

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO INVITES
PUBLIC TO EXPERIENCE THE BUTTERFLY TENT SAFARI
AT THE ESSEX COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
*Open Public Hours and Special Family Programs Are Available***

Roseland, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to experience the “Butterfly Tent Safari” at the Essex County Environmental Center. The Butterfly Tent Safari is an interactive display where visitors can observe hundreds of butterflies while walking through a tent. It will be held as follows:

Dates: Saturday, July 15 to Saturday, July 29, 2017
Hours: Mondays to Fridays from 12 Noon to 3 p.m.
Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Closed on Sundays
Place: Essex County Environmental Center
621B Eagle Rock Avenue
Roseland, NJ

***A \$2 per person admission is suggested.
Proceeds will go to the Essex County Parks Foundation
and be used to support future educational programs.***

“The Butterfly Tent Safari at the Essex County Environmental Center is an interactive display of live native butterflies for families to observe and enjoy. Spend your time in the tent feeding the butterflies or simply marveling at their beauty and delicate nature. Listen to a story, make butterfly crafts, or just take some time to witness the magnificence of nature at our Environmental Center,” DiVincenzo said.

In addition to the public viewing times, the Environmental Center is offering butterfly-themed family programs that include access to the butterfly tent on Saturdays July 15th, 22nd and 29th. Cost of the family programs is \$8 per child and \$10 per adult. Pre-registration is required. Participation in these programs also includes time in the butterfly tent. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, July 15th at 12:30 p.m.: Appropriate for children ages 3 to 5 years. “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” will take participants on a butterfly parade around the trails and learn about a day in the life of a monarch butterfly.
- Saturday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m.: Appropriate for children ages 5 and older. “Buzz into Action with Insect Education” is a family fun and hands on presentation about bugs and butterflies.
- Saturday, July 29th at 12 Noon: Appropriate for adults and children ages 8 years and older. “Butterfly Gardening Workshop” will be led by Essex County Rutgers Master Gardener Jean Greeley, who will talk about butterfly gardening.

- During the month of July, “Bold, Brilliant Butterflies of Northern New Jersey,” a photography exhibit by Janet Markman, will be on display at the Essex County Environmental Center.

For information about the Butterfly Tent Safari, please call the Essex County Environmental Center at 973-228-8776.