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The Rutherford REPORT

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Borough Hall will close at 2:00pm on Wed, Nov. 22nd and remain closed through Fri., Nov. 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. DPW will collect Section 1A Sanitation & Section 1B Recycling on Friday

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I'd like to begin by expressing the immense gratitude I feel for being given the opportunity to continue to serve as Mayor of the great Borough of Rutherford.

It has been my honor to serve the Borough for the past 10 years and especially during these past four years as Mayor. It hasn't always been easy, but the hard work pays off when I get to see residents enjoying community events like Spooktacular, PorchFest and the upcoming holiday events on Saturday, and I know that I get to be part of the community in a meaningful way.

With that said, I do hope to see you all along the parade route this Saturday, as well as at the various stops the Touring Holiday Float with Santa will be making. As always, the Chamber of Commerce has put a tremendous amount of work into this year's parade. It takes months to plan something of this scale and I truly appreciate their efforts. This year's Grand Marshal is a group very near and dear to my heart - the Volunteer First-Aid Ambulance Corps. Congratulations to all the members of this great organization, it's truly well deserved!

I'd also like to thank Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski as well as Steve Addeo and Superintendent Chris Seidler of the DPW for their idea to secure and plant a permanent holiday tree in Lincoln Park. This will be the last year with a temporary tree at the library. Next year, we will gather at Lincoln Park to light a tree we'll be able to watch grow year after year!

Once again, thank you for re-electing me. I promise you I will continue to represent our community to the best of my ability, and keep Rutherford an inclusive, welcoming place where there's something for everyone.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

2024 Committee Applications Now Open through December 15th Interviews via Zoom

rutherfordboronj.com/committees for more information

Rutherford's HOLIDAY 2023

Saturday, November 25th

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

[71st Annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade](#)

Celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade with Grand Marshal, The Rutherford Volunteer First-Aid Ambulance Corps with special guest Santa!

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 Chamber of Commerce Parade:

[Holiday Tree Lighting in front of the Library](#)

(West Passaic & Park Aves)

5-8pm

[Holiday Village in Lincoln Park](#)

- **Free** Pictures with Santa - *Courtesy of BCB Bank*
- 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!

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Arts Committee

I'd like to offer a huge congratulations to the Arts Committee for organizing Rutherford's first ever PorchFest on November 4th. This was a large scale, 10 hour event spread over 8 locations and was flawlessly executed.

Special thanks to committee members Matt Ackermann, Alex Britez and Eddie Narucki as well as all the volunteers who made this vision a reality. This was one truly on of those "it takes a village" moments and I was proud to be part of it. It's events like this that make me happy my wife and I chose to raise our family in Rutherford.

Big thanks also to the 7 homeowners who so graciously offered their properties to the community as well as all the musicians who volunteered their time and talent.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Rutherford Police Department for helping make this a safe and secure event at each location.

The inaugural PorchFest was such a success that the Arts Committee is already thinking about the next one! While they don't have a date yet, they're considering spring of 2024. I will happily bring you more details as soon as I have them!

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/>

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone cdelrey-cone@rutherfordboronj.com

Hello neighbors. This is my absolute favorite time to live in our Borough of Trees and I'm hopeful you all are enjoying it as well. First, let me extend the greatest congratulations to our Rutherford Junior Football League players and cheerleaders on not one, not two but THREE Superbowl wins. This is a first for our Borough and I could not be more excited for all of those involved in the program. The children in this program work hard for months on end and it's nice to see it pay off. The holiday season in Rutherford officially kicks off on Saturday so I hope we will see many of you at the festivities. Speaking of the holidays, we have secured some decorations for our beloved Sunset Park on the West End. If you have the opportunity, head on over and see what is there - perhaps take a picture or two with your family and friends. Finally, I am wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am grateful for this community that is filled with residents who love their home and work to make it better. That's not a given and it's not lost on me.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone squatrone@rutherfordboronj.com

This Thanksgiving, I want to give a note of deep thanks for all those who serve the public and sacrifice to make our lives better and our community stronger.

Many of us are blessed to have families to spend Thanksgiving with, but some in our community are alone, have families far away or are having trouble putting food on the table. I want to acknowledge the unheralded public servants who offer a helping hand to those who may be struggling - special thank you to Genevieve Kacmarcik, in the Department of Social Services and Food Pantry, who does a tremendous job taking care of so many souls in town. Also a heartfelt thank you to everyone who works at the Kip Center and provides engaging programming and companionship for our older residents, and sponsors festive holiday events for the entire community.

I entered public service so I would have a greater ability to help my neighbors and fellow residents. So, if anyone is feeling lonely or overwhelmed (for any reason) this holiday season, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can connect you to needed services or just be a friendly voice to speak to or grab a hot cocoa with. Holidays are wonderful and can also be really tough, but I will always try to remember (and to remind others) how blessed we are to live in a close-knit, supportive community.