

Essex County Parks Archives

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Upcoming Event:

Celebrating Newark 350: Newark's Essex County Parks Tour

Fri., Oct. 14, 2016 10:30-4:30 *Montclair Adult School*

Parks archivist Kathy Kauhl will lead a bus tour of the nine Essex County Parks in Newark, with picnic lunch. The park system was born in the Progressive Era while Newark, at the ripe old age of 250 years, continued to grow. For registration details visit www.adultschool.org.

News:

Members of the Brick City Archivists, working in archives and history in the Newark area, toured the Essex County Parks Archives in the 100 year-old historic Parks Administration Building on June 15.

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

Parks in Print: Evenings with the Authors of Books Highlighting the Essex County Park System

An exciting series featuring authors of five books about Essex County Parks begins Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm at Essex County Kip's Castle, 22 Crestmont Road, Verona. Catharine Longendyck and preservationist Kathleen P. Galop, who both grew up near Branch Brook Park, present their Arcadia-published book. The following week, knowledgeable West Orange historian Joseph Fagan presents his Arcadia Images of America book on Eagle Rock Reservation. Next, Richard Cummings and Warren Marchioni of the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy share their interest in that suburban park and their local history research experiences.



The series continues on October 18 with Essex County Turtle Back Zoo Director Brint Spencer and Program Development/Education Administrator Caitlin Sharp, who share their love of the zoo. On display that night will be the preliminary zoo plans, a zoo key, and other seldom-seen artifacts from the early years of Turtle Back Zoo.

The Essex Mountain Sanatorium, formerly on the site of today's Hilltop Reservation, is the topic of the final presentation which will be held October 25 at the Essex County Hospital Center, 204 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove. Richard A. Kennedy will provide commentary while screening a recently-restored 80-year-old film showcasing the facilities for the care of tuberculosis patients at the Essex Mountain Sanatorium.

The authors will have copies of their books for sale and signing.

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