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The Rutherford REPORT

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Borough Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving break.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

As you may know, last Thursday an event was planned at the Williams Center that, based on online intelligence, led our Police Department to believe could create a potential for confrontation.

This situation created a complicated set of circumstances, almost all of which are beyond my control as Mayor. What I am obligated to do as Mayor is weigh in on safety concerns as they relate to our community. On that afternoon, facts were presented to me from law enforcement that indicated we could have a public safety hazard on our hands that evening in our Downtown, as it seemed proper security measures had not been taken into account by the venue. Chief Russo alerted the owner of the Williams Center to these concerns and, because the venue cancelled with little notice, we maintained an increase in police presence throughout the night out of an abundance of caution. Police and public safety professionals train for all kinds of unique situations. This particular one was conducted in a text book manner. Communication flowed easily and action was taken as needed. I'd like to thank Police Chief Russo for managing the quickly moving situation throughout that day with state and county officials in order to protect Rutherford as he was sworn to do.

I understand the swift and passionate reaction many residents had when they first heard a potentially contentious event almost took place in Rutherford. I take tremendous comfort in knowing that as a whole, our community reacted with great care and concern for the health and safety of their fellow neighbors when the potential for a confrontational situation arose.

I'd like to remind everyone that we have some amazing events coming up next Saturday that really underscore what Rutherford is all about - community. We will kick off the holiday season with Santa on a float stopping at various locations throughout town. That float will then join the 70th Annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade and continue up to the holiday tree lighting at the Library, after which I invite everyone to gather at Lincoln Park for our annual Holiday Village. I'd especially like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for all their hard work bringing back this parade after a few years off. Organizing a parade like this is no easy feat and I hope everyone takes a moment to thank the volunteer members of the Chamber of Commerce for pulling it together.

I'd like to wish Rutherford a Happy Thanksgiving and encourage you all take time to give thanks to those who keep our community safe and make it a special place to live.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Rutherford's HOLIDAY 2022

Saturday, November 26th

1:30-3:30pm

Holiday Float Touring Rutherford with Santa & Live Music!

Listen to a few songs at the following locations:

- **Sylvan School** (109 Sylvan Street approximately 1:40pm)
- **Pierrepont School** (70 East Pierrepont Street approximately 2:15pm)
- **Lincoln School** (414 Montross Ave approximately 2:35pm)
- **Felician University Montross Ave Parking Lot** (approximately 2:45pm)
- **Memorial Field** (Darwin Ave approximately 3:05pm)
- **Ending at Blue Foundry Bank** (280 Union Ave approximately 3:30pm)

4-5pm

70th Annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade with Grand Marshal "Ronald Darby" and Santa, November 26th at 4 PM! Kicking off on the corner of Union Ave and Santiago Ave at 4 PM, traveling to Park Ave and ending at the Rutherford Holiday Tree Lighting at 5PM.

Approximately 5pm

Immediately following the Touring Holiday Float:

Holiday Tree Lighting in front of the Library

(West Passaic & Park Aves)

5-8pm

Holiday Village in Lincoln Park

Sponsored by BCB Bank

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

2023

**Committee Applications
Deadline Extended to 11/23!**

Interviews via Zoom

rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

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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

Registration for the popular Holiday contests will be posted next week including:

- Holiday House Decorating Contest
Registration will be open through December 11th
- Gingerbread House Contest
Registration will be open through December 18th

Requests for letters from the North Pole also begin next week!

Councilman Ray Guzmán rguzman@rutherfordboronj.com

Felician University Liaison:

The School of Business & Information Sciences is hosting a Holiday Fair in Ray's Place (Ed Commons building) for local and student businesses. The registration fee is \$25/student and \$50/business per table. The University welcomes any local businesses that would like to participate. Space is limited to room capacity.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson mbegg-roberson@rutherfordboronj.com

Welcoming our new colleagues

I am honored to welcome Councilwoman-elect Christie Del Ray Cone and Councilwoman-elect Susan Quatrone to the council. They will represent Rutherford with passion and integrity.

2023 Committees

The 2023 Committee, Board and Commission application form is now available through Friday, November 18th. If you would like to be considered for a Committee, Board or Commission, please fill out the application. Please note that the two listed below are new committees.

Historic Tribute Committee

To identify, preserve and celebrate the legacies and accomplishments of individuals, as well as the cultural contributions of communities, that have helped shape Rutherford as we know it today.

Historic Properties Committee

To identify and bring awareness to buildings of historical and architectural significance in Rutherford. Maintain initiatives such as walking tours with a focus on educating the public to give them a better appreciation of Rutherford's surroundings.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com

Civil Rights Commission

As liaison to the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission, I would like to take a moment to commend Chair Steve Way and his fellow commissioners on their recent display of courage and leadership.

Social Services

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

The Rutherford Food Pantry is currently looking for volunteers. Please contact Genevieve Kacmarcik for more information.

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/>