April 20th, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Board of Health, as of 3:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 138.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 24 to 71. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Board of Health. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

The Rutherford Library wants everyone to know it's going virtual with its service point starting Monday, April 20th. Each weekday for three hours residents can connect immediately with a staff member through Zoom, email or Facebook Messenger. If you feel like your Google search has let you down or your tech question is too tough, the Library staff is ready to lend a hand. Look on their website at RutherfordLibrary.org or find them on Facebook for details.

Met Life Stadium parking lot is continuing to be used as a staging area for medical support. 100 more ambulances and 400 new medical support staff will use it as a staging area to be dispersed throughout Northern New Jersey. Under the direction of Bergen County OEM, these services will be used for communities in need.

For essential employees who still require public transportation, NJ transit has announced special "Essential Service" bus service schedules which can be found on NJ TRANSIT's website.

Locally, we're especially proud of Ferazzoli's Italian Kitchen which has fed over one thousand health care workers on the front lines fighting this war. Every day for the last 18 days they have fed a different hospital team. They are also still offering the "Felician Special" for anyone who simply cannot afford a meal, no questions asked - just call ahead and place a "Felician Special" for pickup.

This of course is a fluid situation and the Borough is in constant communication with County and State officials. As needed, we will be updating residents by Borough website, Twitter, and Facebook daily.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan