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Borough Hall will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Over the last few months, we have been experiencing problems with many of the new parking meters throughout town. After working with the meter vendor, several issues were identified that contributed to the draining of the batteries. Some back-end software settings needed adjustment and to date the vendor has replaced more than 200 batteries with more on order. While we are still experiencing shipments delays of materials, the meters with the new batteries appear to be operating normally. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone. I assure you we will continue monitoring this issue until we are 100% satisfied.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend! If you have kids at home, encourage them to participate in the Youth Arts Banner Program, whose deadline has been extended through Monday. I'd like to thank the Rutherford Arts Council for collaborating with the Borough on this project. I'd especially like to thank my colleague Councilman Matt Cokeley for liaising on this project for the past three years. He's gone above and beyond his regular Council duties and donated a lot of his time, professional expertise and skills to make sure the kids' artwork is displayed and printed correctly. These banners should be on display at the end of March, just in time for spring. Thanks in advance to everyone who participates. I look forward to seeing all the great work!

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

**The next Mayor and Council meeting
has been rescheduled to
Tuesday, February 28th**



ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Program

Please also see the [Tax Collector's page](#) for information regarding the State's ANCHOR program for Homeowners and Tenants, which provides a direct cash benefit to eligible homeowners and renters.

Filing deadline is February 28, 2023.

Who is eligible for the ANCHOR program?

ANCHOR eligibility is as follows:

- Homeowners with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$1,500.
- Homeowners with income of more than \$150,000 and up to \$250,000 will receive \$1,000.
- Renters with income of \$150,000 or less will receive \$450.

RPD

Vaping: Save Your Breath -

What Every Parent Needs to Know

Tuesday, March 7th 2023 6:30 - 8:30 pm

*Sponsored by the Rutherford Police Department,
Rutherford Municipal Alliance, GCADA and Elks USA*

Rutherford Elks Lodge # 547 48 Ames Ave
Presented by Timothy Shoemaker

[Tickets available online here](#) and can be found at
www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/police



**Calling All
Creative
Rutherford Kids!**

Youth Art Banner Program 2023

Deadline extended to Monday Feb. 20th

Visit rutherfordnj.recdesk.com to register

Families can sponsor their child's banner, installed by the Rutherford DPW, for \$60 made payable through to the Borough of Rutherford. Families will take possession of the banner once its removed.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the RAC via Katie Pippin at

rutherfordartscouncil@gmail.com. Text or call with any questions 848-219-1167

Printed banners are 24x48". Banner placement is at the discretion of the Borough.

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HEALTH

FREE Upcoming Health Clinics

For more information on any of these clinics call the Health Dept at 201-460-3020.
www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health

Podiatry Screening Friday February 24

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Health Dept 184 Park Ave

Dr. Philip Obiedzinski, DPM Board certified in foot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery since 1986 will be conducting the screening.

Balance & Fall Prevention Seminar Thursday March 9

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Health Dept 184 Park Ave

This free seminar will be presented by a licensed physical therapist to educate the community on how to keep their balance, prevent falls, and maintain their independence.

Rabies Clinic March 18

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - 400 Mortimer Ave (Mortimer Firehouse)

Registration forms can be picked up in advance at the Health Department located at 184 Park Avenue, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on weekdays or at Police Headquarters after normal working hours.

All cats and dogs must be accompanied by an adult and restrained on a leash or in a carrier.

BUILDING

Did you know...

Per Rutherford ordinance, no sump pumps are to discharge into the sewer?

Street numbers to your house should be visible in case of an emergency. The zoning requirement is that they should have a 1/2" width, be a minimum of 3" in height, and be visible from the street. This is for your own safety!

Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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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 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/>

Social Services Liaison

Families in need of emergency food please contact the Social Services Director, 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.

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone

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Hello neighbors. The Mayor & Council has been busy joining in the celebrations and accolades of our local volunteers. In just the past few weeks, we watched as awards were given to members of our Volunteer EMS team (some of whom have serviced our community for decades and through generations), we celebrated the Grand Marshal of the Irish American Association as we gear up for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day Festivities being held on March 5 and we sat in a sea of young athletes (players and cheerleaders) as the Rutherford Junior Football League and Cheerleaders completed a successful 2022 season.

The Rutherford Civil Rights Commission held its first meeting with the newly appointed Commissioners on February 15. We have an energetic and talented group of individuals ready to bring exciting program and educating to the community. Please keep an eye out for that. The Green Team continues working on a number of endeavors to help our community and our planet including the Bike Rodeo which is a program held in conjunction with our schools to teach our neighborhood children to safely and effectively ride their bikes. The Green Team is currently searching for sponsors for the Bike Rodeo so please reach out to them or me if you are interested in contributing. Speaking of sustainability, the Woman's Club is holding its Pop Up Thrift Shop this weekend and next (2/18, 2/19, 2/25 and 2/26 from 9 am to 4 pm) - when I dropped off my contributions a few weeks ago, I was blown away by the amount of donations. I would say "stay warm," but the weather has other plans this February.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone

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Hello residents. I am privileged to be the Council liaison to the Rutherford Public Library Board and continue to be impressed by the creativity, passion and dedication the staff and Board Members demonstrate through innovative programming and strategic vision. I know many of our residents take advantage of the library's offerings, and I hope to see many of you at an upcoming event or two in the spring.

Library Mini Golf

Tee-off for a special 18-hole mini-golf course set up inside the Rutherford Library on March 3-4, 2023. Friday, March 3rd will be an adults-only night, \$25 per person including drinks and snacks. Saturday, March 4th will be an all-ages family day, \$3 per person or \$10 per family. All proceeds will support the Friends of the Library. Tickets are on sale now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mini-golf-fundraiser-at-the-rutherford-library-tickets-508175014147>

Rutherford Library Foundation Gala

The Rutherford Public Library Foundation will host its annual gala on Saturday, March 25 from 6:30-10:30pm at Il Villaggio. Proceeds will benefit the creation of a new teen space in the library. Tickets may be purchased online or at the front desk: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-rutherford-public-library-foundation-gala-tickets-456997641247>