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It is with great enthusiasm and profound gratitude that we announce our new role as publishers of *Nutley Neighbors* magazine. Taking the reins of this publication is not just an honor; it is a homecoming and a promise to uphold the values that make our community special.

Our vision for *Nutley Neighbors* is clear: we want this magazine to be a reflection of all of us, a true community effort. This is your space to share life's significant milestones—from school achievements and sporting triumphs to wedding announcements and community accolades. We especially look forward to showcasing a family from Nutley on our cover each month, celebrating the diverse stories that stitch our community together.

If you know a family who embodies the spirit of Nutley, or if you have news or events you think deserve a spotlight, please get in touch. We are committed to making this magazine truly by us and for us—crafted with care, pride, and a lot of local love.

We are thrilled to embark on this journey with you and are eager to grow and evolve this cherished publication. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to contribute to our community in such a meaningful way.

Warmest regards,

James and Jessica Fucetola
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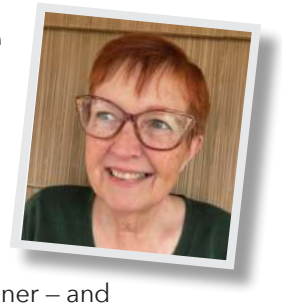
Letter to Residents

Home *Safe* Home



Imagine you're watching a baseball game and there is a runner approaching home plate and the infielder throws the ball towards the catcher. The runner and the ball seem to both cross home plate at the same time so you turn your attention to the umpire who yells, "Safe!"

In that instant, a wave of relief washes over the runner – and maybe even over you, if that's the team you are rooting for. Being called "safe" means the danger of being tagged out has passed, and there's a deep sense of security in that. It's not just about scoring a run; it's about knowing you made it through the risk and reached a place where you're protected. That feeling of safety – whether on a baseball field, in your home, or in life – brings comfort, peace, and the freedom to breathe easily.

But what happens when you don't have that safety? On our cover is the Tremarco family–Anthony, Diane, Anthony Augie, and Isabella. On December 1, 2022, the normalcy and safety of their home came to an abrupt end when they experienced a devastating house fire. In just 20 minutes, they lost everything due to a faulty power strip.

But their story doesn't end there. This family found a new kind of safety, right here in the community, through the generosity, kindness, and unfailing support of their *Nutley Neighbors* and many others in the surrounding area. Even though they spent the next 15 months in temporary housing, for the rest of their lives they will remember all the people who safely carried them over home plate to a different kind of victory. Not like in scoring a run, but the kind where you realize what's most important in life.

Sadly, house fires happen, but David Wilson, retired Nutley fire inspector, shares several tips on keeping your home safe. Let's all go through this list and see if there is anything we need to do.

Safety covers a wide range of areas and can include anything that helps create a secure, comfortable environment, like emotional wellbeing. Katherine Carmichael, the executive director of Nutley Family Service Bureau, shares an excellent article about teen depression and ways to overcome it.

I hope as you read through this month's issue, you'll find many other ways in which Nutley makes this home *safe* home for everyone.

Joyce Corey
Content Coordinator

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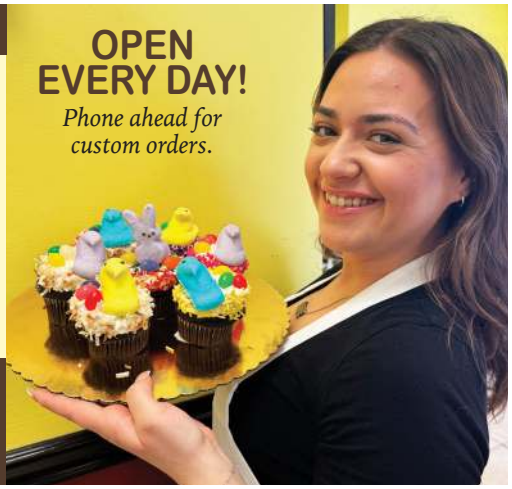

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ADDRESS	LIST	SOLD
272 Nutley Ave.	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
92 Joerg Ave.	$849,000	$875,000
533 Washington Ave.	$749,900	$817,500
522 Coventry Dr.	$599,000	$620,000
229 Swathmore Dr.	$580,000	$651,000
141 Passaic Ave.	$579,000	$631,500
24 Clover St.	$500,000	$585,000
727 Bloomfield Ave.	$499,000	$480,000
624 Bloomfield Ave.	$460,000	$550,000
5 Briar Ln.	$399,900	$430,000

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES SOLD FEBRUARY 2025

ADDRESS	LIST	SOLD
121 Grant Ave.	$499,000	$555,150
12 Glendale St.	$510,000	$510,000
25 Howard Pl.	$625,000	$650,000
63 Milton Ave.	$949,000	$951,500

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Feature Story

Stronger with Nutley

Anthony, Diane, Anthony Augie, and Isabella Tremarco

By Joyce Corey

A lot can happen in one day. Just ask the Tremarco family. After a devasting house fire took everything they owned, they had to regroup and rebuild.

But a lot more has happened since that one day changed their lives. The family has since restored their house but found something even more valuable along the way. They saw and felt the love and support of their *Nutley Neighbors* as they rebuilt knowing they were in a truly caring community.

The story of their family starts in 2004 in a pet store. Interestingly, a pet also had a prominent place on that fateful day.

"Anthony grew up in Belleville, and I was raised in Kearny," Diane said. "Our paths crossed at the old Nutley Pet Emporium, where Anthony worked, and I was shopping for pet supplies. A casual conversation turned into a first date—originally planned at a diner but ultimately moved to a Starbucks in Nutley. Nine years later, on March 16, 2013, we were married."

"We first lived in a small condo in Belleville, but as our family grew, we wanted a home in a neighborhood with great schools," Anthony continues the story. "In 2018, we moved to Nutley because we had heard wonderful things about the town."

Just two weeks after purchasing their home, they welcomed a new family member—Lucky, their beloved beagle.

"Lucky is now seven years old, and was adopted from a family in Pennsylvania," Diane said. "She was named in honor of St. Patrick's Day; the day we brought her home."

Their lives in town revolved around work, parenting, and interacting with the community.

"Anthony has been a dedicated electrician with Local 164 IBEW since 2006," Diane said. "I pursued a career in medical assisting and patient care, having worked at Notchview Pediatrics. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I took time off to stay home with our son. Recently, I started working at a local preschool where the flexible hours allow me to stay actively involved in our children's lives."

Both of their children, Isabella and Anthony Augie, have found a lot of fun activities to keep them busy.

Photography by Miriam Dubinsky Photography

Family photo submissions (4)

"Isabella attends Radcliffe School and has been involved in Girl Scouts since first grade," Diane said. "Now a Junior in Troop 20583, she participates in various community service projects. She is also a Nutley Raiders cheerleader and a gymnastics enthusiast. Anthony Augie attends Raising Raiders Pre-K and enjoys soccer through Nutley's Parks and Recreation program, as well as Bloomfield Little Cleats. He also takes swimming lessons, developing confidence in the water."

The Tremarcos are deeply involved in their community. Anthony has coached recreational soccer and girls' softball for Isabella, while Diane is an active member of the PTO.

But the normalcy of their lives came to an abrupt end on December 1, 2022, when they experienced a devastating house fire. In just 20 minutes, they lost everything due to a faulty power strip.

"I had just dropped Isabella off at school and returned home to prepare for a doctor's appointment with our son, who

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5 Things the Tremarco Family Loves About Nutley

1. How the community comes together
2. Everyone supports each other
3. Teachers and the school system
4. Raising Raiders preschool
5. Parks and Recreation Department

was in the midst of potty training," Diane said. "When I heard the fire alarm, I first assumed it was from a neighbor's house, but then I saw smoke. I acted immediately. I secured Anthony Augie in the car before running back into the burning home to rescue Lucky, who was crate-trained and unable to escape on her own."

The Nutley Fire Department responded heroically, and the community rallied around them in extraordinary ways.

"Saint Thomas parish in Bloomfield, where Isabella was attending CCD, held collections for us, gathering money, meals, and essential supplies," Diane continues. "Radcliffe School, local organizations, and even strangers contributed to help us rebuild our lives. We spent the next 15 months in temporary housing, first in a hotel and then in extended living, before finally returning home about eight months ago."

Throughout their challenges, Diane and Anthony have remained grateful.

"We can't thank family, friends, and community enough," Anthony said. "They literally raised us from the ashes."

As they settle back into their rebuilt home, the Tremarcos remain committed to paying it forward.

Diane, known as the 'Balloon Lady' or the 'Elf Lady' during the holiday season, brings smiles and joy to many families by decorating for their special occasions with her endless talent and balloon craft. Through her business, Two Peas in a Pod Creations, she has donated her balloon arrangements to Nutley Family Service Bureau and other charitable events. Her philosophy—"everything happens for a reason"—guides her belief in kindness and generosity.

Their journey has been anything but easy, but through every hardship, the family has emerged stronger and more connected to their town.

"I am very proud of my family and all that we have gone through," Anthony reflects. "We give back what we can and when we can."

"I can't thank the community enough for all that they have done for us," Diane said.

Out of the ashes from a day that forever changed their lives, Anthony, Diane, Isabella, and Anthony Augie Tremarco found that Nutley is more than just a place where they live—it's the place they love, and the place that loves them back. ■

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Top 10 Fire Safety Tips

By David Wilson, Fire Inspector (ret)

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1 Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly. Replace devices if they are over 10 years old.

2 Establish no-zones in kitchen for toddlers. Child-proof your home.

3 Read and understand safety manuals for all your appliances and devices.

4 Clean clothes dryer lint screens after each use and have entire dryer vent system cleaned annually.

5 Limit use of extension cords and power strips. Be sure they are rated for the electrical load you are plugging in and are good quality. Space heaters should never be on an extension cord.

6 Never leave lithium-ion batteries and the devices that use them unattended when charging. Install an extra smoke detector in the charging area.

7 Fireplaces, wood burning stoves, furnaces, and chimneys should be cleaned and inspected annually. All ashes should be in metal cans away from any structures.

8 Plan and practice exit drills from your home with the entire family and overnight visitors.

9 Keep fire hydrants clear of snow, trash, brush, and vehicles.

10 Consider battery powered candles, especially if in a centerpiece. ■

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Nutley's Booming Luxury Real Estate Market

And How Realty Executives Elite Homes is Leading the Way

By Matthew De Fede

For years, Nutley has been known for its charming suburban appeal, tree-lined streets, and easy access to New York City. But recently, Nutley has been making waves in the luxury real estate market, attracting affluent buyers looking for high-end homes in a prime location. As the town's leading real estate brokerage, Realty Executives Elite Homes has not only witnessed this transformation—we've been driving it.

In 2024, we set a new standard for luxury real estate in Nutley by selling 57 High St. for a record-breaking $1.3 million—the highest price ever achieved for a home in town. But we didn't stop there. Our brokerage also sold the top three most expensive homes in Nutley, solidifying our reputation as the go-to firm for high-end real estate. These transactions highlight the increasing demand for luxury properties in the area and demonstrate our ability to connect sellers with the right buyers at premium price points.

Nutley's proximity to Manhattan makes it an attractive choice for affluent buyers who want more space while maintaining quick access to the city. The town's upscale homes, ranging from grand Colonials to custom-built modern estates, appeal to those looking for elegance, privacy, and convenience. Nutley's strong community, top-rated schools, and vibrant local culture also contribute to its growing appeal, making it a prime location for high-net-worth individuals seeking a suburban retreat.

How Realty Executives Elite Homes and Matthew De Fede Attract Affluent Buyers

Selling luxury homes isn't just about listing a property—it's about positioning it as a lifestyle choice. That's exactly what Realty Executives Elite Homes specializes in.

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With property values rising and more luxury buyers taking notice, Nutley's high-end market is stronger than ever. Realty Executives Elite Homes is leading this shift, proving that the right marketing, negotiation skills, and connections can turn a local home into a multimillion-dollar sale. If you're considering selling your luxury home in Nutley, work with me and the team that consistently delivers record-breaking results. Let's make your home the next success story—contact us today. ■

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Pet Corner

Adopt Us!

Submitted by Nicole Milici, Jersey Pits Rescue Inc.

Poor PJ is feeling so lost at a local animal control facility. He came in as a stray and no one was looking for him. He sits in his kennel quietly and patiently, hoping to see a familiar face. A volunteer took him out and the poor baby was so happy to receive physical touch and love that he let out soft whimpers.

PJ is about 6 months old and weighs 30 pounds. He gets along great with other dogs and has been very loving with people. Once he's out of his kennel, he transforms into a happy, innocent, bouncy, goofy and loving puppy! We'd love to get him into a home where he feels safe and can be himself. ■

If interested in adopting PJ, send us an email at jerseypitsrescue@gmail.com

Submitted by Christa Milici, Yellow Brick Road Rescue NJ

Pixel is a 1.5-year-old female looking for her forever home. She was sadly given up when her owners got divorced. She is extremely friendly and affectionate. She loves humans and gets along well with other cats. She would likely be fine around dogs and kids due to her mellow personality. She is up to date on vaccines, microchipped, and FIV/FeLV negative. She was spayed in January 2025. ■

To apply for Pixel email us at yellowbrickroadnj@gmail.com

Library Corner

Celebrating National Library Week – April 6-12
Drawn to the Library!

Submitted by Jeanne Sylvester, Supervising Librarian

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the essential role that libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme is *Drawn to the Library* and whatever draws you in, the Nutley Public Library will have something for everyone. Our Nutley community is drawn to the library's book clubs, craft workshops, storytime sessions, cultural events, and friendly service. A visit to the library is an opportunity to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most in an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone belongs.

During National Library Week, the Nutley Public Library encourages all community members to visit their library in person or online to explore and access its wide variety of services and programs for all ages. The library offers almost 100,000 items in its book and media collections, as well as millions of digital e-books, audiobooks, films, and music to be streamed or downloaded through Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, and more. Unique displays throughout the library highlight these collections, and encourage browsing, borrowing, and connecting.

Special events during National Library Week include many storytime programs for children, a Saturday drop-in craft for kids and their families, and after school programs for kids and teens. For the adult community, there will be the Cookbook Club discussion and The Friends of the Library Book Club.

■ **April 9-12** **The Friends of the Nutley Public Library Dolores Capalbo Book Sale** Donation drop-off days are April 5, 7, and 8 during library hours. The sale days will be April 10 from 10am-8pm and April 11 and 12 from 10am-4pm. There will be a special "Member Only" preview sale on Wednesday, April 9, from 4-7pm for Nutley Library cardholders. All proceeds from the sale are used to support the library's programs and collections.

So, get ready to become *Drawn to the Library!* during National Library Week! ■

For more information on the library and its programs, visit the library's website at www.nutleypubliclibrary.org.

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Teen Depression

Common Causes and Symptoms

By Katherine Carmichael, MSEd., MSW, LSW, Executive Director Nutley Family Service Bureau, Inc.

Did you know one in five U.S. adolescents will experience a depressive episode by age 17, according to the National Institute of Mental Health? Girls are twice as likely as boys to experience depression, and depressive episodes typically become more common as kids get deeper into their teens.

Although more cases of teen depression are being reported, experts believe a high number of cases are unreported and/or undiagnosed. Unfortunately, depression is sometimes dismissed as moodiness or simply being a 'teenager.' As a result, teens might not get the help they need.

Let's discuss the definition of depression, common causes, and symptoms that could indicate a teen needs help.

Depression is a mental health disorder involving persistent sadness or loss of interest that lasts for more than two weeks, which can affect a person's ability to function on a daily basis.

Depression can impact everything from sleeping and eating to studying and social interactions. Teens are susceptible to depression because they go through a number of biological, emotional, and social changes fairly quickly.

When environments, expectations, and social circles change as teens move through middle school, high school, college, and work, these changes can be difficult to process. Teens may want to understand who they are, question their own sexuality or gender identity, or become depressed by disturbing events, such as violence, natural disasters, climate change, and politics.

The most common symptom of teen depression is a change in mood. That could mean feeling sad or experiencing apathy. For example, teens struggling with depression often retreat to their room and spend time in isolation, which can affect their schoolwork, eating habits, and sleeping habits.

On the other end of the spectrum, depression could manifest itself in rebellious or impulsive behavior or unexplained crying. There are also physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomach pain, or muscle pain, which could be related to a medical condition.

The good news is that counseling, often involving the entire family, can be very effective in helping teens overcome depression. A professional counselor or social worker can help a teen understand and verbalize what they're feeling and explore coping skills to process depression.

The most important thing for teens and families to remember is that you don't have to figure out how to handle depression on your own. Consider seeking counseling to learn the underlying causes of depression and steps you can take to return to a happier, more fulfilling life. ■

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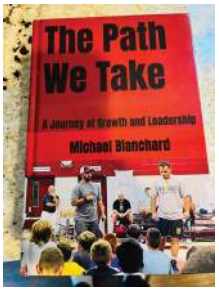

The Path We Take is a heartfelt exploration of personal growth, leadership, and the transformative power of love. Drawing from decades of experience in the sport of wrestling, Michael Blanchard offers a candid and inspiring look at how past failures became his greatest teacher and a stepping stone to becoming a coach and mentor.

Through honest reflections, Michael weaves together stories of mistakes that shaped him, lessons learned the hard way, and the gratitude that emerged as he recognized the profound impact of these experiences. Central to his message is the belief that living with clarity of purpose and leading with love can unlock one's true potential in any area of life. He hopes his readers will walk away inspired to embrace their own journeys, armed with practical tools and the confidence to turn missteps into opportunities for growth.

Pictured from the most recent summer clinic from left to right: Evan Blanchard, Owen Blanchard, Logan Stieber (4-time NCAA champion from Ohio State University), Matthew Blanchard, and Michael Blanchard. Photo courtesy: Michael Blanchard

The motivation behind *The Path We Take* came during one of the most introspective periods of Michael's life—the Covid pandemic. Like many, he found himself reflecting on what truly mattered.

"I started to recognize the deep need I had to be around people I cared about," he shares. The sudden isolation underscored the importance of connection, community, and gratitude. In this period of self-reflection, Michael turned to books for inspiration and practical wisdom. Realizing the significant role that leaders and mentors had played in shaping his life, he felt compelled to share his own experiences in the hopes of inspiring others.

The target audience is broad yet intentional. While the book is deeply rooted in the world of wrestling, its themes extend far beyond the mat.

"This book is not just about wrestling," he explains. "It's for teenagers looking for direction to adults searching for fulfillment, the book is meant to resonate with anyone who is searching for deeper meaning and purpose in whatever they are attempting. I was fortunate to learn a lot as I became a better listener and observer of others."

What does Michael hope readers will take away from his story?

"There is no secret ingredient to learning how to be better," he said. "It's the culmination of lots of life experience and having great support and truth tellers in your life. Find people who don't agree with you all the time. Truth is crucial. I am lucky to have so many in my life who speak honestly."

Though Michael doesn't have another book in the works yet, he is focused on enjoying the moment and sharing his message.

"This is all very new to me, and I am appreciative of the outpouring of support and love from many," he said. "It is overwhelming and humbling at the same time. I am truly grateful. I would like to do some guest speaking after wrestling season ends."

As *The Path We Take* reaches new readers, Michael's hope is simple: to inspire others to live with purpose, lead with love, and never stop learning from life's challenges. ■

For updates or to find out more about the author visit thepathwetake23.com. The book is available on Amazon.

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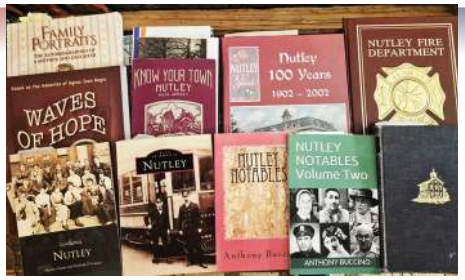
Exploring Nutley History

By David Wilson



Last time, we highlighted the many historical sites and websites to visit and learn about local history. There have been many books and articles penned over the decades that offer great insight into local places, people, and events. Books can be found in the Nutley Public Library, private collections, online, and wherever books are sold.

The many storytellers of Nutley use these books for reference, inspiration, pictures, and corroboration to ensure accurate and, when possible, first-person accounts of events. History is a fascinating study, and at times it can be altered either by accident, time, or purposely to fit someone's agenda. We've all played the telephone game to learn how words and stories can be twisted or experienced a real-life edit of the original version.

Local books available at the library, bookstores, online, and at events:

Belleville and Nutley in the Civil War by Anthony Buccino

Nutley Notables Volume One and Two by Anthony Buccino

Nutley Snapshots: In Plain View by Anthony Buccino

Nutley Sons Honor Roll: Remembering the Men Who Paid for Our Freedom by Anthony Buccino

Yountakah Country: A Poetic View of Nutley, Old and New by Anthony Buccino

Bad News on the Doorstep by Joseph Rocco Cervasio

Italian Americans of Newark, Belleville, and Nutley (Images of America) by Dr. Sandra S. Lee

Michael Lenson (1903-1971): A Portrait by Barry Lenson

Nutley (Images of America) by John Demmer

Then & Now: Nutley by Marilyn Peters and Richard O'Connor

Nutley: Yesterday, Today by Ann Troy

The History of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey by Elizabeth Stow Brown

The Real Nick and Nora: Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, Writers of Stage and Screen Classics by David L. Goodrich

Waves of Hope by Ronald Edward Negra

The Nutley Velodrome by Michael C. Gabriele

Family Portraits by Ivan Stiles, Virginia D. Bennett, and Barbara B. Talley

Ten Men and a Barn: History of Vincent United Methodist Church by Frank Mead and J. C. Brown

100th Centennial, 1909-2009 - Holy Family Church

Grace Church in Nutley 1873-1998

The Story of St. Mary's Church and the History of Catholic America

Nutley Fire Department 1894-1994 - Book Committee

Reminiscences of Nutley by Walter A. Schaefer

Video Interview and Transcript by Harry W. Chenoweth

Know Your Town booklets - League of Women Voters

Nutley Neighbors Magazine Contributing writers: John Simko, David Wilson, Barry Lenson, Linda Buset

Abigail's Tales of Nutley by Eleanor Storer

Numerous cookbooks - churches, PTA/PTOs, and non-profits

History of The Nutley Free Public Library by Julia Volpelletto Nakamura

Nutley 100 Years 1902-2002 - The Nutley Centennial Gala Committee

Lambert's Suburban Architecture by William Lambert

Make time to curl up with some of these books and enjoy the richness of people, places, and events that helped shape Nutley into a wonderful suburban oasis. The varied styles of the authors add interest to the stories and reinforce why so many folks consider Nutley the center of the universe. These are all great books to ignite the fires of local history in young and old alike. ■

David Wilson is the author of *Fires in Your Life: A Fire Expert's Guide to Preventing and Surviving Fires in Your Home.* He shares true stories from his 40 years of experience as a fire inspector and includes a safety guide. His recent book, *The Gopher Tale,* is a story for young readers about working together to solve the global challenge of food insecurity through sustainability, cooperation, and harmonious living. Available wherever books are sold.

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The Intimate Relationship Between Jacqueline Kennedy and Nutley

By Barry Lenson, Art Historian at the Nutley Historical Society and Museum

If you watched the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump on January 20, you noticed that the First Ladies there were a well-dressed group. But when we think of the most glamorous First Ladies of the last century, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy was at the very top.

At the inauguration of her husband, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, she wore, an "ensemble" designed by Oleg Cassini. It included an ice-blue wool coat with a matching blue pillbox hat. But her glamor was founded on more than the clothes she wore. She had "that certain something."

Could it be because of her strong ties to Nutley? We'd like to think so.

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The Story of Jacqueline Kennedy's Ties to Our Town

And here is the story of her ties to Nutley, adapted from the book *Nutley Yesterday-Today* by Ann A. Troy. Note that this section was written for that book in 1961 by a Nutley citizen named Rita Dacey. . .

"The town of Nutley holds a special interest for Mrs. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, wife of President John F. Kennedy, for it was here that her father, the late John Vernou Bouvier, III, was born and spent his boyhood, and it was to Nutley that Mrs. Kennedy came as a child to visit her grand-uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sergeant …"

"The First Lady had not visited Nutley for many years when she wrote to *The Nutley Sun,* The Bouviers left Nutley when my father was a boy. However, I remember my grandfather and father constantly talking about it, and I had a very clear picture of it in my imagination as the place where my adored father grew up. I have never lived there, just driven through the town as a little girl, with my father pointing out things to me – a pond where he went ice skating is what I remember most – but then, I was only about six years old.'"

Jacqueline Kennedy was writing about the Mudhole!

Where Did Jacqueline's Father Live in Nutley?

It seems that her father was born in the house at 152 Nutley Avenue. Though some sources report that the Bouviers only rented that home before they built one of their own at 197 Nutley Avenue.

A History of Glamor in Nutley

Looking back, we see that the charismatic women of Nutley have included Annie Oakley and Martha Stewart. And now, we add Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy to that list.

But let's not stop with those three. If you stroll the streets of Nutley or visit its stores, you see that we Nutley people really pay attention to how we look and behave. We might not wear pillbox hats, but we are still a pretty classy group. ■

This story is partially adapted from Nutley Yesterday-Today *by Ann Troy, published in 1961 by the Nutley Historical Society. The book was republished by the Nutley Historical Society in 1994, and copies are available for sale at the Nutley Museum. Call 973-667-1528 for information.*

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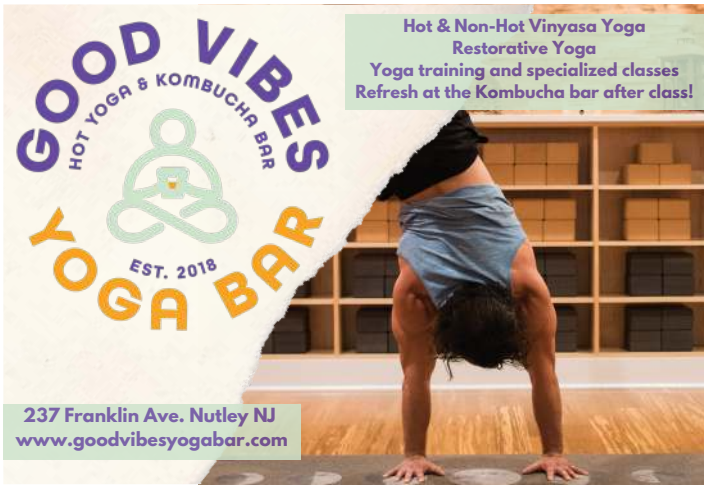

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He previously served the community in many positions: Past president of Rotary, Family Service Bureau, and chaired several committees while working with various town commissioners.

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