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The Rutherford REPORT

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Borough Hall will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans' Day

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to start off by thanking all the enthusiastic softball players who attended Monday's meeting in support of the softball stadium being planned for as part of the Memorial Park project. These young athletes and their parents passionately advocated for their sport and it was a welcome energy. We want the entire softball community to know that the lack of a proper softball field was the original driving force of the park study, which in turn discovered ways to better allocate space in Memorial Park for softball as well as the many other sports that utilize it daily. There are still details to work out, but one thing everyone seems to agree on is that the creation of this stadium is long overdue and something the softball players of Rutherford very much deserve.

Earlier this month, the Borough Administrator held a meeting with representatives from our local independent youth soccer, lacrosse, football, baseball and softball leagues. Each organization was given an opportunity to discuss their needs as they relate to the current plan, and hear the needs of their fellow league representatives. This was the first of what will surely be more meetings of its kind, and necessary to effectively explain the needs of Rutherford's athletes to the professionals tasked with completing the job.

This is a once-in-a-generation project. As Mayor it's my duty to ensure it is done in a manner that plans for the future of all Rutherford athletes, fairly and equitably. It's by no means an easy feat, but seeing how passionately so many people are advocating for youth sports, I'm reminded that the volunteer spirit is stronger than ever in Rutherford.

That volunteer spirit will also be on full display next Saturday, November 4th at PorchFest. Just as our athletes deserve space, so do our artists. This all-day music fest throughout town may be the closest we can come to providing a space for musicians that is comparable to building a field for athletes. There's more information on that, as well as the upcoming Halloween activities on the Borough website. Saturday is the annual Ragamuffin parade followed by the first ever Doggie PawRade! Sunday at 1pm we will be awarding prizes to the winners of the Halloween House Decorating Contestants (listen for the sirens!) and Monday is the 9th Annual Halloween Spooktacular at Memorial Field. None of these Halloween events would be possible without our Recreation Department, and I'd especially like to thank them for all their hard work during this exceptionally busy season.

Hope to see you around town at all our fun events! Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Rutherford's HALLOWEEN 2023

Saturday, October 28th

- Ragamuffin Parade
Check-In Begins at 56 Elliot Place 9am
Parade Steps Off 10am SHARP!
- Doggie PAW-Rade *Participants must be pre-registered*
Check-In Begins at 56 Elliot Place 12pm
PAW-Rade Steps Off 1pm SHARP!

Sunday, October 29th

- 1pm - Halloween House Decoration
Prize Winner Cavalcade

Monday, October 30th

- 4-8pm 9th Annual Halloween Spooktacular
at Memorial Field

Election Information From the Borough Clerk

Important Election Dates

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



Fourth quarter property taxes are due Nov 1st with a grace period to Nov 13th 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: payments should be made prior to 4:00pm. If received after 4:00pm on November 13th, payments will be processed on the next business day and interest will apply.

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Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson
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Recreation Liaison

I'd like to thank the members of the Recreation Department for their hard work during this extremely busy season! I hope everyone has a very Happy Halloween! See you at the parades Saturday.

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: Tamblin Field Civic Center (30 Woodland Ave)

Councilman Ray Guzmán
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Police Liaison

Please dispose of unused prescription drugs Saturday at the new Police Headquarters, 18 Donaldson Avenue

DEA NATIONAL Rx
TAKEBACK

**Saturday,
October 28**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com



Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone
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Hello neighbors. We are on the brink of enjoying some incredible events in town over the coming weeks. I hope you and your families will make your best efforts to attend! This weekend you will find some of our favorite Halloween traditions happening and next weekend is our first (hopefully of many) Porchfest! I want to take a moment to again thank the Girls' Softball League and Families for coming to our meeting on Monday and sharing their thoughts about the Memorial Field project. Exciting times are often accompanied by concerns and this is no different. As I said at our meeting, I'm hopeful that all residents that feel direct or indirect benefits from the Memorial Field project can help us usher it forward with patience and understanding. We have a lot of asks to manage and I trust our professionals will do their best to get them all met. We will get there. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any concerns you have. Hope to see you out and about this weekend!

Councilman Matthew Cokeley
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Arts Committee Liaison

We're just over a week away from the first ever PorchFest and I'd like to thank the Arts Committee for all the work they've done so far. Please visit and bookmark

www.rutherfordboronj.com/committees/arts/porchfest

for the itinerary of the day. I hope you're looking forward to listening to the great talent as much as I am!

