

March 17, 2023

The Rutherford REPORT

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Please note - the following dates of scheduled Mayor and Council meetings have been changed:

The April 10th Mayor and Council meeting is rescheduled to April 17th.

The April 24th Mayor and Council meeting is rescheduled to May 2nd.

The May 8th Mayor and Council meeting has been cancelled.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to thank the Rutherford Borough Councilwomen for recognizing International Women's Day last week by organizing a community meet and greet on March 8th. As we strive as a society to make the world more equitable, I am particularly proud to live in Rutherford, where the majority of our municipality's day to day operations have a long history of being managed by women.

As March is also Women's History Month, I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you a fact that often goes unnoticed - 75% of our department heads and senior staff, as well as the majority of employees who work in Borough Hall, are women. Also noteworthy is that our Health Department, as well as the Rutherford Public Library (one of the most highly regarded institutions in Bergen County), are comprised of all-female staffs. When I became a member of the Council ten years ago I was thoroughly impressed with the amount of female leadership within the ranks of Borough Hall and have watched it increase ever since. I hope you share the same pride I take in being part of a community that consistently provides equitable opportunities in government for all genders.

In addition to the many capable women in Rutherford who are Borough employees, it's also my great pleasure to work with Council President Stephanie McGowan and Councilwomen Maria Begg-Roberson, Susan Quatrone and Christie Del Rey-Cone who, together, form the first female majority Council for the Borough. These women are building upon the legacies of previous Rutherford female Councilmembers and Mayors with strong, positive forward motion. This long overdue shift in political representation reflects the diversity of the people who work hard every day to make this Borough run smoothly.

On behalf of the residents of Rutherford, I'd like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for all of our female leadership, elected and employed, and to thank you for everything you contribute to our Rutherford team. It does not go unrecognized and it's my sincerest hope you know that you're part of what makes Rutherford a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato



RUTHERFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 1st, 2023
Rain date - Sunday, April 2nd
Registration Required on Rec Desk at
<https://rutherfordnj.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

RUTHERFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FREE RABIES CLINIC



Keep your Dogs and Cats Protected

Saturday, March 18, 2023
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
MORTIMER AVE FIREHOUSE
400 Mortimer Ave.
Rutherford, NJ 07070

Rutherford Health Dept. 201-460-3020 Records Bureau 201-460-3045

THE RUTHERFORD
SHADE TREE COMMISSION PRESENTS

Rutherford TreeFest '23

An Arbor Day Craft & Food Festival
celebrating the Borough of Trees

Saturday, April 22nd 2023
12-5 pm • Lincoln Park

Seeking vendors of nature inspired and organic products!
**Now accepting vendor registrations
through RecDesk**

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Thank you to all who stopped by Borough Hall and helped us celebrate International Women's Day! Special thanks to Mayor Nunziato, our Council colleagues Cokely and Guzman, and my female majority Councilwomen Begg-Roberson, Quatrone, and Del Rey-Cone! Special "thanks" to Bergen County Commissioners Zur and Amoroso for joint us in front of Borough Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Disabilities Awareness Month

Beginning in 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March is National Disabilities Awareness month. Rutherford contin-

Councilman Ray Guzmán

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Emerging Drug Trends March 22 6-7pm - Health Dept 184 Park Ave

This workshop is designed to help identify drug paraphernalia, learn new information about trends, educate about addiction, as well as outline the signs or symptoms of being under the influence or a substance use disorder.

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone

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I would be remiss if I did not begin this report with the many categories of congratulations and thanks earned by so many in our town over the past two weeks. First, congratulations and thanks to Pat Bonner and the entire Irish American Association for an exciting, entertaining and community focused St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you, as always, to DPW and our teams of first responders for guaranteeing our safety on such an epic day. I was honored to be a part of it. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for being laser focused on supporting our local businesses in a way that resulted in MANY nominations to the Best of Bergen. Special congratulations to the owners of Mason's Cellar and Fiorentini (two intensely hard-working and committed married couples) who walked away from the awards as winners. I look forward to watching all of our businesses continue to thrive.

As many know, it is Women's History Month. I was thrilled to spend time with my fellow Councilwomen, Councilman Cokeley, County Commissioners Tracy Zur and Mary Amoroso, our Borough Administrator and innumerable Borough employees and residents on International Women's Day outside of Borough Hall. Like any worthy cause, promoting the growth, success and collaboration with and for women should happen everyday. Please note that Reverend Shawn Pate of our town's historical and beloved Mount Ararat Church will be hosting a Women's History focused service on Sunday, 3/26 at 10 am. He has invited a number of women, including myself, to speak at that service. All, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited and encouraged to attend. A huge expression of gratitude to Robin Reenstra for hosting myself and the Civil Rights Commission at the Meadowlands Museum earlier this week to provide us with a history lesson about the birth and evolution of the Commission. Robin's command of Rutherford history is awe-inspiring. Finally, I will again make my pitch for any businesses or residents who may want to contribute to the Bike Rodeo organized by the Green Team for June to please feel free to contact me.

ues to be a community that calls upon its residents and businesses to provide opportunities for members of our disabled community to lead independent and productive lives. This March, in partnership and advocacy of our Access for All Rutherford committee, let's continue to champion organizations, activities, and opportunities that celebrate members of our disabled community, their care takers, and all those that provide love and support each and everyday!

Stigma Free Committee

The Alfred M. Fiume Foundation will be hosting the 6th annual Freddy Fiume Beefsteak on Saturday, April 15th at 6pm in the Kip Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact FiumeFoundation@gmail.com for more information or to make a donation.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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Rutherford Fire Department

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.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone

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Hi residents. I was thrilled to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th along with my fellow Councilwomen, Christie Del Rey-Cone, Stephanie McGowan, and Maria Begg-Roberson. Special thanks to Christie for originating the idea to host a meet and greet with bagels, donuts and coffee in front of Borough Hall. We all faced the frigid early morning weather, but what I remember vividly was the warmth of the gathering and the beaming smiles of female Borough employees and residents. On that morning, we were especially full of pride and hope for what a majority female Council might achieve and deeply thankful to the courageous women and women's advocates who have paved our way.

During Women's History Month, I want to commend the passion and ingenuity of another female-led town institution, the Rutherford Public Library and its sponsors. My family and I had a blast at the Mini Golf Fundraiser, hosted by Friends of the Library, earlier this month. The event was well attended, planned and orchestrated - the "golf course" highlighted the beauty of every section of the library, and each hole was sponsored by a local town business. The two-day event perfectly emphasized the power of the library as a dynamic, central gathering place for all Rutherford residents. Next up is the Library Foundation Gala on Saturday, March 25th. March is a busy month for library lovers!