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The Rutherford REPORT

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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 28, November 4 & November 18.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Beginning on or about Wednesday, November 2nd Clara's Tunnel will be closed for construction. The work on this tunnel is funded with a \$210,000 Transit Village Grant. This tunnel has been functioning as a pedestrian pathway for over 50 years and in need of extensive repairs.

This project means Rutherford is finally reaping financial benefit from being designated a Transit Village by the NJ Department of Transportation in 1999. That designation ultimately made Rutherford eligible for this grant. A Transit Village designation is given to municipalities that "have demonstrated a commitment to revitalizing and redeveloping the area around their transit facilities into compact, mixed-use neighborhoods with a strong residential component."

The idea to revitalize this tunnel is so old it predates my terms as a Council member. Just as the Transit Village Grant was announced and we had a clear vision for funding, COVID hit, which delayed projects like this throughout the state. The planning stages of this project required many moving parts, including necessary approvals from NJDOT and a bid process that has impacted the timeline of this construction.


Needless to say, our Downtown is deserving of a clean, safe attractive way to encourage foot traffic to flow from the Kip Garage to Park Ave. The scope of this work includes power washing, ceiling repairs, fresh paint, a means to showcase local art as well as better lighting and surveillance camera feeding back to the Police Department. I understand this will cause a temporary inconvenience but I for one am looking forward seeing a facelift to this space that has not been improved since I was a child. I'd like to thank our Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski and Rose Inguanti for the all their work and years spent planning for efficiently using this grant money to improve a major facet of our downtown.

On another note, I hope to see everyone at tomorrow's Halloween festivities! The Ragamuffin Parade for kids 5 and under starts at the High School at 56 Elliot Place at 10am. Registration starts at 9:30. Pre-registration on RecDesk is appreciated. Tomorrow afternoon, head down to Memorial Park at 4pm for the 8th Annual Spooktacular. 4-6pm is geared toward little kids and 6-8pm is geared toward big kids. The weather forecast is absolutely perfect for a day like this in Rutherford. See you there!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

**2023 Committee Applications
Now Open through Nov. 18
Interviews via Zoom**

rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

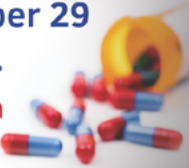


COMING SOON
Clara's Tunnel Improvements
PLEASE PLAN ALTERNATE ROUTE

Clara's Tunnel will be closed on or about Wednesday, November 2nd for approximately 90 days.
Thank you for your patience while we beautify the Downtown.

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



Ragamuffin Parade
Saturday, October 29th

Check-In Begins 9:30am -
Parade Steps Off 10:00am
Begins at Rutherford High School, 56 Elliot Place
Pre-Register on RecDesk!



8TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH
MEMORIAL & TRYON FIELDS
4 - 8 PM

- Hayride
- DJ
- Carnival Games
- Bungee Trampoline
- Trackless Train
- Food Vendors

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.

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Recreation Liaison:

2022/2023 Rutherford Recreation Book & Clock Keepers

Needed! - The season will run from mid-December 2022 to mid-March 2023. The games are typically on Saturdays with some travel games on Sundays. Employment is contingent on several factors that must be met in order to be considered qualified for the position you are applying for which include training and availability. The rate of pay is \$12 per game. You do not need to be a Rutherford resident to apply. Applications may not be considered after 11/28/22. [Form can be found here](#) and at www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation

Halloween Activities!

- **Ragamuffin Parade** - Saturday, October 29th 10am
[Registration now open on RecDesk](#)
- **8th Annual Halloween Spooktacular** -
Saturday, October 29th 4-8pm Tryon Field

I'd like to thank Pat, Janice and Maureen of the Recreation Department for all the work they put into Rutherford's Halloween festivities.



We had so much enthusiastic participation in the Halloween Contests Rec put together.



Congratulations to the Mullen-Caproni family for winning first place in the Jack O Lantern contest, and the Mannion (center) and Garripoli families (bottom) (for their joint first place wins for House Decorating!



Councilman Ray Guzmán
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Library Liaison:

Have you visited www.rutherfordlibrary.org recently? Our Library has events for all ages happening almost every day. Coding Clubs, ESL classes, Arts Classes and more! There's something for everyone - the modern library isn't just about books anymore.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson
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Nereid Boat Club

Congratulations to Rutherford High School Sophomore, Catherine Miguel-Rasteiro, for her victory at the 55th Annual Head of the Saint Charles Regatta in Boston. Catherine was part of the winning gold medal four-person boat team, representing the Nereid Boat Club.

The Nereid Boat Club on Riverside Ave is a 150-year-old rowing club with more than 100 members, including masters, middle and high school rowers, and two varsity rowing programs. Nereid is a member of the United States Rowing Association and the Passaic River Coalition. Rutherford is grateful to have such a stellar club within our community!

Councilman Matthew Cokeley
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Arts Committee

Congratulations to "Walking in Circles" - winner of the Arts Committee's Battle of the Bands at the Williams Center this past Sunday. Thank you to everyone who was part of making this event so very successful. It was a great joy to see the arts are indeed thriving in our Borough. [In case you missed it, check out a recap video that can also be found here and on the Borough YouTube Channel.](#)

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 Rutherford 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/>