



April 30, 2021

Good afternoon

Yesterday, Mayor Nunziato underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. I'm happy to report the surgery went extremely well and he is already out of bed and walking short distances, according to his wife Perri.

The Nunziato family is grateful for all the well wishes they have received and asked me to write this statement on their behalf to update everyone who has reached out and expressed concern. Frank is on the path to recovery but positive thoughts are still much appreciated.

On behalf of my council colleagues, I'd like to thank the community for the outpouring of support shown to the Mayor and his family at this difficult time.

We can't wait to have him back and healthy so he can enjoy this town he loves so much.

Acting Mayor  
Mark Goldsack

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## From the Desk of Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack

As Mayor Nunziato focuses on his health and recovery from surgery, I will be assuming the duties of Acting Mayor in his absence. I look forward to working with my colleagues, our department heads and our employees to continue to ensure exceptional service is delivered to the residents of our Borough.

One of Rutherford's strongest assets has always been an engaged community committed to the betterment of the Borough. Last year, Mayor Nunziato implemented new ways to make it easier for residents to stay abreast of decisions being made by the Governing Body, such as this newsletter and the use of social media. I'm committed to continuing his dedication to transparency and communication while we await the Mayor's return.

With that said, I'm hopeful the community will remain engaged as the Governing Body considers a number of issues important to Rutherford in the coming months including the introduction of the municipal budget and various redevelopment considerations. At Monday's meeting, the Council received the Planning Board's recommendations for the Williams Center. The Council will now begin to consider those recommendations and decide when to move forward with a redevelopment plan which will need to be adopted via ordinance. It's important that the community understands the many steps required when redevelopment, or any important matter within the town, is being considered.

Council meeting agendas are always posted on the Borough website, Facebook and Twitter accounts. Additionally, everyone has the option of signing up to have both agendas and newsletters emailed directly to them upon their release. Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future. I'm happy to hear more and more residents are sharing all the above information on social media to help educate their friends and neighbors on the important issues that affect Rutherford.

I want to thank you in advance for your support as I assume this role. I'm grateful for the encouragement and support I have received from all of my Council colleagues and I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Rutherford to the best of my ability. I also ask that you keep Mayor Nunziato and his family in your thoughts during this time.

Sincerely,  
- Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack



POSTPONED DUE TO HIGH WINDS UNTIL

**Thursday, May 6**  
**5 pm - 10 pm**

**Introducing the Summer 2021  
Seasonal Sponsorship Program**  
Click here for sponsor form  
& more information

## Department News

### HEALTH

**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 Dept, 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.

### TAX COLLECTOR

**Second quarter property taxes are due May 1st with a grace period to May 10th**

**Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Avenue entrance, or the online portal through the Borough website.**

### REC

#### Transition to RecDesk

The Recreation Department is pleased to announce that we will be moving to RecDesk for our online registration & information sharing platform.

All members of the community are encouraged to go to <https://rutherfordnj.recdesk.com/Community/Home> to create their account. This new platform will allow participants to sign-up for text message alerts on programs, see what is going on at the fields, as well as register for programs. Program registration will begin on RecDesk in early May.

## Council Reports

### Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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#### National Autism Awareness Month

The Mayor and Council proudly issued a proclamation recognizing April as National Autism Awareness Month. Through the outstanding work of the Access for All Rutherford and Stigma Free committees, Rutherford has committed to championing the rights of marginalized populations and continues to examine opportunities for the Borough to provide opportunities that support an inclusive and accepting community.

To honor the advocacy efforts of our Rutherford community, a tribute to the Rutherford Special Parents Network was shared. The story of how this group began, how wide-reaching it continues to be, and how it champions the spirit of those diagnosed with autism as well as the caretakers and families, is a shining example of what makes Rutherford a special place:

“Terri Spettell, Laura Scotti, and Liz Forte, all came to know one another because they had one very important thing in common: A son with autism. Terri moved to Rutherford in 2003, and as luck would have it, she and Laura lived on the same block. Soon they met Liz and they began meeting for regular breakfasts to support one another through the ups and downs of raising a child with autism. They discussed everything that parents with typical kids might not understand. School services, behaviors, haircuts, sleep deprivation. All over endless cups of coffee. They laughed and cried together, giving one another much needed support. Recognizing the importance of being able to support one another, they founded the Rutherford Special Parents Network. The purpose of the group is to provide the parents of children with special needs with a safe place to support and encourage one another. At that time, there was nothing like it. Parents can share their stories in confidence and know they are understood. The group has hosted countless speakers, decorates the Rutherford Library window for autism awareness month, and hosts an autism awareness breakfast. Through its membership of over 60 people, it continues to build awareness of autism in our community and responds to calls from parents who have questions or are looking for support as they navigate difficulty moments or transitions.”

Thank you, Terri, Laura, and Liz, for your inspiring an ever-growing network of love and support throughout our Borough and beyond. 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.

### Councilman Ray Guzmán

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#### Liaison Assignment:

The Rutherford Historic Preservation Committee will be announcing the selection of three homeowners for the 2021 Historic Preservation Awards. These awards are presented annually during May, Historic Preservation Month. The awards recognize significant restorations and or stewardships of architecturally noteworthy homes in the borough. Notifications to homeowners are expected to be sent out shortly with a socially distant, outdoor presentation TBD. There will be additional programs scheduled during the coming month including historic walking tours and an historic home restoration talk. Details to come. In addition, the Committee has recently launched its historic marker program which is available to individually listed properties contained in the current Historic Sites Inventory.

For more information go to  
[www.rutherfordhpc.org/plaques](http://www.rutherfordhpc.org/plaques) to learn more.

### Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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#### Rutherford Pride Alliance:

The RPA is planning its third pride flag raising. Thank you to our Mayor and Council for their constant support. The Pride Flag raising event is on Saturday, June 5th at 11am at Rutherford Borough Hall. Please go to the RPA Facebook and Instagram page for details. Residents are welcome with open arms to celebrate the community of support that is right outside of your door! Please remember to wear a mask, maybe a rainbow mask! We look forward to celebrating with each other and our growing LGBTQ+ local community in southern Bergen County.

#### Green Team

Thank you to the Rutherford Green Team for planning such a wonderful town wide clean-up last Saturday. Thank you to all the residents and community groups that took part. Even though the town wide cleanup is over, please continue to keep our beautiful town clean.

#### Rutherford Civil Rights Commission (RCRC)

The RCRC is in the process of beginning to plan the annual multicultural festival. Please look out for updates!

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## Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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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](mailto:recruitment@rutherfordfd.com).

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

## Councilman Tom Mullahey

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### Police Headquarters Construction Update:

The new police headquarters being built directly behind Borough Hall is moving along nicely. There was a slight delay incurred by gas and telephone lines that required removal but the building is scheduled to be completed June 2022. Below are some drone photos taken by the project management company.

