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Dear Residents and Sponsors,

I am thrilled to be writing this message in our 100th issue of *Nutley Neighbors*! This milestone would not have been possible without your unwavering support and dedication to our magazine.

First, we want to express our deepest thanks to the residents of our community. Your continued readership, engagement, and contributions have been a driving force behind our success. For 100 issues, you have opened your hearts and homes to our magazine, allowing us to share stories that celebrate the remarkable individuals, organizations, and events that make our community truly special.



To our present, past, and future sponsors, we extend our sincere appreciation. Your belief in our publication and your generous contributions have played a vital role in keeping the community strong and this magazine free for residents to receive each and every month. Your support has enabled us to provide a platform for local businesses to thrive, fostering economic growth and creating opportunities for all. It is through your partnership that we have been able to connect residents with the incredible products and services offered by your businesses.

As we reflect on the journey that has led us to this momentous occasion, we cannot overlook the positive impact our publication has had in Nutley. We have witnessed firsthand how the power of words and storytelling can bring people together, inspire change, and uplift spirits. Through our magazine, we have shared countless stories of resilience, innovation, and compassion, highlighting the goodness that exists within our community.

It is through these stories that we have fostered a sense of unity, encouraging residents to support one another, to shop local, and to embrace the unique qualities that define our community. Our publication has served as a catalyst for connection, sparking conversations that only make Nutley stronger, more vibrant, and more closely knit.

On this momentous occasion, we celebrate all that is good in our community. We celebrate the exceptional individuals who contribute their time and talents to make a difference. We celebrate the businesses that not only provide essential services but also give back to the community in meaningful ways.

I would also like to take this moment to give special thanks to all the individuals who have helped bring this publication to life each and every month for over 8 years now. Thank you to our photographers Tammi, Alex, Randy, and Carly. Thank you to all of our regular contributing writers, Dave, Linda, Michelle, and Frankie. Thank you to Barry and the Nutley Historical Society. Thank you to the Nutley Library. To our graphic designers, Katie and Marti, your vision, creativity, and attention to detail is second to none. Thank you to Joyce for your unwavering dedication as our writer, editor, and content coordinator for this publication. Your invaluable contributions have shaped our content and ensured its quality, and

I can't thank you enough for your commitment to excellence. Your passion for the written word has truly made a lasting impact, and I'm honored to have had you by my side in this journey since day one.

As we embark on the next chapter of our magazine's journey, we are filled with gratitude for the past and excitement for what lies ahead. We pledge to uphold our dedication to bringing positive, relevant, and family-friendly local content to you. To be able to continue to shine a spotlight on the stories that matter, and to be a source of inspiration, knowledge, and celebration for our community.

Once again, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you—for your support, your contributions, and for being an integral part of our 100-issue journey. Together, we have created something truly remarkable, and we look forward to many great things to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Michael Stefanelli Publisher

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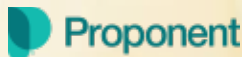
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Pet Corner

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Submitted by Nicole Milici, Jersey Pits Rescue Inc.



Does Bingo look familiar? He was in last month's issue and he's still hoping to find his forever family.

He survived a tragic accident shattering his leg and pelvis, necessitating having his leg amputated. But he has been recuperating and getting TLC with his foster family.

He is an extremely sweet and loving pup who has done well with children and other dogs. He would be a great fit for any home. ■

If you are interested in adding Bingo to your family, please visit www.jersey pitsrescue.com to apply.

Submitted by Christa Milici, Yellow Brick Road Rescue NJ

Romeo is a 1-year-old male. He is very sweet and would make the perfect addition to any family. Romeo was found roaming the streets and did not belong to anyone. He was very friendly, and we took him right in!



He is good with cats but unsure about dogs. He'd probably be ok with a mellow one. He'd be great with kids too! He is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and FIV/FelV tested prior to adoption. \$150 adoption fee and application apply. ■

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401 Chestnut St.	\$349,000	\$385,000	+\$36,000
41 High St.	\$425,000	\$475,000	+\$50,000
22 Valley Rd.	\$449,900	\$435,000	-\$14,900
42 Conover Ave.	\$465,000	\$520,000	+\$55,000
71 Spring St.	\$499,000	\$550,000	+\$51,000
63 Mountainview Ave.	\$525,000	\$653,000	+\$128,000
49 Wharton Ave.	\$529,000	\$550,000	+\$21,000
273 High St.	\$529,000	\$552,000	+\$23,000
62 Oakley Terr.	\$585,000	\$611,000	+\$26,000
299 Hillside Ave.	\$595,000	\$620,000	+\$25,000
428 Bloomfield Ave.	\$599,000	\$614,500	+\$15,500
86 Elm Pl.	\$599,900	\$587,000	-\$12,900
1 Brookway	\$629,000	\$550,000	-\$79,000
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55 Church St.	\$649,000	\$710,000	+\$61,000
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100th Issue Celebration!

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's the 100th issue of *Nutley Neighbors* landing in your mailbox!

By Joyce Corey

Superheroes use their powers to help the world become a better place and *Nutley Neighbors* magazine has been doing that for 100 issues.

But superheroes don't work alone; they have sidekicks who support them, highlight their strengths, and help them overcome their weaknesses.

Nutley Neighbors has Michael Stefanelli, Marti Golon, Carly Licameli, and me working each month to bring you the best community magazine on the planet.

And we have each one of you.

When I reached out to past cover story families to ask how they felt about being Nutley-famous for a month, I was overwhelmed with their responses. Their stories created an emotional connection in their neighborhoods, bringing the community together with its own brand of superhero power.

But don't take my word for it; read their words for yourself...

AUGUST 2016 The Pawlowicz-Susar Family: From Around the World to Around the Town

Being featured on the cover was a beautiful experience! We became more recognized in our community and people reached out to us allowing us to make new friends. The magazine was placed in public places which were owned by our friends at that time. We could feel that it had a very positive impact, re-bonding us within the community and beyond. Since we moved to Montclair in 2018, we can surely say that we were proud Nutley residents and very fortunate to have lived here for 9 years, raising our family and forging friendships that have continued over the years. Thank you *Nutley Neighbors* for featuring our story and for strengthening the community. **KASIA PAWLOWICZ**

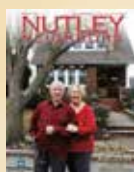


excited to be on the cover! My three sons John Paul, Nicholas, and Marc are happy to still be part of the community. John is the proud owner of Cozz Coffee, and every Sunday you will find him at the Nutley Farmers Market. Nicholas is completing his fourth year at the Hackensack Medical School and aspires to have a medical practice in town. Marc graduated college last year and enjoys volunteering at Special Young Adults. I continue to change people's lives in my real estate business by selling houses in our beautiful town of Nutley so they can call this place home sweet home.

MARGARET COZZARELLI

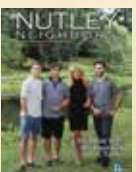
FEBRUARY 2017 A Tree Grows in Nutley... Right in Front of the Gilbert Home!

David and I were honored to be on one of the covers of *Nutley Neighbors*. It caused us to become more interested in our town and its residents. We eagerly look forward to each new issue and enjoy reading about the featured families.



SEPTEMBER 2016 My Three Sons: The Cozzarelli Family

My family was so



How interesting it is to realize that there are many families involved in the arts, just like ours! I especially enjoy reading "5 Things We Love About Nutley." We love and admire the same aspects of this special town as do the other families. We did not become celebrities by being featured in the magazine, but we now celebrate our town more than ever. Before *Nutley Neighbors*, we knew it was a nice town. Now, we know that we are very fortunate to live in this GREAT town! It is a perfect place in which to raise children, and now that we're older, we're finding it is also the perfect town in which to enjoy our retirement.

NONIE & DAVID GILBERT

APRIL 2017 The Cook Family Comes Home to Nutley

It was so great to be featured in the magazine; so many people recognized us and had wonderful things to say. We love the idea of this issue being done.

Now, Charlie is entering middle school and Julia is in 5th grade. They have made so many great friends. As I mentioned in the issue, I never thought when I was growing up in Belleville that I would marry someone from Nutley and be living in Nutley. I wouldn't want it any other way! My parents and Joe's late father are all looking down smiling.

MICHELLE, JOE, CHARLIE, & JULIA COOK



OCTOBER 2017 Meet Nutley's Thriving Survivors!

Thank you for spotlighting the Nutley Thriving Survivors, a breast cancer support program for women who live or work in Nutley. Your cover story let readers know that we are here to support whatever a breast cancer survivor needs, as well as letting the community know of our annual walk and brunch. Our website is www.nutleythrivingsurvivors.com.

MICHELE FLEITELL



DECEMBER 2017 Denise Sallette's Life is Better than Chocolate



It meant a lot to me to share my story in *Nutley Neighbors*. It is very hard to be a single mom of three girls, raising

them on your own, working full-time, and also having a chocolate business. Because of the article, I got new customers for my business and made a lot of new friends that I will cherish forever. I thank you *Nutley Neighbors* very much for sharing my story for all to see.

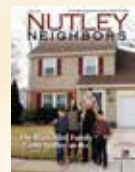
My life now is better than chocolate!

DENISE, TIFFANI, CASSANDRA, & AMANDA SALLETTE

MARCH 2018 The Blanchard Family Gives Nutley an A+ Nutley Neighbors

is great at communicating with people and has helped our family feel more connected to Nutley. We love our town and all the wonderful programs we have. Of course, we are so thankful for all the support of our growing wrestling program and the connections with Nutley Family Service Bureau through various food drives and other fundraisers. Congratulations to *Nutley Neighbors* magazine on such a great milestone! Keep climbing!

MICHAEL, TRICIA, MATTHEW, EVAN, & OWEN BLANCHARD



JULY 2018 Dave and Dianne Wilson are Neighbors to Know

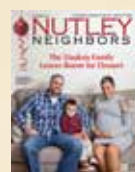
We were so excited to be featured on the cover of *Nutley Neighbors*. Sharing our life of service stories and hobbies with our fellow Nutleyites was an honor we will always treasure. Looking forward to meeting another 100 cover folks and reading their amazing stories of family, friends, and community.

DAVID & DIANNE WILSON



DECEMBER 2018 The Dauksis Family Leaves Room for Dessert

We thought it was great to be on the cover of *Nutley*



Neighbors magazine. We were featured when we first moved from Belleville to Nutley and there was a lot of recognition because we own a restaurant nearby, Michael's Roscommon House, in Belleville.

We even saw a lot of new people from Nutley frequent the restaurant that had never been before. It was a great experience to get to know more people in the community.

We now have added another baby girl along the way and have three children loving the town of Nutley.

FRANK & SHEILA DAUKSIS

FEBRUARY 2019 **Hope Lives in the Soto Home**

It was certainly very humbling to be nominated and then to feel the love among our Nutley community that we didn't expect! The sweet gestures, smiles of congratulations, and big hellos to our family wherever we went were very special.



Whether we were enjoying time at home, working, or shopping in Nutley, so many people shared their excitement with us.

HEATHER, ARMANDO, EMILY, & SOPHIE SOTO

MAY 2019 **Anthony Iannarone: Community Influencer**

It was an honor to be included on a cover, and it was enjoyable working with Joyce on my story. While I cannot say it had a significant impact on the course of my long life, I believe it served to satisfy the curiosity of many people who have encountered me over the years and wondered about my artificial hands. Overall, a very positive experience.

ANTHONY IANNARONE



MARCH 2020 **The Parade Route of the Blum Family: Brian, Melissa, Maggie, and Kaitlyn Blum**

It was a fun few



days getting calls and texts as all of our neighbors and friends received a copy of our issue in their mailboxes! Shortly after that we marched in the Nutley St. Patrick's Day parade as Brian was the Deputy Grand Marshall. We hope that our cover and story helped bring even more awareness of the Nutley Irish American Association and our favorite event—the St. Patrick's Day Parade! Thank you for choosing to feature us; it will forever be a great memory and keepsake of our time raising our family in Nutley.

On a side note, Brian recently went to a doctor appointment and the nurse asked him if he had been on the cover of *Nutley Neighbors*. He laughed and said yes. Turns out she was on the cover the following month! Nutley is a small community!

MELISSA & BRIAN BLUM

SEPTEMBER 2020 **The Bernardo Family Finds Nutley 'Just Right'**

Sharing our story with *Nutley Neighbors* was an incredibly meaningful experience. Not



only did it allow us to connect with our Nutley community on a deeper level, but it also made us neighbor-

hood celebrities, well, on my cul-de-sac at least. We were warmly embraced by our community, and the support and encouragement we received was overwhelming. Through this process, we not only made new friends but also felt a stronger sense of connection to our neighbors and the businesses around us.

DANIEL & SUSY BERNARDO

OCTOBER 2020 **All the Small Things Add Up: Rick, Ronna, Gwendolyn, and Brandon Nejman**

It was truly an honor to be part of the *Nutley Neighbors*. We were in the pandemic, and I thought it was so uplifting to tell our story as a family and as health care workers during such a difficult time.



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It was also fun having people around town recognize us. Once when Rick was at the Center Ridge Garden Center, this guy randomly said to him, "Hey I just saw you on a magazine cover!" Which promptly started a nice conversation. My daughter Gwen had just started kindergarten and one day during morning drop off, her teacher said she saw Gwen in *Nutley Neighbors*!

After reading the article, so many of our friends and family said that they truly enjoyed reading our story and getting to know us more, especially during a time when everyone had to be so far apart.

RONNA LANDICHO NEJMAN

NOVEMBER 2020

What Makes a Forever Home?

Greg, Janice, Harrison and Dylan Fraser

When we were on the cover, I connected (via Facebook) with a woman in town who recognized the house where her grandparents lived when she was a kid. We then connected with her grandparents, who had moved to Pennsylvania, and they sent us a lovely letter telling us some of the history of our home and detailed the updates they made in their time as the owners. They sold the home to the family who eventually sold the home to us. It's wonderful to think of all the family memories that have been made in our home!

JANICE FRASER

FEBRUARY 2021

Family Keeps Them Running: Jason, Erin, Colin, and Mikaela

Staggers

It was a pleasure to be featured in *Nutley Neighbors*. As we went on our family walks together, we ran into a number of people who recognized us from the magazine. It made us feel like celebrities! It also opened up a line of communication that wasn't there prior to the article and we feel closer to our neighborhood because of it.

ERIN STAGGERS

APRIL 2021

Putting the Fun in Family Fitness! Fabian, Liz, Mia, and Eva Castillo

Being part of *Nutley Neighbors* magazine was such a great experience. The kids from our street treated my husband like a celebrity. They recognized him and our dog and thought it was the coolest thing ever that someone from their block was on the cover of the local magazine.

I truly felt like it opened up possibilities to get to know our neighbors. Now I look forward to reading the next issue. It's great to learn about other families from our town and extra special when I know those on the cover.

LIZ CASTILLO

MAY 2021

The Great-Grand Life of Linda and Butch Buset

The month we were the featured family on the cover of *Nutley Neighbors* with our grandchildren was very



meaningful to us. To show our town spirit and school spirit, plus the fact that our grandchildren started our family's 5th generation here in Nutley, we all proudly wore our respective school shirts.

LINDA BUSET

AUGUST 2021

From Homecoming Prince and Princess to Daddy and Mommy: Carly, Nick, Ava, and Nina Licameli

Being featured in *Nutley Neighbors* was an incredibly meaningful and heartwarming experience for us. Our roots run deep in this community, and to have our story shared in a publication that represents our beloved hometown was truly special. It is an honor to still have the privilege to call Nutley home, and now raise our children in the same community in which we have such cherished memories. To our supportive network of family, friends, and, of course, neighbors, we thank you and look forward to many more years and generations to come.

CARLY LICAMELI



DECEMBER 2021

Creating—The Key to this Family's Life: The Frey/Lobay Family

Being on the cover of *Nutley Neighbors* gave me a sense of belonging to a warm and embracing community. We received a number of texts and phone calls from friends and family letting us know how much they enjoyed



reading *Nutley Neighbors* and the chance to know our family a bit better through the feature article.

ARLENE LOBAY

AUGUST 2022

From Childhood Classmates to Community Leaders: Matt, Krista, Gregory, and Nicolas Crumrine

Our family was proud to share our story with others in Nutley. We felt an even deeper connection to our community following this experience.

KRISTA CRUMRINE



SEPTEMBER 2022

Nutley's Home Team: John, Kristen, Jaclyn, and Derek Baier

It was such a wonderful experience being featured in *Nutley Neighbors*. Even prior to being involved in the publication, we were always talking about how Nutley is the perfect place to live and being on the cover gave us an even greater excuse and platform to do so.

Another unforeseen benefit of our feature was the ability to tell the story of my grandfather who moved to Nutley in 1969. To me, he was always my Nonnon, a great man, great provider, great Nutley resident in every sense of the word. What I didn't realize was the joy he brought and the impact he had on people around town just by walking up and down the streets playing his guitar, bringing a smile to all he came across. The overwhelming positive stories of my grandfather



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that manifested as a result of our *Nutley Neighbors* feature will be a gift I will forever be grateful for.

KRISTEN BAIER

OCTOBER 2022 Still Dancing... Lorraine and Charlie Kucinski

Congratulations on this milestone at *Nutley Neighbors*! How wonderful for all of you to reach this level of success. Charlie and I enjoyed being featured in the magazine. Even our closest Nutley friends learned something new about us from our story, and we've known many of them for more than 50 years! We look forward to every new edition of *Nutley Neighbors* because we enjoy meeting all the beautiful young families that have moved into our community, families we otherwise might never hear or know about. Nutley is a treasure to those of us who have been here for such a long time. To know that others see Nutley in the same way we do is our assurance that the future of this beautiful town is in good hands.



DECEMBER 2022 Sam and Michele Fleitell—Engaging Neighbors

Sam and I were honored to be on the cover. Having the story of our life in Nutley, raising our family, and running our business, Trio Jewelers, brought us much enjoyment and excitement. Friends who've known us contacted us and we met some new ones. We also had a lot of attention paid to Trio and gained new customers.



We enjoy reading *Nutley Neighbors* each month and learning about the many different families who live here and what they love about Nutley. We are hoping that you continue with what you've been doing for the next hundred issues and beyond.

MICHELE FLEITELL

JANUARY 2023 Read Any Good Books Lately? The Del Vecchio Family

It meant a lot for us to be on the cover. As a lifelong Nutley resident, I feel so proud to be a part of this community. There is no other place like Nutley. A place where generation after generation can count on Nutley family traditions. A place where you can walk down the street or into the ShopRite and see someone you know. A place where neighbors become family! It's extremely important to me to share my love of literacy and I hope families were inspired to attend my story in the park activities.

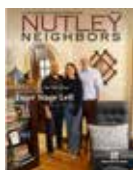
I have always and will always be a Nutley gal! I hope to pass down all of these lovely town traditions to my children.

**THERESA, MICHAEL, MATTEO,
& AVIANNA DEL VECCHIO**



APRIL 2023 Enter Stage Left: Kristofer Udpike, Jose Pietri-Coimbre and Clara Pietri-Munoz

Being featured in *Nutley Neighbors* brought us closer to our neighbors both directly



in our neighborhood, but also in the wider neighborhood of Nutley. We were walking down the street and our amazing neighbor invited us to have wine on their porch and said they knew about us from the magazine. It was lovely to be invited over to get to know more neighbors because of the magazine.

When I made a call to the vet's office to schedule an appointment and I told them my name, they said, "Oh you were in *Nutley Neighbors* I know all about you. Welcome to Nutley!"

KRISTOFER UDIKPE

MAY 2023 Made in Nutley: Dave, Kelly, Owen, and Dylan Rinik

It was really fun and special to be featured in *Nutley Neighbors* and we loved the article about our family and all the beautiful photos they took of us! I think it was a fun way for our community to get to know a little more about the faces behind our fun holiday decorations and learn some of the things we love about Nutley. The magazine is a great way to get to know a little about neighbors' backgrounds, find out about small businesses, and hear about why others think Nutley is such a nice place to live. We were surprised at how many people saw our cover and recognized us after the issue came out! Some even saw it in doctor's offices and waiting rooms. It was pretty fun, and we will be framing our cover to hang on the wall!

KELLY RINIK



JULY 2023 The Signorile Family: Changemakers

Having been chosen for a cover story was a sincere honor. I want to express my appreciation to the staff of *Nutley Neighbors* magazine for featuring our family, particularly our beloved daughter, Gianna, and her heroic battle against a dreadful and deadly disease. I am also grateful to our community for reaching out to us, as mentioned in the article, and for being a significant influence in helping us cope with our loss. I believe that our message of hope and change for good was able to reach many people. We were able to spread the word and make more people aware of fibrolamellar carcinoma and the need to find a cure. *Nutley Neighbors* magazine is a valuable community resource and an informative, often entertaining, publication. We look forward to reading it every month for its enlightening articles. It brings us closer to our neighbors and proud to be a part of this wonderful town.

DAWN SIGNORILE



We are always looking for fascinating residents to feature in *Nutley Neighbors*. If you are interested in being included or would like to nominate one of your neighbors please email jcorey@bestversionmedia.com.

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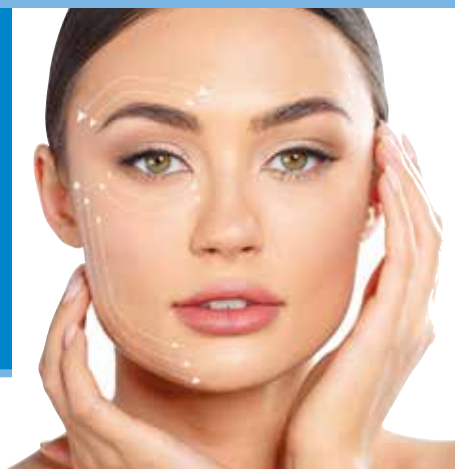


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from Your Local Credit Union

Contributed by Jeanne Hilla,
Proponent Federal Credit Union

If you're not ready for your forever home or have a shorter payback period in mind, an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) might be right for you. Specifically, here's when an ARM works best.

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- If you expect to pay the loan off early

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Nutley UNICO Scholarships and Membership Anniversaries

By Lorraine Kucinski

Nutley UNICO's top three scholarships were announced and awarded April 6, 2023, at Mamma Vittoria's in Nutley to a crowd of 80 members and guests. Alan Genitempo, Chairperson of the scholarship program, presented the Academic Scholarship to Michael Thompson, Michelle Fleitell presented the Pride & Achievement Scholarship to Sofia Snoha, and Danielle Ferrara Manganello presented the Scholastic Achievement Scholarship to Marella Blancato. These three scholarship awards will be distributed equally to each of these students over the next 4 years. Each student thanked UNICO and their parents for helping them achieve their future goals.

An additional 22 scholarships were awarded on the following dates and locations: May 4 membership meeting at Mamma Vittoria, May 21 at the Nutley UNICO Brian Piccolo Breakfast at the Chandelier, Belleville, and at the June 1 membership meeting at Mamma Vittoria.



Alan Genitempo, Marcella Blancato, Michael Thompson, Sofia Snoha, Danielle Ferrara Manganello



Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee and Recipients. Standing: Sal Ferrao, Susan Scavone, Alan Genitempo, Michele Fleitell, Danielle Ferrara Manganello, Greg Tolve, Tom Pucci. Seated: Marcella Blancato, Michael Thompson, Sofia Snoha



Frank Cocchiola, Lenny Guglielmello, Joseph Cervasio, Danielle Ferrara Manganello



Frank Cocchiola, Michael Moscara, Danielle Ferrara Manganello

For the 2023 year, Nutley UNICO and its member donors will have contributed more than \$36,000 for these Nutley resident seniors. For additional information please refer to their website at www.NutleyUNICO.org

Also at this meeting, Nutley members were recognized and awarded for their years of service to UNICO.

■ **25 YEARS OF SERVICE:** Joseph Cervasio, Barry Maurillo, Thomas Sposato, Thomas Tucci, Mark DiMaggio, Mario Cocchiola, Lenny Guglielmello, and Joseph Zarro

■ **30 YEARS OF SERVICE:** Gerard Tolve

■ **40 YEARS OF SERVICE:** Michael Moscara

Congratulations and thank you to these esteemed members! ■

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Eagle Scout Soars into History

By David Wilson

The Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout program recognized their first awardee in 1912. Since that time over two million youths have reached this pinnacle of their scouting careers. This notable achievement has been obtained by military leaders, CEOs, astronauts, actors, authors, college presidents, sports players, and coaches, along with many other motivated individuals. The BSA handbook outlines the extensive process to obtain Eagle Scout that includes years of service in the organization culminating in a grand leadership building project.

Ryan Lui joined BSA Nutley Troop 147 in fifth grade and has progressed through the ranks with over 21 merit badges and numerous awards for his dedication and service to the troop. Now it was time to focus his energies, imagination, and skills into a project that would fulfill all the requirements to become an Eagle Scout.

The first step was to write a proposal to outline the details of how this project will fulfill all the regulations and be long lasting in its impacts. Ryan knew his passion for video



Chi Kong Lui interviewing John Simko with Ethan Wanko and Joseph Buset on cameras and Ryan Lui directing (above) Archer St. Amant, Joseph Buset, Eileen Luberto, Ryan Lui, Ethan Wanko (left)

production and content creation could be applied to an unconventional approach for a beneficiary

in Nutley. Aware of the rich history in town, he contacted the Nutley Historical Society with his ideas and was immediately accepted by NHS President Dom Tibaldo and Museum Director John Simko. The Board of Directors was equally thrilled and the flight to Eagle Scout took off.

Numerous approval levels among the scout leaders and district representatives moved the 200-hour effort forward. Letters of support from family, friends, and fellow scouts were obtained. Documentation included time logs, financial reports, organizational table, and supply acquisition.

The project included three mini-documentaries about local history that would digitize the stories and pictures so the NHS could expand their website and research database. The topics selected were Annie Oakley, The Nutley Velodrome, and Artists on The Enclosure. Each topic had two historians with subject matter expertise who were interviewed and recorded. Eileen Luberto and David Wilson covered Annie Oakley's connections to Nutley. John Demmer and Michael Gabriele shared their knowledge of The Velodrome. Barry Lenson and John Simko explored the artists of 16 Enclosure.

File pictures and interviews were edited into professional quality videos in their home studios by Ryan, Will Wu, and Aundre Williams. Narration and technical support came from Andy Conte, Ryan's broadcast teacher from Nutley High School, and dad Chi Kong. Shout out to scout leaders Michael DeCarlo, Tim Pendelton, and Eric Buset for their unwavering support. Special thanks to Cubmaster Cristian Navas, who from the beginning, imbued Ryan with a love of scouting.

The closing report and document package was presented to the local Board of Review comprised of scouts and local dignitaries for final approval. Ryan received numerous plaudits and kudos for this project and was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at the council ceremony. Ryan will be attending Montclair State University to pursue film and television studies. ■

Videos can be viewed at www.nutleyhistoricalsociety.org



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Nutley Continues to Leave a Major Mark on the World of American Art

By Barry Lenson, Art Director, The Nutley Museum

Nutley might seem to be a sleepy little town. But don't be fooled. Over the years, our town has continued to have a major impact on the artistic life of our country.

Here are some big new happenings that have their roots in our little town.

■ The Noyes Museum of Art Will Host an Exhibition of Works by Nutley Artist Gary T. Erbe in October from October 12, 2023-January 26, 2024

The show will be held at the Museum's Noyes Galleries at Kramer Hall, located at 30 Front Street, Hammonton, New Jersey. Call 609-626-3805 or visit www.noyesmuseum.org for information. An opening reception will be held on January 12, 2024, from 5-7pm.

Mr. Erbe is one of the most celebrated and important American artists today. His paintings have been featured in solo exhibitions at the Butler Institute, the Springfield Art Museum, the Montclair Art Museum, and other major institutions. And his studio is right here in Nutley.

■ The City of Newark Will Restore the Murals in the Lobby of Weequahic High School Painted in 1939 by Nutley Artist Michael Lenson (1903-1971)

Roger León, the dynamic superintendent of Newark schools, and his team have plans to restore the *Enlightenment of Man* murals that were painted in the lobby of Weequahic High School in 1939 by my father, Michael Lenson. The murals depict the evolution of man from the days of cave dwellers



One of the paintings by Guy Pène du Bois that has been donated to the Nutley Museum



The Brown Bowtie by Gary T. Erbe



The Enlightenment of Man murals will be restored at Weequahic High School.

until today. The restoration is tentatively planned for the summers of 2023 and 2024.

So, the work of another major Nutley artist will take its rightful place among the most important works of American art.

■ The Nutley Museum Will Soon Own Two Paintings by Former Nutley Artist Guy Pène du Bois

For the last year John Simko, Nutley Museum Director, has been having conversations with Dabney Beck, a California-based art collector. And thanks to John's encouragement, she will donate two important paintings to the museum, both works of Guy Pène du Bois (1884-1958).

From 1914-1917, Guy Pène du Bois lived and painted in the studio at 16 Enclosure in Nutley. His works are in the collections of all major American museums. And thanks to John, two of his works will be coming home to our important museum in Nutley.

■ The Whitney Museum's Breuer Building, Commissioned by Nutley Avenue Resident Lloyd Goodrich, Has Been Purchased by Sotheby's Auction House for About \$100 Million

Lloyd Goodrich was born in Nutley in 1897. In 1958, he became Director of the Whitney Museum of Art and, in 1966, presided over the construction of the Museum's building at Madison Avenue and 75th Street. Goodrich commissioned the Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer to design the building, which is regarded as an architectural masterpiece.

And now the building has been bought by Sotheby's Auction House, which will use it as their New York headquarters for decades to come.

It's another example of how our town has contributed to the world of art. Aren't you proud you live here? ■

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month A Library Card is Elemental!

Submitted 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, lifelong learning, and the perfect start to the beginning of a new school year.

This September, get into your element and sign up for a library card. From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes, to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really, so fire up your imagination and get a 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. To learn more about the library's resources, collections, and programs, please visit www.nutleypubliclibrary.org.

The Nutley Public Library will recognize National Library Card Sign-Up Month with special events, giveaways, and unique displays all month long.

- **September 7, Thursday, 7pm:** *Let's Decoupage!* is a new crafting series for adults
- **September 9, Saturday, 2pm:** *Wish Upon a Star*, a concert with pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels featuring songs from favorite animated films, a fun musical event for kids of all ages
- **September 11, Monday, 7pm:** *DISH!* the cookbook club for adults will meet to discuss *Half Baked Harvest Every Day*
- **September 12, Tuesday, 7pm:** *The History of Kingsland Park* will be presented by Nutley Town Historian John Demmer and Historian David Wilson
- **September 16, Saturday, 10:30am:** *We Love Libraries!* is a family-friendly story time featuring stories, crafts, and a sweet treat
- **September 17, Sunday, 9am-2pm:** Come meet and learn about The Friends of the Nutley Public Library at the Nutley Farmers Market
- **September 18, Monday, 7pm:** The *Cricut for Beginners* program will create an autumn paper wreath

We look forward to seeing you at the library! ■

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



Last day of school smiles



Championship cheer winner

Back to School and Back to Creating Fun Memories

By Michelle Palmer

As we begin a new school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on our children's successes and to look forward to them exploring their talents in new and creative ways.

Luna Orion is all smiles as we look back on the last day of school. Her class had some good old fashioned silly fun with shaving cream. They created artsy designs on their desks with messy hands and lots of giggles.

Sometimes art comes in the form of jumping and tumbling. Gabriella is super proud of her accomplishments in cheerleading. Her team won the national championship at the Summit competition. The team was the highest scoring out of 95 others. She is happily displaying her ring that she won in this very prestigious competition.

Holly is going into third grade and is a great artist. She used her imagination along with her painting skills to create a beautiful scene of a person enjoying nature on a swing. Her masterpiece brings feelings of peace, happiness, and calmness.

Emma and Sophia have been crafting up some brightly colored, joyful art this summer. The twins have made two equally beautiful pieces of art but sprinkled their unique personalities into both. They had a blast creating the butterfly and rainbow pictures while enjoying some summer vacation relaxation together. ■

Michelle Palmer is the author of a children's book, *Brinco Finds His Way Home*, which is available at Amazon and Pretty Handy in Nutley.



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Charity Spotlight

Act of Humanity Creates a Scholarship Fund

By Joyce Corey



In memory of our mother, Veneeta Advaney, we started a scholarship fund in her name," says Sunil Advaney, Nutleyite and vice president of Act of Humanity.

The goal of the scholarship fund is to provide long term support for high achieving, low-income, first-gen students ready to commence on a career path. Primarily, the fund will provide education scholarships between \$500 to \$5000 per year. Scholarship funds could be utilized to support the cost of tuition, books or the purchase of a laptop. Recipients will also be assigned a committed college-educated mentor, equipped to guide that young person on their journey to college graduation. ■

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The 114th Annual Nutley Invitational Golf Tournament

Contributed by Michael Stefanelli

This year marks the 114th Annual Nutley Invitational Golf Tournament to be held at Hendricks Field Golf Club and Nanina's in the Park Tuesday, September 19. The tournament has been a tradition in Nutley since 1909 and has been an annual celebration by Nutley golfers and their friends. Due to the response in past years, the



committee will limit the event to 120 golfers. Kindly respond promptly to insure your place in the 2023 Classic.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Nutley charities. This year we were fortunate to donate \$13,000 to Nutley Autism, Nutley Family Service Bureau, and Cerebral Palsy of Belleville and Nutley.

To complement the fundraising effort, we are inviting individuals and businesses to participate by donating \$100. Your business or name will be displayed on our outdoor banner in a prominent location for all to view. In addition, you will be listed in our dinner program as a sponsor.

This tournament is a primary fundraiser. We would like to thank all of the past sponsors listed here who help make this event a great success year in and year out. ■

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SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Fri.

Moms Healing Together: All Recovery Meeting

@virtual event

Join for a safe space to discuss the challenges of recovery, pregnancy, and parenting. 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: 10am

For more information and other All Recovery meeting times visit www.rwjbh.org/events

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Sun.

Nutley Farmers Market

@Municipal Parking Lot 7,
1 Franklin Terr.

Now in its 14th 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.nutleyfamily.org/farmersmarket

Sept. 6, Wed.

Essex County Parks Photography Contest Deadline

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

The purpose of this contest is to highlight the best of what the Essex County Parks System has to offer its many residents year-round. Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the Essex County Parks System. For more information, rules, and regulations call 973-228-8776 or visit www.essexcountyparks.org

Sept. 10, Sun.

The Garden Party | Nutley Family Service Bureau

@Mountsier-Hardie Garden,
205 Rutgers Place

Soak in the ambience, listen to music, sip wine, sample delicious foods, and experience

a delightful event. Proceeds enable NFSB to carry out its mission to strengthen the emotional and social well-being of individuals and families through affordable mental health counseling and social service programs.

Time: 4-7pm

Cost: \$75 per ticket;

\$85 at the door

For more information visit www.nutleyfamily.org/the-garden-party

Sept. 23, Sat.

Gilded Age Fashion Talk and Tea

@Kingsland Manor,
3 Kingsland St.

Costume designer and historian Jenise Sileo will take guests back to the Gilded Age with a presentation on 19th and early 20th century clothing from the Kingsland Manor collection. Jenise will use these beautiful examples to show how upper-class clothing from that time was made and worn. After the presentation, attendees will enjoy a casual "cream

tea" consisting of assorted pastries, fruit, and tea.

Time: 1-3pm

Cost: \$25

For more information contact 973-661-3410 or email kingslandmanornutley@gmail.com or visit www.kingslandmanornutley.org/events/gilded-age-fashion-talk-and-tea

Sept. 29, Fri.

St. Mary's Oktoberfest 2023

@St. Mary's Church, 17
Monsignor Owens Place

Mark your calendars, tell your friends and family, and come join for another fun outdoor event! Tickets for this 21 and older event include a glass beer stein, authentic German buffet, German beers and beverages, pretzels, and apple strudel! There will also be a live German band, German dancers, a beer truck, and raffles and prizes to give away.

Time: 6:30-10pm

Cost: \$60 per ticket

For more information visit <https://stmarysnutley.org>

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