The Rutherford REPORT







December 30, 2021

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and healthy holiday week. As you may have heard, Felician University is now offering COVID testing to Rutherford residents. I'd like to thank Felician President James Crawford for taking every opportunity to be a good neighbor to Rutherford since taking the helm of the University.

President Crawford, with the help of his administrative team Vice Presidents Ron Gray and Maura DeNicola have been very responsive in exploring ways to partner with the Borough during my first two years as Mayor and their plan to create a public testing center was no different. I'd also like to thank Felician family member, Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan, for facilitating conversations between all parties to get a system in place.

To clear up some misinformation I've heard, I'd like to explain the process that had to happen in order to allow Felician to open up their testing center.

Felician had begun administering testing to their staff and students but in order to open to the public, the facility required a use variance change that would traditionally require review by the Board of Adjustments.

Unfortunately Felician was mistakenly and prematurely listed as a public testing site last week online prior to the zoning approval. It came to my attention that, based on that information, some of our residents attempted to be tested at Felician but were turned away.

After receiving a request for expedited testing last week from OEM Coordinator Mike Tarantino, the Borough moved this to an emergent situation and we were able to expedite the traditional process so that our residents could have access to testing during the holiday season.

Given that this was a public health crisis, I immediately began a discussion with the Building Department to explore all avenues to make this happen as soon as possible. With the help of Building Department Head Frank Recanati, Zoning Official Tom Delia and Health Official Jennifer Galarza, we were able to get

all approvals in just one day. Within hours of the initial request from OEM, our Public Information Officer Kim Bogosian held a meeting with Felician to find out all the details and publish to the community.

While long lines were observed during the first few days that testing began, more staff has been added and I've been told that wait time has been cut drastically. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in this process and encourage residents to utilize this service as needed.

Setting up a testing center in the midst of a pandemic may be an extreme example but I think it's important that residents know teamwork like this happens between Borough employees, departments and community partners on a regular basis. The results may not be as visible and immediately felt as creating a testing site, but they happen daily none the less, even when the public doesn't see it. One of the best things about being the Mayor of Rutherford is getting to be involved in and witnessing first hand how well everyone works together in order to best serve our town. On that note, I'd like to congratulate Caryn Miller from the Tax Collector's Department and Linda Hricik from the Health Department on their retirement and wish them all the best of luck and happiness. They have been valuable employees and will be greatly missed.

After a year that was difficult on many levels, I know I am personally looking forward to what 2022 will bring. No matter what it brings, I know that our employees, volunteers and community partners will all continue to work as a team to keep Rutherford a wonderful place to work, live and raise a family.

Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato

COVID TESTING AVAILABLE for Rutherford residents at Felician University - 217 Montross Ave (the white house next to Education Commons).

Rapid and PCR tests are available Monday through Friday (closed New Years Eve 12/31) 11am-6pm.

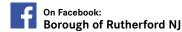
Bring identification and insurance card if possible. Be prepared to give an email address to receive results of your test.

Free parking available at the Montross Ave parking lot. Walk-Ins welcome. Testing provided by Grapefruit Testing.

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Due to current COVID conditions the January 1st swearing-in of Councilmembers Begg-Roberson and Guzman will be a private ceremony and be recorded and published online.

The Mayor & Council Adjournment & Reorganization meetings will begin at 12:30 and 1:00 respectively via Zoom January 1.

Council President Mark Goldsack

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I'd like to wish Rutherford a Happy New Year and offer my hope for a healthy and safe 2022. It was my honor to briefly serve this Borough as Mayor for part of 2021 and I'm grateful Mayor Nunziato has recovered and returned to serve the town. I look forward to all we will accomplish next year and beyond.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Recreation Update: Rutherford Recreation returns to play Monday, January 3rd!

The Borough would like to thank all Rec participants for being patient with the pause of basketball and wrestling programs over the holiday break. This decision was made with input from multiple departments utilizing all data available at the time and with the best interest of the community in mind.

We understand the importance of physical activity and are looking forward to resuming youth winter sports as safely as possible. Therefore, we would like to remind all athletes and spectators that when indoors, masks must be worn by anyone who is not actively participating in a sport. Please come prepared with your own mask upon entering a gym. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parents and guardians are the first line of defense in creating safe playing conditions for all participants. Please notify the Recreation Department if your child tests positive for COVID. We ask that coaches, of course, do the same if they should test positive.

Recreation programming will follow NJ DOH guidelines for quarantine. Please see this document on Rec's webpage outlining quarantine guidelines as of 12/30/21.

We're looking forward to a safe and enjoyable winter season, and with your help we can accomplish that together!

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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What a year we've had! I'd like to thank the residents for yet again banding together to help us all through this pandemic. I'd like to thank the Borough employees for their continued dedication to the Borough. I'd also like to thank my council colleagues and especially Mayor Nunziato for his steadfast leadership in difficult times. I look forward to sharing a much better 2022 with you all in healthier times!

Councilman Tom Mullahey

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Health: Please join me in welcoming Health Official Jennifer Galarza to the Borough. Jennifer comes to us from Englewood and I have no doubt she'll be a great asset to Rutherford.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy New Year and a healthy 2022!

Councilman Ray Guzman

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It was a pleasure to serve as liaison this year to the DPW, Library Board, Rent Control Board and Historic Preservation Committee. The Public Library consistently provide programs always geared toward maintaining the quality of life for residents. Historic Preservation worked together as a team to create their two Walking Tour Apps that have been very popular amongst residents. The Rent Control Board has been a great opportunity to built a new foundation for renters and landlords.

I'd also like to thank the DPW, under the supervision of Chris Seidler, for all they did throughout the year, no matter what was asked of them, including clean up after storms and events. On the following pages please find the DPW's 2022 Sanitation Collection schedule. If you have a Christmas tree to dispose of, please put it out on your regularly scheduled vegetation pick up day, on the curb NOT in any kind of bag.

I'd also like to wish the residents a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to all we can accomplish together next year.

Christmas trees can be placed curbside, NOT in any kind of bag, on your regularly scheduled vegetation pick-up day.

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Bulk Trash, Metal, & Logs: Must call in advance to schedule collection. No construction debris of any kind including concrete & stone accepted Saturday drop-off of recyclables, vegetation and e-waste 9:00AM-1:00PM @ DPW Garage 220 Highland Cr.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Call the BCUA at 201-807-5825 or online BCUA.ORG