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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to kick off the start of the holiday season last Saturday with the Santa Float and Holiday Tree Lighting. I'd also like to thank the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce, especially President Dan Meredith and Board Member Jennifer Ersalesi, for their tremendous efforts in organizing the return of the Chamber's Holiday Parade. It was a very special day in the Borough of Trees and I was proud to be part of it.

Brand new pickleball and refurbished basketball courts are now open at Tamblyn Field! Pickleball is a great recreation option for people of all ages and I think residents will have a fantastic time playing it. I'd like to thank Rec Director Pat Bonner and his team and Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski for seeing this project through.

Rules and regulations for use of the pickleball courts can be found on the Borough website at

rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/pickleball.

Finally, I'd like to ask everyone to join me in congratulating Councilmembers-Elect Christie Del-Rey Cone and Susan Quatrone for their win in November's election. I know Christie and Susan love this town very much and I believe Rutherford will benefit from their skills and perspective. I am happy they will get to experience the same joy it brings me to work with residents and employees in our pursuit to make Rutherford the best it can be.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

NEW Pickleball & Basketball Courts at Tamblyn Field -

Before refurbishment, left, and after on right

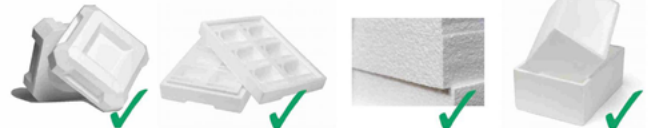


Happy Holidays,
FREE PARKING!
December 12 - January 2

Meter enforcement will be suspended for the holiday season!

Styrofoam Drive Saturday, January 7th

✓ YES ONLY



✗ NO



The Green Team & DPW will be holding a foam collection drive collecting clean, rigid, packaging polystyrene (styrofoam) at the High School cafeteria courtyard enter from Fairview Ave driveway.

The material collected will be recycled locally, please do not put styrofoam in your blue bins for recycling - it cannot be processed by our recycling vendor, and can only be recycled at specialty events like this one. Can't make the January event? Look out for our next collection in the summer in connection with Shred Day.

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Recreation Liaison:

[Registration for Rec's popular Holiday contests are now open!](#)

• **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest**

Please send a clear photo(s) of your submission to rutherfordrecontest@rutherfordboronj.com by DECEMBER 15th at midnight. Please include contact information-name, ages of creators, email & phone number.

• **Holiday House Decorating Contest** Registration closes December 11th at midnight. Please register at rutherfordnj.recdesk.com/Community/Program (If you do not have a RecDesk account with the Rutherford Recreation Department you will need to create one first)

• **Letters From Santa!** If you'd like a very special child who lives in Rutherford to receive a letter in the mail from the North Pole this holiday season, please provide the information below by MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th. The elves, with the help of the Rutherford Rec Department, are working very hard at getting the letters in the mail and to the child's house by December 25th.

Councilman Ray Guzmán
rguzman@rutherfordboronj.com

DPW Liaison:

Next week, PSE&G will be removing six sycamore and oak trees because their size and/or location negatively impact wires. These removals will take place on Mortimer Ave, Hawthorne Street and Jackson Ave. Affected locations will be considered for new plantings in the spring as part of the 2023 tree inventory program.

Also next week, a project converting 81 curbs to ADA compliant curb ramps along Union Ave, from the Passaic River to Erie Avenue, will begin. This project will take approximately 2 months, weather dependent and is part of a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen. Mill and paving of Union Ave will begin in spring of 2023 to complete the overall project.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley
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Social Services

Families in need of emergency food please contact the Social Services Dir., 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/>