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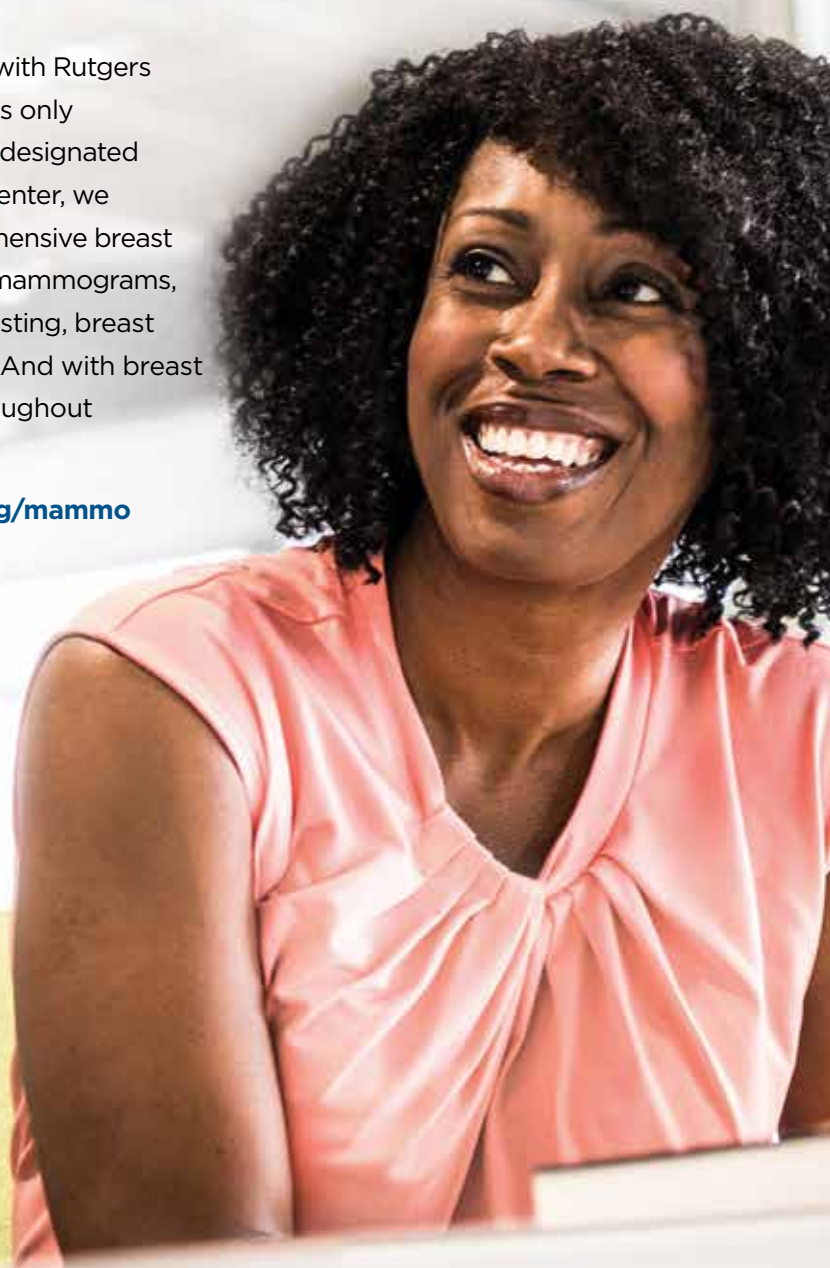
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Letter to Residents

Thank you, November!

If this month could talk it would say, "Hey, you are not ending the year until you spend the next few weeks giving thanks!"

And that pretty much sums up November. I have always considered this month a time to reflect on all the wonderful things in my life and then in that last week, I get to eat turkey and sweet potatoes with those little marshmallows melted in. Ah ...I digress.

Election Day pretty much starts off November and being able to vote—for whomever you want!—is something to be thankful for. One of the primary needs of human beings is to be heard and voting lets us 'speak' at the polls.

About a week later, on November 11, we honor all the military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. I am always impressed, and of course, thankful, for the people who devote their lives to serving their country and their community.

Like Jack and Judy Barry who are on the cover of this issue. Jack was First Lieutenant in the Army and during his career, he received numerous awards and citations. When his military career ended, he did not stop his life of service and became a member of the Nutley Police Department. Judy has also devoted her life to the care and wellbeing of people in her role as nurse. Read their story to find all the ways this couple has made such a positive impact on those around them.

Be sure to see the new roof at the VFW building on Washington Avenue. Commander Maria Hamlin has launched another project that upgrades and enhances the building while honoring the veteran community.

Have you seen the Blessing Box on Passaic Avenue between Fernwood Terrace and Kingsland Street? Read David Wilson's article about how a young girl demonstrated her thankfulness by helping others in a very practical way.

What else can we be thankful for in this issue? How about the library, all the wonderful businesses, and the interesting events in our calendar?

And let's especially remember the businesses that contribute so much to the town and bring you this magazine each month. Small Business Saturday is November 27th, and I hope many of you will shop local as a way of saying thanks to them.

Enjoy November; it's a very special month!

Joyce Corey Content Coordinator



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Submitted by Nicole Milici

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Submitted by Dani Jay

If the photo of this dog looks familiar, it's because Kane is still looking for his forever home. He was surrendered to a local animal control facility, received the medical attention he needed, and is cleared for adoption.

He is about 8 years old, but don't let his age fool you, he is such a playful, goofy pup. He would love to cuddle on the couch or go for a walk. He desperately craves companionship and will be the most loyal friend you could ever ask for. Kane is about 45 pounds and walks nicely on a leash. He is now thriving with his foster family and is eager to find his forever home and family. Could it be you?

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Jack and Judy Barry

Feature Story

The Real “In” Crowd

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

Jack and Judy Barry are Nutley’s own ‘in’ crowd. Each of them is interested, involved, and have invested a lot of time serving the community.

“Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* was right when she said there is no place like home,” Judy said. “But we say there truly is nowhere else like Nutley! We are very fortunate to live in such a great community.”

Their journey to Nutley started as they were pursuing their respective careers.

“We met while Judy was graduating nursing school and I had just graduated from Officer Candidate School in the US Army,” Jack said. “We were married in Bloomfield at

Sacred Heart Church on June 5, 1971.”

“I was attending East Orange General Hospital School of Nursing when we met,” Judy said. “I began my nursing career at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, in 1969, specializing in obstetrics. I continued my career at New York Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan in Maternal Fetal Medicine and then Englewood Hospital in the same role. During those years I attended Seton Hall University and received my BSN degree. I then obtained my Master of Science and Nursing (MSN) from Rutgers University and became an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and returned to St. Barnabas where I worked in the Perinatal Evaluation

and Triage Center (PET Unit) within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology until I retired in December of 2019."

Judy came out of retirement during the COVID pandemic to assist vaccinating New Jersey residents.

With Judy's specialized knowledge and experience, she brought a high level of care to her roles in the hospitals where she worked, but her most memorable moments were closer to home.

"During my career, I facilitated in the care and delivery of over 1,000 babies, but," she says with a smile, "the most special ones were when I assisted in the delivery of our grandchildren, family members, and friends!"

Jack's altruism led him to pursue careers that benefited the country and the community.

"I served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant," Jack said. "I was assigned as a Military Advisor in the Republic of Vietnam from 1970-71, receiving numerous awards and citations that include Bronze Stars, a Purple



*Four generations of Barry men:
Front row Jack and his late father, Gene. Back row Kevin, his son, Quinn, Landon, and his dad Christopher*

Judy said. "Aside from performing as a guitarist and singer in bars and clubs throughout the state, he has a career in entertainment logistics, traveling around the world making sure performers' equipment and instruments are shipped to their respective venues. Some of his clients included Justin Bieber, Frankie Valli, and U2. Together with friends, Chris initiated the Backyard Beer Club which consists of

Heart, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Upon completion of my military service, I became a member of the Nutley Police Department. I was certified by the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey as an expert in Traffic Safety and Accident Reconstruction. I became a detective in the Criminal Investigation Bureau, and then completed my career after 27 years with the NPD. Upon my retirement from the NPD, I returned to serve as the Civilian Traffic Safety Coordinator for 18 years."

The couple have two grown sons, both with children of their own.

"Our son Christopher is in the entertainment business,"

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many Nutley members!"

"Kevin is a sole practitioner criminal defense attorney with an office in Clifton," Jack said. "As our children grew up in town, I was actively involved as a youth coach at the American Little League and a soccer coach with the Department of Parks and Recreation. I have been a past president, life member, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Third Half Club of Nutley since 1989."

Whether their activities were career-guided or personal, Jack and Judy have a strong desire to help others, in spite of the circumstances happening in their own lives.

"I am a cancer survivor," Jack said. "I was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 2015 that metastasized and became Stage 4. After surgery, radiation treatments, and immunotherapy, I have been in remission for four years! As a patient at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and hospital, I have been extremely fortunate to have received the finest medical care. I have been entered into a study to determine the efficacy of my treatments so that hopefully other patients can benefit from my good fortune!"

5 Things the Barry Family Loves About Nutley

1. Family-oriented community
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3. Volunteer organizations
4. Fiscally-responsible government (low municipal debt)
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Halloween hayride (l-r) Christopher, Judy, and Kevin Barry

At home, they both enjoy their town which they describe as "safe, friendly, and diverse, and the neighborhood mirrors that."

"Everyone looks out for one another," Jack said. "This is a great place to live and raise a family. Our son, Christopher, recently purchased a home in Nutley for those same reasons."

It's also a great place to have a dog.

"We had a pug for 16 years before he crossed the Rainbow Bridge," Judy said. "Now we babysit and enjoy our children's dogs, a boxer named Ginger and Willow, a grey Labrador."

"Live and love one day at a time" is the prevailing philosophy behind all that Jack and Judy do. They have dedicated their lives to each other and to the community. And that "one day at a time" has added up to 50 years of marriage...and still counting.

Jack and Judy Barry live out the definition of good neighbors in a town they love among people they truly care about.

As Nutley's own 'in' crowd, we are all happy they are 'in' Nutley. ■

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209 Alexander Ave.	\$499,000	\$545,000	13
48 Highland Ave.	\$549,900	\$555,000	64
22 DeVausney Pl.	\$399,000	\$440,000	26
518 Bloomfield Ave.	\$449,000	\$450,000	12
54 Passaic Ave.	\$569,000	\$585,000	7
96 Prospect St.	\$599,900	\$600,000	44
30 Maple Pl.	\$524,900	\$560,000	7
25 Race St.	\$399,000	\$395,000	39
314 Hillside Ave.	\$499,000	\$520,000	8
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144 Lakeside Dr.	\$487,000	\$510,000	8
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22 Faber Pl.	\$519,500	\$527,000	14
85 Mapes Ave.	\$549,900	\$590,000	3
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Water Paints The Sky

A STORY OF ARTISTIC COLLABORATION

By Linda Buset

Nutley native, Mark Jonathan Schiffert, is an accomplished pianist and an award-winning and published composer. He received his musical training at the Manhattan School of Music in NYC. He is the owner of Cloudmountain Music, a small independent record company.

Mark is also an experienced piano teacher and has been giving piano and music instruction in his private Nutley studio for over 30 years.

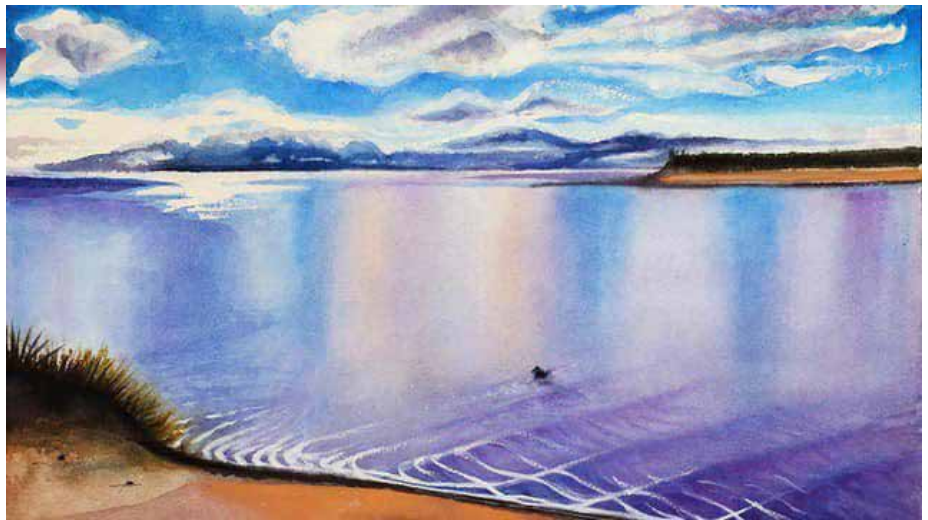
Another Nutley native, Steven Mairella, is now a full-time award-winning artist after many years spent practicing law.

When Steven was at Brown University, he was influenced by a drawing course he took, but at that point in his life, his art was placed on the back burner. In 2016, Steven retired from the practice of law and became a full-time painter.

The story behind creating *Water Paints the Sky*, can be viewed, in my opinion, as "serendipitous" - i.e., something occurring or discovered by chance in a happy and beneficial way.

Mark and Steven had been classmates and friends in Lincoln Elementary School and continued as friends until they graduated Nutley High School in 1974. Until recently, it had been decades since they last communicated.

Steven stated, "In early February 2021, Mark created and shared on social media a musically, visually, and spiritually beautiful and comforting piece, entitled *A Quiet Moment*."



"Water Paints the Sky #2" © 2021 Steven Mairella (above). Steven Mairella at work in his studio (below left). Photo Credit Daniel J. Mairella. Mark Jonathan Schiffert at the Nutley Public Library's beautiful Steinway piano after a recital (below right). Photo Credit Judy L. Duncan



A mutual friend shared that post, and when I saw it, I shared it, too. A line of communication and road to collaboration with Mark opened."

Although they pursued very different career and life paths, both Mark and Steven have ended up in a similar place: inspired by, and sharing a sense of wonder, reverence, and appreciation for the beauty and spirituality of nature. When Steven first heard Mark's music, prior to his composing this piece, he was inspired by its beauty and serenity. He felt as though Mark was painting pictures with his music, and that really inspired him.

When asked about his source of inspiration for composing the music and creating *Water Paints the Sky*, Mark explained, "When I saw some of Steve's paintings, particularly ones depicting sunrises and sunsets, dramatic skies, and reflections in the water, I immediately felt a spiritual connection between Steve and me. The music flowed from that."

It's no exaggeration to say that Mark Jonathan Schiffert, musician and videographer, and Steven Mairella, painter, were muses for each other in the creation of the beautiful music and art video.

The result of the artistic give-and-take that occurred is an audiovisual experience that celebrates the beauty of nature.

To find a link to *Water Paints the Sky* on YouTube, visit Mark's website at www.markjonathanschiffert.com. Steven's artwork can be viewed at www.stevemartworks.com.

Two wonderful talented people who grew up in Nutley as friends, each going his own way and reconnecting with each other decades later is what I like to call sweet serendipity. ■

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Charlotte's Blessing Box

By David Wilson

The future of society and the world will be in our children's hands. Developmental influences come from many directions; parents, family members, educators, neighbors, business owners, and the Internet all have profound impacts. How delighted are we when a seed is planted, sprouts, and takes hold in our children's minds? We all want our youngsters to have caring, generous, thoughtful, inventive, insightful, and positive personalities. This is Charlotte Frey's story about a visit with Grandma Arlene and the formulation of an idea.

Charlotte, age seven, was out for a walk with Grandma Arlene filling up some babysitting time and collecting litter that was discarded about the property by careless motorists and pedestrians. While picking up the trash, conversation turned to the food clues the wrappers provided. Was this just a treat or was some of the junk food all that person had access to or could afford? Food insecurity had become a familiar buzz word during the pandemic. A teachable moment for sure!

As a Girl Scout for the past two years in a troop led by her mom, Laura, Charlotte began to brainstorm ways that she might try to solve a problem in her community. Her first inclination was to install a trash can nearby for folks to use, but it seemed not enough. The conversation again turned to nutritious food and how to make it more available to people in need. Charlotte remembered a Girl Scout visit to the Nutley Family Service Bureau and was encouraged to expand her idea. A plan was then developed to build and install a curb-side supply box for folks to obtain from or donate to, depending on their needs or good fortune. Grandma Arlene taught her that we should always count our blessings and be thankful for what we have, thus the evolution of the "Blessing Box."

Charlotte and Grandma did some Internet research and came across building plans for a "Blessing Box." This matched the concept: "take what



you need and leave what you can." The action plan began with a trip to Birch Lumber in Clifton for big sheets of plywood. Grandpa Bill went to the home center for paint, hardware, cement, and supplies. Uncle Bryan helped cut the wood to specifications. Charlotte was involved every step of the way over a four-month period, including decorating and painting all the pieces, digging the post hole with dad, Nick, and using her pink hammer to assemble everything.

Her conversations with suppliers and "work crew" were part of the learning experience and included Richie at Nutley Key & Glass who fabricated the Plexiglas window for the door and delivered it free of charge! Food and personal care items from family, neighbors, and social media friends helped stock the pantry and it is now open for business on Passaic Avenue between Fernwood Terrace and Kingsland Street. Non-perishable donations are always welcome to help with restocking as Charlotte endeavors to improve her little part of the world and help those in need. ■

David Wilson is the author of *Fire in Our Lives*, a book containing stories, experiences, and advice from his forty-year career in public safety. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Google Play.

The Sandboxes of Time

By David Wilson

What better place to develop motor skills, problem solving, hand-eye coordination, and interplay? Where can we show off our latest toy trucks, sand buckets, shovels, and beach toys? Who among our friends will spend hours developing muscles playing alongside us? The backyard sandbox is a basic necessity of sensory and imaginative activities for 1-5-year-olds. Dad custom built our sandbox with dunnage from the LaMonte Paper Mill boxcars and bricks from LaMonte boilers. He loved repurposing materials into play items. Located in the middle of the backyard, we were always safe and in view by the adults.

We learned how to fill buckets and transport sand without spilling. Little did we know Dad had us in training for mixing many batches of concrete for our driveway and walls. The boys built roads, mountains, and valleys, while the girls mixed strange make-believe concoctions and created new recipes. We learned to never throw sand at our playmates or an immediate time-out would be levied. Everyone cleaned up after play time, put the toys away, and emptied the sand from their pants cuffs. When we outgrew the sandbox, Dad added a mast and sheet so we could sail across the yard with our imaginations.

This of course was training for the biggest sandbox of all at the shore. So much sand, we need bigger trucks and more tools! We learned to watch our sun exposure and

build far enough away from the rising tide. Sandcastles, sculptures, forts, and love messages became our new sand passions. This unlimited area with wet sand, moats, salt air, and seashells was where big kids played and we were ready!

Putting a sandbox in the yard requires some planning, and a shady spot or awning lengthens the play date.

Modular sandboxes made of plastic eliminate any exposure to poisonous chemicals, preservatives, or splinters found in some lumbers. A cover will protect the sand from pets and other critters using it for a litter box. Keeping the sand dry is also important to deter any mold. Some cinnamon or vinegar can help deter snakes and other pests. Most importantly, use play or river sand, not builder sand, when filling the box. The softer edges, cleanliness, and lack of silica in play sand makes for a healthier and safer play time.

Most of us have memorable times playing in our yards or at the beach.

These can be a great place to be with a child and be a child yourself again. So, get that bucket out, find your beach toys, and start creating some new memories in the sandboxes of time. ■

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Top: Nothing beat Ortley Beach with Dad (1958). Middle: William Tennis and Robert building some roads and maybe a train crossing. David had babysitting duty with Leslie. Bottom: David and Robert planning the next big sand move using all our equipment.





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Thankful For Art and the Happiness Our Children Bring

By Michelle Palmer

As we start to think of all the things we give thanks for, often the masterpieces our children create and the experiences we shared with them come to mind. We can't help smiling with pride thinking about the colorful and crafty moments.



Kimberly's creative island

Kimberly, age 8, painted this beautiful and relaxing palm tree picture. As the winter months approach, her work of art will remind us of warm peaceful times, and her family will enjoy this scene for years to come. The bright colors and island feeling brighten up any day.

Bethany, also an 8-year-old artist, learned how to make polymer clay figures. She watched tutorials online and then put her skills into action. Her designs are cute and unique, but most of all, very impressive. Her little creations were made with lots of love.

Bethany, also an 8-year-old



Designs by Luna

Luna is only 5 years old and has started designing clothes for her dolls. Her love for fashion has inspired her



Minecraft masterpieces

to make adorable outfits of her own. Her beautiful personality shines in her crafts as well.

Sometimes our hobbies motivate us to get creative! Elias, an 8-year-old, is a big Minecraft fan. Using small

Perler beads, he constructed some important items that represent the game. His creations show the detail and dedication he puts into his art. ■

Did you just create an amazing piece of art? Whether you colored it, glued it, cut it, or even baked it, send us a photo with your name and we will print as many as we can.

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Bethany (above) and some of her itty-bitty masterpieces (right)



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7 Types of Mutual Funds You Need to Understand

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To invest wisely, you need to understand what you're investing in. Most retirement plans allow you to invest in a variety of mutual fund-like options.

A mutual fund is an investment that lets people pool their money together into one professionally managed investment. Mutual funds can invest in stocks, bonds, cash, or a combination of those assets. To invest in a mutual fund, you buy shares of it. The fund's manager will invest according to the fund's goals, and can buy and sell the underlying investments, or holdings, as needed.

Before you invest, make sure you understand what each type of mutual fund is all about. In addition, before you invest in any specific mutual fund, you can learn more about it by reading its prospectus. Here are seven different kinds of mutual funds that you may see within your retirement plan.

1 GROWTH FUNDS Growth mutual funds invest primarily in stocks of companies that have the potential for above-average gains. Because of that, these funds can rise in price faster in a rising, or bull, market, but can also fall in price more rapidly in a falling, or bear, market. They are generally best suited for people who have a higher risk tolerance and don't mind large swings in price.

2 INCOME FUNDS Income mutual funds invest primarily in stocks and bonds that pay dividends, so that investors continually have income coming in, regardless of the actual performance of the fund. These funds typically produce lower returns than growth funds, because their main goal is not to produce a higher price. That means, they also don't fluctuate in value as much as a growth fund will.

3 MONEY MARKET FUNDS* Money market mutual funds hold very short-term securities issued by the government or by corporations, such as U.S. Treasury bills or Certificates of Deposit. Since the risk of losing money is low, the annual return of a money market fund is also low – sometimes lower than the annual rate of inflation.

4 BALANCED FUNDS These funds invest in a diversified combination of stocks, bonds, and cash equivalents, and seek both growth of capital and income over the long-term. They will typically produce lower returns than a growth fund, but higher returns than an income fund.

5 INDEX FUNDS These funds attempt to replicate the performance of an index, such as the S&P 500, by building a fund that owns every asset in the index or achieves the same results by holding similar securities. Because the funds simply track an index, there is no need for a fund manager to buy or sell stocks or bonds within them. That's why these funds are typically considered passively managed, meaning they are not actively managed by a fund manager. That can cut down on the cost to the investor.

6 ASSET ALLOCATION PORTFOLIOS** These portfolios also hold a mix of different investment types – stocks, bonds, and cash investments. Professional investment managers tailor the mix of investments based on risk tolerance. The

more aggressive the portfolio is, the more stocks it includes. The more conservative it is, the more bond (fixed income) investments it includes. As an investor, you would typically choose a fund with a similar label as your own risk tolerance.

For example, if you are an aggressive investor and don't mind large swings in price, you may want to select an Aggressive Asset Allocation portfolio. Or, if you are more conservative in nature and can't stand large market fluctuations, you may want to select a Conservative Asset Allocation portfolio.

7 TARGET-DATE FUNDS Target-date funds (also known as life-cycle or age-based funds) are designed to simplify investing for retirement. Generally, a participant chooses a fund with a target date closest to the year the participant expects to retire. Once the participant selects an appropriate fund, they don't need to do anything else. The fund manager will manage the fund so that its holdings become more and more conservative the closer the fund date gets to its "retirement date".

For example, if you choose a 2022 Target Date Fund, you will anticipate retiring in the year 2022. Therefore, the fund will invest more conservatively as the year 2022 approaches.



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These are popular options for participants who want to invest for retirement without having to re-allocate their assets as they get closer to their retirement date. Of course, an investment in a target date fund is not guaranteed at any time, including on or after the target date. Keep in mind that you will generally incur higher costs with the target date funds than if you were to invest directly in the underlying investments themselves. Regardless of which type of fund or funds you choose, be sure to read the fund's prospectus and fact sheet carefully before investing. The documents will tell you important information, like the fund's objective and what fees you'll pay for it. ■

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Someone You Should Meet

Getting to Know Your Library Staff

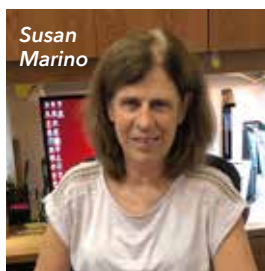
By David Wilson

■ **What is your name, position, and responsibilities at the library?** My name is Susan Marino, and I am Assistant to the Library Director. I am responsible for all administrative matters for the Nutley Library. This includes purchasing materials for all the departments (Children's, Adult, and Teen), paying vendors, processing documents for boarding new hires, bi-weekly payroll processing, and attending monthly board meetings. Also, I assist in organizing events and various administrative work with the Friends of the Nutley Public Library.

■ **When did you start working at the library and why?** I have been working at various libraries in the area since 1998. I started as a library assistant at the Oradell Public Library. Subsequently, I worked at other Bergen County library locations. I started at the Nutley Public Library in 2017 as a library assistant and was then promoted to Assistant to the Director in March 2018. I really enjoy working here. I love meeting people and chatting about different books our patrons are reading. I am an avid reader myself.

■ **What is your educational background?** I earned an associate degree for business administration at the Berkeley College of Business in West Paterson, NJ.

■ **Do you have any childhood memories of visiting the library?** As a child, my mom would take me to the local library where she would sit and read to me. We visited the school library once a week, where the librarian would read



aloud to the class. From that point on, I had a love of books.

■ **Tell us about your family** My husband and I have two children. My son is a graduate of Seton Hall University (Class of 2020) with a bachelor's degree in finance and business information technology management. My daughter is attending Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. She is in her second year with a concentration in life sciences. Her goal is to be a physician's assistant.

■ **What are your hobbies, volunteer work, or other leisure time pursuits?** During my free time, I enjoy reading, crocheting, needlework, and making handmade gifts for friends and family, especially around the holidays!

■ **What do you enjoy most about working at the library?**

I enjoy working with and assisting the wonderful staff. I also enjoy the patrons that come into the library on a regular basis.

■ **Share a memorable story involving a library patron or program.** My most memorable story is being invited by the Friends of the Library to go to the Annual Friends Breakfast at Season's. I had the great honor of meeting the best-selling author of mystery and thriller books, Harlan Coben. He is such a wonderful speaker and writer. It was awesome.

■ **What is your favorite book or author?** I have many favorite books that I have read in my lifetime. It is difficult to pick out one. I do enjoy reading historical fiction, thrillers, or sometimes even just an easy read. I also read most books from recommendations by friends and our staff.

■ **Your favorite motto or quote?** "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." – Mae West ■

Friends of the Nutley Public Library

By Helen Carroll, President

The days are getting shorter, temperatures are dropping, and the leaves are beginning to change. Few things have been as constant as the change of seasons these past 18 months, except for the dedicated staff at the library. Services and programs have been delivered in creative ways, including Zoom presentations, outdoor painting programs, and take and make crafts. The library has resumed regular hours and continues to provide patrons with virtual and in-person programs. For a complete array of the many activities currently offered, please visit the library website.

The Friends of the Nutley Public Library is busy planning the Fall Book Sale, our first since the pandemic began. We hope to be able to report next time the sale was a success. We are also optimistic that we will be able to hold the Author's Tea once again in the near future. The semi-annual book sales and Author's Tea are our biggest fundraisers



of the year, allowing the Friends to sponsor many of the library programs offered to children and adults.

Fundraising remains a priority for the Friends and we invite you to join us this year on Giving Tuesday, the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving on November 30. This year

we aim to double the participation and donations received in 2020 and ask that you consider donating to the Friends so that we can continue to sustain programs provided to the community. ■

For the latest information about programs, events, and library happenings, stay connected with the Nutley Public Library through the following: www.nutleypubliclibrary.org; on social media at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; email the librarians at reference@nutleynj.org; or call the Reference Desk at 973-667-0405 ext. 2604. Our friendly staff members are available and always happy to assist you.



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*Left: Wendy Lucas Director of Strategic Development and Marketing for PB Roofing, Anthony DeKarski Exec. VP PB Roofing, Maria Hamlin Commander VFW Post 493, John Peck President PB Roofing
Below: PB Roofing workers*

which focuses on making a positive difference as neighbors and partners in the community. They leverage roofing expertise, resources, and products to help power the potential of communities.

Earlier this year, PB Roofing launched PB Purpose, a program dedicated to serving the local community. John Peck, President and Founder of PB Roofing, said, "We set out with a mission to help the public and we are proud of the impact this project will have on our veteran community. We are grateful to GAF for their collaboration."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is a nonprofit veterans' service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. The VFW is dedicated to veteran's services, legislative advocacy, as well as military and community service programs.

We are so grateful to GAF and PB Roofing for their generous collaboration. They have helped bring longevity to our aging building and they have raised the roof in more ways than one. We have been blessed by so many residents, small businesses, and larger corporations who have come forward to help in our restoration efforts. We look forward to continuing the great work all of you have started. ■



Raising the Roof at the Nutley VFW

By Maria Hamlin

Just when we thought the projects were beginning to slow down at the VFW, we have forged ahead with yet another one, all thanks to GAF and PB Roofing companies. The project couldn't have come at a better time as Hurricane Ida ravaged through our town causing extensive damage to many residents' properties.

PB Roofing, a regional commercial roofing company based out of New Jersey, partnered with GAF, North America's largest roofing and waterproofing manufacturer, to provide a much-needed new roof for our Nutley VFW Post 493. The roofing project included a full recovery of the existing roof over the banquet hall and a full replacement of the canopy over the main entrance.

The project began on September 3 and lasted three days. GAF donated all the materials and PB Roofing donated the installation labor. This collaboration is part of GAF's social impact initiative, GAF Community Matters,

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NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Nov. 1, Mon.

Teen Advisory Board

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. (Grades 9-12). The Teen Advisory Board is designed to allow teens to incorporate themselves within the library through actively engaging in the development and participation of library events and programs for their peers in the community. Members have an opportunity to provide real leadership and service to their local library and, by extension, to other teens in the community by having their voices heard.

Time: 3:15-3:45pm

For more information visit www.teenservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org/volunteers

Nov. 2, Tue.

Dinosaur Camp Geology Tour and Wild Art

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

For children in grades 1-5. Take a guided hike of the Walter Kidde

Dinosaur Quarry with Essex County Environmental Center Naturalist David Alexander. After examining Jurassic age dinosaur tracks, return to the Riker Hill Art Park Studio to create your own small-scale clay interpretation of what the dinosaurs may have looked like with artist Ivan Bratko. Participants can schedule a follow-up visit to paint and fire their ceramic art at a later date (for an additional fee).

Time: 11am-4pm

Cost: \$80 per child / \$20 additional for ceramic painting and firing

For more information call 973-228-8776 or visit www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar/dinosaur-camp-geology-tour-wild-art

Nov. 6, Sat.

Online All Recovery Meeting

@virtual event

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 been influenced by substance use.

Time: 12-1:30pm

For more information, Zoom link, and other event times, visit the Clara Maass Medical Center calendar at www.rwjbh.org/events/

Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Tue.

Blood Pressure Screening

@Public Affairs/Health Department, 149 Chestnut St.

Offered every Tuesday at the Nutley Health Department.

Time: 1:30-3pm



For more information call the Nutley Health Department at 973-284-4976

Nov. 13, Sat.

Holiday Wreath Making

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

For adults. Welcome your friends and family to your home with a beautiful holiday wreath! Use evergreen boughs and other materials to create a seasonal work of art! All materials are included for this hands-on workshop.



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Time: 11am-12pm
Cost: \$25 per person
For more information visit
www.essexcountyparks.org/facilities/environmental-center/calendar/holiday-wreath-making

**Nov. 16, Tue.
Children's Healthy Cooking Class**

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
For ages 6-12. Make healthy meals and snacks with Nutley ShopRite registered dietician Stephanie Bini. Please advise if child has food allergies. Registration is required.
Time: 1:45-3pm
For more information call
973-667-0405 ext. 2623

**Nov. 18, Thurs.
Hot Chocolate Hike**

@Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland
For families. Join up for a hike around the Environmental Center forest, build a winter campfire, sip hot cocoa, and make s'mores. Dress warmly.
Time: 6-7:30pm
Cost: \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult
For more information call
973-228-8776

**Nov. 19, Fri.
Origami Fridays**
@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Drop-in to the Children's Room for origami instruction from artist Nobuko Okabe. No registration required and all supplies provided. Open to all ages but children under 10 must have adult supervision. All participants will be required to wear a mask.
Time: 3:30-4:30pm
For more information visit
www.youthservices.nutleypubliclibrary.org

**Nov. 26-27, Fri.-Sat.
RAKES Program**
The RAKES program provides an alternative to seniors and those who are disabled and unable to rake their leaves. Residents seeking help must be over 60 and/or be disabled, own and live in the home requiring raking assistance, and be unable to afford help. Community volunteer teams will rake homes during this time period.
Time: 7am-5pm
To apply or volunteer call
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