



## From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

At Monday's meeting, my colleagues and I issued a Proclamation declaring June 5, 2026, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Rutherford. I'd like to thank Councilman Dennis Mazone for further highlighting the topic and ask you read his submission on the following page as he articulated the meaning of the day better than I could have.

As you look through this newsletter, you'll see there that Rutherford is about to get very busy with events of all kinds. As we approach the scheduled World Cup matches, I want residents to know that we made the deliberate decision to limit all large-scale Borough events to non-match days so our police and other resources can channel all their energies and staffing to meet our needs.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this unprecedented time in our area, as it will come with increased traffic congestion and heightened public safety demands among other issues. With that said, we still have many amazing events planned for our community that I'm looking forward to, and hope you are too. I'd also like to thank all the residents who have volunteered to be translators should visitors need assistance during this time!

- Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato

## Rutherford Green Team Events

### Community Garden Party

West Erie Ave between Grand & Jackson

June 13 9:00-12:00pm (Rain Date June 14)

Come check out the Rutherford Community Garden! Visit with the Green Team, have a cup of coffee and a treat and learn about composting, pollinator plants, birding, mosquito prevention and more. Plus a craft for the kids!

### Bike Rides to Pierrepont School

Fridays through June 19

<https://bit.ly/RutherfordBikeBus>



## Primary Election Information

2026 NJ Primary Election

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Polls Open 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information visit the

Voter Information page on the Borough Website

Please be advised of road closures around Lincoln Park between 9am - 7pm on Saturday, June 6th for the South Bergen Pride Fest

## DINING OUT RUTHERFORD

One Special Night in June!

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

featuring:

On-Street Dining 6-10pm

3 vs 3 Street Soccer Tournament 5-9pm

Rutherford Chamber of Commerce

Vendors

Live Music & Entertainment

Felician University with an information table, prizes and a special guest!

Rutherford Green Team



Big thanks to our partner organizations:



Dining Out Street Closures, Music & Entertainment Sponsored by:



Park Avenue & part of Ames Ave will be closed to vehicular traffic. Bikes and scooters prohibited.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 18th.



### Councilman Dennis Mazone dmazone@rutherfordboronj.com

At the May 26, 2026, Borough Council meeting, the Mayor and Council issued a proclamation declaring June 5, 2026, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Rutherford. This day honors and remembers victims and survivors of gun violence while supporting efforts to prevent future tragedies.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day also marks the beginning of Wear Orange Weekend, taking place June 5-7. The event is held annually in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old girl who was tragically shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, just one week after performing at President Obama's second inaugural parade. Following her death, Hadiya's friends chose to honor her memory by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

In support of this effort, community members are encouraged to wear orange June 5-7 and share photos on social media using the hashtag #WearOrange.

For more information, visit [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org).

### [rutherfordboronj.com/upcoming-events](http://rutherfordboronj.com/upcoming-events)

## Fireworks @ Memorial Park Sunday June 28th

Fireworks proudly sponsored by:



A full night of activities to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary!

Food Trucks - Bounce Houses - Beer Garden

DJ and music begin at 5pm

Fireworks begin approximately 9pm

**Cornhole Tournament**  
hosted by the Rutherford Education Foundation  
Scan here to pre-register:



Farmers Market Returns  
Wednesday July 1st!  
Wednesdays & Saturdays  
Through October 31st



Thursdays  
Beginning  
July 9th through  
August 20th

### Proclamation

#### NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, gun violence remains a significant public health and safety issue in the United States, where nearly 123 people are killed, and more than 200 are wounded by firearms each day, contributing to an average of over 19,000 gun-related homicides annually; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, approximately 400 people lose their lives to gun violence each year, representing a serious public safety crisis and a significant public health and financial burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, gun violence continues to impact communities across the nation, including incidents of mass shootings, homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS, although recent data suggest that gun violence and homicide rates have declined in 2024 and 2025, the issue remains a significant concern requiring sustained prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, gun violence disproportionately impacts certain communities and urban areas, requiring targeted, evidence-based intervention and prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns across the nation, including Rutherford, are working to end senseless violence through community-based and evidence-driven solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among the highest responsibilities of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, support for Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with efforts to prevent access to firearms by individuals who may pose a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and law enforcement are uniquely positioned to understand and address the specific public safety needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and in recognition of what would have been her 29th birthday (June 2, 2026), people across the United States will observe National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to her, to all victims of gun violence, and to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, this movement was inspired by Hadiya's friends, who chose the color orange because it symbolizes the value of human life and is worn by hunters for safety; and

WHEREAS, individuals across the country can participate by wearing orange on the first Friday in June each year to raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange, Americans raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reducing gun violence, promoting responsible gun ownership, and keeping our communities and children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Frank Nuzzato, Mayor of the Borough of Rutherford, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5th, 2026, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day and I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human life.

  
Mayor Frank Nuzzato  
May 9, 2026



### Eagle Scout Project: Walkway & Seating For American Legion Post 109

Troop 166 Scout Calder Allshouse is doing his Eagle Scout Project to benefit Post 109 with a walkway! This wonderful endeavor affords our community to show their support by being able to have a brick engraved for posterity.

Your purchase of a personalized brick supports veterans, local scouting programs and raises awareness around veterans' mental health. Calder plans to build a space that reflects service, community, and remembrance with fund-raising by selling engraved bricks. For more information visit the Borough website or

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/buy-a-brick-for-the-post-and-support-scouting>

