

## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

It was my pleasure to be part of the Little League opening day parade, as well as the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Tom Mellody Baseball Field, last Saturday. As someone who played for the Lions on that field back in the 1970s, I know how important it is for players and their families to have a dedicated space to play on. That's why I'm especially looking forward to being at next year's opening day, when we begin the baseball season and hope to cut the ribbon on a new field for high school and recreation girls softball. We will create a space where generations of girls will play, and someday share the same pride I was lucky enough to experience by returning to Tom Mellody Field. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and healthy season!

For new residents, I'm happy to report on a new initiative from the Chamber of Commerce. They will soon begin distributing Welcome to Town Kits to residents who have recently moved to Rutherford. A project like this may seem simple but requires a lot of leg work. As Liaison to the Chamber, I'm proud to see the welcoming environment this organization is helping the Borough to create. Recipients of these kits will find a variety of information from Chamber members as well as from the Borough and Board of Education.

At the last Mayor and Council Meeting, the Borough Administrator gave the 2024 budget presentation. I'd like to thank Bob Kakoleski, Gordon Stetler and the Finance Committee, Council President McGowan and Councilman Guzman, for a great job managing the borough's taxes. The full presentation is available on the Borough website under "Special Presentations" where you can view a pie chart of exactly how your municipal taxes are distributed as well as the estimated shares accounted for by Bergen County and Board of Education taxes.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato

THE RUTHERFORD SHADE TREE COMMISSION PRESENTS

# Rutherford TreeFest '24

An Arbor Day Craft & Food Festival celebrating the Borough of Trees

**Saturday, April 20th 2024**  
**12-5 pm • Lincoln Park**  
across from Borough Hall at 176 Park Ave

**Featuring:**

- Educational Booths
- Toy & Craft Vendors
- Food & Drink
- Beer Garden
- Live Music
- Magic Show and balloons at 2pm

*& more family friendly fun throughout the day!*

**Rain Date April 21st**

The Borough of RUTHERFORD Proudly sponsored by BCB RUTHERFORD

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# SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION DAY

HOSTED BY **CONGRESSMAN BILL PASCRELL, JR.**  
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FIVE MILITARY ACADEMIES

**SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024 | 10:00AM**

**BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**504 US-46**  
**TETERBORO, NJ 07608**

**INTERESTED HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORES, & JUNIORS MUST RSVP TO: [ALLAN.FORD@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:ALLAN.FORD@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV)**

**BILL PASCRELL**  
9th District of New Jersey

## Primary Election Information

Visit the Borough website for important voter information and dates

**Council President Stephanie McGowan**  
[smcgowan@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:smcgowan@rutherfordboronj.com)

This week we introduced the capital budget for the 2024 fiscal year. I'd like to thank the Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski and CFO Gordon Stetler for their outstanding work with our department heads for putting forth a responsible budget.

The budget presentation that was given by the Borough Administrator is currently available on the Borough website under "Special Presentations" and I encourage residents to review it.

As we now initiate the projects identified for 2024, we hope you will see that we've navigated the process to be both efficient in its implementation while effectively using every penny to its fullest extent.

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**Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson**  
[mbegg-roberon@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:mbegg-roberon@rutherfordboronj.com)

**Eclipse Watch "Party"**

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the Eclipse Watch "Party" at Tryon Field, and to Borough Hall for their support in organizing this event. It was incredible to see our community come together, with lawn chairs and blankets in tow, to witness the rare and beautiful eclipse.

These moments remind us of the joy of community and the wonder of the universe around us. Thank you for making this event special. Here's to more community gatherings that bring us together in celebration and curiosity.

**Recreation Liaison**

Registration is OPEN for RUTHERFORD ROCK via RecDesk Are you proficient in a musical instrument or a vocalist? Are you able to play a song & rock? Come together with your peers to create contemporary music guided by local professional musicians. (Not intended to be instrumental lessons). There may be an opportunity for public performances. Mandatory evaluations for new participants only on 9/7. Based on evaluations participants may be asked to move to a more appropriate time slot. Rutherford Residents only.

**Councilwoman Susan Quatrone**  
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Congratulations to the Little League Baseball and Softball programs who had their Opening Day on April 6. During the ceremony, the Little League Stadium was re-dedicated to Tom Mellody, a resident who was responsible for helping to raise money and gain support for Rutherford Little League.

As Buildings and Grounds Liaison, I was proud to announce that we are moving forward with the first phase of renovations to Memorial Field, including reconstructions of the Tennis Courts, and renovations of the Diamonds 5&6 area which will be utilized by soccer, lacrosse and softball teams.

I am perhaps most excited about our plan to build a brand new stadium for the Little League softball and High School softball players, one that I am anticipating will have all the amenities they've gone without over the years - including fencing, lighting, a scoreboard, dugouts, a concession stand and more. I am thrilled to be part of creating a stadium softball players can proudly call their own, and cant wait to see them make forever memories in this new home. Thanks again to Senator Sarlo, Assemblyman Schaer and Assemblyman Calabrese who played crucial roles in securing funding for this project.

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**Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone**  
[cdelrey-cone@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:cdelrey-cone@rutherfordboronj.com)

Hello neighbors. Spring is underway and there are alot of exciting community programs ahead. The annual Tree Fest is on April 20 so please join us in Lincoln Park for a day of education and fun. Although the Green Team typically hosts it's annual town clean up on April 20, this year it will be held on May 4 to account for the fact that April 20 may hinder participation because of Rutherford schools' spring break - so please join us on May 4. Thanks to the Green Team for another successful Styrofoam Drive - the next time will be held on June 29 to coincide with the shredded paper drive. Thank you to the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission for highlighting impressive women in our community for Women's History Month. The interviews done with the featured women remain on the Civil Rights Commission Facebook page and are really wonderful. Take a look! Thank you to the Woman's Club for including me and my council colleagues in its wonderful 135th anniversary celebration. The work these women have done and continue to do is selfless and additive. I felt honored to be a part of their evening. Finally, please continue supporting our sports teams - especially our girls' sports teams - this spring season. Talent is abound in this borough and the players do notice when they are playing for full stands. Thank you.