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The Essex County Environmental Center Butterfly Tent Safari is back!



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PUTTING ESSEX COUNTY FIRST



A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends

Warmer weather has arrived and it's the perfect time to get out and explore all that our historic Essex County Parks System has to offer!

Take a leisurely stroll through any of our picturesque parks, enjoy the beauty of the 2.7-mile walkway around the reservoir at our South Mountain Recreation Complex or follow the rubberized paths in Branch Brook Park or Weequahic Park. If you are looking to burn some extra calories, try flexing your muscles on the parcourses (exercise stations) in Weequahic, Ivy Hill or Brookdale Parks. If relaxing or gazing over the horizon is more your speed, enjoy extraordinary scenic views from Eagle Rock and South Mountain Reservations or Riker Hill Art Park.

Combine spending time outdoors with unique experiences at Turtle Back Zoo where you can feed giraffes, walk among a flock of budgies in our aviary, get a bird's eye view from the treetops on our Treetop Adventure Course or putt your way through our African continent themed miniGOLF course. Adventure and learning go hand in hand at our Environmental Center. Butterflies will take center stage July when we host our Butterfly Tent Safari and offer a month-long series of events to highlight these fluttery friends.

Finally, after a long day, cool off under the stars and listen to the sounds of music from some of our area's most exciting and talented bands. Our free concert series runs from June to August and offers something for every musical taste.

Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
Essex County Executive



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



Indicates the facility is handicap accessible. Please contact the facility directly for specific accommodations.



Monarch butterfly



Butterfly Tent Safari

The Essex County Environmental Center Butterfly Tent Safari is back!

Essex County will be a flutter during the Spring and Summer as two of its most popular facilities host a Butterfly Tent Safari, welcoming the most amazing pollinators that contribute to balancing and contributing to the sustainability of our sensitive ecosystem.

While Essex County Turtle Back Zoo features over 1,200 animals representing 143 species for guests to see throughout the year, featured from Memorial Day through Labor Day is a spectacular sighting of 400 tropical and flowering plants that set the stage for over 1,500 live butterflies to soar with excitement throughout a 90-foot-long tent.



This rare experience introduces zoo visitors to the native and migratory species of our region including Monarchs, Swallowtails, Red Admirals, Mourning Cloaks, Fritillaries,

Skippers, Baltimore Checkerspots, Hairstreaks, Red-spotted Purples, Painted Ladies, and more. Learn about the metamorphosis of a butterfly firsthand as you explore the tent to find chrysalis in different stages of growth. Our Butterfly Tent is a true partnership project, with our maintenance team constructing the exhibit, our horticulture team (along with Master Gardeners & Docents) planting and overseeing our butterflies, our animal care and guest relations teams facilitating the day-to-day visitor experience and our partner the Zoological Society of New Jersey conducting the fundraising to support the display.

Our conservation efforts and support extend beyond this seasonal habitat and the zoo itself. Monarch butterflies, *Danaus plexippus*, are one of the most iconic butterflies in the world and they embark on one of the most complex migrations of any insect. Once common across North America, they are

now experiencing steep declines due to habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change throughout the continent and were recently classified as being endangered. This makes widespread collaboration crucial for recovering and sustaining this species. In 2021, The zoo joined the North American Monarch SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) Program through the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. North American Monarch SAFE is the only insect SAFE program which focuses on citizen science and public education of monarchs and their plight, habitat creation, restoration, and research. TBZ also began working with the Monarch Watch Tagging Program, a large-scale community science project that was initiated to help understand the dynamics of the monarch's fall migration through mark and recapture data. Over the past three years, zoo staff has



tagged more than 800 Monarch adults to support migratory tracking. Your visit to our Butterfly Tent raises funds that directly support these projects, so make sure to have cash handy, as this exhibit is a \$3 per person cash only experience.

During the month of July, be sure to visit the Essex County Environmental Center that has hosted a Butterfly Tent Safari for the past 15 years. The Essex County Environmental Center offers engaging and educational programming focused on the beauty and importance of pollinators in our local ecosystem.

Families and friends come together to enjoy hands-on experiences within the 14x24 foot hoop house tent, surrounded by native plants such as Joe-Pye-weed, Ironweed, Mountain Mint, Blazing Star, Hyssop, Bergamot, Coneflower, Coreopsis, and Autumn Sunflower. Native butterflies, including Monarchs, Painted Ladies, Mourning Cloaks, Swallowtails, Cabbage Whites, and Red Admirals add to the spectacle as they flutter around the colorful flowers.

Environmental Center participants can schedule a ten-minute timeslot to enter the tent and have the opportunity to feed the butterflies using a foam brush dipped in juice. The butterflies' taste receptors are triggered, prompting them to uncurl their proboscis and sip "nectar." Outside the tent, additional educational displays, live caterpillars, and gardening information are provided.

Throughout the tent's operation, Nature Explorers' Summer Campers assist in releasing butterflies upon their arrival from the breeder. Private group field trips are hosted daily, while public family programming takes place on Saturdays, featuring themes such as "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," "Buzz Into Action," and "Butterfly Gardening." The Center hopes to inspire visitors to create their own pollinator plantings at home, regardless of size or space, whether in a garden or container pot. Through their nature programming, they aim to foster a love and excitement for the natural world, encouraging lifelong enthusiasm for parks and natural areas, and above all, ensuring that everyone is having fun while learning! ■



Black Swallowtail butterfly



Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly



Red Admiral butterfly

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 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

Summer Figure Skating Camp – 7 weeks

- Basic 3 & above
- Ages 5-15
- Full & half day sessions
- Mondays to Fridays from June 24 to August 9

Learn to Skate Group Lessons – 6 weeks

- Classes start mid-June
Ages: 3½ to adult
- Snow Plow (ages 3½ to 5)
 - Basic 1-6 (ages 6 to adult)
 - Freestyle
 - Therapeutic Skating/Special Olympics

Public Session Skating

Ages: 3½ to adult
Adults \$10, children 16 & under \$8, seniors \$8, skate rentals \$5

Adult 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 public sessions or private ice session
 - Group admission discount rates for 15+ skaters

Ice Hockey Camps

- Pro Ambitions Hockey Camp
- Brodeur Hockey School
- Erik Nates Euro Hockey

June 14
June 22
July 11
July 26
August 10
August 22

Evenings near sunset

Get a unique look at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo and its nocturnal animal collection! Night Moves gives you a guided evening tour of zoo exhibits where you will learn about different animal senses and adaptations. Guided tours are one hour. All ages.
\$10/participant.

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

- Great Save Goaltending
- Simply Defense & Shooting Camp

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

SMALL GROUPS/PODS AND FAMILIES

All ages. Spring topic selections include: Seasonal Nature Adventure, Lenape Village Tours, Backyard Birding, Wild Edibles, Frog Pond Science, Swamp Tromp/Wetland Biodiversity, *Fire Making and Hot Chocolate, *Camping 101. One group at a time with a limit of 10 people. Schedule your 45-minute time slot by calling the center. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult. *Where noted, additional fees apply.**

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Mondays, June 3 & 17
For Ages 2 and 3, 10am to 11am
For ages 2 through 5, 3pm to 4pm

Join us for explorations of nature as we study plants and animals and observe the colors, shapes, textures, and sounds in the Environmental Center's forest habitat. Please come dressed for the weather; all classes include an outdoor adventure. All children must be walking and accompanied by an adult. Paths cannot accommodate strollers. Please be prepared for all weather conditions. Maximum of two children per adult. All sessions are limited to 10 children. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$15 per child per session.**

FOREST FRIENDS CLUB

Thursday, June 6; 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. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$12 per child per session.**

FROG POND CLUB

Wednesday, June 12; 4pm to 5pm. For children ages 5 through 9.

Uncover and discover ecosystem interactions at the frog pond. Explore with nets, magnifiers and microscopes to investigate what lives at the pond and learn from a naturalist what can be done to protect and conserve the pond inhabitants. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$12 per child per session.**

GARDEN DISCOVERY CLUB

Tuesdays, June 4, 18; July 9, 23; August 6, 20; Sept. 10; 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. **Fee: \$15 per child per session.**

ESSEX COUNTY SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday, June 1 at 12 noon to Sunday, June 2 at 11am

Activities are designed for children ages 4 through 12. Families with young children seeking a nature-intensive outdoor experience are invited to register for the 9th annual SMR Family Campout taking place at Summit Field in Essex County South Mountain Reservation. Co-sponsored by the South Mountain Conservancy & Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, this event features programming from the Essex County Environmental Center, 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 more information, email familycampout@somocon.org. Advanced registration is required. Stay up to date by signing up for the South Mountain Conservancy eBulletin at www.somocon.org. **Fee: \$50 per family (up to 5 family members).**

HONEYBEES AND THEIR RELATIVES

Tuesday, June 11; 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Join Master Beekeeper Landi Simone and the Essex County Beekeepers for a presentation about honeybees. This informative eco-talk given by Simone points out the differences between honeybees and other stinging insects, identifies challenges facing bees and beekeepers, and gives an outline of the bees' life cycle and management. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child; \$15 per adult; free for members of the Essex County Beekeepers Association.**

FROG POND ADVENTURE OUTDOOR CLASS

Thursday, June 13 and Monday, August 26; 6pm to 7:30pm

For families. This rrrribbttting 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. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY FAMILY FIELD TRIP

Tuesday, June 18; 5:30pm to 7:30pm
For families with young children ages 4 and up. Meet at the end of

Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1-mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Grallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

EVENING CANOE PADDLE ON THE UPPER PASSAIC

Friday, July 12 & Wednesday, August 7; 6:30pm to 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. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. **Fee: \$20 per person.**

BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI

Saturday, July 13 to Saturday, July 27. Tent Hours - Mondays through Fridays from 12pm to 3pm Saturdays from 10:30am to 1:30pm
For all ages. Featuring live butterflies

and butterfly-themed programming. Advance registration is required. Walk-ins will not be accommodated. Time slots must be booked by calling the center at 973.228.8776. **\$8 per person (includes a take-away item per paid participant.)**

THE VERY HUNGRY MONARCH CATERPILLAR

Saturday, July 13; 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. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

BUZZ INTO ACTION with INSECT EDUCATION

Saturday, July 20; 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. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 27; 10:30am to 11:30am. For families. Learn about butterfly gardening in this hands-on workshop. We'll create our own seed balls with native host and nectar plants to better support New Jersey butterflies in our own neighborhoods. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

INSECTS OF SUMMER NIGHTS

Monday, July 29; 5:30pm to 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 search for fireflies, ladybugs, aphids, moths and more before returning to make and take



The Very Hungry Monarch Catepillar at Essex County Environmental Center

an insect mosaic craft! Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

POLYPORE PAPER

Friday, August 9; 5:30pm to 7pm
For families. We can find, prod, pick, examine and, in many cases, even eat mushrooms, but for this program we'll be making our own mushroom paper! Together we take a short hike to collect polypores like Turkeytail Mushrooms and crust fungi like False Turkey tail found on dead oaks. We'll use blenders to make mushroom pulp and turn it into paper. The cell walls of fungi are made of a biological polymer called chitin, which is a similar to cellulose—the key ingredient in plant-based paper. Pre-registration and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

BUZZFEST

Saturday, August 10; 10am, 11am, 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. **\$15 per participant (includes a take-away item per paid participant).**

GARDEN HERBAL SCRUB-MAKING

Tuesday, August 13; 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. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

FOREST MUSHROOMS 101

Thursday, August 15; 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. We'll learn their anatomy and create whimsical, yet realistic air-dry clay replicas of what we find. Pre-registration

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.
<https://turtlebackzoo.com/>

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

and payment required either in person, by mail or online. **Fee: \$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$12 per child, \$15 per adult.**

2024 ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 11, 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 Parks System. For rules and regulations, contact the Essex County Environmental Center at 973.228.8776.

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO
 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
 973-731-5800 - www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar

Berson Family Center at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo
 973-731-5800 x236
<https://turtlebackzoo.com/education/>

FAMILY PRIDE NIGHT
Saturday, June 15
5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Tickets on sale starting May 10.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS
Hatchlings: June 16, July 14 & August 4 at 10am
Tots: June 16, July 14 & August 4 at 11:30am
Explorers: June 23, July 21 & August 18 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 \$25-\$30 per participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/>.

WONDERS OF THE WILD
Saturdays, June 22, July 13 & August 10 from 1pm to 3pm. Unique themes for each class. 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; does not include zoo admission for after the program. **\$30/participant.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>.

SOPHISTICATED SCIENCE SEMINARS
Sundays, June 16, July 14 & August 11 from 1pm to 3pm. 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 & 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.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>.

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE GUARDIANS
Searching for Salamanders: June 9,

July 7 & August 4 from 9am to 11am
Butterfly Bonanza: August 18 from 9am to 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.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club/>.

FAMILY NATURE CLUB: NATURE ADVENTURERS
Pollinator Parade Hikes: June 23 and July 21 from 9am to 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.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club-nature-adventurers/>.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS & ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
Sloth Socials: June 22, July 13 & August 10 at 10am. Join us for a deeper exploration into the care and conservation of our animals! For those ages 6 years old 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/>.

OTHER PROGRAMS AT THE ZOO OR CLOSER TO YOU
In-person and virtual programs,



Honeybees and their relatives at Essex County Environmental Center


outreaches, and more dates and times scheduled at need. Join us for a dynamic and fun educational program that is focused on animals, conservation, and stewardship. We offer a variety of programs that satisfy many scientific benchmarks while also being

engaging and informative. Programs can be adapted to age and ability; many can be adapted for outreaches to your school, senior center, etc. Fees and restrictions vary per location. For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/education-center-programs/>




Nature Adventurers at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

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





Rose Squared Art Show

35th Annual at Essex County Brookdale Park



Artist: Nina Nemeth



Artist: Dawn Lombard



Artist: Paul Grecian

473 Watchung Ave, Bloomfield/Montclair | Saturday, June 15 & Sunday, June 16
10am to 5pm
 Rain or Shine

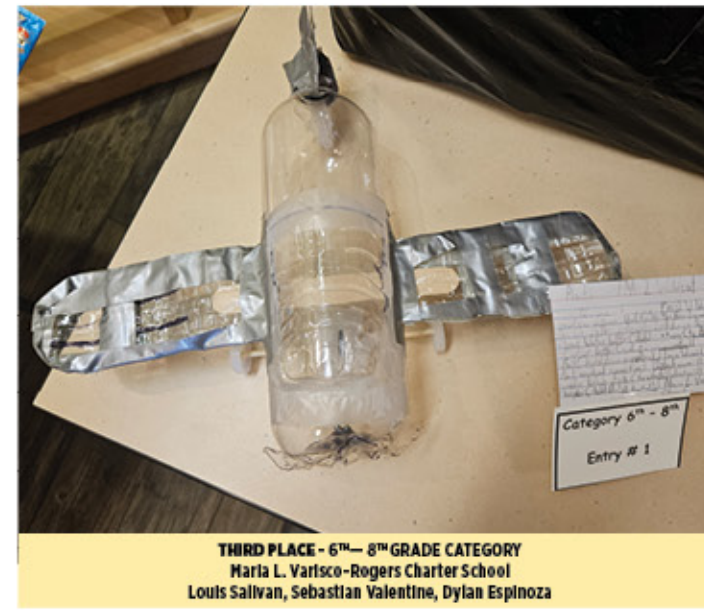
For info, directions, a gallery of participating artists and unique artisanal food visit rosesquared.com



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!





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.
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 Essex County Executive



FIREWORKS SHOWS

All performances begin at 7:30pm

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Friday, June 28 • Branch Brook Park, Newark

MEN OF SOUL

Tuesday, July 2 • Weequahic Park, Newark

THE INFERNO

Wednesday, July 3 • Brookdale Park, Bloomfield/Montclair

ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

All performances begin at 7:30pm

THE NICHE: A NIGHT OF R&B

Friday, July 12

EARTH WIND FIRE

Friday, July 19

MOTOR CITY REVIEW

Friday, July 26

STEP BY STEP: A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY MAESTRO

Friday, August 2

GARDEN STATE GROOVE:

TOP 40 HITS

Friday, August 9

2024 • ESSEX COUNTY PARKS

SUMMER MUSIC
FREE LIVE CONCERTS

LIVE AT YOUR LOCAL ESSEX COUNTY PARK

All performances at 7pm unless otherwise noted

SUIT & MAI TAI

Tuesday, June 25 • Yanticaw Park, Nutley

JERSEY SOUND

Wednesday, June 26 • Verona Park, Verona

TRILOGY: AN OPERA COMPANY PERFORMANCE OF SCOTT, GARNER, GRAY: SAYS JIMMY BALDWIN

Tuesday, July 9 • Watsessing Park, Bloomfield

LUIS MOTTA Y SU RUMBA

Wednesday, July 10 • Riverbank Park, Newark

SOULAR RHYTHM

Tuesday, July 16 • Veterans Memorial Park, Newark

DIAMOND JUPITER

Wednesday, July 17 • Ivy Hill Park, Newark

NADINE SIMMONS

Tuesday, July 23 • Vailsburg Park, Newark

STEELPAN MUSIC

Wednesday, July 24 • Riverfront Park, Newark

HERE'S ELTON

Tuesday, July 30 • Cedar Grove Park, Cedar Grove

DANNY V'S

Wednesday, July 31 • Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

VOLARA

Tuesday, August 6 • Independence Park, Newark

NO STANDARDS

Wednesday, August 7 • Belleville Park, Belleville

MEMORIES MUSIC

Friday, August 16 • Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange



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FESTIVALS

GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 29 • 12noon – 6pm

Rain Date: Sunday, June 30

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

JAZZ AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 20 • 12noon – 8pm

Rain Date: Sunday, July 21

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 10 • 12noon – 8pm

Rain Date: Sunday, August 11

Monte Irvin Orange Park, Orange

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 10 • 2pm – 9pm

Rain Date: Sunday, August 11

Ivy Hill Park, Newark

LATINO FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 24 &

Sunday, August 25 • 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 for updates and cancellations.

ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

JCC OF GREATER METROWEST

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Gaelen Gallery

760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange

973.530.3412 / www.jccmetrowest.org



2024 Gaelen Juried Show and Sale June 9 to July 28

Competitive juried art exhibit offering talented and creative artists in painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, drawing/pastels in a unique venue. Area artists look forward to this prestigious annual juried exhibit.

MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

Crane House & Historic YWCA

110 Orange Road, Montclair

973.744.1796

Call for ADA accommodations

Nubian Heritage Quilters Honoring Our Heritage: One Stitch at a Time June 8 and 9

Opening weekend from 12 to 3pm June 15 and 16

Workshops and demonstrations for families from 12 to 3pm. The exhibit will remain on view every Sunday through July 14 from 12 to 3pm. In lieu of regular tour admission prices, suggested donations of \$5 per visitor will be honored.

STUDIO MONTCLAIR INC.

127 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair

www.studiomontclair.org

Text

May 24 to June 28

Typography and text are used in fine art.

The uses are endless. How do artists use text in their work? ■

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

The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs takes no responsibility for the content, accuracy, dates or times and whether or not non-County sponsored events listed in this magazine are held as scheduled.



Gaelen Best in Show 2023, Sharon Sayegh

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"The Butterfly Tent Safari at the Essex County Environmental Center is an interactive display of live native butterflies for families to observe and enjoy. Visit the tent to feed the butterflies or simply marvel at their beauty and delicate nature. On select days, listen to a story, make butterfly crafts or just take some time to witness the magnificence of nature."

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And the Board of County Commissioners
Invite Families to Participate in the

Butterfly Tent Safari

At the Essex County Environmental Center, Garibaldi Hall

Featuring live butterflies and butterfly-themed programming for all ages

Saturday, July 13 to Saturday, July 27, 2024

~ Tent Hours ~ Monday through Friday from 12pm to 3pm

Saturdays, July 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30am to 1:30pm

\$8 per person suggested donation
(free for children 1 year and under)



You must book a time slot by calling the Center at 973.228.8776.

Walk-ins will not be accommodated.

~ BUTTERFLY-THEMED PROGRAMS ~

Entrance to the tent is included within each program.

\$40 per family (up to two adults and two children) or
\$12 per child; \$15 per adult

THE VERY HUNGRY MONARCH CATERPILLAR

Saturday, July 13; 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.

BUZZ INTO ACTION with INSECT EDUCATION

Saturday, July 20; 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.

BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 27; 10:30am to 11:30am – For Families

Learn about butterfly gardening in this hands-on workshop. We'll create our own seed balls with native host and nectar plants to better support New Jersey butterflies in our own neighborhoods.

To register or for information, please call 973-228-8776.

For Saturday programming, pre-registration and payment are required either in person, by mail or online at www.essexcountyparks.org/calendar. Registration opens late May 2024.



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ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

June 1: 'Music Under the June Moon' concert in Essex County Anderson Park.

A crescent moon and crescendoing music will make a magical night in Essex County Anderson Park during the free "Music Under the June Moon" concert. Pack a picnic, spread a blanket, and enjoy the Chamber Music Society of North Jersey under the Olmsted Oak. On the program are William Grant Still's "Danzas de Panama" and Franz Schubert's String Quintet in C Major. Essex County Anderson Park, 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair. 7:30pm. FriendsOfAndersonPark.com. (Rain date is Sunday, June 2, same time. Check the Friends of Anderson Park Facebook page for weather updates or call 973.477.7207.

June 1 & 2: Riker Hill Open House.

The former US Army Nike Missile Base in Livingston was transformed into an art park in 1974. View over 30 artists working 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



Nubian Heritage Quilters Honoring Our Heritage

blowing, printmaking, photography, fiber arts, mixed media, and sculpture. Essex County Riker Hill Art Park, 284 Beaufort Highway, Livingston. 11am-5pm. Admission is free; artwork is for sale. 973.268.3500. www.rikerhillarts.org

June 7: Children of the Sun Literacy Series presents "The Big Tune, Rise of the Dancehall Prince."

Literacy activities, poetry, arts and crafts, games and a double dutch clinic are among the activities offered. Music is by DJ Sistren Ife. Nishuane School, 36 Cedar Avenue, Montclair. 5:30 to 7pm. Meet the author, Allah Agostina, from 5:30-6pm. The first 50 registrants receive a free copy of the book. Presented by the Montclair Public



Guyanese Dignitaries at the Guyana Flag Raising Ceremony

School District and the Montclair NAACP. 973.746.9315. cots.lit.series@gmail.com

June 8: "Musical Pictures." Great music has the uncanny ability to make us feel; it can suggest vivid images as well. This live concert performance features young NJ composer Ippolito's regal "Fanfare Overture," Rimsky-Korsakov's celebratory "Russian Easter Overture," and Sibelius' triumphant "Symphony No.2." Livingston Symphony Orchestra, Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Terrace, Livingston. 7:30pm. \$25 adults, \$15 seniors, free for those under 12. 973.980.1809. www.lsonj.org

June 9: Danil Trifonov Plays Gershwin.

American music swings into summer with hits from Gershwin's pathbreaking opera, Porgy and Bess. Letting their instruments do the singing, the New Jersey Symphony soars through "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So" and other glories of Gershwin's masterpiece. Only one way to top that: superstar pianist Danil Trifonov playing Brahms with the New Jersey Symphony last season was a revelation, so it is exciting that he will be returning to wrap up the season with a bang in Gershwin's dance-filled Concerto in F. The New Jersey Symphony premieres an all-new commission from Resident Artistic Catalyst Daniel Bernard Roumain. A master storyteller, DBR will continue to wow New Jersey audiences with his genre-bending music. New Jersey Symphony, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 3-5pm. Tickets start at \$25. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

June 13: History at Home: Legacy of Black Mermaids with the Nubian Heritage Quilters Guild Drawn from the rich folklore of Water Goddesses and Mermen.

Black Mermaids traveled with the enslaved to comfort them on the ships that took them away from their homeland. NHQG celebrates their 29th anniversary with this virtual program and the much anticipated quilt exhibit. On Zoom at 7pm. This program is free but registration is required at www.montclairhistory.org/all-events.

June 14: Guyana Flag Raising Ceremony.

East Orange Mayor Ted R.

Green, the East Orange City Council, Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs in conjunction with Guyana American Heritage Foundation celebrate the 58th Independence Anniversary of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. There will be music, free food and entertainment. East Orange City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange. 5-8pm. Free. 973.951.9898.

June 15 & 16: 35th Annual Rose Squared Fine Art and Fine Craft Show. The 35th 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. This is 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.

Jun 15 & 16: Nubian Heritage Quilters Honoring Our Heritage: One Stitch at a Time – Demonstrations. Nubian Heritage Quilters Guild celebrates their 29th anniversary with a much-anticipated quilt exhibit, "Honoring Our Heritage: One Stitch at a Time." In addition to a variety of quilting styles, NHQG will present quilts and wall hangings that showcase patchwork, applique, collage and abstract textiles. Demonstrations this weekend include hand quilting, appliqué, siddi quilt, and kente weaving. Crane House & Historic YWCA, 110 Orange Road, Montclair. 12-3pm. Suggested donation \$5.

June 27: Jam Making Workshop. Join Montclair Community Farms in partnership with the Montclair Public Library for a jam making workshop! Attendees will be led through the process of making a homemade jam. Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 67 Church Street Montclair. Montclair. 6:30-8:30pm. \$65. Advance registration required. education@montclaircommunityfarms.org.

June 28: Summer Outdoor Concert in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Enjoy the sounds of the New Jersey



Glassroots Studio Teen Summer Experiences

Symphony under the stars! This free program features a medley of timeless classics, Broadway themes and patriotic favorites. The program also celebrates the Garden State with pieces like John Williams' Liberty Fanfare, John Phillip Sousa's Atlantic City Pageant March and other Jersey treasures. The Symphony performs this outdoor concert amidst the majestic landscape of Branch Brook Park. This event is part of the Essex County Free Summer Concert Series. There will be fireworks after the concert. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Heller Parkway, Newark. 7:30-9:30pm. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

July 1 to 4: Sweet Pea Summer: The Art of the Outdoors. This is a four-day long summer day camp. Students will investigate the amazing versatility of plants and other natural matter as art materials through hands-on projects, as well as seeing ways famous artists have done the same! Activities will include paper making, sculpting, printmaking, and more! Montclair Community Farms, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am to 12pm. Grades K-3. \$300/per child. Advance registration required. education@montclaircommunityfarms.org

July 8 to 12 and July 15 to 19: Glassroots Studio Teen Summer Experiences. Make glass art all day in five different studios including the glowing Hot Shop. Teens will be in a hands-on, action-packed experience that explores the full array of glassmaking. Students will work on projects of their choosing, learning techniques in glassblowing, flameworking, jewelry-making, mosaics, stained glass, and more. Glassroots Offices and Studio, 10 Bleeker Street, Newark. Monday to Friday from 9am to 4:30pm. Youth ages 12-17. Each session costs \$350 and a 50 percent deposit is required upon registration. The remaining balance is due 30 days before the start of the session. 973.353.9555. www.glassroots.org

July 8-11: Sweet Pea Summer: Creatures and Critters. This is a four-day long summer day camp. Students will meet creatures large and small to investigate the role they play on the farm and the ecosystem in which we live! Creatures being covered include chickens, bees, compost critters, birds, and more! Montclair Community Farms, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am to 12pm. Grades K-3. \$300/per child. Advance registration required. education@montclaircommunityfarms.org

July 14: Caribbean Family 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. 973.951.9898.

July 15-18: Sweet Pea Summer: Farm Fresh Food. This is a four-day long summer day camp. Students will cook and taste test recipes using seasonal foods and investigate the science behind making things like ice cream, butter, bread, and more! Montclair Community Farms, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am to 12pm. Grades K-3. \$300/per child. Advance registration required. education@montclaircommunityfarms.org

July 22-25: Sweet Pea Summer: Junior Naturalists. This is a four-day long summer day camp. This week students will take on the role of naturalists and use all five senses to study the plants and animals around them. Each student will create a field journal, complete life drawings, identify specimens, and earn badges! Montclair Community Farms, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am to 12pm. Grades K-3. \$300/per child. Advance registration required. education@montclaircommunityfarms.org

July 27: Baahubali: The Beginning Live in Concert. Experience India's biggest box-office smash-hit, Baahubali: The Beginning on a vast HD screen while the New Jersey Symphony performs M.M. Keeravani's epic score, live in-sync with the motion picture. Baahubali: The Beginning tells the story of a young orphan, Shivudu (Prabhas), as he embarks on the journey of a lifetime. Falling in love with the vision of a fearless warrior, Avantika (Tamannaah), he follows her on a mission to rescue her Queen from captivity in a neighboring kingdom. On this mission in Mahishmati, he encounters Kattappa (Satyaraj), a slave warrior and a confidante of the Mahishmati Royal Family. Through him Shivudu learns the truth of his family and the injustice imparted to them. He takes on the tyrannical ruler in a battle of mythical magnitude to restore to the kingdom their true king. Please note: This film will be shown in Hindi with English subtitles. "Baahubali: The



Rose Squared Fine Art and Craft Show in Essex County Brookdale Park

"Beginning" film licensed by Arka Media Works. Producers: Shobu Yarlagadda and Prasad Devineni. Baahubali: The Beginning is a production of Avex Classics International. New Jersey Symphony, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30-9:30pm. \$35-\$89. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>

August 5-9, 12-16 & 19-23: Farm Camp. Three sessions of the five-day long summer day camp are being offered. Farm Camp supports youth development by promoting a positive interest in nature, historical living, and agriculture. Campers have the chance to be in the garden each day and participate in activities related to each age level's theme. Montclair Community Farms, 108 Orange Road, Montclair. 9am to 3pm. Ages 6-11. August 5-9 and 12-16 is \$650/child; August 19-23 is \$440/child. Advance registration required <https://events.montclaircommunityfarms.org>

humanitix.com/farm-camp-2024.info@montclaircommunityfarms.org

August 16: The Godfather Live in Concert. Relive the chilling portrait of the Sicilian clan's rise and near fall from power in The Godfather as the New Jersey Symphony performs Nino Rota's Oscar®-nominated score live to the picture. This three-time Academy Award®-winning film features Marlon Brando as the Corleone family patriarch, accompanied by career-making performances from Al Pacino, James Caan and Robert Duvall. A concert experience you can't refuse! Presentation licensed by CineConcerts. Content warning: This film contains graphic violence, adult content, and profanity that some viewers may find offensive or triggering. Rated R. \$35-\$115. New Jersey Symphony, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center Street, Newark. 7:30-9:30pm. 800.255.3476. <https://www.njsymphony.org/>



"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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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 Full Body Hiit: July 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30pm

Join the group and get in shape!

Tuesdays Jammin' in July: July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7pm

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

July 9: Chatham Community Band

July 23: Maplewood Community Band

July 16: West Orange Community Band

July 30: Sterling Sample Drumming

Thursdays Yoga for Adults: July 11, 18, 25 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

Wednesday and Thursday Nights in July

Family Fun Night at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo.

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

Last admission 7pm. turtlebackzoo.com

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ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

BRANCH BROOK PARK ALLIANCE

973.969.1189

www.branchbrookpark.org/calendar

Please call for ADA accessibility details

June 13: Clement A. Price Olmsted Lecture & Jazz Luncheon. Essex County Branch Brook Park at the Barbara Bell Coleman Welcome Pavilion on Concourse Hill. 10:30am to 2:30pm. Fee \$150 per person. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Discovering Wellness in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance in the park for a series of free wellness events including Yoga, Zumba, Meditation and Soul Line Dancing. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Prudential Concert Grove. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 10am. 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. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. 9am to 1pm. Free. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Children's Story Time with the Branch Brook Park Alliance. Gather 'round in the enchanting embrace of the Children's Garden with the Branch Brook Park Alliance for a story hour that sparks imagination and cultivates a love for nature. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Children's Garden and Playground at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center. Times and days vary. Free.

June 1 to August 31: Eco Explorers of Essex County Branch Brook Park. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance horticulturist for a dynamic fee-based program designed to engage young minds



Self-Guided Tour at Montclair History Center

with hands-on environmental education and exploration within the park's natural wonders. Essex County Branch Brook Park, Children's Garden and Playground at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center. Times and days vary. Fee \$15 per person. Advanced registration is required.

June 1 to August 31: Historic & Horticulture Tours. Join the Branch Brook Park Alliance team for a 45-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. Fee \$15 per person. Advanced registration is required.

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Every Sunday: Self-Guided Tour Sundays. The Crane House & Historic YWCA will be open for self-guided house tours. This is a great opportunity to learn about the women of this Historic YWCA and the Crane family at your own pace. Take some time to peruse the gardens and meadow on site and see what treasures can be found as you check in at the Nathaniel Crane House & Visitor Center. Crane House & Historic YWCA, 110 Orange Road, Montclair. 12-3pm. Admission prices vary.

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June 20: History at Home: A Discussion with Out Montclair. Join a discussion in partnership with Out Montclair about LGBTQ+ history. More information to come. Please refer to the website for details. Virtual by Zoom. 7-8pm. Free.

August 2024: Fall Fest Early Bird Ticketing with Montclair History Center and Montclair Community Farms. Join the Montclair History Center & Montclair Community Farms as they celebrate the end of the harvest season at Fall Fest! Enjoy a fun-filled day for all ages full of fall activities around the beautiful gardens and farm. Taste food and drinks from local vendors, shop naturally sourced products from local artisans and creators, meet farm animals, and jam out with live music from Montclair's own School of Rock! Bring the whole family and a picnic blanket to join friends and neighbors from across the community in supporting the second annual Fall Fest Fundraiser. Full list of craft, food, beverage vendors available online in August. Early bird pricing online \$12/person through September 15. ■



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**Essex County
Branch Brook Park
Friday, June 28 at 7:30 pm**

Indulge in the magic of live music surrounded by nature with your New Jersey Symphony. Our talented musicians will delight you with classic favorites and movie themes. Bring a picnic blanket and your loved ones to enjoy the sounds of a summer evening under the stars.

For the summer concert schedule visit:
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This concert is sponsored by the County of Essex with additional support from Citizens Bank and is presented in collaboration with the Prudential presents North2Shore Festival.



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