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Letter to Residents

Making a List ...

Tis the season we talk about Santa making a list and checking it twice. Since he is responsible for delivering presents to children all over the world—in a single night—he must be highly efficient. Making toys, packing them in a sleigh, and planning his route requires him to be especially attentive to details.

I can imagine him having a lot of lists at the North Pole, not just the nice and naughty list. Sticky notes probably paper his walls and whiteboards must blend in nicely with the Arctic landscape.

All these lists help Santa with his Christmas adventure each year, since they logistically chart his course while also adding the personal touches of what present to get each boy and girl. But lists do more than just get things done; they are a way to choose what's important and to follow after it.

Our cover family, Michele and Sam Fleitell, followed their hearts into marriage and chose to live in Nutley for all the reasons that are important to them. Their list included a neighborhood with a small-town feel, an excellent school system, and a place to raise their children that is safe and fun. As our *Nutley Neighbors*, they have connected with the community in various ways, and as business owners they have been a voice for shopping locally. Although their list wasn't officially on paper, they knew what was valuable to their lives.

Michelle Palmer, who brings us the Kids' Corner each month, believes that teaching children about other cultures and learning a new language will enlarge their world and foster feelings of acceptance and respect. That's why she wrote a book, *Brinco Finds His Way Home*. Through this delightful book filled with clever illustrations, Michelle highlights valuable lessons which would make anyone's list about appreciating others. (And something tells me a few copies of this book have made it onto Santa's list as well.)

If you need some other book recommendations for your list to Santa, the Nutley Public Library has you covered with an excellent end-of-the-year list of their favorite books, audiobooks, movies, graphic novels, and video games of 2022. But if you just can't wait for any of them to arrive down your chimney on Christmas morning, you *could* just head over to the Nutley Public Library to check them out yourself.

Whether your list is neatly organized in a planner, scribbled down on a notepad, or living in your head and heart, knowing what's important to you keeps you on a lifelong journey of fulfillment.

Just ask Santa how those lists have helped him all these years!



Joyce Corey Content Coordinator

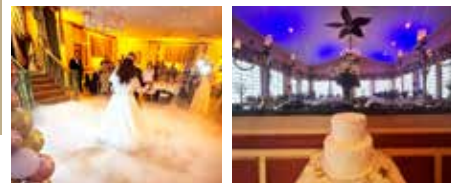


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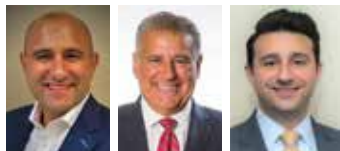
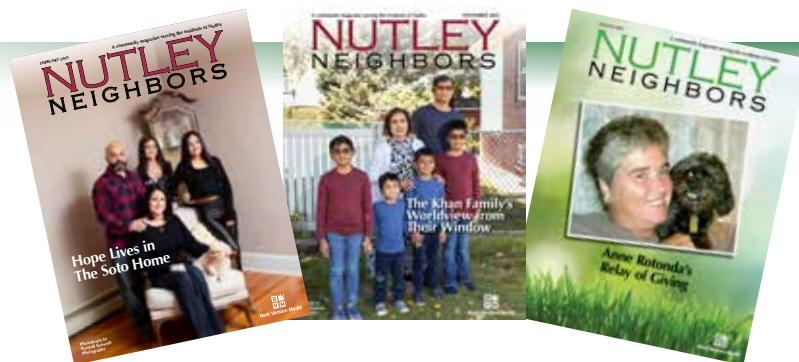


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Swimmer with no legs and one arm asks, "What's your reason to quit?"

By Zaakirah Mujid,
BVM Sports Journalist

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Gabe Marsh is an 18-year-old swimmer who was born without legs and one arm. What makes Marsh more extraordinary is that he's training to qualify for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games and he's changing the lives of others through his story of perseverance. At 5 years old, Marsh started getting coaching lessons from his mom so that he could begin competing. All these years later, Marsh hasn't used prosthetics. In fact, he doesn't even use his wheelchair unless he's at work... Scan to continue reading.



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|---------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
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| 164 Alexander Ave. | \$625,000 | \$600,000 | 127 |
| 50 Beech St. | \$529,000 | \$510,000 | 77 |
| 59 Centre St. | \$438,000 | \$375,000 | 66 |
| 416 Chestnut St. | \$499,999 | \$490,000 | 78 |
| 63 Yale St. | \$469,000 | \$515,000 | 15 |
| 26 Moore Pl. | \$599,900 | \$650,000 | 20 |
| 35 Terrace Ave. | \$649,000 | \$680,000 | 29 |
| 27 Newman Ave. | \$389,900 | \$424,000 | 22 |
| 576 Bloomfield Ave. | \$458,880 | \$485,000 | 26 |
| 57 Kingsland St. | \$485,000 | \$465,000 | 38 |
| 14 Parallel St. | \$369,000 | \$430,000 | 8 |
| 51 Edison Ave. | \$484,500 | \$525,000 | 11 |
| 300 Prospect St. | \$364,900 | \$390,000 | 29 |
| 77 Oakley Ter. | \$550,000 | \$556,000 | 16 |
| 61 Friedland Rd. | \$599,000 | \$625,000 | 10 |

Median List Price **\$484,500**

Median Sale Price **\$520,000**

Median Days on Market **19**

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Feature Story

Sam & Michele Fleitell *Engaging* Neighbors

By Joyce Corey Photographs by Randall Kenneth Photography

Some people live in a neighborhood; for other people, the neighborhood lives in them. Sam and Michele Fleitell are part of the very fabric in Nutley as they have raised their family here, own a successful business, and serve the community in several vital areas.

For this couple, the town has served as a backdrop for their lives together.

And for Michele, Nutley was the place where she grew up.

"I attended Holy Family School and graduated from Nutley High School," she said. "Then I attended Montclair State University when it was Montclair State College."

Her college degree opened the door for a very rewarding career.

"I worked in the Newark Public Schools for 38 years, and retired in 2008," Michele said. "I started as a foreign

language teacher, then became a guidance counselor, and later moved into administration. I thoroughly enjoyed all of my years in education, and I admire young people who go into the profession today. It is much more difficult, yet still very rewarding. It takes a special person to teach."

Sam grew up in another part of Essex County.

"I'm from the Ironbound section of Newark," he said. "I

graduated from East Side High School and attended Rutgers University-Newark."

Michele and Sam met in 1979 and were married in 1981.

"We chose to live in Nutley so we could raise our children here because of the school system," Michele said. "We also love the small-town nature."

The couple have two children, Rachel and Michael.

"Rachel is married to Chris



Jones, and they have one son, Skylar, who is two, and a daughter, Mila May, who is four months old," Michele said. "They live in Manhattan, while our son, Michael, lives in California."

Back here in Nutley, Michele and Sam may be best known as the owners of Trio Jewelers.

"Sam's creative side has had him running Trio Jewelers since 1983," Michele said. "In those years, he has become a master jeweler, working on gold, silver, and platinum. He repairs and creates custom pieces of jewelry, and oftentimes will repair pieces of costume jewelry. Sam tells his customers 'I don't stand on ceremony, anything is possible! If I can fix it, I will.' He knows each piece of jewelry is important to the customer. Repairs are done on the premises. Sam specializes in engagement rings. He can provide his customers with a design, a diamond, or other precious stone to create a one-of-a-kind ring."

Sam also understands how local businesses bring value to the entire town.

"From the beginning of Trio Jewelers in 1983, I made sure to get involved in the Nutley business community," Sam said. "We recently moved to Centre Street, but in the early years, I sat on committees with previous commissioners to help improve the business district. I personally try to do business locally and encourage others to do the same."

"As business owners, we like to support the community in many ways," Michele said. "Over the years, we have sponsored Little League teams, women's softball teams, recreation sports teams, and have donated to school organizations."

Yet, their contribution to the community also comes with their personal involvement.

"Sam was previously president of the Nutley Family Service Bureau, Nutley Rotary, and Nutley Football Boosters, and currently serves on the boards for the Nutley Educational Foundation and Essex County Mental Health Services," Michele said. "He has been a member of various



5 Things the Fleitell Family Loves About Nutley

1. Love for the Township as a whole
2. Generous volunteerism of the caring community
3. Good school system
4. Beautiful parks
5. Safe community



advisory boards and has run for local office. During the recent pandemic, Sam was instrumental in assisting local businesses in applying for grants and loans."

Michele has been closely associated with a very special and caring organization.

"I have been president of the Nutley Thriving Survivors since its inception in 2003," she said. "This is an organization that supports women who live or work in Nutley who have been affected by breast cancer. We sponsor a candlelight walk and a brunch in October. This year, pink hoodie sweatshirts were worn by all who registered. It is always a warm and wonderful evening."

The couple have each been the recipient of several local awards.

In 2016, Michele was selected as the Nutley Italian Woman of the Year for the Annual Nutley Belleville Columbus

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Day Parade. Both Sam and Michele have received Nutley Jaycees Community Service Awards, Sam for business and Michele for civic affairs.

In their spare time they enjoy golfing, visiting Atlantic City, and relaxing at their shore home in Toms River.

"We have lived in the Radcliffe School section of Nutley for 35 years," Michele said. "My dad, Michael 'Micky' DeBlasio, lived with us for many years until he died in 2003. He was known by many of the senior citizens in town and was often their driver. Now, Sam and I laugh since we are currently among the senior citizens in town!"

Although time keeps moving on, Sam and Michele Fleitell's dedication to this town remains the same as when they first got married and settled into their new home.

As our *Nutley Neighbors*, they are an engaging couple and have certainly 'put a ring on' their commitment to this town. ■

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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Michelle Palmer *Brinco Finds His Way Home*

By Joyce Corey

If you were to ask Michelle Palmer, *what's new?* be prepared to hear about some amazing things that are going on in her life. At the top of her list is the birth of her second child at the end of October. (We hope to show you some pictures of the happy family, especially big sister, Sabrina, in a future issue.)

But at the beginning of October, Michelle published her first children's book.

While every author has a reason for writing a book, whether it's to entertain, educate, or to take the reader on an adventure, *Brinco Finds His Way Home* was written for all of them.

"My goal for writing the book was to inspire children to love being bilingual and take an interest in learning about different cultures," Michelle said. "I have been a teacher for sixteen years and feel like this would be a wonderful story to promote diversity, as well as confidence, when learning something that seems challenging at first."

Michelle chose a delightful way to tell this important story, one that is guaranteed to keep young readers interested.

"Brinco, a bunny, wants to find his way home," she said. "This experience leads to unlikely friendships, daring adventures, and a love for language learning. As the story unfolds, the reader journeys through beginner Spanish



Author Michelle Palmer, illustrator Alicia Wallace, and their children

conversations. The characters and the context of the story opens young minds to appreciate exploring new places. The book is a great addition to any home or classroom library for all future bilinguals."

As an elementary school teacher, Michelle knows how to connect young minds with big ideas.

"The targeted age group for the book is kindergarten through fifth grade," she said. "Younger children can have the story read to them and then engage in a discussion using the questions at the end of the book. Older readers would find the story relatable as they learn a second language or overcome obstacles that initially made them feel nervous."

The colorful illustrations help the story unfold visually, allowing the concepts to be easily grasped.

"I met the illustrator, Alicia Wallace, in an online group for children's books," Michelle said. "She is a speech pathologist and mom of two living in Long Island. We connected over our mutual love for reading, animals, and child development."

Brinco Finds His Way Home is a wonderful book to put into young readers' hands and to open their minds to appreciate different cultures and languages. Look for it on Amazon or at Pretty Handy.

And I'll keep checking to see what else is new in Michelle Palmer's life. As a regular contributor to *Nutley Neighbors* with her Kids' Corner feature, we already know she is a creative woman who values children and wants to make a positive impact in their lives. ■



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The Real Winning at Enforcer Fitness

By Joyce Corey

Chris Conca knows about winning. After graduating Nutley High School in 1991, he competed on the amateur boxing circuit, going on to win the welterweight division of the 1994 New Jersey Golden Gloves tournament in Elizabeth.

He turned professional in 1995 and competed in championship bouts throughout the United States, England, and Denmark. Winning the New Jersey Diamond Gloves marked a career highlight, but Chris retired from the ring in 1997 to start a family.

But in 2017, he opened Enforcer Fitness in Nutley, placing Chris Conca once again in competition mode. But now, instead of seeking victory in the ring, he looks to win the futures of today's young people.

"My goal here is to help kids gain self-confidence and to improve both their mental and physical health," Chris said. "Since 2020, I see a lot of kids who are depressed. There's also a lot of bullying and substance abuse in schools and in the community. Our future is these kids, and I want to help them."

Enforcer Fitness is a lot more than a boxing gym. Alongside their very high standards of physical fitness training is a personal approach that turned this facility in a community.

"I trained in Newark and New York at different gyms, and that's where I learned real life skills," Chris said. "I credit that with getting me ready to be in the world. Kids here need that



same type of coaching. They need to be in a safe place where they can talk about what's going on in their lives. The other staff members and I are always ready to listen."

Chris understands the type of challenges young people face today and has specific programs designed to meet those needs.

"I believe that if you feel you can handle yourself, you feel good about yourself," he said. "We have self-defense classes that help kids gain confidence and build self-esteem. There are group classes for boys and girls, ages 13-17, and for men and women over 18. This instruction helps to prevent them from being bullied because being aware of themselves and those who bully can stop a negative situation into spiraling into violence."

A lot of what Chris Conca brings to his facility is what shaped his early years.

"I molded the spirit of Enforcer Fitness on the old-school values that I learned and am now passing along to my students," he said. "I teach basic values like having respect for women, teachers, and our country. I talk to these kids like they were my own."

When these young people enter the doors of Enforcer Fitness, they become part of a community where winning is more than getting a trophy or medal. They learn the larger definition of winning, which is gaining mastery over yourself, both physically and mentally.

For Chris Conca, the future of our young people is perhaps the biggest fight he will ever undertake, but he's more than ready and willing to do so. ■

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Always a *Classic* Act Nutley Rotary Club Car Show

By Linda Buset

The Nutley Rotary Annual Classic Car Show

returned to the center of our township and was once again an enormous success.

This year's show highlighted a wide selection of classic to modified cars, trucks, and motorcycles, all years, makes, and models. The total number of vehicles registered reached 189.

Nutley Rotary worked diligently planning this day of excitement and fun for all ages. There were food vendors and a DJ to keep the party going.

The entertainer for the show was James Challes doing an outdoor magic show right on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Challes performed Houdini feats, mind reading, and magic for all ages.

Our restaurants along Franklin Avenue were open and bustling with people.

Mayor Joseph Scarpelli said, "This was a wonderful community event that benefits many organizations in our township and shows off our beautiful downtown area."

Commissioner Tom Evans chimed in by saying, "This wonderful event brings our community together to have fun and enjoy a beautiful day outside while raising money for our Nutley Music Boosters."

Both Mayor Scarpelli and Commissioner Evans congratulated Nutley Rotary for their excellent work.

Each year the show seems to get bigger and better, and that is in large part due to the leadership of Chairperson John Monaco, owner of Personal Touch Florist.

When asked how he thought this show was going, John said he was more than pleased with the turnout. He wanted to thank all the sponsors, his committee, the town, and every



Nutley Rotary Club President Bob Peters, President's Choice Award winner Peter Bouban, Chairperson John Monaco (above) Members of the Rotary Club with the Mayor (right)



person who helped in any way to make this show such an outstanding success.

One of the car owners said, "I participate in many shows, and this is one of the better ones. It is very well planned out."

Another classic car owner said he was extremely impressed with the organization of the show and the beauty of Nutley.

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.

This year's proceeds benefited the Nutley Music Boosters Association and the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

The Nutley Music Boosters maintain an enthusiastic interest in the various phases of the music programs of the Nutley Public School system and lend support, both moral and financial.

The Nutley Rotary Scholarship Fund awards three four-year scholarships, as well as a vocational grant and a juried art award, each year.

According to John Monaco, the Nutley Classic Car Show will definitely be back on "The Ave" in 2023.

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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.

Patches is finally feeling better and is ready to start looking for a forever home of his very own! He has been doing incredibly well in foster learning what it's like to be loved, well cared for, and finally having the opportunity to be a carefree puppy. At

not even a year old yet, Patches hasn't had much exposure to the world around him and is looking for a bully breed savvy family to continue to help him build his confidence in the outside world and his love for exploring. He does have bursts of puppy energy at times, but mostly goes with the flow—he's happy as can be going for a long walk, but also content finding a spot to sit out and sun or watch a movie! He is crate trained, housebroken and also walks well on leash! He does take medication twice daily for his seizures (he's been seizure free for almost a whole month now!), that he takes without any issues at each feeding! Patches is still very much learning what life as a dog is about, he would likely do best with older children and may be willing to share his home with another mellow pup! ■

If you're looking to adopt Patches, please apply today at www.jerseypitsrescue.com.

Kids Corner

Art to Warm Up the Winter!

By Michelle Palmer

It's getting colder outside, but our hearts are warmed up with the sight of these super special creations by some very talented children.

Mateo is 11 and loves creating art inspired by nature. He spends a lot of time crafting illustrations of fungi. One of his greatest accomplishments is having his drawing published in FUNGI magazine.

Vivienne is a second grader who loves to create. Her dedication is seen in her most recent piece. She is super proud to complete a 3D puzzle representing the beautiful city of Paris.

Jack is nine years old and loves to draw comics. They are very detailed, funny, and unique. His family and friends are always happy to check out his art.

Anthony is two years old and already a big fan of the town library. Every Saturday, the library provides a drop-in craft. He came in and created a festive apple to celebrate fall. He had a great time putting it together and his family will certainly treasure it for years to come. ■

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.



Fabulous fungi art by Mateo



Vivienne's 3D visit to Paris



Jack, future comic book illustrator



Crafting the day away at the library

2022

Nutley Public Library Staff Members Select Their Favorites

By Michelle Salimbene Albert, Library Director

There are thousands of items at the library to choose from that will satisfy interests across all ages. Now with the library's digital collections, there are even more ways to discover and gain access to popular titles and hidden gems. Visit our website at www.nutleypubliclibrary.org to borrow items digitally on Libby, Kanopy, and hoopla directly onto your phone, tablet, television, or computer. Staff members compiled their favorite library items they read, listened to, watched, or played.

■ AUDIOBOOKS

Beyond the Wand: The Magic and Mayhem of Growing Up a Wizard
by Tom Felton, self-narrated

Cloud Cuckoo Land
by Anthony Doerr,
read by Marin Ireland
and Simon Jones

Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley,
read by Isabella Star LaBlanc

The Lost Girls of Willowbrook
by Ellen Marie Wiseman,
read by Morgan Hallett

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach,
self-narrated

■ BOOKS

And I Think About You
by Rosanne L. Kurstedt

The Atlas Six by Olivie Blake

Burn the Page: A True Story of Torching Doubts, Blazing Trails, and Igniting Change
by Danica Roem

Carrie Soto is Back

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Diana, William, and Harry: The Heartbreaking Story of a Princess and Mother
by James Patterson and
Chris Mooney

The Final Gambit (Inheritance Games, Book 3)
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question
by Michael Schur

The Lioness
by Chris Bohjalian

Take My Husband
by Ellen Meister

The View from the Very Best House in Town
by Meera Trehan

What Happened to the Bennetts
by Lisa Scottoline

■ GRAPHIC NOVELS

The High Desert: Black. Punk. Nowhere. by James Spooner

The Inflatables in Bad Air Day
by Beth Garrod and Jess Hitchman

Life of Melody by Mari Costa
Saga: Volume 10
by Brian K. Vaughan

Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith,
Derrick Barnes, and Dawud Anyabwile

■ MOVIES

Death on the Nile directed
by Kenneth Branagh

Dog directed by Reid Carolin and Channing Tatum

Everything Everywhere All at Once directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert

Uncharted directed by
Ruben Fleischer

West Side Story directed
by Steven Spielberg and
Jerome Robbins

■ MUSIC

Dropout Boogie
by The Black Keys

Earthling by Eddie Vedder
Freedom by Journey

A Gathering of Friends
by John Williams and
Yo-Yo Ma

Live by Prince and the
Revolution

■ VIDEO GAMES

Horizon Forbidden West
(PS5)

Kirby and the Forgotten Land (Nintendo Switch)

LEGO Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga
(Xbox One)

Rune Factory 5
(Nintendo Switch)

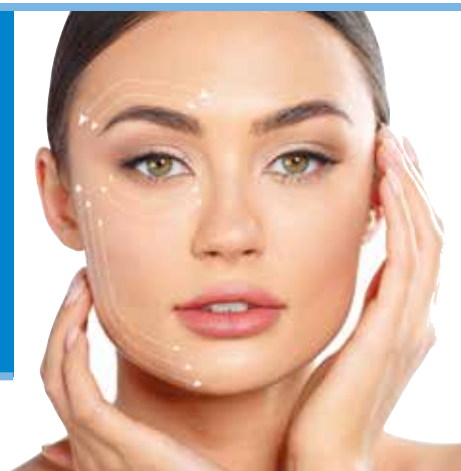
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Nutley Tree Champions Describe the Trees They Love the Most

By Barry Lenson, Art Historian, Nutley Historical Society

In 2006, Nutley passed an ordinance to protect some of our town's landmark and significant trees.

Yet in the 16 years since then, important trees have been lost. So, three Nutley citizens – Mike Frobose, Graeme J. Hardie, and Gary Marino – decided to do something. They have started a grassroots organization called Nutley Tree Rescue to protect our town's older shade trees.

If you want to become part of this initiative, please visit the Nutley Tree Rescue group on Facebook.

Gary, Mike, and Graeme share what great trees have meant to them.

Gary Marino and His "Most Beautiful Tree"

I left Nutley for a short stint to live in California and started my search for a new Nutley home from the West Coast. My realtor called and said there was a home on Stewart Avenue available. He said it was a nice block across from the park with lots of sycamore trees. I knew the block and offered the asking price, sight unseen. Upon arrival, I met the next-door neighbor Lou and inquired about the one tree in front of my home that seemed to be



leaning. He said, "That tree has been leaning like that since I moved here and hasn't moved in 36 years and will probably be leaning long after I'm gone." Sadly, Lou was right. He left us about two years ago and the leaning tree still stands strong. I've lived on the block for 18 years and am still amazed at the beauty of the trees every time I turn onto my block.

Mike Frobose Writes About the Scoreboard Oak of the Oval

It was a respite for Nutley's Marching Band and their friends. A place to escape the sun and rain, a place to gather, reflect, share a cold beverage and snack with the opposing band. A sheltered area to relax, make new friends, and reconnect with old ones ... Meet us under the scoreboard tree ... that is where we will be.

Graeme J. Hardie Writes About Oaks in His Garden

Well, my tree is two trees which stand in our garden. One is a tall oak which reaches high into the sky. The other is shorter but with spreading arms and a tree trunk of 14 feet. Most likely about 300 years old. An early discoverer trying to find a way to the east ran into New Jersey in the 16th century and remarked on the density of oaks. Now we still have oaks of that period, such as mine, and mostly they are on the brow of our hills. I hope we can maintain them for posterity by cutting back the dead wood when necessary and feeding them annually. They are truly glorious trees, and they need us to protect and nurture them so that they outlast this generation. Before you consider taking down one of these grand oaks standing in your yard, consider the long life they have had and will continue to have with your care. ■

The Nutley Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serve the educational, cultural, and historical needs of our community. Located at 65 Church Street in Nutley, you can visit in person, online at www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org or with a phone call 973-667-1528.



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DECEMBER

EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec. 1, Thurs.

Pregnancy Support Group | Clara Maass Medical Center

@virtual event

Being pregnant is amazing, and at times, amazingly stressful.

Pregnancy can leave you with a lot of questions, especially with the unprecedented challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Led by maternal health experts, this online community is a supportive and inclusive space to meet other pregnant women, ask questions, and form meaningful connections. After registering online, the event coordinator will send you the participation link via email.

Time: 12-1pm

To register visit www.rwjbh.org/events

Dec. 3, Sat.

Joe Fischer's Holiday Magic Show

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.

For all ages. Enjoy an amazing magic show and make a holiday craft to take home!

No registration required.

Time: 11am-12pm

For more information visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623

Dec. 3-4, Sat.-Sun.

Essex County Historic Holiday House Tour

@Kingsland Manor, 3 Kingsland St.

The 1700s brownstone Dutch Colonial is steeped in history and beautifully decorated for the holidays. Come explore the historic homestead of the Kingsland family and beyond, set within park-like grounds overlooking a pond and waterfalls. Take a tour; visit the gift shop, and enjoy holiday refreshments.

Time: 1-4pm

Cost: Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. For more information and other

holiday events visit www.kingslandmanor.org

Dec. 9, 16, Fri.

Forest Friends Feeder Contest

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

For all ages. Create an edible, festive, and unique wetland wildlife feeder for our outdoor exhibit. It will be displayed on the forested trail for as long as the forest critters allow!

Time: Registration deadline is Dec. 9. Project drop-off deadline is Dec. 16 by 5pm

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

Dec. 14, Wed.

Holiday Story Time with Author Maureen Saar

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.

For all ages. Nutley author Maureen Saar shares her picture

book, *Sam and the Family Tree*. Holiday craft, book sale, and signing to follow.

No registration required.

Time: 10:30-11:30am

For more information visit www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org or call 973-667-0405 ext. 2623

Dec. 31, Sat.

Noon Year's Eve Party

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.

For all ages. Can't make it to midnight? No problem! Join for stories, music, and activities as we ring in the New Year at noon! Dress to impress!

No registration required.

Time: 11am-12pm

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