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## Nutley's Home Team

*John, Kristen, Jaclyn,  
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## Letter to Residents

### Home Run!

**D**id you ever notice how many sports phrases contain the word 'home'?

Home run  
Home field  
Home base

Now for those of you who know me well, I am not what you might call a 'sportsy' person. In fact, my only foray into sports was winning a jacks championship when I was 11 and I credit that sport to contributing to my current manual dexterity and typing ability.

But I digress...

For most other sports, the idea of 'home' is evident. Like it's the place to be. (Cue Dorothy clicking together her cleats and saying, "There's no place like home.") Okay, I may be stretching my theme here but isn't running to 'home base' pretty important?

Our cover story is about a delightful family who not only loves sports, but also loves their hometown. Kristen, John, Jaclyn, and Derek Baier are enjoying being part of Team Nutley as they participate in the lineup of local activities, spend time in our parks, and look forward to many innings as our *Nutley Neighbors*.

Coach Sarah Misner knows soccer, but she also knows what's most important. With a record of 18-0-1 this past fall and spring, Nutley United's 10U girls' soccer team had a lot to celebrate. But Coach Misner did more than lead the team in an impressive season; she drove 'home' important life skills to help make their time off the field equally successful.

The Friends of Nutley Public Library know that no home is complete without a book, or a bunch of books. Their awesome sale this past April found a lot of new homes for a lot of books. But in case you missed it, the second part of the semi-annual book sale will be held from October 27-29.

And dare I say that in our Pet Corner we have a photo of Kane... again. He has been at the shelter for over a year and the one word he is looking to hear is 'home.' Maybe it's yours?

All this sports-related writing has shown me (someone who is a little deficient in the sports gene) that 'home' is where you win.

But all our *Nutley Neighbors* already know that!



**Joyce Corey** Content Coordinator

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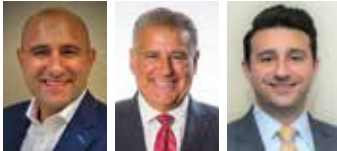
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82 Kierstead Ave.	\$399,000	\$435,000	19
120 Beech St.	\$429,900	\$470,000	13
36 Hay Ave.	\$459,000	\$475,000	9
17 Funston Pl.	\$449,900	\$485,000	9
17 Van Riper Pl.	\$430,000	\$490,000	17
54 Crestwood Ave.	\$519,900	\$510,000	16
78 Ohlson Ave.	\$485,000	\$522,000	14
343 Walnut St.	\$469,900	\$579,000	9
217 Alexander Ave.	\$565,000	\$613,000	6
91 Harrison St.	\$589,900	\$625,000	28
391 Prospect St.	\$680,000	\$640,000	85
216 E Passaic Ave.	\$659,000	\$662,000	39
158 Brookfield Ave.	\$649,000	\$675,000	10
19 Chestnut St.	\$739,900	\$745,000	9
181 Highfield Ln.	\$699,000	\$785,000	11
217 High St.	\$829,900	\$830,000	75
525 Kingsland St.	\$775,000	\$830,000	15

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**Median List Price** \$478,800  
**Median Sale Price** \$505,000  
**Median Days on Market** 17

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## Feature Story

# The Baier Family: Nutley's Home Team

By Joyce Corey Photograph by Randall Kenneth Photography

**T**he Yankees and the Baier family have something in common: they are great teams. But Kristen, John, Jaclyn, and Derek Baier have the home field advantage, as residents in town and active members in the community.

Sports are central to their lives and were the focus of their respective educational degrees and their careers.

"I grew up here in Nutley," Kristen said. "My education started at Washington School, then John H. Walker Middle School, followed by Nutley High School where I was part of the graduating class of 2001. I attended Seton Hall University where I graduated in 2005 with a degree in sports business management. Growing up, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in the sports field and fulfilled that by being in the industry for nine years before deciding



to start a family. For the last eight-plus years I've enjoyed and cherished staying home and focusing on raising our two children."

"I grew up in Wood-Ridge and attended Bergen Catholic where I graduated in 1999," John said. "I went to Penn State University where I received a degree in sports marketing in 2003. I spent 17 years working on the professional team side overseeing revenue functions. I now am the head of a sports vertical for an industry-leading technology company offering solutions for sports venues."

But their mutual interest in sports led to an even greater discovery.

"Like Kristen, I always knew my passion for sports would lead me to a career in the field, but it also led me to meeting my wife while we were both working for the (then) New Jersey Nets," John said.



Living in Nutley was an easy choice for the couple since the town held many great (and even musical moments!) for them.

"My dad, grandparents, and several other relatives immigrated from Italy to Nutley in 1969," Kristen said. "My grandparents built a house on Passaic Avenue, which is where I grew up, and until recently, is where my grandfather resided. In his later years, my grandfather spent many mornings, afternoons, and evenings serenading Nutley residents in front of his house with his guitar. When my parents got married, they decided to raise their family in Nutley. Many of my aunts, uncles, and cousins still live here. We also convinced John's brother to move here, and that Nutley is the place to be!"



*Kristen's grandfather, Salvatore Benevenga, teaches his great granddaughter, Jaclyn, how to play the guitar (left)*

"We purchased our home from my mom right before we got married because we knew we wanted to raise our family, not just in this area, but specifically in a home that provided so much love and held so many memories," Kristen adds.

Joining the Baier team in that same home is Jaclyn (8) and Derek (4). Not surprisingly, both children are already active in sporting activities.

"Our family has no shortage of sports enthusiasm," Kristen said. "Jaclyn has been playing sports since the age of three and has always participated in Nutley leagues. She currently enjoys playing soccer for Nutley United, as well as baseball for Nutley East Little League and softball

with the Parks & Recreation Department. In addition, this fall Jaclyn will be part of the Nutley Cheer Program. Derek has just started playing Nutley sports as of last year. He enjoys soccer and also has fun attending his sister's games and being her #1 fan."

"I really get great fulfillment in participating and volunteering in Nutley athletics," John said. "I've served as an assistant coach for both Nutley East Little League and Nutley Recreation Softball the last two seasons and look forward to continuing as the kids advance."

Their home in the Yantacaw school district is ideal for their children in several ways.

"Jaclyn and Derek love spending time with their friends and cousins in the Nutley parks," Kristen said. "And we love being in walking distance to so many great restaurants and cafes. Being able to walk with the kids to school on nice days is something we always look forward to."

When Team Baier is not in Nutley, you may find them taking a family vacation.

"We always go on an

## 5 Things the Baier Family Loves About Nutley

1. Walking and playing in our beautiful Nutley parks
2. The people—we have met so many great friends here
3. The town wide events, like the annual fireworks, parades, street fairs, Santa's arrival in the Oval, Egg Hunt, and more
4. The food, especially some of our regular favorites like Ralphs, Via Veneto, Thai Essence, and Sugar Tree
5. The youth sports programs and clinics



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annual family summer vacation to Long Beach Island which is something I have been doing with my family since I was born," Kristen said. "Trips to Longboat Key, Florida have recently become a favorite destination for us. As the kids get older, we can't wait to bring them to some of our favorite spots that John and I have visited together in the past."

While sports are indeed a large part of their lives, one of John's hobbies may foreshadow something special.

"I enjoy playing guitar and learning new songs the family likes to listen to," he said.

Music may continue to run in the family since Jaclyn has recently got her first guitar and will soon be taking lessons



Jaclyn playing for the Girls U8 Nutley United team

at the Nutley School of Music. Perhaps the influence of Kristen's serenading grandfather is at work here? Time will tell.

Until then, Kristen, John, Jaclyn, and Derek Baier are enjoying the terrific lineup of activities in town, being part of a great home team, and looking forward to many more innings as our *Nutley Neighbors*. ■

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# Books and Friends— Perfect together!

By Linda Buset

**W**e all know that books and libraries go together, but did you know that the Friends of the Nutley Public Library holds one of the library's most successful fundraisers? And it's a book sale!

On April 29, a team of dedicated volunteers organized an enormous number of books, music CDs, and DVDs, all of which had been donated, for the 2022 semi-annual book sale.

Leading the volunteers was Dolores Capalbo, the founder and force behind this important fundraiser. Dolores has not only organized all the book sales; she has also worked every day of every book sale she has run and does it with much love.

It takes about six days to set up the sale; the sale runs for three days with the last day being 'Fill a Bag Day.' Dolores admits it is a lot of work, but the pleasure she receives helping people find books for themselves and their children is well worth all the time spent. Many young children come in, and Dolores has even offered to babysit while the parent chooses books.

The wide variety of books is as wide as the variety of patrons. Teachers come in for the bag sale and stock up on books for their classrooms. People who come from other



*Dolores Capalbo, founder and force behind the book sale (top) Jennifer Hart and her son choosing books (above)*



countries where their families do not have access to libraries come in to ship books back to their country of origin.

Ellie Slomkowski, Friends of the Nutley Library Treasurer stated: "Quite a few students shop our book sale and found our young adult books quite a deal. One young boy toting a backpack over his shoulder asked how much a SpongeBob 3-disc DVD set cost. I first asked if he was going to give those DVDs to a good home and he said yes; he loved SpongeBob. I quoted him a price of one dollar and his eyes popped open in disbelief. He couldn't have thanked me enough, and the smile on his face made my day as well as all the work that we put in to having the book sale worth the effort."

One woman came every day of the sale. She said, "Every time I come, I see books I want."

Someone else said, "I donated the books I have read so now these books I am buying will fit on my shelves."

A young mother bought a bag of books and said, "I read to my daughter every night." Her baby is six months old, but you can never start too young!

Jennifer Hart, pictured with her son, said, "We love the library and the library book sale. My son, who is soon to be five years old, picked out 25 books. We always donate books as well. He must give away some to get more."

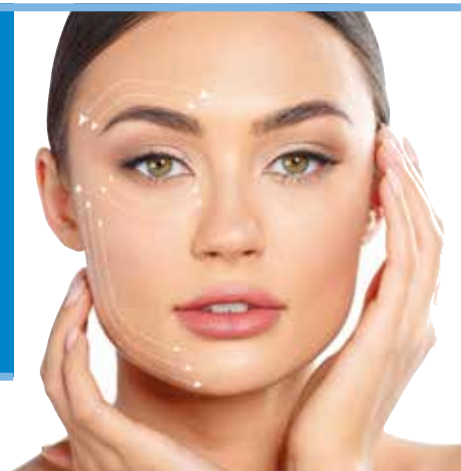
All proceeds from the sale are used to support the Nutley Public Library's programs. The second part of the semi-annual book sale will be held from October 27-29. We hope to see you then! ■

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# Coach Sarah Misner's Winning Strategy

By Joyce Corey



With a record of 18-0-1 this past fall and spring, Nutley United's 10U girls' soccer team has a lot to celebrate. But Coach Sarah Misner did more than lead the team in an impressive season; she gave them life skills to help make their time off the field equally successful.

"Yes, we want to win but that's not the ultimate goal," she said. "Playing a team sport is about making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. It also teaches kids how to handle adversity, teamwork, and sportsmanship. That's what I want to emphasize."

Sarah's method of getting these messages across is done in a very powerful and positive way.

"Praise! Praise! Praise!" she said. "I definitely let the girls know when something needs to improve, but I always build them back up."



*Back Row: Cali Riccardi, Coach Sarah Misner, Alexa Mitschow, Emma Misner, Nina McCarthy, Coach Tim McCarthy, Eliana Galarza. Front Row: Penelope Shedd, Katie Baker, Elia Von Roth, Angelina Stefanelli (Not: Pictured) Alessia Michele. 10U Nutley United Soccer Club and Coach Sarah Misner had an impressive season!*

Coach Misner's winning attitude translated into a phenomenal year for the team, but the stats were only part of what will be remembered.

"This year we had a fantastic record, and we outscored our opponents 60-13," she said. "However, my best memory will be how our team responded to verbal taunting and harassment by opposing teams. They learned just as much about character and integrity as they did soccer. They rallied around their teammates and never once lost their composure."

Sarah has high praise for the entire team which gave her many memorable moments.

"This group of girls is such a pleasure to coach," she said. "They all work hard and do whatever is asked. Each player has a role, but they are always willing to step up and play wherever I ask - even goalie! One of my favorite things about them is that they are tough as nails - never afraid to play physical and never ask to come out. Most importantly, they are just great kids!"

Her goals for next year include some new team tactics. "We are moving to 9v9, so our field is going to be bigger," and reinforcing skills "we want to continue working on spacing and playing the ball to the feet, not just kicking down the field."

Sarah started coaching girls' soccer in 2012 for the team her older daughter was on and took those players from U8 to U15. She has been with this current team since 2019, sat out the canceled season in 2020 because of the pandemic restrictions, and was back to Nutley United in the fall of 2021.

Sarah Misner is looking forward to another great season and adding some new girls to the team.

While she can't predict what their stats will be next year, her winning strategy as a coach will still include generous amounts of praise and the emphasis on learning life skills. The game is important, but so is what the game gives back to the players.

That's why her goal for each year is "to have every player come out for the team again."

That's the best kind of victory for Coach Sarah Misner. ■



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# The Rotary Club of Nutley Celebrates 100 Years of Service

By Bob Peters

The Rotary Club of Nutley held their Installation Dinner on Wednesday, June 8th at Nanina's in Belleville. The Nutley club received their charter on Dec. 22, 1922, having been sponsored by the Belleville club. Currently, Nutley has 30 members plus 10 honorary members and is a very active club. Fellowship, community service, vocational service, and international relations are the club's objectives.

During the pandemic, the club continued to carry out service projects, assisted in all the causes that they did prior to March 2020, and greatly expanded their support of the Nutley Family Service Bureau Pantry.

Since 1958, the Nutley Rotary Club has held a reception each fall to welcome the new teachers to our school system, and while it was moved outside with all the necessary pandemic protocols, the program did not miss a beat. Rotary started an interest-free college loan program in 1926 which evolved into a scholarship program in 1959. Currently, Nutley Rotary awards three four-year scholarships, a vocational grant, and prizes for the juried art program at the high school each year.

The club also supports a camp for children with disabilities, Camp Merry Heart in Hackettstown, where members maintain a cabin by doing all the required repairs. Rotary sends a camper each year to the facility. In 1932, Rotarian Dick Kastner organized Nutley's first Easter egg hunt. The eggs were boiled in the vats at Hoffmann-LaRoche and, like today, they were hidden in Memorial Park. A partnership with the Franklin Theatre, then managed by Nutley Rotarian Jim Cherry, expanded the program until a 1941 hiatus. After WWII, Nutley Civic Celebrations coordinated the project, which is now run by the township.

Nutley Rotary's fundraisers include a car show and a raffle. This year's car show will be Sunday, September 18th. This past year, a Cornhole Tournament was held and the club is planning a family fun bicycle event in the fall.

In the past, Nutley Rotary donated the

## Organization Spotlight



*Members of Nutley Rotary at their Installation Dinner at Nanina's on June 8th. Standing to the left is 2021-22 President Dan Carnicella and seated is incoming president Bob Peters (top). 2022 Rotary Scholarship winners l to r: Bob Peters, Maya Guerra, Mia Fonzo, Alessandra Ferraro, Madeline Quinn, Fiorella Rivera, President Dan Carnicella (bottom left). Photo from the 2021 New Teachers Reception. Pictured are the new educators with Dr. Julie Glazer at the podium (bottom right).*

welcome signs on Park Ave. and Bloomfield Ave. to the township. The gazebo in Kingsland Park (also the site of The Great Rotary Duck Race) was given to the township to commemorate Rotary's 80th Anniversary. Planning is underway for a donation to commemorate this 100-year milestone. Rotary also donated and installed a gazebo at the Senior Manor on Vincent Place, enabling residents to enjoy some outdoor time on their patio.

Research indicates Rotary has supported Reinheimer-Perry Boys Club, Boy Scouts, NFSB, Nutley Defense Council, and Clara Maass Medical Center. Rotary has been working worldwide to eradicate polio since the late 1980s. Rotary supports Gift of Life New Jersey, Help the Children Hear, and clean water projects around the world. Rotary International recently raised funds for Ukraine and will continue the efforts to provide relief.

Nutley Rotary, along with Montclair Rotary, are celebrating with a Gala Ball on September 29th at The Brookside on Broughton Ave. in Bloomfield. Montclair Rotary also received their charter in 1922. ■

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By David Wilson

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

My name is Laura Pecoraro, and I am a Reference Librarian here at Nutley Public Library. I assist people with the computer and printer, I can search for items and request them if we don't have them, and I can help people download e-books, e-audiobooks, and movies to their mobile devices with our free library services hoopla, Libby, and Kanopy.

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

I began working at Nutley Public Library in May 2021. However, I've worked in libraries for over a decade, beginning in 2004 when I was a student worker in Seton Hall University's Walsh Library and transitioning to public libraries after graduation.

■ **What is your educational background?** I graduated from Seton Hall University with a bachelor's in 2007 and a master's in 2008, both in English. I completed my master's in Library and Information Sciences at Rutgers University in 2015.

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

Many! I am a Nutley native and have been a member of this library since I was very small. I vividly remember checking out books from the Children's Department when it was located on the first floor and the wonderful murals that used to adorn its walls. I also have fond memories of Mrs. Roberts, who was Children's Librarian back then.

■ **Tell us about your family.** I am happily married to my wonderful husband Anthony. We have one

son, James, who turned two this past December. We also have two cats. My parents are lifelong Nutley residents as well.

■ **What do you enjoy most about working at the library?** I love the look of happiness and gratitude on people's faces when I've helped solve a problem that previously seemed unsolvable to them.

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

My parents had a photo of me as a child smiling and standing next to a cardboard cutout of Waldo from the

Where's Waldo books. I think it had been a reward for completing the summer reading program that year at Nutley Public Library.

■ **What is your favorite book or author?** I have many favorite authors and books, all of which have gotten me through difficult times, but the one I always go back to when I need personal direction is Terry Pratchett. One of his books that I always recommend reading is *Good Omens*, which he co-authored with Neil Gaiman.

■ **What is your favorite motto or quote?** "Winners never talk about glorious victories. That's because they're the ones who see what the battlefield looks like afterward. It's only the losers who have glorious victories." - *Small Gods*, Terry Pratchett

■ **A closing message** Don't be afraid to ask a librarian a question, even if you think the question is foolish or you're worried about "bothering" us. You're not a bother, and you lose more by not asking. Helping others is our job, and we are happy to help you! ■



# September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

By Jeanne Sylvester, Supervising Librarian

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Nutley Public Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year.

This year, Idina Menzel, award-winning performer and songwriter, and her sister, Cara Menzel, author and educator, are serving as honorary co-chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month to promote the value of libraries, encourage everyone to get their own library card, and to "Let Your Imagination Sing at the Library."

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages many opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions. At the Nutley Public Library, you'll find a wide variety of educational, enriching, cultural, and recreational resources and programs for everyone.

The Nutley Public Library, along with libraries everywhere, continues to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. Some of the new and innovative virtual programs and digital collections will continue, but we have mostly have returned to in-person programming and borrowing. To learn more about the library's resources, collections, and programs, please visit [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org).

The Nutley Public Library will recognize Library Card Sign-Up Month with special events, giveaways, and unique displays during September. During the week of September 12-17, the library will host its many regularly scheduled programs and add several special events.

On Monday, September 12 at 7pm, DISH! - the Cookbook Club for adults will meet. On Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm, The Friends of the Nutley Library will host a virtual (Zoom) meet and greet with author Katie Runde, author of *The Shore*. Thursday, September 15, the DIY Jewelry Making Club for adults will meet and create at 7pm. On Saturday, September 17 at 11am, there will be a local author with a story time and craft program for kids and their families.

We look forward to seeing you at the library! ■



**Adopt Us!**

*Submitted by  
Nicole Milici, Jersey  
Pits Rescue Inc.*

**S**weet, senior boy in need of an adopter! The adoption fee is sponsored; all Kane needs is a home to call his own. This 8-year-old playful goofy pup (he doesn't know he is a senior!) has been at the shelter for over a year and for a dog that is a long time.

He was surrendered to a local animal control facility, received the medical attention he needed, and is cleared for adoption. 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 leash. He is now thriving with his foster family and is eager to find his forever home and family. Could it be you?

Contact Jersey Pits Rescue Inc. for more information or to apply. [www.jersey pits rescue.com](http://www.jersey pits rescue.com)



*Submitted by Christa  
Milici, Yellow Brick  
Road Rescue NJ*

**S**awyer is about a 1-year-old male. He is sweet but also timid and needs a home that will give him the time he deserves to warm up. Sawyer was found outside where stray cats are fed and he was super friendly so we took him in so he can find a loving home.

He is cat friendly but unsure about dogs. Children may startle him. He is making progress quickly in

his foster home and purrs when you pet him. He also loves to play and loves rubs! He is microchipped, FIV/FelV negative, stool tested negative, dewormed, UTD on vaccines, and neutered. \$100 adoption fee and application apply.

To apply for Sawyer: [www.yellowbrickroadrescue.com/cat-adoption-application/](http://www.yellowbrickroadrescue.com/cat-adoption-application/) or email us at [yellowbrickroadnj@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbrickroadnj@gmail.com) ■

## Police Officers Honored at Board of Commissioners Meeting

*By Joyce Corey*



**A**t the May 17 Board of Commissioners meeting, Nutley Rotary presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Steven Rogers and Officer Christopher Bassani for their heroic effects on August 7, 2021.

On that day, they had responded to a call that a vehicle had gone over the retaining wall on Dock Street (next to the Passaic River) and went underwater with the driver trapped inside.

Without regard for their own safety, Rogers and Bassani quickly entered the water and were able to free the driver from the vehicle. The victim, as well as both police officers, were later taken to the hospital.

It was later determined that the victim intended to attempt suicide and the heroic actions of Officers Rogers and Bassani made this a truly lifesaving rescue. ■



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# Young Artists at Work

By Michelle Palmer



Tristan's Toucan (far left)  
Turning trash into treasure (left)  
Bluebird artwork by Reya (above)

Tristan is a nine-year-old who is a very talented artist. He brought this toucan to life through his beautiful painting. The vibrant colors and realistic detail show how dedicated he is to perfecting his craft. His masterpiece inspires us all to enjoy nature and create something special.

Sabrina is a five-year-old who enjoys repurposing trash into art. This year she won third place in the Essex County Environmental Center's G'ART'bage Contest. She collected the tops of juice bottles and plastic eggs. She used these non-recyclable materials to put a wreath together, which she

enjoys seeing hanging from the door.

Reya is seven years old and is already an artist! Her careful attention to the details on the bluebird, as well as the branch it is perched on, makes her drawing come to life. ■

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. Let's make our world a bit more beautiful with your creations and smiles! Email me at: [jcorey@bestversionmedia.com](mailto:jcorey@bestversionmedia.com)

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

**Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Sun.**  
**Nutley Farmers Market**  
@Municipal Parking Lot 9,  
537 Franklin Ave.

Now in its 13th 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)

**Sept. 5, Mon.**  
**40th Annual Verona Labor Day Classic**  
@Verona Park

A one-mile fun run and health walk around Verona Park, followed by a 5k race at 9:30am. The is one of the best 5k races held in Northern NJ on a USATF certified course through the streets of Verona. The event serves as a major fundraiser for UNICO charities.

**Time:** 9am

**Cost:** visit website for pricing  
**For more information** visit [www.essexrunning.com](http://www.essexrunning.com) or call Bruce Snogans of Verona UNICO at 973-239-5888

**Sept. 7, Wed.**  
**2022 Essex County Parks Photography Contest**  
@Essex County Environmental Center

621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland  
Submissions for the contest are due Sept. 7 so grab a camera and visit an Essex County park! Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the County Park System. **For more information, rules, and regulations** call 973-228-8776 or visit [www.essexcountyparks.org](http://www.essexcountyparks.org)

**Sept. 13, Tue.**  
**Virtual Meet and Greet with Author Katie Runde | Friends of the Nutley Public Library**  
@virtual event

Katie Runde's first novel, *The Shore*, is a powerful, heartbreaking, and ultimately uplifting story infused with humor about young women finding sisterhood, friendship, and love in a time of crisis. She grew up on the Jersey Shore herself, where her family ran various boardwalk businesses. The book is available for borrowing at the library. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom connection information one day prior to the event.

**Time:** 7-8pm

**For more information** call 973-667-0405 and to register visit [www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/runde](http://www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/runde)

**Sept. 18, Sun.**  
**The Garden Party | Nutley Family Service Bureau**  
@Mountsier-Hardie Garden, 205 Rutgers Pl.

Featuring top local restaurants and an eclectic mix of entertainment. Soak in the ambiance, listen to music, sip wine, sample delicious foods, and experience a delightful event! NFSB provides mental health, social services, and a food pantry supporting hundreds of local residents. Proceeds enable NFSB to carry out its mission to strengthen the emotional and social well-being of individual and families through affordable mental health counseling and social service programs.

**Time:** 4-7pm **Cost:** \$75 per ticket; visit website for sponsorship pricing  
**For more information** visit [www.nutleyfamily.org/the-garden-party](http://www.nutleyfamily.org/the-garden-party)

**Sept. 18, Sun.**  
**Rotary Car Show**  
@Franklin Ave.

The Annual Nutley Rotary Car Show returns to the center of the township with antique, vintage, and classic cars and motorcycles lining Franklin Ave. from Centre St. to Chestnut St. About 150 cars and 50 motorcycles show up for this event benefitting the Nutley Rotary Scholarship and Nutley Music Boosters.

**Time:** 1-6pm

**For more information** email [nutleyrotarycarshow@gmail.com](mailto:nutleyrotarycarshow@gmail.com)

**Sept. 24, Sat.**  
**Cardiac and Concussion Screenings for Young Athletes**

@South Mountain Recreation Complex at Codey Arena, 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange  
Play it safe! The Matthew J. Morahan III Health Assessment Center for Athletes is happy to provide these screenings for young athletes.

Cardiac screening is open to the first 75 athletes, age 6-18 years. Concussion screening is open to the first 75 athletes, age 5-18 years.

**Time:** 8am-12pm **Cost:** Free  
**For more information, safety guidelines, and to register** visit [www.rwjbh.org/events/event/?event=20513](http://www.rwjbh.org/events/event/?event=20513)

**Sept. 28, Wed.**  
**113th Nutley Invitational Golf Tournament**  
@Hendricks Field Golf Course, 220 Franklin Ave., Belleville

Followed by a banquet and award ceremony at Nanina's In the Park. All proceeds will benefit Nutley charities.

**Time:** 11:30am registration and luncheon; 1pm tee off; 6pm cocktails and dinner at Nanina's

**Cost:** email for pricing  
**For more information** contact [nutleyinvitationaltournament@gmail.com](mailto:nutleyinvitationaltournament@gmail.com)

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