

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO ANNOUNCES JULY  
AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

***Wellness on the Waterfront Free Programming to feature Yoga Classes, Concerts,  
Movies and Arts and Crafts at Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex***

**West Orange, NJ** – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs announced a month-long schedule of free activities to celebrate July as National Parks and Recreation Month. The County Executive invites the public to enjoy “Wellness on the Waterfront,” which includes yoga demonstrations, concerts, movies, and arts and crafts at the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex in July.

“National Parks and Recreation Month is the perfect opportunity to highlight the beauty of our open spaces, the importance of recreation facilities and the positive impact they have on our wellness and quality of life. The area overlooking the Orange Reservoir provides a beautiful and unique spot to host a diverse lineup of activities to exercise, entertain and inspire you,” DiVincenzo said. “We invite the public to celebrate with us and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events,” he added.

On Monday evenings, there will be **Yoga for Adults**. Classes are suitable for beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners. Bring a yoga mat and dress comfortably. Meet in the Clipper Pavilion next to the paddle boat area on Cherry Lane. Classes are held rain or shine. *Yoga for Adults* will be held as follows:

**Dates:** Mondays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2018  
**Times:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex  
Clipper Pavilion  
Cherry Lane  
West Orange, NJ

On Tuesday evenings, elevate your visit to the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex with **Jammin’ in July**, a free series of concerts at the Clipper Pavilion. Take in a new sound every week with Broadway tunes, big band, steel drums and more. *Jammin’ in July* will be held as follows:

**Dates:** Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Newark Arts High School Latin Band  
Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>: Maplewood Concert Band featuring clarinet soloist Master Chief Musician Jonathan Towne of the U.S. Coast Guard Band  
Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Chatham Community Band  
Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: Kamate Traders  
**Times:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex  
Clipper Pavilion  
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On Wednesday evenings, bring a lawn chair and enjoy “**Zoo-vies**,” a free series of summer blockbuster movies under the stars on the rooftop of the Turtle Back Zoo Parking Garage. Participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Admission is free and the deck will be open for seating at 7 p.m. The movies will be shown at dusk. Refreshments will be for sale. Rain will

cancel the presentation. Please note that Zoo-vies will be shown on the parking deck, [560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange](#). The Zoo-vies schedule is as follows:

**Dates and Movie:**    **Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Peter Rabbit**  
                                  **Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Wall-E**  
                                  **Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Deep**  
**Times:**                    **Seating begins at 7 p.m.; movies begin at dusk**  
**Place:**                    **Essex County Turtle Back Zoo**  
                                  **Parking Deck, Top Floor**  
                                  **[560 Northfield Avenue](#)**  
                                  **[West Orange, NJ](#)**

On Thursday evenings, staff from the Essex County Environmental Center will serve up nature art at the Clipper Pavilion. So come spend some time outdoors getting artistic. *Art at the Clipper Pavilion* will be available as follows:

**Dates:**                    **Thursdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018**  
**Time:**                    **6 to 7:15 p.m.**  
**Place:**                    **Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex**  
                                  **Clipper Pavilion**  
                                  **Cherry Lane**  
                                  **West Orange, NJ**

Wellness at the Waterfront is sponsored by The Essex County Parks Foundation and The Zoological Society of New Jersey. For more information, call 973-508-2912 or visit [www.essexcountynj.org](http://www.essexcountynj.org).

The Essex County Park System was created in 1895 and is the first county park system established in the United States. The Park System consists of more than 6,000 acres and has 23 parks, five reservations, an environmental center, a zoo, Treetop Adventure Course, ice skating rink, roller skating rink, three public golf courses, golf driving range, two miniature golf courses, three off-leash dog facilities, a castle and the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.