



Essex County Parks Archives

Essex County Department of Parks,
Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

SEPTEMBER 2018

ISSUE 10

Upcoming:

#AskAnArchivist Day

On October 3, archivists around the country will take to Twitter to respond to any and all questions about archives or archival work. To participate, just tweet a question and include #AskAnArchivist in your tweet.

November 11, 2018

100 Years Since Armistice

As the centennial anniversary of Armistice Day approaches, the Parks Archives staff is revisiting the archival evidence of activities in the parks and by parks staff during the "Great War". In addition, we are researching connections between the parks and other military engagements from the American Revolution to the present.

News:

We have received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Trust License Plate Fund to create interpretive signs in Eagle Rock and Mills Reservations and along the West Essex Trail. The signs will provide historic information to park visitors on site. We'll let you know when they are installed.



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

Scrapbooks Digitized

The sixty-seven news clipping scrapbooks of the Essex County Park Commission have now been digitized for accessibility and convenience.



With articles from dozens of newspapers, these scrapbooks cover eighty years of history of the first ever county park system. They provide a valuable insight into the public's reception of the parks from their founding and into their maturity.

The scrapbooks themselves were inaccessible to the public due to their age and poor quality of the paper, which caused pages to be especially fragile and brittle. Thanks to a multi-year preservation effort, the clippings became available on microfilm last year. After digitization this past June, they can now be searched easily and viewed digitally.



These materials are available for research, along with the Park Commission Minutes, Annual Reports, maps and plans, and newsletters at the Parks Archives across from Branch Brook Park in Newark. Call 973-735-6231 or email archives@parks.essexcountynj.org for an appointment.

115 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104
www.essex-countynj.org

Putting Essex County First