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The Rutherford REPORT



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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to welcome Pat Bonner as the new Director of the Recreation Department. Pat was appointed at Monday's meeting to begin work on Monday, May 16th. As we were sad to see former director Jessica Lezcano leave Rutherford, I am excited to see how Pat's extensive background in logistics and organization helps our Rec Department evolve to suit the needs of our residents.

If you don't already know him, Pat Bonner has been a great resource for this community in the past. He was the 2012 Rutherford Volunteer of the Year and over the past two decades he has volunteered his time, knowledge and talent in and around Rutherford. He was a member of one of the founding families of the Top Dawgs, a program which pairs uniquely abled children with high school students in soccer and basketball to create a fun and educational experience for everyone involved. In addition to coaching baseball, basketball, softball and soccer on the recreational level, he was the coordinator of various age levels and managed the Rutherford FC Travel soccer program for about 10 years. During his years of coaching and coordinating, Pat worked with five different Rutherford Recreation Directors. He now has the opportunity to apply his experience as a coach and volunteer when making decisions as Director.

Professionally, Pat comes to Rutherford after 35 years of public service managing large-scale operations and staffs. He held various positions including overseeing facility operations, setting policies and procedures and enhancing customer service. Most impressive is the fact that all 35 years of his tenure was spent rising through the ranks of one agency, which I think speaks to his dedication and commitment to any undertaking. I hope you'll join me in welcoming Pat and I look forward to seeing all he can do with our already thriving Recreational programs.

I also hope to see you at Monday night's Mayor's Wellness Family Bike Ride at 6:30, starting at Lincoln Park. Join us for family friendly bicycle rides around town as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Each ride will be a short (app. 2 miles) loop beginning and ending at the same location. Attendees should wear bike helmets.

Weather related changes to dates or locations will be announced through the Borough website.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Primary Election Information

2022 NJ Primary Election

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Polls Open 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information visit the Voter Information page
on the Borough Website

**Throw it away?
No Way!**

REPAIR CAFE



**Saturday, May 21,
Lincoln Park 12-4
(rain date next day)**

**Volunteer experts will
help you repair**

- bicycles
- computers
- clothing
- furniture
- small appliances
- sewing machines
- lamps
- lawnmowers
- electronics
- knife sharpening

**Volunteers will have the right tools,
but if possible, bring any needed parts.
One item (or two knives) at a time.
Service is first-come, first-served.**

The Rutherford Green Team will hold its third Repair Cafe on Saturday, May 21, from 12-4 pm (rain date May 22) in Lincoln Park in Rutherford. Part social gathering, part repair shop, the Repair Café is an international phenomenon begun in Holland where community members volunteer to help fix things that people would otherwise throw out. It will be an afternoon drop-in event where community members can bring in broken or non-functioning items to be fixed for free with the help of expert volunteers. The purpose is not only to reduce waste but also to teach people how to fix things themselves.

Area residents are invited to bring broken or non-functioning items to Lincoln Park, across from borough hall in Rutherford, where, on a first-come, first-served basis, they will be assisted and advised in making repairs. Participants must first register at the reception table across from borough hall. Participants are limited to two items at a time.

**To volunteer or for more information, contact
Brian Hanson-Harding at brianhansonharding@gmail.com.**

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Recreation Department & Public Events:

I'd like to welcome Pat Bonner to the Recreation Department. I know his experience with youth sports will make him a great asset to our community.

Councilman Tom Mullahey

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RPD:

I'd like to give a status update on the new Police Headquarters and Municipal Court building. We are anticipating a move-in date of mid-September. The supply chain issues that everyone is experiencing may factor in to the ultimate move-in date but as of now we hope to see our Police Department in their much deserved new facility early this fall. I'd like to thank the men and women of the RPD for their patience while this building is created with all the modern amenities our force deserves.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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Last week Rutherford was awarded a 2022 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award from the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board for efforts to preserve the Rutherford World War I Monument. Thanks to all the Borough employees, professionals and former and current members of the Rutherford Historic Preservation Committee for the many years of hard work put in to preserving this important monument in the heart of our town.



From left: HPC Chair Ed Gajda, Joanna S. Pietruszewski (Art Conservator) from Aegis Restauro LLC, who was responsible for the preservation aspects of the project, William Neumann (center-Historian, Photographer, past Member), Councilwoman and HPC Liaison Maria Begg-Roberson and Sandeep Sikka (far right-Historic Preservation Architect) of Architectural Preservation Studio, DPC, who oversaw and took responsibility for the entire project.

Councilman Ray Guzmán

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Green Team Liaison

I encourage everyone visit the Green Team's Repair Cafe on Saturday, May 21st and I'd like to thank the Green Team for their dedication to giving new life to items that might otherwise end up in a landfill. Hope to see you there!

Library News

Congratulations to First Place Winner Mariejoyce, Second Place Mila, and Third Place Winner Vansh, the winners of this year's Summer Reading Design Contest! Mariejoyce's first place design adorns the cover of our summer reading logs.

All three winners were honored at Monday's Mayor & Council meeting. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their ongoing support of our Summer Reading Club.



Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Each May, Mental Health Awareness Month provides the opportunity for everyone to come together to illuminate mental health awareness in an effort to stop the stigma.

The Stigma-free initiative aligns with the Borough of Rutherford's mission to collaborate with community stakeholders to prevent substance abuse and other at-risk behaviors, mental health crises, and substance use/mental health disorder stigmas through awareness, resources, and education. Signs can be picked up at the Rec Department. If you have any questions please email me.
#stopthestigma



May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

Show your support of Mental Health Awareness with

Stigma-Free Lawn Signs

courtesy of

Rutherford
Municipal Alliance



Access for All
and Stigma-Free
Committees