



# Essex County Parks Archives

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## Upcoming Events:

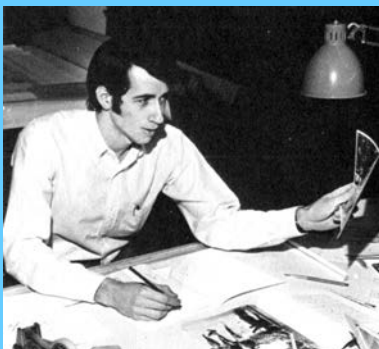
### Cherry Blossom Exhibit!

Check out our exhibit at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center in April during the annual Essex County Branch Brook Park Cherry Blossom Festival!

The exhibit will highlight the procurement of the first cherry blossom trees in 1928 and explain the horticultural processes that were used for growing certain varieties from seeds, grafting to existing stock, and maturing the saplings in our own reservations.

## News:

### Joe Lanzara's Retirement!



The Essex County Parks Archives says goodbye and wishes a happy retirement to long-time employee Joe Lanzara. His 46 year career at the Essex County Parks Department will be recognized by us on January 27, 28, 29. Please drop by to wish him a happy retirement between 9:00am and 12:00pm or 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

## Archives and History Day at Monmouth County



On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we showcased our efforts to make the history of the Essex County Park System more accessible to the public with a booth at Monmouth County's Archives and History Day.

We had the opportunity to share information about our archives with members of the public, over 60 different historic and archival organizations within the state, as well as other parks departments.

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