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Borough Hall will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Happy New Year, Rutherford!

I'd like to start off by congratulating newly sworn-in Councilwomen Christie Del Rey-Cone and Susan Quatrone. We had a wonderful reorganization meeting on January 6th and it was fantastic to see so many of Christie and Susan's friends, family and supporters in attendance. The atmosphere in the room was full of warmth and positivity. It gave me great hope and excitement for the future of Rutherford. Please know that our newest Council members are dedicated to maintaining Rutherford's reputation as a wonderful place to be, and they're looking forward to working with everyone to serve our great community as best they can.

I'd also like to congratulate some others who have shown great dedication to Rutherford. At the January 6th meeting, we presented Service Awards to employees who have been with the Borough for many years.

Mark J. Gentile, Vincent J. Callan Jr., Marc A. Amatucci, Anthony Nunziato, John P. Melfa, Glenn Garippa and Michael J. Garner all celebrated their 20th year of employment with the Borough.

Alford Anderson III, Jeffrey Wilkinson and Janet Calhoun were presented with awards for 25 years of employment.

We also recognized the retirement of four dedicated employees: Patrick Feliciano, Nicholas Moore, Eugene Macchia, Eleanor Molan.

On behalf of the Council, past and present, I'd like thank all Service Award recipients for the time and talent they have given the Borough. To Pat, Nick, Eugene and Eleanor, I wish you the best of luck in retirement. You've worked hard for this time to yourself - enjoy every minute!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

**Throw it away?
No Way!**

REPAIR CAFE Rutherford
GREEN TEAM

Saturday, January 14
Rutherford Library 11:30-3:30
(Please use rear auditorium entrance)

REC

Ice Skating at Memorial Field

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.

BUILDING

Did you know...

Unless your underground or above-ground oil tank has been previously abandoned you need a permit to remove it? It is best to check with the Building Department before you pull the permit to ensure what the requirement is for your property.

You need a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (previously called a "Certificate of Occupancy") for the sale of any property, residential or commercial? You can find the application in the Building Department forms section of the Rutherford website. Usually banks require this upon closing, so it is important that you start the process sooner rather than later!

HEALTH

FREE Podiatry Screening

The Rutherford Health Department will be hosting a free Podiatry Screening on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM located at 184 Park Avenue.

Dr. Philip Obiedzinski, DPM Board certified in foot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1986 will be conducting the screening.

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Recreation Department

Track & Field Registration

Spring 2023 Track & Field at Memorial Field registration opens January 19th! This program will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for Kinder-8th Grade. The program will be starting on Monday, April 3rd and run through Wednesday, June 7th. The fee is \$75.00 per participant and is open to all ability levels. We are looking for track & field volunteer coaches! Email rutherfordrectrack@gmail.com if you are interested!

Park Rangers Openings

The Recreation Department is looking for Park Rangers.

The Park Ranger works under Supervision of the Recreation Department for usual day to day activities on weeknights and weekends.

Job duties include but are not limited to: opening and closing of Borough parks and facilities, providing information to park visitors about rules and regulations, and activities available in the park. Helping to promote field/park cleanliness by cleaning up debris, trash, and other waste, as well as emptying garbage cans when necessary. If interested, contact the Recreation Department at RecStaff@rutherfordboronj.com for more information.

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone
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Hello Rutherford! A new year and new excitement buzzing for our residents. Congrats to the Green Team on a successful styrofoam drive this past weekend and thank you to the many residents that took time to dispose of their styrofoam responsibly. There will be a second collection later this year! The Green Team will be at it again this weekend for the Repair Cafe. Please bring your broken items that need a little bit of love to the Library on Saturday, January 14 starting at 11:30 am!

Switching gears, I will be attending a special service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 16 at Mt. Ararat church at noon. Zoom and in person options are available. Please join us!

Finally, and most importantly, I am grateful to begin this journey with all of you. I am tackling it with care and excitement. Please reach out if I can be of assistance.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley
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Rutherford Fire Department

On January 7th, members of the Borough Council and I swore in the newest Officers of the Rutherford Fire Department. This has been a great honor for me as the Fire Commissioner these last 2 years. One of the other great opportunities of this position is the privilege of speaking at the Fire Service's annual Chief's dinner which honors the outgoing Chief of the Department. This year, regrettably, I will be unable to attend due to a conflict with my mother's 70th birthday event in Florida. That being said, I neglected the opportunity on Saturday to speak to the privilege of working with Chief Tom Twist for the last year.

Chief Twist, upon first glance, you are a formidable and imposing character. A visual, in my opinion, befitting the uniform and position. However, like the saying goes about book covers, your story includes a kindness and compassion for the men and women of our department, your family and this place we all love.

I cherished all of our conversations from the hall above Engine 4, to my kitchen and all the phone calls in between. In each of those conversations, I sensed your late father's influence and can tell you that you make him very proud.

Chief Twist, On behalf of the mayor and council, I thank you for your service and congratulate you on a job well done.

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.

<https://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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Happy New Year to Rutherford residents! I was honored to be sworn into office as a Councilwoman on Friday, January 6, along with my colleague and friend, Christie Del Rey-Cone. The incredible turnout of friends, family, and neighbors for the ceremony at Borough Hall reinforced my conviction that our town is a uniquely connected and supportive place.

I see my work on the Council as an extension of the volunteer work I've done in the community. Martin Luther King Jr., who sacrificed for the betterment of our country, is a hero of mine, and I urge all residents to celebrate his legacy by participating in public service on his birthday, teaching your children about his life and/or watching one of his inspiring speeches. Enjoy the holiday!