



From the desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Unfortunately we've seen a recent spike in positive COVID cases in Rutherford. I'd like to assure you that the Borough is in constant contact with Superintendent Hurley to make sure channels of communication are kept open to ensure the safety of our residents. Superintendent Jack Hurley, Health Inspector Brian O'Keefe and myself will be recording a round table discussion next week to explain the process and procedures related to COVID reporting and contact tracing in town. I'm looking forward to using this opportunity to show the community how efficiently Borough and Board of Ed employees continue to work throughout this pandemic.

While we prepare for the round table discussion next week, please take minute to review comments made by Superintendent Hurley at the October 5th Board of Education meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJOhwsmT8zk&feature=youtu.be>

I understand there has been some disappointment that we haven't released as many videos regarding COVID as we did in the early days of the pandemic. I'd like to assure you this isn't because we aren't paying attention to the health of our residents. In fact, our Health Department currently follows more stringent guidelines than is required by the state. I am confident that the round table discussion currently being developed will help everyone better understand how much effort is devoted to the health and safety of our residents on a daily basis.

On another note, I'd like to remind everyone that Halloween is not cancelled! The Rec Dept has been working hard on many fun and safe ways to help everyone participate in Halloween. Check out the House Decorating Contest, Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest and Purple Pumpkin Run on the Borough website! We're also creating reversible lawn signs (see right) that will let you tell trick-or-treaters whether they can approach your house! The Mayor and Council will be providing these signs to Rutherford residents at no cost to the public.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato



4th Quarter property taxes are due
November 1st with a 10 day grace period
up to and including November 10th



**FREE Reversible
Halloween Lawn Signs
with stakes can be picked up starting
Friday October 23rd between
12 - 4:30 pm @ Borough Hall
parking lot door.
House Decoration Maps will
also be available for pick up.**

Call the Rec Dept at 201-460-3015 and an employee will meet you by the parking lot side door.
Rutherford residents only. Provided by the Mayor and Council.

- House Decorating Submissions due October 19th
- Jack-O-Lantern Submissions due October 26th
- Purple Pumpkin Pursuit
October 30th, 31st & November 1st

www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/contests

Councilman Ray Guzman

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The Rutherford Public Library reopened its building Monday, Oct. 5. The hours have changed and COVID protocols are being diligently followed, so they are asking patrons to view our website (RutherfordLibrary.org) before planning their visit. Visits are limited to browsing, borrowing, and printing, copying, and computer use.

HEALTH

The Rutherford Health Department will be conducting two Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programs for residents during the third and fourth weeks in October.

The first seasonal influenza vaccination program is ONLY for residents 65 years of age and older and will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020 between the hours of 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Proof of age will be required to be provided and no one under 65 years of age will be vaccinated at this program.

A second seasonal influenza vaccination program will also be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, between 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., for all adult residents 18 years and older.

Rutherford Downtowner and Commuter Shuttle Services Resume Monday, October 19th.

All passengers MUST wear a face covering to board and throughout their commute.



Election Information:

Please note there is an official ballot drop-box located at the steps of Borough Hall, 176 Park Ave.



Please check the Borough website for important details about the upcoming general election.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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A message from the Green Team

On Saturday, October 24, at 3 pm, the Green Team will be holding a garden cleanup followed by a social hour. We will be raking and tidying up the common areas and getting things ready for winter. You are invited to join us, and then afterwards we plan to have a socially distanced social hour (or two) where people bring their own refreshments and have a chance to chat. This would be a great time to tell us about your experience during this gardening season and make suggestions for the future. We will also be handing out free reusable Green Team shopping bags which will be useful once the state's single-use plastic ban comes into effect.

A Tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg

On September 20th, I had the opportunity to partner with Pastor Ronald Verblauw of Rutherford Congregational United Church of Christ in hosting a vigil in honor of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Residents reflected on her life and legacy with hope for a bright future. This was Pastor Verblauw's last vigil in Rutherford before his departure to a new congregation at Cresskill Congregational Church. Pastor Ron, as many knew him, will be missed for his passion and desire for justice for all. We wish him the best as he leads his new congregation in Cresskill.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Honoring the Ultimate Sacrifice of the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department

The Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department held their annual solemn memorial service at Fireman's Memorial Park on Thursday, October 15th. This memorial honors the memory of Firefighters Edwin Ward Sr. and Thomas Dunn who both died in the line of duty. Please remember how fortunate we are to have the men and women who serve our Borough as members of our Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary.

Since October is fire prevention month, be sure to test all installed smoke alarms monthly, talk with family members about a fire escape plan and practice executing it together, and in case of a fire in your home- evacuate, stay out and call for help.