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From the desk of Borough Administrator Bob Kakoleski

Every January we look forward to the hope and promise that a new year will bring us and 2020 was no different. When it started, no one could have ever predicted the year would have been filled with challenges our community and country have never experienced in our life time.

While we have been tested, everyone in Rutherford has stepped up to take on the challenge before us. It hasn't been easy and there is still a lot of work to do. While not surprising, it has been amazing to witness the efforts and sacrifices of our elected officials, borough employees, volunteers and entire community as they have come together to support everyone during these unprecedented times. The spirit and strength of Rutherford is undeniably strong. As we prepare to turn the calendar's page to another January, we can see there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Our recovery will be slow but we will recover and we will be better for the lessons learned in 2020. Let's hope 2021 brings us back some normalcy and the promises of a brighter tomorrow.

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to every Rutherford resident and your family!!!

Bob Kakoleski

Borough Administrator

A Message From Chief John Russo



Alternate Side Parking will be in effect again and enforce beginning Monday January 4.

Metered parking will return and bags removed from meters on January 4th as well.

Chief Russo would like to ask residents to review the [Borough's snow emergency policy](#) BEFORE there is inclement weather. This way individuals can formulate a plan ahead of time to allow for easy compliance when it does snow again.

When snow emergencies are expected, we suspend alternate side parking and will re-instate them only after sufficient notification to the residents.

Mayor & Council Reorganization Meeting

The annual Mayor & Council Reorganization Meeting will take place on Friday, January 1st. There will be two meeting sessions scheduled to begin at 1:30pm and 2:00pm which will be open to the public via Zoom.

At approximately 1:45 Councilman Guzmán, Councilman-Elect Cokeley and Councilwoman McGowan will be individually sworn in at private ceremonies. A recording of the swearing in will be released after the meetings have concluded.

Fire Department Swearing In

On Saturday, January 2nd, the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual swearing in ceremony for 2021 chiefs. The Borough would like to thank outgoing Chief Rob Van Winkle and congratulate the following incoming Fire Chiefs:

Chief of Department: Dennis M. Gentile

Deputy Chief: Thomas Twist III

1st Assistant: Chief Thomas Riser

2nd Assistant: Chief Moshe Stareshesky

3rd Assistant: Chief Bryan Sartori