

Park Ave will begin closing at 9am on Sunday, March 6th

for the St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted by the Rutherford Irish American Association.

The rolling closures will begin on Park and Woodland at 9 am and move with the parade which kicks off at 1pm and ends at Ames Ave.

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Next week marks two years since our schools and businesses began to shut down and so much of the routine that we take for granted changed forever. Although some of us experienced more loss than others, we all were changed in some way over the past two years.

On Saturday, March 12th at 1pm, please join me on the steps of Borough Hall at 176 Park Ave where we will unveil conceptual renderings for a COVID Remembrance site. My dream is to create a space on the southern lawn of Borough Hall that gives all residents a place to reflect and remember all the ways each of us were affected by the pandemic and those we lost.

A Rutherford resident, who is a retired art therapist, recently asked me to help spread the word that she is offering to help other residents create memorial art pieces dedicated to loved ones lost to COVID. Last year, this resident helped those coping with loss paint memorial rocks and shells, many of which now sit at the foot of a stone birdbath at the Rutherford Community Garden. If you would like guidance and support in creating a memorial rock or shell, please contact Kim Bogosian at communications@rutherfordboronj.com so that she can put you in touch with this resident who is so generously willing to give her time and talent to help other residents.

It's clear Rutherford has no shortage of amazing volunteers, and to that point I'm happy to announce that this year's Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held Friday, April 8th at the Meadowlands Racetrack. Space is limited. Emails have already been sent to Rutherford volunteers and ticket sales will be open to the general public beginning March 26th. We will be honoring Volunteer EMT Patrick O'Keefe for his extraordinary service and dedication to Rutherford during COVID.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato



A Message from Police Chief John Russo

On the evening of February 12th, members of the Rutherford Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash on Route 3 West in the area of Park Avenue. During that crash investigation, a secondary crash occurred. One of the vehicles involved in that crash travelled into the previous crash scene, striking a total of 5 vehicles as well as Nick's Towing Inc, driver Robert Thornton and barely missing several officers and other pedestrians at that scene. Mr. Thornton was gravely injured and rushed to local hospital. Tragically, Mr. Thornton succumbed to his injuries on February 26th.

The incidents of February 12th show the dangers that are always present on our roadways, especially our highways. The members of the Rutherford Police Department would like to remind you to always be aware of your surroundings and resist distractions when driving. According to a recent New Jersey State Police statistic, New Jersey vehicular fatalities are on the rise. Let's all do our part to make our roadways safer for all of us. Follow the Rutherford Police Department's social media for tips and information pertaining to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The members of the Rutherford Police Department will continue to keep Robert Thornton and his loved ones in our thoughts.

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Council President Mark Goldsack mgoldsack@rutherfordboronj.com

Recreation Department & Public Events:

As of Monday, March 7th, the Rutherford School District will make mask wearing optional when in school buildings. Therefore, beginning March 7th, Rutherford Rec spectators, players and coaches will no longer be required to wear a mask when in Rutherford public school buildings.

Masks remain optional, and anyone who wants to continue to wear a mask can do so. Parents should make masking decisions based on their family's specific situation and comfort level.

The Recreation Department will continue to work closely with the Rutherford Health Department to monitor the health and safety of our program participants as it relates to COVID.

If any Recreation participant is COVID-19 positive please contact the Rutherford Health Department at 201-460-3120

Registration for the 4th Downhill Derby is now open!
Visit rutherforddownhillderby.org for more information and to register through RecDesk.



Councilman Tom Mullahey tmullahey@rutherfordboronj.com

Health Dept: The Health Department is pleased to announce several upcoming clinics for residents. For more information visit www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health

Skin Cancer Screening

Wednesday, March 9th, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Rutherford Health Department
184 Park Avenue

Dr. Geria of Geria Dermatology, Rutherford, NJ
Appointment Required CALL 201-460-3020

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 2nd 10am -12pm

400 Mortimer Ave Fire House

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

Blood Screening

Saturday, April 9th 7:00am-10:00am

Rutherford Health Department

Limited Availability.

Call and Schedule your Appointment TODAY!

201-460-3020

BLOOD SCREENING FEE: \$22.00

Councilman Ray Guzmán rguzman@rutherfordboronj.com

Felician University:

I'd like to thank Felician University for collaborating with our Recreation Department and opening their Radio Felician Studios to Rutherford children for a Radio & Podcasting class. Having access to such a unique resource is a great experience for our kids and I look forward to future collaborations with the University.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan smcgowan@rutherfordboronj.com

Solidarity for Peace:

On Monday, February 28th, Borough Hall had the external lights changed to blue and yellow to show solidarity for peace with our Ukrainian American residents and abroad. In response to the large number of inquiries received by members of the Mayor and Council, we will be working to re-launch our Rutherford Cares initiative to assist with much needed humanitarian supplies shortly. Information specific to what is needed and a location to provide donations will be forth coming.