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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'm always looking for ways to enhance Rutherford's Downtown. Recently, several local businesses owners approached me with a concept that I think could create an even more exciting atmosphere along Park Ave. These business owners have generously offered to pay for permanent decorative string lighting along both sides of the avenue from the library to Ames Ave.

Other municipalities with thriving downtowns have installed similar lighting which creates an inviting feeling for pedestrians and drivers alike. I'd like to thank Chris Seidler, the DPW Superintendent, for getting on board with the vision these business owners and I presented to him and for agreeing to find a way to have his department make it happen.

We hope to have these lights installed within the next few weeks, especially now as the days are shorter and the nights longer.

As we enter the holiday season, I'd like to announce that on Saturday, November 27th, the Borough will host a traveling holiday float, sponsored by Native Development, the new owner of the Williams Center. Santa will be on this float along with a live band between 2 and 5 pm. The float will stop at spots throughout town. The float will end at the library where the Borough holiday tree be lit, followed by a Festive Holiday Village in Lincoln Park between 5 and 8 pm.

I'd also like to thank Bonnie Corcoran, a Historic Preservation Committee member, for working closely with the Recreation Department to create a fun and memorable contest for residents. Bonnie came up with the clues for the Purple Pumpkin Pursuit and I hear she'll be helping with the Golden Gourd Hunt clues, which will be announced November 22nd and 23rd. Thank you Bonnie for volunteering your time and being a great example of how anyone can make Rutherford the best place to live. If you're interested in serving on a committee, please submit your application this weekend!

Sincerely,
- Mayor Frank Nunziato

**2022 Committee Applications
Now Open through Nov. 15**
Interviews via Zoom
rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

Department News

REC

Radio City Christmas Spectacular tickets are still available! \$90 per person price includes second mezzanine seats to the Christmas Spectacular in NYC and roundtrip coach bus transportation to and from the show at Memorial Park. [Purchase yours through the Rec Dept](#)

**Rutherford's
HOLIDAY 2021**

Saturday, November 27th

Touring Holiday Float 2 - 4:45pm

Tree Lighting 5pm

Holiday Village in Lincoln Park 5-8pm

**More Fun Holiday Events from
the Rec Dept Coming soon!**

**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



Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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Rutherford FD: On Tuesday, November 2nd, shortly after 10 pm, the Rutherford Fire Department responded to a Carbon Monoxide alarm at an apartment complex on Chesnut street. Upon arrival, the responder's CO detectors immediately registered the presence of the deadly gas. Once RFD was able to get to the UPPER floor where the alarm was registering, their equipment registered over 2,000 PPM.

According to the [Kidde Fire Safety website](#) readings of over 1,600 PPM will bring about Headache, dizziness and nausea within 20 minutes and death within one hour if a person is not moved to open air immediately.

Upon inspection, the gas accumulation was due to a clogged chimney which had been improperly vented, thus the gas backed up over the course of the evening. It is important for all of us to be aware of the facts about CO poisoning and prepare our homes and those of our loved ones with proper equipment to keep us safe. Please have your CO and Fire detectors checked regularly. If you do not currently have a CO detector, please visit [Kidde.com](#) for more information and where to buy a reliable detector.

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks on behalf of our mayor and council to the men and women of the RFD for always being there for our community. If not for their diligence and expediency, we would have lost several friends and neighbors that evening.

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 Maria Begg-Roberson

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Halloween in Rutherford! It was an excellent Halloween weekend in the Borough of Trees! Thank you to all the departments that made it possible from our Recreation department with their precise planning, the Fire, DPW, and Police departments for their diligent work. The house decorating contest was simply delightful. We saw more houses decorated than ever before and I hope this leads to Rutherford being a destination where people come to see the wonderful creativity in this town. The Ragamuffin Parade was simply spectacular. The costumes were so cute, lovely, and amazing. There was such a feeling of joy and it demonstrated the closeness and community in Rutherford especially after a tough 18 months. Sunday, October 31st, was Halloween and it was such a safe celebration for all the children and families. What a joyful weekend in our little town. Rutherford knows how to do Halloween well!

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Recreation Update: Thank you to our Rutherford Recreation team and all the Borough agencies that made our Halloween weekend events a huge spooktacular success!

Radio City Christmas Spectacular Bus Trip: This year, tickets are available to attend the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Bus Trip on December 14th, 2021. The Bus leaves at 5:00pm from Memorial Park and includes ticket to the show for \$90.00 per person. Please see the program flyer for specifics about the COVID-19 required vaccination and mask wearing. All tickets must be purchased through Rec Desk and tickets will be distributed on the bus the day of the show. Rutherford residents get priority! <https://rutherfordnj.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Basketball Book & Clock Keeper Inquiry for Employment:

Rutherford Rec is currently looking for basketball book and clock keepers. Please contact the Recreation department for the Google doc form that must be received by November 22nd.

55 Kip Center:

Come out and support the 28th Annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths at the 55 Kip Center. Trees and wreaths are designed and donated by local merchants, nonprofit organizations, artists, children and even the Mayor and Council! Raffle tickets can be purchased 26 for \$10 and the center will be available for festival viewing November 9-December 11th. There will be a Holiday Open House on Saturday November 27th from 11am-3pm and the raffle will be selected on December 11th at 1pm. Please come out to this most treasured event and support this incredible organization!

Councilman Ray Guzman

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I'd like to take a moment to thank the Rutherford residents for casting their ballots allowing me to serve a new 3 year term as Councilman beginning January 1, 2022. I am honored and humbled to continue to serve you! I look forward to continuing on working on existing and new projects with Mayor Nunziato and my Council Colleagues. Thank you Rutherford!

Historic Preservation Committee I am thrilled to announce the Historic Preservation Committee has launched their 2nd walking app tour! During Rutherford (Oct. 2, 2021), I approached Chairman David Zicchinella and asked him to put together a walking tour highlighting the monuments at Lincoln Park for a Veterans Day launch. Knowing the constraints of time were against us, David responded yes without hesitation.

I am so very proud of this team that jumped on this project to make this tour happen. Thank you to the committee and special thanks to David Zicchinella, Edward Gajda, Susan Tully, Bonnie Corcoran and John Trosky.

The App for this tour can be found on the HPC website (rutherfordhpc.org). Look for the QR code and scan with your phone. I hope everyone gets a chance to walk this tour at your leisure.

Rutherford's HOLIDAY 2021

2-5pm

Holiday Float Touring Rutherford with Santa and Live Music!

Sponsored by Native Development LLC

Listen to a few songs at the following locations:

- **Beginning at Sylvan School** (109 Sylvan Street approximately 2:10pm)
- **Pierrepoint School** (70 East Pierrepoint Street approximately 2:45pm)
- **Lincoln School** (414 Montross Ave approximately 3:05pm)
- **Sunset Park** (Union and Raymond Aves approximately 3:25pm)
- **Memorial Field** (Darwin Ave approximately 3:40pm)
- **Washington School** (89 Wood Street approximately 4:00pm)
- **Womens Club** (201 Fairview Ave approximately 4:15pm)
- **Ending at The Williams Center** (1 Sylvan Street approximately 4:30pm)

Approximately 5pm

Immediately following the Touring Holiday Float:

Tree Lighting in front of the Library

5-8pm

Holiday Village in Lincoln Park

Sponsored by BCB Bank

- **Free** Pictures with Santa
- Stories with Mrs. Claus
inside the Health Department Lobby 184 Park Ave
- Horse and Carriage Rides Around Lincoln Park
- Trackless Train
- Food Vendors



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