

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDER PRESIDENT BRENDAN W. GILL  
SUPPORTS RENOVATION PLANS FOR THE WALLY CHOICE COMMUNITY  
CENTER IN GLENFIELD PARK**

(Montclair, NJ) – Essex County Freeholder At-Large and President of the Board Brendan W. Gill from Montclair, New Jersey, joins County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., in support of his recent announcement on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> of plans to renovate the Wally Choice Community Center in Essex County Glenfield Park also in Montclair.

Gill, who is a Montclair native and current resident knows firsthand the importance and impact of Glenfield Park and the Wally Choice Community Center to the neighborhood and community at-large. His father Daniel Gill has taught at Glenfield Middle School for more than 40 years, which sits adjacent to the park. Therefore, the park is reminiscent of a lifetime of experiences for his family.



Brendan W. Gill  
Freeholder President  
Freeholder At-Large

The Community Center, named for Montclair Grass Roots’ founder Wally Choice in 2009, will receive a complete makeover. Restrooms will be upgraded with new fixtures to meet current ADA codes; the kitchen will be modernized with new equipment; the ceiling and floor tiles will be replaced; HVAC, fire alarm and lighting systems will be upgraded, interior and exterior walls will be painted and refinished; and exterior lighting will be upgraded. The paved area in front of the community center will also receive a facelift. The asphalt surface will be replaced with brick pavers and a new driveway onto Maple Avenue will be created so motorists do not have to drive through the park to reach the parking area and new landscaping will be installed.

Freeholder President Gill believes commitment to our parks confirms our pledge to County residents to continue to invest in beautifying our public facilities in addition to making them safe places that we are proud of and frequent with our own families and friends. Therefore, working in tandem with the County Executive, he welcomes more opportunities to collaborate resources for improvements utilizing the NJ Green Acres program, the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and the Essex County Capital Budget.

Great things are anticipated for the 2018 summer season with the scheduled completion of the new Wally Choice Community Center as it continues to meet the many needs of the Montclair Community it serves. In addition to Montclair, Freeholder President Gill reiterates his committed to serving all 22 municipalities in Essex County and their open spaces.

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