Essex County Kip's Castle Park

22 Crestmont Road, Verona • 973 433-7469 • www.essexcountynj.org

Come home for the holidays and see Kip's Castle decorated circa 1928. The dining room is set for a holiday feast and the parlor is festooned with greenery and ribbons. **Admission is free. Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-4pm.**

Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair • 973-783-5974
www.presbyirisgardens.org

Built in 1865, the house was the residence of Mrs. Barbara Walther, a longtime caretaker of the gardens. Shop at the fabulous Bloom Room for inexpensive holiday gifts. Hot apple cider and cookies will be served. There will be a piano player, light jazz & Christmas carols both days from 1pm-3pm. Large groups should call ahead for reservations. Bloom Room will be open. **Free Admission. Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-3pm.**

NEW! Roseland Historical Society

126 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland
https://www.roselandhistoricalsociety.org

Visit the Williams-Harrison House. **Open Saturday; 12pm-3pm.**

NEW! West Caldwell Historical Society

289 Westville Ave, West Caldwell • 973-226-8976
https://hswcaldwell.wixsite.com/hswcaldwell/home

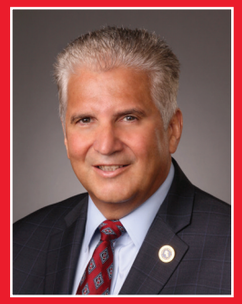
Visit the Zenas Crane House, dating from 1850. **Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-4pm.**

Van Tassel Funeral Home

337 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield • 973-743-1234
www.vantasselfuneralhome.com

The Van Tassel Funeral Home is the oldest funeral home in Bloomfield. It was built in 1850 and has been serving the community since 1883, providing services for over 20,000 families. An historic building with old pictures, stained glass, and artifacts, during this program we invite you to listen to Christmas music while admiring the decorations. Take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. **Free Admission. Open Saturday; 12pm-4pm.**

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The County of Essex is rich in history and architecture. Take a break from the hustle and bustle this December and visit historic homes that have decked the halls in holiday extravagance for one spectacular weekend. Tour historic Essex with your friends and family and delight in the elegance of the season.

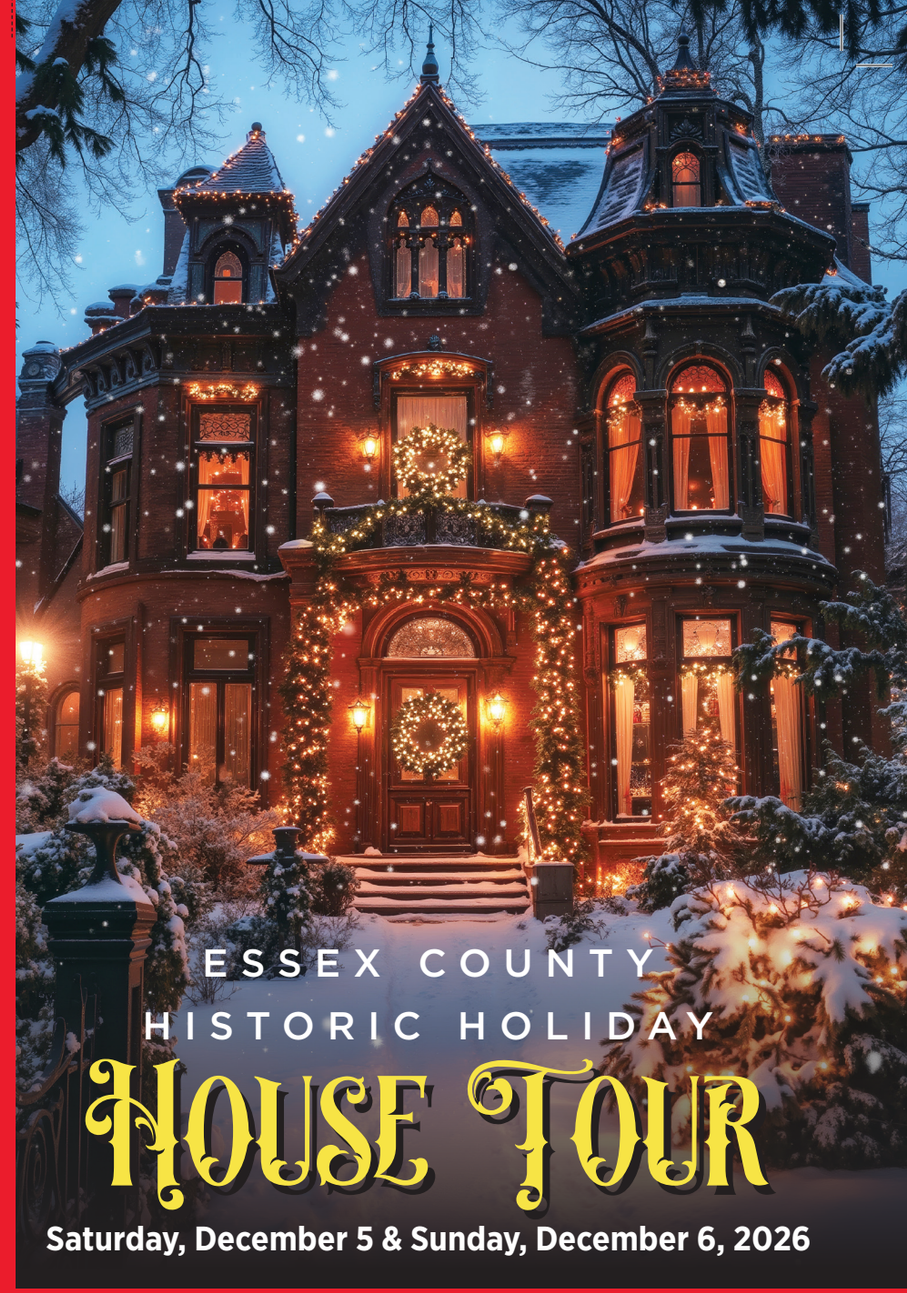
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The Essex County Historic Holiday House Tour is organized by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs. For more information, please call 973.268.3500.

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HISTORIC HOLIDAY

HOUSE TOUR

The Newark Museum of Art – The Ballentine House

49 Washington Street, Newark • 973-596-6550 • www.newarkmuseumart.org

Visit The Ballantine House, the 1885 home of a Newark beer-brewing family, and experience it decorated to celebrate late-19th-century Christmas and winter holidays. Visitors can explore the House at their own pace. **Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-5pm.**

Blanchard Estate

100 Blanchard Road, South Orange • 973-803-9390
https://www.patterson-foundation.org/

The Blanchard Estate was built by William L. Blanchard in 1924 and is celebrating its 102nd anniversary this year. The property historically was known for its brilliant Christmas lights displayed each year as a seasonal and scenic attraction. Some of the lights that frame the mansion are still in good working condition. The mansion's 100-year history is equally intriguing; its stately rooms tell a story, and it has a part in community folklore, as a speakeasy during the bygone era of Prohibition. This year the Blanchard will celebrate "Festival of Lights" featuring storytelling and music of Jewish and Christian Heritage, a celebration of Hanukkah and the Christmas tradition and a special holiday presentation for the youth. Reservations are encouraged for the tour. Parking is not available at the estate. Guests will be shuttled from a local parking area. **For more information, reservations and details, email: info@patterson-foundation.org or text to 973-803-9390. Suggested donation $20 per adult; free for children and students. Open Saturday, 11am-4pm & Sunday 12pm-3pm.**

Montclair History Center
Crane House & Historic YWCA Museum

110 Orange Road, Montclair • 973-744-1796 • www.montclairhistory.org

Kick Off the Season with Us! In 2020, USA Today readers ranked the Crane House and Historic YWCA's Holiday House Tour #4 in the nation, and now's your chance to be among the first to see this year's stunning display! Explore the beautifully decorated 230-year-old home at your own pace, with festive period décor designed by the Garden Club of Montclair. Cozy up by the hearth and discover the flavors and traditions of holidays past. Don't forget to stop by the Nathaniel Crane House for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts! **$5 per person, children under 12 free. Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-3pm.**

Historic homes throughout Essex County will open their doors in unison for one spectacular weekend. Each will be dressed for the holiday season while offering entertainment, refreshments, or educational information. Fees and times vary.



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A: Canfield-Morgan House in Cedar Grove **B:** Crane House in Montclair
C: The Newark Museum of Art-The Ballentine House in Newark
D: Roseland Historical Society in Roseland **E:** Van Tassel Funeral Home in Bloomfield
F: Grover Cleveland's Birthplace in Caldwell

NEW! Cedar Grove Historical Society
Canfield-Morgan House & Museum

903 Pompton Ave, Cedar Grove • 973-239-5414
https://www.cedargrovehistoricalsociety.com

Celebrate the holidays with a visit to the historic Canfield-Morgan House, built in 1845 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Located on Morgan's Farm, Cedar Grove's last remaining farm, the beautifully decorated farmhouse is adorned for the Christmas season and offers a charming glimpse into the township's rich agricultural heritage and the families who helped shape its history. **Admission: $5 per person. Children under 12 are free. Open Saturday & Sunday; 1pm-4pm.**

NEW! Essex County Parks Administration Building

115 Clifton Ave, Newark • 973-268-3500 • www.essexcountynj.org

Originally built in 1916, this fine example of Beaux Arts design has recently undergone a full restoration project. A visit to this historic building will transport you to a place where form meets function. **Admission is free. Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-4pm.**

Grover Cleveland Birthplace

207 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell • 973-226-0001
https://presidentcleveland.org

The Grover Cleveland Presidential Library & Museum is in the Visitors Center next to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Historic Site. On display are photos and memorabilia related to the life of the 22nd and 24th U.S. president and first lady Frances Folsom Cleveland. Gift shop available. **Free Admission. Open Saturday & Sunday; 12pm-3pm.**

Kingsland Manor

3 Kingsland Street, Nutley • 973-661-3410 • www.kingslandmanor.org

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary at this 1700s brownstone Dutch Colonial, listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Explore the Kingsland family Homestead and beyond, beautifully decorated for the 2026 holiday season. **Admission is free. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Open Saturday & Sunday; 1pm-4pm.**

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