

Borough Hall will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday

From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

As we come out of a long, cold winter, there's a lot of good news and events happening in Rutherford. I'd like to thank the Green Team for securing Rutherford's status as a "Healthy Town" in 2025 with the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. A special shout out is deserved by Green Team volunteers Cynthia Chovan-Dalton and Julia Siegel. They spent months working with our department heads to collect data on the many things Rutherford offers that affect and positively impact residents' quality of life.

A factor in our "Healthy Town" status is improvement to parks. One of those improvements is the recently completed brand new gazebo in Lincoln Park. Half of the costs of this steel frame gazebo were funded by an Bergen County Open Space grant. I'd like to thank everyone who worked on this project - from funding acquisition to completion of construction.

On another note, I've been in touch with Rabbi Yitzchok Lerman of Congregation Beth-El, who I'm sure you'll remember lost their synagogue on Montross Avenue in a fire last summer. I'm happy to announce there are currently plans underway for a "Rebuild and Reconnect" event that all Rutherfordians will be invited to attend and learn about the congregation's plans for the future. Rabbi Lerman asked I share how appreciative he and his congregation have been of the outpouring of support from Rutherford. Details will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars for May 26th for an uplifting, fun and unique evening!

- Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato



The Borough of Rutherford
cordially invites you to celebrate
Women's History Month
with
Words of Women
March 31, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Rutherford Borough Hall - Council Chambers
176 Park Ave

As we close out Women's History Month, in celebration of the hearts and minds of women that inspire us, please join us for public readings (or singing) of works by or about women that inspire you. All are welcome to read or just listen. All ages welcome so please bring your children!

Styrofoam Collection
with & Green Team Committee
The Rutherford Department of Public Works
Saturday, April 11, 2026
9:00am - 1:00pm rain or shine
DPW Headquarters, 220 Highland Cross
This event is open to Rutherford Residents Only, proof of ID required.

FREE Rabies Clinic
Saturday, March 28th
10:00am-12:00pm Mortimer Ave Firehouse - 400 Mortimer Ave
Dog & Cat Licenses Available for \$7.00
Blood Screening Saturday, April 18th
7:00 am-9:00 am Rutherford Health Dept 184 Park Avenue
Payment in the exact amount is required during your visit.
Please make checks payable to Excell Labs.
For more information, please contact the Public Health Nurses at 201-460-3020

Councilwoman Christie Del Rey-Cone
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Hello neighbors. Thank you to the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission for hosting a robust and informative Know Your Rights session this week. It was well-attended with guests that were engaged and inquisitive. Special thanks to our speaker, Diego Gonzalez Cordero from the Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project and to Chief John Russo of the Rutherford PD for providing guidance in response to our residents' questions. The Civil Rights Commission will provide access to the resources shared at the event for anyone who missed it or wants to save them. I am aware that residents want to do more to help those being most affected by broader governmental changes - so do I. Opportunities to help come in all sorts of ways requiring various types of effort. Activism has many play-books. Please know I am open to collaboration and I admire those in our community focused on continuing whatever effort they can manage. Have a wonderful weekend.

Teterboro Airport Announces Open Forum Series Beginning Tuesday, March 31st

Format: Virtual Meeting Tuesday March 31, 2026, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

To attend the meeting, please complete their online registration form at <https://forms.office.com/r/dz5F4LEfWU>.

These sessions will be held in a virtual format on a quarterly basis, making them easily accessible to residents across all surrounding communities.

The Open Forum series will offer residents:

- In-depth presentations on aircraft flight operations and aviation noise topics
- Regular airport activity updates
- An expanded open discussion period allowing participants to ask questions, share concerns, and provide community feedback directly to the Noise Office team

Rutherford Earns "Healthy Town" Designation for 2025 from the NJ Health Care Quality Institute!



Borough of Rutherford has advanced from Healthy Town Up-and-Coming to Healthy Town in 2025 for its commitment to expanding preventive care and strengthening community recreation.

Rutherford launched a Child Health Clinic that provides vaccines and essential health services for uninsured and underinsured families through a shared services partnership. The borough also actively uses resident feedback to guide improvements to parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities, creating more accessible spaces for physical activity across the community.

Thanks to members of the Green Team for their diligent work on the application in partnership with many department heads!

Additional Safety Sticks on Park & Union Avenues

Recently, we have installed additional "Safety Sticks" on Park and Union Avenues. This is in addition to the sticks installed late last year on Park Ave. A "Safety Stick" is a municipal parking enforcement device used to monitor and deter illegal parking 24/7/365 in critical areas. Illegally parked vehicles pose a threat to vehicular and pedestrian safety. These devices take pictures of illegally parked vehicles and transmit them to the Rutherford Police Department. This includes "stopping" and "standing" in prohibited "No Parking" areas. Once a violation is confirmed, parking summonses are mailed to the vehicle's owner.

Vehicles illegally parked at yellow curbs near crosswalks, fire hydrants and intersections obstruct traffic sight lines which creates a safety hazard for pedestrians crossing the streets and for motorists making turns. Obey all posted signs and road markings indicating a "No Parking" area. The Rutherford Police Department is committed to providing a safe community for all but we need everyone's help.



VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ON RECDSEK!

Rutherford TreeFest '26

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



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

PRESENTED BY THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION