

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY
THE ESSEX COUNTY FREE SUMMERMUSIC CONCERT SERIES**
*Upcoming Events Feature Bradford Hayes, Pulse Jazz Quintet
and Billy Gilman from “The Voice”*

Essex County, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to visit the Essex County Parks System and enjoy the **2018 Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series**. Upcoming concerts feature Bradford Hayes, Pulse Jazz Quintet and Billy Gilman from “The Voice.”

“Our Free Concert Series offers a diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage in venues throughout our historic Essex County Park System. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze and dance to the sounds of classical, rock and roll, jazz, big band, Latin and more,” DiVincenzo said.

Bradford Hayes

Bradford Hayes is a Virginia-born, well-acclaimed saxophonist. Having performed at over 50 venues across the globe, he is an immense figure in the world of jazz. Throughout his career, Hayes has led his own band, played with Babatunde Olatunji’s Drums of Passion Band for over 15 years and has been a music educator in the Newark Public School System for over 30 years. Additionally, Hayes performed with Olatunji for Nelson Mandela’s visit to the Yankee Stadium during his first trip to the U.S. after his imprisonment in South Africa. Bradford Hayes will perform as follows:

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Essex County Veterans Memorial Park
West Market Street
Newark, NJ

Pulse Jazz Quintet

The 2018 Essex County Summer Concert Series continues with a concert by the Pulse Jazz Quintet in Essex County Monte Irvin Orange Park. It will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Essex County Monte Irvin Orange Park
Harrison Street and Center Street
Orange, NJ

Billy Gilman, finalist on NBC’s “The Voice”

Country singer Billy Gilman is best known for his appearance on NBC’s 2016 season of “The Voice,” in which he ultimately finished as runner-up. Gilman sang “When We Were Young” by Adele and impressed all four judges, Adam Levine, Miley Cyrus, Alicia Keys,

and Blake Shelton, whom all wanted him to compete as a part of their team. The 30-year-old singer was first discovered at age 7 by Western swing singer Ray Benson, who helped Gilman record his first songs. Gilman went on to become the youngest artist to make the top 40 single country charts on the Billboard Hot 100 in addition to having a top 20 hit on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart in 2000. Billy Gilman will perform as follows:

Date: Friday, July 13, 2018
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Essex County Brookdale Park
Watchung Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ
Bellevue Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ

The SummerMusic Concert Series is being sponsored by Rose Squared Productions, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and TD Bank. The series is also made possible, in part, by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

Concerts are held at accessible sites. Persons who require special accommodations or assistance are asked to call at least two weeks prior to the concert to alert staff as to their needs. Admission to the concerts is free. For more information, please call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 973-268-3500.