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## What's in a Month?

What's in a month? Apparently a lot. I checked a website that listed holidays and observations for each month and I was pretty impressed with April. Usually, I just think of April's Fool Day, but not anymore.

April is National Pecan Month, National Welding Month, and International Guitar Month. Wordsmiths will celebrate in April because it's also National Poetry Month. And I cannot forget it is Records and Information Management Month. But since that last one sounds like I may need to clean out a closet, (since I keep all my important records in cardboard boxes), I will probably not be celebrating it.

One thing I learned from visiting this website is that every month is chock full of possible days to celebrate and have fun.

Just like each issue of *Nutley Neighbors*.

As a new month starts, I start phoning people to set up interviews. I am always delighted to meet new people, like Gerard and Gen Tolve who are on the cover, and to catch up with the news in town, like the Nutley Family Service Bureau Thrift Shop moving to a new (and very close to the old!) location.

Our articles this month reflect this commemorative atmosphere as well.

Barry Lenson, from the Nutley Museum, celebrates the remarkable illustrations of Ed Bridges, who grew up in Nutley. His drawings of the town and the notable buildings are truly impressive.

The Nutley Public Library celebrates National Library Week (April 7-13). They have an exciting array of activities and events planned. Be sure to read about it in the Library Corner article.

Since no celebration is complete without music, I introduce you to Mark Roselli and Philip Costanzo, who are ready to release their first album, which features a collection of original songs. They are known as Stalemate Society Inc., and the lyrics to some of their songs were inspired by their lives here in Nutley.

So, without further fanfare, let's start celebrating all the wonderful people, places, businesses, and events in Nutley!

See you next month!

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303 Wilshire Dr	\$455,000	2	3	2010
21 Highfield Ln	\$460,000	3	2	1428
580 Brittany Cir	\$460,000	2	3	2211
129 North Rd	\$469,900	3	2	1522
332 Wilshire Dr	\$475,000	2	4	1998
117 North Rd	\$479,900	3	3	1708
409 Manchester Dr	\$479,999	2	4	2000
14 Hazel Terr	\$485,000	3	2	1871
575 Bloomfield Ave	\$527,000	4	3	1999
600 Bloomfield Ave	\$529,000	4	4	1746
363 Chestnut St	\$535,000	4	2	2338
171 Columbia Ave	\$628,000	4	4	2682
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## The View from the Tolve Home

By Joyce Corey

Photographs by Randall Kenneth Photography

*"I can still see every house I lived in from the second story of the house I now live in."* – GERARD TOLVE

A lifetime is a view; made up of people, places, and events. For Genevieve (Gen) and Gerard Tolve, their view is like a picture window, capturing the sights of their 61 years of marriage.

It all started in Italy.

"Both our grandparents came from Italy around the turn of the 20th century and lived within a block of each other," Gerard said.

Yet, this coincidence was only the start of their lives joining together.

Gerard continues his story. "Originally my grandparents lived at 85 Bloomfield Avenue where my grandfather started Zinicola Italian Bakery in 1921. At that time, Nutley only had two Italian sections, one being Nanny Goat Hill (Milton Avenue to Harrison Street). My cousin had the

other bakery on Washington Avenue in the Italian section known as Avondale/Big Tree."

Gerard's mother and her family, the Zinicolas, lived in Staten Island and were a family of bakers from the old country.

"In 1927, they moved to Big Tree after my cousin was killed in a trolley accident on Washington Avenue. My aunt had only small children and no one to take over the bakery so that is when my grandparents decided to move to 127 King Street where the bakery is still operating today."

Around this time, his father came to America and lived on King Street and met his mother. They were married in 1930 in the Milton Avenue church.

"My father had his house built on 42 Burton Place," Gerard said. "My brother John and I were born in that house, my sister Johanna was born when we lived with my grandmother on King Street after my father had lost

the house during the Depression. My sister Roxanne was the first child born in a hospital."

Meanwhile, over in Belleville, Gen grew up and, coincidentally, lived two blocks from the bakery.

"Gen went to Belleville High School and was part of a singing group that included Connie Francis," Gerard tells us. "Our families knew each other; in fact, we were delivered by the same midwife."

"I went to Nutley High School before going to Newark Tech after graduation to study printing," he said. "I played football and track for NHS and set many track records including the first from Nutley to score in the state meet in the finals."

But attending different high schools did not stop Gerard and Gen from meeting. And, once again, it was through a common link shared by their families.

"Both of us belonged to the Assemblies of God Church where our grandmothers attended. My grandmother Zinicola was a founding member of the Nutley Assembly of God congregation and donated the lot she owned to the church to build their first building on Milton Avenue."

Gen tells us a little bit about their first date. "I asked him to a square dance, and I chased him until he caught me!"

They were married in 1957 and recently celebrated



their 61st wedding anniversary. They have three children: Gerard Rocco, also known as Jerry, who is an entertainer and is married to Sherrie Manara. They are the parents of twins, Jay and Natalie.

Gregory Tolve married Sandy Buck of Belleville and have two daughters, Carrie and Sarah.

Joy married Brian Intindola and they have two children, Dante and Ava.

"All my children and grandchildren have gone through the Nutley school system," Gerard said

proudly. "In fact, my grandchildren, Carrie, Sarah, Dante, and Ava, were fourth generation members of our family who went to Washington School."

Gerard's career has been in printing. "I started The Delgen Press in 1957 soon after marrying. It has been serving Nutley ever since then, spending 18 years on 386 Franklin Avenue before moving to larger quarters in the Delawanna section of Clifton. My son, Greg, is now the owner."

"Since I retired, Gen and I have been traveling the world to China, Russia, Egypt,

Scandinavia and most of Europe on river boat trips. We've been in 48 of our 50 states and on one of our trips we drove to Alaska for six weeks."

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*The Tolve family, Gregory, Gerard, Gen, Joy, and Jerry*

they developed a friendship that lasted 27 years.

Gen said, "After leaving Alaska, we stopped in British Columbia and met a couple. We became great friends and even flew there three times to see them."

Gerard has been active in the community over the years and served as president of the Nutley-Belleville parade committee, was president of Nutley UNICO, chosen UNICAN of the Year, and was president of Washington School PTA. He was honored to be Nutley's Italian-American Man of the Year, Nutley Jaycee Businessman of the Year, and a deacon at his church.

Gerard has high praise for Gen's culinary skills. "She is a wonderful cook and baker. She gathers the family on Easter to make the traditional Easter ricotta pies and piz-zagina, which are much-anticipated treats filled with meat and cheese. Christmas is another time in which the family gathers to make struffoli, which are fried dough balls dipped in honey."

While the Tolves have a great view from the second story of their house, they also have a wonderful connection to family, friends, and this town.

Gerard said it best: "Nutley is the greatest." ■

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## Five Things The Tolve Family Love About Nutley

- 1.** Schools
- 2.** Churches
- 3.** Parks, especially the bocce courts
- 4.** Community activities
- 5.** Local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce

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# I See Fine! Why Do I Need an Eye Exam This Year?

Contributed by Dr. Theresa Radtke, OD

Annual eye wellness exams are important for all people and all ages – even if you feel you have perfect vision. Vision testing is just one component of the comprehensive examination provided by your eye doctor. The eye, just like other parts of the body, requires special attention, and only eye doctors have the specific tools that are used to evaluate the health and wellness of your eyes. You only get one pair of eyes for life (they are irreplaceable!) so you must take care of them.

Here are five great reasons why you should have a comprehensive eye exam yearly:

## 1. SEE BETTER!

Our eyes continue to change throughout our lives, some years quicker than others. Having an eye exam annually can help improve your visual comfort in your daily life. If your prescription is not strong enough or too strong, you may be straining to see unnecessarily. A small change in your glasses or contacts may make your every day much more comfortable. Lens options and technologies also change so there may be better solutions out there that your eye doctor can inform you of.

## 2. FEEL BETTER!

Are you constantly aware of your eyes? Do you notice tearing, dryness, redness, itching, fatigue or heaviness on a regular basis (more than 1-2 times per week)? These may be symptoms that could be treated! Discuss them or any other symptoms you are feeling concerning your eyes with your eye doctor – you don't need to wait for your annual exam but it is the perfect opportunity to!



## 3. STAY HEALTHIER!

At your annual eye exam, we make sure you can see well and stay well! We examine the front of the eye and the back of the eye which can give clues as to other issues your body may be dealing with. By taking a photo of the back of the eyes (retina or fundus photo) or dilating the eyes, we can see the health of the optic nerve, macula (central vision) and small blood vessels. Diseases that have eye signs include diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, multiple sclerosis, thyroid disease, and many more.

## 4. LEARN ABOUT YOUR EYES!

During your annual eye exam, we can discuss any questions you have regarding your vision or eye health. Through sharing our examination findings, we hope you will have a better understanding of how important your eyes are. Come ready with questions about eyes!

## 5. PROTECT YOUR VISION!

By having an annual exam, you gain a piece of mind that your eyes are healthy and you are seeing the best you can. Many eye conditions such as glaucoma or macular degeneration do not have any symptoms until permanent vision loss occurs. When you have an eye exam every year, we can determine your risk of these conditions and monitor more closely to hopefully avoid vision loss. We can also discuss ways to protect your eyes and preserve your vision!

I hope this was an eye-opening read and, if you haven't already, please schedule a yearly eye wellness exam for yourself and your family! ■

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# Nutley History Meet Ed Bridges, Nutley's Master Illustrator

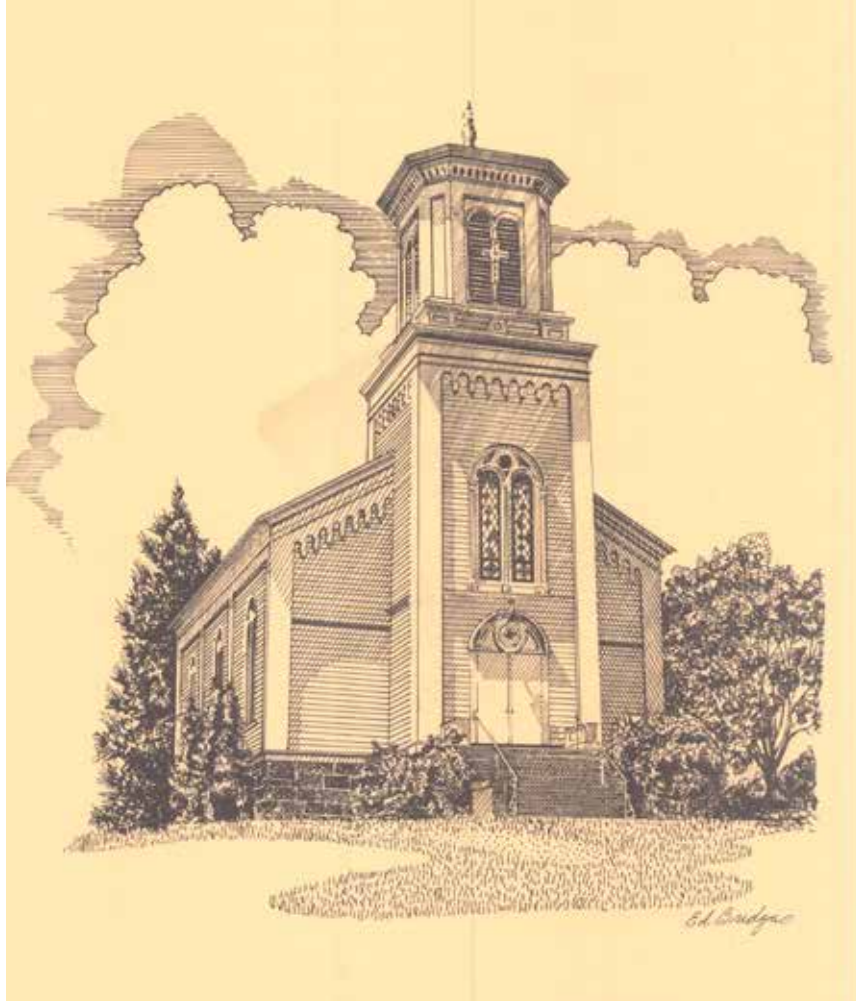
By Barry Lenson

Ed Bridges, the artist whose beautiful drawings appear alongside this article, grew up in Nutley. He studied painting in Nutley High School. According to his wife Sandy, he had a "God-given gift" and learned to paint in the style of the Old Masters. Yet when he graduated from Nutley High in 1958, his first priority was to serve our country. He joined the Navy and served from 1959 until 1961. After returning to civilian life, he studied engineering at NCE, which later became NJIT.

In 1961, Ed began a long and remarkable career with PSEG, where his creativity blossomed. He started a Visual Communications department and supervised a team that created artwork for executive presentations, displays, exhibits, corporate logos, and video presentations. Ed remained at PSEG until 1997, when an injury forced him to retire.

Even then, Ed felt compelled to pursue artistic activities. He earned a certification in landscape design. That is "another of his creative passions," Sandy says.

While pursuing his career at PSEG, Ed began to create pen-and-ink drawings of our town. His work gained immediate attention, and his artistic and professional



careers began to flourish side by side. In 1976, The Nutley Sun held a competition that asked local artists to create an official logo for Nutley's bicentennial year. Ed entered, and won handily.

We are pleased to share some of Ed's remarkable drawings with you. As you can see, they are the most accomplished illustrations that have ever been done of our town and its most notable buildings.

Today, Ed and his wife live in Brick, New Jersey, where he continues his artistic life. All of us in Nutley owe both Ed and Sandy a debt of gratitude for their contributions to the rich historical legacy of our town. ■

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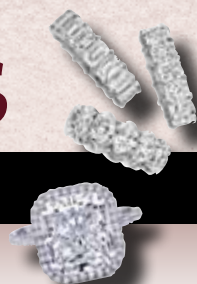
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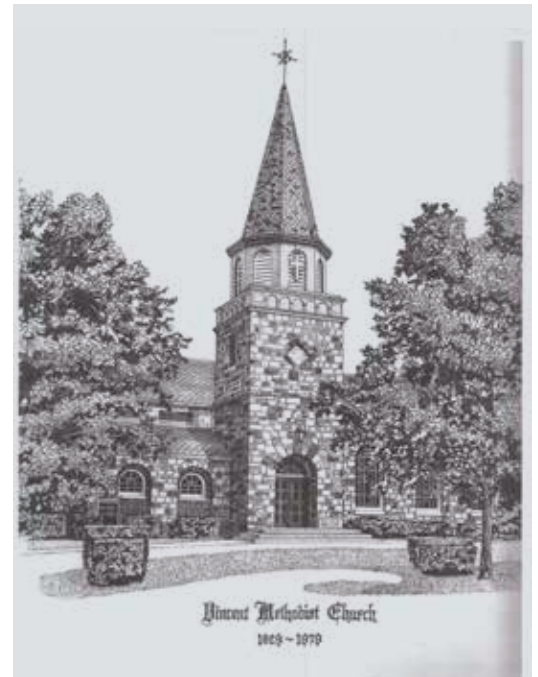
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**APRIL 7-13, 2019**

*By Kiran Patel, Supervising Librarian*

**A**pril 7-13 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians, and library workers. Libraries are not just places to borrow books or study, they are also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions. Today's libraries lead their communities and transform lives every day. Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life.

The Nutley Public Library is a dynamic community organization dedicated to the evolving needs of our patrons. Diverse groups, including elected officials, small business owners, and students, depend upon the Nutley Public Library. We lead by advocating for widespread access to crucial services and lifelong learning for all patrons.

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National Library Week is the perfect time to celebrate your library. Enjoy access to eBooks through the CloudLibrary, our vinyl record collection, graphic novels for children, teens and adults, materials and classes for English-language learners, museum passes, and the latest fiction and nonfiction bestsellers. Join us throughout the

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**Below are some family-friendly programs the library is offering during National Library Week:**

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# Nutley Family Service Bureau Thrift Shop

By Joyce Corey

*"Something old, something new,  
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—EILEEN PAINTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NFSB

This spring, the Nutley Family Service Bureau (NFSB) Thrift Shop moved across the street from its previous location to a space in the newly-redeveloped NFSB Annex building at 169 Chestnut Street.

Although the address changed, the thrift shop keeps its focus on the families in our community by offering items for men, women, and children. This can stretch a family's budget dollars by helping to keep up with children out growing and wearing out clothes. And let's not forget the shop is a source for extra essentials such as housewares, linens and blankets, or not-so-essentials such as books and games.

Shopping at the thrift store is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to develop a personal style by piecing



together unique and inexpensive clothes and accessories.

And here's a little-realized benefit: thrift store items are typically higher quality because they have withstood multiple uses, and yet retain value.



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"At NFSB we love that thrifting is environmentally friendly," said Eileen Painter. "Items are deferred from being landfill and have an extended life in someone's closet, kitchen, or yard. And since they are being

recycled, they have a reduced environmental impact, cutting down on emissions associated with production and distribution. In keeping with this theme, shelving, display racks, and cases have been donated, repurposed or recycled."

The new location of the shop redefines thrifting. The light-filled space maximizes store functions and provides an enjoyable atmosphere for those who are browsing and buying. Department store fixtures such as private dressing rooms, credit card sales, display racks, and shelving all add to a positive shopping experience.

The new venue enables expanded and diversified selections: upscale seasonal clothes and wearable accessories, an array of household items, small furniture pieces, and vintage or hard-to-find inventory from the practical (such as stemware and lamps) to the whimsical (such as costume jewelry and holiday decorations) are available.

NFSB is looking forward to an exciting new iteration of thrifting at their new location. They are especially thankful for the generosity of those who donate items, those who volunteer in ways that enable reliable, professional merchandising operations, and of course, to those who stop by regularly for the terrific bargains.

The thrift shop is a source of funding for NFSB and 100% of the money is used to support the programs and services of this outstanding organization. ■

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# The Gig is Up!

By Joyce Corey

In the Roselli and Costanzo houses, it's not the dads telling the kids to turn down the music – it's the other way around. For musicians, Mark Roselli and Philip Costanzo, having day jobs, being fathers, and getting ready to release their debut album hits all the high notes.

They call themselves Stalemate Society Inc. but their impressive collaboration of song writing and instrumentals is progressively moving themselves forward. In mid-April they will be releasing *Two Rivers One Town*, which features eight of their original songs each performed two different ways.

Mark and Philip have been writing and performing original music together for over 10 years. While music played a big part in each of their lives prior to them developing a partnership, a chance conversation at a school fundraiser led to the beginning of the Stalemate Society.

"My wife was running an event at the Nutley Museum to benefit Yantacaw Elementary School, where our children attended at the time," Mark said. "It was an evening where the parents were performing and I was the MC. She mentioned my music and the band that I was in and thought that Phil and I should get together to talk about our common interest."

"Our similar taste in music allows us to work well together," Philip said. "When it comes to song writing, it's definitely a collaborative effort with each of us contributing to the lyrics, melody, and chords. In terms of genre, we consider our music to be a combination of folk, country, New Age, and jazz."



Mark Roselli (left) and Philip Costanzo (right) of Stalemate Society Inc. stand by the iconic concrete railroad pier at Passaic Avenue/Memorial Park. The location will be part of the artwork that will accompany their debut collection called "Two Rivers, One Town."

The idea of releasing an album started a while ago. "We had recorded an acoustic version of our songs in Mark's basement," Philip said. "Then we decided to record those same songs with virtual instruments at my house. We added percussion, keyboard, and even an Irish bouzouki."

This concept led to the album's name, *Two Rivers One Town*, highlighting the duality of the performance of the songs.

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"The theme of our songs varies," Mark said. "We put stories to music; these are stories from our youth or our community, and the larger world."

Stories range from a bored, but imaginative taxi driver making up stories about passengers that he picks up in "Taxi-Tales #4 (Nicolette)," to a friend in college who claimed that he met a girl at a house party, spent the night with her near the river, only to see her jump in and swim all the way across to a waiting car in "Banks of the Raritan," to the young children in a Middle East war-torn city watching their older relatives get swept away in war in "Into Your Promised Land."

The song titled "Telescopic Lens Called Time" is about growing up in a small town, heading out into the world with big dreams, only to return after many years and settle back into a good life in that same hometown, with different eyes.

The song "Dance of Life" will be released ahead of the full album. Version 1 speaks about a couple meeting at various points in their lives (in school), and then after college, and how their relationship ebbs and flows over the years, only to find that in their golden years, one of them will have to dance alone when the other one is called home. Version 2 speaks about a middle-aged man meeting the younger version of himself in verse one, and then meeting the older version of himself in verse two.

As a music team, Mark and Philip may be seen and heard at various fundraisers in Nutley and Montclair. And both of them are part of separate bands as well. Their

music is enjoyed by audiences and their popularity is increasing.

"Our family and friends are very supportive," Mark said. "And our children are fine with the idea of their dads being in a band," he adds with a chuckle.

Although their day jobs beckon to them each morning, their music gig is definitely moving up. And who knows – someday Mark Roselli and Philip Costanzo will have a dual address: as Nutley Neighbors and on the Billboard chart.

Information and free music can be found on Facebook, SoundCloud, and YouTube under "Stalemate Society." ■



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# EVENTS CALENDAR **APRIL** 2019

**Mar. 31, Sun.**

## **Taste of Italy**

@Nutley Parks and Recreation Building, 44 Park Ave.

A fun-filled afternoon of delicious food, great music, and gift basket raffles.

Time: 2:30-6:30pm

Cost: \$30 per ticket. BYOB.

To purchase tickets call Melissa and Vita Maturro at 973-661-9234

**Apr. 1, Mon.**

## **DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club**

@Nutley Public Library, Stockton Room, 93 Booth Dr.

Each month, patrons will choose, prepare at home, and share a DISH! from a selected cookbook. The group will then gather to sample each other's recipes, discuss cooking techniques, and share stories and culture.

Time: 7pm

For more information or to register visit <https://nutleypubliclibrary.org/dish-the-monday-night-cookbook-club/>

**Apr. 1, Mon.**

## **Monthly Senior Supper Club for Seniors Health Series**

@Clara Maass Medical Center, Cafeteria, 1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville

This monthly event series will offer an evening of good food, games, prizes, and conversation with a health expert.

Time: 4:30-6pm

Cost: Free

For more information and to register call 1-888-724-7123

**Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mon.**

## **Self Help Program: Tai Chi, Qigong, Yoga, Stress Technique, & Meditation**

@Parks and Recreation Bldg., 44 Park Ave.

Time: 10-11am

For more information contact the Recreation office at 973-284-4966

**Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mon.**

## **Senior Art Program**

@Parks and Recreation Bldg., 44 Park Ave.

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

For more information contact the Recreation office at 973-284-4966

**Apr. 1, Mon.**

## **Surgical Options for Weight Loss**

@Clara Maass Medical Center, The Learning Center,

1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
Attend this informational seminar to learn more about weight loss surgery and eligibility and meet the supportive Bariatric Surgery Team.

Time: 6-7pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register call 973-450-2393

**Apr. 2, 16, Tue.**

## **Board of Commissioners Meeting**

@Town Hall, 3rd Floor Commission Chambers, 1 Kennedy Dr.

Time: 7pm

Open to the public

For more information visit [www.nutleynj.org/board-of-commissioners](http://www.nutleynj.org/board-of-commissioners)

**Apr. 2, 9, Tue.**

## **Infant Massage Class**

@Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville

Parents and caregivers will learn the benefits of massage as a way to improve bonding and communication, improve sleep and digestion, and reduce stress and

depression in both parents and babies. Parents-to-be and those with children from 2 weeks to age 1 may participate. For expecting parents, a doll will be provided for in-class practice.

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: Free

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**Apr. 3, Wed.**

## **Essex County Clerk Program**

@Parks and Recreation Building, 44 Park Ave.

On the first Wednesday of each month the Essex County Clerk's office is available at the Recreation Department for residents to obtain passports and Notary Public services.

Time: 2-8pm

Cost: Free

For more information visit [www.nutleynj.org/recreation](http://www.nutleynj.org/recreation)

**Apr. 3, Wed.**

## **Preparing for Childbirth**

@Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville

For parents who plan to deliver at Clara Maass Medical Center, this workshop will help them prepare for the birth of their first child by discussing birth options and practicing birthing skills. Expectant mothers may attend at any stage of their pregnancy.

Time: 7-9pm

Cost: \$100 per couple

For more information call 1-888-724-7123

**Apr. 4, Thurs.**

## **Nutley Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards Dinner**

@Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$45 per person

For ad book and more information call David or Dianne at 973-667-4690

**Apr. 6, Sat.**

## **Saturday Morning Movies at the Museum**

@The Nutley Museum, 65 Church St.

The Gary and Zeny Erbe Old Time Film Festival at the Nutley Museum presents old-time classic movies and cartoons. Today's feature is Hold that Ghost, starring Abbot and Costello. Popcorn and light refreshments served.

Time: 9:30am

Cost: Free

For more information visit [www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/)

**Apr. 6, Sat.**

## **Nutley Fire Department Comedy Night Fundraiser**

@Nutley Knights of Columbus, 150 Chestnut St.

All you can eat spaghetti dinner, beer, wine, and soda included. Cash bar available.

Time: 7-11pm

Cost: \$45 per ticket

To buy tickets call Jackie Kueken at 973-932-2966

**Apr. 7, Sun.**


## **Maternity Meet and Greet: Maternity Center Tour**

@Clara Maass Medical Center, 1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville

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**Apr. 7, Sun.  
Suffragette History  
Presentation**

@Kingsland Manor, 3, Kingsland St.  
Visit for a special interactive presentation and exhibition on the women's suffrage movement. Denny Daniel from the Museum of Interesting Things will present special pieces and stories, bringing alive the history of women's struggle for the right to vote.  
Time: 1-4pm  
For more information visit [www.kingslandmanor.org](http://www.kingslandmanor.org) or "Kingsland Manor" on Facebook for more information.

**Apr. 8, Mon.  
Breastfeeding Workshop**

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
Learn more about resources that can help you choose the best option for you and your baby. Trained lactation experts will give expectant mothers information about the advantages of breastfeeding, maternal nutrition, breast care, and breastfeeding tips for the working mother.  
Time: 7-9pm  
Cost: \$25 per person  
For more information or to register call 1-888-724-7123

**Apr. 11, Thurs.  
The La Monte Safety Paper  
Factory 1871-1969**

@Nutley Public Library,  
93 Booth Dr.  
Slide show, displays, and talk by David Wilson.  
Time: 7pm  
For more information visit the library website at

<https://nutleypubliclibrary.org/>

**Apr. 13, Sat.  
A Night at the Races – A  
Benefit for the Nutley Family  
Service Bureau**

@Nutley Elks Lodge,  
242 Chestnut St.  
The event ticket includes a pasta dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, horse race tickets, and tricky tray. It promises to be an event to remember with audience participation and viewing actual races! In addition to purchasing a ticket online or at the door, opportunities to amp-up the fun and proceeds include naming a horse, a race, or buying a sponsorship. Proceeds to benefit Nutley Family Service Bureau, a non-profit organization which provides mental health and social services, including a food pantry which supports local residents.  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: \$25 per ticket  
For more information visit [www.nutleyfamily.org/news-events/a-night-at-the-races/](http://www.nutleyfamily.org/news-events/a-night-at-the-races/)

**Apr. 17, Wed.  
Nutley Notables Book Talk with  
Anthony Buccino**

@The Nutley Museum,  
65 Church St.  
Nutley author Anthony Buccino will discuss his new book, Nutley Notables, Part Two, and will sign copies. Light refreshments will be served.  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: Free  
For more information visit [www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/)

**Apr. 28, Sun.  
Kingsland Manor Open House  
Tour**

@Kingsland Manor, 3 Kingsland St.  
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homestead of the Kingsland family and beyond, set within park-like grounds overlooking a pond and waterfalls.

Time: 1-4pm  
Cost: Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.  
For more information visit [www.kingslandmanor.org](http://www.kingslandmanor.org) or "Kingsland Manor" on Facebook.

**Apr. 29, Mon.  
Breast Cancer Support Group**

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
Continuing Care Building,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
This support group is available so that those fighting cancer have all of the support that they need. Whether coping with a recent diagnosis to survivorship, share

your journey with others. Light refreshments will be served.  
Time: 4pm  
For more information and to register call Laurie Gama at 973-450-2767

**May 3, Fri.  
Casino Night**

@The Phoenix Center,  
16 Monsignor Owens Pl.  
A special fundraiser to benefit the Phoenix Center. Includes a fun evening of gambling, passed hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda, dessert, and prizes. Must be 21 years of age to attend.  
Time: 7-11pm  
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# Franklin Theatre Benefit Shows 1945

## PART 1 OF 2

By David Wilson

Long term Nutleyites have many fond memories of the Franklin Theatre, from first movie, first date, first kiss, to delicious concession food. Most towns had a movie house with air conditioning, popcorn, and Saturday matinees of cartoons and James Bond movies. School trips to see "Gone With The Wind" and "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers" are remembered.

The Nutley Fire Department (NFD) saw the stage and screen as a perfect venue for entertainment and fundraising events back in 1945. The department was ninety percent volunteer and relied on residents' generosity to support operational costs and relief funds. Each NFD company provided three members to assist Chief Andy Hutch with planning and ticket sales. The show was promised to be a blockbuster and—Wow!—did they deliver.

The first stage and screen show on February 5 and 6, 1945, would be organized by Fred Frobose, local dance instructor and vice president of Dance Educators of America. His family had a major presence in the NFD for decades and with dance partner Eileen Kalin, appeared as Forbes & Eileen in the show. They worked with RKO adapting the ballroom version of "Samba Jonga". The Frobose dance studio was on the second floor above the theatre.

Arthur Schunicht, a popular pianist, did the musical arrangements for this seven act show. He would lead



Left: Fred Frobose and Eileen Kalin perform the Samba Jonga.  
Below: 1945 first benefit show



the Esquires, an instrumental quartet known in supper clubs and New York hotels. A matinee and two evening performances included the movie "The Great Moment" starring Joel McCrea and Betty Fields and the biography of Dr. W.T. Morgan, a 19th century Boston

dentist, during his quest to have anesthesia accepted by the public and the medical and dental establishment.

More acts were booked including eight year-old Frankie Figurelli, a tap dance sensation. Al Flosso, "The Coney Island Kakir," was billed as a "Master of Mirth and Melody." Blonde Lydia Terrill, sweet singer of songs, known in USO circles. Impersonator Arthur Boran from WOR, NBC, and CBS hook-ups, performed for FDR and could mimic W.C. Fields, the Marx Brothers, Walter Winchell, and Jack Benny. He got many laughs at the show. Charles Althoff, "The Country Fiddler," had audience sing-a-longs, with tunes from "Yokel Boy" on Broadway. Althoff lived on Erie Place and offered private violin lessons.

Tickets were sold door-to-door or picked up at fire headquarters. Not all homes were contacted due to war-time shortage of firemen. The response was fantastic, with over six thousand tickets being sold. Chief Hutch encouraged residents to arrive on time or wait at home for the next showing, so as not to crowd the lobby and block the exits. Seizing the opportunity to educate moviegoers, Hutch, along with Mayor Jernick, instructed the audience to use side exit doors to more quickly clear the house and save valuable time during an emergency. Mayor Jernick recognized residents who were serving in the military, a custom at every public event. ■

Part two will cover 1946 and 1947 benefit shows.

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David Wilson is the author of *Fire in Our Lives*, a book containing stories, experiences, and advice from his forty-year career in public safety. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Google Play.

# Happy Tails Two adoption stories



Submitted by Christa Milici

Owen was rescued from an inner city kill shelter at a couple of days old. He was cold and not eating; we didn't think he'd make it through the night. After a lot of around-the-clock care, Owen pulled through and was adopted. He now lives right here in Nutley and is very spoiled by his mom.



Owen as a newborn and all grown up above



Submitted by Tiffany Servidio

Do you remember Links? He was in *Nutley Neighbors* last year looking for his forever home. Well, now Links is living his best life, even better than some humans! Links has had an incredible journey. He was brought to Newark AHS in August 2017 after being found abandoned and stuck in a chain link fence covered in cuts and flies. (That is how he got his name Links!) Brick City Rescue rescued Links from shelter life in January 2018 and sent him to a board and train program. After months of extensive training and socialization, Links finally found his perfect foster mom, Catherine. While living in a loving home with his foster mom, Links became the family dog everyone knew he could be. Links is now a happy, confident, and relaxed dog. This boy found his happily ever when Catherine decided to make it official and adopt him! It is dogs like Links that truly prove how dogs can bounce back from anything when given patience, love, and the opportunity for success. Links and his mom travel, go hiking, boating, play ball, and then curl up next to a cozy fire at night. Happy tails sweet Links! ■



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# Master Gardeners Add to the Beauty of Essex County

By Scarlett Morris

Once a favorite pastime, and often a necessity for providing food, gardening sadly lost some of its lustre in the earlier part of the century as people began to move to more urban areas for work. However, over the past 20 years, the local, farm-fresh movement has rekindled a dynamic interest in gardening and its popularity is in full force! People are going "green" and tending their own gardens all over the country - from growing vegetables to planting flowers to maintaining manicured houseplants. Long-heralded as a therapeutic exercise and a wonderful way to connect with nature, gardening is a great hobby to cultivate! It is only appropriate that here in the Garden State, one can take their gardening to the next level by becoming a Master Gardener. Rutgers Master Gardeners of Essex County are a group of educated volunteers who provide horticultural information and programs to their neighborhoods. They are trained by faculty and staff of NJAES RUTGERS and the group is affiliated with Rutgers University, as are all county garden committees.

"In order to become a master gardener you take classes that are approved through the university. There is a set of classes offered every year, once you take all the classes, you also need to give 60 hours of community service in one of the approved gardens in order to become a Master," says Verona resident Judy Conlon, who has been a Master Gardener since 1997.

Because of the 60 hours, the Master Gardeners of Essex County become involved in county projects including pruning the cherry blossoms in Branchbrook Park and restoring and maintaining the rose garden and pollinator garden in Brookdale Park. Someone keeps track of hours the gardeners work over the year and sends to the county



The plant sale at Presby Iris Garden in Montclair

to show how much money they save. "Essex county is so big, there is a lot going on," remarks Judy. The gardeners' giving back to the community is two-fold - they also work in gardens in the Nutley area to grow produce for food pantries and soup kitchens. They tend some of the community gardens in Montclair as well as Glenmont, the Edison Estate and the greenhouse at the Essex County Environmental Center, which is where they grow many of the plants for their upcoming plant sale in May.

The yearly sale features beautiful annuals, hardy and tender perennials, small shrubs and trees. There will be

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a selection of plants native to NJ as well as bee and butterfly friendly pollinators. Included will be many varieties of tomatoes and herbs as well! Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer expert advice and assist you in choosing plants for your garden.

Profits from this sale help fund their many ongoing projects in local communities. These projects include education outreach in school classrooms, teaching garden demonstrations in the summer as well as lectures for Master Gardeners continuing education. Plus, a senior horticulture class given monthly at the Environmental Center which includes the upcoming events Arranging Spring Flowers on April 15th and Starting Spring Gardens on May 20.

If you are a gardener with questions, you can reach the Master Gardeners of Essex County helpline at 973 228-2210 Mon-Fri year round. They are available to research and answer your garden questions and concerns.

Be sure to visit the plant sale and find some new greens to add to your garden. Maybe you'll be interested in becoming a Master Gardener yourself! For information on the program, visit <https://essex.njaes.rutgers.edu/> ■

#### PLANT SALES

**Presby Memorial Iris Garden,**  
474 Valley Rd.,  
Upper Montclair  
May 3, 10am to 4pm  
May 4, 9am to 3pm

**Essex County Environmental Center,**  
Garibaldi Hall,  
621A Eagle Rock Ave.,  
Roseland  
May 11, 9am to 3pm

## Ribbon Cutting

Submitted by Nutley Chamber of Commerce



The Nutley Chamber of Commerce welcomes, **Good Vibes Yoga & Kombucha Bar**, 237 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, 973-320-2670, [info@goodvibesyoganj.com](mailto:info@goodvibesyoganj.com), [www.goodvibesyoga.com](http://www.goodvibesyoga.com), as a member.

Located in the center of Nutley, NJ, near many food, learning centers, as well as other wellness centers, Good Vibes is a community of yoga & wellness aimed to bring people together and leaving feeling good both in body, mind, & soul.. ■

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# Nutley Historical Society Announces Winners of the Picturing Nutley Photography Contest

*Submitted by Joyce Corey*



*Stillness Spilling Chaos by Jessica Botti*

The Nutley Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of Picturing Nutley, a photography contest funded by Essex County.

The winners of Picturing Nutley are:

## **ADULT DIVISION**

Winner – Stillness Spilling Chaos by Jessica Botti. \$100.00 award.  
 Runner Up – Third River in the Snow by Jacob Michels. \$25.00 award.  
 Runner Up – Alley of Trees in Early Morning Haze by Vern McKinney. \$25.00 award.



*Nutley Stream in Summer by Grace Arisy*

## **HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION**

Winner – Nutley Stream in Summer by Grace Arisy. \$75.00 award.  
 Runner Up – Nutley Park Scene by Kai Madrazo. \$25.00 award.

## **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE DIVISION**

Winner – Stream by Caitlin Neibuhr. \$50.00 award.  
 Runner Up – Nutley Bridge by Ava Valdovieso. \$25.00 award.  
 Runner Up – Alley of Trees by Gavin Goldsworthy. \$25.00 award.



*Stream by Caitlin Neibuhr*

More than 100 photographs were entered in the Picturing Nutley contest. Winners were chosen by the board of the Nutley Historical Society.

"The beauty of the photographs is nothing short of amazing," says Barry Lenson, Art Historian of the Nutley Historical Society, "and the imagination of the photographers was something to behold. Every single photographer who entered should be proud to have taken part in this project, which documents the great beauty of our town."

An exhibition of submitted photos will be held at the Nutley Public Library this summer, with details to be announced soon. ■

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*Submitted by Christa Milici*

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