

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I am going to forego my newsletter this week in order to make space for a very important statement from my good friend and colleague, Councilwoman Maria Begg Roberson.

Maria - you've made a tremendous impact on this Governing Body. I'm sad you won't be up on the dais with us, but I will work to make sure all your accomplishments live on.

Ending my Council Tenure in December

As I reflect on the years spent serving as your councilwoman, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude. I am announcing I will not be seeking a third term and will conclude my tenure on the Borough Council at the end of December 2024.

The journey we've embarked on together over these past six years has been one of immense growth, challenge, and triumph.

I have been deeply committed to advocating for LGBTQIA rights, ensuring our community is a place where every individual can feel valued and accepted. My work with the Green team to achieve the Silver level certification for Sustainable New Jersey stands as a testament to our collective commitment to a greener, more sustainable future. Collaborating with Assemblyman Schaer on the transition toward the legalization of marijuana was another step in ensuring our residents and businesses stayed informed and engaged with the state's evolving policies. Addressing the critical issue of gun violence has also been a priority.

I am especially proud to have broken barriers as the first Black woman to serve on the Rutherford Council. This achievement is not mine alone but belongs to all of us who believe in the power of diversity and representation.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the Rutherford Democratic Party and Mayor Nunziato and to all who have supported me throughout this journey. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of serving you.

With deepest appreciation,
Dr. Maria Begg-Roberson
Rutherford Councilwoman

Join The Borough of Rutherford and Felician University as we celebrate **Women's History Month** featuring Outstanding Female Leaders Across Industry



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Raena Garcia Law Group
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Thursday, March 21st, 2024

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Panel Discussion

8:00pm - 9:00pm

Networking

Light refreshments will be served

Felician University Education Commons

227 Montross Ave, Rutherford

Primary Election Information

Visit the Borough website for important voter information and dates

Save the Date!
Saturday
June 15th
PorchFest 2024
presented by
The Rutherford Arts Committee

Now Seeking Musicians, Porches & Volunteers!
www.rutherfordboronj.com/committees/arts/porchfest/

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March is a month focused on celebrating and bringing awareness to many important issues. As liaison to Felician University, I am happy to share that the Borough has partnered with Felician to offer a Women’s History Month event on Thursday, March 21st at 7pm in the Education Commons building on Montross Avenue.

This event will feature “Outstanding Female Leaders Across Industry” and will offer a panel of four dynamic women: Felician President Dr. Mildred Mihlon, CFO of Triple Five Group American Dream Adi Adair, Broker Owner of ERA Justin Mrs. Jennifer Darby Metzger, and Lead Attorney & Ceo of Reana Garcia Law Group Reana Garcia.

I am most excited to moderate this panel of inspirational women with my Councilwomen colleagues. Special “thank you” to Felician President Mihlon, VP Maura DiNicola, Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski, Public Information Officer Kim Bogosian, Mayor Nunziator and every Councilmember for supporting this inaugural event. We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating Women’s History Month together!

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone
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Hello neighbors. As we wind down winter here in the Borough of Trees, I’m already so excited for the events coming our way in the Spring. From Rutherford Pridefest to Porchfest, there will be an abundance of opportunities to gather together in celebration. Speaking of, I was honored to join in celebrating the start of Ramadan with our Muslim neighbors in Lincoln Park as the Crescent they procured was lit. With every event that invites us to understand our neighbors’ lives and beliefs, we become a closer community. Another congratulations to RHS Senior, Usman Khan, for leading and accomplishing that effort. Still on the subject of celebration, please join me and my colleagues on March 21st at Felician University to celebrate Women’s History Month. Council President, Stephanie McGowan, has secured a line up of dynamic speakers. Please encourage the young women in your lives to attend. It promises to be a really impactful and exciting night. More information can be found on the Borough facebook page. Enjoy your 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.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson
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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

In recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month this March, we are dedicated to spreading awareness and providing valuable information about this significant health issue. Colorectal cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women in the United States, yet it remains highly preventable with regular screening and early detection. The proclamation of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month by Mayor Nunziato underscores our community’s commitment to combatting this disease. In collaboration with Libby’s Choice, a remarkable organization committed to educating the public on the critical importance of screenings, we aim to empower our residents with the knowledge and resources needed to take proactive steps in protecting their health. Screenings are vital as they can detect precancerous conditions early, when the disease is most treatable, significantly increasing survival rates. Let us join hands this month in spreading the word and encouraging our loved ones to get screened, making a substantial impact in the fight against colorectal cancer.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone
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In celebration of Women’s History Month, I want to congratulate several women-owned and run institutions in town that won the Best of Bergen Gala Awards this year. Each year, voters across Bergen County choose businesses they believe are excellent and stand above the rest.

Congratulations to The Rutherford Public Library for winning the Best Public Library! Library Director Gretchen Corsillo and President of the Board of Directors Wendy Armacost lead a dedicated and visionary management team. This relatively small library beat out larger ones in Bergen County, a testament to a commitment to creative programming that gets more residents involved each year. Library personnel expertly advocate for widespread literacy and freedom of thought for young and old, in our town and the broader region.

Congratulations as well to the female owners of Fond and Faye, a beauty spa and to Ingri’s Home Cleaning Service, a cleaning and house organizing service - for their Best of Bergen Awards. Thank you to all the small business owners in town who take financial risks and make many sacrifices so their businesses can thrive and enrich our town!