



May 2nd, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Health Department, as of 1:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 176.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 23 to 49. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Health Department. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

We'd like to remind you that ticketing for alternate side of the street parking will resume on Monday, May 4th. Please help us keep your neighborhood beautiful by remembering to move your car on your scheduled day.

If we were not currently dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, today would have been the day that Rutherford Public Library Foundation held its annual gala. While we cannot gather to publicly support or visit it today, I'd like to remind you that the library continues to adapt to the situation by providing as many services online as possible. Each weekday the librarians are curating and producing fresh content. This Monday is My Family Monday. Tune in to genealogy expert Rhoda Portugal, who will help you with tools and tips for researching your family's history. Look on the Library's website at RutherfordLibrary.org or find them on Facebook for details.

Tomorrow begins our Sunday Surprise Salutes to Heroes, where members of the Rutherford Police Department, Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Departments will caravan past the houses of our First Responders. We will continue with this program on Sundays and are currently accepting nominations of Rutherford residents who are a positive force in the fight against COVID-19. If you know a local hero deserving of a Sunday Surprise Salute caravan to pass by their house, please send your reasoning and your contact information to jbagnuolo@rutherfordboronj.com.

I'd like to mention that The Rutherford Business Project, a non-profit organization formed in 2019 and composed of local business owners who work together with volunteers that are dedicated to promoting the improvement and ongoing development of our business districts. During the current crisis, the RBP is trying to help businesses that are closed with no online presence. They are launching an initiative through which residents can purchase a gift card to a business for their own personal use or purchase a gift card or item from a business to be donated to a first responder. More information can be found on the Borough website.

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](https://twitter.com), and [Facebook](https://facebook.com) daily.

Sincerely,
Councilman Mark Goldsack