# The Rutherford **REPORT**







January 14, 2022

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Borough Hall will be closed & alternate side parking suspended on Monday, January 17th.

### From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Happy New Year! 2022 is already starting off on a good note in Rutherford. As you may have already seen, an ice rink has been constructed in the parking lot of Memorial Field. All we need now are cold enough temperatures to ensure it completely freezes for skaters. As of this afternoon, we believe the ice will be frozen and usable by Sunday. Staff is monitoring the situation all weekend and notifications will be made via the Rec Department's Twitter account and Borough social media.

This weekend, the ice rink will be available at no cost to the public, however for the rest of the season, skaters will need to purchase a one-time seasonal skate badge by <u>visiting RecDesk</u>. The fee schedule is modeled after the seasonal tennis badge program.

I'd like to thank the Recreation and DPW staff for quickly making this idea become a reality. As it became apparent that the temperatures are dropping, we decided to look into creating an ice rink as quickly as possible and our Borough employees did not disappoint. This was truly a team effort and I can't thank everyone enough for pulling it together. I hope many residents take the opportunity to enjoy this rink throughout the winter. It's a great way for our community to come together safely outdoors.

I'd also like to mention that next week, the Borough will be providing information regarding a shared services agreement we have entered into with Felician University. Since President Crawford took the helm last year, the relationship between Rutherford and Felician has evolved in ways we had never imagined in the past. We are currently exploring the ways that the University and Borough programming can maximinze each other's resources. This agreement has the potential of contributing much to each of our communities and look forward to bringing you more information on it in the near future.

Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato



DPW Offices will be closed Monday, January 17th. Section 2A Recycling and Section 2B Sanitation will be collected on Monday 1/17/2021.



First quarter property taxes are due February 1st with a grace period to February 10th

Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Avenue entrance, or the online portal through the Borough website.

Ice Skating is Back at Memorial Field!

## **Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday 4pm - 8pm Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 6pm

(Weather and Ice Conditions Permitting)



- ICE SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK
- Beware of uneven surfaces/snow covered ice
- Never skate alone
- · Children should be accompanied by an adult
- No organized Ice Hockey
- Alcohol beverages prohibited
- · No pets on the ice

Badge purchase required beginning Jan. 18th Purchase your badge at

rutherfordnj.recdesk.com

Residents 17 and younger: \$5 Residents 18 and older: \$20 Non-Residents: \$30

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#### **Councilman Matthew Cokeley**

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**Rutherford FD:** Please join me in congratulating the Fire Department's Chiefs who were installed this past weekend:

#### Rutherford Fire Department 2022 Chief & Company Officers:

#### **Chief Officers**

Fire Chief - Thomas M. Twist III
Deputy Fire Chief - Thomas Riser
1st Assistant Chief - Moshe Stareshefsky
2nd Assistant Chief - Bryan Sartori
3rd Assistant Chief - Christopher Branca

#### **Company Officers**

Truck Company #1 Officers Captain - Fredrick Liller Lieutenant - Alex Bronico

#### **Engine Company #2**

Captain - Drew Scott Lieutenant - Arif Ozer

#### **Engine Company #3**

Captain - Daniel Noa Lieutenant - Karim Harrison

#### **Engine Company #4**

Captain - Anthony Pisciotta Lieutenant - Christian Dansbach

#### Rescue Company #5

Captain - Mike Kucevic Lieutenant - Craig Scott

#### Rutherford FD Total incidents in 2021:

609 including 64 incidents on September 1st and 2nd in response to Hurricane Ida.

#### **Bureau of Fire Safety 2021 Statistics**

Total Inspections conducted: 1,122
Total number of violations notices issued: 499
Total number of violations cited: 2042
Total number of complaints investigated: 192

Thank you for your service and dedication to our town, gentlemen! Your willlingness to volunteer is truly an inspiration to us all!

The Fire Department has also asked I share this Carbon Monoxide information, which is posted on the Borough website, so that residents can help them help us all stay safe!

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/carbon\_monoxide.html

#### **Council President Mark Goldsack**

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A message from the Recreation Department: We are so happy to be back playing games! We are pleased that the majority of fans are following the protocol of wearing a mask while while in school gyms.

We have noticed that some fans are not consistent with mask wearing. We are following the Governor's Executive Order 251 which requires mask wearing while on school property.

When indoors, masks must be worn by anyone who is not actively participating in a sport. Please come prepared with your own mask upon entering a gym.

We will be closely monitoring adherence to mask policy throughout this week, and will make a determination if spectators will be allowed at games based on adherence of rule.

Please help us to keep our program healthy.

### Councilman Ray Guzman

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#### **Rutherford Public Library Community Survey**

Rutherford Public Library is embarking on the creation of a brand new 5-year strategic plan, and we want to hear from you! In order to ensure our services best meet the needs of Rutherford residents, we are conducting a community survey. Please take a few minutes to fill it out; your feedback is important to us whether you currently use the library or not: <a href="https://forms.gle/1xhzrH5vLjQdkRCa9">https://forms.gle/1xhzrH5vLjQdkRCa9</a>



Help shape the future of The Rutherford Public Library! Take the Strategic Planning Committee's survey at

www.rutherford library.org or visit the Library at 150 Park Ave

Winter is here! The owner, tenant or occupant of any lands with public sidewalks in the Borough of Rutherford, shall remove all snow and ice from those sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after all storms.