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Wishing Rutherford the Happiest of Holidays!

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Happy Holidays, Rutherford!

I have some exciting news that I hope all of Rutherford can help with. Downtown Rutherford, as well as our Farmers Market, Rutherford Public Library, Rutherford Day and over 20 Rutherford businesses are finalists in the 2023 Best of Bergen Community Choice Awards Campaign.

We all know what an amazing business community Rutherford has. Rutherford has long been the jewel of South Bergen, but it's great to finally see so many of our businesses recognized on a broader scale and throughout Bergen County.

What we need now is for everyone to go online and vote! Between now and January 12th, vote for all your favorite local businesses that have been nominated. There are four main categories: Food & Drink, Health & Beauty, Shopping & Services and Places to Go & Things to Do.

Promoting our businesses isn't just a fun thing to do for bragging rights. It helps our local economy by advertising to a broader demographic of customers and clients who may not already know what great things Rutherford has to offer. It helps small businesses that don't have access to an advertising budget to compete with larger companies. Being known for a thriving downtown helps maintain our Borough's reputation as a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

I'd like to especially thank, once again, Dan Meredith and the Chamber of Commerce for doing a tremendous amount of legwork during this nomination process and continuously championing Rutherford's local, small businesses. This has truly been a team effort and I can't wait until the winners are announced in March!

Also, be on the lookout tomorrow for Santa and his helpers from the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department. They'll be escorting Santa throughout town Saturday, and on Sunday evening we'll be awarding the winners for the Holiday House Decorating Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated! Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Vote Today!

Places To Go & Things To Do
Category! Vote for Rutherford:

**Best Downtown
Destination
Finalist**



Voting Open Through January 12

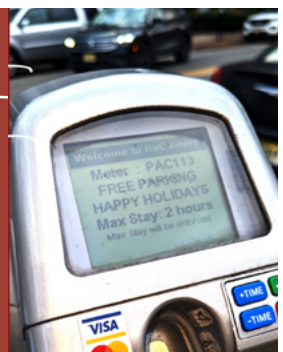
Support Downtown Rutherford
& the entire Rutherford Business
Community with your vote at

<https://njersy.co/201vote>



Happy Holidays,
FREE PARKING!
Through January 2

Meter enforcement will be
suspended for the holiday season!



HEALTH

Flu Vaccines

The Rutherford Health Department is happy to announce that they have additional doses of the seasonal influenza vaccine available and are extending their free vaccination program to all residents three (3) years of age and older. Those interested in receiving the vaccine can contact the public health nurses on weekdays between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at 201-460-3020.

Free COVID-19 Home Test Kits are available at the health department.

BUILDING

Did you know...

When doing a major addition or renovation if you don't close out your permit you are subject to fines (and possibly back-taxes)?

DIRECT replacement of plumbing fixtures do not require permits? i.e. Fixtures may be replaced with a similar fixture provided that there is no change in the piping arrangement. This type of work is considered Ordinary Maintenance.

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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/>

The Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department is currently hosting a Fund Drive. This is a 100% volunteer department that serves its nearly 19,000 residents 24/7, 365 days a year.

They are currently accepting donations through PayPal and Venmo or checks mailed to PO Box 143 Rutherford, NJ 07070



venmo
@rvfdfunddrive

Santa Day Rides with the RFD!

Santa Day is tomorrow, Saturday, December 17! Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be stopping in Rutherford on Saturday, December 17th with the help of the Fire Department. ALL Rutherford neighborhoods will be visited by Santa with the help of multiple fire trucks and companies. Please be patient when you hear the sirens - Santa will get to you!

Styrofoam Drive Saturday, January 7th



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.

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

Happy Holidays

Wishing all our residents a wonderful holiday season. Rutherford is such a festive place in December. This is the time to be with friends and family. Park Avenue looks beautiful. Houses are beautifully decorated. And it is wonderful to be together after so much time apart!

Volunteerism

As the holiday season progresses, we are reminded that there is so much need around us and that we have so much to be thankful for. If you are ever looking for volunteer opportunities, please look at the Bergen Volunteers website www.bergenvolunteers.org There are lots of opportunities from for volunteerism from virtual, to skills based, mentorship, and more!