

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO ANNOUNCES 'EARLY BIRD' DISCOUNT FOR GOLFERS TO RENEW COUNTY ID CARDS

Extended Hours for Registration Are Offered at Three Public Golf Courses

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. announced that golfers can take advantage of a discounted adult rate to play at Essex County's three public golf courses if they renew their Golf ID Cards with the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs before March 15, 2010. Golfers who currently pay the "adult rate can renew their Golf ID Cards by mail or in person to lock in the reduced adult rate of \$40.00. (The regular adult rate is \$45.00.) All other rates are not discounted. [Click here to download registration forms](#)

"Essex County has three very beautiful and picturesque public golf courses that can be enjoyed by everyone and are easy to get to. Bringing our staff to our golf courses to process ID applications makes registration easier and more convenient for our golfers, DiVincenzo said. "I encourage golfers to get an ID and come out and experience the challenging greens and rolling hills of our golf courses, he added.

Essex County has three public golf courses: **Francis Byrne Golf Course in West Orange, Hendricks Field in Belleville and Weequahic Golf Course in Newark.** Current rates are as follows:

- Adult \$ 45.00 (\$40.00 Early Bird Special)
- Senior/Junior/Disabled \$ 25.00
- Senior Seasonal Permit \$450.00
- Replacement Card \$ 25.00
- Out of County Cards \$300.00 (Byrne, Hendricks and Weequahic)
- \$150.00 (Hendricks and Weequahic)
- (Out of County Cards enable non-Essex residents to reserve tee times at least five days in advance.)

To renew in person, golfers must bring their current Golf ID Card and two proofs of residency (one proof must be a current Driver's License or photo ID and the other proof may be one of the following: Voter Registration Card, or bill from PSE&G, phone or cable), along with their cash, credit card or check (made payable to the Essex County Department of Parks) to the Essex County Parks Administration Building, 115 Clifton Avenue, Newark. The Golf ID Unit is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Golfers can also renew their Golf ID cards at each of Essex County's three public golf courses on selected evenings and Saturday mornings. Extended registration hours are as follows:

Weequahic Golf Course, Elizabeth Avenue, Newark

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| Tuesdays, March 16 th & March 23 rd | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Thursdays, March 18 th & March 25 th | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Saturdays, March 20 th & March 27 th | 8:30am- 12:00pm |

Hendricks Field Golf Course, Franklin Avenue, Belleville

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| Tuesdays, March 30 th & April 6 th | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Thursdays, April 1 st & April 8 th | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Saturdays, April 10 th | 8:30am- 12:00pm |

Francis Byrne Golf Course, Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange

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| Tuesday, April 13 th & April 20 th | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Thursday, April 15 th & April 22 nd | 5:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Saturday, April 17 th & April 24 th | 8:30am- 12:00pm |

To renew by mail, golfers must send their current Golf ID Card and copies of two proofs of residency (one proof must be a copy of a current Driver's License or photo ID and the other proof may be a copy of one of the following: Voter Registration Card, or bill from PSE&G, phone or cable), along with their check or money order (made payable to the Essex County Department of Parks) to: Essex County Parks Department, Attn. Golf ID Unit, 115 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104. Letters must be postmarked by May 15th to receive the early bird discount. New golfers and those who are changing their status or address must renew their Golf ID Cards in person.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to "Essex County Department of Parks". Cash will only be accepted when Golf ID Cards are renewed in person.

For more information, please call the Essex County Golf ID Unit at 973-268-3520.

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 18 parks, five reservations, an environmental center, a zoo, ice skating rink, roller skating rink, three public golf courses, golf driving range, three off-leash dog facilities and a castle.