



TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

Spring/Summer 2026 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Mayor John V. Kelly, III

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Hello Nutley!

It's only July and already it's been a very busy summer!

Throughout the spring and early summer, the Township of Nutley has held celebrations for Memorial Day, Pride Month and Juneteenth just to name a few. We honored our graduates with a very special video, and we were entertained by the talented musicians at our summer concert series and our Summer Fest!

As you look through this newsletter you will see just a sample of the hundreds of activities and initiatives we continue to offer our residents. Each of our five municipal departments has so much to offer, I encourage you to take advantage of all the wonderful programs planned for the next few months!

As Nutley continues to strengthen its foothold as a "Destination in Life," if there is anything the Board of Commissioners can do to further enhance your quality of life, please do not hesitate to let us know. The Board of Commissioners is composed of dedicated public servants with whom I am proud to work. We look forward to serving you now and well into the future.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Summerfest 2026



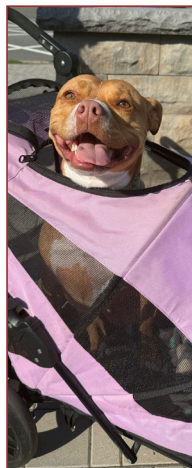
Nutley's 105th Memorial Day Parade



Board of Commissioners Welcomes Nutley High Schoolers for Student Government Day



Free Rabies Immunization Clinic and the Department of Revenue and Finance's Pet Licensing Event



National Arbor Day



Pride Month



National Gun Violence Awareness Day





PARKS AND RECREATION

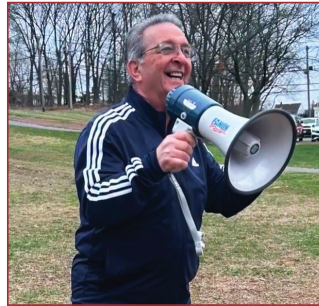
Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

Spring/Summer Events

Easter
EGGstravaganza



Flashlight Egg Hunt



Commissioner Tucci Leads
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for
New Glotzbach Softball Field



Earth Day



Annual May Day Luncheon New Inclusive Playground



Festival of Hope



Summer Concert Series with Little Mermen & Princess Pals



Annual Fishing Derby



PARKS AND RECREATION

Upcoming Events

Yoga For Life - "Mini"

07/14/26 - 08/18/26

6:45 PM-7:45 PM

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.

Morning Grind "Mini"

08/04/26 - 08/27/26

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Start your day with a high energy workout combining cardio, strength, and core!

Movement, Mobility, & Stability

08/03/26 - 08/26/26

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

This full-body class incorporates 30 minutes of low-impact cardio, followed by targeted balance and stability exercises, and concludes with mobility and stretching routines to enhance recovery and overall movement quality.

Rise and Shine "Mini"

08/03/26 - 08/28/26

6:00 AM-7:00 AM

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.

Intensive Musical Theatre Workshop

07/27/26 - 08/08/26

Parks and Recreation has partnered with Ohana Theatrics to do a 2-week musical theatre summer intensive, titled Rewind: A Jukebox Cabaret. The goal is to teach children in grades 5-12 the many aspects of theatre, including singing, dancing, and acting, culminating into two performances at the end of the two week workshop.

Intensive Theatre Workshop Tech/Backstage

07/27/26 - 08/08/26

We also have a Backstage / Technical component to the Program for students in grades 5-12 not interested in performing to learn stage crew, sound, lighting, costumes/props.

Flag Football

This program has been designed to educate young people about football while emphasizing participation and sportsmanship. Players learn skills and lessons that help them succeed both on and off the field. The program provides young players with a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork.

Recreation Soccer

The Nutley Recreation Soccer Program is open to Nutley youngsters in grades K through 8. This program is designed to assist young players in developing basic skills of the game while offering a fun, semi-competitive environment. Recreation soccer is a great opportunity for youngsters to exercise and have fun in a safe, social environment. We strive to make the experience of playing soccer FUN for all players. We teach respect for the game and for all participants, coaches, teammates, referees, and opposing players. We also teach the fundamentals of soccer so that players are prepared to meet the physical demands of the sport and to play the game in a safe manner.

Nutley Travel Soccer

Nutley United Travel Soccer is the travel division of the soccer program. Teams play in the very competitive Northern Counties Soccer Association against towns in Northern NJ and Lower NY State. The travel soccer program offers a high level of instruction by professional trainers and experienced coaches who are licensed by the NJ Youth Soccer Association.

Tackle Football

Football is a game of team- work, discipline, determination and dedication. Football requires commitment to physical fitness, practice time, skill development, learning plays and game planning. Communication and teamwork are vital traits that will serve children well when they are teens and into adulthood, and football can be instrumental in developing these traits. The benefits of playing a team sport are endless and rewarding.

Cheerleading

Recreation Cheering is a great way for young ladies to express themselves while being taught team unity, basic dance techniques, and good sportsmanship. Curriculum includes body moves, dexterity development and the coordination of extremities.

Fall Cross Country Track Program

This program is for Nutley Youngsters in grades 4-8. Cross country running is a sport in which teams and individuals run a race on open-air courses over natural terrain such as dirt or grass.

Multi Sports Squirts Clinic

The Multi Sports Squirts Clinic is a fun and engaging summer program designed to introduce children to a variety of sports in a positive and inclusive environment.

Tennis Lessons and Clinics

This program is a 5 week Clinic open to Nutley residents grades 1 through adult. Directed under the supervision of Barry Rubach, an accredited member of the U.S. Professional Tennis Association and former Collegiate Champion, this program enables participants to grasp the fundamentals of the game, while having fun and keeping fit. Participant must provide the following equipment: Tennis Racket, Sneakers, Water Bottle and Comfortable Clothing

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.

Pickleball Lessons

Our lessons introduce fundamental pickleball skills, including proper grip, dinking, and the basic rules of the kitchen, helping participants build a solid foundation. As players progress, the Advanced Beginner lessons focus on refining these skills, improving consistency in volleys, understanding the third shot drop, and developing strategic court positioning. Both levels aim to build confidence and ensure participants enjoy and excel in pickleball.

Lacrosse Clinic

This five week clinic open to Nutley Boys and Girls Grades K- 3 6:00pm-7:00pm Come be a part of the fastest game on two feet! No time for grass to grow under our cleats, lacrosse is played at full speed, high intensity and at an exhilarating pace! We pack a lot into 1 hour.

KinderDANCE Clinic

Children ages 3 through 6 can register to express themselves through movement, music and fitness, all while incorporating educational concepts.

Recreation Stunt Clinic Fall

This program is open to Nutley Jr. Raider Cheerleaders enrolled in our cheer program. Our goal is to have our cheerleaders learn stunting and to execute proper stunting techniques.

Athletes on the Competition Cheer team are NOT ELIGIBLE.



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS & HEALTH

Spring/Summer Events

State of New Jersey Honors Meredith Blank as a Leader of Change

Township of Nutley Public Affairs and Health Administrator Meredith Blank was honored in March as a “Leader of Change” by New Jersey Assemblywoman Carmen Morales and Assemblyman Michael J. Venezia at the “Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future” event held at the Brwnbox in Orange. The luncheon’s goal was to recognize women who are leading sustainability efforts across environmental, economic, educational, and social justice movements.



Early Morning Walking Club



America 250 Trivia Night



Ruck March



Blood Drive



PUBLIC AFFAIRS & HEALTH

Juneteenth Celebration



**Department of
Public Affairs and Health**
Mayor John V. Kelly, III
Director

All Nutley residents
are invited to
join the Nutley
Early Morning
Walking Club



**Join us every Tuesday and
Thursday Morning @ 6:30am**
beginning Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Meet in front of the Nutley Department of
Public Affairs and Health for a brisk
3-4 mile walk through Nutley

It is a fun and safe way to socialize and stay fit!



PUBLIC SAFETY

Spring/Summer Events

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

The 2026 Easter Bunny Meet and Greet



EMS Night



LEAD Picnic



Junior Police



PUBLIC SAFETY

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.

Keep alert at all times, don't be distracted by electronic devices.



If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic.



If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.



Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians.



Be visible at all times. Wear bright colored clothing during the day. At night wear reflective materials or use a flashlight.



DRIVER AWARENESS



Look out for pedestrians at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.

When backing up be aware of your surroundings. Watch for pedestrians.



Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks as well as stopping far back from the crosswalk.

When opening your vehicle door be alert for bicyclists.



Fireworks Safety

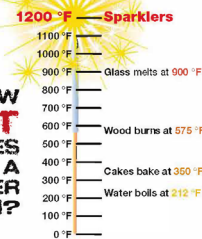
FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

FACTS

- More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 38% of the 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children younger than 15 years old accounted for 28% of the estimated fireworks injuries.
- Sparklers account for 29% of fireworks injuries for children under the age of 5 treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.



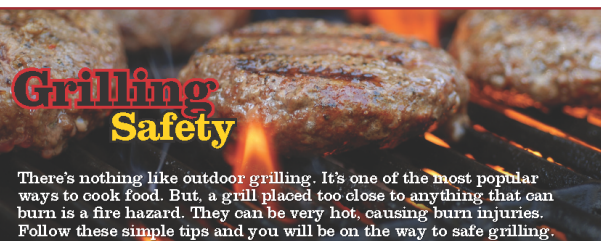
Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2022 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards.



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Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROpane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROMOTION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE	Pedal and optional throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
MOTORIZED BICYCLE	Pedal and optional throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

<https://bikeread.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/>

* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapse vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.



For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at bikeread.org or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at safaroutesnj.org. 01.13.22



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PUBLIC WORKS

Spring/Summer Events

Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli

Residential Shredding Day



Compost Day



Electronics Recycling Day



Spring Farmers Market



Farmers Market Spring Pop-Up



Big Truck Day



PUBLIC WORKS

Upcoming Events

Nutley Farmers Market: Sunday, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 | 9:00am – 2:00pm | Along Booth Drive

Now entering its 17th season, the outdoor Nutley Farmers Market features delicious local foods and goods, live music, special events and a weekly walking group. Visit www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket for additional information.

Electronics Recycling Drop Off Day: Saturday, July 11 | 9:00am - 1:00pm | Municipal Garage

Consumer electronics will be collected for recycling.

Nutley Farmers Market: Sunday, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 | 9:00am - 2:00pm | Along Booth Drive

Visit www.nutleynj.org/farmersmarket for additional information.

Nutley Farmers Market: Sunday, September 6, 13, 20 and 27

9:00am - 2:00pm | Along Booth Drive

Town-Wide Garage Sale: Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27 | 8:00am - 5:00pm | Town-Wide

Registration fee of \$10 to benefit Township Go Green initiative. Pre-Registration Required! Please call the (973) 284-4958 or visit www.nutleynj.org/garagesale for registration information.





REVENUE AND FINANCE

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

Commissioner Tom Evans, CPA

Township of Nutley Maintains Strong Financial Position While Managing Cost Increases in 2026 Budget

"Nutley continues to be in excellent financial shape," Commissioner Tom Evans stated, "boasting an Aa1 bond rating from S&P, the equivalent of a personal credit score over 800. This strong posture allows the municipality to borrow money at low interest rates for the benefit of taxpayers. Nutley's current debt has decreased year-over-year by approximately \$3 million, representing only 11 percent of its total borrowing capacity of \$195.0 million. The Township is able to pay its bills without temporary financing and maximizes the use of grant dollars to minimize debt."

"Taxpayers need to know how their tax dollars are used," Commissioner Evans added. "I want feedback to build greater trust and understanding. This can only be done by making sure the message is moving beyond just being heard but understood. I am concerned that I do not hear from people and they don't come to our meetings. Lack of understanding in a world of sound bites is a danger to institutional trust."

As Commissioners, Our Obligation Is to You

The health, welfare, and safety of our community is the orientation of everything we do.

The municipal budget is not simply a financial document — it is a statement of what Nutley values and a commitment to every resident about how their money will be used.

We Went Beyond the Legal Minimum

New Jersey law requires only that the formal State budget document be made available. That document is posted on www.nutleynj.org — but it runs dozens of pages and is written in regulatory language most residents would find impenetrable. This presentation exists because posting a document is not the same as explaining it.

Five Commissioners, One Budget

Nutley operates under a Commission form of government. Each Commissioner directs their own department and prepares their own budget. This deck brings all five budgets together in plain language, with every figure reviewed for compliance with the statutes, rules, and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

"Our core obligation remains the health, welfare, and safety of the community," Commissioner Evans added. "Residents with questions about the budget are encouraged to email their questions to the CFO's office at Treasureroffice@nutleynj.org for follow-up and response."

To view the full 2026 budget presentation, scan the QR Code or please visit bit.ly/Nutleyfinal26budget.

TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

2026 Municipal Budget as Adopted

June 4, 2026

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Prepared by the Department of Revenue & Finance



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REVENUE AND FINANCE

Commissioner Evans Shares Guidance on Codes and Zoning Ahead of Spring Cleanup Efforts

Thomas J. Evans, Commissioner of the Nutley Department of Revenue and Finance, encourages residents to understand the Township's codes and zoning regulations.

"This is a busy time for us," Evans says. "The more informed our residents are, the easier it is for us to help them."

The Township Code Book is available on the Nutley website (ecode360.com/NU0665) for reference. "We encourage residents to use this resource at any time," Evans adds, noting it streamlines the process for assistance.

Property Maintenance:

Property owners must maintain their properties to enhance neighborhood appearance. This includes regular lawn care and ensuring structures like fences and sheds are sound. Residents should maintain grass within 10 feet of the street in front of their homes.

Garage Sales:

Residents may hold one garage sale per year with a \$10 permit. Signs cannot be posted on poles or trees, and must be removed by the end of the day.

Construction:

Most construction and exterior projects require a zoning permit and inspection. Residents should contact the code enforcement department for accurate permit information.

Airbnb and Temporary Rentals:

Temporary rentals are prohibited by Township ordinances.

"We are here to assist our residents with any questions," Evans emphasizes. "Feel free to call us at 973-284-4957 to utilize our services."

