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The Building Dept is scheduled to be closed to the public to complete a records retention project on the following Fridays:
October 14, October 28, November 4 & November 18.

2023 Committee Applications Now Open through Nov. 18

Interviews via Zoom
rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'm excited to announce the application for 2023 Committees, Boards and Commissions is open now through November 18th. In the two years since I began this new process, my colleagues and I have met residents we may not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet. It's always a pleasure to get to know residents who are willing to lend their unique skills and talents for the benefit of our Borough.

Volunteers are a major part of what makes Rutherford special and I encourage you to consider volunteering, whether it be through a Borough committee, youth sports team, civic organization, food pantry, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps or anywhere else if you have the ability. Doing so is not only a way to tangibly help your friends and neighbors, but it can also really give you rewarding experiences that provide insight and understanding of the community around you. I'm looking forward to meeting this year's applicants. Please visit the Borough website under "Committees" for more information.

At Tuesday's Mayor and Council meeting, we authorized the issuance and public auction process of liquor licenses. This process will be delayed by 2 weeks as an error was found in the adopting resolution which will be corrected at the October 24th meeting. The process will then move forward with public advertisement and acceptance of prequalified bidders. These licenses do not mean that bars and night clubs will be coming to Rutherford, as they are not permitted by our zoning code. They simply give any Rutherford restaurant the opportunity to bid on the option to serve alcohol on their premises. Those restaurants wishing to remain BYOB have that option as well. Personally, I'm pleased that our restaurant owners will now be provided options in the way they run their businesses, and I hope you'll join me in supporting their choices.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

BOROUGH CLERK Bergen County Poll Workers Needed for Election Day!

Poll workers earn \$300 on Election Day, Nov 8th.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: BC BOARD OF ELECTIONS
at 201-336-6225 or elections@co.bergen.nj.us

Election Day Districts 11 & 12 Update

Districts 11 & 12 will resume voting in person at the Union School Gym, which has an ADA compliant entrance on Belford Ave



HEALTH

Breast/Chest/Pap Screening

Saturday October 19 4:00pm

Appointments Required! Call 201-460-3020

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/>

Blood Screening

Saturday October 22 7:00-9:00am

Appointments Required! Call 201-460-3020 or visit

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/>

Seasonal Flu Vaccines

The first seasonal influenza vaccination program is ONLY for residents 65 years of age and older and will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, between the hours of 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

A second seasonal influenza vaccination program will also be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 PM for ages 18 years and older.

NO Appointments Required! Call 201-460-3020 or visit

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/2022/10/05/flu-vaccines/>

TAX COLLECTOR

2022 Final Tax bills were mailed last week.

Next due date is November 1, 2022 with a

10 day grace period through end of business day

November 10, 2022.

Information regarding the State of New Jersey's ANCHOR program can be found on the State website: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml>

This program replaces the Homestead Benefit and payment will be made directly to the qualifying homeowner or tenant.

DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK Saturday, October 29
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
DEA TakeBack.com
Police Headquarters 184 Park Ave

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Recreation Liaison:

[Registration for Youth Basketball closes MIDNIGHT](#)
[Friday, October 14th - COACHES NEEDED](#)

Halloween Activities!

Mark your calendars for our annual Halloween festivities!

- **Halloween House Decorating Contest** -
[Registration now open on RecDesk](#)
- **Jack-O-Lantern Photo Contest** - Submit a photo and description of your Jack-O-Lantern with your name, ages and carvers by October 26th to rutherfordrecontest@rutherfordboronj.com
- **Purple Pumpkin Pursuit** - Search Rutherford for the prized purple pumpkin and win a prize! Dates of pursuits: 10/23 & 10/24
- **Ragamuffin Parade** - Saturday, October 29th 10am
[Registration now open on RecDesk](#)
- **8th Annual Halloween Spooktacular** -
Saturday, October 29th 4-8pm Tryon Field

Councilman Matthew Cokeley
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Arts Committee

Calling all young musicians - the Rutherford Arts Committee is excited to announce Battle of the Bands at the Williams Center on Sunday, October 23rd! For more information visit [rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/2022/09/12/battle-of-the-bands](https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/2022/09/12/battle-of-the-bands)

Rutherford Fire Department

Last night during the firemen's memorial service at Engine Company 2, I shared something my father always preached to my siblings and I. He believed that when you take pride in your work, others will share in that pride with you. And no where else have I seen this demonstrated within the last 21 months than in my role as Fire Commissioner within the ranks of our incredible volunteer force.

On behalf of Mayor Nunziato, the Rutherford Borough council and all residents I would like to thank the men, women and their families of the Rutherford Fire Department for their service.

I would also sincerely like to thank the families of those we have lost to the work and those we have lost to time for their service because as I have always stated, no one does this job alone.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan
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Stigma-Free Committee Liaison

I'd like to thank Jennifer Galarza and the Health Department for compiling a comprehensive set of resources dedicated to suicide prevention. This is now permanently on the Borough website at <https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/suicide-prevention/>

Councilman Ray Guzmán
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Library Liaison:

[Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)

The Friends of the Library of Rutherford will host their fall book sale in the library's auditorium on Friday, 10/21 (10am-5:30pm); Saturday, 10/22 (10am-3:30pm); and Monday, 10/24 (10am-5pm). All proceeds directly benefit the Friends, who generously help fund the library's children's programming and museum passes.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson
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As a Councilwoman, I have had the opportunity to speak with many residents about the rich history in this small town. Earlier this year, the borough honored the Hoage family, the first black family to own a house in Rutherford and probably Bergen County. There are so many individuals in this town who lived fascinating lives. I recently learned about a Buffalo soldier who was a resident of Rutherford who fought in Italy in World War II. There was also a prominent dancer at the Cotton Club in Harlem, who was a member of the Blackbirds, who lived in our town on Elm Street.

As we walk and drive around, there are so many important landmarks and homes with rich history and architecture. For instance, I have been reading about the Rutherford Union Club, a private club in the Iviswold Castle between the late 1800s to early 1900s. This was a private club for the elite residents of the area. Also, some members of the Ford Family who owned the Ford Theater where Lincoln was killed, lived on Feronia way in Rutherford. There are so many poignant stories to share about the people of diverse backgrounds who lived in this town before us.

In collaboration with Councilman Ray Guzman and Mayor Frank Nunziato, we are very excited about creating two committees that will be focused on Rutherford history. One committee, the Historic Tribute Committee, which will focus on the legacies and accomplishments of individuals, as well as the cultural contributions of communities that have helped shape Rutherford as we know it today. The second committee, the Historic Properties Committee, will focus on identifying and bringing awareness to buildings of historical and architectural significance in Rutherford. These two committees will take the place of the Rutherford Historic Committee. More details will be provided over the coming weeks. We hope that in creating these two committees, residents will be able to learn more about the individuals, committees, and buildings that have shaped our Borough of Trees into this wonderful place that it is today.

55 Kip Center Liaison

55 Kip Center's Festival of Trees and Wreaths kicks off on November 7th. Are you creative, do you belong to a group or have a business and would would like create a wreath or tree?

Kip will provide the tree/wreath and your group, business, troop or family decorates it. Last year we had a record number of entrants! Call Kip Center or stop by to pick wreath or order your tree. Trees are decorated on premise. For more info (201)460-1600