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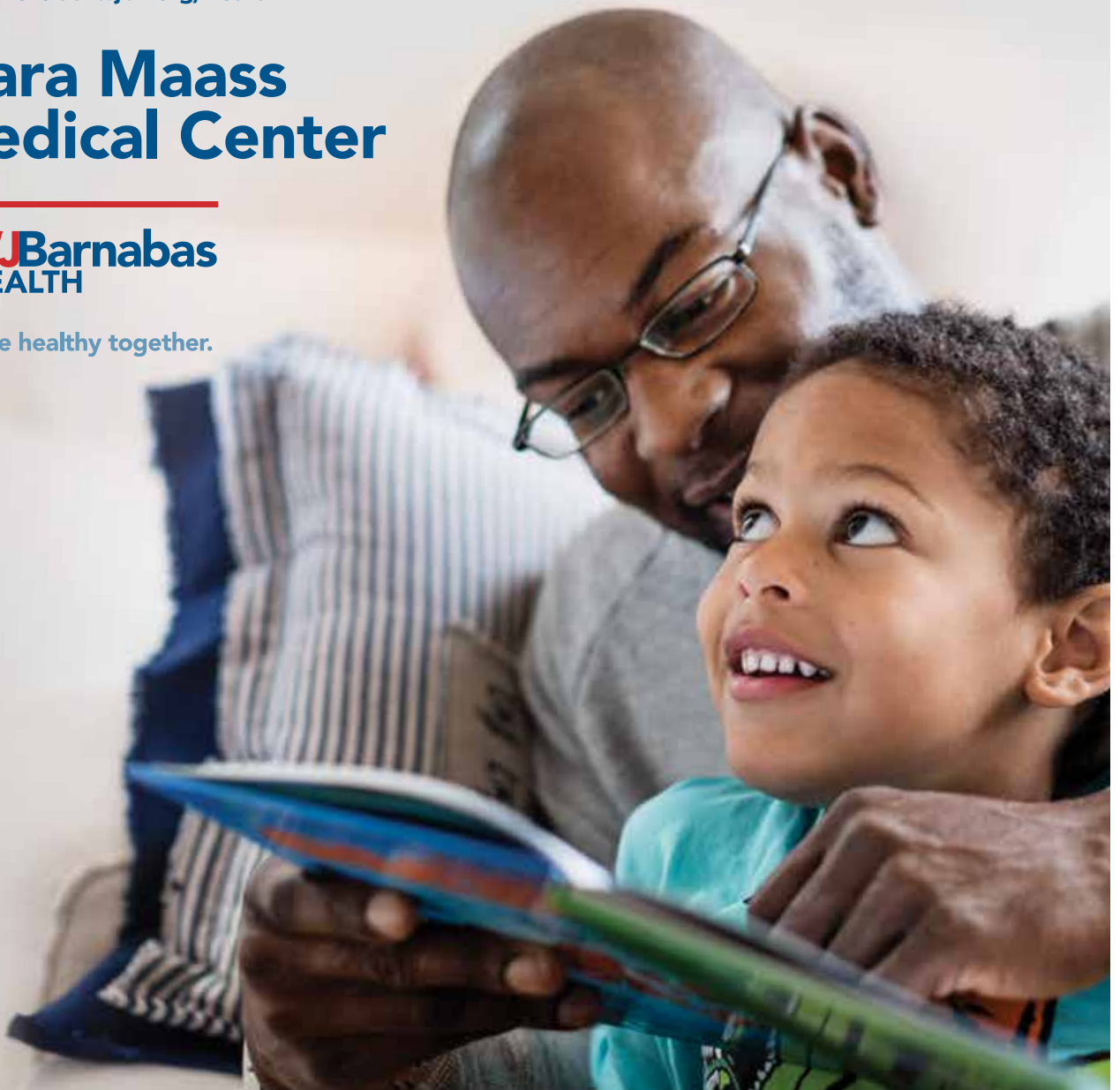
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This month's issue is a mix-and-match one. We have a variety of articles on different topics, but all of them feature someone from town. This was a wonderful reminder to me that as we share space in Nutley (or on the planet!), we remain individuals with likes and dislikes, hobbies, havens, and ways to be happy.

Our cover story family became famous during the lockdown because they were the first in town to have a drive-by birthday for their daughter, Ella. Christine and Dan Pucci are lifelong Nutley residents who first met when they were five and attending Spring Garden School. Ella is the fourth generation growing up here!

And speaking of longevity, Harry W. Chenoweth was the longest-serving Nutley mayor. He was elected to that office for 20 consecutive years and made many contributions to the town, many of which we are still enjoying today.

However, our *Nutley Neighbors* do not have to be in political office to benefit the community; we have articles about residents running a sports program, working to revitalize the VFW building, and children exploring their artistic talents on paper and on the stage.

This mixing and matching of their various skills creates an environment in town that acknowledges individual interests and encourages everyone to pursue an activity they love.

I think the best part about this collection of creativity and community spirit is that we can learn new things, reminisce about old things, and respect all things. You will find all of that and more in this month's issue!

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Dan, Christine,  
and Ella Pucci,  
with their pups  
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### Feature Story

# Driving By the Pucci Home

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

**D**o you remember the birthday drive-by parades during lockdown? Wasn't that a creative way to celebrate while still staying safe?

Our cover story family—Christine, Dan, and Ella Pucci— not only remembers the lines of cars driving through town but were the very first people that had a parade pass by their house!

It happened on March 21, 2020, to celebrate Ella Pucci's fourth birthday. More than 40 cars drove past her house, sporting banners, streamers, and balloons, beeping their horns as people waved out their windows.

"We had to cancel two birthday parties for Ella," Christine said. "She was going to have a bowling party with her friends and then a family



party that Sunday. But when her aunt read a story about a boy in California who celebrated his birthday with a car parade, she made some phone calls and set one up for Ella. Seeing how happy she was made everyone's day and week so much better."

This first-ever Nutley parade became the inspiration for many other residents to have their own version as they celebrated special days with loved ones.

Coincidentally, the Pucci family motto is "Roll with the punches." Making the most of life's changes and chances is at the heart of this family who has one unfailing constant in their lives.

"We love Nutley," Christine said. "Dan and I both grew up here and met when we were five since we



both attended Spring Garden School. We then went to the middle school and then graduated Nutley High School in 2004. But we weren't even friends; we hung around in different social groups!"

But as their lives changed, a chance opportunity came along that brought their lives together again.

"After high school we went to college, and it wasn't until 2011 that we saw each other again," Christine said. "Dan was having a volleyball tournament in his backyard and he was looking for some more women players. I joined them and the weekend was like a high school reunion. After the tournament, he asked me out on a date, and we saw the newest Harry Potter movie. It's really funny that we knew each other since we were five but started dating when we were 25!"

After a few years and many other dates, the couple got married on March 13, 2015. Today, they are active *Nutley Neighbors*, busy with their respective careers, community involvement, and their 5-year-old daughter, Ella.

"Dan has a mechanical engineering degree from Lafayette College and is Assistant Project Manager at Torcon in Red Bank," Christine said. "I have a bachelor's degree in English and went on to get my teaching



certification. I have been teaching for 8 years; this is my fourth year at Bloomfield High School and previously, I was at a private school for 4 years."

This past summer, Christine also taught at Nutley's Let's Learn Summer Program which gives students the opportunity to spend the early weeks of their summer vacation engaged in STEAM courses (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) theater, cooking, and yoga activities.

"I taught engineering to small children," she said. "There are many fun and educationally challenging topics for students in grades kindergarten through sixth."

And speaking of school, Ella started Spring Garden School, the same school her parents attended, in September.

"She is the fourth generation growing up here in town," Christine said. "Both of her Nutley great-grandparents are 99 years old."

The specific neighborhood they live in is not only close to family but holds a lot of special memories.

"The main reasons we chose to live in this section of town were to be closer to school and our families," Christine said. "We bought the house next door to where I grew up. We are also two houses away from my grandma

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and a few houses from my brother. This is a wonderful neighborhood with a mix of older families and a lot of new couples with children moving in."

The canine members of their household enjoy their forever home here as well.

"Both of our dogs are rescues," Christine said. "Kobe is a mix of Labrador and Dalmatian and is eight, and Maggie May is a one-year-old Labrador and shepherd mix."

Dan, Christine, and Ella are also active throughout Nutley as they interact with businesses, volunteer, or take part in town sports.

"We are very big on supporting small businesses, especially the food places," Christine said. "One of our favorites is Cucina 355, and we are at Jim Dandy's just about every Friday. We like to volunteer at the Kingsland Manor to help set up the Christmas decorations and to do some gardening. And we are so happy that Ella started playing recreation soccer and lacrosse. We're hoping that eventually they will have a female lacrosse team when she gets older."

Trusting the future is part of how they Pucci family 'rolls with the punches.' Christine and Dan know that life can be surprising in some very good ways. Who would have thought that those five-year-olds in Spring Garden School, who graduated high school together without ever being in the same social circle, would eventually get married and have a daughter who is now a five-year-old in the same school?

Although Ella Pucci had to have her birthday party canceled in 2020, this family showed a resilience that

inspired the town. Her drive-by birthday parade celebrated her special day as well as her family who knows that some things can change while others remain the same—like love, family, and facing the future together. ■

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## GRATITUDE IS CRITICAL: Wrestling Clinic Returns

By Joyce Corey

It's been a long year and a half. There have been many inconsistencies in how to handle COVID-19 and some of the best-laid plans have been thrown out the window several times. No one knows this more than Coach Michael Blanchard. Two weeks before the wrestling season was supposed to start, everything changed. Suddenly, he found himself leading a group of over 90 wrestlers and their families into a non-season.

"I had a choice to make. I decided to go with hope and positivity. I decided to focus on being grateful for what we had and concentrated our efforts into two town-wide food drives," stated Blanchard. "Our wrestling group needed something to direct our collective energy on that was productive."

It was many months later when the non-season was behind them, and baseball, track, spring soccer, and lacrosse were in full swing. Coach Blanchard reached out to his good friends, Frank DeMaio and Michael DiPiano,



Over 50 wrestlers and coaches joined Joe Dubque and Pat Glory on July 15th for a memorable Princeton night of wrestling at Nutley Parks and Recreation.

to float the idea of launching wrestling again with what used to be an annual wrestling clinic. Parks and Recreation was completely supportive. Mayor Mauro Tucci's grandsons even signed up.

"Our goal has been to use the clinic as a springboard into the regular season. It helps bring new kids into the fold, and it also gives us a chance to showcase talent from our local colleges and universities," Blanchard explained. "The clinic started four or five years ago, and then I got the idea to bring in Joey McKenna (Ohio State alum and NCAA national runner up). Joey is from New Jersey, and once we got him, I thought the sky's the limit."

Blanchard is a wrestling guy. He wrestled four years at The College of New Jersey, where he and DiPiano became teammates and friends. He captained the team his senior year and never looked back. He went on to coach at Rutherford High School, where he promoted the sport endlessly for over a decade. Wrestling is in his blood, but

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more importantly, he sees wrestling as a means to an end.

"It helps prepare young people for life. Things like developing work ethic, dealing with adversity, and perseverance are all intangibles that a young person gains by participating," Blanchard explained. "I'm lucky I had good coaches and good influences. I still look to those people today in my adult life. They helped make me a better human being."

This summer, Blanchard enlisted the help of his 18 recreation coaches and set the clinic in motion with four nights of wrestling. Rutgers Head Wrestling Coach, Scott Goodale, and his freshman All-American wrestler, John Poznanski, were featured on Tuesday, July 13th. On Thursday, July 15th, Princeton's Associate Head Wrestling Coach, Joe Dubuque (a Bloomfield/Glen Ridge native), and his U23 National Champion and All-American, Patrick Glory, closed out the clinic. Dubuque and Glory were supposed to come the year before, but COVID-19 had other plans. Blanchard was overflowing with gratitude for all four New Jersey legends being present.

Both college programs taught moves and spoke to the kids about being good students as well as being good wrestlers.



Michael DiPiano (Nutley High School Head wrestling coach), Scott Goodale (Rutgers Head wrestling coach), John Poznanski (Rutgers All-American), Frank DeMaio (Parks and Recreation Superintendent), and Michael Blanchard, the featured clinician on July 13th at Rutgers (left). Joe Dubuque (Princeton University's Associate Head Coach), Michael Blanchard, and Patrick Glory (Princeton University All-American).



"We focused our four nights towards the idea of gratitude," Blanchard said. "Being thankful and showing thanks has always been a staple of my life. After a year away from the sport I love and the thing I am most passionate about, it was terrific to be able to remember the hardships of the previous year while holding supreme

gratitude for the time ahead of us. I hope our young people will not forget those lessons most of all. Anyone can teach you wrestling moves, but having a grateful nature is something that will last longer in their lives."

Blanchard's mantra is sure to be present again as the team looks to start up in November.

"We will have gratitude for the good moments and even the bad ones. Good or bad, these things shape us and matter. People matter. Young people matter most of all." ■



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# Autumn Artists' Spotlight

By Michelle Palmer

As summer fades away, the memories remain forever. Aside from the traditional trips to the beach, many families enjoyed creating art. Children explored new talents, both on paper and through the world of performing arts.

Isabelle, age 7, performed on stage in her first musical as a young Anna. She starred in *Frozen Jr.* at the Brundage Park Playhouse. She brought her character to life through music and her amazing voice. This is certainly a magical moment that her family will treasure for years to come.



Isabelle as a young Anna in *Frozen Jr.*

Kaitlyn was interested in learning about her dad's business this summer. She had an incredibly interesting experience joining her dad at Nutley's axe-throwing location and learned how to make the targets. Her skills as an artist and great helper are right on target for success!

Tiffany is a young adult who designed this beautiful display for her mom. It not only brought a smile to her face, but tears to her eyes. She showed her mom how special the



Picture perfect!



Kaitlyn creating a target

## Kids Corner

moments they share with her siblings are by crafting this pretty picture frame.

Four-year-old Sabrina practiced painting with watercolors. She painted some of her favorite fruits.



Fun with fruit

This was a special activity for her and her mom to enjoy together. They love learning activities that are both educational and fun, but, of course, sometimes a little messy.

Joyleen expressed how meaningful art created by kids really is with this special project her son made in high school. Louie graduated from Nutley

High School in 2011, but this napkin holder he made in shop class is still well loved today. ■



Joyleen's napkin holder made by her son, Louie

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# Harry W. Chenoweth, Longest-Serving Nutley Mayor

By Barry Lenson, Art Director, Nutley Museum

All Nutleyites have occasion to visit our beautiful Town Hall, often to pay property taxes or transact other business. If you have paused to read the building's name, posted over its front doors, you have noticed that officially it's the Harry W. Chenoweth Building. The building was named for that important Nutleyite back in 1994, and it has remained so ever since.

But do you know who Harry W. Chenoweth was? In brief, he was the longest-serving Mayor in the history of our town. In fact, he is our all-time champion Mayor, because he held that office in all the following years:

1976 - 1980	1964 - 1968	1956 - 1960
1968 - 1972	1960 - 1964	1952 - 1956

That's a pretty astonishing record of service to our town. So, who was Mayor Chenoweth? Let's find out.

### ■ About Our Esteemed Former Mayor Harry Chenoweth (1910-1997)

We are pleased to share the following biography from *Nutley Notables, Volume 1* by Anthony Buccino. (Used with permission.)

Harry Chenoweth's love and concern for his community is a story of deep and active involvement. He identified problems and acted to solve them, both as initiator and participant. His dedication to community activities has been recognized as evidenced by his election to the office of mayor for 20 consecutive years.

During World War II, he was a Reconnaissance Sergeant in the 8th Cavalry Division, U.S. Army. He participated in



Harry W. Chenoweth

the Battle of the Bulge. Chenoweth was wounded by shrapnel in the head and shoulders.

His many activities in veteran's organizations are the result of his service experiences. He was a member of the Nutley Chapter of AMVETS, the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

When Chenoweth returned home from his war experiences, he turned to community service. Health causes were a special interest. Some of the most significant health projects with which he was involved include: Nutley Volunteer and Rescue Squads and Free Adult Health Clinic.

Mayor Chenoweth knew only one community during his lifetime - the community of Nutley. He lived in the house at 200 Hillside Avenue. He graduated from Nutley High School, attended Rutgers University, and then the New Jersey Law School.

### ■ Among Harry W. Chenoweth's Many Contributions to Nutley Include ...

Participation in the creation of our town's flag ... creation of our town's patriotism and appreciation of our veterans ... support of the Nutley Volunteer First Aid Squad ... support and expansion of the Nutley Public Library ... unwavering support of our schools.

So, the next time you drop by the Harry W. Chenoweth Building, please pause a moment to remember this great man and his long record of service to our town. Like all the mayors in our history, we owe him an immense debt of gratitude. ■

Sources: Mattia Award; *The Nutley Sun*, Alfred Cook. Reproduced from *Nutley Notables*, Vol. 1 by Anthony Buccino.

*The Nutley Historical Society is looking forward to welcoming you and your family back to the Nutley Museum soon!*  
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# Operation Eagle

By Linda Buset

The Nutley VFW has been moving full speed ahead since Maria Hamlin became Commander of the 100-year-old post.

Many projects have been completed, and the community has truly rallied around the veterans of the Stuart E. Edgar VFW Post 493 to help make that happen.

The latest project is that of a young man named Philip Szczechowicz. Philip is a Nutley resident and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 22 in Bloomfield, NJ. He is pursuing his Eagle Scout badge and has decided to help our veterans with the Canteen revitalization project which has been named Operation Eagle.

Maria expressed the following about Philip. "From the moment I met Philip, I was able to see the drive and passion he has. He truly wants to help our community and our veterans."

As he began the project, his leadership skills were evident. He swiftly began formulating ideas and had an amazing vision for the transformation of the space. He immediately put together a list of items and volunteers and began a fundraising campaign to assist with what was needed to successfully complete the project. It is evident to us that he was raised from a loving and supportive family. His mother, father, and sister were all part of the volunteer crew.

Philip joined Cub Scout Troop 144 when he was in the first grade and always wanted to be an Eagle Scout. This is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scout program and is achieved by fulfilling certain requirements like advancing in the ranks, completing merit badges, and working on a service project that benefits a religious institution, school, or your community.

For Philip's Eagle project, he chose the Nutley VFW in honor and memory of his deceased great-grandparents who served in WWII and to give back to our veterans.

When speaking with Philip, he told me, "This project was only possible thanks to the generous donations from family, friends, neighbors, Mayor Tucci, and Commissioner Kelly."

Most importantly, Philip wanted to thank his parents for all their help and guidance throughout his path to Eagle Scout.

Philip said, "My parents need the most thanks, along with my sister Julia, Christian Pothast, Commander Maria Hamlin, the volunteers from Troop 22, and the many



Philip Szczechowicz



Sylvia Szczechowicz, Jan Szczechowicz, Anthony, Commander Maria Hamlin, Philip Szczechowicz, Christian Pothast, Julia Szczechowicz, Justin, and Eric (above). Jan Szczechowicz staining wood for shelving units (left). Philip Szczechowicz priming the walls of the VFW (far left).

businesses who donated so generously to this project."

According to Commander Hamlin, "The Nutley VFW is so happy and blessed to have met Philip and his family. They will forever be part of our history and part of our VFW family. We are so proud of Philip and can't wait to see him become an Eagle Scout! We look forward to showing off the newly designed space to our fellow comrades." ■

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# Getting to Know Your Library Staff

By David Wilson

## ■ What is your name, position, and responsibilities at the library?

My name is Deidra Garcia, and I am the Head of Youth Services. I answer questions at the Children's Desk, and I'm responsible for purchasing books and materials for children. I supervise several employees and oversee program planning, from large events like our Summer Reading Program to story times. I also run programs, including our weekly Babygarden story time and Hooked on Books Reading Club for grades 4-6.

## ■ When did you start working at the library and why?

I joined the library in August 2018. I've been working in libraries for more than a decade, starting as a volunteer at the Miami Beach Regional Library in 2007, then moving up to part-time page, and eventually librarian intern before graduating with my degree and becoming a librarian in Florida, and later New Jersey. Finding a position in the town I live in seemed too good to be true.

## ■ What is your educational background?

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from New York University and a Master of Information Studies from Florida State University.

## ■ Do you have any childhood memories of visiting the library?

The library was right down the street from my house, so I was there constantly! I'd love going after school and just loading up on books. It was definitely not a hotspot, so it was nice to be able to explore and read on my own.

## ■ Tell us about your family.

My husband and I are currently raising an energetic child.



Deidra Garcia

We have a big extended family in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida, so we get a lot of help!

## ■ What are your hobbies, volunteer work, or other leisure time pursuits?

I have a three-year-old son, so hobbies are pretty much non-existent! In my previous life, I liked cooking, sewing, going to movies, and eating out at new restaurants.

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

I adore how excited kids get about books, and I love the fact that we provide a space for all types of families and people of all ages to be entertained, become informed, and feel accepted as part of a community without charging them a thing for being there. That's an extremely rare concept these days.

## ■ Share a memorable story involving a library patron or program.

The first time I hosted a big event for middle-school students, one boy went home without telling anyone (prompting one hysterical call to a parent), another girl told me the craft gave her a rash (turned out it wasn't a rash, she used marker to decorate the inside of a mask), and I forgot to add clues to a scavenger hunt. It was a mess, but we had fun!

## ■ What is your favorite book or author?

One of my favorite books is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. I love how immersed you get in the lives of the characters in early 20th century Brooklyn.

## ■ A closing message

Libraries are here for you, so make sure you take advantage of them throughout your entire life! ■



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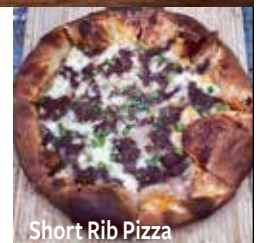
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## Library Corner



# Celebrate Halloween This October

By Nick Van Dorn, Senior Librarian

Celebrate Halloween by borrowing some scary books and films from the Nutley Public Library. During October, we will have a display highlighting our collection. You may also visit our website at [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org) to borrow items digitally on Libby, Kanopy, and Hoopla directly onto your phone, tablet or computer. Not sure what items to borrow? Check out any one of these 31 horror books, one for each day in October, by authors who specialize in sending shivers down your spine.

**Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter**

by Seth Grahame-Smith

**At the Mountains of Madness**

by H.P. Lovecraft

**Bird Box**

by Josh Malerman

**The Changeling**

by Victor LaValle

**Complete Tales and Poems**

by Edgar Allan Poe

**Dracula**

by Bram Stoker

**Frankenstein**

by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

**The Exorcist**

by William Peter Blatty

**The Family Upstairs**

by Lisa Jewell

**Gothic Tales**

by Elizabeth Gaskell

**The Haunting of Hill House**

by Shirley Jackson

**Heart-Shaped Box**

by Joe Hill

**The Hunger**

by Alma Katsu

**I Am Legend**

by Richard Matheson

**Interview with the Vampire**

by Anne Rice

**The Lottery**

by Shirley Jackson

**Mexican Gothic**

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Rebecca**

by Daphne du Maurier

**The Road**

by Cormac McCarthy

**Rosemary's Baby**

by Ira Levin

**The Shining**

by Stephen King

**The Silence of the Lambs**

by Thomas Harris

**Something Wicked This Way Comes**

by Ray Bradbury

**The Stand**

by Stephen King

**Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde**

by Robert Louis Stevenson

**The Terror**

by Dan Simmons

**The Turn of the Screw**

by Henry James

**The Walking Dead**

by Robert Kirkman

**Whispers**

by Dean Koontz

**The Woman in Black**

by Susan Hill

**World War Z**

by Max Brooks

### Interested in watching a movie instead?

Check out any one of these 31 horror films. You may want to keep the light on when watching these frightening films:

*Alien, An American Werewolf in London, The Amityville Horror, The Babadook, The Bride of Frankenstein, Child's Play, Dark Water, The Exorcist, The Fly, Frankenstein, Friday the 13th, Get Out, Invasion of the Body Snatchers, Halloween, House on Haunted Hill, It, Jaws, A Nightmare on Elm Street, Night of the Living Dead, Nosferatu, The Omen, Paranormal Activity, The Phantom of the Opera, Poltergeist, Psycho, Scream, The Ring, The Shining, They Live, The Thing, and Zombieland.* ■



# OCTOBER

## 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.

### Oct. 3, Sun.

#### Returning to our "Routes" Celebration Walk | Nutley Thriving Survivors

@walk begins at John H. Walker Middle School, 325 Franklin Ave. In 2003, the Celebration Walk went through Memorial Park. In 2021, the Nutley Thriving Survivors will be returning to their "routes" by once again walking through the park. If you have walked before, feel free to wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt from a previous year, but any pink shirt will do. The Nutley Thriving Survivors invites all families to walk to celebrate everyone who has battled breast cancer. Registration includes water, hot dog, and a candle for each family member.

**Time:** 7pm **Cost:** \$10 per family of four. \$5 for each additional family member.

For more information visit [www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com](http://www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com)

### Oct. 4, Mon.

#### DISH! The Monday Night Cookbook Club

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. Meetings will be held in-person, but may switch to virtual depending

on changes in the CDC, NJ state, or local guidelines. Each month, participants will choose, prepare, and share a DISH! from a selected cookbook. Then, gather to sample each other's recipes, discuss cooking techniques, and share stories.

**Time:** 7pm **Cost:** Free  
For more information and to register visit <https://nutleypubliclibrary.org/dish-cookbook-club/>

### Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, Sun.

#### Nutley Farmers Market

@Municipal Parking Lot 9, 537 Franklin Ave. Now in its 12th season, the outdoor Nutley Farmers Market features delicious local foods and goods, live music, special events, and a weekly walking group.

**Time:** 9am-2pm  
For more information visit [www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket](http://www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket)

### Oct. 5, Tue.

#### Nutley Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards Dinner

@Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton  
The 49th annual Distinguished

Service Awards Program will be honoring the 2020 recipients from the postponed event in April 2021.

**Time:** 6:30pm **Cost:** \$45 per person. Cash bar available.  
For tickets call Dr. Steven Clarke at 973-235-1515. For ad book call David and Dianne Wilson at 973-667-4690.

### Oct. 6, Wed.

#### Pumpkin Painting

@Nutley Public Library, 93 Booth Dr. For all ages. Celebrate Halloween with this annual pumpkin painting held outdoors. All supplies will be provided, just bring a box for carrying your pumpkin home and your imagination! One session per patron. Registration is required and limited to Nutley Public Library cardholders.

**Time:** Session 1 10-11am | Session 2 11am-12pm **Cost:** Free  
For more information and to register visit <https://bccls.libcal.com/event/8118915>

### Oct. 24, Sun.

#### Celebration Brunch | Nutley Thriving Survivors

@Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge  
As always, an afternoon of love, camaraderie, support, and humor.

**Time:** 11am-2pm **Cost:** Survivors and one guest are free. \$35 each additional guest.

For more information visit [www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com](http://www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com)

### Oct. 26, Tue.

#### S'mores n' More Night Hike

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

For families and all ages welcome. Come out to build a campfire and practice fundamental fire skills in a safe and controlled environment. Once the fire starts burning, start roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. Advance registration required.

**Time:** 6-7:30pm **Cost:** \$30 per family (up to two adults and two children) or \$10 per child; \$12 per adult

### Oct. 29, Fri.

#### Halloween Spooktacular

@Parks and Recreation Dept., 44 Park Ave.

Nutley residents only – please bring valid ID.

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
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