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**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 7th and Sunday, December 8th** at the following locations:

Essex County Kip's Castle Park

22 Crestmont Road, Verona
973-433-7469; www.essexcountynj.org
Admission is free. Open Saturday and Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

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 Saturday and Sunday from 12-2 p.m.

Ballantine House at Newark Museum

49 Washington Street, Newark
973-596-6648; www.newarkmuseum.org
Admission is \$15 adults; \$8 for children, seniors and students with valid I.D.; free for museum members, Newark residents, Newark college students with valid IDs and children 2 years and younger. Open Saturday and Sunday from 12-5 p.m. (The exhibit is open through January 5, 2020.)

Canfield-Morgan House and Museum

903 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove
973-239-5414; www.cedargrovehistoricalsociety.org
Admission is free, donations are accepted. Open Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Force Homestead and Museum

366 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston
973-533-0211; www.livingstonnj.org/historicalsociety.htm
Admission is free, \$5 suggested donation. Open Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Glenmont at Thomas Edison National Historical Park

211 Main Street, West Orange

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

Admission is \$15 per person and free for children under 16. Tickets must be purchased at the Laboratory Complex Visitor Center the day of the tour and includes access to the Laboratory Complex. Glenmont tickets are limited. Open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grover Cleveland Birthplace

207 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell

973-226-0001; www.clevelandbirthplace.org

Admission is free, donations accepted. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. (Open year-round from Wednesday to Sunday.)

Kingsland Manor

3 Kingsland Street, Nutley

973-661-3410; www.kingslandmanor.org

Admission is free. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Open Saturday and Sunday from 1- 4 p.m.

Montclair Historical Society Properties

973-744-1796; www.montclairhistorical.org

Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Open Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Kick off your holiday shopping and support local business vendors at the First Annual Holiday Market at the Montclair History Center.

Crane House and Historic YWCA

108 and 110 Orange Road, Montclair

Charles Shultz House-Evergreens

30 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair

The Salvatorian Fathers

23 Crestmont Road, Verona

973.746.8770

Admission by donation. Open Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

Van Tassel Funeral Home

337 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield

973-743-1234

Admission is free. Open Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Zenas Crane Homestead

289 Westville Avenue, West Caldwell

973-226-8976

Admission is free. Open Saturday and Sunday from 12-4 p.m.

“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.

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, five off-leash dog facilities, a castle and the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.

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