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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

At Monday's meeting, the Council voted 5-1 in favor of designating M&M at Rutherford Urban Renewal Company, LLC the redeveloper of record for the the redevelopment area known as Agnew A.

This new project is a needed addition to Rutherford because it can help satisfy our affordable housing obligations and bolster our local economy.

I understand that a development of this scope creates a lot of questions. We've worked hard to compile user-friendly information on the Borough website so residents can be as educated as possible about the 52 units of affordable housing Rutherford is obligated to begin building by 2025, as per the Fair Share Housing Authority.

I encourage anyone interested in learning more to read at rutherfordboronj.com/land-use-redevelopment.

Additionally, please remember that the committee, board and commission application process has reopened and we will be accepting applications from now through November 15th. We are especially looking for residents willing to lend their specific talent to a committee whose mission is within your area of expertise. This kind of a volunteering is a great way to strengthen our community.

I would also like to give a special shout out to our police officers who grew their beards during the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They've inspired me to grow one as well for "Movember" to raise awareness of men's health issues. I know all too well the dangers of ignoring your health. Please get regular check ups.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Sunday's Ragamuffin Parade at Lincoln Park and the Spooktacular at Tryon Field. The Ragamuffin Parade will have a new, shorter route from the High School to Home Ave to West Passaic to Lincoln Park. I hope everyone enjoys the Halloween activities planned by the Borough and I'd like to thank the Recreation Department, DPW and all Borough employees who have worked to put those events together.

Sincerely,
- Mayor Frank Nunziato

Sunday, October 31
Ragamuffin Parade
10am 56 Elliot Place
Spooktacular
4-8pm Tryon Field

**2022 Committee Applications
Now Open through Nov. 15
Interviews via Zoom**

rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

Election Day is Tuesday November 2
Early Voting Information:

In-Person Early Voting Locations open Saturday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 31, 2021; Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Rutherford is host to an early voting location at the Williams Center, 15 Sylvan Street.

For information in regards to the other eight Bergen County locations, kindly contact the Bergen County Board of Elections at elections@co.bergen.nj.us or (201) 336-6230.

**Basketball & Wrestling
Coordinators &
Coaches Wanted!**

**Volunteer coaches are what make
Rutherford's youth sports possible.**

Help us plan for the upcoming season by signing up now.

Player registration closes November 22



Sign up at:

rutherfordnj.recdesk.com

Department News



2021 Final/2022 Preliminary Tax Bills were mailed 10/8. You should expect to see the bills in your mailbox within the week. If you should not receive a bill prior to Nov. 1, please contact the Tax Collector's Office.



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RPD

A Message From Police Chief Russo:

For several years now, the Rutherford Police Department and PBA Local 300 have supported Breast Cancer Awareness month in October and Men's Health Awareness Month in November. During these two months, members of the RPD are allowed to wear pink items and grow beards. Participating officers make a monetary donation to these causes, and at the end of November, the PD and PBA commemorate the day with picture. If you see one of our officers on the street, you can thank them for supporting such important causes.

Council Reports

Councilman Ray Guzman

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Rutherford Public Library

The Friends of the Library will host their semiannual used book sale in the library's auditorium on Saturday, 10/30 from 10am-12:30pm and Monday, 11/1 from 10am-5pm.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley

mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com

Rutherford FD: 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.

Social Services: Families in need of emergency food please contact the Social Services Director, Genevieve Kacmarcik, at 201- 460-3028 or gkacmarcik@rutherfordboronj.com or me directly at mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com and we can connect you with the Rutherford Food Pantry.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Recreation Update: Halloween Events 2021:

Purple Pumpkin Pursuit: October 29 & 30th *Each day there will be one purple pumpkin with a special code hidden in the Borough and clues are posted at 9am, 12pm, & 3pm on the Rutherford Recreation FB page. Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate.

7th Annual Spooktacular: Sunday, October 31st from 4-8pm at Memorial & Tryon Fields. This is a family friendly event with something for everyone! All are welcome throughout the event; however, 4-6pm is geared toward little kids and 6-8pm will be more ghoulish and focused on the bigger kids of all ages!

House Decorating Contest: Please visit the Rutherford Borough Website to retrieve the amazing list of homes across Rutherford that entered our decorating contest. Enjoy driving around with your family during the Halloween weekend to see the incredible décor and creativity across the Borough!

Special thanks to our sponsor BCB Bank for assisting the Borough in providing awards and memorable experiences for our residents this Halloween!

Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC):

Thank you to the two MAC volunteers, Jeff Doorn and Robert Robinson, who handed out literature and pre-packaged materials and Deterra pouches at Rutherford Day this year! Also, the MAC will be partnering with the Rutherford Police Department and the 55 Kip Center while working on collaborative projects that are focused on the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse. A special "thank you" to our Rutherford Bulldog Academy and Jennifer Ersalesi for applying 500 stickers with the MAC and GCADA logo which was placed on every Deterra pouch distributed. The MAC will continue to support many different organizations across Rutherford such as Rutherford HS Project Graduation, Stigma Free Committee Mental Health campaign, and creating communication opportunities using Picture Exchange Communications cards to assist those in the helping professions and public safety share concerns or obtain information for uniquely abled citizens. We are most fortunate to have Sgt. Julie Ann Zeigler and the entire Municipal Alliance Committee work toward building a safer and more informed community!

Stigma Free Committee::

In partnership with The School and Family Services for The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources in Fair Lawn, the Stigma Free Committee is working toward co-hosting two events focused on addressing mental health challenges and helping people navigate programs/resources. Additionally, the events will also address the impact of people with mental health issues self-medicating and resources to get help. Tentatively, two workshops are being planned. November 8th (focused on parents and community members) and November 15th (focused on school aged children and challenges). Please consult the Borough website and social media pages for more information about these very important topics and events.