

September 30, 2022

# The Rutherford REPORT

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## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

First, I'd like to thank everyone for making the 2nd Annual Rutherford Day a great success. I'd especially like to congratulate the Rutherford Fire Department in their 18-16 victory over the Police Department in what I hope will be many FD vs PD Softball Games at Rutherford Day. I know a lot of people who are looking forward to the intensity of next year's game!

Thank you to the Rec Department, DPW, Police and PIO Kim Bogosian for coordinating to make the day a great event for Rutherford families.

I'm excited to announce that we will soon begin work on the much needed upgrades to Clara's Tunnel. Some newer Rutherfordians may not recognize the name, but for decades "Clara's Tunnel" is what we've called the covered walk way between Park Avenue and the Kip Garage. Its refers to Clara's Bridal Shop, that once existed above the tunnel where FireShaper Yoga is now. This is actually an important thoroughfare between Park Avenue and parking at the Kip Garage that we'd like people to utilize more. A good portion of the funding will come from a transportation grant. We will improve the lighting, add security cameras and give the tunnel an overall facelift in order to make it a friendlier and more inviting area to walk.

One particular component of interest will include display cases for artwork. I'd like to thank the Arts Committee, under the leadership of Katie Pippin and Eddie Narucki, for working with my office to create a policy to determine exactly how to implement an arts component in the tunnel. More details to come but I believe this is a good first step in making the arts become a more visible part of the fabric of Rutherford. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this work may temporarily cause. We anticipate it to be completed before the winter.

Speaking of Park Ave, I'm sad to say we've had to cancel the Dining Out Grand Finale and the concert from Super TransAm. But I would like to thank everyone for supporting this event this year and look forward to doing it again next year.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato

The October 1st Farmers Market,  
Dining Out Grand Finale and Concert are  
**CANCELLED DUE TO THE  
WEATHER FORECAST**



Throw it away?  
No Way!

REPAIR CAFE



Saturday, October 1

Rutherford Public Library Auditorium

Rear entrance of the library -  
Venue moved due to weather forecast

12-4pm  
(last repair 3:30)

HEALTH

### Breast/Chest/Pap Screening

Saturday October 19 4:00pm

Appointments Required! Call 201-460-3020 or visit

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/>

### Blood Screening

Saturday October 22 7:00-9:00am

Appointments Required! Call 201-460-3020 or visit

<https://www.rutherfordboronj.com/departments/health/>

BOROUGH  
CLERK

### Bergen County Poll Workers Needed for Election Day!

Poll workers earn \$300 on Election Day, Nov 8th.

You can apply to serve as a poll worker in New Jersey if you:  
Are a United States citizen and a resident of New Jersey.  
Are a registered voter in the county in which you reside.  
Are not running as a candidate in this election.  
Are at least 18 years of age.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS at 201-336-6225 or  
elections@co.bergen.nj.us

MANDATORY TRAINING CLASS PROVIDED

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### Recreation Liaison:

#### Halloween Activities!

Mark your calendars for our annual Halloween festivities!

- **Halloween House Decorating Contest** -  
REGISTRATION OPENS VIA RECDESK MONDAY OCT 3rd - 19th
- **Jack-O-Lantern Photo Contest** - Submit a photo and description of your Jack-O-Lantern with your name, ages and carvers by October 26th to rutherfordrecontest@rutherfordboronj.com
- **Purple Pumpkin Pursuit** - Search Rutherford for the prized purple pumpkin and win a prize! Dates of pursuits: 10/23 & 10/24
- **Ragamuffin Parade** - Saturday, October 29th 10am  
REGISTRATION OPENS VIA RECDESK MONDAY OCT 3rd
- **8th Annual Halloween Spooktacular** -  
Saturday, October 29th 4-8pm Tryon Field

**Councilman Tom Mullahey**  
tmullahey@rutherfordboronj.com

**Police Liaison:** On October 5, 2022 the Rutherford Police Department will host Coffee with a Cop!

Lincoln Park / Hutzal Memorial Band Shell

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 / 8-10AM

Giveaways including a LOL Yards Sign Gift Certificate valued at \$150.00.

Meet the Nurses of your local Health Department.  
Free Blood Pressure Checks.

Giveaways for all ages.  
Sponsored by Rutherford PBA Local 300

### Health Liaison:

On Friday March 18th, 2022 the Borough began reporting COVID cases weekly instead of daily. As we have continued to monitor the spread of COVID through the town and region, we have decided to no longer report local cases. Rutherford case counts have proportionally followed Bergen County case counts. For continued monitoring of the spread of COVID in the region we suggest following Bergen County information through the State of New Jersey reporting site, or sites such as Covid Act Now.

The Rutherford health department will continue monitoring COVID-19 cases. In the event that the numbers do not align with Bergen County, a notification will be sent out to the Rutherford residents.

**Councilman Ray Guzmán**  
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### Green Team Liaison:

Tomorrow's Repair Cafe with the Green Team has been moved to the Rutherford Public Library Auditorium due to the impending weather forecast. Please access the Auditorium through the rear entrance of the Library via the garden area.  
Throw It Away? No Way! Visit [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org) for more info.

**Councilman Matthew Cokeley**  
mcokeley@rutherfordboronj.com

### Arts Committee

Calling all young musicians - the Rutherford Arts Committee is excited to announce Battle of the Bands at the Williams Center on Sunday, October 23rd! For more information visit [rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/2022/09/12/battle-of-the-bands](http://rutherfordboronj.com/departments/recreation/2022/09/12/battle-of-the-bands)

### Rutherford Fire Department

On Friday, September 23rd, the Rutherford Fire Department responded to a working house fire on West Newell. The fire was sparked by power lines rubbing against the gutters of the home and ignited within the walls of the home. This specific scenario was described by the Chief of Police as "chasing a ghost" due to the inability to see the source of the fire.

Our Bravest, working in conjunction with our shared services partners of Lyndhurst FD, Carlstadt FD, Wallington FD and East Rutherford FD, safely & efficiently put the emergency to rest while the evacuated, single resident and I watched from across the street with her kind & caring neighbor and Councilwoman McGowan.

It was an incredibly impressive sight to behold in person and I want to thank each and every member of our responding departments for their service. Especially, our own Mark Gentile who returned to the structure twice once the situation was resolved to retrieve the homeowner's purse and medication bag in an added effort to put her mind at ease during this tragedy. He even advised the resident to have her medications replaced due to the damage smoke can cause.  
Thank you again, sir.

I am relaying this story as I have been honored & privileged to serve as our department's Commissioner for the last 21 months. I have witnessed many similar, selfless acts by all members of our volunteer force in that time. I have also come to learn how our shared service agreement works and how our men, women and their families are "compensated" for their dedication. It has also come to my attention through regular data that our department specifically responds to almost 3-times as many calls in any given year as other local departments while being compensated roughly one third of what other municipalities allow for as a volunteer force.

In the coming weeks, I will be working with the heads of the Rutherford Fire Department, the Mayor, Borough Administrator and my council colleagues to introduce an ordinance which will bring our department's compensation structure in line with those fire departments around us because these men, women and their families deserve more than just a thank you for their service.