

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

At last week's meeting, we heard from one of our professionals, Brian Chewcaskie of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs spoke to the affordable housing requirements Rutherford is currently navigating. This is a complicated and complex issue and it's important to remember that Rutherford isn't the only town dealing with this topic, as it is a state mandated initiative spanning decades. At the meeting there were questions about the impact to specific properties and I felt Mr. Chewcaskie did an excellent job of not only explaining the topic as it relates to the properties in question, but also a broader history of affordable housing in the state of New Jersey.

I encourage all residents to learn more about affordable housing requirements, and you can start by watching Mr. Chewcaskie's discussion on our YouTube Channel. This link takes you to his introduction at 26 minutes into the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/live/rTYnLZ-MoCt0?si=2S270ayBJaB1MVRm&t=1587>

As Mr. Chewcaskie said, "Rutherford is not unique - Fair Share Housing Center filed more than 400 challenges to housing elements Fair Share planned throughout the state."

To summarize, Rutherford has no plans to build on the sites mentioned. We are simply following state statute to be compliant with current affordable housing requirements. If anyone did decide to develop these properties, they are still required to go through the land use process and appear before one of our boards. All New Jersey municipalities are going through the same process as we are for affordable housing compliance by the March 15th deadline.

- Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato

VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
THE RUTHERFORD SHADE TREE COMMISSION PRESENTS



Rutherford TreeFest '26

An Arbor Day Craft & Food Festival celebrating the Borough of Trees

Saturday, April 25th 2026
12-6 pm • Lincoln Park

Hosted by  Rutherford Civil Rights Commission with Guest Speaker **Diego Gonzalez Cordero**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

TUESDAY,
MARCH 24th
7:00 PM

@ The Council Chambers of
RUTHERFORD
BOROUGH HALL

WHEN IT COMES TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Staying Informed and Keeping Our Communities Safe by Understanding the Facts in NJ. This Presentation is Open to Immigrants, Allies, and Rutherford Community Members.

UNDERSTAND HOW TO BE PREPARED IF YOU ARE AN IMMIGRANT, WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW IF YOU ENCOUNTER ICE, AND WHAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF AS AN ALLY

Reminder to Homeowners: **SHORT-TERM RENTALS ARE PROHIBITED IN RUTHERFORD**

- **Violations are subject to maximum fines of \$1,250 compounded every day the space is occupied as a short term rental**
- **Borough Officials monitor short-term rental websites and related social media for Rutherford homeowners advertising their property**
- **Borough Officials routinely investigate complaints filed about potential short-term rentals**
- **Basements and attics, as well as all accessory structures (garages, poolhouses and sheds) are prohibited from being used as rental spaces**

Ordinance Number 3473-18, Chapter 96A Short-Term Rental Property, was adopted by the Borough in 2018 and can be found here:

<https://ecode360.com/33940319>

What kinds of rentals are allowed in Rutherford?
Residential rentals are permitted when a tenant has signed a 30-day (minimum) lease and the landlord has registered the rental property with the Zoning Department:
201-460-3042 • zoning@rutherfordboronj.com

Unregulated living conditions can pose dangerous safety hazards.
Proper registration of living spaces protects the health, safety and welfare of anyone staying in Rutherford.