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Love is in the Hair!

It's February and our thoughts turn to love…and in this issue…hair. Yes, there is a connection!

While love itself doesn't scientifically contribute to better hair, the positive emotions associated with love promote good self-care practices, like conditioning and styling.

On our cover this month is Michaelle Ruales and her son, Riley Garofalo. She is the owner of a local salon, and she knows the transformative power of a great hair day. That's the title of an article she wrote for us, and she gives us a peek into how feeling good about yourself starts at the top with a great hairstyle.

Michaelle also knows about love– *"My son is my whole world and the focus of my life."* Her love for Riley led her to make the decision to become an entrepreneur here in town. Be sure to read how she discovered Nutley via Ecuador, where she grew up!

Do you love remembering your childhood? Barry Lenson, art historian at the Nutley Historical Society and Museum, takes us back in time to the 50s and 60s as he reminds us what kids did after school. This is time travel at its best and I guarantee you will smile!

Nutley resident and author, Aya Shabarek, loves reading and she wrote a book about it! *The Way We Read* is a lyrical picture book that encourages young readers to explore how books can be enjoyed in various formats, locations, and styles.

Love–whether it's for a person, activity or town–is good for our health, heart, and yes, our hair! As you read through these pages, I hope you find a lot to love.

Joyce Corey
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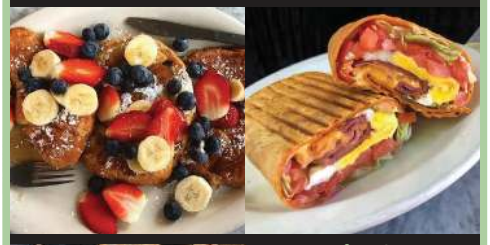
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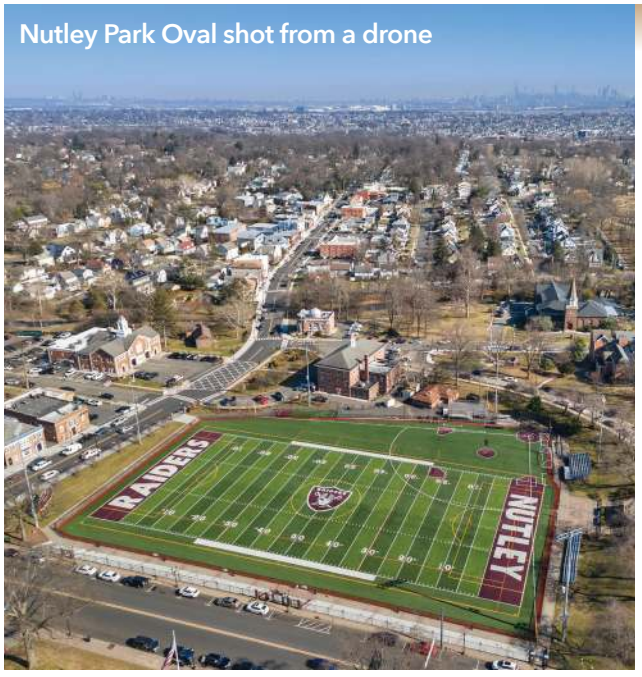

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$500,000 - $599,999	34	66	107
$600,000 - $699,999	35	45	45
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2023	$540,000	237
2022	$515,000	328
2021	$475,000	398
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2019	$385,000	340
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Feature Story

Styling Their Own Dreams

Michaelle Ruales and her son, Riley Garofalo

By Joyce Corey

Photograph by Miriam Dubinsky Photography

Michaelle's story starts almost 3,000 miles away in a different hemisphere.

"I was born in Ecuador, and when I was 9, my family came here because of my father's business," she said. "We lived in Union City, Weehawken, and later Ridgefield."

Besides coming to New Jersey with her family, Michaelle also brought her childhood dream.

"I have always wanted to be a hairdresser," she said. "When I was growing up, I loved styling hair and doing nails."

So, when she was 16 and her family decided to move back to Ecuador, Michaelle chose to stay. That decision led her to her fulfilling her dream and to her becoming one of our *Nutley Neighbors*.

"After getting married and then divorced, I came to Nutley in 2010," she said. "I fell in love with the character of this town and the community. I see generations of families living here for a long time and everyone being so comfortable."

Yet, Michaelle didn't only choose Nutley as a home for herself and her teenaged son, Riley. She also opened a hair salon, bringing her childhood dream to life.

"I have been a hairdresser for 24 years in different places," she said. "But I opened my own salon, Mane Montage by Michaelle, in May 2024, right here at 339 Passaic Avenue in Nutley!"

Starting a business is a lot of work, as Michaelle readily admits, but she balances that with time for her son and visits to her family in Ecuador.

Celebrating Michaelle's 24 years as a hairdresser

"Riley is a sophomore at Nutley High School where he plays football, wrestling, and lacrosse," she said. "My son is my whole world and the focus of my life. He's the reason I started my business. I wanted to show him that being an entrepreneur is possible. I'm blessed to be his mother."

Between her hair salon and spending time with her son, Michaelle is busy, but never too busy to cultivate genuine friendships.

"I didn't have a lot of childhood friends growing up because we moved a lot," she said. "In the salon, many of my clients have been coming a long time and have become good friends and some are even like family. I work a lot of hours, and the salon is almost like a second home to me. I value all the friendships I have made there."

When Michaelle is not working, she likes to go to the gym,

"Self-care is important to me," she said. "I like to tell my clients that taking care of yourself can boost your confidence and make you feel good about yourself."

(Read Michaelle's article, The Transformative Power of a Great Hair Day, to get inspired.)

Michaelle's childhood love of hair and nails has led her into a profession that gives her opportunities to achieve more than a certain 'look' in her clients.

"I help people feel good and that's most important to me," she said. "I love what I do; it's not work, and I get to have fun and meet a lot of interesting people."

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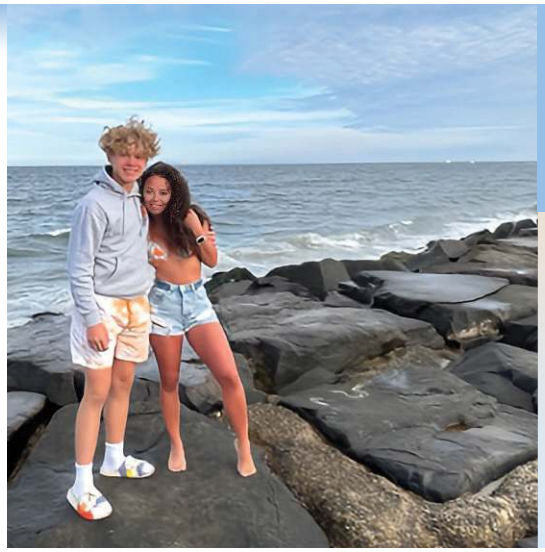

5 Things the Michaelle & Riley Love About Nutley

1. The community and how we all know each other
2. A small but complete place to live
3. Many cultures
4. Safety
5. Gorgeous parks

Connecting with others and being part of the community is something Michaelle values.

"I enjoy giving back to others," she said "We made donations to the church and an animal rescue. I am always looking for more opportunities to get involved and make an impact in the community."

But Michaelle and Riley also cherish those long-distance relationships.

"My parents moved back to Ecuador, and we travel there a lot to see them," she said. "We also have family in Texas, and we visit there as well. Riley and I enjoy seeing different cultures. I think this gives him a broader worldview and keeps him open minded and accepting of others."

This welcoming and inquisitive attitude has given both Michaelle and Riley a healthy respect for those around them. Being able to make people feel good about themselves is not just something that happens in the hair salon. For Michaelle, this is who she is and what she does.

And we're happy to have them as our *Nutley Neighbors*. ■

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The Transformative Power of a Great Hair Day

By Michaelle Ruales

Photograph by Miriam Dubinsky Photography

As a salon owner, I've witnessed the profound impact that a great hairstyle can have on a person's confidence and overall well-being. Each day, I watch clients walk through these doors with their unique stories but also a common thread: the desire to feel good about themselves. Here's why I believe that a fresh haircut or color can be a game-changer.

A Reflection of Self-Expression

Hair is one of the most visible aspects of our identity. It's a canvas that allows us to express our personality, mood, and creativity. Whether it's a bold new color, a chic haircut, or a simple trim, the transformation can be exhilarating. It's not just about aesthetics; it's about feeling like the best version of themselves.

The Therapeutic Experience of Pampering

Stepping into a salon is not just about changing your hairstyle; it's an experience of self-care. The soothing ambiance, the scent of essential oils, the gentle touch of a skilled stylist—it all contributes to a moment of tranquility in our often chaotic lives. Clients tell me that their time in the salon is a form of therapy, a chance to unwind and reconnect with themselves. This pampering session can do wonders for mental health, fostering a sense of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Boosting Confidence and Self-Esteem

There's something undeniably empowering about a fresh look. After a haircut or a color refresh, I've seen clients walk a little taller and smile a little brighter. It's incredible how a simple change can enhance self-esteem. This boost in confidence can extend beyond the salon, influencing how clients interact with the world. It's not just about looking good; it's about feeling good from the inside out

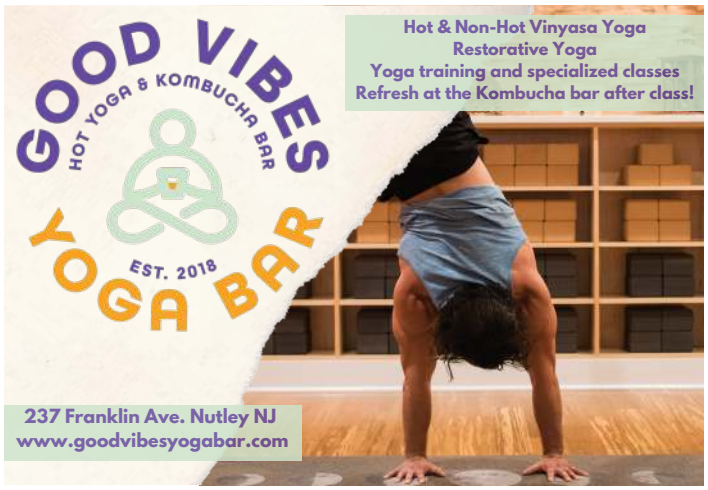
Building Connections and Community

Our salon is more than just a place for hair services; it's a community hub. Clients often form bonds with their stylists and fellow patrons. Sharing stories, laughter, and even tears create a sense of belonging. This community aspect can be a powerful source of support and encouragement, further enhancing the feel-good experience.

Embracing Change and New Beginnings

Hair has a unique way of symbolizing change. Many clients choose to transform their hair during significant life transitions—be it a new job, a breakup, or a personal milestone. These moments often call for a fresh start, and a new hairstyle can signify that change. As a salon owner, I love being part of these transformative journeys, helping clients embrace the new chapters in their lives.

Feeling good about oneself often starts at the top—with a great hairstyle. It's about empowerment, self-care, and the joy of transformation. Whether it's a subtle change or a bold statement, the right hairstyle can lift spirits and ignite confidence. So, the next time you're feeling a little down, consider treating yourself to a visit to the salon. You might just leave with a renewed sense of self and a smile that lights up the room! ■



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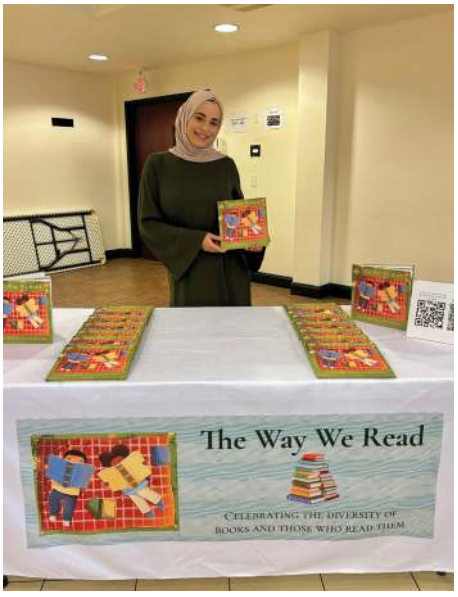
Aya Shabarek Celebrates The Magic of Books

By Joyce Corey

"Since I was a little girl, I have loved reading and found magic in books." **–AYA SHABAREK**

"From my childhood days spent immersed in books to unlocking an even greater level of their power as I pursued a bachelor's degree in English and master's degree in elementary and special education, I've always been captivated by the transformative power of stories," Aya said.

Her book, *The Way We Read* is a celebration of the enchanting diversity of books and the myriad ways people engage with them. This lyrical picture book encourages young readers to explore how books can be enjoyed in various formats, locations, and styles. Whether through braille, illustrations, or being read aloud, the message is clear: there is no wrong way to read.



The Inspiration Behind the Story

"My passion for education and appreciation of books is one of the inspirations behind *The Way We Read,* but my son is the biggest one," she said. "He was born with medical needs that led to many surgeries in the first 18 months of his life. Books were always there for us during our hospital stays and recovery at home, and it was one of the few things that brought my son joy. As he grew, so did his love of books. He was ultimately diagnosed with autism and is nonverbal. Despite him being nonverbal, his favorite thing in the world is books."

"He reads by being read to," she said. "He reads by analyzing the illustrations in his own magical way, in his own beautiful mind. He flips through the pages of a book with as much confidence and attentiveness as someone who can read aloud fluently. He reads anywhere he can; at home, in the car, under a tree, anywhere at all! We pack books with us the same way we pack snacks for our kids before leaving the house. Despite my son being nonverbal, I connect most with him when I read to him. My book really aims to celebrate how no matter your ability, you can still interact with and benefit from books."

The Impact and Audience

The Way We Read is designed for children ages 3-7 but offers layers of meaning that resonate with readers of all ages. The book includes a picture glossary that introduces terms like braille, American Sign Language, wordless picture books, and nonverbal communication, making it an excellent resource for sparking conversations about inclusivity.

Looking Ahead

"While I'm not currently working on another book, I'm thrilled to connect with my community through local author events. I've had the privilege of visiting schools and libraries to share *The Way We Read* and engage in meaningful discussions about its themes. The book is also available for purchase on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target."

"In a world that sometimes focuses on differences as barriers, I hope *The Way We Read* reminds readers of all ages that books have a unique way of bringing us together. They're a gateway to understanding, empathy, and connection—a gift we can all share." ■

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Submitted by Nicole Milici, Jersey Pits Rescue Inc.

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Simon is the absolute sweetest little guy who has overcome so much in his short life already. He was found abandoned outside of our local inner-city pound in the cold at just 8 weeks old!

Now at about 10 months old he is ready to leave his incredible foster home and go into a forever home of his own. Simon is crate trained and loves all people and other dogs. He is mostly housebroken but does use wee-wee pads if left alone for long hours at a time.

Simon does have some special needs and is looking for a home that is able to continue his care. He has a cleft palate and needs to be monitored while eating and he also drinks from a water bottle (like a rabbit) so he does not aspirate. ■

If interested in adopting Simon, or want to foster him, send us an email at jerseypitsrescue@gmail.com

Submitted by Christa Milici, Yellow Brick Road Rescue NJ

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Library Corner

Art at the Library

By Brian Bell, Librarian, Reference Department

Did you know that the Nutley Public Library exhibits engaging art shows by local and surrounding artists all year round? The exhibitions are bimonthly and range in various mediums that include photography, paintings, drawings, and even mixed media. From group curated shows to solo exhibitions, the library seeks to showcase a wide range of artist perspectives and talent.

Past exhibitions have included local photographers such as lifelong Nutley resident Linda Buset. Her May-June 2024 exhibition, "Everything Nutley," captured images of various people and environments around town. The November-December 2024 exhibition featured Anthony Buccino and his unique perspective from the artist's lens.

But the Nutley Library also has excellent curated group artist exhibitions. The Art Association of Rutherford is a non-profit organization of visual artists and those interested in art. Members work in a variety of media including oil, watercolor, photography, graphic design, sculpture, and mixed media. The Art Association of Rutherford will be having a group exhibition at the Nutley Library in March-April of 2025.

Another fantastic group which exhibited at the Nutley Library is the Tri-County Camera Club of New Jersey. This is one of the most active camera clubs in the northern part of the state. The club has been home to outstanding photography for over 60 years, and has been meeting in Nutley since 1963. The Tri-County Camera Club had an excellent photo exhibition at the library titled "The Art of Visual Imagery" in September-October 2024.

Solo exhibitions at the Nutley Library are an exciting way to see up-and-coming artists like Anaïs St.Amant. She is a rising children's book illustrator and cartoonist who graduated from Nutley High School in 2020 and obtained a BFA in animation and illustration from Montclair State University in 2024. She specializes in Photoshop to create digital paintings, but she also enjoys using watercolors and colored pencils. Her work is inspired by everyday life and experiences, with a whimsical, witty edge. Her solo show at the Nutley Public Library is scheduled for January-February 2025.

The upcoming 2025 scheduled exhibitions at the Nutley Library will have a wide range of exciting artwork. From group curated photography shows to solo exhibitions of fine artists, there will be works of art for everyone to enjoy. So next time you are visiting the library, please check out all the wonderful artwork that hangs on the walls and come to the artist receptions held at the Stockton Room every other month. ■

For more information on current exhibitions please visit nutleypubliclibrary.org/art-at-the-library or the Nutley Free Public Library Facebook page. If you are interested in participating in upcoming art exhibitions, please reach out to the library by calling 973-667-0405 or email library@nutleynj.org. We look forward to seeing you at our next exhibition and artist reception!

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Submitted by Kathy Russo Rempusheski

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UNICO National is the largest Italian American service organization in the USA. Nutley Chapter of UNICO has been promoting and preserving its Italian heritage since 1959.

Nutley UNICO's veterans (standing) and Vietnam veterans (seated) honored at the annual Veterans Day Recognition Dinner

Nutley Chapter President Danielle Manganello (left) with recipients of the chapter's local donations

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Sincerely, *Margaret*

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What We Did After School Back in The 1950s and 1960s

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

What did my friends and I do after school in the 1950s and 1960s? There was no Internet, no social media, and back then, we could finish up our homework in 30 minutes or less. But what on earth did we do?

Bike Riding

I would get on my bike and head to the parks where I would find my friends throwing a football or baseball. If I didn't find them in person, I would find their bicycles. (We knew each other's bicycles; they were a form of social currency in those days.) So, if I saw my friend Dave's bike, I would throw mine down and find him nearby.

Fishing

I probably spent more than 1,000 hours fishing. And I never caught a single fish. Catching a fish was not the point of fishing. The point was having fishing equipment that you carried around in a box where you kept your hooks, leaders, and floats "organized."

The only living things I ever caught were crayfish. I caught them with a net that had a long handle. I'd scoop up dead leaves and muck from the bottom of the Mudhole, dump it out on the grass, and suddenly, an unlucky crayfish would come crawling out. I would return it to the pond.

Are there still crayfish in the Mudhole? If anyone knows, please tell me.

Sports Practice

By the time we got to high school, most of us had "gone out" for a sport, which involved daily practice after school. But once practice ended, we were still left with several hours to fill before our parents yelled "dinner!" and we had to appear.

Hobbies

Some boys built model cars, some girls played tennis or learned to sew. I had a workbench in the cellar for my wood projects. I believe that kids don't have much time for hobbies today. Back in those days, everybody had one.

Music Lessons

If your parents could afford it, you could "study an instrument." You'd take lessons and practice, which would chew up about 30 minutes a day. I studied accordion with Charles Nunzio at his music school on Franklin Avenue.

Hanging Out

By the time we got into middle school and then high school, there were a few corners on Franklin Avenue where kids would meet after school and stand around. My parents forbade me to do this because I would "get into trouble."

When we got our driver's licenses, hanging out immediately became cruising. We would jump in the family car and drive around town. (I don't think girls went cruising, it seemed to be a male thing.) The point of it for us boys was supposedly to meet girls, who seemed to be hiding somewhere we couldn't find.

Then we put on caps and gowns, marched out of the Oval, and went off into the wider world where we didn't have to find a way to kill a few hours every day.

Looking back, those were fun and golden days. ■

Nutley Historical Society and Museum is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the educational, cultural, and historical needs of our community. Visit their website for more information: www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org

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Proponent Federal Credit Union Is Honored with Nutley Chamber of Commerce Business Beautification Award

Submitted by Meryl Rader

Proponent Federal Credit Union received the Business Beautification Award from the Nutley Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's annual holiday dinner on December 10, 2024, at Mamma Vittoria Catering. The award recognizes Proponent's commitment to enhancing Nutley's aesthetic landscape through the design and development of its new Member Center at 433 Kingsland Street, which opened early last year.

The Kingsland Member Center features a modern architectural design and vibrant landscaping that has added appeal to the prominent Nutley neighborhood. The project involved a complete ground-up renovation to create a structure that meets the highest commercial design standards.

"In addition to the beautiful exterior, it was important for us to create a welcoming environment for visitors," said Terry Ball, COO of Proponent. "From the airy lobby to the modern offices and conference rooms, members can relax while our representatives offer personalized consultations to help them achieve their financial and life goals."

Another standout feature of the Member Center is its Green Roof Garden. This sustainable and scenic addition is an ideal space for group gatherings during the warm months.

"This award is a testament to Proponent's commitment to fostering beauty, innovation, and connection in the town we call home," said Proponent's President and CEO Debi Van Dorn. She noted that "Proponent takes immense pride in our role as a community partner, and in 2024 we engaged in a remarkable year of investment to support our members and the Nutley community."

In 2024, Proponent shared funds from a $50,000 Federal Home Loan Bank of New York grant to support 10 local nonprofits. Proponent also participated in dozens of community events throughout the year and introduced monthly incentives on savings and loan products. The credit union also made significant technological investments, creating a state-of-the-art digital platform that provides exceptional user experience.

For membership information, call Proponent at 973-798-4891. To learn more about Proponent's latest financial offers, visit profcu.org/offers.

Proponent Federal Credit Union launches Early Pay Direct Deposit Program

This new initiative allows Proponent members to access direct deposit funds up to two days earlier. It enhances the suite of benefits already offered with Proponent checking accounts and underscores Proponent's commitment to member value.

The Early Pay Direct Deposit feature is available to all Proponent members utilizing direct deposit with their employer or other payor. Members with existing direct deposit arrangements with Proponent accounts will have Early Pay automatically activated. Eligible direct deposits will be released early without requiring additional steps. Members not yet enrolled in direct deposit with a Proponent account can sign up through their employer or can contact Proponent at 973-798-4891 to obtain a simple form for direct deposit setup. ■

About Proponent Federal Credit Union

Proponent has been a trusted financial partner in Nutley for more than five decades. As a member-owned, not-for-profit institution, Proponent offers excellent rates, personalized member experiences, and a strong community focus that distinguishes it from traditional banks. Learn more at profcu.org

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ALL-EASTERN CHOIRS

Congratulations to the seven Nutley High School students who were accepted into the prestigious National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-Eastern Choirs!

MIXED CHORUS

Alexis Guevara
Alto II

Alexis Hamlin
Soprano II

Makayla Albert
Soprano I

Cameron Anderson
Bass I

Alekaii Rosado
Bass II

TREBLE CHORUS

Veronica Daniels
Soprano I

Abigail Elphick
Alto II

Nutley High School Students Accepted into National Association for Music Education

By Joyce Corey

Out of over 2,000 applicants from 11 states, only 328 students were selected for these elite ensembles–including just 59 from New Jersey–and it's wonderful to see Nutley represented among them! These talented students will showcase their voices in April at the All-Eastern Division Conference in Hartford, Connecticut.

■ **Proudly Supporting Nutley Music for 57 years!** Founded in 1967, the objective of the Nutley Music Boosters Association is to arouse and maintain an enthusiastic interest in the various phases of the music programs of the Nutley Public School system and to lend all possible support, both moral and financial, to these music programs and student participants. ■

Take Advantage of Your Neighborhood Magazine!

Submitted by Joyce Corey

Nutley Neighbors is all about bringing people together and fostering our close-knit community! Check out the many ways that you can contribute to and take advantage of your monthly neighborhood magazine.

■ **Resident Features** Get to know your neighbors and community one resident at a time. We enjoy featuring residents from all walks of life. Make the magazine your own by submitting nominations of families or individuals who you would like to see highlighted.

■ **Social Scene** What's happening in the neighborhood? If you're part of a book club, social group, or charity organization promoting fun or service in the community, share your experiences and photos, and invite others to join you!

■ **Youth Classifieds** Budding entrepreneurs can submit free classifieds advertising their services to the community. With parental permission, kids can grow their babysitting, lawn care, pet care, and other small business services by submitting a free ad.

■ **Sports & Extracurricular Activities** Showcase budding athletes, artists, and actors among us by submitting photos and details on your kids' accomplishments, as well as information on school events and fundraisers your family is involved in.

■ **Share Your Photos** Do you have pictures from your latest vacation? Have you captured a nature scene or a touching moment that begs to be shared?

■ **Bulletin Board** Celebrate life's milestones and events! Post announcements such as engagements, weddings, or anniversaries, hats off to graduates, military recognition, new baby announcements, retirement congrats, neighborhood garage sales, and more. ■

If you have a submission or feature idea, email Joyce Corey at jcorey@bestversionmedia.com with your name and submission info. Please note the content submission deadline found on page 3. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb. 1, Sat.
Take Your Child to the Library Day
@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.
For all ages. Explore the library with activities, games, and crafts in the Children's Room all day! Story time and craft at 10:30am followed by drop-in programs from 11am-3pm, including LEGO station, maker/STEM activities, and a library scavenger hunt.
Caregivers and homeschool groups welcome.
No registration required.
Time: 10:30am-3pm
For more information visit youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623

Feb. 3, Mon.
Artitude
@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.
For grades 6-12. Join this brand-new art-focused club for tweens and teens! Work on a craft, learn a new art medium, practice your skills, or work on your own project with other art lovers.
For all skill levels.
No registration required.
Time: 3-4:30pm
For more information visit the Calendar of Events at www.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405

Feb. 10, Mon.
Pal-entine's Day
@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.
For grades 6-12. Pal-entine's Day is an unofficial holiday celebrated among pals! Join in on the fun with your friends, make a craft, and enjoy special treats. No registration required.
Time: 3-4:30pm
For more information visit the Calendar of Events at www.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405

Feb. 11, Tue.
Baby Prom
@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.
BYOB: Bring Your Own Baby and get ready to shake your "booties!" Babies 23-months and younger (and their caregivers) are cordially invited to a special event featuring music, dancing, photo ops, refreshments, and more. Dress to impress! Registration is required.
Time: 10-11am
For more information visit youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623

Feb. 11, Tue.
Valentine's Family Walk and Campfire
@Essex County Environmental Center, 621b Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland
For all ages. Experience forest life at night and make birch bark hearts and necklaces that double as fire-starters. Build a campfire, make s'mores, and enjoy fire-popped popcorn and mint tea or hot chocolate. Dress warmly for the weather.
Time: 5:30-7pm
Cost: $15 per child, $20 per adult
For more information and to register visit the Calendar at https://www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center

Feb. 16, Sun.
Open House at the Kingsland Manor
@Kingsland Manor, 3 Kingsland St.
Come explore the rich history of the Kingsland Manor which is on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places. The Manor is open on the third Sunday of each month (except August and November). Don't forget to check the Events page for other special holiday events!
Time: 1-4pm
Cost: Free admission
For more information visit www.kingslandmanornutley.org or call 973-661-3410

Feb. 22, Sat.
Build-a-Bird House
@Essex County Environmental Center, 621b Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland
For all ages. Build a home that encourages breeding birds and other wildlife to take residence. Putting out bird houses now improves the chance of having a nesting pair of songbirds in your garden by spring.
Time: 10:30am-12pm
Cost: $25 per birdhouse (2 people max per birdhouse)
For more information and to register visit the Calendar at https://www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center

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Library	(973) 667-0405	Public Works	(973) 284-4958