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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to congratulate the members of Rutherford Chamber of Commerce for the great strides they've made in the past two years to revitalize and strengthen that organization.

At Monday's meeting, Second Vice President Tom LaTourrette spoke to the Council and myself about all the great new initiatives the Chamber of Commerce has been working on. It's important we recognize the amount of work it takes for any group of volunteers to create, organize and implement plans for the betterment of Rutherford, and I've had the fortune to watch this group do just.

With President Dan Meredith at the helm, the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce has launched initiatives including a discount program, E-Gift cards for local businesses and are holding regular meet and greets.

Most recently, the Chamber has been working with resident Matt Ackermann to help promote Rutherford businesses through his "[Off The Kids' Menu](#)" YouTube project where children are invited to meet owners and learn about their businesses.

I'd like to applaud Dan and his entire team for taking on the task of finding ways to support our local businesses, when they needed it most following a pandemic. As I told Tom on Monday, their work ethic and determination is really doing the Borough justice. I'm really excited about where this Chamber is going and look forward to what it will accomplish in the future, especially the return of the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade on November 26th.

Check out their website, rutherfordnj.town or follow them on Facebook, @rutherfordchamberofcommerce to stay current on all their activity.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato



3rd quarter property taxes are due August 1st- August 10th. After August 10th, interest will accrue.

Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Avenue entrance, or the online portal through the Borough website.



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

JULY 28TH ONE HIT WONDERERS
AUG 4TH ANDRES NIES BAND
AUG 11TH ELVIS & ELTON TRIBUTE
AUG 18TH MUSHMOUTH
AUG 25TH KIMON & THE PROPHETS

****Rain Dates will be held on the following Monday**

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.](#)

Arts in Rutherford Survey
By the Borough of Rutherford Arts Committee

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Recreation:

Fall Youth Soccer

Registration Open now through August 30

Play begins 2nd week of September [Grades K-8](#)

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2022 CROSS COUNTRY OPENS

AUGUST 1st!

For Grades 2-8

Days of the Week: Mondays & Wednesdays

Dates: September 12th-October 26th Times: 6:00-7:00pm

Locations: Meet at Tryon Field Gate

Register at <https://rutherfordnj.recdesk.com/Community/Home> starting August 1st.

Shade Tree Commission

Please see the valuable information regarding the spotted lanternfly on the following page.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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Two weeks ago, our community came together, collectively, physically, and emotionally in response to a difficult tragedy. It reminds me how much I love our town. Our town is a family, and we take care of each other when we need it the very most, and one cannot ask for more. I want to thank our Mayor and colleagues on the council, the Board of Education, and all our borough departments for the way in which they supported our community last week. I especially want to thank our police department, fire department, and EMTs for their heroism in the face of such a difficult circumstance. I am so grateful for the professionalism, knowledge, and passion they put into their work. I also want to thank our volunteer committee for working behind the scenes to create a vigil that was so needed in our close-knit community.

I wish you all a safe summer as you spend time with your loved ones.

Councilman Ray Guzmán

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DPW

I'd like to thank Chris Seidler and his team at the DPW for the quick responses and clean up during last our two storms. Your commitment to quick action is certainly appreciated.

Councilman Tom Mullahey

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Police Liaison:

I'd like to welcome aboard our newest recruit, Ryan Arnold, who was sworn in on July 9, 2022. Ryan will wear badge #103 and will begin his academy session on Friday July 22, 2022. Graduation will be towards the end of December 2022.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank the RPD, RFD, Ambulance Corp, DPW and their dedication to our community at during a very difficult start to Summer.

Councilman Matthew Cokeley

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When I was 9 years old, I returned from a sleepover to a house full of strangers & neighbors only to discover that my parents were at the hospital with my 3-year old sister. When they returned later that night without her, our world was forever altered. What happened in the days, weeks, months and years since can only be described as a journey. One that continues to this day.

I refer to this moment in my life in order to express the value of community in times of tragedy. Friday, July 8th was a devastating moment in our Borough. One that has altered our families & community forever.

And while the journey will never be easy nor will it ever recede entirely, the strangers in the room, neighbors at the vigil, or those who send meals and collect funds to aid the families directly affected by this tragedy make their journey one of healing.

In the days and weeks to come, I ask that we, as strangers and neighbors, remember our role on this journey and pay homage to those directly affected by being grateful in our engagements with others.

I personally offer my sincere gratitude to our first responders & mutual aides who trained endlessly prior to and worked tirelessly during to begin this phase of our collective journey. Your efforts and dedication to us as a community are a constant marvel to me.

In closing, I would like to touch on something I regularly share with members of our exceptional fire department. The concept of "No one does this job alone" is intended to keep our families, friends and community at the forethought of all we do and remind us that we are not alone on this journey regardless of how empty & lonely it might feel at times. Thank you.

How To Identify & Kill Spotted Lantern Flies



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From the Rutherford Shade Tree Commission

The Spotted Lanternfly is one of the most destructive pests that eat up flowers, vegetable plants, crops, fruits and almost any plant that comes its way. Though they don't bite, they can make it difficult for people to stay in infested outdoor areas.

Spotted lanternflies are a real nuisance for garden and yard owners. However, there are some natural, safe and effective methods to get rid of them without using harsh chemicals.

You can make a homemade spotted lanternfly spray using any combination of natural ingredients effective at repelling these pests.

Natural repellents include:

- Vinegar filled in a spray bottle
- Neem oil spray and traps
- Tea tree oil, peppermint essential oil or lavender oil to water and spray the solution
- Equal amounts Dawn dish soap & water in a spray bottle
- Mix dish soap with apple cider vinegar in a mason jar and stir properly. Place this jar wherever you spot the bugs.

What Attracts Spotted Lanternflies?

Spotted lanternflies are attracted to a wide variety of host plants and trees and their preferences keep changing with their lifecycle. Nymphs, for example, feed on almost any host plant while adult bugs target specific trees. There are more than 65 species of plants that spotted lanternflies can feed on, including fruit trees like blueberries, vines like grapes, vegetables and even ornamental trees such as Lilac. Nymphs of spotted lanternflies are attracted to Tree of Heaven, Maple, Willow, Apple, Grapevine, Pine, Cherries, Plums and other fruit trees and others. Adults are typically attracted to the Tree of Heaven and Willow. Spotted lanternflies are also attracted to common Milkweed so planting more of these trees can help keep them at bay. These insects don't know that it is poisonous, so they feed on them and get killed. The poisonous sap also slows them down so that they are easier to destroy.

Tree of Heaven and Grape Vines are the most popular hosts for SLF.

If you see Tree of Heaven saplings please remove and kill and SLF that maybe on the plant.

<https://nysipm.cornell.edu/environment/invasive-species-exotic-pests/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly-ipm/biology-life-cycle-identification-and-dispersion/>



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