

## Public Parking in Kip Garage

The Pay By Plate Kiosk is now operational in the Kip Garage. There are 57 public parking spaces available at all times and an additional 27 available after regular business hours.

### From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to address a problem that seems to be happening with more frequency lately: wreckless driving and parking in and around school zones.

At Monday's meeting, Councilman Cokeley shared his recent experiences at Lincoln School during pick-up time. He echoed what many residents have been telling me - there are real dangers being created by people either too lazy to park safely or simply feel the rules don't apply to them.

Recently, the following story was shared with me: a police officer posted at one of our schools observed a speeder and followed them to issue a ticket. Almost immediately, witnesses observed multiple drivers parking illegally as soon as the officer focused his attention on the speeder.

Even with increased patrol and additional measures Councilman Guzman recently requested, police cannot be at every minute of every day at each of the 6 different school drop off and pick up times.

As a community, we each share a personal responsibility to operate our cars safely at all times. If you are a parent picking up a child at any of our schools, it is your duty to park only where allowed. If you have a relative or babysitter picking up your child, it is your duty to remind them of proper behavior around our schools, and let them know it won't be tolerated by RPD.

Unfortunately this problem isn't isolated to school zones. We are seeing more double parking everywhere, especially Park Avenue. Seemingly innocent behavior can create extremely dangerous situations in the blink of an eye.

Please take advantage of the dozens of parking spaces available to the public in the Kip Garage and enjoy a slightly longer walk when you're on Park Avenue. There are also numerous open parking spaces within a block or two of each school. Keep Rutherford streets and school zones safe and accident free.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Mother's Day,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato

**This is an example of what happens regularly around Rutherford schools. Do not do this.**



## Fireworks, Dining Out, Farmers Market and Concert Series Details Coming Soon!

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



**Creating Native Plant Gardens - Mon May 13**  
6:30pm - Woman's Club  
201 Fairview Ave

**Repair Cafe - Sat May 18**

11:30am-3:30pm - Rutherford Public Library  
Volunteer experts will help repair a variety of household items.

Saturday  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Porch Fest**  
2024  
presented by  
The Rutherford Arts Committee

[www.rutherfordboronj.com/committees/arts/porchfest/](http://www.rutherfordboronj.com/committees/arts/porchfest/)



At Monday's meeting, Diya Nandyala, Siya Narkar and Emma Lombardy (not pictured), all age 11, for being the top three finalists of the Rutherford Public Library Summer Reading Design Contest!

## Council President Stephanie McGowan smcgowan@rutherfordboronj.com

### Stigma Free:

The month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is an opportune time to increase awareness of programs and opportunities in Rutherford, Bergen County, and New Jersey as well. The focus for this awareness should be about fighting the stigma of mental health challenges, providing support for those in need, and to shine a light on opportunities and services available. The Rutherford Department of Health will be hosting a Free mental Health First Aid Training to Borough employees and volunteers across the Borough on May 14 & 15 from 9-1pm (must attend both days) or May 22nd from 9-5pm. Please contact Jennifer Galarza at [jgalarza@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:jgalarza@rutherfordboronj.com) or 201-460-3020 to register.

### **New Tennis Courts are Coming!**

Spring is in the air and some great updates will be happening across our parks in Rutherford. The pre-construction meeting took place regarding the new tennis courts at Memorial Field. Once the HS season is completed, construction will begin and take approximately three months to complete. We are most excited and hopeful to be open and ready for use around Labor Day!

### **Keeping Rutherford Accessible for All!**

Additionally, we are working closely with our grant writing team of Bruno & Associates, to identify external funding to support the creation of an ADA fully inclusive playground at Tamblin Field. Knowing how popular Kidspot is for our Rutherford community, we are hopeful to provide a similar experience closer to the Woodland Avenue entrance of Tamblin in the future.

## Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson mbegg-roberson@rutherfordboronj.com

### Recreation Liaison

Please be advised that tennis courts at Memorial Park will be closed on or around May 24th and remain closed through the end of the summer in order to refurbish them as part of the overall Memorial Park upgrades project.

RECREATION SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN for girls & boys entering Kinder through 8th grade in Fall 2024. For more information and/or to register go to Rec Desk at Programs ([recdesk.com](http://recdesk.com))

### **Registration closes June 21, 2024.**

The season will start mid-September.  
Rutherford residents only.

WE NEED YOU! Interested in being a volunteer coach?  
Please complete the form at  
<https://forms.gle/SyHN287Xp8UeHAYb8>

## Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone cdelrey-cone@rutherfordboronj.com

Hello neighbors. The Green Team had a busy Saturday organizing our town clean up and collaborating with the Garden Club on the opening of the Community Garden. Many thanks to our DPW which serves as an incredible partner for all of the Green Team's efforts. As I mentioned at Monday's meeting, I am working in collaboration with some residents (including one of our fantastic Girl Scout Troops) to really dig in on our collective concerns regarding the disruption caused by Teterboro airport. I have attended meetings with the Port Authority and with the Teterboro Aircraft Noise Abatement Advisory Committee. The reality is that no change will be quick, but change is needed. I have some other ideas for abating our concerns and I have started making some further outreach to that effort. If anyone has any thoughts or would like to join me, please reach out. Finally, I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to everyone who is out there mothering - whether it is to your own children or not. I know I credit many people with helping to parent my children and I will be certainly celebrating them this weekend. For those of us for whom Mother's Day is bittersweet, I will be holding you up this weekend too.