

### From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

As you know, Memorial Park is currently undergoing an exciting multi-phase renovation project to upgrade the majority of its recreational facilities.

For years this project was just a vision, but is now reality in large part due to Senator Paul Sarlo and Assemblymen Gary Schaar and Clinton Calabrese who have worked to secure \$8,000,000 in grant money specifically for Rutherford's recreational needs. In addition, this project is supported by Bergen County Open Space match grants and Borough Capital funding.

I'm happy to say that next week we expect to reopen Diamonds 5 & 6, which will now function as a multi-use, turfed softball/baseball/soccer/lacrosse facility. Enclosed dugouts have been added as well as a batting cage and bullpen for pitchers. This, along with the tennis courts which were reconstructed over the summer, are the first completed pieces of Phase 1.

The enclosed softball field at Diamond 4, also part of Phase 1, is scheduled for completion in spring of 2025. NJDEP approval is required in order for work to proceed. The documents submitted to the NJDEP for permit approval can be viewed at the Clerk's Office in Borough Hall as well as on the Borough website. Earlier this week, residents living within 200 feet of Memorial Field received a notice in the mail from the town's engineer advising of this project and our pending application at the NJDEP. This notice is required as part of our application process.

Phase 2 will include additions such as new lighting and turf for soccer, football, lacrosse, baseball and softball as well as improved ADA accessibility with new handicap parking spaces connected to an extended "Leisure Lane," which will make the area easier to navigate for people of all abilities.

I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the planning and execution of our "new" Memorial Park. This is a once-in-a-generation project and I'm thrilled we can maximize every inch of field space available to residents for both leisure and organized recreation.

- Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato



Fourth quarter property taxes are due November 1st with a grace period to November 12th. Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Ave entrance, or the online portal through the Borough website.

Payments should be made prior to 4:00pm. If received after 4:00pm on November 12th, payments will be processed on the next business day and interest will apply.

Please note: New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications MUST be filed by October 31, 2024. For first time filers, applications can be picked up in the Tax Collector's office. The State has increased the income qualifications. To get more detailed information please visit [www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/)

**2025 Committee Applications**  
**Now Open through December 6th**  
**Interviews via Zoom**  
[rutherfordboronj.com/committees](http://rutherfordboronj.com/committees) for more information

### Mark Your Calendars!

[rutherfordboronj.com/upcoming-events](http://rutherfordboronj.com/upcoming-events)

**HEALTH** **Blood Screening**  
**Saturday, October 19th**  
7:00pm-9:00am

Rutherford Health Department - 184 Park Ave

BLOOD SCREENING FEE: \$22.00

Call and Schedule your Appointment TODAY! 201-460-3020



**Saturday,**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**REPAIR CAFE**

**11:30-3:30 • Rutherford**

Throw it away? No way!

**Library Auditorium**



**Halloween Activities**  
**from Rutherford Rec!**

**All registrations are via RecDesk**

- **House Decorating Contest**  
(Registration closes October 18th)
- **Jack-O-Lantern Carving Photo Contest**  
(Registration open through **October 26th!**)

**Saturday, October 26th:**

- **Ragamuffin Parade** Check-In Begins 9:00am - Parade Steps Off 10:00am SHARP!  
Begins at Rutherford High School, 56 Elliot Place  
For children 5 and younger - Rutherford residents only.  
Pre-registration by Friday October 25th is requested.
- **Doggie Paw-Rade** Check-In Begins 1:00pm - Parade Steps Off 1:30pm Begins in front of Rutherford High School, 56 Elliot Place - Ends at Lincoln Park.  
Registration limited to 50 **LICENSED** participants.  
Please read ALL regulations on RecDesk

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**  
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> TRYON FIELD**  
**4 - 8 PM**