



TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

Fall 2024/Winter 2025 Newsletter

Mayor's Message



Mayor John V. Kelly, III

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I'd like to begin by thanking Commissioners Petracco, Scarpelli, Tucci and Evans and their respective departments for the great team effort in transforming the new Municipal Plaza and surrounding area into a Holiday Wonderland for all to enjoy at our annual Tree Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration. It takes a lot of planning, dedication and collaboration from all departments, and it was performed seamlessly and professionally, by all. I am in awe and very grateful for everyone's hard work and commitment.

Thank you to Assemblywoman Carmen Morales, and Senator Britnee Timberlake and families, Reverend Sherri Smalls for the blessing; Rabbi Julie Roth (Shomrei Emanah) and Rabbi Marc Katz (Temple New Tamid) and all of our Commissioners for attending our wonderful ceremony. Special thanks to Downes Tree Service, Cliffhanger Productions, Michael Chieffo and DJMC Entertainment.

As you browse our newsletter, I hope you enjoy looking back at the multitude of events that took place in the Fall as well as making plans for upcoming events in the New Year, some of which include our Health Department blood drives; the Heart Healthy month celebration in February; Women's History month panels in March and a NCIDC collaboration with the Nutley High School Asian American Student Union for the Lunar New Year in late January/early February.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I wish all of the residents of our township a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in the Holiday Spirit, Mayor John V. Kelly, III



NUTLEY'S 2024 HOLIDAY



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES





PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

Fall Events

The 2024 Princess Ball

Christmas Cookie Decorating Party



Parks & Rec Toy Drive

Halloween Spooktacular



Pumpkin Painting

Movie Night Under the Stars



PARKS AND RECREATION

Happy Holidays from the
Parks and Recreation Department!



Upcoming Winter Activities

WINTER SPORTS 2025 PLAYED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Wrestling
Girls and Boys Recreation Basketball
Girls and Boys Travel Basketball

2025 WINTER CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Kids Yoga
KinderDance
Contemporary Dance
Tumbling
Ancient Stories & Mythology Writing Class
Happily Ever Crafty
Aspiring Authors
Fun For All Program
- Special Needs
Rise and Shine
Morning Exercise
Zumba

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

SPRING SPORTS 2025 REGISTRATION OPEN STARTING DECEMBER 13

Girls & 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

Mayor John V. Kelly, III

Fall Events

Veterans Day/Ruck March

Holiday Sip and Shop



NCID Council Concert

Spooky Sprint



Family Fun Movie Night

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



PUBLIC AFFAIRS & HEALTH

Happy Holidays from the
Public Affairs & Health Department!



Italian American Heritage Day

Upcoming Winter Activities



Commissioner John V. Kelly, III and Nutley Health Department are pleased to announce that the 2025 Health Screening schedule is now available:

February – Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings (February 10 – 10am to 12pm)

Learn your blood pressure and glucose. No fasting is required. Registration is not required. **FREE.**

March – Colorectal Cancer Education & EZ-Detect Kits (March 11 - 10am to 12pm)

Colorectal Cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women. Early detection has decreased the death rate for colorectal cancers in the past 15 years. Receive **FREE** Colorectal Cancer Education and EZ-Detect Fecal Occult Kits. Registration not required.

April – Depression Screening (April 24 - 10am to 12pm)

Behavioral Health professional will screen for signs of depression. Registration is required. **FREE.**

May – Stroke Screenings (May 19 - 10am to 12pm)

Evaluate your risk for stroke through cholesterol testing, blood pressure, pulse check, carotid artery assessment and stroke related counseling from staff physicians. Registration is required. **FREE.**

June – Memory Assessment (June 26 - 10am to 12pm)

Are you absent-minded lately or is it something more serious? Join us for a one on one memory assessment to address memory loss, risks & hygiene. Registration not required. **FREE.**



PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Alphonse Petracco

Fall Events Trunk or Treat!



Nutley's 42nd Annual Fire Prevention Open House



Fraud Prevention Program

Coffee with a Cop

Pancake Breakfast with Santa



PUBLIC SAFETY

Happy Holidays from the
Public Safety Department!



Upcoming Events

Third Annual Meet and Greet the Easter Bunny!!!

April 19th from 10am to 12pm
at the Public Safety Building





PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Events

Commissioner Joseph P. Scarpelli

Farmer's Market



RAKES Program



Leaf Bag Distribution Day and Food Drive



Electronics Recycling



PUBLIC WORKS

Happy Holidays from the
Department of Public Works!



Commissioner Scarpelli Announces Important Recycling News

Commissioner Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli and the Department of Public Works (DPW) are pleased to announce that the Township's award-winning recycling program will remain unchanged.

"While there have been adjustments to the garbage collection system managed by the Department of Public Affairs, our recycling efforts will continue as usual, maintaining the success and recognition they have achieved," said Commissioner Scarpelli.

Residents should continue to use the blue containers, one for paper and the other for commingling. The current dual stream recycling continues to offer the greatest opportunity for monetary benefit back to the Township.

In addition, the DPW is finalizing plans for a new initiative to recycle old and unwanted trash receptacles. This program will provide residents with a convenient way to dispose of obsolete containers responsibly, removing thousands of items from the waste stream and furthering Nutley's commitment to sustainability.

"This initiative builds on our history of successful recycling events, such as electronics, rigid plastic, and hanger collections," said Commissioner Scarpelli. "We're in

the final stages of planning and anticipate the program will launch early next year."

The program will run for approximately nine weeks, allowing residents to drop off old trash receptacles at designated locations in the township on Saturday mornings and afternoons.

"We're taking every step to ensure this operation runs smoothly, from setting clear guidelines for drop-offs to coordinating logistics with recycling vendors," Commissioner Scarpelli said. "We appreciate the community's patience as we prepare to roll out this important program."

Commissioner Scarpelli also reminded residents of the importance of reducing waste. "Before discarding your old trash can, consider repurposing it for yard tool storage or as a compost bin. Reducing, reusing, and recycling are vital steps toward environmental sustainability."

More details about the Old Trash Receptacle Recycling Program will be announced in the coming weeks. Commissioner Scarpelli and the Department of Public Works remain committed to providing innovative and effective solutions to serve the community.

Upcoming Events

February 8: Electronics Recycling Day



REVENUE AND FINANCE

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

Commissioner Tom Evans, CPA

Happy Holidays from the Department of Revenue and Finance!



Nutley Housing Market Still Booming

Despite concerns about the economy, the Nutley housing market continues to grow stronger and stronger. This year, **Realtor.com** ranked Nutley 34th in the top 100 hottest real estate markets in the nation and just last week, the same site listed Nutley as the top home buying town in Essex County. Home sales throughout the Township have continued to rise post-pandemic in record-setting numbers. What is it about Nutley that attracts buyers?

"It has always been the Board of Commissioners' goal to ensure that Nutley remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family," says Commissioner Thomas J. Evans, Director of Revenue and Finance. "Over the last two decades we have strived to keep our Township as affordable as possible and to be honest that's been a challenge during the last few years. But thankfully it hasn't affected our home values or the people's desire to move here."

"Since 2020, sales in Nutley have grown substantially," explain local realtors Mary and Michael Ryder of the Rubino Ryder Team at KW NJ Metro Group. "The demand far outweighs the supply."

"The Nutley market is very, very strong," adds Mike Moscara of Moscara Realty. As a lifelong resident of Nutley, Moscara understands the appeal of the Township. "We have people coming from all over looking to move to Nutley. It has a strong community and a small town, country feel that's hard to find anywhere else so close to New York." Realtor Jim McGuire of Agency on the Avenue is another real estate professional who is seeing the Township home values continue to rise. "When we take potential buyers around, they are extremely impressed with the parks, the safety, the feel and the people of Nutley," he notes.

"Nutley is simply a very attractive town to live in," McGuire says. "In fact, we find a lot of people who live here are always looking to upgrade and stay in town. I think that says a lot about why our values keep growing. For generations, it's been - and continues to be - a great place to live and raise a family."