

October 13, 2023

# The Rutherford REPORT

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## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

As you may have seen, Rutherford will host our first ever PorchFest on Saturday, November 4th! I'd like to thank PorchFest Chair Matt Ackermann, the Rutherford Arts Committee (especially Alex Britz and Eddie Narucki), Public Information Officer Kim Bogosian and Arts Committee Council liaison Matt Cokeley for having the organizational skills to make this vision a reality.

The Arts Committee has chosen 6 houses whose porches will host musicians for this inaugural event. There was a lot of competition amongst some absolutely beautiful homes, and many logistics to work out. The Arts Committee worked with the Rutherford Police Department to determine the safest and most sensible streets to use. I'd like to thank all the home owners who offered their houses, and I truly wish we could have included every single one of you in this event.

Additionally, dozens of musicians also signed up but since there will only be 2-3 acts at each porch, the Arts Committee had the difficult task of creating a selection process. I do not envy them, as I know how much talent they had to choose from.

The final house choices and itinerary will be announced Monday. This event is truly a team effort, and a perfect example of how committee volunteers and Borough officials can work together to make memories for our residents.

Events like PorchFest and our many upcoming Halloween activities are also fantastic examples of why the 07070 was named one of the top 5 zip codes to live in Bergen County in this week's South Bergenite newspaper. While the article mainly focused on home values, I think we can all agree that community events are invaluable to quality of life and why we love where we.

I consider myself very fortunate to live in a place where we can feel peace and safety, and I hope you do too. As we watch events unfold in other parts of the world, it's clear not everyone is as fortunate. While we enjoy our local community events, please keep those who aren't as fortunate in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato



Final 2023/Preliminary 2024 Tax Bills were mailed on Oct. 2.

4th quarter taxes are due November 1, 2023

with a grace period to Nov. 13.

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.

Please note, the filing deadline for the Property Tax Reimbursement application (aka Senior Freeze) is Oct. 31, 2023. Applications get mailed to the State.

## TOMORROW!

### REPAIR CAFE



The next Repair Cafe hosted by the Green Team is Saturday, October 14th.

Start collecting items around your house that can be fixed, instead of ending up in a landfill!

## From the Borough Clerk

### Important Election Dates

October 17

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

October 28-November 5

EARLY VOTING PERIOD

October 31

Deadline to Apply for Mail-In Ballot by Mail

November 3

Deadline Mail-In Ballot for Overseas/Military

November 6 - 3:00 PM

Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications

November 7

GENERAL ELECTION

## HALLOWEEN 2023 Contest Registrations NOW OPEN!

REC

The Rutherford Rec Department is proud to once again bring you Halloween Contests:

House Decorating - Jack O'Lantern - Ragamuffin Parade and new in 2023 - 1st ever Dog PAW-Rade!

Visit the Rec Department or [www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation](http://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation) for more information!

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**Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson**  
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## Recreation Liaison

### First Rutherford Doggie Paw-Rade!

Saturday, October 28th, the Borough will host its first ever Costumed Doggie Paw-Rade. Check-in will begin at 12:30 and the parade will step off at 1pm. This will follow the same route and model as the Ragamuffin Parade, which will also take place earlier that day. Thank you to Maria Schlemm, owner of Walking with Schlemm, for providing all prizes!

**PAW-RADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Aged 21+, 12-2pm**  
Email [recstaff@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:recstaff@rutherfordboronj.com)

**Limited to 50 participants! Registration will open via RecDesk Monday, 10/16 at 8:30am.**

**Registration for all of Rec's other popular Halloween contests are now open!**

**Pre-registration is required and all dogs must be licensed with the Borough prior to registration.** This is a simple process with a \$7 fee and can be done through the Rutherford Police Department.

More information about pet licensing can be found here: [www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/police/additional-services/pets-animals/](http://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/police/additional-services/pets-animals/) or you can contact the Rutherford Police Department at 201-939-6000 for more information.

**Chess Club** -Do you have a child with a love of chess? This is a chess club for children who already know how to play chess from beginner to advanced levels. *THIS IS NOT AN INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS TO TEACH CHESS.*

AGE : 1st to 6th Grades  
SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER TO ADVANCED  
DAY OF THE WEEK: SATURDAYS  
DATES: 11/4, 11/11, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27  
TIME: 3:00-4:00 PM  
COST: \$75.00  
LOCATION: Tamblyn Field Civic Center (30 Woodland Ave)

**Councilwoman Susan Quatrone**  
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This week I joined my daughter on the Walk to Pierrepont School with the Mayor event. Although carrying her heavy backpack from Lincoln Park gave me sympathy for the plight of 4th graders, we had fun, got some exercise and made a few new friends along the way.

The morning sun was blazing and the weather was absolutely perfect. After I dropped my daughter at school, I took an idyllic breezy, tree-lined walk from West Pierrepont to a Park Ave coffee shop for my morning coffee fix. Luckily my hybrid work schedule allows me morning walks several times a week .

I was reminded of how lucky we are to live in a welcoming community with a very walkable downtown and many beautiful neighborhoods. I encourage everyone who is able to take advantage of the walkability of our community as much as possible while the weather is sunny and cool. Happy walking!

**Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone**  
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Hello neighbors. We are well into Fall and the trees in our Borough are already showing off. Fall also means MANY events for everyone to enjoy so please keep an eye on publications and social media to learn more about them. I cannot express how much I enjoyed celebrating the successes of so many children and volunteers at both the Rutherford Little League brunch and the Rutherford Softball League dinner. Our volunteers (especially the Boards of organizations like this) are critically important to making our community's heart beat and I was thrilled to celebrate and acknowledge our hard working players. Please be sure to stop by the Green Team's Repair Cafe at the Library tomorrow (October 14). Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that many residents are feeling pain watching the events unfold in Israel. My heart goes out to anyone feeling sadness or fear during this time. We should always remember to approach each other with kindness especially at times like this. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Councilman Matthew Cokeley**  
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## Fire Department Liaison

This week was National Fire Prevention Week which takes place from a Sunday to Sunday timeline in which the date of October 9th falls. It was established in 1911 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

The Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department participated in force this year with several incredible and solemn events.

First, members of Engine Company 2 visited our young residents at Sylvan, Lincoln and Washington schools as well as The Lightbridge Academy of Rutherford. Members arrived on Engine 6, in full gear and brought their most exciting equipment. The little one's eyes were aglow as our firefighter's spoke about their commitment to our community and the dedication required for the job.

Wednesday evening, the Ames Avenue firehouse and members from all companies hosted an Open House. Ames Avenue was closed for the event thanks to our Mayor, the Borough Administrator and the Rutherford Police Department. Families were able to tour the fire house, speak to members of the department and walk amongst the wheeled, red & chrome behemoths which keep us safe. Further, it was a joy to witness dozens of our smallest residents in tiny red hats squealing with delight as they discovered the tools of the trade, climbed trucks, engines & ladders and even witnessed real cars being cut open with the "jaws of life". Be sure to mark it on your calendar for next year!

Thursday evening was the Department's most solemn event just outside the Mortimer Avenue firehouse in Firefighter's Memorial Park. This annual tradition honors the firefighters Rutherford has lost in the line of duty and over time. Edwin L Ward, Sr., Thomas E. Dunn and others recently such as long time Bergen County Fire Marshall Bryan Hennig were commemorated for their commitment to the Fire Service.

The Mayor & Council extends our sincerest thank you to all members of our Volunteer Fire Department and their families for curating a successful & honorable Fire Prevention Week.