



# TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

*Fall 2023 Newsletter*



**Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli**

## Mayor's Message



On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, and a Happy, Healthy New Year! This issue focuses on our Fall events and all our Township does to celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Season.

Nobody does it like Nutley!!

We hope you note our upcoming events and activities planned for the Winter and Spring, while taking time to mark them on your calendar.

The Commissioners hope you enjoy the Fall 2023 Newsletter. Season's Greetings and happy reading!!

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# NUTLEY'S 2023 HOLIDAY



# TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES





# PARKS AND RECREATION

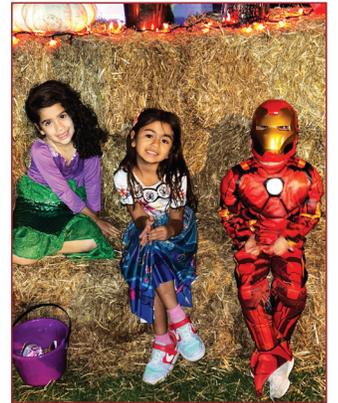
Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

## Fall Events

### The 2023 Princess Ball



### The 2023 Nutley Parks and Recreation Spooktacular Halloween Party!



### The Nutley Parks and Recreation's Grandma/Grandpa and Me Pumpkin Painting Party!



# PARKS AND RECREATION

Happy Holidays from the Parks  
and Recreation Department!



## Winter Activities

*Upcoming Classes and Winter Sports / 2024 Sports Registration Open Starting December 1*

### **WINTER SPORTS 2024 PLAYED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

**Wrestling**  
**Girls and Boys Recreation Basketball**  
**Girls and Boys Travel Basketball**

**Morning Grind**  
**Yoga for Life**  
**FREE Senior "Chair Yoga"**  
**FREE Senior Dance**  
**Fitness "Zumba Gold"**

### **2024 WINTER CLASSES AND PROGRAMS**

**Kids Yoga**  
**KinderDance**  
**Contemporary Dance**  
**Tumbling**  
**Art Workshop**  
**Happily Ever Crafty**  
**Aspiring Authors**  
**Fun For All Program**  
**- Special Needs**  
**Rise and Shine**  
**Morning Exercise**  
**Zumba**

### **SPRING SPORTS 2024 REGISTRATION OPEN STARTING DECEMBER 13**

**Girls Lacrosse**  
**Boys Lacrosse**  
**Girls Travel Softball - U10**  
**Girls Travel Softball - U12**  
**Girls Travel Softball - U14**  
**Girls Recreation Softball**  
**Track and Field**  
**Flag Football - 1st & 2nd Grade Spring**  
**Flag Football - 3rd & 4th Grade Spring**  
**Pre T-Ball**



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS & HEALTH

## Fall Events

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III

### Veterans Day Ceremony



### Holiday Sip and Shop



\*Commissioner Kelly was away on National Guard Duty\*

### Veterans Day Ruck March



### Paws in the Park at the Nutley Farmers Market



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS & HEALTH

Happy Holidays from the Public Affairs  
and Health Department!



## Upcoming Events

### Free Naloxone Training

#### Free Naloxone Training

Commissioner Kelly and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health are proud to announce the official opening of the Nutley Substance Use Disorder Resource Center, located in the Nutley Public Affairs and Health Building, and are honored to partner with RWJMS and the Division of Mental and Addiction Services to present a Free Naloxone/Narcan Zoom Training Course.

- PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE, SAVE LIVES
- In case of overdose, use Naloxone
- FREE TRAINING via ZOOM and NALOXONE
- NASAL SPRAY KITS SHIPPED TO YOUR HOME
- Thursday, December 21 @ 7:00pm
- Space is limited to 25 seats – sign up early!
- You will be emailed a link to the webinar the day before the class.
- Be part of the solution: Get Help to Prevent & Treat Addiction

#### Online Trainings

Due to recent restrictions, in-person Naloxone training is now transitioned to online via ZOOM. Sit for the live presentation from home by clicking a link and after the presentation, the kits will be shipped out via UPS.

Distribution of FREE naloxone kits for training attendees, including family members, friends, professionals and individuals who are at risk or could be in the presence of someone who is at risk for an overdose

Trainings of overdose death prevention strategies including the appropriate administration of naloxone and rescue breathing.

### Blood Drive

Monday, January 29th, there will be a mobile blood drive in memory of Keith Jaret.





# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Fall Events

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

### Trunk or Treat!



### Nutley's 41st Annual Fire Prevention Open House



### "Coffee with a Cop" at Cupily Coffeehouse!



### September 11th Memorial Ceremony



# PUBLIC SAFETY

Happy Holidays from the Public Safety Department!



## The 2023 Santa Meet and Greet!





# PUBLIC WORKS

## Fall Events

Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli

### Farmer's Market



### RAKES Program



### Leaf Bag Distribution Day and Food Drive



# PUBLIC WORKS

Happy Holidays from the Department of Public Works!



## Upcoming Events

April 13: Residential Shredding Day



April 20: Compost Day



April 27: Electronics Recycling Day



February 10: Electronics Recycling Day



February 18: Winter Farmer's Market



May 5: Meet the Mayor Day



May 11: Big Truck Day





# REVENUE AND FINANCE

*"The Department of Revenue and Finance is Always Here to Help."*

Commissioner Tom Evans

## Happy Holidays from the Department of Revenue And Finance!



## Discount Programs for Property Tax Relief

• **Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)**

This property tax relief program will reimburse you for any property tax increases you experience once you're in the program. You will get the difference between your base year (first year of eligibility) property tax amount and the current year property tax amount, as long as the current year is higher than the base year and you meet all other eligibility requirements (2022 joint income: \$99,735 / 2023 joint income: \$150,000).

• **ANCHOR Program (formerly Homestead Benefit Program)**

This program provides property tax relief to New Jersey residents who own or rent property in New Jersey as their principal residence and meet certain income limits.

• **\$250 Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens & Disabled Persons**

An annual \$250 deduction from real property taxes is provided for the dwelling of a qualified senior citizen, disabled person or their surviving spouse. To qualify, you must be age 65 or older, or a permanently and totally disabled individual or the unmarried surviving spouse, age 55 or more, of such person.

• **\$250 Veteran Property Tax Deduction**

Honorably discharged veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces may qualify for an annual \$250 property tax exemption on their primary residence. An eligible veteran's surviving spouse or domestic partner is also eligible.

• **100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption**

If you are an honorably discharged veteran who was 100% permanently and totally disabled during active duty service, you may qualify for an annual property tax exemption on your principal or primary residence (main home). If you are a surviving spouse or civil union/ domestic partner of an honorably discharged veteran who was 100% permanently and totally disabled during active duty service, you also may qualify.

• **Active Military Service Property Tax Deferment**

If you are a serviceperson, deployed or mobilized for active service in time of war, you may qualify for a deferment of your property tax bill. You may authorize someone to apply for the deferment on your behalf. Once your deployment/mobilization is over, you have 90 days to pay your deferred property taxes. This deferment does not include any tax payments that were delinquent prior to deployment or mobilization. Interest on late deferral payments will be assessed back to their original due date. Sewer, water, electric and other municipal charges may not be deferred. If there is a mortgage on the property with an escrow account for property tax payments, contact your lender regarding the deferment.

• **StayNJ Plan (Coming in January 2026)** will provide tax credits worth half of a senior citizen's property tax bill, up to \$6,500 for incomes up to \$500,000.

Full information for these programs is available at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation).

# REVENUE AND FINANCE

## Tax Assessor's Services

973-284-4956

The Tax Assessor works independently from the Township reporting directly to the Essex County Board of Taxation. He is responsible for the uniform, fair, objective, and accurate assessments of all real property within the Township. Every property in town has an individual property record card which determines your property's assessed value. If you don't have a copy, it is readily available by contacting the Tax Assessor's office. It is important to always make sure your record is accurate



and up to date. If you have questions about your assessment, we encourage you to contact this office to schedule an appointment.

### Military & Veteran's Benefit

If you are in active military service, you are entitled

to a property tax deduction of \$250. Applications are available online at [www.nutleynj.org](http://www.nutleynj.org). Disabled veterans who meet the requirements for total disability are exempt from paying property taxes. Our office is honored to assist you to make sure all eligible military members and veterans receive this benefit.

### Property Tax Relief Programs

The State of New Jersey offers several programs for property tax relief. You may be eligible for one or more. Each of the above listed benefits have specific eligibility criteria and filing deadlines. Contact the Tax Assessor's office to find out if you qualify for assistance in filling out the applications. We welcome your questions and comments, and we can't wait to show you the best of Nutley.

**The Average Assessed Value of  
a Residential Property:  
\$491,100**

## Code Enforcement Services

973-284-4957

The Code Enforcement Department provides many valuable services to assist homeowners in making improvements to their property and contributes to making sure our Township continues to be a great place to live. I encourage you to contact them whenever you are thinking about house and yard renovations or additions. Their services are guided



by State construction rules and regulations and the Township of Nutley Code, which regulates zoning, property maintenance, tree removals, soil movement, storm water control and various aspects of construction operations including noise, pollution and when work may be performed.

### Construction Permits and Variances

Remember, permits are required for many improvement projects and at times a variance from our zoning code is needed. When this happens, we will assist you with the application requirements to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### Inspection Time Frames

Inspections are scheduled during the following days and times:

#### Building/Zoning (Transfer of Real Estate)

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 3:30pm

#### Fire/Zoning (Transfer of Real Estate)

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday | 9:00am - 2:00pm

**Plumbing:** Monday - Thursday | 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Electric:** Monday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday  
11:00am - 3:00pm

### Property Maintenance

Our municipal code requires all property owners to keep their property in good condition. All requirements can be found at

[www.nutleynj.org](http://www.nutleynj.org). Most notably, it is important to keep grass cut throughout the season and remove snow promptly from sidewalks in the winter.

*If you're planning major renovations, please stop by the Code Enforcement and Tax Assessor's offices to get informed. We are here to help!*