



Essex County Parks Archives

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Essex County Open House

Visit our table at the 2015 Essex County Open House! Challenge your knowledge of park history with our games! Admission to this event at the Turtle Back Zoo on Saturday, May 30, 10am - 2pm is free. For more information visit www.essexcountynj.org.

Montclair Adult School Speaking Engagement

Join Park's archivist Kathy Kahl this summer to hear her presentation on the history of the Essex County Park System.

She will be speaking at the Montclair Public Library, at 50 S Fullerton Ave, Montclair, NJ.

For registration information visit www.adultschool.org

News:

We have finished scanning over 2,600 slides and are now working on scanning our historic photos.

Exhibit at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center

This April we presented a display on the cherry blossom tree collection in Branch Brook Park.

In 1928, how did the Park Commission set about acquiring enough cherry blossom trees to create a stunning landscape display for you to enjoy today?

The exhibit explored the process of acquiring the first 2,000 trees of several exotic varieties and the botany behind propagating additional trees for the collection. As the Park staff became more experienced, they began planting specific seeds and grafting onto existing root stock to further develop the collection.



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