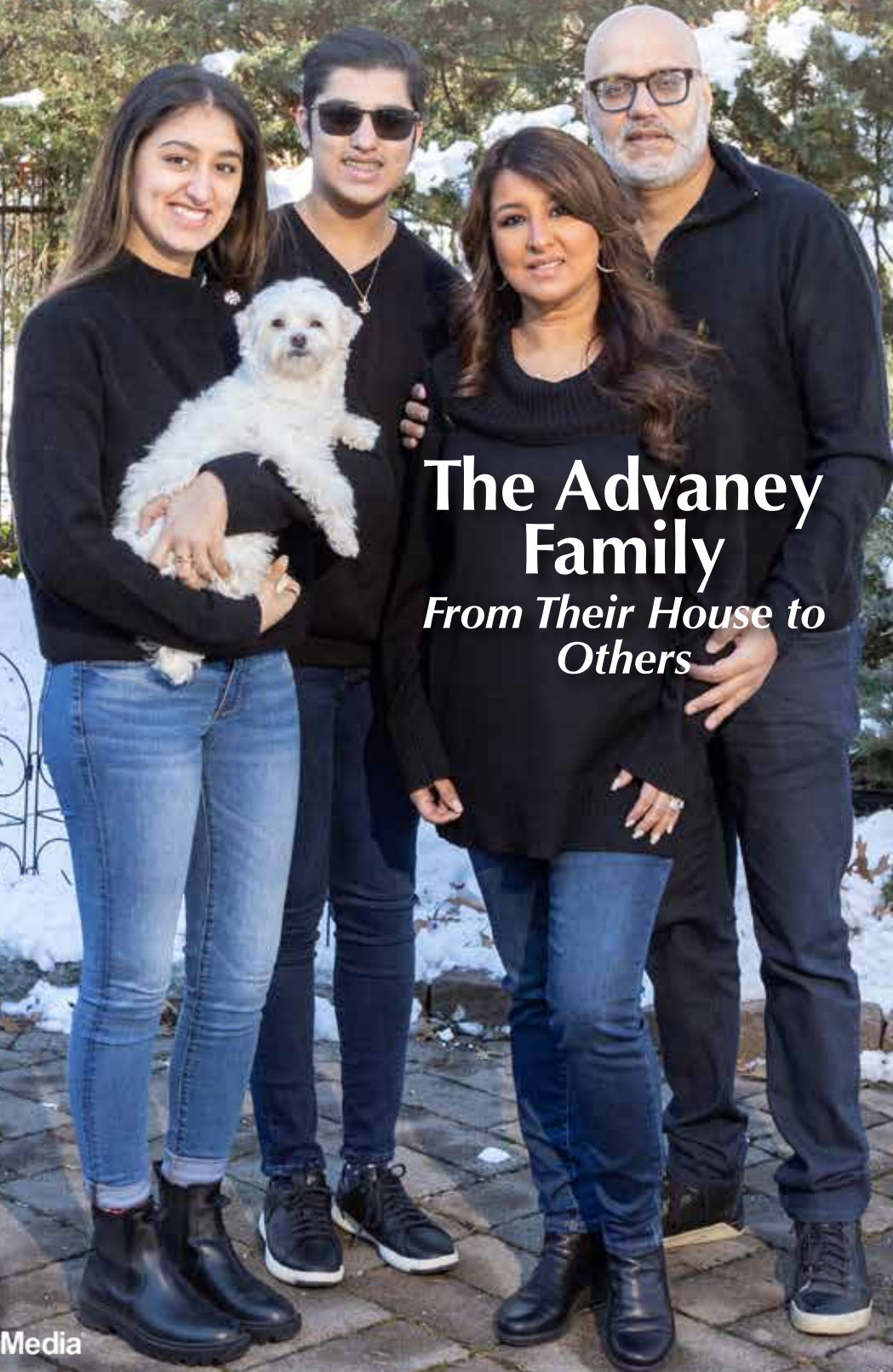


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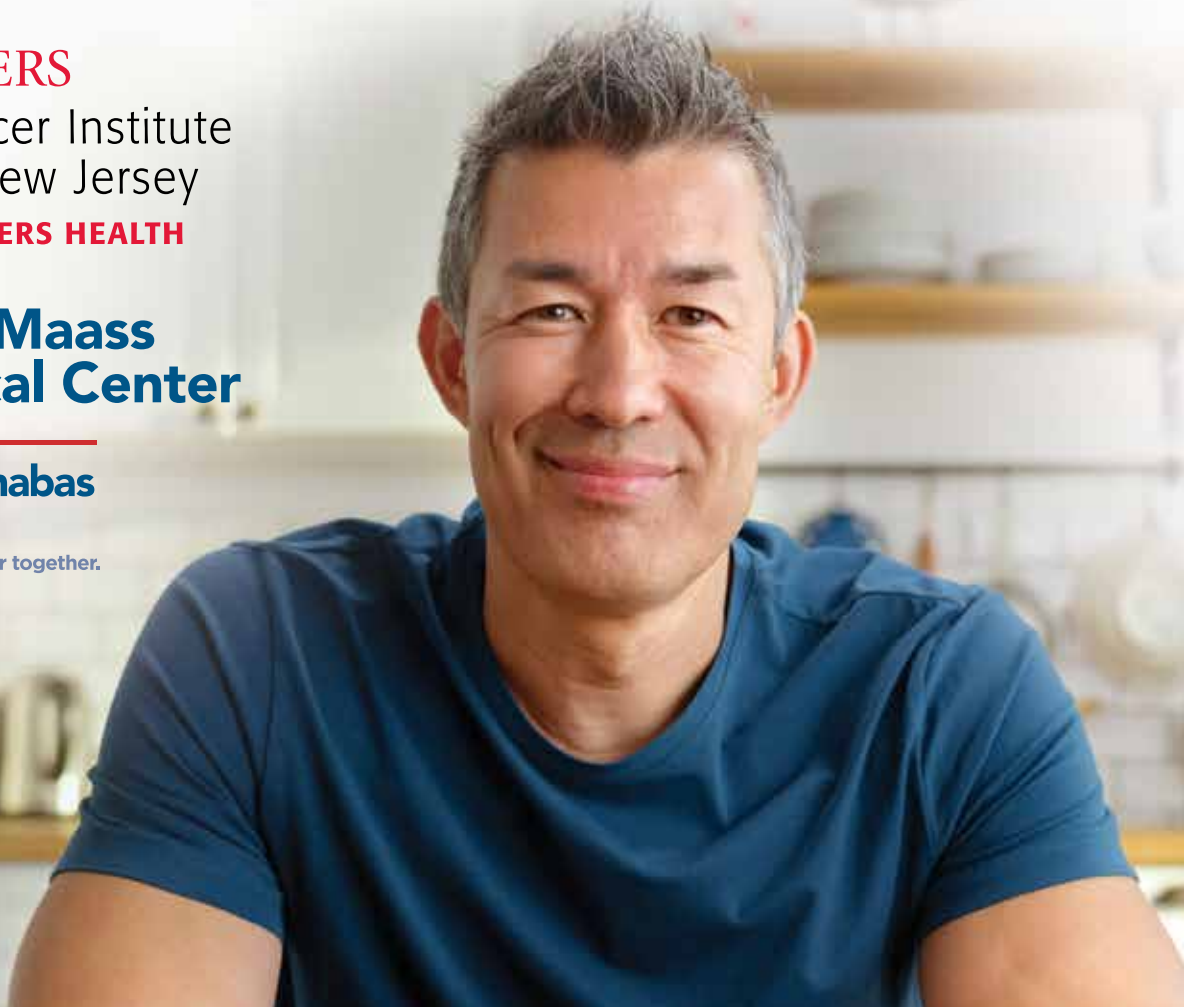
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Letter to Residents

Hello Neighbor!

I bet none of you actually say that when you see one of your neighbors. You probably call them by their first name or maybe a nickname.

Isn't it great when the people living on your street become more than neighbors?

I think that happens when we start sharing more than a geographical location. Neighbors turn into friends, and even feel like family, when we laugh together, shed a few tears, encourage each other, and make plans for the future, like having a block party or coordinating Christmas decorations.

And that's what we aim to do with each issue of *Nutley Neighbors*. We want to introduce you to people who live here in town which, in turn, strengthens our community bonds. We want to start conversations, hear the clink of coffee cups or wine glasses as you get together, and maybe even share your stories right here.

Ready to start with this month's issue?

I met Sunil Advaney through his nonprofit, Act of Humanity. They had donated masks, sanitizers, and PPE to Nutley public schools and Good Shepherd Academy. I wrote an article about his organization for the December issue, but when I realized he and his family had lived in Nutley for 20 years, I asked if I could introduce all of them as your *Nutley Neighbors*.

You see the entire family—Sunil, Anmol, Vivek, and Trisha Advaney, along with their doggie, Lucky—on this month's cover. They are a generous and interesting family (be sure to read how Lucky joined them!) and I am very glad that now I have names to go along with these neighbors.

Does the name Lou Pecora sound familiar? He grew up here and is now a spectacular photographer. He donated some of his photos to the Nutley Public Library as part of a fundraiser. You can see the photos in the article written by Linda Buset, who is also one of your *Nutley Neighbors*.

We have more people, places, and events in this issue. Please get to know the businesses who make it possible to get each month's issue into your mailboxes.

Sometimes, saying 'hi' to a neighbor is the start of wonderful new friendship.

Joyce Corey Content Coordinator



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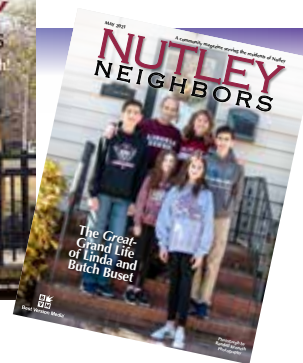
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*Submitted by Nicole Milici,
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*Submitted by
Christa Milici, Yellow
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Feature Story

The Advaney Family *From Their House to Others*

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

For Sunil, Anmol, Vivek, and Trisha Advaney, their world extends far beyond their Nutley address. As a family, they share a vision of helping people, both locally and globally, and their travels have broadened their worldview.

Nutley is where they live, but their respect and understanding of the global connectiveness gives them a presence in many other places.

The Advaney family has been *Nutley Neighbors* for almost 20 years, living 11 years at Cambridge Heights and nine years on Calico Lane. Choosing to become part of this town was a decision that factored in many of the attributes that Nutley is known for, as well as the vision Sunil and Anmol



had of raising their children.

"When I was growing up, my family moved a lot and I didn't have a lot of close friends in the same school," Sunil said. "I knew that when I got married and had a family, I wanted my children to have a solid sense of belonging."

Sunil and Anmol were married in 1998, but they had known each other for a long time.

"We had close mutual friends," Anmol said. "We both attended his cousin's wedding; my best friend was marrying the groom."

It wasn't too long before the couple attended their own wedding ceremony and started a life together.

"For a while, we lived in Englewood Cliffs with my parents and extended

family," Sunil said. "We later moved to Galaxy Towers in Guttenberg."

"But after Trisha was born, we wanted a home and community for our children to grow up in," Anmol added.

"Nutley was the perfect location," Sunil said. "Cambridge Heights was wonderful but we decided to move to Calico Lane to have a bigger house."

By this time, Trisha was joined by her brother, Vivek.

As Sunil and Anmol had envisioned, their children grew up in town, made friends, and received a quality education.

"Trisha is in her third year at Pace University in New York City," Sunil said. "She is studying business management. Vivek is in tenth grade at Nutley High School."

Trisha's course of study may have been influenced by her father.

"I went into my family's clothing business after college," Sunil said. "I later opened my own agency and am currently



a sourcing specialist."

While the family was putting down roots in town, making friends and enjoying their neighborhood, there was something (or someone!) missing.

"Trisha wanted a dog," Sunil said. "I

was hesitant to get one because many years ago I had two dogs that I had to rehome since a family member was allergic. I still remember the pain of parting with them and did not want to feel like that again."

"On Sunil's birthday, about five years ago, Trisha said she wanted to go to a pet store," Anmol adds. "She promised she would not mention getting a puppy; she just wanted to

see the dogs and play with them. When we were ready to leave, she picked up a puppy and held it up to her dad. She had tears in her eyes."

"Lucky, a Maltese, joined our family!" Sunil said with a laugh. "It was the right time to get a dog."

The Advaney family's sense of inclusiveness goes beyond the four-legged variety to local and global levels. Sunil is

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Vice President of Act of Humanity, a nonprofit organization which aspires to help communities that are most affected by poverty, disasters or other misfortunes.

"When I was growing up, every Christmas Eve, my brother and I would give sandwiches or warm clothing to the homeless people in New York City," Sunil said.

Those acts of kindness led the brothers and their close friends to later start Act of Humanity, www.actofhumanity.org, where they have helped people here in Nutley as well as around the world.

What's also important to Sunil and Anmol is that their "children grew up with an attitude of giving."

The family's awareness of others in their own community is expressed in their choice to shop local. "We support businesses in town and there are several restaurants that we go to frequently," Anmol said.

Their love of travel has given them all memories as well as an appreciation of other countries and cultures. "We love to travel and take every opportunity to do so," Sunil said. "We want to introduce our children to different people and places."

"My favorite trip was to Greece," Anmol added. "This was right before Trisha went to college and was a special time for all of us. We have also visited Aruba, Mexico, Thailand, and Hong Kong."

But when the plane lands and the Advaney family returns home, they are also quite happy right here.

"We have very nice neighbors," Anmol said. "Even though our street is quiet, we feel connected to the

people around us."

As with any family, the home is the starting place to live, work, and play. For Sunil, Anmol, Trisha and Vivek Advaney, Nutley has been at the center of their lives, yet they have continually broadened their worldview through acts of charity, traveling, and developing an inclusive attitude.

"We believe that what we do today has an impact for the future—both for our futures and those around us." Sunil said. ■

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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The Library & Its Friends

By Linda Buset

Ever since I was a child, one of my favorite places to go was the Nutley Public Library. The library was much smaller back in the 1950s, but it was filled with everything I needed at the time.

Now, as an adult, I am a member of the Friends of the Nutley Public Library. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of our treasured library. It was founded in 1985 and the Friends have supported the library through financial gifts that provide programs for children, teens, and adults, along with books, technology, and furnishings.

Recently, the Friends sponsored two events with the help of Nutley native, Louis Pecora, and his spectacular photography.

Louis grew up in Nutley, and his family was always active in town. They were instrumental in starting our Special Young Adults (SYA) program in town which gave participants a place to learn and socialize during the day.

In 2020, the Friends were planning an exhibit and a meet and greet with Louis, but the pandemic happened, and all events were canceled.

Louis was not going to let COVID-19 dissuade him from raising money for the library, so we turned to Facebook Live and presented a virtual art show.

After that event, Louis donated two beautiful metal prints



Library Director Michelle Albert, Bill Glovin, Pamela Taber, photographer Lou Pecora, and member of the Friends, Linda Buset (above). Two beautiful photographs donated by Louis Pecora to be auctioned by the Friends to raise money for the library (left).



to be auctioned off at a future date. Little did we know, the pandemic would delay that plan until December 2021. The two photographs were placed in the lobby of the library for a silent auction where all could view them and place their bids.

The first photo, "Acadia National Park in Maine," went to Bill Glovin who said that although he has taken many photos at Acadia, nothing could compare to the photo taken by Louis.

The second photo, "The Freedom Tower," went to Pamela Taber who thanked the Friends for giving her the opportunity to win the beautiful

photo, while doing something for our wonderful Nutley Public Library.

Michelle Albert, Director of the Nutley Public Library, shared her appreciation.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Louis Pecora for his stunning photographic donations. Mr. Pecora's generosity gave the Friends of the Nutley Public Library the financial support needed to provide additional resources for patrons of all ages. Thank you to Mr. Pecora and the Friends of the Nutley Public Library for their continuous support."

Dorothy Huey, Vice President of the Friends, stated, "We are grateful to Louis Pecora for donating his two wonderful photos and suggesting we auction them off. Thank you to Friends member, Linda Buset, for pulling it all together and Library Director, Michelle Albert, for making it happen."

Louis's work will be showcased at the library the months of July and August thanks to Kelly Spoer, Library Assistant, who oversees coordinating these showings. ■

If you love our Nutley Public Library, you can support it by becoming a member of the Friends. Visit the website for more information. www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/friendsofthelibrary/



Linda Buset, Louis Pecora, and Barbara Hirsch working on the proposed Meet and Greet before the library had to close due to the pandemic (left). Barbara Hirsch, past president of the Friends of the Nutley Public Library, admires a photograph taken by Louis (right).





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We Are Lucky To Know These Little Artists!

By Michelle Palmer

Charles has been very busy with his building projects and is viewed as a master builder. He has a whole room dedicated to his Lego® creations. Not only is he learning math, science, patience, and dedication with his structures, he is also learning geography. Here he is with his very complex design of the city of Tokyo.

Milila is four years old and created her first family portrait. Her masterpiece is super adorable and will certainly be treasured in the future. The drawing has brought lots of happiness to her family and, of course, a big smile to the young artist.

Sebastian is a nine-year-old with a great talent to draw. He made a fantastic drawing that allows us to use our imagination and appreciate the holidays for all the fun moments they bring. He is very proud of his work and motivated to keep creating.

Isabella, Mattie, and Sammie are some of the wonderful



Kids Corner

The Daisy troop on a painting adventure



First family portrait



Tokyo made of Lego® bricks by Charles



A happy holiday masterpiece

artists that attended a painting party at Pinot's Palette. Their Daisy troop had an amazing time painting winter-themed llamas. The girls learned so much about art, laughter, animals, and making long-lasting friendships. Their canvases truly convey their originality and awesome art skills. ■

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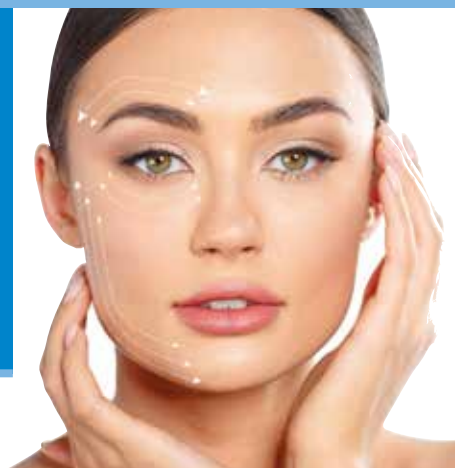
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Getting to Know Your Library Staff

By David Wilson

■ **What is your name, position, and responsibilities at the library?** My name is Anthony Forte. I administer (along with our Director) and teach classes in the library's English as a Second Language program.

■ **When did you start working at the library and why?** We started the classes here 13 years ago. I had been teaching at The Adult Learning Center (ALC) in Newark (part of the New Community Corp), and at Bloomfield College. Then Library Director, Jo Ann Tropiano, and I had been talking, and when the opportunity opened up, we began the program. I left Bloomfield College shortly afterward and continued at the ALC until March 2020.

■ **What is your educational background?** I have a BA in English from Long Island University.

■ **Do you have any childhood memories of visiting the library?** I have always loved the library since childhood, enjoying the atmosphere and opportunity to learn from books, records, other people, and various programs.

■ **What are your hobbies, volunteer work or other leisure time pursuits?** I'm a professional musician, published composer, journalist, writer, and graphic artist. I have performed music and had an art show here at the library.

■ **What do you enjoy most about working at the library?** The library administration, staff, and Friends of the Nutley Public Library have always been totally dedicated and wonderful. It is a great honor and pleasure to be a part of our organization.

■ **Share a memorable story involving a library patron or program.** Every one of our ESL students has been memorable and has offered great insight into their respective



language and culture. I once asked a student about a difficult social situation going on in her country. She right there got her phone, made a call, talked for a few minutes, and then smiled. "Everything's under control," she said.

■ **What is your favorite book or author?**

Among the very many books and authors I love, there is James Joyce, *Dubliners*.

■ **What is your favorite motto or quote?**

"You are never alone or helpless, the force that

guides the stars guides you."—Shrii Shrii Anandamurti

■ **Can you leave us with a closing message?** The library represents a place of culture, openness, and learning where many matters, however pressing, can be discussed and evaluated in an intelligent, enlightened, insightful, and civilized way. ■



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Join Us for Think Make Create Week At the Nutley Public Library **March 21 through March 26, 2022**

Contributed by Lucia Alvarez, Librarian

The maker movement in the United States isn't just a hobby; it's having a significant impact on school curriculum development and growing local economies. To celebrate making and maker culture, the library will be hosting Think Make Create Week starting March 21 in conjunction with NJ Makers Day on March 26. Nutley patrons can come together to celebrate the maker movement!

Think Make Create Week is designed to be an event that celebrates, promotes, and in many cases, introduces maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning. Think Make Create Week and NJ Makers Day allows communities to share programming opportunities, demonstrations and displays, and the expertise of the individuals and organizations that make, create, and develop right in their own backyards.

As a participating organization for NJ Makers Day, the



Nutley Public Library will be offering maker-related workshops throughout the week for children, teens, and adults with programs such as Lego® building, sticker making, origami crafting, and more! On Makers

Day, the library will be offering three workshops for children along with a drop-in craft. Workshops include hand-sewing for beginners, an Ozobot robotics class, and a Strawbees workshop for hands-on exploration of design and construction.

Registration for these workshops begins March 22, 2022. Community members of all ages are invited to join us for an exciting week filled with activities focusing on maker culture!

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

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MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mar. 2, Wed. Virtual Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Support Group

@virtual event from Clara Maass Medical Center

Are you a pregnant or new mom? Are you feeling like motherhood isn't what you thought it would be? Do you have feelings of anxiety, panic, rage, or sadness? You are not alone. You could be experiencing one of the most common complications of childbirth, Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders. This is temporary and treatable. This community is a safe place and a judgment-free group for new and expecting moms to connect online. During this time of COVID-19, increased isolation and concerns about crowds and gathering may be preventing you from reaching out for help. Join this virtual community, led by a Perinatal Mood Disorder certified specialist in this field, who can answer your questions, validate your feelings and concerns, and offer more resources if needed. The event coordinator will send a participation link via email after you register online.

Time: 11am-12pm **Cost:** Free
For more information and to register visit www.rwjbh.org/events/

Mar. 2, Wed. Virtual Weight Loss Support Group

@virtual event from Clara Maass Medical Center

You're not in it alone, and perhaps one of the most important aspects of a comprehensive weight-loss surgery program is the after-surgery support group. Attending a support group allows you to share your own personal experiences in open discussion and enables you to participate with your peers who are going through a similar situation. The support group addresses topics to assist you along your weight-loss journey including snacking, meal portions, and self-esteem, just to name a few.

Time: 6:30-7:30pm **Cost:** Free
For more information and to register visit www.rwjbh.org/events/

Mar. 3, Thurs. Pregnancy Support Group

@virtual event from Clara Maass

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.

Medical Center
Being pregnant is amazing – and at times, amazingly stressful. Pregnancy can leave you with a lot of questions. This is especially true 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.

Time: 12-1pm **Cost:** Free
For more information and to register visit www.rwjbh.org/events/

Mar. 5, Sat. 43rd St. Patrick's Day Parade: Nutley Irish American Association

@Franklin Ave.
Parade day will begin with an Investiture Mass at St. Mary's Church (17 Msgr. Owens Pl.) The parade lineup and step off will happen in the Holy Family parking lot (28 Brookline Ave.) If you would like to march in the parade but have a physical restriction that keeps you from marching, please contact us and we can arrange to have a car

for you.

Time: 10am mass, 12pm lineup, 1pm step off. Groups or organizations that would like to march in the parade, please email parade@nutleyirish.com. **For more information** visit www.nutleyirish.com

Mar. 5, Sat. All Recovery Meeting

@virtual event from Clara Maass Medical Center
Come with a Purpose, Leave with a Plan. All Recovery Meetings are for everyone who supports recovery. They honor all pathways to recovery, acknowledging that each person's path is unique and reflects their personal strengths. The meetings are non-denominational and offer an opportunity to focus on the hope found in recovery. Recovery does not happen alone. Join and connect with others who are initiating and maintaining a recovery lifestyle. 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



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Time: 12-1:30pm **For more information,** meeting link, or other dates and times visit www.rwjbh.org/events/

Mar. 7, Mon.
DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Each month participants will choose, prepare, and share a DISH! from a selected cookbook. Then, gather to discuss each other's recipes, cooking techniques, and share stories. Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Time: 7-8:30pm
For more information and to register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/dish-cookbook-club

Mar. 10, Thurs.
Weequahic Park Birding Walk with New Jersey Audubon

@Essex County Weequahic Park, Elizabeth Ave. and Meeker Ave., Newark
Visit an Essex County oasis while searching for wintering ducks, gulls, and passerine birds. All can be viewed along an easy trail around the lake. Enter at Meeker and Empire Streets, then bear left and

continue to the large parking area on the south side of the lake. Field trips are designed for ages 12 and up. Have you ever wanted to "bird watch" but didn't know where to begin? Let New Jersey Audubon be your guide. Led by Associate Naturalist Dave Hall, walk an easy pace on trails that are mostly level and wide paths.

Time: 8:45-11am **Cost:** \$10 NJA members, \$15 nonmembers
To register, please contact the Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary at 908-396-6386. For more information visit www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar

Mar. 21, Mon.
Maker's Workshop
@Nutley Public Library, Stockton Room, 93 Booth Dr.
For grades 6-12. It's "Think Make Create Week! Celebrate creativity through art and technology. Stop in to learn how to make your own personalized vinyl stickers! No registration required.

Time: 3:15-4:30pm
For more information visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/calendar

Mar. 23, Wed.
Maker's Club
@Nutley Public Library,

93 Booth Dr.
For grades 6-12. Do you love art, technology, and all things crafty? Join in and make a special project with friends or work on your own personal project. No registration required.
Time: 3:15-4:30pm
For more information visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/calendar

Mar. 26, Sat.
NJ Makers Day: "That's Sew Easy!"

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
For ages 8 and up. Join Ms. Lucia for a sewing workshop where you can make your own unique project! Children under 10 must have adult supervision. Registration required.

Time: 10-11:15am
For more information and to register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/calendar

Mar. 26, Sat.
NJ Makers Day: Ozobot Workshop

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Recommended for grades K and up. Explore technology and robotics with Mr. L and Ozobots. Registration required.

Time: 12-1:15pm
For more information and to register visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/calendar

Mar. 26, Sat.
NJ Makers Day: Strawbees Building Challenge

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Recommended for ages 5 and up. Use your imagination and engineering skills to create structures using Strawbees! Work together with a friend or independently to create your own straw-sculpture! Registration required. Children under 10 must have adult supervision.

Time: 3-4:15pm
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Apr. 7, Thurs.
Nutley Jaycees 50th Distinguished Service Awards Dinner

@Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton
In honor of the 2022 recipients
Time: 6:30pm
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