



TOWNSHIP OF

NUTLEY

Summer 2023 Newsletter



Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli

Mayor's Message

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Township's electronic Newsletter. This summer was certainly filled with many events and activities.

On the 4th of July, thousands of people surrounded the Park Oval to help celebrate our nation's birthday, while DJ Rob Frannicola energized the crowd. Needless to say, the night culminated with a spectacular fireworks display.

Our annual summer concert series and Summer Fest continues to entertain our residents and provides a family friendly event for all to enjoy.

During the summer, The Board of Commissioners (BOC) passed an Ordinance regulating and licensing those businesses selling tobacco and electronic smoking devices. Earlier in the year, the BOC banned smoke shops and vape shops in Nutley, which will eliminate any future shops throughout the town.

On Tuesday, July 11th, Nutley welcomed home and paid their respects to US Navy Ordnanceman First Class Anthony Di Petta, whose remains were recovered decades after he was killed in a WWII air strike. A fitting tribute to a Nutley hero.

The Junior Police Academy marked its 10th anniversary, as students from grades 5-8 learned police fundamentals during our 2023 week-long summer program.

The Farmer's Market continues to provide fresh picked fruits and vegetables to our residents while hosting a variety of other popular vendors. Come visit the market which is open every Sunday in Lot 7 (behind Bella Luce) from 9am to 2pm through the month of October.

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

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

Summer Events

Summer Concert Series

Summer Fest



PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall Activities

Rise and Shine

Start your day with a high energy workout combining cardio, strength, and core! This program will work your lower and upper bodies, plus challenge that core! Bring light and heavy weights, a mat, a towel and water.

Yoga for Life

This class enables residents to get into shape through Yoga and build strength and flexibility through gentle exercises, which utilize disciplined breathing and relaxation techniques.

Zumba

Tired of the same old workout routine? Why not add some fun to your workout while boosting your heart rate, burning fat and increasing energy? The combination of Latin dance moves with the beat-driven aerobic workout are sure to provide maximum workout results. Movements are easy to learn and participants work at their own pace.

Kids Yoga

Yoga for Kids is a discipline that can lead children on the path toward a calm and balanced mind, while also helping them to build strong and flexible bodies.

Kinderdance

This 6-week program introduces 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. This program will also strengthen their motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills.

Happily Ever Crafty

This class is a fun way to build early literacy skills, creativity, and social skills. We will have a story time, sing songs, and create a craft to coincide with our story.

Aspiring Authors

Come join us for a WRITING & READING Workshop where children will have the opportunity to read their favorite books and discuss the stories in a “book club”, while also writing their own fictional works to share with their peers.

Tumbling

This program is designed for children in grades K-4 to develop basic skills by participating in a fun-filled, safe and exciting tumbling environment. Our goal is to foster youth development through positive interactions and role modeling, instilling self-esteem, confidence, self-discipline and social skills.

Art Workshop

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for children in grades 1 through 6 to use their creativity and craftsmanship while exploring art history.

Joy of Music

This is a SING-A LONG class taught by classically trained Ruth Hsu. Ruth has a masters of Music degree, with a concentration in Choral Conducting and Piano Performance. She has an eclectic sense of music, including International music, Folk music, Americana, Classical music, Pop standards, Christmas music, Show tunes, and Opera. Come spend an hour having fun, learning, and singing songs from then and now!

FREE Senior “Chair Yoga”

This is a free program which enables our Nutley Senior Citizens to get into shape through Yoga and build strength and flexibility through gentle exercises, which utilize disciplined breathing and relaxation techniques.

FREE Senior Dance Fitness “Zumba Gold”

This is a low impact class for Nutley seniors in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. This class is full of fun music and easy to follow steps. All levels are welcome. No experience necessary.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Summer Events

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III

Pride Month/ Milk Screening

Nutley celebrated Pride Month with the showing of the film *Milk* at the Franklin Reformed Church.



Community Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated blood during the Community Blood Drive in memory of Anne Rotona held on June 8!



Anthony Di Petta Ceremony

On Tuesday, July 11, Nutley Township community members gathered at the World War II Memorial to pay their respects to fallen Nutley resident US Navy Ordnancemen First Class Anthony Di Petta, whose remains were recovered decades after he was killed in a WWII air strike.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events

Complete Blood Chemistry Profile

Friday, September 22, 8:30am to 12:30pm

Commissioner John V. Kelly, III, Director of Public Affairs and Health, is pleased to announce that through a partnership with Gentle Hands Mobile Phlebotomy Service, a complete blood chemistry profile is being offered for \$35 is being offered. Appointments are required.

Screening Includes:

- CBC - Comprehensive Chemistry Panel (CMP)
- Lipid Profile/HDL-LDL

6-8 Hour Fast Required (Water Only)

The following ADDITIONAL tests are available at discounted prices:

- PSA- \$15
- T3 - \$5
- T4 - \$10
- TSH - \$15
- CRP - \$15
- Vitamin D 25 - \$25
- Hemoglobin A1C - \$5
- COVID AB - \$35

Payment will be accepted in the form of cash or checks payable to Gentle Hands.

For more information, please call the Nutley Health Department at 973-284-4976.

Substance Use Disorder Resource Center

Commissioner Kelly is proud to announce the launch of a newly created Substance Use Disorder Resource Center being offered this fall at the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health, 149 Chestnut Street, Nutley.

Under the direction of Sharon Bozza, and in partnership with H.O.P.E and the Nutley Family Service Bureau, individuals seeking information regarding counseling, rehabilitation centers (emergency, non-emergency, inpatient/outpatient), self-help hotlines, mental health assistance, etc, will be able to obtain this collection of materials both digitally and in print.

For more information, please call Sharon Bozza at 973-284-4976 ext 2421.

Treasure Chest

The Nutley Family Treasure Chest/Adopt a Family program is a partnership program between the Nutley Board of Education and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health, designed to assist Nutley families who may be experiencing financial difficulties and unable to provide a fun and happy Christmas for their children. Each year, Nutley routinely helps between 250-300 children ages three through 18 who are currently in Township schools. This program has been successfully serving the Nutley Community for over 20 years.

If you are interested in supporting this wonderful program, gift card donations to local department stores such as Kohls, Target, ShopRite and/or online stores such as Amazon are suggested in increments of \$25.00. Donations can be dropped off at the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health, 149 Chestnut Street, Nutley, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm until Friday, December 8, 2023. Upon dropping off your gift cards in a sealed envelope, please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

For more information about this program please call Sharon Bozza at 973-284-4976 ext. 2421.

Flu Clinic

Saturday, September 30, 10am to 2pm

44 Park Avenue, Nutley

Commissioner Kelly and the Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health, in partnership with the Essex Metro Immunization Coalition, the Autism Society of America, and White Oak Pharmacy are pleased to offer a Flu Clinic to Nutley residents and all those who work or go to school in Nutley.

Neurodiverse persons who receive the vaccine will receive a valuable accessible vaccine kit while supplies last. Registration is required. If insured, please bring an insurance card with you. For more information, please call the Nutley Health Department at 973-284-4976.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Summer Events

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

Another Successful Year at the Nutley Junior Police Academy

The Nutley Police Department welcomed students for its free, week-long Junior Police Academy this summer as the program marked its 10th anniversary. Since its start in 2013, the Academy has greatly improved, becoming a township staple over the years under the leadership of Nutley Police Lieutenant Michael Padilla. During the week of June 26th, students from grades 5-8 gathered at John H. Walker Middle School to learn basic police fundamentals including marching, self-defense and crime scene processing, while participating in a variety of presentations.



Upcoming Events

Annual Fire Station Open House
228 Chestnut St.
Friday, October 13
5:30pm - 7:30pm





PUBLIC WORKS

Summer Events

Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli

Farmer's Market

Father's Day marked the opening day of the Nutley Farmers Market. The Market, which is in its 14th season, runs every Sunday from June 18 through October 29.



Another Successful DPW Electronics Recycling Day



Walk & Talk

Mayor Joseph. P. Scarpelli leads residents on an informative "Walk & Talk" tour of the Township.



Upcoming Events

Town-Wide Garage Sale:
September 23 and
September 24, 2023.



PUBLIC WORKS

4th of July Celebration

Thousands turned out for the magical
Nutley Township Fourth of July!





REVENUE AND FINANCE

Commissioner Tom Evans

Summer Events

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

Discount Programs for Property Tax Relief

Commissioner Thomas J. Evans, Director, Nutley Department of Revenue and Finance, advises residents of several discount property tax programs available from the State of New Jersey.

“Every year, many people take advantage of these programs to help lower their taxes,” he says. “We encourage all of our residents to investigate each program to see if they are eligible. Every little bit helps.”

The state currently offers the following programs:

- Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement)
- ANCHOR Program (formerly Homestead Benefit Program)
- \$250 Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens & Disabled Persons
- \$250 Veteran Property Tax Deduction
- 100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption
- Active Military Service Property Tax 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.

Township Leaders Help Nutley Kids Get on the Junior Entrepreneur Pathway

On August 8, Commissioner John V. Kelly III (Nutley Department of Public Affairs and Health), in partnership with Commissioner Tom Evans (Nutley Department of Revenue and Finance), presented a Lemonade Stand Workshop for children in grades four to eight in the council chambers at the Nutley Town Hall. This new initiative is designed to educate youngsters about the basics of food safety as well as the financial aspects of owning a lemonade stand.



State’s New Insurance Liability Minimum Requirements for Two Family and Up Rental Properties:

As of November 3rd, 2022, landlords and business owners in New Jersey will be required to carry \$500,000 in liability insurance for deaths or bodily injuries that may occur at their properties. For small, multifamily rental properties that are owner-occupied, the minimum liability insurance will be \$300,000.

REVENUE AND FINANCE

Municipal Clerk's Office 973-284-4955

The Office of the Municipal Clerk in New Jersey is considered the hub of all municipal operations. The Municipal Clerk serves the public and acts as a liaison between the Governing Body and various Municipal Departments as well as serving in the capacity of Municipal Election Officer.



The Clerk is also responsible for overseeing the licensing process for the Township's Limousine services, liquor licensing for retail distribution and restaurants, and annual licensing of dogs and cats. In addition, the Clerk ensures compliance with State rules and regulations for bingo and raffle applications and social events.

Voter Registration

Register to vote anytime throughout the year. This can be done online at 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

NJMVC: MOBILE Motor Vehicle Commission 3 times per year between March and November

- Real ID
- Driver's Licenses, Renewals and Updates
 - Non-Driver IDs
- Vehicle and Motorcycle Registrations
 - Placards
- Surrendering of license plates
- Vehicle and Motorcycle Inspections

Notary Services

Our notary services are free and available Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Animal Licensing: We are a pet-friendly town. Registering your dog or cat can be done anytime. This service is also available online at www.nutleynj.org. Pet licenses are renewed each year in April. In order to renew a license, it is important to have a current rabies vaccine for your pet. In April, we offer three late night animal registration sessions for your convenience.

Bingo, Raffle and Social Events: These are great opportunities to support our schools and many charitable and civic organizations in town. When planning these events be sure to contact this office for help in complying with the many State rules and regulations.

Tax Collector's Office 973-284-4963

As the office in charge of the billing and collection of property taxes and utility fees, we understand the importance of providing the best customer service. When you have questions regarding your water or property tax bills, the Tax Collector's office is here to assist you. Our service is timely and at all times courteous. As a reminder, tax bills are due on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The Township does permit a 10-day grace period. Your payments may be made by cash, check, money order, e-check, debit or credit cards. We encourage residents to take advantage of our online tax payment system at www.nutleynj.org/onlinepayments.



The State of New Jersey Tax Relief Benefits

Please call or come in and ask for our assistance with the following programs:

- Residents 65 years of age or 100% disabled -
- Senior Freeze Program
- The New Jersey Anchor Program
- Senior Citizen \$250 Property Tax Deduction
- The New Jersey Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

Water Billing and Payments 973-284-4962

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.

E-BILLS

Go paperless and never lose your water bill again! Sign up today at www.nutleynj.org/ebill.