

From the desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to start by addressing some of the items discussed at Tuesday's Mayor and Council meeting.

I have received feedback regarding the proposed temporary parking for Borough employees around Lincoln Park. I'd like you to know that after consideration, we will not pursue that option and will instead seek to issue employees parking placards allowing them to park in the same area while allowing regular use of the metered areas for the general public.

The employee parking was always intended to be temporary as the construction set to begin on the new police station would displace our current parking lot. Once construction ends, there will once again be parking available to employees on Borough Hall property. However, I certainly understand the concerns of the nearby businesses and residents and therefore will advise the Governing Body to not pursue that option. I will bring you updates on the building of the police station as they become available.

The 2020 Municipal Budget was officially passed. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into crafting a municipal budget, and I'd like Borough Chief Financial Officer Gordon Stelter, Business Administrator Robert Kakoleski and my colleagues on the Governing Body for all their efforts.

While we unfortunately have had to cancel the annual Labor Day Street Fair, it's my intention to have evenings of outdoor dining in Rutherford as soon as the Governor allows such gatherings and look forward to being announce such plans in the near future.

I'd like to join the Rutherford Pride Alliance in recognizing the start of Pride Month. While it's unfortunate we can't celebrate like we wish we could, the Pride Alliance will be hosting a watch party with a virtual flag raising on their Facebook and YouTube pages at 7pm on Monday, June 1. Please support their mission for LGBTQ+ inclusivity, visibility and advocacy in Rutherford. The Pride Alliance has also set up a display in the Coccia Community Window on Park Avenue.

As always, I'd like to thank Rutherford for being compassionate and responsible throughout the pandemic.

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We continue honoring our local heroes this Sunday afternoon with a caravan for residents who have been frontline healthcare workers during the pandemic. If you have a frontline healthcare in your life, be sure to thank them for their dedication to others. If you'd like to nominate a local hero, email jbagnuolo@rutherfordboronj.com.



Rutherford Health Department Nurses Janet Calhoun and Therese Hoff wait to receive their commendation from the Mayor at the May 17 Salute to Heroes.

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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The 55 Kip Center continues to support Seniors and our community through their HOME FRIENDS program. If you, or someone you know needs groceries, phone reassurance and/ or well checks call or email Cathy at 201-460-1600 / cathy@55kipcenter.org

Volunteers are needed to help with grocery shopping!

Thank you to our Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance Corps., Police Department, Borough Employees, and especially our Health Department! We are so thankful for your commitment to keeping our community safe.

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Councilman Mark Goldsack

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Finance

- **Resolution No. 91** - Amending the Municipal Budget - Passed - This resolution amends the 2020 municipal budget to include the following three grants totaling \$216,000; NJSEA Arbor Day Tree Grant (\$1,000), 2020 Census Grant (\$5,000), and NJDOT Transit Village Grant (\$210,000).

- **Resolution No. 92** - Adopting the 2020 Municipal Budget - Passed - This resolution officially adopts the 2020 Municipal Budget. I'd like to thank our CFO Gordon Stelter and our Business Administrator Robert Kakoleski for all of their hard work and dedication in crafting a budget that ensures that we will continue to deliver excellent services to our residents and also provides much needed investment in those assets that will allow us to deliver those services in the future. I'd like to also thank my Finance committee co-chair Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan, Mayor Nunziato and Council President Mullahey for all of their help and guidance throughout this process. Thank you to my all of council colleagues and especially all of our department heads who were faced with an unprecedented situation, had made difficult decisions and never lost sight of our collective goal of serving the residents of the Borough of Rutherford.

- **Resolution No. 93** - Police Building Project Labor Agreement - Passed - This authorizes the Borough to enter into a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with various labor organizations for the construction of the police building. These agreements are beneficial for projects in excess of \$5 million dollars as they set the terms and conditions of employment and ultimately help ensure more efficient project management.

- **Resolution No. 94** - Authorizes the Preparation and Mailing of Estimated Tax Bills - The State of New Jersey has not passed a FY2020 budget. As a result, the Bergen County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the Borough's tax rate however, in lieu of sending residents late tax bills, the law allows the Borough CFO and Tax Collector to compute estimates taxes for the purposes of mailing the bills in a timely manner.

Community Events

Cancelling Labor Day - Due to the current health crisis, a resolution was passed cancelling the Labor Day Street Fair. While we recognize that this decision is disappointing, and while we also recognize we, as a community, have done a tremendous job making sacrifices and doing what is necessary to combat COVID-19, we believe cancelling this event is the best course of action to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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Please participate in this important initiative created by Rutherford's Green Team.

In honor of Earth Day 2020 and the Rutherford Green Team's current work renewing the Borough's Sustainable Jersey Certification status, the Green Team has made a goal getting borough residents to participate in some challenges that collectively make an impact on the sustainability of our community. The Green Team has created 9 challenges to improve the sustainability in our community.

WHY?

Because the markets for recyclable materials (MRF) have fallen off in recent years, it is essential for borough residents to carefully scrutinize what can and what cannot recycle under the current system. It's not enough to go by intuition. Some plastic items cannot recycle even if they have the right number, but on the other hand, paper milk cartons, which didn't use to be recyclable, are now accepted by our MRF.

HOW?

- Visit the DPW page on the [Borough Website and review the latest guidance & Download the visual guide here](#)
- Download the Recycle Coach App - [recyclecoach.com](https://www.recyclecoach.com)
- Ask if you have any questions:

- DPW: 201-460-3000 x 4000 or dpw@rutherfordboronj.com

- Green Team:
greenteam@rutherfordnj.com or find us on Social Media.

Tell us what you've learned. Share it with friends and neighbors! #RutherfordGreenTeam #GreenChallenge07070 #Recycling07070

Council President Tom Mullahey

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At Tuesday's meeting, I made my second attempt to request the Mayor hire a full time zoning officer. Twice, the Council voted unanimously to post the position. Months ago, interviews were conducted by the department head and Borough Administrator and a recommendation was made.

I made a motion recommending the Mayor hire the desired pick but no one on the Council made a second. I will have it on my agenda as a discussion item for our next meeting.