

The Rutherford Report



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Borough Offices will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

The Veteran's Alliance will host a ceremony at the Union Avenue Bridge and Sunset Park beginning 8am Monday.

From the Desk of Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack

I'm happy to announce that in light of the incredible drop in COVID cases locally as well as Governor Murphy's recent Executive Orders, Rutherford is able to confidently plan for events for this summer and beyond.

At Monday's meeting, Council approved road closures for Dining Out evenings on Wednesdays from June 9th through August 25th. The popular Summer Concert Series in Lincoln Park has been approved to begin June 24th.

While the Rutherford Veteran's Alliance has made the decision to forego a parade this year, there will be a ceremony at the Union Avenue bridge and Sunset Park on Monday morning. Also, the Rutherford Pride Alliance's Third Annual Pride Flag Raising will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 11 am.

In the coming weeks, we will announce details about the Farmers Market, and be having discussions regarding the Multicultural Festival as well as Rutherford Day which is being considered for Saturday, September 18th.

Rutherford Day, which would encourage Rutherford community organizations to utilize fields and parks for games and activities, is the brainchild of Mayor Nunziato. While we await his return, we will be contacting community organizations throughout June to gauge interest in participation.

On another note, I'd like to remind residents that information regarding the 2021 municipal budget is now available on the Borough website in [convenient summary form](#). I encourage residents to review not only the [larger budget document](#), but also the budget summary document and attend the hearing of the citizens at the June 14th Mayor and Council meeting where comments and questions regarding the budget will be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events as well as the June 14th Mayor and Council meeting.

Sincerely,
- Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack



Returns WEEKLY Beginning
Wednesday, June 9th!
with Thursday Rain Dates

2021 Primary Election June 8th
[Please note polling place changes here](#)

Department News

DPW

Summer Sanitation Collection
Schedule begins June 1st.

REC

RecDesk Comprehensive Online
Registration System Now Open!

MEETING & EVENT CALENDARS

Monday, May 31

8:00am Memorial Day Services

Saturday, June 5

11:00am Pride Flag Raising

Monday, June 7

7:00pm Historic Preservation Committee

Tuesday, June 8

6:00pm Shade Tree Commission

Wednesday, June 9

7:00pm Green Team

Monday, June 14

6:30pm Mayor and Council

Tuesday, June 15

7:00pm Board of Adjustment

Wednesday, June 16

6:30pm Civil Rights Commission

Thursday, June 17

6:00pm Planning Board

Saturday, June 26

9:00am Annual DPW Shred Day

Monday, June 28

6:30pm Mayor and Council

7:30pm Board of Health



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Council Reports

Councilman Ray Guzmán

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Liaison Assignment:

The **Historic Preservation Committee** continued to celebrate Historic Preservation Month. Committee members joined Acting Mayor Mark Goldsack and Council Member Ray Guzman to present the annual awards for outstanding stewardship of a historic home. Congratulations to our winners: Jonathan Lugtu and Alyssa Tanseco-Lugtu, Edward & Lisa Ryan, and David Rothblatt and Beth Schmais. Jaclyn Isaac and Anthony Frasciello received a certificate of appreciation for their previous work restoring one of the three homes.

The HPC and the Meadowlands Museum hosted author Scott T. Hanson for a great online presentation on "Historic Houses for Contemporary Lives". He gave an overview of how to restore and renovate historic homes, with some wonderful photos and practical advice. The Museum will post a video of the online session on their website. Finally, watch for an upcoming announcement about a self-guided walking tour of historic downtown Rutherford!

Library News:

Summer Reading Club registration is here!

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Tails & Tales", and registration is now being accepted both online and in person. Summer Reading Club is open to Rutherford children entering 6th grade and below in the fall. Participants may track books they read themselves, as well as books that are read to them.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will host a used book sale on Friday, June 4 from 10am-4:30pm and Saturday, June 5 from 10am-12:30pm (rain dates June 11 and 12). The sale will take place outdoors in the library's garden. All proceeds benefit the library.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Recreation Liaison:

Top Dawgs Soccer: Congratulations to Top Dawgs on another successful season of fun and active play! And many thanks to all the volunteers and the incredibly generous local sponsors who make sure that TopDawgs continues to flourish! Special "thanks" to the incredible coaches, high school and college buddies, Rutherford Recreation, and the generosity of BCB bank and the Rutherford Elks Lodge #547.

Recreation Summer Camp: Campers: Summer Camp registration officially opened on 5/24 and will remain open till we meet capacity. Space is limited & is filling up quickly. As of the first day of registration, 138 children from Kindergarten to grade 8 have registered!

Summer Counselors: Summer camp counselors will be interviewed in the next couple of weeks, and then will be conducting a hybrid of online and in person trainings for the staff

Men's and Women's Softball League: Registration for Men's over 40 Women's Softball will be happening this week! Get your friends together or make new friends and let's play ball! As of right now, Over 40 Men will play on Sunday Mornings as always. Ladies will play Monday-Thursday, with make-ups possibly on Fridays or double-headers

Recreation Track and Field: Recreation Track and Field will be having our second home track meet on Sunday, June 6 with the NJ Striders

Rutherford Rock: Rutherford Rock started off great with Mr. James McGill who led our young and talented musicians to jam together. Space is still available if any musicians between the ages of 12-17-year-old are interested in playing with local professional artists!

Municipal Alliance:

Congratulations to the Pierrpont Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) graduates! To celebrate their amazing achievement, the Rutherford Municipal Alliance has purchased certificates, pencils, and cinch bags for everyone completing the program. Way to go!

55 Kip Center- Upcoming Events

55 Kip Center is offering an 11-week summer program starting June 8th -August 20 th featuring aerobics, body strengthening, belly dancercise, T'Ai Chi Chih. Spaces are limited. Call the center at 201-460-1600 or stop by the center for additional information. Mark your calendars now for the annual 55 Kip Center Gala on Friday, October 22, 2021. This year's theme will be "Casino Night!"

Stigma Free Committee

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Proud to Be Stigma Free Poster Contest. The submissions so far have been outstanding and show the incredible creativity and sensitivity of our middle grade students from across the district. Special "thanks" to Superintendent Hurley, Recreation Director Jessica Leczciano, and the entire Stigma Free committee for their work on bringing awareness to the issues surrounding the importance of good mental health and supporting a compassionate and accepting community. We look forward to displaying the submission in the glass entry of the Health Department and at BCB Bank on Park Avenue!

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Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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Did your child participate in the Youth Arts Banner program? If so, it's time to take yours home! Email me at mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com to schedule pick-up.

Councilman Tom Mullahey

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I'm proud to announce that 120 banners paying tribute to Rutherford's past and current Service Men and Women have been installed throughout the Borough, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. They will remain up through Veteran's Day.

Additionally, below are some interesting recent drone photos showing the progress of the new Police Headquarters we're all very excited to see finished.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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Rutherford Pride Alliance (RPA): The RPA is planning its third Pride flag raising in one week! 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 our door! 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 Repair Cafe. We appreciate the hard work of Brian Hanson-Harding and all the other committed members of the Rutherford Green Team Thank you to all the residents and community groups that took part.

Rutherford Civil Rights Commission (RCRC): The RCRC is in the process of planning a family-friendly movie night in Lincoln Park in July. Please be on the lookout for more information!

