30pm**  
**For ages 13 to 16.** Captain a canoe! Navigate the trail! Lead a frog pond exploration! Learn first aid! Through teambuilding and outdoor adventures, this program gives teens the confidence, motivation, and skills to become leaders.  
**Fee: \$320 per child**

### BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Thursday, July 9; 9:30am to 12 noon**  
**Open to volunteers ages 13 and older.** Are you ready to help us bring the magic of nature to our community? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist during our popular Butterfly Tent Safari. This training will equip you with the skills to facilitate a high-quality educational experience for visitors of all ages. You'll learn about butterfly gardening, care and feeding and build confidence in communicating environmental education with our visitors. Must be able to commit to the majority of our open tent schedule, which is from July 11-25. For more information or to register, contact David Alexander at [dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org](mailto:dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org).  
**FREE**

### BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI 2026

**Saturday, July 11 to Saturday, July 25**  
**Tent Hours ~ Monday through Friday from 12pm to 3pm & Saturdays, July 11, 18 & 25; 10:30am to 1:30pm**  
**For all ages.** Featuring live butterflies and butterfly-themed programming for all ages. Walk-ins will be accommodated Monday to Friday. Saturday time slots must be booked in advance by calling the center at 973.228.8776. Tent and programming to take place at the Garibaldi Hall side of the Environmental Center grounds. Fees collected go to the Essex County Parks Foundation and are used to support Environmental Center programming. Tent Visit **Fee: \$10 per person (includes a take-away item per paid participant)**

### EXTRAORDINARY CATERPILLAR MOVIE SCREENING

**Friday, July 10; 6-7:30pm**  
**For all ages.** Get ready to see the world from a much smaller—and much

hungrier—perspective! The Essex County Environmental Commission invites you to a special screening of The Extraordinary Caterpillar movie. Homegrown National Park is the U.S. organizer of the impact campaign for The Extraordinary Caterpillar. The film features co-founder Dr. Doug Tallamy, and shines a spotlight on the critical, but often overlooked, role caterpillars play in biodiversity. Caterpillars are the engine of food webs. They feed birds, support pollinators, and keep ecosystems thriving both locally throughout the parks, home gardens, and forests of Essex County and beyond. Registration includes a visit to our Butterfly Tent Safari! Meet at Garibaldi Hall. **Fee: \$20 per person (suggested donation to the Essex County Parks Foundation)**

### THE VERY HUNGRY MONARCH CATERPILLAR

**Saturday, July 11; 10:30-11:30am**  
**For all ages.** 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 required. This program is supported by the Essex County Parks Foundation. **Fee: \$15**

### FLUTTER INTO ACTION with INSECT EDUCATION

**Saturday, July 18; 10:30-11:30am**  
**For ages 5 and up.** Love insects? Join us for a family-fun and hands-on presentation all about bugs n' butterflies. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration is required; call 973.228.8776. This program is supported by the Essex County Parks Foundation. **Fee: \$15 per person (includes a visit to the live butterfly tent)**

### EVENING CANOE PADDLE ON THE UPPER PASSAIC

**Thursday, July 16; 6:30-8:30pm**  
**For adults and children ages 10 and older.** Take a leisurely paddle on the Passaic River! Paddlers will enjoy scenery and peacefulness as they paddle up the river and float downstream. Geared for beginners and children 10 and up accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet in the Garibaldi Hall parking lot. **Fee: \$40 per person**



**Night Moves**  
June 12  
June 25  
July 10  
July 25  
August 7  
August 22  
September 18  
**Evenings near sunset**  
Get a unique look at the zoo and its nocturnal animal collection! Night Moves gives you a guided evening tour of zoo exhibits where you will learn about different animal senses and adaptations. Guided tours are one hour. All ages. \$10/ participant; no fee for those under 2 years old. No refunds; zoo admission not included.  
<https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/>

### BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

**Saturday, July 25; 10:30-11:30am**  
**For families.** Learn about butterfly gardening in this hands-on workshop. We'll learn about native host and nectar plants and how they support our New Jersey butterflies. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Pre-registration is required; call 973.228.8776. This program is supported by the Essex County Parks Foundation. **Fee: \$15 per person (includes a visit to the live butterfly tent)**

### INSECTS OF SUMMER NIGHTS

**Monday, July 27; 5:30-7pm**  
**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! **Fee: \$15 per person**

### ADVANCING CAREERS IN STEM & ANIMAL SCIENCE (ACAS) TEEN INTERNSHIP

**Wednesday, July 27 to Sunday, July 31; 9am to 4pm**  
**For rising 10th-13th graders.** Join Passaic & Essex 4-H in an exciting Agriculture & STEM focused internship week. Teens will dive into hands-on learning, professional development, and career exploration. Engage in workshops & field trips to discover the endless opportunities in these dynamic industries. Visit colleges and learn about continuing educational opportunities. Then, spend time applying skills in a real-world career setting. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. For more information and to register, please visit [go.rutgers.edu/acas2026](http://go.rutgers.edu/acas2026).

### NATURE'S PALETTE: A BOTANICAL DYE WORKSHOP

**Saturday, August 1; 10:30am to 12 noon**  
**For ages 10 and older.** Unlock the hidden colors of the summer garden! Join us for a hands-on class as we transform flowers into fashion. We will harvest vibrant marigolds, coreopsis, and sunflowers from our Learning Garden to create a spectrum of natural pigments. Participants will learn the ancient art of botanical dyeing, using traditional techniques to "fix" colors onto fabric. You'll leave with a beautiful, custom-dyed cotton bandana or scarf and the

knowledge to start your own natural dye vat at home. Led by Roxana Marroquin, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program Associate, Agriculture & Natural Resources. Meets at Garibaldi Hall. **Fee: \$20 per person**

### EVENING CANOE PADDLE ON THE UPPER PASSAIC

**Wednesday, August 5; 6:30-8:30pm**  
**For adults and children ages 10 and older.** Take a leisurely paddle on the Passaic River! Paddlers will enjoy scenery and peacefulness as they paddle up the river and float downstream. Geared for beginners and children 10 and up accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet in the Garibaldi Hall parking lot. **Fee: \$40 per person**

### BUZZFEST

**Saturday, August 8**  
**10:15-11:15am; 11:30am to 12:30pm; OR 12:45-1:45pm**  
**For all ages.** Have you ever wondered how honey goes from hive to jar? Come join our local beekeeper and see a real hive! You'll even get a sample taste. Learn about bees, their current challenges, and how we can help. Take home a bee themed craft. Limited space per time slot; must book from one of three time slots  
**Fee: \$15 per person**

### FOREST MUSHROOMS 101

**Thursday, August 13; 5:30-7pm**  
**For families with children ages 6 and up.** Fascinated by fungi? Explore the local forest for gilled, pored, ridged and toothed mushrooms. We'll learn their anatomy and create whimsical, yet realistic air-dry clay replicas of what we find. **Fee: \$15 per person**

### FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS

**Thursday, August 20; 6-7:30pm**  
**For families.** This rribbetting program will take an up-close look at our wetland and pond ecosystem. Search out and identify the life found in the pond through magnifying glasses, microscopes and field guides. **Fee: \$15 per person**

### PICKLE MAKING

**Tuesday, August 25; 5-6pm**  
**For all ages.** Turn a humble cucumber into a tangy masterpiece! In this hands-on workshop, we'll visit our garden to collect cucumbers, explore the science of preservation and the art of seasoning. We'll skip the hot canning baths and focus on "Refrigerator Pickles," a safe and speedy method that delivers big flavor without the long wait. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Led by Roxana Marroquin, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program Associate, Agriculture & Natural Resources. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. **Fee: \$15 per person**



**Family Nights**  
Wednesday and Thursday nights in July and August  
Essex County Turtle Back Zoo has extended hours to 8pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Enjoy the Zoo when the summer temperatures are cooler and the workday is over. Last entry is 7pm. Zoo admission tickets are \$15 per person from 4-7pm.  
ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

RAIN  
CANCELS

# ZOO-VIES

FILMS BEGIN  
AT DUSK

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

Catch a movie at the zoo on Wednesday nights in July. Zoo admission is required to view the movie. Films begin at 6pm in the Zoo Picnic Area. Zoo-vies are part of Family Fun Nights, featuring extended zoo hours Wednesdays and Thursdays until 7pm (off grounds by 8pm) in July and August.

FREE ADMISSION

July 1



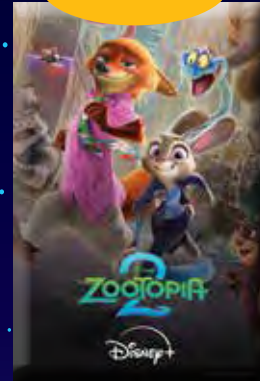
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July 15



July 22



July 29



### 4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Monday, August 24 to Friday, August 28; 9am to 3pm

For youth in grades 6 to 10. Spend the last week of summer learning about environmental stewardship and outdoor education while building leadership skills for the upcoming school year! Each day, we will take on team challenges, learn new skills, and go on an outdoor adventure. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. For more information and to register, please visit [go.rutgers.edu/oac2026](http://go.rutgers.edu/oac2026). **Fee: \$150**

### 2026 ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 9, so grab a camera and visit any 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](http://www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar)

### BERSON FAMILY CENTER AT ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

973.731.5800 x236  
<https://turtlebackzoo.com/education/>

### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**Hatchlings: June 7, July 12, August 2 at 10am**

**Tots: June 7, July 12, August 2 at 11:30am**

**Explorers: June 14, July 19, August 9 at 10am**

TBZ's Early Childhood programs encourage family learning and foster early environmental awareness. We invite young children to discover the natural world through gently structured play, art, stories, animal visits and more. Age restrictions apply; pre-registration required; zoo admission not included. **Hatchlings (12-24 months), Tots (ages 2&3) and**

**Explorers (ages 4&5) are \$30-\$40 per participant; no refunds.**

<https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/early-childhood/>

### STROLLER SAFARI

**Wonderful Water:**

**June 10 from 2-3pm**

**Fun on the Farm: July 8 from 2-3pm**

**Adorable Rodents: August 12 from 2-3pm**

Turtle Back Zoo offers a monthly stroller safari for children ages 1-4 and a caregiver. Each month features a unique topic while exploring an area of the zoo. This 30- to 45-minute guided tour, led by a TBZ educator, focuses on the wonders of the natural world through the eyes of children.

**\$15 for one child and one adult; \$5 for additional children over age 2; \$10 for additional adult. No refunds; zoo admission not included.**

<https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/stroller-safari/>

### WONDERS OF THE WILD

**Wonderful Water: June 20**

**from 1-3pm**

**To the Farm: July 25 from 1-3pm**

**Zoos and You: August 8 from 1-3pm**

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 the Zoo as weather permits. **No refunds; drop-off program only. \$40/participant; zoo admission not included.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/wow/>

### HOMESCHOOL DAYS

**Incredible Invertebrates:**

**June 17 from 11am to 1pm**

Welcome to the wildest classroom in NJ! Our homeschool classes offer students an opportunity to boost scientific literacy and knowledge of the natural world while learning the importance of life-long environmental stewardship. Available to students ages 6-12, this drop-off program includes a visit to Essex County South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir, or Zoo as weather permits. **No refunds; drop-off program only. \$40/participant per session; zoo admission not included.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/homeschool/>

### LIFELONG LEARNERS

**Forest Forensics:**

**June 21 from 1-3pm**

**Geology of Essex County:**

**July 26 from 1-3pm**

**Reptiles and Amphibians of NJ:**

**August 2 from 1-3pm**

Lifelong Learners are conservation programs for audiences ages 13 to 103. Programs run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats & 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. **\$40/participant; no refunds. Includes a visit to the zoo, but zoo admission is not included.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/lifelong-learners/>



Home schooling at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

### FAMILY NATURE CLUB:

**NATURE GUARDIANS**

**Searching for Salamanders: June 14, July 5 & August 2 from 9-11am**

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; no refunds; zoo admission not included.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/fnc/>

### FAMILY NATURE CLUB:

**NATURE ADVENTURERS**

**Party for Pollinators:**

**June 28 from 9-11am**

**Woodland Wanderers:**

**July 19 from 9-11am**

**Let's Go Birding:**

**August 16 from 9-11am**

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; no refunds; zoo admission not included.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/fnc/>

### BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS & ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

**Behind the Scenes at Capybara:**

**Sundays in June at 2pm**

**Behind the Scenes at Amazing Asia:**

**July 9, 23; August 6, 20 at 6pm**

**Behind the Scenes at**

**African Penguins: July 2, 16, 30;**

**August 13, 27 at 6pm**

**Sloth Socials: June 13 & August 15 at 10am**

**Wild America Breakfast:**

**July 4 at 10am**

**Capybara Breakfasts:**

**July 12, 18, 26 at 10am**

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 liability and 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 a light snack and an educational presentation. **\$65/participant for Behind the Scenes or Animal Encounters; does not include zoo admission. No refunds.** <https://www.turtlebackzoo.com/learn/animal-encounters/>

### 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 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 apply.** ■

# G'ART'BAGE ART CONTEST

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

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



**FIRST PLACE - PK-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Adelaide Wong  
(Birds Nest)



**SECOND PLACE - PK-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Ariel Vega, Luke Vega  
(The Vega Flock)



**THIRD PLACE - PK-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Vito, Nathan, Julian, James, Joseph, Jack  
(North Caldwell Cub Scouts Pack 856, Lion Den)



**FIRST PLACE - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Calvin Cavey, Elliot Cavey  
(Cavey Bird)



**SECOND PLACE - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Ursa Brondo  
(American Goldfinch (NJ State Bird))



**THIRD PLACE - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Massimo Carlinhos  
(Bird Oasis Bed and Breakfast)



**FIRST PLACE - 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Amelina Cordon, Margaret Carlough, Maeve Taylor, Agnes Herrera  
(Ernesto the Owl, Glen Ridge Public School)



**SECOND PLACE - 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Emily Veal



**THIRD PLACE - 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Timothy Mizin, James Crosson, Alexander Shutt  
(The Scraporant, Glen Ridge Public School)



**FIRST PLACE - 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATEGORY**  
Amy Sanchez, Ashely Martinez, Dayana Morales  
(Lovely Earth)



# GREENWOOD GARDENS

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE AND THE ARTS  
IN A HISTORIC GARDEN OASIS



THE GARDENS ARE OPEN MAY 1 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2026  
FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, AND SUNDAYS, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.  
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## ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

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

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Lotus 4, Oil on canvas, by Catherine Kinkade at the Montclair Leach Gallery

### STUDIO MONTCLAIR LEACH GALLERY

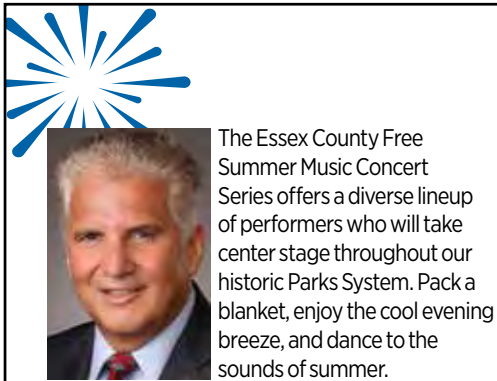
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862.500.1447  
<https://www.studiomontclair.org>

### In Memory of Catherine Kinkade

A special exhibition of works by longtime artist and SMI Board Member Catherine Kinkade (1940-2025). August 7-23.

### State of the Art 2026

Exhibition of works from Studio Montclair member artists. June 26 to July 24. Opening reception is open to the public on June 26 from 6-8pm. ■



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.

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



## FIREWORKS SHOWS

All performances begin at 7:30pm

### AN EVENING OF R&B AND PHILADELPHIA SOUL: FILLET OF SOUL

Wednesday, June 24 ★ Weequahic Park, Newark

### NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

Friday, June 26 ★ Branch Brook Park, Newark

### MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES FEATURING VAN MARTIN, THE DISCOTEKS, AND THE EMPIRE

Wednesday, July 1 ★ Brookdale Park, Bloomfield/Montclair

*This concert starts at 7pm*

## ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

All performances begin at 7:30pm

### AN EVENING OF JAZZ: KATE CURRAN QUINTET

Friday, July 10

### NEVER SAY GOODBYE: A BON JOVI TRIBUTE

Friday, July 17

### THE INFERNOS

Friday, July 24

### SOUNDS OF THE '60s: THE KELTON COOPER BAND

Friday, July 31

### XTREME QUEEN

Friday, August 7

## FESTIVALS

### GOSPEL CONCERT/FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 27 ★ 12noon - 10pm

Rain Date: Sunday, June 28

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

### JAZZ FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 18 ★ 12noon - 10pm

Rain Date: Sunday, July 19

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

### CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 8 ★ 12noon - 10pm

Rain Date: Sunday, August 9

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

### INTERNATIONAL FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 22 ★ 12noon - 9pm

Rain Date: Sunday, August 23

Ivy Hill Park, Newark

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

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

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## LIVE AT YOUR LOCAL ESSEX COUNTY PARK

All performances at 7pm  
 unless otherwise noted

### TK WALKER AS ELVIS

Tuesday, June 16 ★ Yanticaw Park, Nutley

### FOREVER YOUNG: DOO-WOP EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, June 17 ★ Verona Park, Verona

### GROOVE OPERATOR: AN EVENING OF R&B

Tuesday, June 23 ★ Veterans Memorial Park, Newark

### TEMPO ALEGRE: A SALSA EXPERIENCE

Tuesday, July 7 ★ Riverbank Park, Newark

### OWLS AND LIONS TRIO TOP 40

Wednesday, July 8 ★ Watsessing Park, Bloomfield

### CARL BRISTER PRESENTS: FEEL IT, SING IT, LIVE IT THE SOUND OF SOUL MUSIC

Tuesday, July 14 ★ Ivy Hill Park, Newark

### EAST COAST SOUL

Wednesday, July 15 ★ Vailsburg Park, Newark

### E STREET SHUFFLE: TRIBUTE TO SPRINGSTEEN

Tuesday, July 21 ★ Cedar Grove Park, Cedar Grove

### NINE DEEEZ NITE: THE '90s EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, July 22 ★ Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

### DANIELLE ILLARIO GROUP: CONTEMPORARY JAZZ

Tuesday, July 28 ★ Independence Park, Newark

### JERSEY SOUND: A NIGHT OF OLDIES

Wednesday, July 29 ★ Belleville Park, Belleville

### THE VERDICT: SOUNDS OF THE CARIBBEAN

Tuesday, August 4 ★ Irvington Park, Irvington

### AN EVENING WITH THE CROONERS: VAN MARTIN AND HIS BIG BAND SOUND

Friday, August 14 ★ Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

*This concert starts at 7:30pm*

## ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

### June 5: Guyana Flag Raising Ceremony.

Join the Guyana American Heritage Foundation 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 6: Essex County Anderson Park "Music Under the June Moon" Concert.

Bring a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey perform al fresco in historic Essex County Anderson Park. The concert will feature Felix Mendelssohn's String Octet and the String Quart by Fanny Mendelssohn (Hensel). Sponsored by Friends of Anderson Park and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Made possible by funds from the Essex County Division of Cultural Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and the Bravitas Group/Silver Family Foundation. The full concert program will be posted at FriendsOfAndersonPark.com. Handicap parking information is also on



"Music Under the June Moon" Concert at Essex County Anderson Park



Make Fairy Houses at the Greater Newark Conservancy

the website. Essex County Anderson Park, 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair. 7:30-9pm. Rain date is June 7 at 7:30pm. (Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates.) Free. 973.477.7207.

### June 7: Season Finale: Symphonie fantastique with the NJ Symphony.

Berlioz used all the colors in a composer's paintbox – and created a few new ones all his own – for his Symphonie fantastique, a swirling portrait of an artist's passion, dreams and ecstasy. We'll place this alongside the unparalleled elegance of Emanuel Ax at the piano and brand-new music from our gifted Resident Artistic

Partner Allison Loggins-Hull. It will be a finale to cherish! New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 2-4pm. \$36-\$132. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

### June 7 & 8: Essex County Riker Hill Art Park Open House.

The former US Army Nike Missile Base in Livingston was transformed into an art park in 1974. View over 30 artists work in the park, their studios perched high atop the mountain, with beautiful scenic views. Artists-in-residence work in various disciplines including painting, fine metal jewelry, ceramics, glass blowing, printmaking, photography, fiber arts, mixed media, and sculpture. Essex County Riker Hill Art Park, 284 Beaufort Street, Livingston. 11am to 5pm. Admission is free; artwork is for sale. 973.368.3500. [www.rikerhillarts.org](http://www.rikerhillarts.org)

### July 12: Guyana's 60th Independence Family Fun Day.

Activities and cultural entertainment. Live artist performance by Watzhott Guyana Show. Essex County Monte Irvin Orange Park, South Center Street and South Harrison Street, Orange. 10am to 7pm. Free. 973.951.9898.

### June 13: Second Saturday Family Adventures: Fairy Houses.

Join us for a whimsical morning where families can craft fairy houses using natural materials. This session encourages creativity and a connection to nature and is perfect for children and adults. Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince

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Expert-led hike in Essex County South Mountain Reservation

Street, Newark. 10:30am to 12pm. Free. Registration required. Greaternewark.org

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Five, multiple solo albums, and numerous collaborative records. His latest album, 2023's *What Matters Most*, is a blend of piano-driven pop rock songs, while his 2015 *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra* soared to #1 on both the Billboard classical and classical crossover charts. He released his first Christmas album in 2024 and last fall recorded a live album slated for release in 2025 with the National Symphony Orchestra at Guyana American Heritage Foundation The Kennedy Center in Washington,



Wonders of Water at the Greater Newark Conservancy

D.C., where he served for eight years as the first artistic advisor to the NSO. New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30-9:30pm. \$41-\$116. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

**June 20: Family Fun in the Kitchen.**

Join Chef Afi to learn knife skills, cooking tips and tricks, and how to make Orange Cranberry Muffins, Tofu Stir Fry, Sweet Potato Fritters, Hoppin' John, Jackfruit Empanadas, and more! Chef Afi will walk your family through every step and, at the end, you get to enjoy the dish you made! Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince Street, Newark. 11am to 12:30pm. \$5 per person. Registration required. Greaternewark.org

**June 20-21: Rose Squared Art Show in Essex County Brookdale Park.**

Celebrate creativity in the heart of Essex County as the Rose Squared Art Show returns to Essex County Brookdale Park. This show brings together a dynamic lineup of fine art and fine crafts, including painting, art jewelry, mixed media, photography, and more, showcasing the talent and diversity of artists from across the region. A cherished destination for collectors and art lovers alike, the show offers the opportunity to reconnect with favorite artists while discovering new voices and fresh perspectives. Each visit offers something different, with artists presenting new work and evolving collections. Show hours are 10am to 5pm, rain or shine, and admission is free. Park entrances are at Watchung Avenue in Bloomfield, Bellevue Avenue in Bloomfield and Grove Avenue in Montclair. <https://rosesquared.com>

**June 27: Free expert-led hike in Essex County South Mountain Reservation.**

Hike about 2 to 3 hours covering 3-4 miles at a modest pace over rocky trails with one long climb from the Rahway River up South Mountain. Focus on ecology and hydrology, led by the president of the Rahway Watershed Association and an expert on local watershed issues. Good balance required. Children welcome. No dogs. Sponsored by the South Mountain Conservancy and the Rahway River Watershed Association. Meet at the Clipper Pavilion on Cherry Lane in West

Orange. 9-11:30am. Free. Advance registration required via [rahwayriver.org/calendar.html](http://rahwayriver.org/calendar.html). Email [president@rahwayriver.org](mailto:president@rahwayriver.org) with questions.

**July 11: Second Saturday Family Adventures: Nature Crafts.**

Join us as we use what the Earth is offering at the Outdoor Learning Center to create natural crafts and mandalas! Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince Street, Newark. 10:30am to 12pm. Free. Registration required; opens mid-June. Greaternewark.org

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**August 8: Second Saturday Family Adventures: Wonders of Water.**

We will discover which objects will sink or float and why, put our engineering skills to the test as we build your own mini boats, and will learn about water properties through exciting experiments and activities. This event is perfect for families looking to explore science in a fun, interactive way while enjoying the great outdoors. It's educational and a

fantastic way to beat the summer heat! Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince Street, Newark. 11am to 12:30pm. Free. Registration required; opens mid-July. Greaternewark.org

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Nature Crafts at the Greater Newark Conservancy



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

Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive and the Board of County Commissioners  
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# Wellness on the Waterfront 2026

## 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: July 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:30pm

All levels welcome! Please bring your own mat.

### **Tuesdays** Jammin' in July: July, 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7pm

Wednesday Rain date for concert July 8, 15, 22, 29.

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

July 7: Chatham Community Band	July 24: Memories Music ( <i>this is a Friday</i> )
July 14: West Orange Community Band	July 28: Peter & the Master Keys
July 21: Maplewood Community Band	

### **Thursdays** Full Body Work-Out: July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:30pm

Join us and get in shape!

### Wednesday and Thursday Nights in July

#### Family Fun Nights at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo.

The Zoo has extended hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays to 8pm.

Last admission 7pm. [turtlebackzoo.com](http://turtlebackzoo.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org)

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## ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

### BRANCH BROOK PARK ALLIANCE

973.969.1189

[www.branchbrookpark.org/calendar](http://www.branchbrookpark.org/calendar)  
Please call for ADA accessibility details

**June 10: Price | Olmsted Lecture & Jazz Luncheon.** Enjoy a day in the gardens while celebrating the park. Essex County Branch Brook Park at the Barbara Bell Coleman Welcome Pavilion on Concourse Hill. 10:30am to 2:30pm. \$175 per person. Advanced registration required.

**June 1 to August 31: Discovering Wellness with the Branch Brook Park Alliance.** Come for a series of free wellness events including Yoga, Zumba, Soul Line Dancing, Pickleball Clinics and more. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. 10-11am. Free. Advanced registration 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. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm. Free. Advanced registration required.

**June 1 to August 31: Historic & Horticulture Tours.** Come for a 60-minute walking tour and learn more about the historical significance of Essex County Branch Brook Park and the formal gardens. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. Flexible dates and times. \$15. Advanced registration required. ■



Volunteer stewardship in Essex County Branch Brook Park



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*Symphonie fantastique*  
June 7 at NJPAC**

Experience the World Premiere of Allison Loggins-Hull's *Doublespeak*, the world-class pianist Emanuel Ax's take on Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 22, and the world-renowned *Symphonie fantastique* in this spectacular conclusion to Music Director Xian Zhang's 10th season.



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