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Letter to Residents

Wanna Hear a Story?

Everyone has a story. Isn't that great? It's the one thing that we all share, regardless of any quantifiable differences. While it might seem that our stories are just a collection of facts from our lives, they are more than that.

Each of us has a story that defines us—our hopes, dreams, and most importantly, the 'why' of who we are.

Each month, we bring you stories from your *Nutley Neighbors*, people you may work with, live next door to, or maybe someone whom you have never met.

And do you want to know a secret about stories? When we listen to a person's story, in a small way we become part of that story through our reactions. We may smile, applaud, or think *I'm glad there are people like this in town*.

This month let's meet the family on the cover of the magazine—Joseph, Gianna, and Luciana Petrillo. Their story starts when Joe and Gianna met in elementary school, right here in Nutley, and the years (and future chapters!) led to marriage, careers, and parenthood. Like everyone's story, there are unique elements that define their lives and theirs include a cute doggie, a private practice to help children with speech and language skills, and some delightful little neighbors.

Eileen Groome, Nutley neighbor and writer, wrote a book that was inspired by her childhood. *Mabel Menichetti Makes the Best Spaghetti* is a story about food and friendships across the generations and is a delicious slice of time.

We have plenty more stories in this issue! Act of Humanity has a scholarship that honors someone special, we have the *dish* on the library's Monday night cookbook club, and even a pictorial story about Nutley's own Annie Oakley.

I love writing the stories each month, and I sincerely hope you love reading them. Sharing our stories helps us to understand each other better and to build a strong sense of community—and we can start right now by turning the page.



Joyce Corey Content Coordinator

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Submitted by Christa Milici, Yellow Brick Road Rescue NJ

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Submitted by Nicole Milici, Jersey Pits Rescue Inc.



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464 Kingsland St.	\$464,500	\$560,000	9
51 Manhattan Ct.	\$465,000	\$500,000	11
75 Edison Ave.	\$484,900	\$530,000	7
590 Centre St.	\$499,999	\$550,000	5
410 Chestnut St.	\$579,000	\$549,000	23
21 Fitting Pl.	\$599,000	\$646,000	9
48 Raymond Ave.	\$610,000	\$635,000	12
262 Rutgers Pl.	\$619,900	\$750,000	12
207 High St.	\$629,000	\$631,000	106
45 Glenview Rd.	\$649,000	\$710,000	8
97 N Spring Garden Ave.	\$685,000	\$812,000	9
70 Overlook Ter.	\$805,000	\$790,000	17

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Joseph, Gianna, and Luciana Petrillo

Once Upon a Time...

By Joyce Corey

Photograph by Carly Ann Photography

Once upon a time in the town of Nutley, a little girl and boy went to elementary school together and became friends. Many years passed and their friendship turned into love. They married, bought a house, and became parents to a little girl...

...who may go to elementary school in Nutley and continue the tale.

Gianna and Joseph Petrillo are the stars of our story, which has all the elements of happy-ever-after with a delightful start right here in town.

"Joe and I attended Lincoln Elementary School, John H Walker Middle School, and Nutley High School together," Gianna said. "We were friends in high school; I was a cheerleader, and he was a football player."

But dating happened a little later, during Gianna's first year of college.

"Our first date was in February 2011, and we have been together ever since," she said. "We got engaged in 2016 and married in 2018."

Joining their lives together meant creating a future and that's where their careers play a role in the story.

"Joe is an electrician at Picatinny Arsenal and I'm a speech-language pathologist," Gianna said. "I graduated with a master's degree in communication disorders at Mercy College in 2017. I worked in a school for children with special needs for 5 years and left in June of last year to stay at home with our daughter and grow my private practice, A Step ForWord Speech and Language Therapy, which I started in March 2020. I am now providing in-home private therapy and recently started Caregiver and Me classes at local libraries to empower parents with tips to increase their child's speech and language skills!"

But the careers of Joe and Gianna only tell part of their story. At the center is their 21-month-old daughter, Luciana, who is well on her way to enjoying her childhood in the same town in which her parents grew up.

"Luciana enjoys climbing, singing, and dancing," Gianna said. "We love to take her to community events like seeing Santa in the Oval and the tree lighting."



Six-year-old Charlee, the family's Pomeranian/Maltese/Yorkie mix, enjoys her privileged place in the household and her special friendship with Luciana.

"Every morning Luciana gives Charlee a kiss and then they share breakfast together," Gianna said. "We take her with us to see Santa and even on some of our vacations!"

The Petrillo family sets aside time to travel and make new memories and they try to get away at least once a year.

"Last year we took our daughter on her first vacation to Myrtle Beach," Gianna said. "Luciana was 10 months old, and Charlee was with us. In July we went down to Wildwood,

and we plan to take her to Disney for her second birthday."

But it's back home in Nutley where the family is making day-to-day memories that will last a lifetime.

"We live in the Lincoln School area," Gianna said. "This is the same house I have lived in since 2003 when I was growing up here in town."

Besides the history that links Joe and Gianna to Nutley, there are the new connections they are making.

"We love how close



we are to the parks, our friends, and how welcoming and supportive our neighbors are," Gianna said. "We all shared our phone numbers and if something seems off, like losing electricity or having low water pressure, we check to see if anyone else has the same issue. We always keep an eye on each other's homes in case something seems fishy or when one of us are away on vacation."

Luciana is already making friends in the neighborhood, just like her parents did when they were in elementary school, but she is starting a bit younger.

"To the left of us lives a little boy who comes to the fence and brings her flowers," Gianna said. "And the little girl to the right of our house leaves rocks with messages on them for her. It's the sweetest thing."

In between Joe's career, Gianna growing her practice and providing therapy, Luciana having fun, and Charlee being delightful, the family does all those things that make each moment count.

"I enjoy taking pictures and making videos as well as making cupcake cakes for friends and family," Gianna said. "As Luciana gets older, I'm sure we will all be involved in whatever activities she chooses!"

As parents, Joe and Gianna have a little bit of a dilemma. "My husband and I are both left-handed and we believe



5 Things the Petrillo Family Loves About Nutley

1. Community events
2. Small town feel
3. All the parks!
4. Franklin Ave. as center of town (not every town has one)
5. All the pizzerias

our daughter is going to be right-handed," Gianna said. "That means teaching her how to do things right-handed should be fun!"

And that will all be written—either left-handed or right-handed—in the next chapters in the tale of the Petrillo family. But for now, Joe, Gianna, Luciana, and Charlee are taking their *once upon a time* one day at a time. ■

We are always looking for fascinating residents to feature in Nutley Neighbors. If you are interested in being included or would like to nominate one of your neighbors please email jcorey@bestversionmedia.com.



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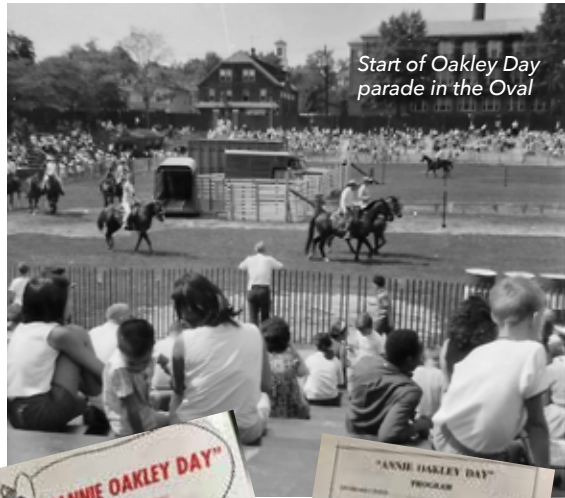
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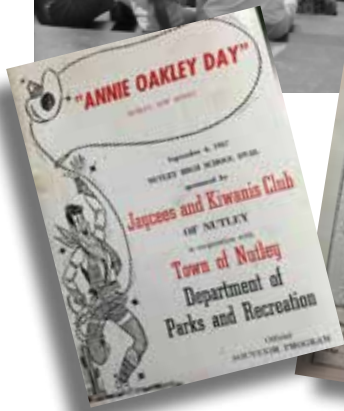
By David Wilson



Start of Oakley Day parade in the Oval



Oakley Day parade 1966 calf roping



The Nutley Park Oval has been the venue for many community events over the years, but none can rival an all-day program starting with a parade and ending with a death defying forty-foot dive into 17 inches of water. Envisioned as a Labor Day event for local folks who stayed home but wanted to celebrate and be entertained, Annie Oakley Day did not disappoint. Ticket sales were over 7,500, necessitating the reusing of ticket stubs three or four times. The kick-off parade was a grand display of local organizations, bands, horses, wagons, and western entertainers. Local children rode their home-built wagons along the "Franklin Trail." Jim and Barbara Braun won first place with their covered wagon.

The stands were filled for the "showdeo", a display of rodeo skills, steer wrangling, and trick riding. Lorry Algieri won the title of Miss Annie Oakley and a horse. Marion Kiwor was chosen "Little Miss Sure Shot." Ann A. Troy was recognized as the one who most perpetuated the memory of Annie Oakley. Amazingly, this program, a joint effort of the Commissioners, Jaycees, Kiwanis, and local businesses, only existed for two years, 1966 and 1967. Take notice of the committee members who made it all happen 55 years ago. ■

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.



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Mabel Menichetti Makes the Best Spaghetti

By Joyce Corey

Nutley author and longtime resident, Eileen Groome, tells a delightful story about food and friendships across generations. In *Mabel Menichetti Makes the Best Spaghetti*, meatball chef extraordinaire, Mabel Menichetti, and Puddin, her friend and enthusiastic young assistant, cook up some life lessons in the kitchen.

These bite-sized nuggets about diversity are just the right size for young readers 4-8 years old. But perhaps the sweetest part of this story is that Mabel and Puddin are based on real people.

"When I was growing up, Mabel lived upstairs in our two-family home," Eileen said. "She was of Italian descent, and every week she would make her delicious spaghetti and meatballs. She was always so kind and patient. She lovingly called me Puddin and made me feel special."

And just like Puddin in the story, young Eileen waited each week for 'Spaghetti Day' to come. "I would run up the long staircase to help her make her masterpiece. At least, I thought I was helping."

In the book, the pair's friendship grows even more after Puddin's mom can't help for Gourmet Diversity Day and Puddin asks Mabel instead.

"I wanted the book to celebrate how our differences make us special," Eileen said. "Puddin, her friends, and the readers learn about different cultures through food which brings everyone closer together."

"My illustrator, Zoe Saunders, has written and illustrated several books for children. We were always on the same page and had a great connection during this crazy and wonderful process. I can't thank her enough for bringing my story to life with her beautiful illustrations."



Eileen and her granddaughter, Maggie



While the book's inspiration came from her own childhood, the motivation to write it comes from a child in the present: the author's granddaughter, Maggie. "One day she said, 'Nana, are you ever going to finish your book?' That's when I knew I had to follow my dream and finish what I started."

At a story time at Barnes and Noble in Clifton, Eileen and Maggie shared the story of *Mabel Menichetti Makes the Best Spaghetti*.

"As a retired preschool teacher, I was in my element," Eileen said. "Maggie, who was my inspiration for writing the book, sat by my side as I read my story. It makes me so happy to know how much she loves to read."

And we're all happy to know that Eileen has plans for her next book.

"I am currently writing *The Murphys' Big City Adventure*," she said.

I'm sure it will be the perfect next course to Mabel Menichetti's best spaghetti! ■



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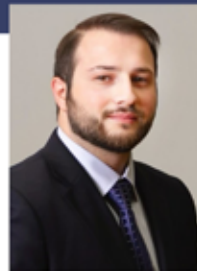
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NUTLEY JAYCEES 2023

Distinguished Service Award Winners *By David Wilson*

The Nutley Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards is Nutley's oldest and most prestigious awards program.

■ **Educator of the Year** Jainine Gambaro has worked tirelessly for 35 years with Nutley's grade school children as an elementary school teacher, a teacher of speech arts and dramatics, as well as a nursery schoolteacher. At Radcliffe Elementary School, she has served as Library Media Specialist, Literacy Coach and, in 2013, was selected District Teacher of the Year.

Jainine also devotes time as an Elder and lay preacher with the Franklin Reformed Church. She is a singer, songwriter, and member of Doorjam, the house band of Franklin Reformed Church.

■ **Outstanding Young Adult** John V. Kelly III is Nutley's Commissioner of Public Affairs and an Army veteran. He served on the Nutley Family Service Bureau Board of Directors, the Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade Committee, and the John V. Kelly Memorial Foundation.

As Commissioner, he oversees a wide range of health-related areas that impact the Nutley community, focusing on improving physical and mental well-being. The department has assisted many veterans and senior citizens, and deals with complex matters that arise addressing women's issues and cultural inclusion. He resurrected the CARE Committee, which helps vulnerable Nutley citizens get assistance when needed.

■ **Public Health and Safety Award** Nutley's Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Patricia Cruz, RN, BSN is honored this year for her outstanding work dealing with community health issues, and especially during the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

Patty helps her fellow citizens by working with the homeless, managing individuals with hoarding issues, and finding employment for her female nurses. She has done extensive public speaking on a variety of health-related topics.

Patty is deeply religious and takes her healthcare



Dr. Steven Clarke, John V. Kelly III, Rev. Pamela Bakal, Patty Cruz, Jainine Gambaro, Frank Turano, Walt Smith Photo credit: David Wilson

knowledge and skills into her church by volunteering to assist the drug-addicted and homeless. She spends many hours as an Elder, teaching Sunday school, and being involved in youth and women's ministry.

■ **Civic Affairs Award** The Reverend Pamela Bakal began her current position as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Nutley in 1997 and is also a priest in the Diocese of Newark Episcopal Church.

She serves as a member on the Board of Directors of The Community School in Nutley, the Nutley Senior Manor, the Nutley Clergy Fellowship, Board of Trustees of Offender Aid and Restoration, and the prison ministry committee of the Diocese of Newark.

Her community service extends to Habitat for Humanity, the Blessing of Animals and Motorcycles, Vincent Church Care Kitchen, and more.

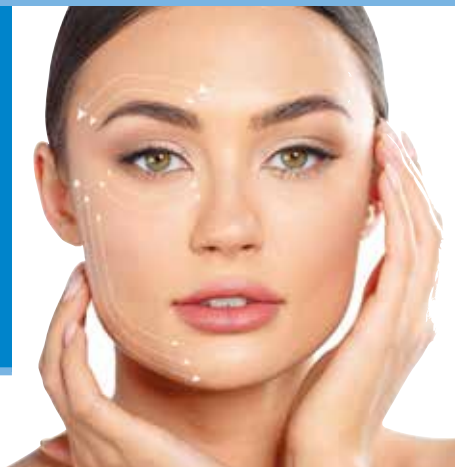
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An accomplished writer, Frankie's articles have been in *Nutley Neighbors* magazine and he has four unpublished books. He is active with the Nutley American Little League, Nutley UNICO, Nutley Chamber of Commerce, and is a trustee for the Nutley Family Service Bureau. ■

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Act of Humanity Creates a Scholarship Fund

By Joyce Corey

Sunil Advaney, Nutleyite and vice president of Act of Humanity, shares information about a new project the nonprofit launched on October 24, 2022.

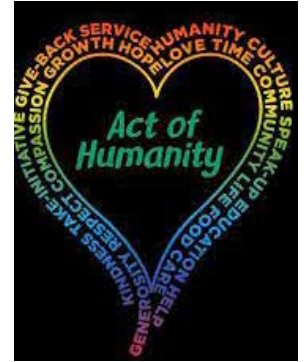
"In memory of our mother, Veneeta Advaney, we started a scholarship fund in her name. Our goal is to help students who need financial aid for their education and thereby open a path toward their success. By giving students access to resources, networks, and education, we aim to transform the lives of those who receive them."

The goal of the scholarship fund is to provide long term support for high achieving, low-income, first-gen students ready to commence on a career path. Primarily, the fund will provide education scholarships between \$500 to \$5000 per year. Scholarship funds could be utilized to support the cost of tuition, books, or the purchase of a laptop. Recipients will also be assigned a committed college-educated mentor, equipped to guide that young person on their journey to college graduation.

Veneeta Advaney passed away in September 2022. Sunil's brother, Suraj Advaney, is president of Act of Humanity.

This nonprofit charitable organization is dedicated to helping people in need. With the support of generous contributors and volunteers, they aspire to help the poorest communities that are affected by poverty, disasters, or other misfortunes. ■

For more information about Act of Humanity and the Veneeta Advaney Scholarship Fund, visit at www.actofhumanity.org and www.actofhumanity.org/the-veneeta-advaney-scholarship-fund



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3 Key Ingredients to Growing a Small Business

Contributed by Michael Stefanelli

BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS is a huge undertaking, but a rewarding challenge for entrepreneurs. Many of our advertisers know what it's like to work long nights and weekends to make it as small business owners. We want to position you for success so you can continue supporting your family, friends, and community. Let's look at three of the key ingredients to small business growth:

1 CONSISTENT BRANDING It goes without saying that branding your business to potential customers is important for new and sustainable growth. Print and digital advertising are both fantastic ways to connect with potential customers in our area, and they pair together nicely to create a dynamic marketing approach. Find a mix that works for your business and start spreading the good word across multiple targeted platforms.

Sponsoring industry specific, content is one of the best ways to create brand recognition and become the go-to source in your industry. With local magazines, our readers have the opportunity to learn valuable insights every month

from our expert contributors. These are doctors, real estate professionals, home repair experts, and many more. Become the local voice of your industry by branding your business through original content and watch your business grow in the community.

2 STRONG VALUES Small businesses are so important to the communities we serve. As a small business owner, you're not just a storefront, you're the backbone of the local economy and make up a huge part of each town's unique and special charm. Leverage your value as a small business owner and situate yourself as the best alternative to supporting big box stores and national chains. Lean into your small business identity and show the neighborhood how your values differ from the competition. Customers are always eager to support the establishments that are making a difference in our community.

3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Become an active leader in the community to build rapport and trust with those who call your neighborhood home. Attend networking events, join the local Chamber of Commerce, or set up a dinner with other small business owners in the area. It's a fantastic way to meet new people who could have new and innovative solutions to share that'll fuel your future growth. You might even meet your next customer! ■

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Photo credit: Library Director Michelle Albert

The Dish on Dish!

By Linda Buset

Each month, members of DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club meet at the Nutley Public Library to sample each other's recipes, discuss cooking techniques, and share stories and cultures.

I wanted to get the dish on DISH! so I dropped into the June 5th meeting.

I had read about the group, but after being there, I now fully appreciate why so many people enjoy this adventure in the culinary arts.

When the members arrived, they immediately began talking about their recipes and wondering if everyone would like what they made.

The meeting began with Library Director Michelle Albert talking about the monthly book—*The Mediterranean Dish* by Suzy Karadsheh. Everyone spoke about the recipe they chose from the featured cookbook; some went with a simple



Michelle Albert started this cookbook club in January 2019 and since then, the gatherings have flourished into five years of flavors, friendship, and culinary adventures. ■

recipe while others chose something more complex.

Then it was time to eat. Everyone had the opportunity to taste each dish, and they were all delightful. Interesting discussions followed as questions about the recipes were asked and answered.

It is a delicious way to socialize and to sample each other's recipes, talk about a variety of cooking techniques, share stories of a particular region, and discuss chefs and their cooking styles. Cookbooks are some of the most highly circulated nonfiction items, so it is not surprising that cookbook clubs have emerged to be some of the most well attended programs at public libraries across the nation. Since members have a wide range of backgrounds and personal preferences, conversations often lead to discussions about nutrition, gardening, local eateries, and markets."

— MICHELLE ALBERT

I joined DISH! right from the start, although at first I thought 'I'm not doing that!' I am not good at potlucks, but when I realized that we are all making something for the first time from the same book, it would be fun—no judgement! And it is amazing! We enjoy delicious meals, great company, and learn a lot!"

— DOROTHY HUEY, President of Friends

The club has been rewarding for our participants on so many levels...good fun, good food, good learning, and making good friends. We share recipes, where to find ingredients for our dishes, along with the best new gadgets around. It gets no better than this."

— MARGIT RADEMACHER

I love DISH! because I love to cook—and especially bake—for people. This is a great way to meet new people, broaden your cooking and baking horizons, learn new ways to do things, and find out about great places to shop for interesting ingredients. Thanks to Friends for supporting the group."

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DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club is sponsored by Friends of the Nutley Public Library and meets the first Monday of each month except during July and August. New members are always welcome! Register and join in the adventure which will begin again on September 11. Additional information can be found at: www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/dish-cookbook-club

Creativity Abounds at the Nutley Public Library!

By Marisa Treglio, Librarian,
Reference & CYA Departments

There are many opportunities for our patrons to let their imaginations run wild with the programs and resources available through the library. Our younger patrons have always enjoyed participating in arts and crafts at the library. In the last few years, we have expanded our offerings to include classes for adult patrons as well. In addition, we are always adding instructional materials and online resources to our collection to accommodate crafters of all interests and experience levels.

For many adults, it has been years since they have had the opportunity to be artistic. Adult arts and crafts programs at the library are a chance for our patrons to explore their creativity in a welcoming space. Classes are guided by our librarians, but attendees have the freedom to use their imaginations with their final product as well. There are no wrong answers in art!

Some of our recent monthly offerings have included jewelry making, paint pouring, Perler bead designs, and various crafts using the Cricut cutting machine. As we head into the fall, look for events like these and more on our calendar, available at www.nutleypubliclibrary.org.

If an in-person class doesn't fit your schedule, check out the library's new digital craft education hub, Creativebug. This service offers online classes, videos, and instructions for everything from painting to sewing to baking and more. There are over a thousand projects online and more are added every month. Access Creativebug from the library's website, under the Digital Library tab. Have your library card handy as you will need to log in with that number.

Kanopy and hoopla are digital resources for crafters of all ages as well. Hoopla has e-books and videos for both children and adults on all types of crafting such as photography, watercolors, quilting, and more. Kanopy features videos from series like Sewing Essentials, Woodworking Essentials, and National Quilters Circle. Like Creativebug, you can find links to these resources under the Digital Library tab on the library's website. You will be prompted to sign in with your library card number, and each service allows you to borrow six titles per month, for a total of twelve. Please let a librarian know if you need help navigating the site or signing up.

Sometimes there's nothing like a good old-fashioned book or DVD, and the library's physical collection is growing as well. In the last few months, we have acquired books on needle felting, linotype, sewing, cross-stitch, and candlemaking, to mention a few. We also have DVDs, like the popular Startup Library, on topics such as knitting, sewing, and crochet. We are always looking for more good crafting books to expand our collection, so let a librarian know if you have suggestions! ■

For registration, programming information, and times, please visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org and the Nutley Public Library's Facebook page.



Lily and her beautiful butterfly



Art made from the heart

A Summer Splashed with Arts & Crafts

By Michelle Palmer

Lily is a recent preschool graduate with a very colorful masterpiece to show off at her art show! Her vibrant butterfly picture brings lots of happiness to everyone who sees it and is a wonderful representation of her flying into a new school year.

George is an 8-year-old who loves drawing and soccer. He combined these two hobbies in an impressive drawing of his favorite soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo. It's fun to see how sports and arts came together in his work.



Sports and arts masterpiece

Evelyn got super creative and made some awesome bright pieces when she attended Pretty Handy for camp. Full of unicorns, rainbows, and her favorite colors, these crafty pieces will bring lots of smiles to everyone who sees them on display.

Brendan proudly displays his art because it was a gift from the heart. He painted this beautiful pot as a gift for Mother's Day. This is such a sweet way to show his mom how special she is and a great way to express his creativity. ■

Michelle Palmer is the author of a children's book, *Brinco Finds His Way Home*, which is available at Amazon and Pretty Handy in Nutley.



Pretty art made at Pretty Handy

AUGUST 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Tues.
Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Thurs.

Early Morning Walking Club

@Public Affairs/Health Dept.,
149 Chestnut St.

The walk will take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Walkers will meet outside the Department of Public Affairs and Health building. Participants should be aware that the walk will be kept at a brisk pace for approximately 3 miles. Registration is preferred, but not mandatory.
Time: 6:30am

For more information contact Donna Feaster at dfeaster@nutleynj.org or 973-284-4976. Registration link can be found at www.nutleynj.org/calendar

Aug. 4, Fri.

Summer Music: Event Horizon

@Brookdale Park, Watchung Ave., Bloomfield

The Essex County Free Summer Music Concert series offers a diverse lineup of performers who will take center stage throughout the historic park system. Pack a blanket, enjoy the cool evening breeze, and dance to the sounds of summer.

Time: 7:30pm

For more information visit www.essexcountyparks.org/parks/brookdale-park/calendar

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Fri.

Moms Healing Together: All Recovery Meeting

@virtual event

Join for a safe space to discuss

the challenges of recovery, pregnancy, and parenting. All Recovery Meetings are facilitated by trained and certified IFPR Peer Recovery Specialists and provide social support for those seeking or maintaining recovery, as well as family members, friends, and supporters of those who have been influenced by substance use.

Time: 10am

For more information and other All Recovery meeting times visit www.rwjbh.org/events

Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, Sun.

Nutley Farmers Market

@Municipal Parking Lot 7, 1 Franklin Terr.

Now in its 14th 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. 12, Sat.

Buzzfest

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

For all ages. Have you ever wondered how honey goes from hive to jar? Come join local beekeepers and see a real hive! You'll even get a sample taste. Learn about bees, their current challenges, and how we can help. Make-and-take

bee crafts and activity stations included. Choose to book from one of four time slots.

Time: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm

Cost: \$15 per participant

(includes a take-away item)

For more information and to register visit <https://essex-countyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar>

Sept. 6, Wed.

Essex County Parks

Photography Contest Deadline

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

The purpose of this contest is to highlight the best of what the Essex County Parks System has to offer its many residents year-round. Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the Essex County Parks System. For more information,

rules, and regulations call 973-228-8776 or visit www.essex-countyparks.org

Sept. 10, Sun.

The Garden Party | Nutley Family Service Bureau

@Mountsier-Hardie Garden, 205 Rutgers Place

Soak in the ambiance, listen to music, sip wine, sample delicious foods, and experience a delightful event. Proceeds enable NFSB to carry out its mission to strengthen the emotional and social well-being of individuals and families through affordable mental health counseling and social service programs.

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