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Borough Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

This past week was National EMS week, celebrating Emergency Medical Service personnel. EMS week is a time to thank paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) for their hardwork as front line responders when someone is in need of emergency medical care.

Rutherford is lucky to have an amazing team of volunteers who staff the Rutherford First-Aid Ambulance Corps, headquartered on Ames Ave. Since 1949, this group has been an all volunteer, non-profit organization that is there for residents when we need them most. This group is made up of your friends, neighbors, coaches and many others who are willing to volunteer their free time, nights, weekends and holidays to be on call for medical emergencies.

As a former member of the Rutherford First-Aid Ambulance Corps myself, I can tell you personally what an incredibly gratifying thing it is to be able to give back to your community in such a meaningful way. If you've ever wanted a tangible way to feel like you're making a difference, please consider joining this fine group of volunteers.

If you want to learn more about the Rutherford First-Aid Ambulance Corps, or how you can support them, please visit their website www.rutherfordems.org.

On another note I'd like to mention another fine group of volunteers - members of the Rutherford Girl Scout Troop 97398 - for taking the initiative to ask if they could host a collection box for the Center for Hope and Safety in Borough Hall for the next few weeks. They are collecting personal care and paper goods for victims of domestic violence. Great job girls! Contact troop97398@gmail.com for more information.

And for all volunteers in Rutherford, please join us at the annual Mayor's Volunteer Dinner, this year on Friday, June 23rd at the Hilton Meadowlands with music by Kurt and Marty. [Tickets available now on RecDesk.](#)

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato



Rutherford Girl Scout Troop 97398 -
From left:
Micaela Britez,
Leah Griffin,
Mya Stadler
and Lucia Marchesani



Expect Road Closures Monday for the Memorial Day Parade hosted by the Veterans Alliance

Memorial Day observances will begin at 8am on Monday with a Wreath Toss at the Union Avenue Bridge, then the Color Guard and Veterans Alliance Members will proceed to Sunset Park to ready for a 9:00am parade kick-off. The parade will proceed up Union Avenue to Park Ave with closing services at Borough Hall.



**DINING OUT
RUTHERFORD**

**Wednesdays
in June!
with music by
Rutherford Rocks!**



Members of the Green Team, Mayor and Council present the first Green Leaf Certified businesses with certificates: Erie Coffeeshop and Bakery, Dan Meredith Agency. Green Leaf businesses not pictured are Fiorentini Restaurant and Rutherford Coffee Co.



Rutherford Public Library Design Contest winners and families:
Mila Traganos, Diya Nandyala and Sofia Tran

Primary Election Information

2023 NJ Primary Election
Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - Polls Open 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
For more information visit the
Voter Information page on the Borough Website

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Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson mbegg-roberson@rutherfordboronj.com

Recreation Department

I'm proud to announce an exciting new initiative to encourage more people to try youth coaching. Specifically, this initiative which we're calling SEE (Support, Encourage and Empower) Moms Coaching, will seek to identify issues that inhibit more moms from being involved in coaching and hopefully be able to offer more resources to them.

Our Public Information Officer, Kim Bogosian, and I have been collaborating for some time on how to encourage more women to take on these volunteer roles with our Recreation Department and how to identify the specific roadblocks that stop them. Kim has reached out and surveyed some veteran mom coaches in the community and asked them whether they would act as resources for other women.

As a result, I'm proud to announce we already have a team of 7 experienced moms willing to make themselves available as mentors to those who are considering coaching but weren't sure of what they might be getting themselves into.

This is not an issue unique to Rutherford, but I'm proud that Rutherford is leading the way in finding solutions to ways to support volunteers. If you would like more information, either as a mentor or a potential volunteer, please reach out to myself or Kim Bogosian at communications@rutherfordboronj.com and we will be happy to include you.

Gun Violence Awareness Day

I'd like to thank my colleagues for joining me at Monday's meeting in wearing orange to recognize gun violence awareness. Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement. Learn more about the movement at wearorange.org.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com

Arts Committee

Thank you to all that participated in the Youth Arts Banner program! Banners have been taken down to make way for our Military Banner program.

If your child participated, your banner is available for pick up at the Rutherford Rec department in Borough Hall (176 Park Ave, lower level) during regular business hours.

Rutherford Fire Department

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

Applications and requirements to be a Firefighter and Junior Firefighter are now available on the Borough website.

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/fire-department/>

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone cdelrey-cone@rutherfordboronj.com

Hello Neighbors. As I mentioned at Monday's meeting, it is National Public Works Week and I was thrilled to spend some time having bagels with our crew at DPW on Thursday morning. In addition to keeping our trash cans empty and our streets free of snow, most of what you see around town that is beautiful is kept that way by DPW. The DPW team has also become an integral part of partnering with our Green Team and that collaboration helps everyone. So, if you have the chance, please give a shout of thanks to your DPW workers when you see them around town - it doesn't just have to be this week!

Speaking of the Green Team, they organized another successful Repair Cafe. I hope many of you took advantage of our volunteers' many fix-it talents! The Green Team's 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo is coming to Washington and Lincoln Schools! The Washington School event will be on June 7 & 8, and at Lincoln School on June 13, 14, and 15. Third grade families, please look for more info from your school! Thank you to the Police Department and the administrators at Lincoln and Washington for being incredible partners in ensuring that our children learn how to ride their bikes safely.

At Monday's meeting, we had the honor of celebrating four of our local businesses who have been Green Leaf certified by our Green Team to acknowledge their commitments to sustainability: please join me in congratulating Dan Meredith Agency, Erie Coffee Shop & Bakery, Fiorentini and The Rutherford Coffee Co.

As the school year comes to a close, please spread the word that the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission is offering a \$500 scholarship to a High School senior (and Rutherford resident) who wishes to study human rights/civil rights after graduation. For details or a copy of the application, please email civilrightscommission@rutherfordboronj.com. The deadline is May 29, 2023!

I hope you and yours enjoy a wonderful and relaxing holiday weekend. Please take a moment to remember (and thank) our Veterans to whom we owe our freedom.

Councilwoman Susan Quatrone squatrone@rutherfordboronj.com

Rutherford Public Library Liaison:

The Friends of the Library held a design contest for students in K-6th grade highlighting the theme "All Together Now". The top design is featured on the cover of the Summer Reading Club booklet which goes out to about 900 children in town. The Mayor and Council recognize and appreciate each and every young artist who entered the contest and have awarded certificates of accomplishment to the three winners. Special congratulations to Mila Traganos, Diya Nandyala and Sofia Tran for their unique and inspiring work. I encourage all children in town to join the popular Summer Reading Club and am excited that the Rutherford Library will now offer a new Summer Reading Club geared toward adult readers. This club is open to all residents age 18+ and runs from May 1st - September 23, 2023. I don't know about you, but reading a magical book always makes me feel like a kid again!