

June 30, 2022

# The Rutherford REPORT

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**Borough Hall is closed Monday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.**

## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

Ordinarily I'd use this newsletter only to recap the most recent Council meeting but this week I feel to address a national issue, which I can't even believe is a topic of debate in 2022.

As Mayor I've rarely felt the need to voice my opinion on national politics. The governing body of a municipality is responsible for making sure the services residents pay for are rendered - that the streets are clean, economy thrives and we preserve a strong sense community. But in this case I feel the obligation to use whatever platform I have, however small, to speak up when a segment of our population has been stripped of their rights. I want to go on record to say I am personally appalled by the recent Supreme Court decision undoing the previously guaranteed personal and medical rights of women in the United States. A woman has a right to body autonomy whether she lives in Rutherford or Alabama.

There seems like there's a lot out of our control right now, when it comes to government. So I'll continue to focus on the things we can control here in Rutherford, to make it the best place we can for our community for this generation and the next. At Monday's meeting, Council voted to approve amendments to the Williams Center Theater District Redevelopment Plan. I support this decision and believe it's the right thing to do in order to give the vision put forth by Chuck Olivo and Native Development the best chance to thrive.

I am encouraged by the Green Team Committee's independent assessment that Native's development plans are incorporating many green/sustainable initiatives such as a green roof design to offset any impervious surface coverage and new stormwater management that improves on the current "sheet flow" runoff which currently exists at the site.

I will also continue to support all efforts to increase parking spaces and look toward creative solutions wherever we can to improve the health of our downtown. If you're bothered as much as I am about national events, I ask you all to focus on the positive efforts we can make happen locally, support our neighbors and

remember we can all make a positive impact on our community. In effort to help people new to Rutherford learn more about our community, I'm hosting an informal conversation on Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 for new residents to learn more what municipal government can do, how it works and what volunteer opportunities are available in Rutherford. [Sign up through RecDesk today](#) so we can get a head count for this first event of its kind and determine location based on interest.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend and hope to see you all at the Fireworks this weekend at Memorial Field .

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato

**Independence Day Events Moved to  
Sunday July 3rd**  
*Moved due to weather forecast*



**Fireworks @  
Memorial Field**

Sponsored by 

**Baby Parade @  
Lincoln Park**

Begins 10 am at 56 Elliot Place &  
travels to Lincoln Park

Sponsored by *Lightbridge Academy*

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## Thursday Evenings in July & August 8-10pm Lincoln Park

JUNE 30 <sup>TH</sup>	THE UNBROTHERS
JULY 7 <sup>TH</sup>	RUTHERFORD COMMUNITY BAND
JULY 14 <sup>TH</sup>	KIMON & THE PROPHETS
JULY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	STRING THEORY & BIG HOUSE
JULY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	ONE HIT WONDERERS
AUG 4 <sup>TH</sup>	ANDRES NIES BAND
AUG 11 <sup>TH</sup>	ELVIS & ELTON TRIBUTE
AUG 18 <sup>TH</sup>	MUSHMOUTH

**\*\*Rain Dates will be held on the following Monday, with the exception of the June 30th concert whose rain date is July 5th.**

**Council President Mark Goldsack**  
mgoldsack@rutherfordboronj.com

### **Fall Youth Soccer**

Registration Opens July 1st

Closes August 30

Play begins 2nd week of September

Rutherford offers Recreation Soccer for children in grades K - 8

**Councilman Ray Guzmán**  
rguzman@rutherfordboronj.com

### **DPW & Green Team Liaison**

I'd like to thank the DPW and Green Team for hosting a very successful Shred Day and Styrofoam Collection this past Saturday at the DPW facility. An estimated 25 households participated in the styrofoam collection and approximately 6,100 pounds of paper was shredded. I'm looking forward to more collaborative events like this that help our residents dispose of materials safely and responsibly.

I'd also like to thank the Green Team for another successful event, their Composting Workshop, earlier in June. As a result of the workshop 5 residents purchased composters in an effort to be more environmentally friendly.

Please join the Green Team on Monday, July 11th for their next Family Bike Ride with the Mayors Wellness Committee. The ride will start from Felician University and will take an approximately 2 mile loop.

**Councilman Matthew Cokeley**  
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**Youth Arts Banners** - If your child participated in the Youth Arts Banner program, you can now pick up your child's banner at 261 Santiago Ave. I'd like to thank the Arts Council and DPW for their collaborative effort once again which allowed Rutherford's children to see their artwork on display throughout town.

### **Rutherford Fire Department**

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). 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/>

Rutherford Day   
9/24/2022

**Rutherford will host its 2nd Annual Rutherford Day on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 12-6 pm at Memorial Field.**

The Borough is planning on having live music, a beer garden, kids' activities, food trucks and ample space for Rutherford community groups to showcase all they do.

We are currently in the planning stages of this event. If you're a member of a community group that would like to participate in Rutherford Day, [please fill out this survey, also found under "Upcoming Events" on the Borough website, by Aug. 1st to guarantee your space.](#)