Upcoming Events:

Archives and History Day
October 3, 2015  9:00–2:45
Monmouth County Library
Headquarters in Manalapan
We are again participating at Archives and History Day. This year’s event focuses on the 1910s, a busy decade for the Essex County Parks. All are welcome.

Adult School of Montclair
November 4, 2015  7:00-8:30
Montclair Public Library
50 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ
Learn about the seven Essex County Parks to be enjoyed in Montclair! For registration info visit www.adultschool.org.

News:

Annual reports and minutes of the Essex County Park Commission from 1895 to 1979 are available in digital format for researchers on the public computer at the Administration Building. Call ahead to set up an appointment to view them!

Early Innovation in a Public Space

On July 22, Parks archivist Kathy Kauhl, gave a presentation at the Adult School of Montclair on the early history of the Essex County Park System. She described early attempts at creating parks and the process that finally succeeded, benefits of a county system, how park sites were selected, and some that got away. The talk covered examples of city parks, neighborhood parks, reservations, and the green parkways or pleasure drives that once linked the parks.

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