

From the desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

On Thursday I had the privilege of attending the grand opening of Rutherford's newest business, ONDUBU, at 73 Park Ave. I'd like to take this opportunity to formally welcome the Park family to our Downtown. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to our community and offer ONDUBU the strong support for this small business that Rutherford is known for.

At Monday's Mayor and Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to reject the amendments to the Agnew Place Redevelopment Plan ordinance. I'm proud of our Council for hearing the residents' concerns and acting accordingly. I truly believe this vote illustrated that all our elected officials understand how the decisions we make affect the Borough as a whole.

There have always been, and will always be, tough choices to make that not everyone agrees on. It's my wish that our residents continue to educate themselves with facts and discuss topics *respectfully and civilly*. Every day we attempt to make good, educated decisions on behalf of the Borough based on all the information available to us. Sometimes only pieces of that information makes its way to social media and causes inaccurate reactions and conclusions.

Please remember that we are all working together to preserve the most important part of Rutherford - community.

For my part, I pledge to present information as it becomes available using the many avenues of communication we have created over these past few months. I know people cannot make informed opinions if they don't understand governmental process or procedure. I will continue to help residents understand how decisions are made and it's my hope that residents will continue to listen.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato

Chief Russo would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and to not leave key fobs in their cars.

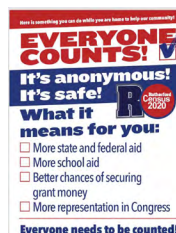
There has been an increase in stolen cars throughout the area. Please be mindful of your car at all times.



This week Borough installed an 8ft wide digital sign board for current news and events!

VOTE Election Information:

Please check the Borough website for important details about the upcoming general election.



Census Deadline September 30th!

Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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The Access for All Rutherford Committee will be participating in the South Bergen County AFA Zoom Forum hosted by Rutherford Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan and Hasbrouck Heights Councilman Chris Hillman on Monday, October 5th at 7pm. Details regarding the zoom call will be available on the Borough website. The topics being discussed will be Supportive Housing for the uniquely-abled and workforce development. All are welcome.

REC

Check out the new Child & Adult Fall Craft Classes from the Rec Department!

Councilman Mark Goldsack

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Ordinance 3528-20 (Agnew Amendment) - On Monday night, the Mayor and Council unanimously defeated the proposed amendments to the redevelopment plan for Agnew Place. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our residents for their dedication to the community that WE ALL love. As your elected representatives, it is our job to explore every opportunity that comes before us to determine whether or not it would be best for the Borough, not only in the short term, but in the future as well. It is your job as residents monitor the items that are before the Mayor and Council, to engage us in civil discourse about these items, and for us to come to a collective decision about what is best for the Borough. We will not always agree, and that is perfectly natural and acceptable. Disagreement breeds compromise, and compromise, via civil discourse, is the best example of good government. Please note, although the amendments were defeated, a redevelopment plan approved for six stories and 140 units still remains in effect. We will continue to explore how best to move forward with this particular area of town. Please be sure to continue to monitor our agendas and reach out to us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Shade Tree Commission - will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm. Please see the Borough calendar for details.

Planning Board - Met on 9/2. One application was approved that allowed for the combination of a portion of property located at 23 West Passaic Avenue that was recently purchased by the Borough to be combined with an existing lot already owned by the Borough (lot where Borough Hall is located). This was done in anticipation of the construction of the new police building.

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson

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What I love about Rutherford

At a recent council meeting, residents shared their reasons for living in a small town like Rutherford. I have been thinking lately about my reasons for living in this town. I appreciate the close-knit community, the walkability, the historic houses, the growing diversity, and Rutherford Public Schools.

My children started in person learning two weeks ago after being at home since March. I am seeing the difficulty some other school systems around the country are experiencing in reopening schools in the midst of a pandemic. This is new terrain for all of us who work in education. I am grateful to Rutherford Public Schools. I am thankful for the principals, vice principals, teachers, Superintendent Hurley, and the Rutherford Board of Education for thoughtfully planning a successful reopening. Their hard work and dedication is paying off. It is apparent that the health, safety, and physical and emotional well-being of our children were considered in the reopening. My children are very happy to be back at school. I wish Rutherford Public Schools success as the school year progresses!

Councilman Ray Guzman

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At the Mayor and Council meeting, I announced that a new selection process for appointments to Borough boards, commissions and committees is being established.

At the start of each year appointments are made by our Mayor. These groups contribute to the fabric of our community through hard work of resident volunteers who give their time and expertise to a number of topics.

In order to find the most knowledgeable and well suited residents for these appointed positions, this fall Councilman Goldsack and I will be creating a process by which interested residents can apply to fill open seats.

There will be a limited number of open positions on each committee, board or commission, but our goal is to create a collection of residents eager and able to fill them when available.

I'll provide more details on the application process in the next month or so. Councilman Goldsack and I look forward to meeting residents interested in serving Rutherford through this new process.



**DINING OUT
RUTHERFORD**

Wednesdays & Thursdays!
Rain dates will be announced as necessary

5-10pm

Through October 1!