

THE SPIRIT OF

Essex

Summer 2021

GOLF IN ESSEX COUNTY!

Hendricks Field
Golf Course
Renovation to
be Completed by
Summer 2021



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PUTTING **ESSEX COUNTY** FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Dear Friend,

During this worldwide pandemic, we learned just how important our open spaces are and how closely they influence our quality of life. During the last 14 months, we watched as the usage in our parks and reservations skyrocketed. With restaurants, museums, libraries, concert halls, movie theaters and other entertainment venues closed, the public turned to the green meadows, hiking trails and spectacular vistas to occupy their time, spend extra energy and escape the anxiety and uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus.

Now that warmer temperatures are returning, we invite you back to our historic Parks System to experience not only the natural wonders found here but also the myriad of events being scheduled. Exercise your spirit of adventure with a visit to Turtle Back Zoo where you can see animals from five continents. Get your heartrate up on our Treetop Adventure and Zip Line, paddle boating on the Reservoir or hiking one of our natural trails. Stop by the Environmental Center to learn about butterflies, ecosystems and more. And create your own "big fish" story at our Children's Fishing Derby series. Later this summer, spend an evening under the stars enjoying our Summer Concert Series and Fireworks Spectaculars.

We hope you enjoy everything that Essex County has to offer. Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel K. Salvante
Director of Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Affairs

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Historic Hendricks Field Golf Course

Set to reopen Summer 2021

Golf experienced a resurgence in 2020 throughout Essex County as golf courses provided a refuge where visitors could safely enjoy a sense of normalcy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite a late season opening and some modifications to play, the three distinct and historic golf courses that make up Essex County Golf – Francis Byrne Golf Course in West Orange, Weequahic Golf Course in Newark and Hendricks Field Golf Course in Belleville – accommodated more than 110,000 rounds of play last year. With the sport's popularity on the rise in Essex County, new golfers will be delighted by the improvements underway at Hendricks Golf Course.

"Hendricks Field always was a great recreation resource for our residents. Our current projects will position the course as a golf destination for experienced and beginner golfers as well as children learning the sport," Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. said. "The improvements being made here will bring the nationally recognized The First Tee program to our second course to introduce the game of golf to a new generation and make playing at Hendricks Field more enjoyable and picturesque for our long-time golfers," he added.



After a nearly yearlong renovation project, Hendricks Field Golf Course will reopen this summer. Nine of its 18 holes received major facelifts that will make the course more environmentally pliable, aesthetically pleasing and provide increased community access. Upon reopening, Hendricks golfers will be welcomed by lush green turf, clean sand bunkers and a putting green. The building and rebuilding of several holes and bunkers will eliminate blind spots and improve drainage. Modernization of the bathroom facilities and redecoration of the clubhouse are enhancements that will make for a more pleasant experience and enjoyable game.

Tim Christ, Director of Golf Operations, is anxious to welcome golf enthusiasts back to the course. Christ credits the success of Essex County Golf to DiVincenzo, who spearheaded the current project and advocated for its financing through the NJ Green Acres and the Division of Community Affairs grant programs. In addition to the course upgrades, future improvements are planned that will include the expansion of programming by The First Tee of Metropolitan New York at Hendricks and addition of an outdoor pavilion.

The First Tee program, under the leadership of Ed Brockner, introduces the game of golf to children and teens. It currently operates a very active program at the Weequahic Golf Course in Newark. With the facility upgrades underway, the exceeding popular programs will expand to Hendricks Field in 2022.

RENOVATIONS TO HENDRICKS FIELD

- Re-grassing of greens
- Building/rebuilding several holes
- Building/rebuilding bunkers
- Improving drainage
- Reducing blind shots
- Modernizing bathrooms

Hendricks Field Golf Course is an historic facility of the Essex County Parks System. Its development dates back to the 20th century. Motivated by a surging demand for tee times at Weequahic Park Golf Course in 1916, several thousand residents petitioned the Parks Commission for the construction of an additional golf course. Soon thereafter, Harmon W. Hendricks donated a portion of the Forest Hill Golf Course, situated on the Hendricks estate north of Branch Brook Park. Renowned golf architect Charles Banks designed the 18-hole course. Hendricks Field Golf Course opened to the public on July 20, 1929, attracting over 30,000 golfers in its first six months.

"This is an extremely exciting time for Hendricks. The course improvements will be a great addition to public golf. We want to provide a significant golf experience to the public that is affordable for them to play," Christ said. "Hendricks is a wonderful opportunity for people who may otherwise never get to play a Charles Banks course at a private club. I love what we are doing here in Essex County for the public and for the kids," he added.

For more information about the Essex County Golf Courses, visit essexcountyparks.org/golf. ■

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.essexcountynj.org/codeyarena

SUMMER 2021 FIGURE SKATING CAMP

June 28th to August 6th
8:00am to 3:30pm

BASIC SKILLS and Up

Week 1: June 28 to July 2

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

Week 2: July 5 to July 9

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

Week 3: July 12 to July 16

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

Week 4: July 19 to July 23

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

Week 5: July 26 to July 31

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

Week 6: August 2 to August 6

Full Day\$425

Half Day\$295

**All half day sessions are mornings only

and pick-up is between 12pm-12:15pm

**10% DISCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL

FAMILY MEMBERS

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
973.228.8776 ~ www.essexcountynj.org/environmentalcenter

The Essex County Environmental Center continues to offer a variety of seasonal environmental education programming for small groups and families. All

in-person programming requires mask wearing and social distancing.

Field Trip Offerings for Organized Groups

(Schools, Scouts, Church/Community Organizations, Home-schoolers, Etc.)

Virtual Field Trips

\$50 per program, 45 minutes

Choose from the Following Virtual Field Trip Topics:

Seasonal Discovery Nature Tour, Frog Pond Science, Backyard Birding, Lenape Learning Area Tour & Lenape Skills, Camping 101, Fish & Fishing 101, Passaic River Studies, Mighty Migrations, Butterflies, Wild about Wildlife Recycling (grant funded/free for Essex County institutions while funds last), Green Building Tour, Honeybees & Native Pollinators, and more!

Call to book a Virtual Trip with the Environmental Center

Call the Center to schedule and confirm a virtual time to meet and send a log-in link for an ECEC educator to enter your virtual classroom;

In-Person (Outdoor Only)

Field Trips In-Person

The ECEC is now offering naturalist-led outdoor nature programs for organized groups of 15 or fewer people.

Organized Group Bookings (Institutions, Scouts, Municipal Recreation Programs, Etc.) A maximum of 15 participants, including group leaders/chaperones. Program length is 1 hour. Choose from a variety of topics offered by the Essex County Environmental Center. Mask wearing and social distancing required.

Fee: \$8 per participant (including leaders/chaperones)

Small Groups/Pods and Families

Summer topic selections include Summer Seasonal Adventure, What's in That Hole?, Lenape Village Tours, Camping 101, Backyard Birding, Geodesic Dome Gardening, Frog Pond Science, Wildflower Walk, Nature Journaling, Wetland Biodiversity and more. All programs are held completely outside. Social distancing and mask wearing required. One group at a time with a limit of 6 people. **Fee: \$10**

child, \$12 adult or \$30 per family (2 adults, 2 children).

SUMMER 2021 PROGRAMS

Passaic River Canoe Trip

Saturday, June 12 from 9am to 1pm
For adults and children ages 12 and up.

Paddle up the Passaic River from the Environmental Center to Okner Park in Livingston. Pack your own snack to enjoy at the park and then float back down to Garibaldi Hall from where the canoes launched. The session includes basic paddling safety and techniques and all equipment. For intermediate and advanced paddlers. Children ages 12 and up may paddle with a parent or guardian. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$25 per person**

Nature Photography Day

Tuesday, June 15 from 6-7:30pm

For youth ages 8-17. Take a walking tour of the ECEC grounds with a naturalist and enjoy opportunities to take photographs that can be submitted to the Essex County Parks Photography Contest! Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$10 per child**

Smores n'More

Thursday, June 22 from 6-7:30pm

For families. Come out to build a campfire and practice fundamental fire skills in a safe and controlled environment. Once we get our fire burning, we'll roast marshmallows and make S'mores. All ages are welcome. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776.

Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

Camping 101

Wednesday, July 7 from 6:30-8pm

For all ages. Join a staff naturalist for a short walk on the trails to experience forest life at dusk and then set up a campsite. Afterward, enjoy a campfire, mint tea and some fire-popped organic popcorn. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants

are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

Evening Paddle On the Passaic

Wednesday, July 21 and Tuesday, August 3 from 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. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$15 per person**

Butterfly Tent Safari

featuring live butterflies and butterfly-themed programming for all ages. **Saturday, July 17 to Saturday, July 31**

Tent Hours: Monday through Friday from 12-3pm and Saturdays, July 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30am to 1:30pm

Visitors must book a time slot by calling the Center at 973.228.8776. Walk-ins will not be accommodated. **\$8 per person (includes a take-away item per paid participant)**

The Very Hungry Monarch Caterpillar

Saturday, July 17

from 10:30-11:30am

For 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 butterfly. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

Buzz into Action with Insect Education

Saturday, July 24 from 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. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family**

ZOO-VIES

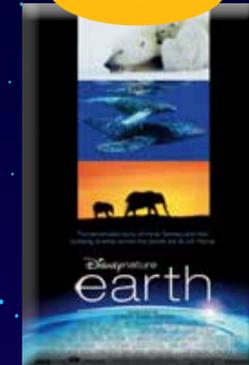
RAIN CANCELS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FILMS BEGIN AT DUSK
IN JULY & AUGUST!

Enjoy blockbuster movies under the stars on the rooftop of our Zoo parking deck. Select Wednesday evenings in July & August. This event takes place outside of the Zoo. Zoo admission is not required to attend. Bring your own chair.

FREE ADMISSION

July 7



July 14



July 21



July 28



August 4



August 11



2021 Essex County Parks Photography Contest



Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 8, 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, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center at 973.228.8776.

Summer Zoo Late Nights

Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo has extended hours to 8pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting this July. Enjoy the Zoo when the summer temperatures are cooler and the workday is over. Paid admission is required to enter the Zoo each evening.



(up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

Butterfly Gardening Workshop
Saturday, July 31 from 10:30-11:30am. For adults and children ages 8 and older. 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. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult**

Bats of New Jersey
Wednesday, August 4 from 5:30-7pm. For students in grades 1 through 5. Ever wonder what kind of local bats are catching bugs in your backyard? Or where they sleep? Learn from a bat enthusiast about our upside-down friends, play the role of a bat biologist in a simulated study and take home plans to build a bat house! Advanced registration and payment are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$10 per child**

Buzzfest
Saturday, August 7 from 10:00-11am, 11:30am to 12:30pm and 1-2pm. 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. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$15 per participant (includes a take-away item per paid participant)**

Family Dinosaur Discovery Field Trip
Monday, August 9 from 5:15-7:15pm For families with young children ages 4 and up. Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike one mile total to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Gallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult**

Night Hike
Tuesday, August 10 from 6:30-8pm. All ages are welcome. First, we'll make our own natural insect repellent and then we'll wander in our wooded wetland to look for 'whoooo' might be awake as the sun goes down. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$30 per family**

(up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

Walter Kiddie Dinosaur Park Field Trip
Tuesday, August 17 from 5:15-7:15pm. For adults and children ages 7 and up. Meet at the end of Locust Avenue in Roseland and hike 1.5 miles to explore this National Historic Landmark that is home to three-toed Gallator dinosaur tracks from the late Triassic age. Using clay, we'll make and take an impression of an existing track and leave the site undisturbed for future paleontological study. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$12 per child, \$15 per adult**

Lenape One-Day Camp (Indigenous People's Day) Monday, October 11 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. For students in grades 1 through 5. Explore our Lenape Learning Area and learn about how they hunted, fished, foraged and farmed and used sticks, stones and bones to survive and thrive. Campers will explore our wooded wetland habitat, participate in a simulated archaeological dig, make a campfire and crafts. Advanced registration and payment are required. For information, call 973.228.8776. **Fee: \$75 per child**



Welcome Dr. Jilian Fazio

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo is excited to welcome Dr. Jilian Fazio as our new Zoo Director. Fazio has 20-plus years of experience in the zoological community, previously working at the Smithsonian's National Zoo, Disney's Animal Kingdom and Bergen County Zoo. In addition to being our zoo director, Fazio is a researcher, a mother, the Clouded Leopard Species Survival Program Coordinator across AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) facilities, and the stud book keeper for clouded leopards in international zoos. A message she would like to share with our community is that we can each make a difference, no matter how small, to help conserve the amazing biodiversity of our planet. Fazio encourages people to join Turtle Back Zoo, not just as a member or visitor, but with its conservation efforts to create a sustainable planet for generations to come. Small actions add up, and together we can help maintain and preserve this planet.



Enjoy your Staycation at the Essex County

South Mountain Recreation Complex!



MINIGOLF SAFARI



TREETOP ADVENTURE COURSE



TURTLE BACK ZOO



THE WATERFRONT



CODEY ARENA

Industry professionals are predicting an upswing in travel by Americans now that many restrictions implemented during the pandemic are being loosened. However, you don't have to travel very far to experience wild adventures and dynamic destinations that are fun for all ages. In fact, you don't have to leave Essex County – we are open and ready for play and relaxation.

The South Mountain Recreation Complex is a great place to start. Nestled along Northfield Avenue and Cherry Lane in West Orange, the complex features a variety of recreation opportunities including Turtle Back Zoo, Treetop Adventure, Codey Arena, Minigolf Safari, the children's Regatta Playground, Paddleboating, a 1.7 mile walkway around the Reservoir, and the Clipper Pavilion picnic shelter.

In addition to the attractions at the SMRC, there is the 2,000-acre South Mountain Reservation, a natural reserve which offers open space, picnic areas, barbecue sites, hiking trails, and more.

The Essex County TreeTop Adventure Course is a world class aerial obstacle course. The Adult Courses offer 30 unique challenge elements. Our Junior Courses, where parents and guardians may join their children, offer 15 unique challenge elements.

Turtle Back Zoo features animals from five continents, including sea lions, giraffes, lions and bears, just to name a few. In addition to viewing animals in natural habitat themed environments, Turtle Back offers a comprehensive schedule of educational programming to help visitors better understand the roles animals have in nature and the challenges they currently face.

If it gets too warm, cool off in the nearby ice arena that is open to the public for skating, group skating lessons, learn to speedskate lessons,

private ice skating parties, along with figure skating sessions and ice hockey camps and clinics.

Essex County miniGolf Safari transports guests to an African oasis. Designed in 3 distinct areas, guest begin their trek through the Sahara Desert region of the course. Greeted by a life size camel, a set of pyramids, and sandy terrain, putters must traverse through the hard climate to enter the African Grasslands. Featuring waterfalls and streams, tall shady grasses, friendly sharks and hippos, the African Grasslands lead you up and around the course's Mount Kilimanjaro before you enter the Congo. Putt through a snake sanctuary, around a life-size African Gorilla, and finish the course and your journey by visiting the symbol of Essex County, a lion!!

The design of the Children's Regatta Playground was inspired by the nearby reservoir. It features a wave-like rubberized safety surface and a series of play equipment shaped like boats. A large open area with a synthetic grass surface and stamped concrete pathways link the playground to the nearby Clipper Pavilion picnic area and paddle boat launch.

The Paddle Boat Launch is located on the shore of the Orange Reservoir. Paddle boating is available seasonally for a fee.

The 1.7 mile Reservoir Walking Path provides access to the Orange Reservoir, enhances access to several trails leading through South Mountain Reservation, and is handicap accessible.

When it comes to Staycations, Essex County is ripe with places to go and enjoy. Tap into the resources that are available to you, at a little more than a stone's throw away! ■

ESSEX COUNTY TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange
973.731.5800 ~ www.essexcountynj.org/turtlebackzoo

Early Childhood Program Select weekends in July and August 10am and 11am

Early Childhood programs encourage family learning and foster early environmental awareness. We invite young children to discover the natural world through gently structured play, art, stories, animal visits, and more. Age restrictions apply; pre-registration required. Zoo admission is not included with registration. Hatchlings (6 to 24 months) and Tots (ages 2 & 3) are virtual only. Explorers (ages 4 & 5) is in-person and virtual. **\$10-\$30 per person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/early-childhood-programs/>

Wonders of the Wild Select Saturdays in July and August 1pm.

Turtle Back Zoo is an amazing classroom! Our Wonders of the Wild program is an opportunity to participate in supplementary science and nature-themed programs and projects that

facilitate scientific literacy and life-long environmental stewardship. Available to students ages 6-12. The programs include a visit to the South Mountain Reservation, Reservoir or Zoo as weather permits. **\$30/person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/wonders-of-the-wild/>

Sophisticated Science Seminars Select days throughout the summer Times vary

Sophisticated Science Seminars are conservation programs geared towards more adult audiences (ages 14-plus). Seminars run throughout the year and span topics such as animal anatomy, habitats and conservation, animal careers, and more. These programs are perfect for those interested in animals, science, conservation, and nature who want to learn something new in a relaxed atmosphere. **\$30/person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/sophisticated-science-seminars/>

Family Nature Club: Nature Adventurers Select Sundays throughout the summer
Times vary depending on the date
Nature play is playing WITH nature

not just IN nature and is a great way to interact with nature no matter your experience level or play style. Run, climb, build, dig, or even just sit and experience the sounds, smells, and sights of the outdoors. Nature Adventurers visits different locations near Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. Zoo admission is not included. **\$10/person.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/family-nature-club-nature-adventurers/>

Summer Camp Weekly starting June 28th through the week of August 30th 9am to 4pm

Join us at Turtle Back Zoo for some wild fun! To further our mission of conservation, education, and stewardship, campers will be introduced to the extraordinary world of animals, nature, and science. Children will enjoy age-appropriate camp activities that include games, teacher-led lessons, behind-the-scenes visits, up-close animal encounters, hands-on science projects, and fun crafts. **\$450-\$475 per week.** For more information, visit <https://turtlebackzoo.com/discover/zoo-camps/> ■



Innovative and Person Centered Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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- Improv, Art, Meditation and Yoga Workshops – ages 16+
- LGBTQ+ Social/Support Group
- Day Habilitation & Pre-vocational Services

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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.

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.

LUNA STAGE

555 Valley Road, West Orange
info@lunastage.org / Lunastage.org

2.2 Square Miles of Soul: Voices of Orange Through May 23

A powerful documentary film exploring the changing face of Orange told through first-hand narratives of six former and current residents of the township as they reflect on the community they all still think of as home, "2.2 Square Miles of Soul" investigates the intersection of personal and political histories, as well as the resistance and resilience of the people of Orange. Gallery hours on demand. Streaming virtually through May 23. Pay what you wish.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair
973.746.5555
www.montclairartmuseum.org

Fragile Freedoms: Maggie Meiners Revisits Rockwell Through June 13

"Fragile Freedoms" examines, recreates and reinterprets Norman Rockwell's iconic images of mid-century America. With stunningly vivid detail, Maggie Meiners's carefully constructed photographs turn nostalgia on its head and rework Rockwell's familiar imagery to address contemporary issues including racism, sexuality, gender roles and the impact of technology.

New York to New Mexico: New Acquisitions Through June 13

Since its founding in 1914, the museum has actively collected historic, modern, and contemporary art, growing its collection to more than 15,000 works. This exhibition highlights new acquisitions of American and Native American art entered into the collection since 2017, thanks to generous donations and purchases.

Uncaged: Animals in the Collection Through August 8

Drawing from Montclair Art Museum's extensive American and Native American collections, this exhibition unleashes a cache of animal-themed works spanning generations of artists and explores the variety of ways artists engage with animal imagery in their work.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

49 Washington Street, Newark
973.596.6550
www.newarkmuseum.org

2021 New Jersey Arts Annual: ReVision and Respond June 17 to August 22

This exhibition will highlight 45 New Jersey artists through 50 works that range from traditional to abstract, from craft to new media. The 2021 theme is inspired by the crucial role artists play in society by offering nuanced perspectives on current and future worlds.

STUDIO MONTCLAIR GALLERY

127 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair
862.500.1447
Studiomontclair.org
Visits are currently by appointment only – sign up on our website.

The Portrait Project ~ August 1-31

JSD's WAE Center and Studio Montclair join together to present the Student Portrait Project exhibit. These two organizations are busy highlighting the work of artists with Intellectual and

Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This show features work resulting from a collaboration around the power or portraiture. Participating artists will have studied famous self-portraits as inspiration for their self-portrayals. The work will be on exhibit in person and virtually. Check back for updates regarding the opening reception.

Annual Member Show

June 11 through July 16
The annual member show is a wonderful look at many of Studio Montclair's talented artist members – there are currently almost 500 members from across the country representing many styles and mediums. This member show will feature 55 pieces in the gallery, and hundreds online in the virtual show.

STUDIO MONTCLAIR @ KELLER WILLIAMS

237 Lorraine Street, Upper Montclair
https://www.studiomontclair.org

Shadow Box Workshop with Mansa K. Mussa June 4, 2pm to 4pm

A shadow box is a glass-enclosed frame containing found and collected three-dimensional art, photographs, drawings, and paintings. This shadow box class will utilize foam core, transparencies, 3-D objects of art, and graphic arts paper to cover a small box inside and outside. Participants will also take personal portraits with a digital camera and printer to create a fabulous piece of art that documents their life and times. Open to all ages. Limit 6 participants in-studio, 8 participants virtual. \$80 per person (materials included). Advanced registration required.

The Art of the Book with Jasmine Graf. June 5 to 6, 12 to 3pm This course explores the book as an art form. Participants will make books

from scratch using remnants of old prints, dictionary pages, sheet music, handmade papers, etc., to practice various bookbinding techniques. Integrate old photographs, song lyrics, poems, doodles, and other mixed media elements that tell a unique story! Ages 14 & up. 6 person maximum In-Studio only. \$120. Advanced registration required.

The Magic of the Spheres - Soft sculpture paper Collages with Mansa K Mussa June 11, 2pm to 4pm

Octahedrons are eight-sided soft sculpture paper collages designed by utilizing colorful graphic arts paper and geometric shapes. Open to all ages. Limit 6 participants in-studio, 8 participants virtual. \$80 per person (materials included). Advanced registration required.

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, Pricing and Marketing Your Work to the Right Audience with Laura Bonas Palmer June 21, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

As a career artist, it is essential to find a happy medium when pricing and marketing work to collectors. This workshop will cover how to appropriately price work for sale and target the right audience(s) to collect your work. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series.

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, Kiss Off - Funding and Development with Jacqueline Rocker-Brown June 22, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

"Kiss Off" is a funding and development exploration for artists that will provide an overview of the process of responding to the absolute priorities of grantsmanship. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series.



Benjamin West, Standing Bear, 2020

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, Promoting Your Art in the Social Media Universe with Jo-Ei Lopez June 23, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

This workshop will explore various social media platforms to target key people in the art community to exhibit and sell artwork. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series.

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, Getting the Right Shot with Paul Chinnery June 24, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Participants will learn how to photograph artwork for documentation and gallery submissions with an SLR, mirror-less camera, or a camera phone. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series.

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, Residency Ready! with Rebecca Jampol June 25, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

In this workshop, attendees will discuss the purpose of artist residencies and an array of regional and national opportunities. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series.

Art Business BOOTCAMP For artist professionals, The Art of Patience - A Journey in Visual Arts Education with Mansa K. Mussa June 26, 12pm to 2pm

This workshop aims to give working artists who have an interest in providing instruction in the visual arts a framework for teaching visual art to students. Limit 6 participants per in-studio & 8 participants virtual. Reservations required. \$40 per workshops for SMI members, \$240 for the entire series; \$45 per workshop for non-members, \$250 for the entire series. ■

ESSEX COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29:
**Downtown West Orange Alliance,
Downtown Thursdays.** Find food
and chocolate tours, live music, ice
carving, outdoor dining and more on
Thursday evenings in Downtown West
Orange. Specific location varies by date.
4-7pm. Free with some ticketed events.
646.856.9076.
www.wodowntownthursdays.com

June 4 and 5: MAMmania. It's been
a long, cold, lonely winter indeed! MAM
promises to help wipe away the winter
blues by hosting a be-in, complete with
renowned Beatles Tribute Band "The
Cast" of Beatlemania and all the goodies
that go with the traditional Annual Spring
Fundraiser. Montclair Art Museum, 3
South Mountain Avenue, Montclair. 6pm.
973.746.5555.
www.montclairartmuseum.org

**June 11, 12, 25 & 26: Hooray for
Lady Land! Gay History for Straight
People!** Luna Stage presents "Gay
History for Straight People!" the
2020 Broadway World Award-winning
celebration of everything from "gay to
z," hosted by Leola, your favorite Kelly
Clarkson-worshipping, senior citizen
lesbian. Written and performed by Will
Nolan, Leola invites audiences to take
her slightly arthritic and well-moisturized
hand and skip through her interpretation
of gay history. Leola's vaccinated, her
mumu is pressed, and she's ready to
entertain the socially-distanced masses
with jokes, games, prizes, and who
knows – you may even learn something!
Valley Arts Courtyard, 400 South
Jefferson Street, Orange. 8pm. Pay what
you wish. 973.395.5551.
www.lunastage.org

**July 6-30: Kids Theatre Camp
Teen Collaborator Intensive.**
This Summer Intensive for teens in
grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 combines
on-camera and theater training.



Participants will spend the morning
honing acting skills and the afternoon
polishing their craft as filmmakers
and/or playwrights. Sessions include
on-camera technique, scene study,
voiceover, film editing, cinematography,
animation, improvisation, playwriting
and screenwriting. Enhanced safety
protocols will be in use for this in-
person program. Luna Stage, 555
Valley Road, West Orange. Monday
to Friday from 10am to 2pm. Pay what
you wish. 973.395.5551. education@
lunastage.org. www.lunastage.org/
teensummercamps

**August 28: Anderson Park Music
Under the August Moon Concert.**
Bring a picnic and a blanket and
enjoy the Chamber Music Society
of North Jersey perform under the
historic Olmsted Oak in Essex County
Anderson Park. Essex County Anderson
Park, 274 Bellevue Avenue, Montclair.
7-9pm. Free. Contingent on COVID
restrictions on large gatherings being
lifted. Check Friends of Anderson
Park's Facebook page and website for
COVID and weather updates. Rain date

is August 29, same time. Handicap
parking information is on the Friends
of Anderson Park website. Sponsored
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Silver Family Foundation. 973.477.7207.
FriendsOfAndersonPark.com ■



Anderson Park Music



The Essex County Free
Summer Music Concert Series
offers a diverse lineup of
performers who will take
center stage throughout our
historic Parks System. Pack a
blanket, enjoy the cool evening
breeze, and dance to the
sounds of summer.

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LIVE FREE
CONCERTS
2021



FREE FAMILY FUN

ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

All performances begin at 7:30pm

**STONEFLOWER SOUL:
A SANTANA TRIBUTE**
Thursday, August 12

EAGLEMANIA
Friday, August 13

**SOUL CRUISERS:
A MOTOWN TRIBUTE**
Thursday, August 19

**NEW POWER SOUL:
CLASSIC ROCK**
Friday, August 20

**A NIGHT OF DOO-WOP
WITH THE CAPRIS**
Friday, August 27

FIREWORKS SPECTACULARS

SMOOTH
Wednesday, June 30
Weequahic Park, Newark

THE INFERNO
Thursday, July 1
Brookdale Park, Bloomfield

**NEW JERSEY
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Thursday, August 26
Branch Brook Park, Newark

LIVE AT YOUR LOCAL ESSEX COUNTY PARK

All performances begin at 7pm

JERSEY SOUND
Monday, August 9
Yanticaw Park, Nutley

SYMPHONICS
Tuesday, August 10
Verona Park, Verona

BRADFORD HAYES
Monday, August 16
Veterans Memorial Park, Newark

DAVID CEDENO ORCHESTRA
Tuesday, August 17
Riverbank Park, Newark

GORDON JAMES
Wednesday, August 18
Watsessing Park,
Bloomfield/East Orange

LAYONNE HOLMES
Monday, August 23
Ivy Hill, Newark

RICHARD REITER
Tuesday, August 24
Vailsburg Park, Newark



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LATIN SPLENDOR

Wednesday, August 25
Riverfront Park, Newark

JUKE BOX LEGENDS

Monday, August 30
Cedar Grove Park, Cedar Grove

THE CAMEOS

Tuesday, August 31
Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

NANNY ASSIS, BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, September 1
Independence Park, Newark

BEGINNINGS:

A CHICAGO TRIBUTE

Thursday, September 2
Eagle Rock Reservation,
West Orange

FESTIVALS

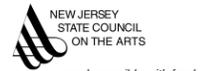
HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL AND A SPLASH OF CARIBBEAN

Saturday, September 11
11am – 8pm
Weequahic Park, Newark

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

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MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

Crane House & Historic YWCA
110 Orange Road, Montclair
973.744.1796
www.montclairhistory.org

Private Tours During COVID

As the museum cautiously reopens, guests are invited to schedule private tours of the Crane House & Historic YWCA, a historic house museum that explores the history of our country from its early years as an independent country to a country embroiled in the civil rights struggle. Guests can choose from one of the three tour options. Each tour will be limited to one family, cohort group, or pod with a maximum of five guests.

Scheduled guided tours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 10am, 12pm, or 2pm. \$20 for one or two guests; \$25 for three guests; \$30 for four guests; \$35 for five guests. Children under 2 are free but still count as a guest. Maximum of 5 guests per tour.

Self-guided drop-in tours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-2pm. Pay what pay you can.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM OF ART

49 Washington Street, Newark
973.596.6550 /
www.newarkmuseum.org

July 5-9: Virtual Camp at NMOA:

What Would Greta Do? Our earth is always changing and it is our responsibility to design and build a healthier future.

Join us as we create innovative ways to improve our home planet. For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

July 12-16: Virtual Camp at NMOA:

Building Bridges. We are all connected from our museum to your home, from skyscrapers to caves! Let's make connections! For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

July 19-23: Virtual Camp at NMOA:

Whatcha say? There's nothing more powerful than the art of the spoken word. This week, we will explore the beauty of language and logic. For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

July 26-30: Virtual Camp at NMOA:

Lift Every Voice. Join us as we share the stories and journeys of the past and explore our personal dreams for the future. For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

August 2-6: Virtual Camp at NMOA:

Warrior Within. What does strength look like to you? Join us as we explore the measure of strength from all lenses using science, dance, and art. For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

JUNE 8-17

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Tuesday, June 15	Monte Irvin Orange Park
Wednesday, June 16	Irvington Park
Thursday, June 17	Waterfront at South Mountain Recreation Complex

For Children Ages 15 and Under
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Weekday	*Saturday
Registration: 4:30pm - 5:30pm	Registration: 8:00am - 8:30am
Fishing Derby: 5:30pm - 7:00pm	Derby: 8:30am - 10:00am
Awards: 7:00pm-7:30pm	Awards: 10:00am - 10:30am

- See www.essexcountynj.org for confirmation of any cancellations.
- Children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles.
- There are no rain dates in case of Fishing Derby cancellation due to weather.

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August 9-13: Virtual Camp at NMOA: My Community, My World, and Me. Celebrate the last week of camp honoring all the things that make us unique and connect us. For children ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. NMOA, Live Zoom, 49 Washington Street, Newark. Check website for times and cost. For information, contact Jessica Nunez at [camp@newarkmuseumart.org](http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum). Register at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/newarkmuseum>.

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JSDD's WAE CENTER
270 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange
972.272.7152 / www.jsddmetrowest.org/lgbtq-wae/ or [WAE Center.org](http://www.waecenter.org)

LGBTQ+ WAE: The Power of an Inclusive Community. Monthly meetings, 3rd Tuesday at 7pm via Zoom. The intention of LGBTQ+ WAE is to bring together a group of people who share similar life experiences and to enjoy the support of that community. The goal

is to lessen the isolation and reduce stereotypes and misperceptions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) who identify as LGBTQ+. Regularly scheduled online or in-person meetings allow participants to connect with others who deal with similar issues in a more diverse group than they might otherwise encounter. Virtual Inaugural Pride Exhibit will be June 1 to August 1. For more information and the Zoom link, email OMarin@jsddmetrowest.org

Essex County Dept. of Parks & Rose Squared Productions, Inc. present

ROSE SQUARED ART SHOW AT ESSEX COUNTY ANDERSON PARK

274 Bellevue Ave., Up Montclair • Saturday, Sept. 18 & Sunday, Sept. 19

ROSE SQUARED ART SHOW AT ESSEX COUNTY BROOKDALE PARK

473 Watchung Ave., Bloomfield/Montclair • Saturday, Oct. 16 & Sunday, Oct. 17

EACH SHOW FEATURES JURIED FINE ARTISTS AND FINE CRAFT ARTISANS. FOR INFORMATION, DIRECTIONS AND A LIST OF PARTICIPATING EXHIBITORS VISIT: ROSESQUARED.COM

EXTRA! EXTRA! Calling all Nature Enthusiasts...

Youth Eco-Activity Boxes are available for purchase! Looking for enrichment ideas? The Environmental Center educational staff has custom made boxes designed to excite and engage youth in nature exploration and active learning. The boxes are intended to keep children in Pre-K through Ninth grade excited and engaged in environmental science related outdoor activities.

BOX THEMES/GRADE LEVEL	GRADES
Butterfly Safari	Pre-K to 4th grades
Flying Friends (Birds)	Pre-K to 4th grades
Summer Discovery	Pre-K to 4th grades
Hop, Walk & Slither!	1st to 2nd grades
Junior Naturalist	3rd to 4th grades
Wilderness Skills	5th to 9th grades

The boxes include crafts, projects, activities and outdoor fun opportunities. Boxes are available for pick-up only. There is limited availability! \$40 per box. Please call 973.228.8776 upon arrival to the Essex County Environmental Center.

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068
973.228.8776



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