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The Rutherford REPORT

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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Exciting news! Rutherford has made it to the final round of the Best of Bergen Contest in 28 Categories! Thanks to a great partnership between the Borough and the Chamber of Commerce, 19 Rutherford businesses are finalists in their Best of Bergen Categories. I'd especially like to mention Chamber President Dan Meredith, Board Director Jessica Davidson and Borough Public Information Officer Kim Bogosian for working together this past year researching and corresponding with 201 Magazine to make sure as many Rutherford businesses as possible were recognized.

In addition to the 19 businesses, Rutherford Public Library, Rutherford Day and - my personal favorite - Downtown Rutherford - are all finalists in their respective categories.

Last year, I attended the Best of Bergen Award ceremony with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Borough Council because Rutherford was nominated in two categories: Best Downtown and Mason's Cellar for Best Wine Shop. At that ceremony, we noticed Rutherford was the only town in the room representing Southern Bergen County. On that night, we all agreed that we'd return this year with more Rutherford nominations. The fact that in one year we went from being a two categories to twenty eight categories exceeded even my highest expectations.

It shows what a lot of hustle, hard work and passion for your community can accomplish and I can't thank everyone who was involved enough. I encourage you to check out the full list of finalists and wish those business owners best of luck.

I'd also like to acknowledge those contestants who may not have made it past the first round, but are important members of our business community: Soldato Books, Steves Coin & Stamp, Salon Valerie and Ximena Rivera, Ara Coffee, Erie Coffeshop and Bakery and Top That! Donuts. This level of "advertising" brings well deserved attention to our businesses, entices new customers from out of the area who may not have thought of spending their money here and keeps our local economy thriving.

I'm looking forward to celebrating the winners in March. Great job, everyone! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Rutherford Finalist Category

Azteca	Mexican Restaurant
Biltmore Tuxedos	Men's Fashion Store
Cafe Matisse	Romantic Restaurant
Center Cinemas	Movie Theater
Dan Meredith Agency, LLC: Allstate Insurance	Insurance Agency/Agent
ERA Justin Realty Co.	Real Estate Company
Fiorentini	Brunch, Italian Restaurant, New Restaurant AND Chef
Goffin's 64 Park	Collectibles Shop
Jim Dandy's	Carry Out, French Fries, Kid-Friendly AND Place to Work Under 50 Employees
Mason's Cellar	Wine Store
Ondubu	Korean Restaurant
Red Basil Thai Cuisine	Thai Restaurant
Rutherford	Downtown Destination
Rutherford Day	Special Town Event
Rutherford Pancake House	Breakfast
Rutherford Public Library	Library
Rutherford Swim Assoc.	Athletic Instruction
Song E Napule	Pizza
Suprema	Lunch
Underground Trainers, (Mary Elizabeth Carter)	Personal Trainer
Williams Center	Live Music/Theater Venue
Yellowtail Japanese Bistro	Sushi Restaurant



First Quarter Property Taxes Due 2/1

First quarter property taxes are due February 1st with a grace period to February 10th (end of business day). Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Avenue entrance of Borough Hall, or the online portal through the Borough website.

ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Program

Please also the [Tax Collector's page](#) for information regarding the State's ANCHOR program for Homeowners and Tenants, which provides a direct cash benefit to eligible homeowners and renters.

Filing deadline is February 28, 2023.

Who is eligible for the ANCHOR program?

ANCHOR eligibility is as follows:

- Homeowners with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$1,500.
- Homeowners with income of more than \$150,000 and up to \$250,000 will receive \$1,000.
- Renters with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$450.

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BUILDING

Did you know...

In a one or two family house, you can refinish a kitchen and bathroom without permits unless you are moving plumbing and electric?

Also, aside from a decorative pond, a body of water over 18" deep is considered a pool, whether seasonal or permanent. This requires a permit and approval from the building and zoning departments.

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.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your feet and ankles, contact the Rutherford Public Health Nurse at 201-460-3020 to make an appointment.

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.

2022 Annual Report

You can now read the Health Department's 2022 Annual Report at rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/



Councilman Matthew Cokeley mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com

Arts Committee Liaison

Youth Arts Banners are back! In partnership with the Rutherford Arts Council, submissions will be accepted from February 1st - 15th. More information to follow soon! This year's theme is "Your Art, Your Voice." Email rutherfordartscouncil@gmail.com for more information.

Rutherford Fire Department

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Rutherford Volunteer Firefighter - youth or adult - email recruitment@rutherfordfd.com. The 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.

RPD

Is your dog licensed? Dog licenses expire at the end of each January. Visit "[Additional Services](#)" on the RPD web page or contact the RPD Record Bureau for more information.

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

Recreation Department

The Rutherford Recreation Department Day Camp will be held from June 26 - August 4, 2023. Our Day Camp program is available to all resident children, entering Kindergarten through 8th grade in Fall 2023. Children will enjoy six fun-filled weeks of activities, sports, arts & crafts, special events & themed days.

Day Camp Registration will open April 3rd at 8:30 am on Rec Desk.

Field trips will be available at all camps. A list of specific trips to be announced at a later date. Trip registrations will be available to registered campers after registration has closed once all trips are confirmed.

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

Hello neighbors. In just the few weeks since the start of 2023, we have seen significant engagement and commitment from our volunteers and residents. Congratulations to the Green Team on a successful Repair Cafe. The room was buzzing with the sounds of refurbishment and sustainability. And thank you to the Rutherford Public Library for so generously allowing the Green Team to use some space. Keep an eye out for future Repair Cafe events!

We are excited to welcome the new appointees to our Commissions and Committees. Our Borough would not function without the talents of our volunteers and I look forward to collaborating with all of you in the coming years.

It was my honor and privilege to speak at the Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life and legacy at Mount Ararat Baptist Church on January 16. The service was focused on four pillars: Faith, Hope, Love and Peace. Thank you to all of the speakers and contributors to such a heart filling event (including some of our High School musicians and our Scouts) and special thanks to Pastor Shawn Pate for organizing and pouring so much goodness into our community.

Thank you to Chris Seidler, Superintendent of DPW, for spending time with me as I learn as much as possible for my liaison assignment. Our DPW is staffed by a team that keeps our Borough functioning as beautifully and cost-effectively as possible. I was grateful for the time and knowledge gifted to me in that meeting.