

## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

As we welcome the return of nice weather, I'm excited to announce our first Dining Out Rutherford evening on Friday, April 30th. I look forward to seeing our community take advantage of this opportunity to support our local restaurants while safely enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. The Dining Out events were incredibly successful last year and we expect to resume these weekly street closures in June.

At Monday's Council meeting, Councilman Mullahey introduced a sponsorship program through which residents and corporations alike can help offset the costs incurred by the Borough for events such as Dining Out and Concerts in Lincoln Park. I think we all agree that events such as these are both important parts of the our community but unfortunately don't always fit neatly into a municipal budget. With the help of sponsors, the Borough can explore options for adding additional Dining Out street closures and more opportunities to create space for the community to gather safely this summer.

Last year, one generous benefactor made a single large donation in a time of crisis to cover the costs of 10 Dining Out nights. Imagine what the entire community can do if we each contribute a what we can. More information on this program will be released by the end of April.

Additionally, the cement barriers known as parklets will soon be an option for restaurants that are intested in renting the parking spaces to offer everyday outdoor dining.

Thank you for your continued support of Rutherford's small businesses!

Sincerely,  
- Mayor Frank Nunziato



**RETURNS!**

**Friday, April 30**

**5 pm - 10 pm** (Rain Date May 1)

Park Avenue from the Library to Ames Ave will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4-11pm so patrons can enjoy ample outdoor distancing.

**Please call your favorite restaurant to RSVP**

**With music by Two's Company beginning at 6pm!**

*The duo consists of an electronic keyboard, guitar, and vocals playing mellow hits of the 50s to 80s.*

*Stationed in the vicinity of Park Ave and The Terrace.*

**Weekly street closures  
expected to resume in June**

### "Food To Go"

Grace Church, 55 Kip Center and the Rutherford Food Pantry are working together to help those that are food insecure, elderly, or anyone else who needs some help. Lunches will be distributed from Grace Church, 128 W Passaic Ave, on Saturday, April 17, from 11 - 1. Monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

## Department News

### HEALTH

Bergen County residents age 75 years and older now have the option to schedule vaccination appointments at the Bergen County vaccination site, located at the Alternate Care Facility Annex on the campus of Bergen New Bridge Medical Center. To schedule a vaccination appointment, residents 75 and older can call 201-967-4070. If no appointments are available, an agent will take the caller's information and add them to a waitlist.

The Health Dept will be conducting its [Annual Free Rabies Clinic for Rutherford cats and dogs on Saturday, April 24, 2021](#) from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Mortimer Avenue Firehouse located at the corner of Mortimer Avenue & W. Pierrepont Ave.

The Rutherford Health Department will sponsor a [Multi-Phasic Blood Screening Program on Saturday, May 1](#) for Rutherford residents, 18 years of age or older, to be held at the Health Center, 184 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Public Health Nurses at 201-460-3020 between the hours of 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Walk-in appointments will also be taken during the same time period.



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## Council Reports

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### Council President Mark Goldsack

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#### Ordinances

##### 1st Reading

**Salary Ordinance - White Collar AFSCME Union** - Passed on 1st Reading - This salary ordinance codifies the agreement between the Borough and our White-Collar Union.

**Salary Ordinance - Statutory Officers** - Passed on 1st Reading - This salary ordinance codifies salary ranges within which the agreements for our statutory officers (Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer) will be negotiated.

**Salary Ordinance - Confidential Assistant** - Passed on First Reading - This salary ordinance codifies updated salary guidelines for the confidential assistant position within the Borough

##### 2nd Reading

**Salary Ordinance - PBA Local 300** - Passed on 2nd Reading - This salary ordinance codifies the agreement between the Borough and PBA Local 300.

**Salary Ordinance - Department Head Unit** - Passed on 2nd Reading - This salary ordinance codifies the agreement between the Borough and our Department Head Bargaining Unit.

#### Finance

At Monday's Council meeting we accepted the resignation of our Tax Assessor Dennis McGuire, which will become effective 6/30/21. We thank Dennis for his service to the Borough and wish him well in his future endeavors.

**Resolution # 87 - Authorizing Change Order # 4 to RSC Architects** in the amount of \$39,875.00 - Passed - After consultation with our professionals, it has been determined that there is a need for additional services related to the construction of the new police building. These services include providing interior gas piping design in addition to consulting services related to procuring the Technology FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment). The FFE includes, but is not limited to, various electronic devices, security equipment, A/V equipment and other technology equipment to be included in the new building. The fee includes costs for RFP development, bidding phase services, and installation administration.

#### Liaison Assignments

**Citizens Finance** - The committee met for the first time on 3/31. This was an introductory meeting regarding the mission of the committee. Committee is looking forward to beginning its work in reviewing this year's municipal budget.

**Shade Tree Commission** - The Commission was scheduled to meet on 4/13 but due to a scheduling conflict the meeting was canceled. We will reconvene in May and continue working on our ordinance.

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### Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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#### **Town-wide Clean Up Day April 24, 2021, 9AM-11AM**

Event Address: Starting locations to be emailed prior to the event - all will be within Rutherford.

Contact us at [greenteam@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:greenteam@rutherfordboronj.com)

A Borough-wide cleanup will help to beautify our parks, business districts and other public spaces by picking up litter and debris left behind after the snow and ice have melted. Please bring your own rake and gloves if you can.

All participants must follow current masking and social distancing recommendations during the event. Starting locations will be emailed to registered participants in advance of the event.

[Fill out this Form to register](#)

#### **Repair Cafe May 22, 12PM-4PM (Rain Date May 23)**

An OUTDOOR, SOCIALLY-DISTANCED repair café will feature repair stations with volunteer 'fixers' to help you learn how to repair items and divert them from our landfills. Examples of fixing stations include sewing, electronics, bikes, furniture, lamps

For updates, follow the Green Team on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/RutherfordGreenTeam>

<https://www.instagram.com/greenteamrutherford/>

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## Councilman Ray Guzmán

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### Rutherford Public Library News:

**Effective April 5, Rutherford Public Library has extended its hours for inside browsing and computer usage on Mondays and Wednesdays.**

Safety guidelines for visitors remain in place.  
Current inside hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday: 10am-1pm and 3-7pm  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am-1pm and 3-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-1pm

## Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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**Fire:** The Rutherford Mayor & Council would like to congratulate and formally thank Wayne Kubs and his family for his years of service to the Borough's Fire Department. We wish him well in his retirement from Engine Co. 3.

The Rutherford Fire Department's Junior Firefighter's program is now open to 16 and 17 year old youths. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Rutherford Volunteer Firefighter - youth or adult - email recruitment@rutherfordfd.com.

**Social Services:** Families in need of emergency food please contact the Social Services Director, Genevieve Kacmarcik, at 201-460-3028 or gkacmarcik@rutherfordboronj.com or me directly at mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com and we can connect you with the Rutherford Food Pantry.

**Arts Committee:** The Rutherford Youth Arts Banner program has been a tremendous success. Thanks to the Rutherford Arts Council and everyone in Borough Hall who helped make this idea a reality. Be sure to get out and enjoy the views along Park Ave and elsewhere before Memorial Day!

**Outdoor Grab & Go pickups remain available during the following hours** (relocated to the library's lobby in the event of inclement weather):

Monday & Wednesday: 1-7pm  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 1-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-1pm

**The Friends of the Library will offer their popular Pet Photo Contest virtually in 2021**, and submissions will be accepted from April 10-24. Entry forms will be available on the library's website. Voting will take place from April 25-May 2, and funds generated from People's Choice Award votes will benefit the Friends.

## STUDENT POSTER CONTEST

**PROUD TO BE  
STIGMA-FREE**

Rutherford students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to make a poster that conveys the message of STIGMA-FREE and a Judgment and Prejudice Free Community.

- What do the words STIGMA-FREE mean to you?
- Where can you go for mental health assistance?
- What do you do when someone hurts you emotionally?
- How can you help a friend who is struggling with mental illness?

Key words and ideas to help you get started:



BULLYING  
DISCRIMINATION  
MINDFULNESS  
MENTAL HEALTH  
SELF ESTEEM  
RESPECT  
PRIDE  
SOCIAL BARRIERS  
SHAME



- Artwork should be 12" x 18" (Poster Board) All entries must be artwork created by 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Rutherford Schools.
- Please include your name, address, phone number, email, school, grade and homeroom teacher with your submission.
- POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO RECREATION DEPT.
- Deadline: **April 26, 2021**
- Please take a picture of your poster board and send to [RecStaff@rutherfordboronj.com](mailto:RecStaff@rutherfordboronj.com).
- Entries will be shared on Rutherford Recreation social media.
- Entries will be displayed locally during the month of May to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month!
- Winners will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Prizes will be awarded for each grade level.