

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO ANNOUNCES PLANS
FOR ANNUAL ESSEX COUNTY HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR
*15 Historic Homes, including Essex County Kip's Castle and Walther House
at Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, will be Decorated
for the Holidays and Open for the Public's Enjoyment***

Essex County, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to celebrate the holiday season and participate in the ***Annual Essex County Historic Holiday House Tour***. This year, the tour includes 15 Essex County historic sites, which will be decorated for the holidays and open to the public for a weekend tour. The tour includes Essex County Kip's Castle and the Walther House at the Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. The self-guided house tour will be held **Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th** at the following locations:

Essex County Kip's Castle Park

22 Crestmont Road, Verona

973-433-7469; www.essexcountynj.org

Admission is free. Open 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Walther House at the Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair

973-783-5974; www.presbyirisgardens.org

Admission is free. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Groups over 10, please call to make a reservation.

Ballantine House at Newark Museum

49 Washington Street, Newark

973-596-6550; www.newarkmuseum.org

Suggested admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors and students, and free for Newark Museum members. Open 12 Noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Canfield-Morgan House and Museum

903 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove

973-239-5414; www.cedargrovehistoricalsociety.org

Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Open 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

89 Ridge Street, Newark

973-484-4600; www.cathedralbasilica.org

Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Open year round.

Crane Homestead

289 Westville Avenue, West Caldwell

973-364-0155

Admission is free. Open 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Glenmont at Thomas Edison National Historical Park

211 Main Street, West Orange

973-736-0550, Ext. 11; www.nps.gov/edis

Admission is \$10 per person and free for children under 16. Tickets can be purchased at the Park's Visitor Center and include access to the Laboratory Complex. Glenmont is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday by tour only. Open by tour only from 11:30 a.m. 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Greenwood Gardens

274 Old Short Hills Road, Short Hills

973-258-4026; www.greenwoodgardens.org

Admission is \$5 per person and free for children under 12. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Grover Cleveland Birthplace

207 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell

973-226-0001; www.presidentcleveland.org

Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Kingsland Manor

3 Kingsland Street, Nutley

973-661-3410; www.kingslandmanor.org

Admission by donation. Open 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Montclair Historical Society Properties

973-744-1796; www.montclairhistorical.org

Suggested donation of \$8 per adult, \$5 per seniors and children, free for Montclair Historical Society members. Open 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Israel and Nathaniel Crane Houses

108 and 110 Orange Road, Montclair

Charles Shultz House-Evergreens

30 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center

240 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield

973-429-0960; www.oakeside.org

Admission is free. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Salvatorian Fathers

23 Crestmont Road, Verona

973-746-8770

Admission by donation. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

“The Holiday House Tour is a great example of organizations throughout the County pooling their resources to create a wonderful event for families to enjoy and to provide insight into how past holidays were celebrated,” DiVincenzo said. “Take a break from the

hustle and bustle this December and visit local homes and landmarks that will have decked the halls in holiday extravagance for one spectacular weekend. Tour historic Essex County with your friends and delight in the spirit of the season,” DiVincenzo said.

The public can visit each site at their own pace. The houses will be exquisitely decorated for the holidays and be open for public viewing. Each site will offer something unique, including musical entertainment, refreshments or educational programs. There may be an admission fee at some locations. For more information, please call 973-433-7469 or visit www.essexcountynj.org.