



# TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

*Spring 2023 Newsletter*



**Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli**

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## **Mayor's Message**

Welcome to the second installment of the Township's electronic Newsletter. Nutley is known for its many time-honored traditions that make our Township unique. Over the past couple of months, we held two events that help keep that well-earned reputation alive.

In March, there was a joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners (BOC), Board of Education, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. This annual meeting, in its seventh consecutive year, allows for discussion of different trends that each of the Boards are experiencing and how we can all work together to tackle the challenges that those trends present. We believe that we are the only municipality in the State of New Jersey that sets time aside to have a joint meeting of all four Boards.

In April, Nutley High School students participated in Nutley's annual Student Government Day. Student Government Day is another Nutley tradition and dates back at least 50 years. Throughout the morning, students shadowed the commissioners, the police chief, fire chief, the clerk's office, and department heads from the five departments. In the afternoon, the students gave short presentations on what they learned and observed. The BOC believes that this day provides a great opportunity for students to become knowledgeable about their government and observe what goes on behind the scenes, while also exposing students to a possible future career in public service.

On behalf of the BOC, enjoy the Spring edition of our newsletter!





# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Spring Events

Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

### Relay For Life



### Living Memorial



The Department of Parks and Recreation implemented the Living Memorial Tree Planting and Bench Dedication Program as a lasting tribute to loved ones that have passed. Not only does the tree represent a remembrance of a significant part of our history, it also will symbolize a renewal of life for generations to come.



### Flashlight Egg Hunt

Nutley residents grades 2 through 6 searched for over 1,500 eggs filled with a prize or candy.



### State Funding

Nutley Department of Parks and Public Property Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci announced that the Township has been awarded over \$1 million in state funding for improvements and upgrades to Nutley's acclaimed parks and recreation programs.

"We are thrilled to share this news with our residents," Tucci says. "The funds were allotted to us through the NJDCA Local Recreational Improvement Grant 2023 program and the Green Acres Urban Parks program. The funds from these grants will be used to improve our Reinheimer Dog Park as well as re-turfing the field and upgrading the facilities at Monsignor Owens Park."



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Upcoming Activities

### Camp Nutley:

Everything you want in a summer camp is right here at Camp Nutley, a fun and affordable summer experience.

Location: Recreation Department, 44 Park Ave Time: 7:00am-6:00pm weekdays.

\*We are limited to the number of children that may be accepted.

### WEEKLY SESSIONS

### Free Playground Program

This program is for Nutley youngsters ages 7 through 14 and is FREE to Nutley residents. The playground will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Playground rules and regulations will be distributed. Children need to bring a brown bag lunch each day. Scheduled events and programs will be available for children to enjoy!!! Children are not permitted to leave the playground once signed in unless accompanied by a parent. Pre-registration is required for this program.

Program begins June 26, 2023 and continues through August 18, 2023.

### “Dive Through the Decades”

*A two-week musical theatre summer intensive program.*

We will be teaching performers many aspects of theatre, including singing, dancing, and acting, culminating into two performances at the end of the two weeks.

We are ADDING the opportunity for kids who are not interested in performing to learn technical and backstage theatre this year (stage crew, sound, lighting and costumes/ props).

Nutley Parks and Recreation has partnered with Ohana Theatrics to do a 2-week musical theatre summer intensive program titled “Dive Through the Decades”, for anyone entering grades 3-12. The schedule is as follows:

July 31- August 4: 10:00am-4:00pm

**August 7-10:** 10:00am-4:00pm & 6:00pm-8:30pm

**August 11:** 10:00am-2:00am  
Show Dates/Times:

**August 11 Call Time:** 5:30pm  
Show Time: 7:30pm

**August 12 Cast Party:** 3:30pm  
Show Time: 7:30pm

### Blaze Hoop Crew Summer Legends Hoops Program

Carol Blazejowski, one of the most legendary trailblazers in women’s basketball will be instructing this basketball clinic from August 21-September 1. Sessions will be available for Nutley residents (girls grades 5-7, boys grades 4-8) to enjoy. This clinic will be held at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 44 Park Ave.

### Mini Cheer Clinic

The Mini Raider Cheer Clinic is a great way for young children to express themselves while being taught team unity, basic dance techniques, and good sportsmanship. The clinic will include body moves, dexterity development and the coordination of extremities.

Online registration is required and is now available @ <https://register.communitypass.net/nutley>.

### KinderKamp

Kamp Kinderdance for boys and girls ages 3-6 blends numerous

techniques and movements from one or more of our enrichment programs: Kinderdance, Kindergym, Kindermotion and Yoga (non-spiritual, non-religious).

This four day clinic introduces young children to the fundamentals of dance and creative movement while promoting the development of a strong and flexible body, increased balance, mind-body awareness and coordination and creativity. Students will also strengthen their motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills.

Schedule (subject to change): 9:30am-11:00am.

### Peanut Soccer

Peanut Soccer is an enjoyable non-competitive program designed to help the youngest of soccer players (ages 3-6) begin to develop basic soccer skills by participating in fun-filled, soccer-oriented children’s games and basic physical education activities, rather than through competitive play or repetitive practice drills. These professionally designed games and activities are formatted to allow the children to begin acquiring fundamental soccer skills while simply having fun with a soccer ball.

### Girls Lacrosse Summer Clinic

This is a five-week clinic open to Nutley Girls Grades 2-8 5:00pm-6:00pm. Come be a part of the fastest game on two feet! Lacrosse is played at full speed, high intensity and at an exhilarating pace! This clinic will focus on catching, throwing, cradling, scooping ,shooting, speed and agility training. We pack a lot into 1 hour. EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Girls lacrosse stick, mouthguard and goggles.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Spring Events

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III

### Mental Health Discussions

In their continuing efforts to raise awareness about mental health and a commitment to creating a Stigma-Free community, Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health - in partnership with the Nutley Family Service Bureau and the Nutley School District - conducted monthly student mental health panel discussions for the students at Nutley High School.

These panels, held during school hours, address timely topics and issues affecting teens today. Speakers from various disciplines participate each month, sharing their expertise and knowledge with Nutley High School students.



### Women's Health Panel

Members of the Nutley community filled the high school cafeteria on March 21 to hear six dynamic women share their personal journeys of success and struggles during the 2023 Women's Health and Professional Career Panel, in celebration of Women's History Month.

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health (in partnership with Nutley Schools and the Nutley Women's Networking Group) put this enlightening, inspiring and entertaining panel together for the community. The Women's Professional Panel has been a longstanding Nutley tradition over the past 20 years.



### Health Walk

*"An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."* -Henry David Thoreau

Walking for an average of 30 minutes or more a day can lower the risk of heart disease, stroke by 35% percent and Type 2 diabetes by 40%.

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health implemented event walks including the Heart Health walk, the PiWalk and the Tuesday/Thursday morning walking club! If you are interested in participating, please call 973-284-4978 or meet the group in front of the Department of Public Affairs and Health building on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings at 6:30am for a brisk 3-4 mile walk through town. Now extended through the Summer!

### Sip and Shop

The Nutley community gave a strong show of support for the township's female-owned businesses during the "Sip and Shop" event at Mamma Vittoria Catering on March 28, the final installment in a series of events the Township held in honor of Women's History Month.

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health (in partnership with the Nutley Women's Networking Group) presented this event, featuring 20 Nutley-based female-owned business owners showcasing and demonstrating their products and services to crowds of shoppers who perused the various offerings while they sipped and snacked on light refreshments.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Upcoming Events

### Paws in the Park

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health, in partnership with Lynn's Pampered Pets, are pleased to present a fun filled day of activities, demonstrations, adoptions, food and more on Sunday, October 22, 2023 (RAIN DATE: October 29) at the Nutley Farmer's Market. Municipal Lot #7 507 Franklin Avenue 9:00am-2:00pm.

The event will showcase rescue organizations, pet groomers, pet treats and accessories, veterinarians, trainers, and more. For more information or to participate as a vendor, please call Sharon Lemma Bozza at 973-284-4976.



### Wellness App

Commissioner Kelly is pleased to announce the creation of a new health and wellness app specifically designed for the Township of Nutley. The app will be used to track health and wellness initiatives and challenges for the community. Some challenges that will be offered are walking, weight loss, nutrition, sleep, active minutes, and hydration. Activity trackers such as Apple Health, FitBit, Garmon, Google Fit, Samsung Health, MapMyFitness and several others are supported by this app but are not required. Participants may enter their own data using the Challenge Runner website or Challenge Runner smartphone apps. The Township of Nutley Challenge Runner app will launch a beta challenge entitled Summer Walking Challenge on June 19, which will run through September 16. Leaders will be recognized on the app as well as on the Township website. We hope everyone takes advantage of this fun and exciting health and wellness tool!

Visit <https://nutleywalks.challengerunner.com> or scan the QR Code below to sign up!



### Art on the Avenue

The Fine Art Alliance of Nutley returns! Local artisans of various disciplines such as photography, painting, sketch and sculpture are invited to participate, and are encouraged to contact the office of the Department of Public Affairs at 973-284-4976 for more information. The Fine Art Alliance of Nutley was created in 2013 and was a very well-received initiative. Several of the events that the Alliance sponsored were Art on the Avenue at the Nutley Farmer's Market, Cocktail Reception and Art Show at the Nutley Amvets, and a Plein Air Experience at the Kingsland Manor. We look forward to revitalizing this wonderful program and working with our talented local artists!

### Christmas in July

We will be collecting gift cards at the 4th of July celebration and the Farmer's Market in July for our Holiday Adopt a Family/Treasure Chest program.

Donations of \$25.00 gift cards to local stores (such as Target, Kohls, TJ Maxx and Shoprite) are suggested and greatly appreciated.

### NCIDC events

The Nutley Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Council has several exciting events planned for June/July:

- Juneteenth Unity Walk ..... **June 14, 2023**
- Pride Month feature film "Milk" .....
- NCIDC Community Conversation ..... **June 24, 2023**
- Lunch & Learn/Guest speaker ..... **July 21, 2023**
- IHO National Disability
- Independence Day ..... **July 26, 2023**

For information about any of these events or about the Nutley Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Council and their mission, please call Courtney Johnson at 973-284-4976.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Spring Events

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

### Fire Department/EMS Night



### NPD Bike Rodeo



### Nutley Police Director Petracco Thanks Those Who Helped Fulfill Vow in Apprehending Dunkin' Donuts Suspects

Nutley Police Director Alphonse Petracco and Chief Thomas Strumolo are pleased to announce arrests in connection to a robbery of Nutley's Washington Avenue Dunkin' Donuts on Easter morning.

Chief Strumolo said on Sunday, April 9th at 5:45am, police were called to Dunkin' Donuts regarding an armed robbery. The suspects described to police matched those wanted by Secaucus Police for a robbery at one of their locations. Through joint investigation, detectives were able to obtain enough information about the vehicle used in the robberies to disseminate to surrounding agencies.

The following day, a Springfield police officer noticed a Grey Chevy Equinox with no license plates fitting the description given by Nutley and Secaucus. Police in Springfield recovered a handgun in the vehicle, which led to Ocean Robert's arrest. Over the week, police were able to secure enough evidence to charge Roberts, 19, of Bayonne as well as Wilmer Arias-DeJesus, 19, of East Newark and Yanik Pendleton, 22, of Bayonne with armed robbery and conspiracy charges.

Chief Strumolo said Secaucus, Springfield and Nutley had worked tirelessly since April 9th to identify and arrest these suspects. He commended detectives and the other agencies for their cooperation and assistance.

"I vowed we would apprehend these suspects," Commissioner Petracco added. "All the defendants are presently detained while our investigation continues. We may uncover information that leads to accomplices who will be subject to arrest and prosecution as well. This was an outstanding effort by multiple agencies, all of which were integral. I thank them and am happy that no one was injured."

### Easter Bunny Hop



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## L.E.A.D. Program

*\*L.E.A.D. Event took place on June 2, 2023\**



## Upcoming Events

### Junior Police Academy

**June 26-30**  
**Spring Garden School**

This free program is a week-long academy where students learn basic police functions, marching, self-defense, crime scene processing, and participate in a variety of presentations. Some of these will include the Department of Corrections' Project Pride, the Essex County Sheriff's Department's K9 and Bomb Squad and Nutley's Emergency Services Unit. As part of the Junior Police Academy, Nutley High School students interested in a career in law enforcement can apply to become camp squad leaders. This opportunity allows them to be in a leadership position and earn community service hours while learning police functions from the officers running the Academy.





# PUBLIC WORKS

## Spring Events

Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli

### Big Truck Day



### Farmer's Market



### Shredding Day



### Compost Day



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Upcoming Events

### Nutley Electronics Day

July 8, 2023  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Ciccolini Lot 7

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

Computers and Laptops  
Fax Machines  
Microwaves  
Monitors  
Printers  
Scanners  
Stereos and Speakers  
Televisions  
VCR and DVD Players



### 4th of July Celebration



**4th of July Fireworks—Park Oval 6:30pm,  
Fireworks at Dusk**

Mayor Dr. Joseph Scarpelli and the Board of Commissioners announce the Township's Fourth of July festivities scheduled for Monday, July 4 beginning at 6:30pm, with Franklin Avenue closing from Church to Chestnut Street.

Food vendors will line Franklin Avenue and DJ Rob Francicola will be on hand to provide music and games. The fireworks are scheduled to start at dusk.

### Farmer's Market

**June 18th-October 29th Lot 7 9:00am-2:00pm**

*Opening Day Market-Walk and Talk with Mayor Scarpelli 8:30am*

The Nutley Farmer's Market, established in 2009, features live musical entertainment and a wide variety of fresh regionally-grown produce, as well as cut flowers, homemade cheese, dried fruit and fresh nuts, pickles, bread and more. The market helps New Jersey family farmers, enables people to meet, talk to and ask questions of the person who grew their food, brings shoppers into our local business districts, and is a great place to meet friends and neighbors.

The Market runs Sundays from mid-June through October of each season and takes place in Downtown Nutley in Municipal Parking Lot 7 at 507 Franklin Avenue, from 9:00am-2:00pm.





# REVENUE AND FINANCE

Commissioner Tom Evans

## Spring Events

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



### Property Maintenance: Fences, Retaining Walls, and Sheds; Brush, Grass, and Impediments

Homeowners are advised to please ensure they do not allow for stagnant water to pool, which will allow for mosquito larvae to exist.

All property owners are responsible for keeping their property in good order, such that it does not detract from or become an eyesore within the neighborhood. As such, homeowners are advised to please cut grass regularly and keep it free of leaves, branches, and other debris.

Retaining walls and sheds must be kept structurally sound, free from defects and damage. Fences must be maintained in good repair so as not to become a safety or fire hazard.

For more information regarding the maintenance of exterior premises and structures, please see our Township Code at <https://ecode360.com/12133277>.

### Senior Freeze Applications Due

2022 Senior Freeze Applications are due on October 31, 2023. Booklets were mailed out by the State in mid-February, but applications can be found at the following link: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/>

### Voter Registration

Register to vote anytime throughout the year. This can be done online at [www.nutleynj.org](http://www.nutleynj.org) or by visiting the Municipal Clerk’s Office. We also offer two late night voter registration sessions in March and October. Our registration and update services include:

- Change of address
- Name change
- New voter registration
- Signature update
- Political party affiliation
- Vote by mail



### Water Billing and Payments

Our water service is generally provided through the Passaic Valley Water Commission. Billings for water service are issued quarterly. Water meters are read each quarter except large consumption users, who are read monthly.

As a reminder, it is important to repair leaking toilets, faucets, water softening systems, outside yard faucets, sprinkler systems, hot water tanks, etc. These leaks can waste significant amounts of water and unnecessarily increase your water bill. Unfortunately, we can’t make billing adjustments when these leaks occur.

TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION  
COMMISSIONER MAURO G. TUCCI

# SUMMER

# Fest

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023  
6 - 10 PM

ALONG FRANKLIN AVE. BETWEEN  
CHESTNUT & NEW ST.

LIVE MUSIC & FOOD TRUCKS

FACE PAINTER | BALLOON TWISTER  
BLOWUP RIDES | GAMING TRUCK

*Featuring*

LIGHTS OUTS  
BEACH BOYS COVER BAND

NEW BEGINNINGS  
CHICAGO COVER BAND

FOR MORE INFO: 973-284-4966 OR [WWW.NUTLEYNJ.ORG](http://WWW.NUTLEYNJ.ORG)

RAIN DATE: 6/28