

April 1, 2022

# The Rutherford REPORT



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## From the Desk of Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack

On Monday night, I was pleased to finally welcome residents to a Mayor and Council meeting in Borough Hall's Council Chambers for the first time in two years. It brought a great sense of relief to be able to make that return to normalcy. Unfortunately Mayor Nunziato was not able to attend as he is taking a much deserved and needed vacation, his first since becoming Mayor. He will be back in time for the next meeting and has told me he is looking forward to returning to in person meetings as well.

We are moving along with the plan to wire Council Chambers to livestream meetings and work has begun on that process. This will allow residents to watch meetings in real time from the comfort of their homes, however those wishing to speak will be required to attend meetings in person.

I'd also like to announce Rutherford's Arbor Day Festival, TreeFest '22, presented by the Shade Tree Commission. I'd especially like to thank commission member and DPW employee Steve Addeo for being the lead organizer of this event, which I know will be a great success!

Sincerely, Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack

The Rutherford Shade Tree Commission presents

# Rutherford Tree Fest '22

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022  
12 - 5 PM • LINCOLN PARK**

across from Borough Hall  
at 176 Park Ave. Rutherford

### FEATURING:

- EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS
- TOY & CRAFT VENDORS
- FOOD & DRINK
- BEER GARDEN
- LIVE MUSIC
- And much more family-friendly fun!

**RAIN DATE:  
SUNDAY MAY 1**



Sponsored by BCB Bank



## RUTHERFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT FREE RABIES CLINIC



**KEEP YOUR DOGS AND CATS PROTECTED**

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

**PLACE:** MORTIMER AVE FIREHOUSE  
400 Mortimer Ave.  
Rutherford, NJ 07070

**TIME:** 10:00am to 12:00pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

If an animal has been previously vaccinated, proof of the prior immunization will be required in order to receive a 3-year vaccination certificate at the rabies clinic.

### PET LICENSING

Dog and cat licenses will be available for purchase at the Rabies Clinic.

**\$7.00 fee per dog or cat**

Check or exact change please.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE 4/15**  
**Register for the Derby & all**  
**Rec Activities on RecDesk today!**

*Rutherford*  
*Downhill*  
*Derby* **WE'RE BACK!**  
**2022**  
**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 18** 1-5PM  
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## Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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On Monday, March 28, 2022, the Mayor, and Council unanimously passed my sponsored resolution # 86-2022, authorizing the naming of a borough street, John T. Ruddy Way.

I had the privilege of knowing John as both a classmate and friend. A graduate of Rutherford High School Class of 1990, John was a leader in academics, athletics, and among his peers through student government. He was generous with his time and passion with art to make the communities he lived and worked in more beautiful. He committed his life to service as a member of the Jersey City Fire Department, and ultimately rose to the ranks as Battalion Chief. He loved his family and cared for everyone he knew with a kind word and an open heart. John exemplified all of the qualities we love about living here in Rutherford and what we wish for our children as they grow in this community.

Sadly, John passed away at the age of 49 on December 8, 2021. True to our motto: "Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog," John's life and legacy will forever be displayed on the corner of Wood Street and Fairview Avenue as a reminder of all that he brought to this world, the lives he impacted, and the inspiration to future generations about being a servant leader and living life with incredible gratitude.

A dedication date and ceremony will be forth coming. Thank you to the entire Ruddy family, who were a part of this process and shared such beautiful stories about John's life journey and impact with me.

Finally, thank you to the many Rutherford residents, particularly members of the RHS Class of 1990, who encouraged this initiative and celebration of John's life as a model for us all to strive for.

## Councilman Tom Mullahey

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### RPD:

I'd like to wish Captain Patrick Feliciano a very happy retirement. Captain Feliciano was "clapped out" on his final day yesterday by friends, family and colleagues after over 30 years of distinguished service. Enjoy, Pat! You've earned it!

Rutherford PD is excited to announce Spring 2022 NJMVC Mobile Truck Events on April 21 and May 12 at the Memorial Field Parking Lot from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. RPD staff will be present. Pre-registration required. The April 21 event is full and the May 12 event is nearing capacity. Contact RPD for more information.

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

**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

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### Green Team Liaison: **Applications for the Community Garden Now Available!**

One bed per person, first come first served.

[Applications now available on RecDesk!](#)

**Rutherford Public Library:** The Friends of the Library will host its annual Edible Book Contest virtually in 2022. Individuals or teams are invited to show off their best book-related creation. Registration is free and open from March 19 through April 2: <https://forms.gle/N19jrC57tLk5Qu7D6>

### Stay Up to Date with Library News

Did you know the Rutherford Library has a digital newsletter? Subscribe by clicking here or texting RUTHERFORDLIB to 28228. You may also follow the library on Facebook and Instagram.

*Volunteers Needed!*  
**Community Clean-Up Day!**  
**Saturday, April 30th**  
**9:00am - 10:30am**

**Join the Green Team & Volunteer Committees to help make Rutherford even MORE beautiful at our annual Clean-Up Day!**

**Pre-Register at [rutherfordboronj.com/committees/green-team](http://rutherfordboronj.com/committees/green-team)**