

THE SPIRIT OF

Essex

SPRING 2021



*Enjoy
Essex County
parks
and trails!*



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PUTTING **ESSEX COUNTY** FIRST

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Dear Friend,

The events of 2020 impacted all of our lives. Let's look forward to 2021 and hope better times are in our future.

Throughout these challenging times, Essex County has taken the lead, ensuring that our residents, workforce and students have access to testing, emergency food and vaccinations, all available in convenient locations throughout the County. While the health and safety of our communities remain our top priority, we are doing what we can to help everyone return to a time when we can re-connect in person, create memories with friends and enjoy the many cultural events and activities traditionally held in Essex County.

Whether you meet with friends and family virtually or take a walk in an Essex County park, we encourage you to center your minds on positivity. As the weather begins to warm up and the opportunity to do more things outdoors is presented, we encourage you to connect with those you have not seen due to the pandemic. We encourage you to enjoy the beauty of the Cherry Blossom trees in Branch Brook Park or the Irises at the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens or whatever your heart desires.

Whatever you do, please be safe, mask up and practice social distancing while you enjoy the Spirit of Essex!

Together we will continue *Putting Essex County First!*

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In these times of widespread restlessness caused by too much time indoors, it is a blessing that the Essex County Parks have bountiful walking trails and scenic strolls. While these trails share many aesthetic characteristics, they vary in length, flora, and atmosphere.

For those interested in rustic walking adventures, South Mountain Reservation offers many miles of walking and hiking trails. The newest walking path is the 1.7-mile waterway walkway around the Orange Reservoir. No matter what path you follow, nestled between the First and Second Mountains on the Watchung Range, South Mountain Reservation make it easy to get away from it all.

The West Essex Trail in Verona and Cedar Grove is a three-mile trail that goes along the former rail bed of the Caldwell Branch on the old Erie-Lackawanna Railroad. Situated in the western portion of one of New Jersey's most urban counties, the trail passes through sections of woodland and at one point crosses a trestle bridge over the Peckman River.

In Brookdale Park, an Olmsted-designed park that spans both Montclair and Bloomfield, there is a 1.2-mile walking path which offers a variety of fitness stations, similar to many of our other parks. In this scenic yet active environment, you'll pass by multiple ball fields, a playground, a dog park and a rose garden with over 100 varieties of roses along the way.

For those who want a trail that is a workout, yet extra kind to your feet, the 2.1-mile walking trail in Weequahic Park is lauded for its rubberized pathway, steep hills and four rest areas that double as workout stations. Branch Brook Park followed in Weequahic Park's footsteps when a rubberized pathway was added to make it easy.

Walkers looking for a more informed (but still socially distanced) stroll through Branch Brook Park's four-mile length can also take advantage of the park's Audio Tour, a self-guided historic walking tour that can be accessed by cell phone. Small green signs throughout the park mark each tour stop with an accompanying number. The user then either dials the number or scans the

QR code on the sign to begin listening to the audio. For instance, at stop #164 between the Three Diamonds and Branch Brook Park Drive in the Extension, you would learn that a 2004 tree inventory revealed that less than 1,000 cherry blossom trees remained from Caroline Bamberger Fuld's original 2,000-tree gift in 1927. Since 2005, multiple plantings have increased the number of cherry trees to over 5,000.

If you can't decide between the choices above, why not try the Lenape Trail? This 34-mile trail winds through 18 parks and 11 municipalities in Essex County. If you follow the yellow blazes, you'll find historic landmarks and community gardens. The trail even connects to larger trail networks including the Patriots' Path, the West Essex Rail Trail, and the Morris Canal Greenway.

These are just a small number of the walking trails that exist within the parks system, but it's safe to say that there is a walking trail for everyone in the Essex County Parks. ■

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

Spring Ice Skating

All ice skating classes and public sessions for the spring will depend on when current indoor restrictions are lifted by the State. Please call the main office at 973.731.3828, Ext. 0 for details regarding our Learn to Skate, Tot Classes, Private Lessons and Public Sessions.

ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland
973-228-8776 / www.essexcountynj.org/environmentalcenter

Virtual Field Trips

A variety of virtual field trip topics are offered, including 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, Honey Bees & Native Pollinators and more! Programs last 30 minutes and cost \$50 per program.

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.

An ECEC educator will meet the host facilitator (teacher, scout, group leader, etc.) in the virtual classroom 10 minutes prior to the start of class for a check-in to test the technology. The host facilitator is responsible for admitting participants into the virtual classroom, answering any technological questions, calling on participants and reading any typed questions to the ECEC educator.

In-Person (Outdoor Only Field Trips)

Choose from a variety of topics offered by the Essex County Environmental Center. A maximum of 12 participants including group leaders/chaperones are limited to each class. Program length is one hour. For information, call the Center at 973.228.8776. Mask wearing and social distancing required. Cost is \$8 per participant (including leaders/chaperones).

Spring-Themed Family Visits

Topics include Weather Windows in March, Spring Wildflowers in April and Frog Pond Science in May. The program includes a take-away nature craft bag per child. Program length is 45 minutes. One household/group at a time with a limit of 6 people. Visits are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. Reservations are required; walk-ins will not be accommodated. To schedule a time slot, call 973.228.8776. Cost is \$30 per family (up to 2 adults and 2 children) or \$10 per child and \$12 per adult.

Spring 2021 Programs

The Environmental Center is now offering naturalist-led outdoor (only) nature programs for groups of 6 or less. Spring topic selections include Spring 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 outside. Social distancing and mask wearing required. One group at a time with a limit of 6 people. To schedule an appointment, call 973.228.8776. Cost is \$10 child, \$12 adult or \$30 per family (2 adults, 2 children).

Spring Camp

Tuesday, April 6; Wednesday, April 7; Thursday, April 8 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For children in grades 1 through

5. Restore the bond between children and nature. Children will have the opportunity to explore nature at the Essex County Environmental Center. Campers are immersed in nature using stories, hikes, crafts, exploration and hands-on discovery. For information, call the Center at 973.228.8776. Cost is \$180 per child for all three days or \$70 per child/per day. Cost includes materials and take-home projects. Advance registration and payment are required.

Earth Day Programming Throughout The Month Of April. Monday to Friday from 4pm to 5pm.

These programs are for all ages. This series hosts a maximum of 12 participants per class. All programs are held completely outside. Social distancing and mask wearing required. The same program is held every day during that topic week. Cost is \$10 child, \$12 adult or \$30 per family (2 adults, 2 children).

Program schedule is as follows:

Week of April 5 – Eco Art & Recycled Paper Making.

Participants will take a short hike for inspiration and then craft and customize our own paper from recycled materials.

Week of April 12 – Nature Journaling & Citizen Science.

Learn to observe and record what is found in local forests or even your own backyard. Journal and perform citizen science to share with the world.



Week of April 19 – Frog Pond Fun Ecology. Scoop down into the depths of the frog pond at the ECEC. Using nets, hand lenses and microscopes, participants will discover what lives in the pond as well as the health of the pond as an ecosystem.

Week of April 26 – Wild Edible Plant Walks.

Walk the trail with a naturalist to identify and discuss the variety of forest groceries available for harvest around the local landscape. Participants will discuss proper identification, seasonal harvest, growing environment and methods of preparation.

Week of May 3 – Trees & Leaves

Arbor Day Exploration. Walk with a naturalist to learn some fun tricks for tree identification and discuss their value in our lives.

Passaic River Canoe Trip Friday, April 30 from 1-4pm.

For adults and children ages 10 and up who are accompanied by an adult. Take a leisurely paddle on the Passaic River. Paddlers will enjoy scenery and peacefulness as they paddle up the river and then float down slowly at the pace of the river. The session includes paddling safety and techniques and all equipment. This trip is appropriate for beginners and children 10 and up who are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Weather and river conditions dependent. Advanced registration and minimum number of participants are required; call 973.228.8776. Meet at Garibaldi Hall. Cost is \$15 per person.

ESSEX TURTLE BACK ZOO

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

Berson Education Center at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. 973.731.5800, Ext. 103

Family Nature Club: Nature Adventurers March 14 & 28, April 11, May 2 & 16 8am-1pm 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



Canoeing on the Passaic River

outdoors. Nature Adventurers will visit different locations near Essex County Turtle Back Zoo each month. Tickets may be purchased alone or with a take home Nature Adventurers backpack filled with goodies helpful for nature play in both our activities and your own self-guided adventures.

Early Childhood Program Three sessions each month

10am & 11am. 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. Early childhood programming is offered monthly throughout the school year.

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

Spring Break Camp Session I: March 30 to April 1; Session II: April 6 to 8 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. Join us for three days of your spring break week! Activities will be held in-person but are subject to change. Participants can register for one session only. \$90

Storytime with the Easter Bunny March 27 & 28, April 4

Hop on over to the Zoo this spring! Ticket includes:

- reading of two stories by zoo staff
- meet and greet and takeaway photo with the Easter Bunny
- animal presentation

The event lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. All children must be accompanied by a paying adult; all attendees must purchase a ticket. Recommended for children ages 10 and younger. Children under 2 are free but should register for an "under 2 years old" ticket. Does not include zoo admission. In-person, but subject to change. ■



The Forest Friends Feeder Contest provided participants with a fun and educational experience making natural edible treats for the Center's backyard forest friends.

2020 CONTEST RESULTS



INDIVIDUAL CHILD CATEGORY
FIRST PLACE: Naomi Moran



GROUP/FAMILY CATEGORY
FIRST PLACE & PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology: Alain Beade, Madison Aquino, Ivelyn Lopez-Batista, Waldina Villeda, Janice Colon and teacher Brett Boon



SECOND PLACE:
Essex County West Caldwell School of Technology: Joshua Palaguachi-Castillo, Sergio Maestoso, Jordan Pitts, Staceyanne Ikejiaku and teacher Victoria Atfield



THIRD PLACE:
Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology: DiMya Johnson, Yve Gauthler, Christian Ortega and teachers Amarilys Olivo Mockabee and Tom Patierno

ESSEX COUNTY CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

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: Maggie Meiners Revisits Rockwell" reimagines the iconic work of early to mid-century painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell through the lens of modern America. With stunningly vivid detail, Meiners' 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. While the social climate in our country has changed dramatically in the 60 years between Meiners and Rockwell, comparisons of these two bodies of work illustrate that people's desires and fears often stay the same. We realize that our freedoms are, indeed, fragile.

New York to New Mexico: New Acquisitions Through June 13

Since its founding in 1914, Montclair Art Museum has actively collected historic, modern, and contemporary art, growing its collection to more than 15,000 works. The 2021 spring exhibition, "New York to New Mexico: New Acquisitions," highlights 12 new acquisitions of American and Native American art entered into the collection since 2017.

Virgil Ortiz: Odyssey of the Venutian Soldiers Through March

Inspired by the 1680 Pueblo Revolt around Santa Fe, New Mexico, renowned artist Virgil Ortiz creates artwork that makes past and future come alive. Combining his life-long passion for science fiction with work that still honors the Pueblo people's traditional art form methods, Ortiz's pottery figurines become integral players in his futuristic stories.

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

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"Skin Deep" by Maggie Meiners at the Montclair Art Museum



"Unidentified #89" by Kyle Meyer at the Montclair Art Museum. Fragile Freedoms

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.

WEST ORANGE ARTS CENTER

551 Valley Road, West Orange
973.325.0151 / woarts.org

Visiones de Identidad (Visions of Identity), A Latinx Perspective

Participating artists in this virtual exhibit include Rey Arvelo, Josephine Barreiro, Alberto Bossa, Diana Candeledo, Maria Luis Estrela, Renzo Florez, Stanley Gavidia, Joanna Lopez, Carlos Mateu, Qaasim Munoz, Sylvia Padilla and Fausto Sevilla.

An Exhibition of Found Objects Through March 5

This virtual and in-person exhibit showcases artists who bring new life to unexpected found objects. ■



WE'RE HIRING!



ESSEX COUNTY JOB FAIR

Do you see yourself working in a fun-filled, wild environment?

Join our team at Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex featuring Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, Mini Golf Safari, Treetop Adventure Course and Paddle Boats.

We are looking for friendly, polite, responsible, energetic people who enjoy working outdoors and working with children and families.

Unique jobs available in a variety of areas such as:

- Zoo Cashier
- Mini Golf Safari
- Paddle Boats
- Treetop Adventure Course
- Guest Experience Keeper
- Maintenance/ Custodial
- Seasonal Managers

All applicants must be 18 years of age or older and successfully pass a criminal background check

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo
560 Northfield Avenue • West Orange, NJ
www.turtlebackzoo/employment



ESSEX COUNTY SPRING EVENTS

March 2: You Can Solve the New York Times Crossword Puzzle!

Learn the secrets for becoming better at the gold standard for crossword puzzles from Deb Amlen, the head writer and editor of "Wordplay," the daily crossword column of The Times. Montclair Public Library – Online. 7-8:30pm. \$20 general, \$10 Montclair residents. 973.744.0500. adultschool.org

March 8: The Newark Museum of Art begins Virtual Summer Camp Registration.

Morning and afternoon sessions are available. The virtual classes run from July through August. Check the Newark Museum of Art's website for details. Advance registration required. #NMOAatHOME, Zoom. 9am to 4:30pm. Fee to be announced. 973.596.6637. camp@newarkmuseumart.org

March 13, 20, 21: A Series of Special Online Events: Going



Virtual Bingo Night with the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center

Global Succeed2gether's Montclair Literary Festival.

The New York Times bestselling author Imbolo Mbue will kick-off the series on March 13 talking about her new book "How Beautiful We Were." Other confirmed authors include former poet laureate for England Andrew Motion, former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins, Ecuador-born Ernesto Quiñonez, 2020 Booker Prize winner and National Book Award finalist Douglas Stuart, as well as panels featuring Asian authors, and new authors from Iran and Sri Lanka. Online via Crowdcast platform crowdcast.io/montclairliteraryfestival.

Free (some paid ticketed events). Times TBA. 973.746.0553. succeed2gether.org/montclair-literary-festival/

April 24: Manufacturer's Village.

Unveiling of a Black Lives Matter Community Mural on the grounds of the Manufactures Village Parking Lot on Glenwood Place. The project is a cooperative effort of local community artists. There will be opportunities to interact with the artists to discuss their participation and background. 12-6pm. Free. Manufacturer's Village, 356 Glenwood Ave., East Orange. For project updates visit www.manufacturersvillageartists.com

May 1: Book Release Party for "Divine Feminist: An Anthology of Poetry & Art by Womxn and Non-Binary Folx" To be published in Spring 2021 by Get Fresh Books, "Divine Feminist" is a collection of art and poetry by a multitude of genius, glorious womxn and non-binary folx who have found the divine in all places – their bodies, their cities, in heartbreak and politics, in sex and motherhood – and for who art and literature are both a form of spiritual practice and an act of protest. West Orange Arts Center, 551 Valley Road, West Orange. 6-9pm. Free. 973.325.0151. woarts.org

YOGI BERRA MUSEUM & LEARNING CENTER

On the campus of Montclair State University
8 Yogi Berra Drive, Little Falls
973-655-2378/yogiberramuseum.org.



The Pittsburgh Crawfords Baseball Club

March 4: History at Home: The History of Negro Leagues Baseball.

The Montclair History Center, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) and the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center are partnering for an online exploration of one of baseball's most fascinating chapters: The Negro Leagues. Ray Doswell, VP of Curatorial Services at the NLBM, will lead a deep dive into the history of Leagues that only months ago were finally recognized by Major League Baseball as major leagues. The presentation coincides with the Yogi Berra Museum's current exhibit, Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball, on loan from the NLBM and accessible virtually on the Yogi Berra Museum's website in celebration of 2020's 100th anniversary of the Leagues. Zoom link available at <https://yogiberramuseum.org>. 12 and 7pm ET. Free.

March 10, April 14, May 12: Virtual Bingo Night with the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center. A lively evening of Bingo, trivia, games and more! The fun takes place safely from your home via a Zoom link that you receive the

day of the event. Awesome prizes to the game winners!

Zoom link available at www.yogiberramuseum.org. 7 to 8pm ET. \$10 per game board. ■



The Newark Museum of Art Virtual Summer Camp



The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum & The Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center

ESSEX COUNTY ONGOING PROGRAMS

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

89 Ridge Street, Newark
973.484.2400
www.cathedralbasilica.org

Wednesdays at Noon

April 21: Organ Recital with Janet Yieh

April 28: Organ Recital with David McFarlane

May 5: Organ Recital with Kalle Toivio

May 12: Isosceles: Music for Two Harps
A 30-minute organ recital will be followed with an optional tour of the Cathedral. Wearing a face mask is mandatory for attendance.

Concert Series

March 21 at 4pm: An organ recital with Ann Labounsky will be live and livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica> and <http://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica>. There is an \$15 suggested donation. Masks are mandatory for attendance.

April 2 at 8pm: Choral Meditations on the Stations of the Cross with the Cathedral Choir. The cathedral's tradition of presenting meditations within the Stations of the Cross continues. This a cappella program will feature works of Clausen, Lotti, Allegri, and Casals. This concert will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica> and <http://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCathedralBasilica>. A free-will offering is suggested. Masks are mandatory for attendance.

ESSEX PHOTO CLUB

The Essex Photo Club is a teaching club, offering workshops and tutorials from basic photography to advanced post-processing techniques.



The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Programs via Zoom

Non-members are welcomed to attend. For guest entrance to Zoom meetings, call Chris at 973.986.4002.

Thursday, March 4: Working with Ansel Adams presented by Nancy Ori, renown photographer and lecturer

Thursday, March 18: Club Competition (Nature and Pictorial projected images) judged by Jordan Basem, Camera Naturalist Photo Club President

Wednesday, March 31: Why Black and White presented by Cole Thompson

Thursday, April 15: Club Competition (Nature and Pictorial projected images) judged by Phil Echo, NJFC Citation recipient and Audubon Society lecturer

Spring Meetup: Date and location TBD

Thursday, May 6: Ridgewood International Photo Contest winners (presentation set to music) presented by Ruth Plucinski

Thursday, May 20: Club Competition Best Images of the Year (Nature and Pictorial projected images) judged by Susan Candelario, Nick Palmieri and Al Brown

MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB

www.maplewoodgardenclub.org
All speakers' programs follow a brief business meeting and conclude with a live question and answer session.

For more details and to join the Zoom meeting, visit MGC's website.

March 1: "Planning and Planting an Herb Garden." The Herb Lady, Caren White, will take participants through the steps of designing and planting a unique herb garden. Participants will learn how to design an herb garden for optimal growth, the best place in the yard for it, how to amend soil and fertilize the garden, and then how to choose the right herbs for the garden whether to use them for cooking, teas, fragrance, crafting, or dyeing.

April 5: "The Hidden Life of Flowers." Writer and editor Teri Chace will explain why flowers look and behave the way they do, why certain plants are placed in specific families, how flowers attract pollinators, and how pollination works. She will also share breathtaking photographs and entertaining anecdotes from the era of plant hunters based on her bestselling book *Seeing Flowers: Discover the Hidden Life of Flowers*.

May 3: May Speaker's Program Via Zoom. Please visit MGC's website for updated program information.

May 6 to 8: 84th Annual MGC Plant Sale. Check MGC's website for details, updates, and location of the Annual MGC Plant Sale.

MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM

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

Sunday Studio

Connect with friends and family near and far in this virtual studio space and enjoy learning about art and being creative together. Join the program online the third Sunday of every month for a close up look at select artworks from museum exhibitions and a guided art-making activity with a MAM art educator live over the Zoom platform.

Homeschool Day

Join the program for a virtual tour of Montclair Art Museum, right from your home, followed by an art-making studio workshop led by the talented teaching artists over the Zoom platform. These participatory tours encourage interaction, as students are guided to make observations while looking closely at artwork on view in current exhibitions using 3D imagery of museum galleries.

Learning Pod Programs

Fridays by appointment

Virtual Tours for Schools, and Youth and Adult Community Organizations
Available by appointment

MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER

108 Orange Road, Montclair
973.744.1796
www.montclairhistory.org

March 4: The Negro Leagues. Ray Doswell, vice president of curatorial services at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, will present an expert, deep dive into the fascinating history of leagues that were finally and officially recognized by Major League Baseball as major leagues. Virtual program airs live at 12pm and 7pm. Links on website.

March 18: Montclair Train Stations. Montclair's history is inextricably linked to the two rail lines that came through town in the 1800s. Board Trustee Helen Fallon has researched the six Montclair train stations, uncovering some great drawings, maps, and photos beginning with the early days of photography. Virtual program airs live at 12 and 7pm. Links on website.

April 1: A Past Future for Bloomfield Avenue. Architect Ira Smith of Smith Maran Architecture + Interiors LLC talks about Walter Teague's plans and gives you a glimpse into an alternative

future for Bloomfield Avenue that never happened. Virtual program airs live at 12 and 7pm. Links on website.

April 15: A Virtual Walk along South Mountain Avenue. Town historian Mike Farrelly leads a virtual walk of South Mountain Avenue in this week's history at home. He'll talk about business titans, inventors, and other interesting people who called this street home. Virtual program airs live at 12 and 7pm. Links on website.

April 13, Violet; April 27, Tulip and May 11, Iris: Workshop and Watercolor. During these three workshops, participants will learn about different spring flowers along with their historic importance and traditional medicinal properties. The essence of each flower will be captured as participants create their own beautiful watercolor. 4 to 5:30pm. \$94.50 for three classes. Links on website.

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library
50 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair
973.744.0500

ONLINE PROGRAMS

March 3: 500 Years of Fashion Subordination: How the Corset Shaped the Dress. This class will focus on how undergarments have shaped dresses throughout different eras. A visual history starts with the first



Watercolor Iris

Spanish farthingale in 1540 which made skirts wide and moves in detail through centuries, countries and styles. It covers skirts, bodices, sleeves and the bustle. 7-8:30pm. \$20 general admission, \$10 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

March 4: Feeding Butterflies, Not Bambi: Deer Resistant Native Plants. When gardening, biodiversity can be supported through the plants that are chosen. Participants will learn which native plants are less likely to be eaten by the suburban surge of deer while also feeding butterflies and birds. Includes recommendations for specific flowers and bushes as well as details on how to grow them. 7-8pm. \$35 general admission, \$17.50 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

March 7: Open Book/Open Mind Online: Barry Meier, "Spooked: The Trump Dossier, Black Cube, and the Rise of Private Spies." Barry Meier, former New York Times reporter and a member of the paper's team that won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting, exposes the big business that is private spying today. The author presentation will be followed by an audience Q&A. 4-5:30pm. Free. www.Montclairlibrary.org

March 9: Artemisia Gentileschi: The Spirit of Caesar with the Soul of a Woman. Artemisia Gentileschi was the most famous female painter of the 17th Century. She did astonishing work, mostly portraying courageous and rebellious female protagonists. Come and hear what inspired her – her story is as dramatic and powerful today as it was 400 years ago. 2-4pm. \$20 general admission, \$10 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

March 10: Ransomware Prevention with NJ CyberSecurity and Communications Integration Cell. This one-hour presentation will provide the audience with an understanding of ransomware, a type of malicious software that attempts to extort money from victims by restricting access to computer systems, mobile devices, and files. Staff will outline how ransomware works, why it's so prevalent, and how individuals and organizations can best protect themselves from a ransomware infection. The following video demonstrations will



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The Montclair Orchestra is a unique training orchestra that pairs students for some of the region's best music schools (Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music, Cali School of music, etc) with professional mentors from the NJ Symphony, MET Orchestra, NY Philharmonic Orchestra among others. In a typical year we perform a 5 concert season at St. Luke's Episcopal Church or Central Presbyterian Church in Montclair. Due to COVID we have streamed concerts from Van Vleck and SOPAC, and have had several discussions, a virtual Pomp and Circumstance, and a children's music program over zoom. Follow Montclair Orchestra on social media to stay up to date on our latest happenings.

be shown: the ransomware infection process, the impact of a ransomware attack on a small business, a hacker's advertisement promoting the sale of a ransomware kit, and a brute-force attack on an RDP port. Presented by Thereasa Baker-Figueroa, Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst from the NJ CyberSecurity & Communications Integration Cell. A Q&A session with attendees will conclude the presentation. Registration required. 3-4pm. <https://montclairlibrary.org>

March 10, 14, 24; April 14, 21, 28; May 12, 19, 26: Lunchtime Livestream. Written in Italian and translated by the author into English, Lahiri's first novel since 2013's Pulitzer Prize-winning 'The Lowland' follows a woman over a year as she restlessly walks her city, finding some solace in the streets, bars, and piazzas.... A stylistic and ideational game changer. Montclair Public Library's Facebook page. 12-12:30. Free. facebook.com/montclairpubliclibrary

March 11: Pioneering Women Photographers: 1859-1950. From the

dawn of photography, the medium has been primarily recognized as a pursuit meant for men. This lecture presents female photographers who, in the first 100 years of the camera's existence, left their mark on the art of photography. 6:30-8pm. \$20 general admission, \$10 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

March 17: Women Leaders of the Long Civil Rights Movement. This class will examine the critical role that African American women played in what historian Jacqueline Dowd Hall calls "The Long Civil Rights Movement," beginning in the 1930s. Students will learn about the civil rights activism of Mary Church Terrell, Mary McCleod Bethune, Ella Baker, Rosa Parks, Jo Ann Robinson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Diane Nash, and others. 6:30-8pm. \$20 general admission, \$10 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

March 18: Unleash the Power of Podcasting. If you have an interest in storytelling, an expertise, curiosity on a specific topic or just want to put yourself out there, you should consider exploring

podcasting! In this session, participants will learn the basics of what podcasting is about, how to build an idea, what you'll need to get started and how to genuinely connect with your audience. 10am to 12pm. \$35 general admission, \$17.50 Montclair residents. www.adultschool.org

April 13, 20, 27: Listen on the Lawn. Come for an in-person story time on the lawn near the parking lot at the Bellevue Avenue Branch, 185 Bellevue Avenue, Upper Montclair. Rain dates are scheduled for Thursdays at the same time. Masks are required for ages 2 and up. 11-11:30am. Free. No registration required. www.montclair.org

April 21: Open Book/Open Mind Online: Quiara Alegria Hudes; "My Broken Language: A Memoir." Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Quiara Alegria Hudes, best known for writing the book for "In the Heights," tells her lyrical story of coming-of-age against the backdrop of a devastated barrio, with her sprawling, idiosyncratic, love-and-trouble filled Puerto Rican family as a collective muse. The presentation will be followed by an audience Q&A. Free. 7-8:30pm. www.montclair.org

April 22: Virtual Earth Day Craft. Kids will use recycled materials to create a variety of crafts. This program will be live streamed on the Montclair Public Library's Facebook page. 4-5pm. Free. facebook.com/montclairpubliclibrary/

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Creative Connection
3rd Wednesday of each month via Zoom from 7-9pm
Artist discussion and critique group open to creative thinkers and artists of all genres. It's important for artists to talk about their creative process and the things that affect creativity. Free for WOAC members; \$10 for non-members

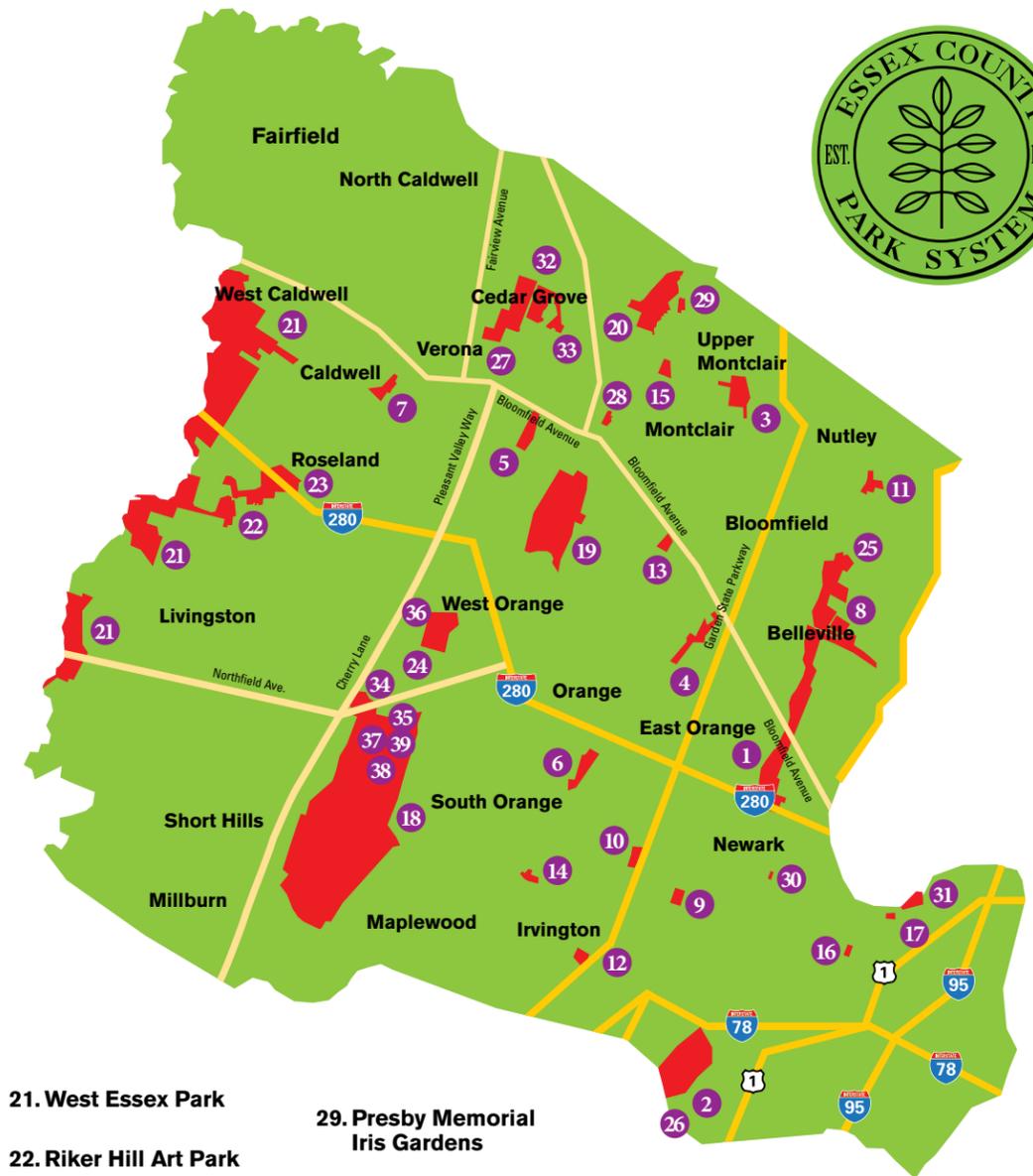
Booey Toons
Most Saturdays via Zoom from 10-11am
Weekly virtual cartoon drawing session. Bring pens or markers with paper, empty pizza box, or Grampa's old coffee mug to make cartoons. RSVP by sending a private message @Booey McBooerson on Facebook. ■

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5. Verona Park
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8. Belleville Park
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14. Ivy Hill Park
15. Anderson Park
16. Independence Park
17. Riverbank Park
18. South Mountain Reservation
19. Eagle Rock Reservation
20. Mills Reservation
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22. Riker Hill Art Park
23. Becker Park
24. Francis Byrne Golf Course
25. Hendricks Field Golf Course
26. Weequahic Park Golf Course
27. Hilltop Reservation
28. Kip's Castle Park
29. Presby Memorial Iris Gardens
30. Veterans Memorial Park
31. Riverfront Park
32. Cedar Grove Park
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