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## May I? Of Course You Can!

May is the second month with a name that is also a verb. (Remember March?)

As I was putting this issue together I thought how incredibly accurate the articles for this issue are. 'May' is a word that asks a question: May I have another piece of cake? May I have the keys to the car? May I do something amazingly awesome?

Actually, that last question doesn't really need to be asked. No one needs anyone's permission to do something extraordinary. If you have a passion for something, the skill to carry it out, and the perseverance to see the results, you 'may' do anything that is in your heart and mind.

The people you will read about in this issue did just that.

Ryan DePersio is a talented chef who has made a name for himself in this industry. We got the pleasure of ringing his doorbell this month and meeting his lovely family. It made me smile to see his children in the kitchen watching their dad and learning from him.

Keith Jaret was an exceptional baker and known as the Cupcake Dude, but he also had a passion for life and people. His generosity and joie de vivre is remembered in a touching tribute written by Amy Tingle. (Who, by the way is one of the 'drivers' at The Creativity Caravan, which is described as a studio, gallery, and imaginarium)

Local author, Robert Parker, has a new book of plays published. This second volume of plays features primarily shorter works, often one-acts that explore the spiritual, moral, and metaphysical conditions of life.

Tom Harney and Kyong Lee took their love of music and created the Nutley School of Music where they can teach children the beauty of this art form and inspire them to express themselves.

I doubt that any of these people asked "May I?" before embarking on their life's purpose and being successful at it.

Let's turn those pages and get inspired!



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*Ryan shares his culinary skills with his family.*

# What's Cooking at the DePersio House?

*By Joyce Corey*

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Perhaps you have had dinner with Ryan DePersio. Probably not at his Nutley home, but most likely in one of his restaurants.

Fascino, his family-owned Italian restaurant in Montclair has had many Nutleyites as patrons and everyone raves about the food and service. He is also part owner of a couple other restaurants: Battello in Jersey City on the Hudson (with breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline), and Kitchen Step, also in Jersey City but with a focus on modern American food.

We had the pleasure of seeing him step out of the kitchen recently to talk about this family life and his love of Nutley.

Ryan and his wife, Stephanie, live in the Spring Garden section of town. They have three children, Nicholas, age 12, Luca, age 4, and Willow who is 10 months.

Stephanie tells us: "We moved into this house one year ago, in April of 2017. We were ready for a larger home, as we had our baby girl on the way! We loved our home on Mapes Avenue, but as our family was growing, we needed more space."

They also share their home with two rescue dogs. "Mason is a mixed breed of pit bull, German Shepherd and hound," Stephanie said. "Cookie is a 'Pot cake' a mixed breed of German shepherd, terrier and retriever. We found Cookie on our honeymoon in Turks and Caicos



and fell in love with her and brought her home with us."

Not surprisingly, the couple met at a restaurant. "Ryan and I met in 2010 through Ryan's cousin, Alexander Vitetta, a former Nutley resident, and his wife Lacey," she said. "They were friends of mine in college and they set us up to meet at Ryan's restaurant, Bar Cara. We met on a Saturday night and we were inseparable since. We married in September 2012 at The Garrison in upstate New York."

Ryan is a graduate of the New York Restaurant School and has worked in New York City, Paris, and Florence before opening Fascino in Montclair. Fascino is celebrating 15 years in June and is consistently rated one of the top restaurants in New Jersey.

Stephanie is a college graduate of Montclair State University and is also a licensed hairstylist. She is currently training to become a barre instructor at a



*Top: Family time is an important ingredient at the DePersio home.*

*Bottom: Luca, Willow, and Nicholas*

studio in Montclair.

Their children are also enjoying some of the activities that Nutley offers. Stephanie said, "Nicholas is involved in the town's football and basketball teams and Luca is a student at United Tae Kwon Do Center on Franklin Avenue."

As a family, Stephanie and Ryan focus on each other and on the children. "We try to take one vacation alone (adults only!) and one vacation with the kids each year. We want to show the kids as much of the world as we can," Stephanie said. "Ryan and I also feel that it's very important for our relationship

to have time and experiences on our own without the kids. This gives us time to stay connected to each other and decompress from everyday life. So far, we have had the opportunity to bring the kids to Mexico and Florida and we are hoping to take them to Aruba this summer."



One of their hobbies is dining out and "trying to experience all that the restaurant business has to offer," she said.

Ryan's culinary expertise is seen outside of his restaurants as well. Stephanie said, "Ryan is a very talented chef. He brings those skills into our kitchen on the nights that he is home with us. Luca and Nicholas have both taken an interest in cooking because of this. Luca wants to help make everything, down to our coffee in the morning!"

The DePersio family adds a special 'ingredient' to their family life. "Teamwork makes the dream work! Helping each other out is very important to us," Stephanie said. "We support each other's interest and dreams. We are trying to teach our kids the importance of helping others. That's it's not all about the individual."

The family has high praise for their Nutley home. "Our neighbors on Raymond Avenue are very friendly," she said. "We are very lucky that they keep an eye out on our neighborhood. They have been very helpful throughout the winter with their snow blowers! But we also miss our Mapes Avenue 'family' and still keep in touch with some of our former neighbors."

So what's the on the 'menu' for the DePersio family? Probably just what they doing: enjoying their family, their town, their friends, and creating impressive dining experiences.

We give them a 5-star review as our *Nutley Neighbors!*

## Five Things the DePersio Family Love about Nutley

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1. All of the family activities the town provides
2. That everyone stays in town
3. The parks
4. Business support
5. RALPHS (enough said)

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# Nutley Velodrome's 85th Anniversary

By Michael Gabriele

Author Michael Gabriele will present a program on Monday, June 4, 7 pm at the Nutley Museum, 65 Church Street, to mark the 85th anniversary of the opening of the legendary Nutley Velodrome. The event is free and open to the public.

Eighty-five years ago, the world's top professional bike riders came to Nutley to compete at the velodrome. The cycling track opened on Sunday, June 4, 1933, before a standing-room-only crowd of 12,000 cycling fans. The velodrome was located on Park Avenue, occupying an area where the present-day Little League field and the township's Parks and Public Properties building sits.

Joseph Miele, an entrepreneur from East Orange, stepped forward to fill the void left by the Newark Velodrome, which closed on Sept. 21, 1930. Professional cycling, a popular spectator sport in Newark for more than 40 years, saw its fan base sharply decline during the late 1920s. Miele thought a new velodrome in Nutley would rejuvenate the bike game.

Miele signed the sport's top athletes to compete on opening day, a world-class field of racers that included Gerard Debaets of Belgium, Alfred Letourner of France, Franz Deulberg of Germany, Giovanni Manera of Italy, Charlie Jaeger of Newark and Paul Croley of Brooklyn. Other top riders included Norman Hill, the California speedster, Australians Cecil Walker and Reggie



Above: Nutley Velodrome, opening day, 1933  
Left: Champion sprinter Bill Honeman, wearing his iconic "Stars and Stripes" racing outfit, made his first appearance at the Nutley track on June 14, 1933.

McNamara, Newark's Tino Reboli and an amateur rider from Nutley named Martin Journey.

Famed U.S. rider and Olympian Victor Hopkins made his debut at the track on June 7, 1933—the first Wednesday night race at the velodrome, which drew over

7,000 fans. International sprint champion and Newark native Bill Honeman, wearing his eye-catching "Stars and Stripes" racing outfit, made his first appearance on June 14, 1933, winning the one-mile pro race.

The Nutley Velodrome's first season had an overall attendance of 297,000 for 35 meets, with \$60,000 paid out in prizes and salaries. The saucer's second season, which opened Sunday, April 1, 1934, was highlighted by news that veteran Canadian champion William "Torchy" Peden and Italian star Franco Georgetti had signed to race.

Nutley's homegrown fan favorite, Martin Journey, competed at the Nutley track many times. Journey made his

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professional debut at the track on June 5, 1935. He was a rising star and in mid-September 1937 Journey traveled to Australia to continue his promising racing career. He died unexpectedly from a heart disorder in Melbourne on Nov. 26, 1937. Another Nutley resident, Ray Blum—who later represented the United States as a speed skater at 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland—made his first appearance at the velodrome on April 14, 1935 and won the one-mile novice event.

The velodrome enjoyed success during its first two seasons, but by 1935 the fan base declined, much like it did at the Newark track. On Sept. 15, 1940 the Nutley Velodrome closed for the last time. The golden era of U.S. velodrome cycling had come to an end and the track was demolished in February 1942.

The Nutley Velodrome was all but forgotten in the decades that followed, but the town recaptured some of its cycling glory in May 1972 with the Tour of Nutley criterium. Championed by the late Nutley Commissioner Frank A. Cocchiola, along with Peloton Sports Inc. and the Nutley Bicycle Club, the road race drew top international bicycle riders. The Nutley tour lasted until the mid-1980s.

**Gabriele is a member of the executive board of the Nutley Historical Society. In 2011 he wrote a book titled *The Golden Age of Bicycle Racing in New Jersey*, published by The History Press, which detailed the history of professional bicycle racing in the Garden State.**



## Adopt Us! Submitted by Tiffany Servidio

Turner (male) and Ava (female) were found in an abandoned apartment with their puppy by Newark FD after responding to a fire across the street. They called animal control and after 24 hours of no response they called Brick City Rescue. We went down, got them and took them to our vet where they spent a few days and received medical treatment. They have since been involved in a neglect case and have had to be kept in boarding for almost 3 months now. They are an amazing duo and deserving of a good loving home. This bonded pair could not be more perfect together. They truly love each other and we are looking for a foster to keep them together! Ava is 5, spayed and up to date on shots. Turner is about 2, neutered and UTD.



Links had a rough start as he was found stuck in a links fence by his collar trying to escape his neglecters. He then spent about 8 months in the shelter system until Brick City Rescue pulled him and sent him to a Canine Enrichment Program at The Pet Care Institute in NC. He has since improved tremendously by learning again what it is like to be a dog! He has been brushing up on his manners, leash reactivity, recall, along with decompression that was very much needed. Links does need to be the only dog in the house as he likes to be your one and only. This boy deserved and received his second chance! Will you be the one to let him show you what a great dog he has become and will continue to be!?

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# Nutley School of Music

By Joyce Corey

Nutley School of Music offers quality music instruction and group programs to children and adults in the Nutley area. Their teachers are experienced professionals who are dedicated to providing the best music instruction possible in a safe and friendly environment. They offer one-on-one lessons on all major musical instruments such as piano, guitar, drums, violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and vocal instructions. Group programs and performance opportunities such as rock band, various ensembles, recitals, and summer camps are also available.

Tom Harney and Kyong Lee are the co-owners and directors of the Nutley School of Music. Kyong tells us a little about how they got started.

"Tom and I have loved music ever since we were young. We met at Montclair State University where we attended as guitar and piano performance majors. It was during our

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college years that we both started our careers as private music instructors at students' homes and studios in the metropolitan area. Our first music studio at the Kingsland location opened in December of 1999 to fulfill our dream of having our own music school. Next year will mark our 20th anniversary. We are planning to have several events in 2019 to celebrate this.

Kyong Lee gives us a look at their motivating philosophy. "As a music school, it is our mission to provide a program for our students to thrive in a safe, supportive, and friendly environment. Our goal was to open the kind of music school that we would have wanted when we



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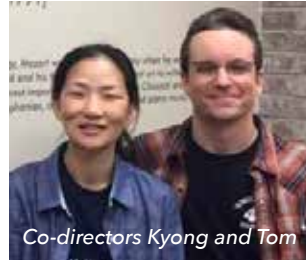
"As music educators, we are always thrilled to see our students succeed," she said. "Seeing our students get excited about music at lesson times, hearing parents tell us how music lessons have made a difference in their children's lives, and building lifelong friendships with our students and their parents are most rewarding to us."

Both Tom and Kyong value Nutley and feel it's the best place for their music school. "So much support has been evident in all the music related events and activities in our area year after year. We would like to officially thank all the music teachers, PTO groups, and booster clubs for doing an unbelievable job to ensure the children get the best music education at their schools."

Kyong loves her job. "Music is fun," she said. "A lot of people come up to me and say it must be a dream come true to own a music school and we don't have to work a 'real' job. We must agree that it is truly a dream come true to work in the field we love and to work with many



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Co-directors Kyong and Tom

children. Most of our students start at a very young age and continue through their high school and college years. And in fact, some of our current teachers are Nutley School of Music alumni.

As business owners, they support the Nutley community as members of the Nutley Chamber of Commerce, and by participating in town events such as performing at the Nutley

Farmer's Market, Nutley Family Service Bureau's Veteran's Day program, and the town Santa arrival event. They have been married for over 20 years and own Nutley School of Music together. They live in Passaic with their dear cat, Deedee.

Their school serves hundreds of families and offers over 500 lessons per week. They expanded their location so they could

accommodate more students and they hope to continue to grow and serve the community in the coming months. Check their website for information about new programs.

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# Help! I Want to Retire, but I'm Off Track!

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Sometime around the age of 50, we start to think more seriously about retirement. After all, the kids (if we have them) are out of the house, or at least relatively self-sufficient, we're at the peak earning stage of our careers, and thoughts of soon having time for whatever we please are becoming more and more pervasive.

## IF YOU'VE FALLEN OFF TRACK

Perhaps you always intended to save more, but just didn't have a solid plan in place or the extra money to follow through. Intentions are commendable, but if life has gotten in the way of saving enough, there's no time like the present to get back on track. It is not too late, but you need to act quickly.

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5. Leaving a Legacy

## INCOME MANAGEMENT

The income you'll need during retirement is dependent on the lifestyle you plan to have. Will you be relocating or staying where you are? What hobbies or activities do you intend to pursue? Do you plan to work part-time or not at all? All of these variables should be examined as you create your overall budget. Typically, retirees need to replace all or most of their pre-retirement income. Consider this: you may not need as much in the first few years of retirement, but as inflation bites into the dollar's buying power year after year, it will eventually cost more

to buy the same things. Make sure your budget takes inflation into account.

Social Security will meet part of your income requirement, but not enough to rely on exclusively. To create an adequate cash-flow, take advantage of tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts such as 401(k) plans or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). If your employer or union sponsors a pension plan, find out if you're eligible and what the plan entails. Keep in mind that if you are over 50 years of age, you may be eligible to make additional contributions to retirement accounts through a catch-up provision.

Additional personal investments and/or annuities may also help generate a retirement income; therefore, you should speak with a qualified financial professional to determine which products may work best with your risk tolerance and investment horizon.

## PROTECTION

If you have a spouse or dependents, ask yourself what would become of them if anything were to happen to you. You need to protect their future. Often, when one spouse dies, the survivor's cost of living remains nearly the same. Think about it: the mortgage and taxes still need to be paid, food needs to be bought, electricity needs to stay on, and things you used to do must now be hired out to someone else. Yet, the surviving spouse typically loses a large portion of their retirement income when their partner dies.

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To help a surviving spouse or other beneficiaries maintain an income when you're gone, carefully review your pension and IRA documents. There may be options that guarantee continued benefits for the surviving spouse either in a lump sum or at a reduced rate. Also, there are joint and survivor annuities which create an income stream for the rest of the surviving spouse's life.

The death benefit of life insurance is an option which can provide tax-free income to your beneficiary. There are a variety of contract options, including Term, Permanent, Universal, and Variable which should be explained to you in detail by a professional. Often, life insurance offers families protection so that their financial lives can remain intact even after the loss of a loved one.

Next month, we will look at how health care, long-term care and leaving a legacy can affect your retirement planning.

Please be advised that this document is not intended as legal or tax advice. Seek the advice of an independent tax advisor for your particular circumstances.

**Michael and Salvatore Cocco recently announced the formation of Beacon Wealth Partners, LLC, a financial services firm associated with the AXA Advisors, LLC Broker/Dealer. As a platinum group within AXA Advisors focusing on wealth management services, their mission will be continuing to bring a high level of value to their clients. They are expanding their services and areas of focus by creating this partnership within AXA Advisors to better serve their clients through sound, objective strategies. Please visit their website to learn more about the firm: [www.beaconwealthpartners.com](http://www.beaconwealthpartners.com)**

## The Award-Winning TREP\$ Program Kicks Off in Nutley

*Submitted by Nutley Educational Foundation*



The award-winning TREP\$ program kicked off on February 28, 2018, for the first time in Nutley! NEF proudly helped bring this innovative program to our students in grades 4-8, thanks to a grant from

Windheim Plumbing & Heating.

The TREP\$ Program teaches kids how to start their own businesses in 6-8 weeks. They learned the lessons in the six weekly workshops and applied them at home as they built their businesses with the help of their families. The whole community came out to enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace, held recently on April 27th at 6:30 pm at John H. Walker Middle School, where the young entrepreneurs launched their businesses together.

**To learn more about this program email [nutleytreps@gmail.com](mailto:nutleytreps@gmail.com).**

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# Robert A. Parker Publishes New Book of Plays

Submitted by Nutley Neighbors Staff

**P**riests...Angels...Humans is the title of a book of new plays written by Robert A. Parker of Nutley, New Jersey. This second volume of plays published by the author features primarily shorter works, often one-acts, that explore the spiritual, moral, and metaphysical conditions of life. Yet even as shorter works they offer dramatic moments that allow an in-depth exploration of the human experience.

Many of his plays feature priests, who interface with the reality that confronts middle class families. Other plays deal with humans only and the reality of their conscience, a reality which some may call a guardian angel. Still other plays bring an understanding of reality through humanity's confrontation with death.

On these pages, you will meet Father Rick, who finds it difficult to forgive, Father Ben, who cannot accept a responsibility for death, Rob, who relives his life at age 90, Harold, who reveals to his parents he is gay, Beth, who discovers she will become a single mom at age 50, and still others as they confront a moment of truth. And all are ordinary people, just like your family and your friends—just like people you already know.

**The new work is the fourteenth in a series of literary works the author has published. It is available in both hardbound and softbound versions, and as an ebook, at Lulu.com, and will be available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, and other online retailers.**

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More Plays/Robert A. Parker

# Spring Garden Celebrates its 100th Birthday at the Strawberry Festival

Submitted by Paula Miller

**A**s the school year comes to a close, Spring Garden School celebrates with its annual Strawberry Festival. This long-time cherished event brings together many friends and families within the Nutley community. The tradition started in 1949, but this year's festival will be unlike any other because it will mark the 100th year of Spring Garden. This is just one event in a series of several that have commemorated the centennial of Spring Garden. The teachers have worked hard throughout the year to create arts and crafts surrounding the 100 year theme. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) decorated many dances, book fairs, and future family nights around this theme. At Halloween, staff came dressed in their best "100 year old" costumes.

The Strawberry Festival will be held for Spring Garden students on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 5pm to 9pm. The





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## Page to Screen: A New Book Discussion Group

By Nicholas Van Dorn, Senior Librarian

event has changed over the years, yet still keeps the time-honored tradition of strawberries and perennials. Small plants are sold to maintain the spirit of growth and nurturing, which Spring Garden provides to its students each day. While decades ago children were riding ponies and playing tag on the field, the new day has brought the mechanical wonders of small amusement rides and slides. Every festival is filled with belly laughs and smiles galore. Although no one will be blowing out 100 candles, families can take a moment to reflect on their prior days at Spring Garden and make a wish for the future Nutley SGS graduates.



The staff at the Nutley Public Library is excited to announce a new book discussion club for adults starting in May that will meet once each season. "Page to Screen" is a book club where members compare and contrast the movie to the book it was based on. We will examine aspects such as the storyline, settings, characters, as well as highlight the best merits of each format. We will also have a lively discussion about which one you liked better and why.

Members will read and watch the movie prior to each discussion. Don't have the movie or book at home? Not a problem, copies of both will be free to borrow with your library card a month before the discussion.

Our first discussion will take place on Thursday, May 24, at 7pm at the library. We will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the theatrical release of the blockbuster film, *Jurassic Park*, directed by Steven Spielberg. The film was based on the 1990 novel by Michael Crichton about a theme park filled with living dinosaurs. The book launched a multimedia franchise that has gone on to gross billions of dollars worldwide. Its newest film, *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* will be released later this year.

To register and for more information about our new book club, go to [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pageto-screen](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pageto-screen). Please register prior to May 24th so we can plan for refreshments. While at this page you can also make suggestions for our next "Page to Screen" title which will be discussed in August.

For more information about our print and digital collection and the different programs that we offer stop by the library, check out our website at [nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://nutleypubliclibrary.org), or give us a call at 973-667-0405. The library is located at 93 Booth Drive and is barrier free. Hours: Mon. Tues. Thurs. 9am-9pm/ Wed. Fri. Sat. 9am-5pm.

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# MAY 2018

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Tue.**

### ESL Classes

@Nutley Public Library,  
93 Booth Dr.  
Classes are also available on  
Mon. and Thurs.  
Time: 6:30-8:30pm  
For more information and other  
class times visit [nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://nutleypubliclibrary.org) or call 973-667-0405

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Tue.**

### Pulmonary Rehabilitation

@Clara Maass Medical Center;  
Cardiac Rehabilitation Dept.,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
This program helps individuals  
with moderate to severe  
breathing problems overcome  
physical limitations resulting from  
pulmonary disease. This program  
is also held on Thursdays.  
Parking validation available.  
Time: 7am-3pm  
For more information, other  
program times, or to register call  
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**May 2 and 9, Wed.**

### Preparing for Childbirth (Two 1-Hour Sessions)

@Clara Maass Medical Center;  
Maternal Care Unit,  
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first-time parents with information  
on the birth process, relaxation and  
breathing techniques, medication,  
and postpartum adjustment.  
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held on May 3 and 10, Thurs.  
Time: 7-8pm  
For more information or to register  
call 1-888-724-7123

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Wed.**

### Pulmonary Function Testing

@Clara Maass Medical Center;  
Pulmonary Function Lab,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
Prescription for PFT required.  
Pulmonary Function Tests (PFT)  
are usually performed in order  
to follow for the progression of  
lung disease and are also used to

determine if surgery is appropriate.  
This program is also available on  
Mon. and Fri.

Time: 7:30am-3:30pm  
For more information, other  
program times, or to schedule an  
appointment call 973-450-2263.

**May 2, Wed.**

### Your Body in Motion: Advancements in Joint Replacement

@Clara Maass Medical Center;  
The Learning Center,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
Hear experts in orthopedic care  
provide information about joint  
replacement surgery, how to  
prepare, and what to expect after.  
Dinner will be served.  
Time: 6pm  
For more information or to register  
call 1-888-724-7123

**May 5, Sat.**

### Annual Fishing Contest

@Memorial Park I (Mud Hole),  
corner of Vreeland Ave. and Passaic  
Ave.  
Over 300 fish will be stocked for  
the contest. Bring your fishing pole,  
bucket, and chair. Prizes for first  
trout caught, most trout caught,  
and largest trout caught. Nutley  
residents only.  
Time: 8:30-11:30am  
For more information visit [www.nutleynj.org/calendar/336/](http://www.nutleynj.org/calendar/336/)

**May 5, Saturday**

### Fourth Annual Kingsland Colonels Base Ball Classic

@Yanticaw Boys Park  
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19th century equipment and  
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Cost: Free  
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**May 5, Sat.**

### Saturday Afternoon Book Discussion Group

@Nutley Public Library,  
93 Booth Dr.  
The group will be discussing  
*On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan.  
Time: 2pm  
Cost: Free  
For more information visit  
[www.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org) or  
call 973-667-0405

**May 6, Sun.**

### Nutley Chamber of Commerce 19th Annual 5K/Fun Run

@Nutley Park Oval, corner of  
Franklin Ave. and Chestnut St.  
5K Fun Run and Kids Fun Run  
with a portion of the proceeds to  
benefit the Veterans Associations  
of Nutley.  
Time: 8:50am for Kids Fun Run.  
9:15am for 5K.  
Cost: 5K - \$25 before Apr. 23.  
Kids Fun Run - \$5 or free with  
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**May 7, Mon.**

### Bariatric Support Group

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
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### May 7, Mon.

#### PJ Story Time & Craft

@Nutley Public Library, Story Time  
Room, 93 Booth Dr.  
For all ages.  
No registration required.  
Time: 7-7:45pm  
For more information visit  
[www.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org) or  
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### May 7, Mon.

#### Surgical Options for Weight Loss

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
The Learning Center,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
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Director of Bariatric Surgery at  
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Time: 6-7pm  
For more information or to register  
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### May 9, Wed.

#### Living Well with Parkinson's Disease Support Group and Workshop

@Clara Maass Medical Center,  
Cancer Center Conference Room,  
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville  
This monthly meeting provides  
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### May 11, Fri.

#### Family Yoga Classes

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### May 12, Sat.

#### Saturday Story Time

@Nutley Public Library, Story  
Time Room, 93 Booth Dr.  
For all ages. Story time & craft.  
No registration required.  
Time: 10-10:45am  
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[www.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org) or  
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### May 14, Mon.

#### Hooked on Books Reading Club

@Nutley Public Library, Story  
Time Room, 93 Booth Dr.  
Grades 4-6. Registration required.  
Time: 6:45-8pm  
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### May 16, Wed.

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### May 18, Fri.

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### May 20, Sun.

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## 2018

**May 21, Mon.**

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**May 24, Thurs.**

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**May 24, Thurs.**

### **Page to Screen – Jurassic Park**

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr.

In this new quarterly discussion group, members will compare and contrast a movie with the book it was based on. The first discussion will celebrate the 25th anniversary blockbuster film Jurassic Park directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the 1990 novel by Michael Crichton.

Time: 7pm

For more information or to register visit [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pagetoscreen/](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pagetoscreen/)

**June 4, Mon.**

### **Celebrating the Nutley Velodrome**

@Nutley Museum, 65 Church St.

Author Michael Gabriele will present a program to mark the 85th anniversary of the opening of the legendary Nutley Velodrome.

Time: 7pm

Cost: Free

For more information:

[www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org/)

**June 8, Fri.**

### **Strawberry Festival**

@Spring Garden School

This year's festival marks the 100th year of Spring Garden School.

Time: 5-9pm

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# Raiders Ride Safe Program

By Nicolette Padilla and Elena Navarra

For the fifth consecutive year, Nutley High School's TV III students have taken the challenge to be part of the U Got Brains Champion Schools Program which is presented by The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey. This program provides an opportunity for students and staff of New Jersey high schools to produce a campaign emphasizing the safety needed to be taken by teen drivers. In two of the previous five years, the Nutley school district has been awarded driving simulators which have been infused into the Driver Education curriculum. Last year, students were awarded the grand prize as the top media campaign in the state of New Jersey, being honored at the Champion Schools Program showcase held at Great Adventure.

Each year, students develop a project-based video that outlines the topic at hand. This year our goals were to make a difference utilizing our campaign as a catalyst for town and county officials to address driver and pedestrian



Field reporter, Laura O'Keefe, and camera operator, Erica Dinardo, hit the streets to meet with our community... NHSTV on remote!

safety. Our production staff hit the streets surveying citizens on Franklin Avenue to assess their knowledge of the speed limit in the school zone territory. Gathering data and soundbites, we realized that we must educate not only our student body, but our community at large.

Meeting with Mayor Scarpelli and Director of Public Safety, Commissioner Petracco, we launched an effort to make physical and cultural changes to our major roadways that lead to our educational community. In our



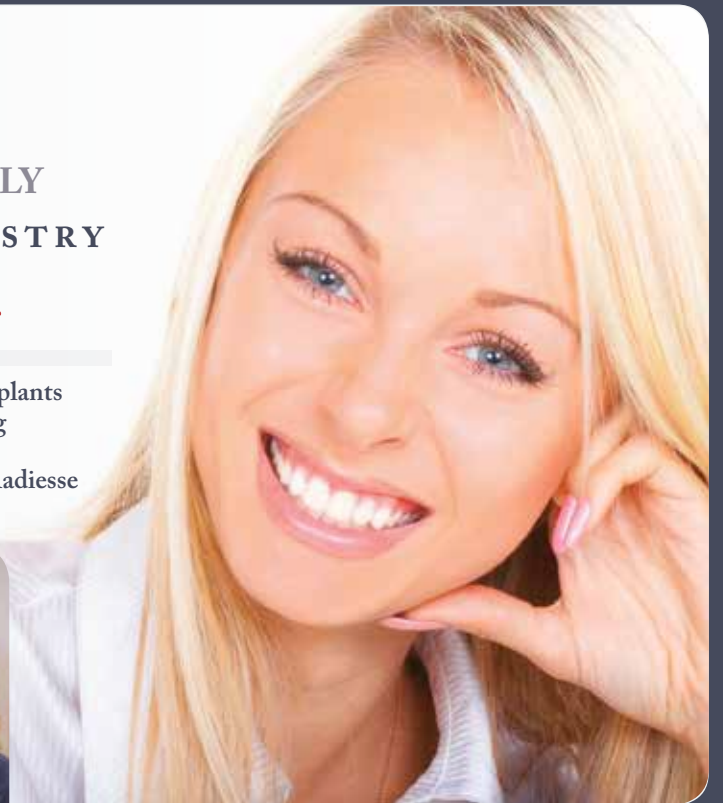
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meetings we discovered that Franklin Avenue comes under the jurisdiction of county government. Our town leaders were motivated by the campaign to approach county officials and identify the lack of an individual's awareness of the school zone.

Student co-producer of the campaign, Elena Navarra, met with the Parent Advisory Committee under the supervision of Principal Denis Williams to inform parents about the trials and tribulations of this campaign. Nicollette Padilla, another co-producer of the campaign, worked with the U Got Brains Champion Program to enforce social media and creative concepts such as pledges and public service announcements to enhance the campaign's message. Our students used multiple media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and NHS TV's YouTube page to create a common thread in sustaining the message. We also partnered with the Public Affairs Department to expand on



*NHSTV III students launch campaign with publisher, Mike Stefanelli. "Let's get the message out!"*  
*Left to right: Erica Dinardo, Joseph D'Alessio, Laura O'Keefe, Shane Sullivan, Nicolette Padilla, Elena Navarra, Cara J. Abaya Campos, Ryan Loch, and Sean Devine.*

their Nutley Pace Car program that raises awareness for pedestrian safety.

As the winter freeze gave way to the dawn of spring, NHS-TV III captured a significant outcome in our collaboration with our local government. The first of many 25 MPH speed zone signs were posted in our busy School Safety Zone on Franklin Avenue in early March. This epitomized the true meaning of a campaign as we worked with our community stakeholders to take a step in assessing and making change. As we continue on our mission that all "Raiders Ride Safe," we extend our thanks to our local government for their efforts on this project-based endeavor. Nutley is a town with community spirit that will sustain our message for years to come.

**For further information and for the latest updates on the "Raiders Ride Safe" initiative, visit: [www.jerseydrives.com/champion-schools-program/](http://www.jerseydrives.com/champion-schools-program/) or [www.twitter.com/nutleytv?lang=en](https://twitter.com/nutleytv?lang=en)**

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# Is Breaking Up with Facebook Hard to Do?

By Emma Riehl

With all the negative press about Facebook, people are asking, "What's the alternative?" While some followers will never leave Facebook, others are looking for a place to go. Most ask, "If I leave, where do I go and will my friends come with me?" We all know the stories of networks such as Instagram that became overnight sensations. However, most social networks are built by early adopters who bring their friends along with them, and then grow slowly over time. This creates a personalized vibe and makes the space even more attractive. Take Nextdoor for example, the social network devoted to neighbor-to-neighbor communication in a tight-knit geographical area. Nextdoor is not a Facebook alternative based on its exclusive appeal to neighborhoods, but it serves as a solid metaphor for growth. Nextdoor launched in 2010. By social network standards, Nextdoor grew incredibly slowly. Despite that, Nextdoor became one of the few tech companies to be valued at \$1 billion without earning any revenue because the number of people networking on the platform eventually added up, one neighbor at a time.

Great movements develop over time because a social network's longevity and profitability depend on worthwhile, trusting relationships between its users and the network itself. Recently, Myopolis, a very viable alternative to Facebook, subtly and quietly opened their doors offering Citizens (like "friends") the chance to become pioneers of their community and build trust amongst one another. Citizens sound off on topics they care about and are heard by others who care about the same topics. The Leaderboard is a popular component because it

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shows the leader in each category at the Local, State and National level. Early adopters will be at the forefront of the latest social movement. The problems Facebook experienced will likely be void because it is centered on the user's ability to filter out what they do and do not want to see and read. A cool bonus is that the original founder of every town in North America will be noted in Myopolis records as the Founder. Now is the time to be a BIG fish in a smaller pond until Myopolis is an ocean. At that point, we will see if Myopolis can stay ahead of the problems Facebook faces today. One can hope.



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# Keith Jaret

By Amy Tingle

**"No man (or woman) is a failure who has friends." –It's A Wonderful Life**

Keith Jaret had A LOT of friends. And for good reason. Keith was not just Nutley's Cupcake Dude, a title coined because he, along with his wife of 30 years, Maureen, co-owned Jarets Stuffed Cupcakes on Franklin Avenue, but because he was truly a modern-day Renaissance man with a variety of interests that drew people to him like moths to a lamp.

Keith was called 'the rock-and-roll chef' by many who knew him. When he and Maureen opened their original Nutley restaurant, The Petite Cafe, in 2001, you could find him at the stove every day wearing his trademark hippie bandana, listening to great music, and cooking the unique and delicious food he loved to share with our small, suburban community. He was a huge fan of music and, although not a musician himself, Keith was smart as a whip and so insightful when it came to so many genres. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of his favorites, like The Grateful Dead, Arlo Guthrie, and The Beatles. In the few months before his death, inspired by his friend, Pete Crosta, he began investigating and listening to classical music, as well.

At his celebration of life following his death this past February, many people stood up to tell stories of Keith's passion for music, as well as his generosity towards friends and strangers, his hilarious pranks, his kindness and deep love for his family, children, wife, community, and his faithful companion and beloved dog, Bailey (named for George Bailey from *It's a Wonderful Life*).

His son, Justin, told a story of Keith's playful nature, a story about a morning when he (Justin), who was notoriously late to school every day, opened his backpack after arriving tardy to his first period class to find his father had removed his notebooks and pencils and filled the space with dog food instead. Keith's brothers and sister reminisced about the pranks he pulled on them growing up together on Long Island and described how he had, even as he was dying, drawn them together one last time - all of the siblings in a room together for the first time in 20 years. His high school friends echoed this, talking about his gift for creating a circle of camaraderie and community where everyone was equal, and everyone was loved.

Long-time customers told tales of his generous spirit, his quirky habit of sitting down at the end of a long shift to tell stories and share poetry late into the night, even knowing he would have to get up before dawn the next morning to cook breakfast for the next wave of customers. Pete reminisces, "he was meticulous in how he delivered what you were about to consume. He put pride and love into everything he touched. There were special nights and occasions that he created when he would pair wines and beers with different types of entrees and desserts. Maureen and Keith would close the cafe to accommodate a 'private audience' in a prix fixe environment. Then Chef Jaret would don his tall, white toque and come out from the kitchen to give a lesson on the wine and/or food



that was being enjoyed that evening. What a treasure chest of knowledge he was!" Perhaps this was Keith's version of a hippie commune, where stories and food, energy and time were shared equally with everyone who came through the door.

Some people know that Keith kept a blog of his personal writing. He started posting in 2012 and wrote until just days before he died. His last post addressed his imminent fate head-on:

"My mind keeps on fighting  
But my body betrays my aim  
I turned to my center of strength  
Found it full of positive energy  
From sparks begun at my sacred hunting grounds  
Through the ancient gallery of friendship  
Up through years of developing love  
A wave of love and support  
My army of love"

Keith loved lyrics and poetry, and he paid close attention to what was happening in the world outside the cupcake case. When he discovered the social media platform, Facebook, he used it to share openly and honestly how he was feeling. Keith was very progressive and had a quick wit and a well-developed social conscience. He could be counted on to place a well-timed joke or comment or to drop one of his famous puns, and we could all hear him laughing when it landed. His friend, Todd Lacy, read some of his personal favorites with the group gathered to honor Keith's life:

"The first day of my diet I removed all the sweets and bad foods from the house. They were delicious."

"There's a maple tree on my block that's 10 years old, which is not that impressive until you realize that's 70 in Dogwood years."

"On our first date Maureen and I walked down 6th Avenue past the caricaturists. That night we were drawn together."

Keith was a lover, a dreamer, an existential baker. His devotion to Maureen, Justin, Kellie, and his army of love was ribboned throughout his writing. He was a man who cherished the life he had created, and who signed off the same way every time, Laugh, Live and Love in Peace. He meant it then, and now, and forever.

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# Nutley Celebrates 65th Anniversary of Little League Baseball

By Kevin Knight

**P**ut me in coach...I'm ready to play! With the arrival of spring brings the 65th Anniversary of Little League Baseball in the Township of Nutley. It's a long and storied history that has touched the lives of thousands of residents.

## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Enter Lawrence O. Vitaletti, a talented amateur baseball player who earned awards for his skills as an infielder. It was his passion for baseball and love for youth activities that spurred him to action upon moving to Nutley in 1951. Vitaletti soon obtained the first Nutley charter that was officially sanctioned by Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, PA.

Play began in 1953 at Glotzbach Field, home of National Little League on Park Avenue. That field would transition to a Farm League field once a new Major League field was built in 1954 on the Grant Avenue side of the complex, off Quarry Street.



## LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS STILL UNITED

Two of the longest-running coaches include Greg Latino and Wayne Umbach, who began at National League and were colleagues of the Vitaletti's. Latino, affectionately known as "Tiny," began coaching in the late-1970's.

Umbach began coaching while a student at Nutley High School. He and Latino have coached together since 2005 at Nutley East, after National and Central merged. 35 years later, Umbach is still volunteering and is as



enthusiastic as ever.

"It's rewarding to watch the kids develop from one year to the next and knowing you were a part of that development," he said. "I enjoy seeing the kids move on to the next level, whether it's moving from Farm League to the Major Division, and eventually playing in high school."

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

For Joseph Hannon, Little League has been a family affair for him that spans through the generations at Nutley American.

"Playing as a kid, I remember spending countless hours at the field based on my dad (Ed Hannon) and uncle (Ralph Mattiello) coaching, and my grandfather (Joseph Mattiello) being President," Hannon recalls. "I loved being able to play on that great field...those games meant everything to me."

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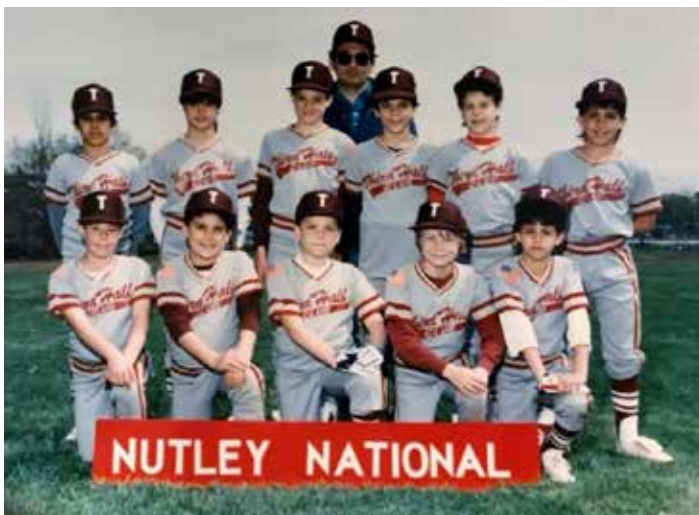
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has seen Joe volunteer for decades.

Hannon was elected league President in 2011 and enters his eight-season steering the ship, following in the footsteps of Al Alfano, Frank Graziano, Vito Scarpelli, and his grandfather Joseph Mattiello in the early-1970's.

### A WOMAN'S TOUCH

Debra Gonsalves made history in 1992 when she was elected the first, and only, female President in town at Central League. Gonsalves, a graduate of Nutley High School, joined the league as a volunteer in 1985 when her kids started play. Her husband Tony was a coach while she served as team mom.

"I got involved on the board of directors because to

me, it didn't seem like Little League provided as much fun for the kids anymore," Gonsalves said. "It really needed a different touch - a woman's touch." As President, she sought to change some 'old-school' coaching mentalities.

"There seemed to be too much discipline and not enough teaching," said Gonsalves. "As a registered nurse, I realized that all kids were not psychologically the same. Each child needed to be treated differently on an individual basis. It was wrong to instill punishment at a young age and have kids do laps and make them stay late after practice just because they made a mistake."

"There's more to Little League and youth sports than just winning," stressed Gonsalves. "It's about building a community spirit and a family atmosphere. We even took Nutley kids who had to do community service and put them to work at our field and in our snack stand."



In 2005, after a town-wide decline in participation, National and Central merged to form Nutley East, which plays at Flora Loudon Park on Hancox Avenue.

At the original National League site, Glotzbach Field is now home to a new soccer and lacrosse complex. The old clubhouse still stands vacant, while the auxiliary field on Grant Avenue has been transformed to host girl's softball.




More history will undoubtedly be written when Opening Day 2018 for both Nutley American and Nutley East, under the direction of President Chris Lamond, takes place Saturday morning, April 14. Let's play two!

**Kevin Knight contributes to TapintoNutley.net. Kevin Knight can be followed on Twitter @KevinKnightNJ.**

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# Nutley Trolleys 1892-1937

(PART 2 OF A 3-PART SERIES)

By David Wilson and John Demmer

Nutley trolleys began running in 1896 and the extremely profitable 13 Broad line was sold to Consolidated Traction in 1897. Trolley lines suffered growing pains as towns and riders demanded more stops, lower rates, noise reduction, and better ride quality. The early cars were open sided with curtains to keep out the elements and dust. They lacked heat or fans, had hard wooden seats, groaning noises from the car's frame, grease and electrical smells, and screeching from the metal wheels. The motormen controlled the stops and starts as set by agreements or shouts from passengers. Passengers were forced to stand during peak ride time and many worked hard jobs in sweat shops and had the odors to prove it.

The fare from Passaic to Belleville was seven cents. From Centre St. to Passaic was five cents. In spite of these low fares, Charles Basch of Passaic was ejected when he refused to pay the extra two cents to pass through Nutley.



Northbound trolley on Franklin approaching High St.  
taken from Erie RR Bridge 1920

His \$5,000 law suit was dismissed on a technicality when he misidentified the company. The fare to Newark was often in dispute and the township charged Consolidated with ordinance violations. Carmen Orechio recalls the trolleys passing his Avondale

home and riding them to North Newark.

Motormen worked nine hour days with one day off in eight at sixty-five cents an hour. They worked in pairs until a strike and improvements made for one-man operation. These men would collect fares, operate manual switches, reconnect trolley poles with a bamboo stick, announce stops and operate the car. At 340 Centre St, a full stop was required to prevent vibrations that collapsed a lady's ceiling. Concrete and cobblestones beneath the rails amplified track noise and made for bone jarring rides on early cars. Straight runs of track were preferred as all turns caused great screeching and extra expense for overhead wires, poles and connections. Overhead wires called catenary lines supplied electricity to a roof-mounted trolley pole connected to the traction motors that propelled the fifty-foot-long trolleys.

The Big Tree car house facility was used for passenger holding, car storage and repairs. Bob DeLitta's grandfather Paul Fusco's first job after immigrating from Italy was at Big Tree where he was nearly electrocuted doing repairs atop a car. This facility was updated after a fire in 1989 and is still used by NJ Transit. Historical maps show the landmark big tree. Further south was Hillside Pleasure Park, a picnic grove converted to amusement park, operating from 1905-1927.

1903 marked the powerful and monopolistic Public Service Corporation takeover of operations. Car designs became more civilized as windows and doors were added, seats got rattan cushions, various roof designs provided ventilation and ride quality improved. Courts said all lines must operate regardless of profit or loss. This ruling became important as the build up to World War I created a need to transport vast armies of workers to factories and shipyards. Automobiles were starting to appear and having an adverse impact on ridership. Trolleys were being decommissioned and scrapped, putting the U.S. at risk of an infrastructure shortage, just when they were needed. One car is rumored to have been put into the Avondale quarry. Nutley's roadway was double tracked in 1915, enabling greater capacity.

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