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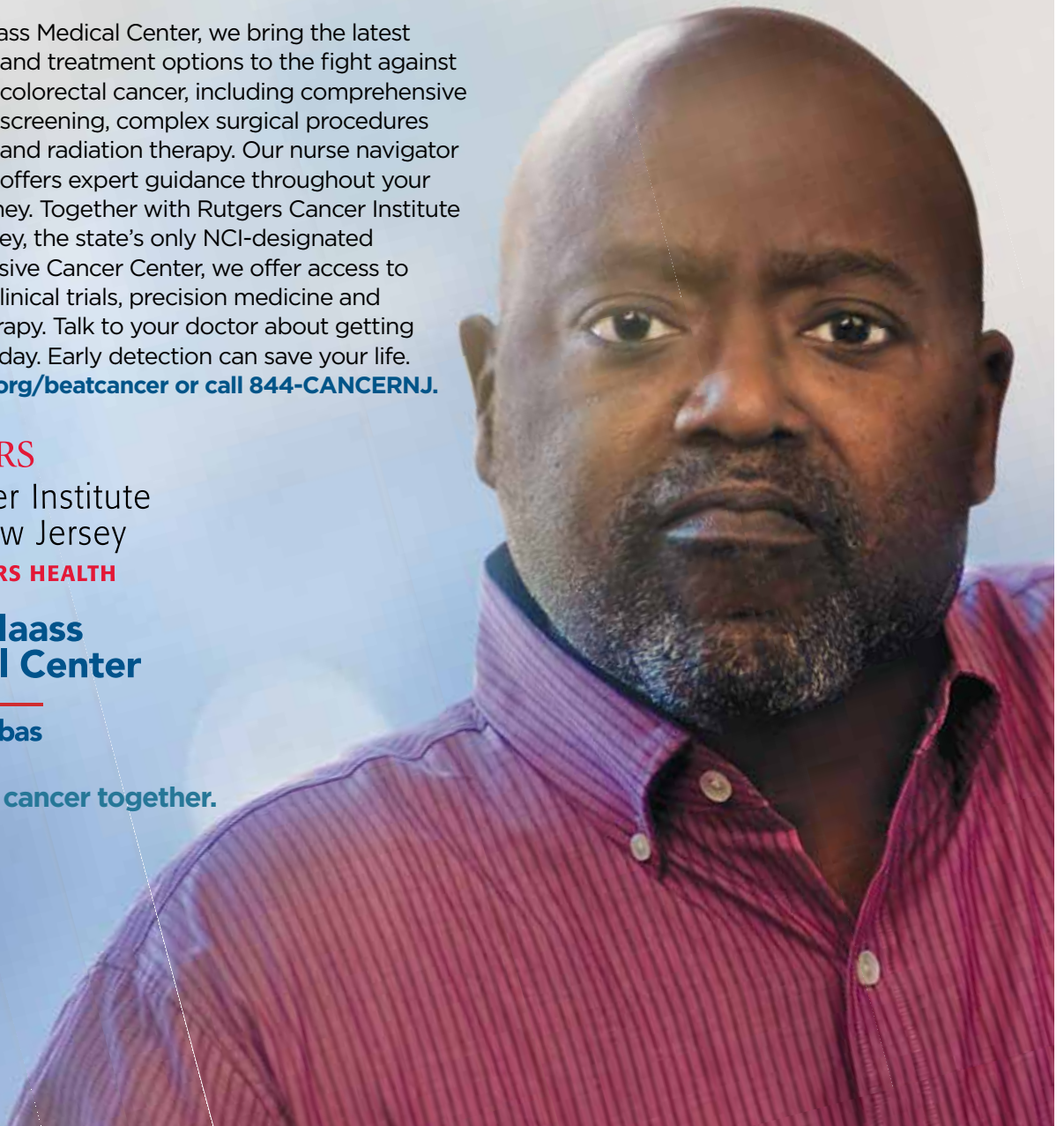
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Letter to Residents

Happenstance or Happy Chance?



I know I confessed this here before, but I really love words. Unusual words. Words that aren't used so often. And especially words that lead to puns. That explains the title.

Happenstance is not in my daily vocabulary; in fact, I cannot even remember the last time I wrote it in an article, let alone made it the main idea.

The definition is pretty straightforward: a circumstance that is due to chance.

This word came into my mind while I was interviewing the cover story family. Nick and Carly Licameli have known each other for practically their entire lives. They started dating in high school (he was a football player, and she was a cheerleader!) and now they are happily married, living in Nutley, and the parents of two adorable children.

What this all happenstance?

According to the dictionary definition, it was. Their families, through happenstance, decided to live in Nutley. Young Nick and Carly were sent to the town's schools where they eventually met and the beginning of their story of togetherness officially started.

But I see it as 'happy chance.'

Sure, sometimes life's events line up a certain way and circumstances happen.

But with Nick and Carly, this was more than a generic happenstance. Be sure to read their article which has some terrific photos from their high school days to the present.

By now, I hope I have convinced you of the wonders of 'happy chance' because there are other articles in this issue that relate.

Linda Buset takes us on a tour of the Mountsier-Hardie estate as she shares a personal perspective that we haven't seen before. It is indeed a happy chance that Silas R. Mountsier and Graeme Hardie created this wonderland here in town.

The Nutley American Little League faced a monumental challenge this past year, (definitely happenstance!) but the leaders, players, volunteers, and their families not only salvaged a shortened season but made it successful. Having the right people in the right places with a confident vision is undoubtedly a happy chance.

Can we agree that it's a happy chance that Nutley has some of the best businesses? It's been an especially stressful year for many of them, but this town knows that supporting local businesses supports the entire community.

Even though the economic effects of the pandemic were happenstance (literally a result of a very unfortunate circumstance!) it's a happy chance that our *Nutley Neighbors* are rallying around to bring health to all areas of town.

Enjoy this issue! I personally believe that it's a happy chance it was delivered to your mailbox!

Joyce Corey Content Coordinator

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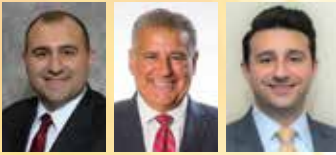
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8 Hampton Pl.	\$542,240	\$542,240	19
16 Nelson Pl.	\$489,000	\$561,000	12
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16 Povershon Rd.	\$469,900	\$500,000	14
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19 Cherry Pl.	\$495,000	\$552,000	9
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Carly, Nina Belle,
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Feature Story

From Homecoming Prince and Princess to Daddy and Mommy

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

Nicholas and Carly Ann Licameli have known each other almost their entire lives, and throughout that time, they have seen a steady progression of changes and accomplishments.

From elementary school friends to parents of two adorable daughters, their relationship, set within a town they both love, is a story of growing up and growing together.

"We met in elementary school at a D.A.R.E. picnic," Nick said. "Carly went to Lincoln and I went to Radcliffe. We were friends throughout middle school and the beginning of high school and started dating sophomore year."

"Nick was the captain of the football team, and I was a cheerleader," Carly added.

"We were typical small town high school



Nick was the captain of the football team, and Carly was a cheerleader!

sweethearts," Nick said. "We were even homecoming prince and princess at our junior prom. Even though young love is not without its ups and downs, what has remained constant from day one has been unconditional love, laughter, and respect for each other."

These magical moments of dating included a special memory shared by Nick.

"We had our first kiss at our friend's house on Alexander Ave. when we were 16."

The couple recently celebrated another relationship milestone.

"We were high school sweethearts but were friends for years previously," Carly said. "May 19th of this year marks 15 years of dating."

Graduation from Nutley High School marked an end to that phase in their lives,

but their continuing education opened career paths for them.

"I have a bachelor's degree in biology from Ramapo College and a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey," Nick said.

He is currently the clinical director at Professional Physical Therapy on Franklin Avenue, here in Nutley.

Yet, in our world of virtual possibilities, Nick's expertise and knowledge is also available online at www.strengthtogetheronline.com/.

A quote from that website provides a clear view of what he seeks to accomplish.

Nick wants to inspire healthy living and improve quality of life by giving himself to others in an attempt to make the world a happier, healthier, and more loving place.

Additionally, he is a professional natural bodybuilder and the Injury Reduction and Management Specialist for 3D Muscle Journey, which serves the drug-free strength and physique sport community through coaching, evidence-based education, and overall support. Nick is often seen as a presenter at educational events and has his own YouTube channel. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Nutley Chamber of Commerce as Co-Chair of Health Professionals.



Cutting cake at Carly's graduation party (2008). This foreshadowed the cutting of their wedding cake!

Carly's college education also led to a career that seeks to help and empower people.

"I have a bachelors' degree in linguistics and a master's degree in speech and language pathology from Montclair State University," she said. "Currently, I am a speech therapist at the Gramon Family of Schools in Fairfield."

Nick and Carly are also finding fulfillment, and a great deal of happiness, in their recently acquired roles as parents.

"I love being a mom!" Carly said. "We have two daughters, Ava and Nina, both under the age of two. Ava likes going for walks, being chased, getting flipped

upside down and swung back and forth like the pendulum on a clock, and swinging on the swings of Nutley's parks! Nina enjoys drinking milk, sleeping, and pooping."

Ava Pearl officially turns two in September, and Nina Belle joined the family this year on April 29.

Other family members include two tabby cats: Harry and Luna.

"We found Harry on the street in 2017 during a walk around the neighborhood," Carly said. "He is named after Harry Potter because we found him on the 20th anniversary of the books being written! He was joined by Luna, who was rescued from the Bloomfield Animal Shelter in 2018. She was named after Luna Lovegood from Harry Potter."

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Growing up in Nutley definitely influenced Nick and Carly's decision to have their own children (and pets!) grow up here in town.

"Nick lived on Beech Street and I grew up on Prospect Street," Carly said. "We moved into our home on Conover Avenue in 2016 the day after our wedding!"

"We first saw the house thanks to a tip from Mike, my brother," Nick adds. "It was the same day as the town-wide yard sale and all the neighbors were out on their lawns. Everyone was so welcoming, and we really hit it off. They said they would put a good word in with the previous owners. I guess whatever they did worked!"

Their first memory of their lives as homeowners are forever etched in their minds.



The night they got engaged (one of their most beloved memories together) September 5, 2015. Nick proposed in Memorial Park under the stars.

when we take a cool summer walk around town and reminisce about memories and fun times from our youth. Nutley is filled with the happiest and saddest memories of both of our lives, and we could never imagine living and raising a family anywhere else."

"We love our neighbors!" Carly said. "We've trusted



Wedding day (November 17, 2016) at Naninas in the Park

"We closed on our home, got married, and moved in the day after the wedding with garbage bags on the windows for curtains," Carly said. "After all that, we ended up sleeping back at our parents' houses the day after the wedding because we were both sick."

Once the newly-married homeowners moved in (and put up some curtains!), they started their lives together in a place they love.

"The most important thing for us is that Nutley feels like home," Nick said. "There is no other way to describe the warm feelings we both get

them since the first day we met them. They are right up there on the list behind family during holidays and other big life events. We look forward to waving hello in the early mornings and rainy nights, and we always have each other's backs. They even supplied the music for my recent outdoor birthday party!"

The Licameli family principles play a big role in their lives together. Trust, gratitude, open communication, and a promise to always be a safe place for each other form the foundation for their family.

Choosing to raise their daughters here in Nutley reflects their commitment to the community and their trust in a town that has been the setting of their entire lives.

Over the years, Nick and Carly have shared many wonderful moments as childhood friends, high school sweethearts, and now, as parents.

Today, we add *Nutley Neighbors* to the roles they play and look forward to their continued involvement in the town. ■



Ava loves running through the beautiful parks Nutley has to offer.

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Nutley Rotary "Service Above Self"

By Linda Buset

Over the last few months, Nutley Rotary has taken on the complete replacement and redoing of the Nutley VFW Post 493 monument area.

This replacement, in part, is thanks to an extremely generous donation from Cifelli & Son, who did the demo work in the Memorial, removing the old concrete and replacing it with the VFW patch design.

A local artist, Athena Zhe, was contracted to complete the beautiful artwork on the concrete.

On Sunday, May 16th, Rotarians and volunteers arrived at the VFW to complete the entire lawn area. Beautiful flowers and shrubberies were planted around the flagpole area, and markers with flags were installed for all branches of our military. The intention was to help beautify this memorial area for our veterans, past, present and future, and by the end of the day, that was definitely accomplished.

Twenty Nutley High School students were part of the team of volunteers who worked diligently alongside members of the Rotary Club. This service project was chaired by John Monaco in collaboration with Maria Hamlin who is the newly-elected Commander of the VFW Post 493 and a Rotarian. This undertaking was one of the many Rotary service projects that upholds their mission to be 'dedicated to service in our community and globally.'

Also working on the project was our current Rotary president, Dorothy Huey and president-elect Danny Carnicella.

The hardworking high school students who did an outstanding job included Ava, Guil, Isabel, Arista, Shayla, Ally, Maria, Hushnuda, Adrianna, Erin, Christian, Finlay, Kate, and Madison. Nutley Rotary members and spouses that came out and helped were Linda Buset, John Monaco, Dorothy Huey, Maria Hamlin, Danny Carnicella, James Huey, Diane Monaco, and Herbie H. Hamlin.

Also, thank you to Dunkin Donuts-Washington Avenue for another generous donation for our volunteers and for the great pizza donated by Commander Maria Hamlin.

John Monaco, chairperson of this project said, "Nutley Rotary is proud of how everything came together, and we look forward to working with the Nutley VFW again. We were able to bring new life to the flagpole area as one of Rotary's many service projects."

Commander Maria Hamlin stated, "We couldn't have accomplished this without the dedication of the Rotary



Above left: Nutley Rotary members along with Nutley High School volunteers gather for a photo of the newly renovated VFW memorial garden. Above: Nutley High School students helping to unload the truck filled with flowers, markers, and flags for the new VFW Memorial Garden. Left: Thanks to the hard work and generosity of many, the VFW Memorial Garden was completed the day before Memorial Day.

Club of Nutley and the amazing students who gave their time to help. We would like to personally thank all the volunteers. We look forward to continuing the great work."

We encourage you to stop by the Nutley VFW Post on Washington Avenue in Nutley to see all the beautification and renovations going on at the post. ■

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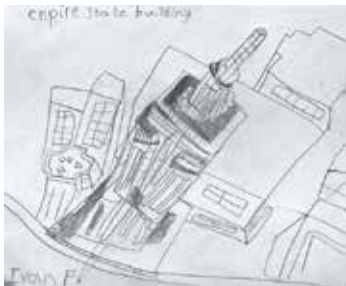
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Crafting Up Some Creativity This August!

By Michelle Palmer

Even though school is out for the summer, many children have continued their valuable learning experiences. The projects they have created reveal their unique personalities and incredible skills.

Ivan Fischer is a third grader at Yantacaw Elementary School who found happiness in drawing during the months when he could not see his friends or attend in-person classes. He is a very talented and daring self-taught artist. He challenged himself to draw an aerial perspective of the Empire State Building. He has a great interest in architecture around the world



Ivan, the future architect

and hopes to one day see the many places that inspire him to draw.

Samantha, age six, made Mother's Day extra special day this year by creating a beautiful portrait of her mom. She also used her handprints to make flowers for a pretty poem. Those sweet little hands will forever bring a smile to mom's face as she remembers the great amount of love poured into making her pages.

Constantino is a fourth grader at Yantacaw School who wrote his own book this year. If you are a Pokémon



Mattie being the Cat in the Hat

Suess and even created her own Cat in the Hat accessories. She crafted this adorable representation of the Cat at school while learning to cut, glue, and recreate fictional characters.

Jack is seven years old and loves to draw his favorite video game characters. He uses lots of details to capture the happy expression on their faces and colors them in carefully. This is one of his latest illustrations,



Pokemon Creations

fan, you'll instantly understand the fun in this one. He thought up original ideas

for new characters and brought them to life on his page. His imagination takes him to explore this very exciting game and he cannot wait to add his personal touches.

Mattie is a five-year-old who discovered how fun it is to dive into reading this year. She explored many stories written by Dr.



Jack's Cartoon Creation

tions, Crash Bandicoot, who is perfectly drawn and appears to be off to an exciting adventure. ■

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Getting to Know Your Library Staff

By David Wilson

What is your name, position, and responsibilities at the library?

My name is Nick Van Dorn, I am a Senior Librarian. I work in the Reference Department where I assist patrons with research, readers' advisory, and technology questions. I design and update the library's website, order nonfiction and music materials, and run programs ranging from local history to book and film discussions.

When did you start working at the library and why?

I started working at the Nutley Public Library back when I was a sophomore at Nutley High School. I began working at the library because it's a welcoming and enriching environment. Throughout my career, I have held positions of varied and increased responsibility, having worked in Circulation, Youth Services, and currently, Reference Department.

What is your education background?

I have a Library and Information Science Master's degree from Pratt Institute, a bachelor's degree in music and elementary education from Caldwell University, and graduated from Nutley High School.

Do you have any childhood memories of visiting the library?

Yes, with the library within walking distance of the middle school and high school, I spent many afternoons after school there.

Tell us about your family.

I am happily married to my amazing wife, and we have an amazing son. We also have two tuxedo cats and

one Maine Coon. My parents live in town and my mom works at the library too! Also, my brother is a police officer in town.

What are your hobbies, volunteer work, or other leisure time pursuits?

I enjoy listening to and collecting vinyl records, playing the saxophone, reading, watching movies and TV shows, and playing retro video games.

What do you enjoy most about working at the library?

I love being able to assist patrons with reference questions.

Share a memorable story involving a library patron or program.

A few years ago, we relaunched our vinyl record lending at Nutley, the first time in over 25 years. To promote this, we had a discussion on *Everything Vinyl Records* with owner of the Princeton Record Exchange, Jon Lambert. Jon discussed his experiences of running one of the top independent record stores in the country, discussed caring for and proper storage of, and tips on how to value records, and the history of the vinyl record format. At the end of the program one lucky attendee was awarded a free turntable courtesy of the Friends of the Nutley Public Library.

What is your favorite book or author?

My favorite book is Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* and anything by John Steinbeck.

Your favorite motto or quote?

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself" - Emerson ■



Nick Van Dorn, Senior Librarian

Nutley American Little League: Gaining From Giving

By Joyce Corey

Flashback to March 2020 and Nutley American Little League (NALL) President, Joe Hannon, will tell you he didn't know if we'd ever be able to recover from a lost baseball season.

"COVID-19 presented a monumental challenge for us, and we weren't sure we'd ever be able to recover the participation numbers to keep the train moving," Hannon said. "We were able to salvage a shortened season for the Majors division, and it was a highly successful one. Two of our three NALL All Star teams made it to the District 8 championship, with our 10-year-old team bringing home the banner. But the concern for the league



Left: Coach Tom Garguilo helped aspiring baseball players on Saturday, March 20th. Over 90 players and more than 30 coaches attended the one-day clinic set up by B-Ball Director Michael Blanchard and T-Ball Director Darren Finkelstein. Above: Peg Conca, Darren Finkelstein, Even Seborowski, Michael Blanchard, Evan Blanchard, Luke Finkelstein, Jack Finkelstein, Joan Roake, Joe Hannon, and C.J. Hannon. Not pictured but involved with helping with the delivery at Nutley Family Service Bureau - Seth Petronio and Nicole Davino.

was what the future would hold for the younger divisions that were not given the opportunity to play."



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Flash forward to 2021. Close to 300 young people are playing baseball in NALL this season. Close to half of them are at the T-ball and B-ball level.

"There is much hope for the long-term health of our league because so many families were hungry for a baseball experience," Hannon reflected. "It's left many of us very grateful and full of hope for a bright future after the devastation and trepidation of 2020. It feels really good."

The league is led by many volunteers who have dedicated lots of their own personal time to the development of baseball in a town with a rich history of baseball success. Hannon continued, "We function successfully due to the efforts of so many. In addition, we have a wealth of volunteers to help us coach our youngest players. That influx has made a huge difference in our success."

This year, Nutley American made a conscious effort to devote more time to the younger players with an online coaches' clinic that started in February and stretched into the last weeks of March. With the support and guidance of Tom Gargiulo, the league held a clinic on Saturday, March 20th, to kick off the T-Ball and B-Ball seasons. Coach "G," as he is affectionately called, led over 90 players and more than 30 coaches through the fundamentals of both playing and teaching the game. It helped solidify a process mindset and develop skills for coaches and players alike.

"It's something new we tried this year, and we hope to continue it again in the future," stated Hannon.

In addition to the constant fundraising that has to take place to maintain a nonprofit organization as large as NALL, the league decided to try something new by running a town-wide food drive to support the Nutley Family Service Bureau Food Pantry. In partnership with the NFSB, the league was able to unite its four divisions and close to 300 households to contribute something positive to the town they all love. The league donated over 500 items and over \$550 to purchase milk and eggs for families in need.

Hannon continued, "The giving back mantra is one that helps young people see the benefit of being part of something greater than just a baseball team and league. It allows families to unite to fight back against food scarcity and shows our gratitude and good fortune for being able to have a season for everyone this year. We were happy to do something positive for our town."

Nutley American is led by President Joe Hannon, Vice President Christian Sebastiano, Secretary Danielle Longobardi, Treasurer Joe Kelly, Facilities Director/Chairman of the Board Carmen Alberti, Majors Director Sal Straface, Farm Director Michael DeLorenzo, B-Ball Director/Coaching Coordinator Michael Blanchard, T-Ball Director Darren Finkelstein, Intermediate Director Anthony Haines, Communications Director Michael Gajewski, Concessions Director Michelle Alberti, Fundraising Director Brian Dolaghan, Player Agent Seth Petronio, Safety Director Sam Dotro, and Uniforms Director Woody Schino.

"Baseball is in our blood, but gratitude and giving back to our community are bigger gains for all of our young people," Hannon concluded. "Those concepts will stay with the kids long after their last games are played." ■



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Clockwise from top left: The carriage house. Silas telling the story of one of his magnificent sculptures. The Girl Scouts earned their gardening badge by touring the garden. Graeme graciously cut an iris for each young lady to wear in her hair. Silas and Graeme sitting at the carriage house looking over the paradise they have created right here in Nutley.

The garden, through the years, has evolved from a beautiful backyard into a 2.5 acre extraordinary and grand estate.

The gentlemen who created this paradise, Mr. Silas R. Mountsier and Mr. Graeme Hardie are two of the most welcoming gentlemen you could possibly meet. The love they have for this paradise is seen in their eyes and heard in their voices as they tell you the history of each tree, each flower, and each piece of sculpture.

I met Mr. Silas Mountsier when I was a child sitting four pews behind him in church. I was very taken with him. He was quite different than anyone I had ever met;

THE MOUNTSIER-HARDIE ESTATE Through Different Eyes

By Linda Buset

Many articles have been written about the Mountsier-Hardie Estate in Nutley. This article will be written not through the eyes and words of an expert in horticulture, sculpture, or design. In fact, it will be written by someone who has difficulty telling the difference between an iris and a daffodil.

This article is about a beautiful garden I have known since I was a child and the wonderful gentlemen who invite all to visit and enjoy the loveliness in any way they chance to perceive it. Whether that be through great knowledge of flowers, bushes, and trees, or to just stand in awe of someplace truly magical. I am the latter; I see it as a wonderland of delight. When I arrive, I never fail to say, "I think I just fell down the rabbit hole," a thought shared by Alice who *literally* falls down the hole of the White Rabbit, taking her to Wonderland.

The garden is appropriately named the Mountsier-Hardie Estate, which is much more eloquent than what I termed the garden as a teenager: *Mr. Mountsier's backyard*. Quite a difference between then and now, I would say.

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he was incredibly handsome, always impeccably dressed and a very sophisticated gentleman. He seemed as if he had stepped out of a different time and place into our little suburban town of Nutley. I was very intrigued. As years went by, I would come to

know him as a friend, and for that I am grateful.

In the 1990's when Graeme came to live with Silas, the evolution of the garden began. More property was purchased, over eighty pieces of sculpture added, and the backyard as I once knew it, became the paradise it is today.

Silas and Graeme are very welcoming to guests, even to a group of ten-year-old Girl Scouts I brought to the garden to earn their gardening badge. The girls were thrilled, and Graeme was ever so patient as they walked around wanting to see and know everything about this fascinating place they never knew existed in their hometown. Graeme even picked an iris for each little girl to wear in her hair.

If you are ever invited to lunch with these fine gentlemen, you will realize that Graeme is also an exceptional chef. The food he prepares is beyond delicious.

Silas, among his many gifts, is a delightful storyteller. He will tell you of his childhood growing up in Nutley, and the people he has known throughout his life, many of whom are very famous. Silas can keep you enthralled for hours. His knowledge of our township is beyond compare. He was born in Nutley and never left, and now, nine decades later, he unquestionably knows our town.

The garden is open to many people for various functions including the Nutley Family Service Bureau's Garden Party each fall.

This year it will be September 12 from 4-7pm to benefit

the programs of NFSB. It is always quite an event. You can go to www.NutleyFamily.org for more information.

As I end my article about the garden I love so much and the great gentlemen whose friendship I cherish, I leave you with this quote: *"You know what the issue is with this world? Everyone wants some magical solution to their problem, and everyone refuses to believe in magic"* - Alice in Wonderland.

Alice believed in magic and so do I—thanks to Silas R. Mountsier, Graeme Hardie, and the wonderland I love to visit. ■



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*Submitted by Nicole Milici
Jersey Pits Rescue Inc.*

Wrinkles is absolutely loving life in her amazing foster home! She can't help but wonder why no one has wanted to adopt her yet. She spent almost a year in a local shelter waiting for this chance, and she hopes someone will adopt her soon! Wrinkles is about 8 years old and is such a little hippo mama. She entered the shelter system completely bald due to neglect. Her skin and fur have come such a long way since then! Since joining JPR, she has had a few visits with our vets to help her along her healing journey. Additionally, a proper diet and supplements have helped tremendously.

Her foster describes her as super easygoing, laid-back, and loving. She is amazing with children but prefers a home with no other pets.

Her foster states: "Wrinkles is doing great. Her fur is almost all back. She still has some skin issues or allergies persisting, but we are getting them under control. She's been such a great houseguest that she doesn't really sleep in her crate anymore. She's been upgraded to the master bedroom! She has adjusted to her new routine.

Her favorites being walking her little humans to school in the morning, mealtime, and lots and lots of naps! She really is a good-natured dog."

If you are interested in adopting Wrinkles, please apply! www.jersey pitsrescue.com/

*Submitted by Christa Milici
Yellow Brick Road Rescue NJ*



Sarah

Meeet Sarah! She is a 1-year-old female who was taken from a local pound with her babies, but prior to that, she was in a home. From all of the moving around, she is scared but once she warms up she is the queen of biscuit making and purring! Foster to adopt is also an option for her. Since she is scared, no young kids. She gets along with other cats but definitely no hyper dogs. She would do best in a quiet home. She is microchipped, FIV/FelV negative, stool tested negative, dewormed, UTD on vaccines, and spayed. \$100 adoption fee and application apply.

To apply for Sarah: <https://yellowbrickroadrescueenj.com/cat-adoption-application/> or email us at yellowbrickroadnj@gmail.com ■



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Nutley Rotary Car Show

By Linda Buset



Neighborhood News



Above: Who ya gonna call? Ghostbusters! Right: The Garden State Girls NJ rode away with many trophies in hand in 2019. We hope they will be back for 2021. Below: John Monaco, chairperson of the event, announcing the winners and handing out over 75 trophies. Below right: Commissioner, Dr. Joseph Scarpelli and Chairperson John Monaco



Although the 2020 Annual Rotary Classic Car Show had to be canceled due to COVID-19, this year it's back bigger and better than ever!

The 3rd Annual Rotary Car show is scheduled to take place Wednesday, September 1, from 5-8pm on Franklin Avenue between Chestnut and Centre Streets.

This year's proceeds will benefit the Nutley Educational Foundation and the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

This classic car show will feature a large selection of classic to modified cars, trucks and motorcycles, all years, makes and models!

Nutley Rotary is working diligently to plan a night of exciting fun for all ages. There will be numerous food vendors to enjoy, live entertainment, and near the end of the evening, over 75 trophies will be awarded to competitors.

The first 100 cars or bikes in attendance will receive a gift bag which will include a commemorative t-shirt.

"The Ave" will be shut down for the event so we can

showcase each and every car and motorcycle.

It is going to be an entertaining night out for the entire family. Dine under the stars, listen to music, and walk "the Ave" appreciating all the antique vehicles, classic cars, muscle cars, street rods, custom cars, motorcycles and other vehicles lining the street.

2019 was a great success, but this year's event will surpass it. That may seem impossible considering what a triumph 2019 was, but according to chairperson John Monaco, owner of Personal Touch Florist, we can count on it.

You can follow the event on social media, the Nutley Rotary website (www.nutleyrotary.org) or email NutleyRotaryCarshow@gmail.com for more information.

The motto behind Rotary is *Service above Self*. Rotarians are people who have joined together, sharing their skills and expertise for the benefit of the community. ■

To get you excited for this year's event, take a look at some photos from 2019. See you in September!



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AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

At the time this magazine went to print, all event times and locations were accurate, but please check event websites for the most current information. Some events may have been postponed or canceled.

2021 Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series

@Essex County Parks
A diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage throughout the historic parks system. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze, and dance to the sounds of summer. For more information about the events, places, and times, visit www.essexcountyparks.org/

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sun. Nutley Farmers Market

@Municipal Parking Lot 9, 537 Franklin Ave.
Now entering its 12th season, the outdoor Nutley Farmers Market features delicious local foods and goods, live music, special events, and a weekly walking group. Time: 9am-2pm
For more information visit www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket

Aug. 4, Wed.

Bats of New Jersey

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave.,

Roseland

For students in grades 1-5. Ever wonder what kind of local bats are catching bugs in your backyard? Or where they sleep? Learn from a bat enthusiast about our upside-down friends, play the role of a bat biologist in a simulated study, and take home plans to build a bat house! Advance registration and payment are required.

Time: 5:30-7pm

Cost: \$10 per child

For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 7, Sat.

Buzzfest

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

For all ages. Have you ever wondered how honey goes from hive to jar? Come join a local beekeeper and see a real hive! You'll even get a sample taste. Learn about bees, their current challenges, and how we can help. Take home a bee-themed craft. Advance registration is required.

Choose one of the three time slots. Time: 10-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm, or 1-2pm

Cost: \$15 per participant

For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 10, Tue.

Night Hike

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

All ages welcome. First, make your own natural insect repellent and then wander in the wooded wetland to look for "whoooo" might be awake as the sun goes down. Advance registration required.

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 10, 24, Tue.

Youth Garden Club

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland

For ages 5 and up. Together let's grow food in a garden plot and learn about everything

from soil to seed saving along the way. Participants will get hands-on experience with planting, harvesting, and cooking. Session themes include: soil and composting, seed planting and labeling, thinning, weeding and watering, selective harvest, garden pests, healthy eating, and more! This is a drop-off and pick-up class (children only). Advance registration required.

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: \$10 per child per session

For more information and to register call 973-228-8776

Aug. 14, Sat.

Free Comic Book Day

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.

For all ages. Stop by the library and receive free comics and a goodie bag to take home!

Time: 11am-4pm

For more information visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Aug. 17, Tue.

Teen Sewing Workshop

@virtual event from Nutley Public Library

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Free Comic Book Day Comes to the Nutley Public Library with Comics for All!

By Lucia Alvarez, Librarian CYA Services

The Nutley Public Library celebrates Free Comic Book Day (FCBD) on August 14 from 11am-4pm! This is the 6th year the Nutley Public Library will celebrate the event, offering the community a fun, family-oriented program where everyone can find a comic they'll enjoy and a goodie bag to take home. With awesome titles like *Critical Role*, *The Witcher*, *Spider-Man*, *Star Wars*, *The Last Kids on Earth* and many more, we're sure there's a comic book for everyone!

Celebrating its 20th year, Free Comic Book Day is an annual event where comic book shops and libraries around the world give away comic books—absolutely free. Each year, thousands of participating locations give away over five million comic books to millions of fans to introduce them to the wonders of comics. The event will be held on August 14 and is the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and family to the many worlds of wonder available at their local comic book shops and libraries. From superheroes to slice-of-life to action/adventure and beyond, FCBD has a comic book for everyone!

Free Comic Book Day kicks off on August 14 at 11am and runs until 4pm at the Nutley Public Library and will have comics available for readers of all ages. Children will receive a superhero-themed goodie bag. Visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or follow our Facebook page for more information. ■

Regular updates, information about comic books, and a list of participating publishers and their free comics are all online at www.freecomicbookday.com.

month at the library and learn how to sew from the comfort of your own home! Perfect for all skill levels. Video link will be shared via email each month. Kits will be available from Aug. 2-31.

For more information and to register visit www.teenservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org/programs/

Aug. 26, Thurs. Decoding the Mysteries of Cats or Why Cats Do What They Do!

@virtual event from Nutley Public Library Feline Behaviorist, Stephen Quandt, most recently the Feline Behavior Coordinator for the Animal Care Centers of NYC (nyacc.org) and of the ASPCA.org has created a feline behavior webinar for the public that explains cat behavior from the perspective of the evolutionary and adaptive forces that help shape their lives. Stephen has given hundreds of behavior consults in person and over Zoom. He believes strongly in a compassionate, collaborative, and educational approach to cat behavior, and he is Fear Free Certified. Some topics that will be discussed are cats' relationship

to hunting and resting, their sense of identity in being predator or prey, their relationship with us as influenced by their mother/kitten relationship, and their relationship between hunger, appetite, metabolism, and exercise to all of the above. There will also be time for an audience Q&A.

Time: 7-8pm

For more information or to register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/cats or call 973-667-0405 x2604

Aug. 26, Thurs. Summer Film Discussion Series

@virtual event from Nutley Public Library Adults, join this summer for online Zoom film discussions! Films are available to watch for free through the digital streaming service, Kanopy. Each film will also be available to borrow on DVD, one week prior to each discussion. This month's film is *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*.

Time: 7pm

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