

Borough Hall will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'm pleased to be able to bring you an update on the Diamond 2 repairs at Memorial Park.

In my last newsletter, I reported it was unlikely the Borough would be able to accept a donation from a resident to make certain repairs to Diamond 2, where Rutherford Varsity Baseball primarily plays, in time for the spring season.

After several weeks of exploring every possible scenario that could help or hinder this project, the Borough presented the resident, Mr. Keeler, with an agreement that can satisfy the concerns of both parties.

Large capital improvements such as redesigning Memorial Park have many moving pieces and it took some time to see how a Diamond 2 repair could fit into the overall plans, which are currently in the process of being finalized.

The date by which Diamond 2 will be playable, once the sod is laid, is mainly dependent on the weather, but I'd like to thank Superintendent Hurley for being open to rescheduling high school baseball games as needed should this interrupt the spring schedule.

I thank Mr. Keeler for his generosity as well as his flexibility on this matter as we enlisted our professionals to ensure all options were explored, considered and deliberated in pursuit of a successful outcome.

Additionally, I'm excited that it won't be long before we finalize the vision for the entirety of Memorial Park and timeline for work. My colleagues and I are all looking forward to making this dream a reality for the residents and athletes of Rutherford.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Snow Emergency Information

As we continue to encounter winter weather, please be mindful of parking restrictions and other important information for homeowners anytime snow accumulates.

Did you know there are 63 designated snow emergency streets in Rutherford?

To find out if your street is one of them, visit www.rutherfordboronj.com/resident-info/snow-emergency-info for the complete list of snow emergency streets in Rutherford, as well as other valuable information.

- NO Parking on snow emergency streets once road is covered with snow.
- If snow is in the forecast, move your car BEFORE it starts
- Parking on snow emergency streets resumes once the roadway is clear and plowed to the curb
- Plowing around parked cars adds significant time to overall plowing operations, which leads to longer snow emergencies
- Please be mindful of fire hydrants when clearing sidewalks and make them accessible to the Fire Department in the event of a fire.
- All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours of daylight after a snowfall or a winter storm.
- No one can place any object, including but not limited to chairs, traffic cones, garbage cans, etc., into the street with the intent to save a parking space.

Ice Skating at Memorial Park

The ice skating rink has been set up for this season in the Memorial Field Parking lot. It is only usable when weather conditions permit, as we need a stretch of sub-freezing days to make it skateable.

Users will skate at their own risk. Badges will not be required.

Public Parking in Kip Garage

We will be converting the Kip Garage public parking spaces to a pay station kiosk. Be on the lookout for more information and new signage in the coming weeks!



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Arts Committee Liaison

The Rutherford Arts Committee is **extending the deadline** for Youth Art Month submissions until Monday, February 19th. Submissions can be a well-lit, overhead snapshot of the flat or 3D artwork emailed via smart phone. No need to professionally scan anything. All mediums are welcome including photography, charcoal, crayons, pencil, pen, etc. It is a beautiful way to display your child's budding creativity and kick off spring in our Business districts.

[Visit rutherfordnj.recdesk.com to register](http://www.rutherfordnj.recdesk.com)

Fire Department Liaison

A special thanks to the volunteers of our Rutherford Fire Department for their quick & decisive response to an arson fire earlier this month and for working in close collaboration with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Rutherford Police Department. A much larger disaster was averted due to their unwavering commitment to their training and our Borough. More can be found online.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Rutherford Volunteer Firefighter - youth or adult - email recruitment@rutherfordfd.com. The Rutherford Fire Department's Junior Firefighter's program is now open to 16 and 17 year old youths. Applications and requirements to be a Firefighter and Junior Firefighter are now available on the Borough website.

www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/fire-department/

Social Services Liaison

Families in need of emergency food please contact the Social Services Director, Genevieve Kacmarcik, at 201-460-3028 or gkacmarcik@rutherfordboronj.com. She can connect you with the Rutherford Food Pantry. The Rutherford Food Pantry is currently looking for volunteers. Please contact Genevieve Kacmarcik for more information.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone
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Would you enjoy playing a few rounds of mini golf with friends, family and neighbors in a beautiful library setting? Or dancing into the night with fun music while supporting a great cause?

If so, please join us for the Rutherford Public Library's two biggest (and most creative) fundraising events of the season!

Tickets are on sale now:

[Mini Golf Fundraiser at the Rutherford Public Library](#)

Play an 18-Hole Course Inside the Library and Support a Great Cause
Friday, March 1: Adult Night (6-9PM)

Saturday, March 2: Family Day (10:30-3:30PM)

Tickets on Sale Now at RUTHERFORDLIBRARY.ORG/FRIENDS

[Rutherford Public Library Gala 2024](#)

Saturday, March 23: Il Villaggio 2024 Honoree: Dan Meredith
Open Bar and Live Music!

Tickets On Sale: RUTHERFORDLIBRARY.ORG/FOUNDATION

See you in the stacks and on the dance floor!

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone
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Hello neighbors. Many thanks to our Department of Public Works team for getting us through our first true snow storm in years. That DPW is integral to so much that we don't even see in our Borough and managing us safely through snow events is just one small piece. If you have the chance to thank someone on our DPW team, please make a point to do so. At our meeting on Monday, Council President McGowan shared that the sub-committee for the renovation of Memorial Park has hit the ground running. This is an exciting time and we are here to listen. I encourage you to discuss your ideas and concerns with us as our plans continue to evolve. As many of you know, it is Black History Month. Robin Reenstra from the Meadowlands Museum has secured some additional materials relating to Rutherford's rich history particularly with regards to our Black residents and the evolution of the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission. I encourage you to make your way over to the Museum to share in and understand more about that rich history. Last weekend, we had the honor of joining our volunteer Fire Department in celebrating the hard work of Chief Tom Riser and welcoming Chief Moshe Stareshefsky as the newest Chief of the Department at their annual dinner. It was an event filled with celebration and gratitude. Councilman Cokeley (who serves as our Fire Commissioner) has also been kind enough to invite me to join him at the monthly Chief's meeting for the past two months. I cannot stress enough how educational those meetings have been for me in order to gain a proper understanding of how much work, time, energy and sacrifice goes into the role played by our volunteer firefighters for our community. We are truly lucky to have them. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday weekend.

Councilman Ray Guzmán
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Health Liaison:

Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats -
Saturday, March 16th, 10:00am-12:00pm
Mortimer Ave Firehouse - 400 Mortimer Ave.

Previously vaccinated dogs and cats, with proof of vaccination, will receive a 3-year dose. Cats and dogs vaccinated at the age of three (3) to eleven (11) months will require revaccination after one (1) year.