THE Rutherford REPORT

October 16th, 2026

THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD NEW JERSEY

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From the Desk of Mayor Frank Nunziato

I'd like to start by thanking everyone involved for creating an amazing Rutherford Day as well as the tremendous support and enthusiasum the community brings to it year after year! I'd especially like to thank County Executive Jim Tedesco and County Commissioners for attending Rutherford Day where they shared the amazing news that the County is giving us $141,793 in funds for additional improvements to Memorial Park!

As you can see, we are heading into a busy month in the Borough of Trees! I'd like to thank all the volunteers and employees who work tirelessly to create these experiences for our residents. Nothing happens by magic. Every event you see listed here - whether it be a clinic that creates access to healthcare or a fun and free day out for the whole community - they all require not just an incredible amount of hard work but also a thorough understanding of what Rutherford residents want and need.

I hope you'll take advantage of these events and services as well as share the information with your neighbors. We're fortunate to live in a community where we have many opportunities to get together in person, which seems increasingly rare these days. I know I look forward to our busier event seasons and I hope you do too!

Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato

Mayor Nunziato and Borough Council presented St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with proclamation to celebrate their 100 years of service in Rutherford.

Clara's Tunnel Temporary Closure

Please be advised that Clara's Tunnel will be closed from Wednesday October 21 through Saturday, October 24 for maintenance ahead of the winter.

Health Department

Call 201-460-3020 for appointments

Blood Screening: Saturday, October 24th 7-9am
Rutherford Health Department
184 Park Avenue

Flu Clinic 19 years +: Monday, October 26th 4-6pm
18 years and under Contact Public Health Nurse -
By Appointment Only

Please have your insurance card ready.
If you have no insurance the vaccine will be free. Limited Vaccines available.
No appointment required if you are over 18 years old
For more information or to speak to the Public Health Nurse Call 201-460-3020.
In Association with: Dr. Jill Garripoli-Pedalino

Tax Collector

Fourth quarter property taxes are due November 1st with a grace period to November 10th.

Payments can be made via US mail, the drop box located to the left of the Donaldson Avenue entrance, or the online portal through the Borough website. Please note: payments should be made prior to 4:00pm. If received after 4:00pm on November 10th, payments will be processed on the next business day (November 12th) and interest will apply.
Borough Offices will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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Council President Stephanie McGowan

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and as your Councilwoman, I want to take this moment to celebrate the incredible talents, skills, and perspectives that neighbors with disabilities bring to our local workforce. True community means ensuring that everyone has a seat at the table and an equal opportunity to thrive. Unfortunately, too many of our talented neighbors still face an uphill battle, with the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities remaining double that of those without. We cannot afford to leave this vital part of our community on the sidelines.

To tackle this gap together, here are some simple ways to help Rutherford move from simple awareness to active, everyday engagement:

Support Inclusive Local Businesses: I encourage our local business owners to partner with county vocational rehabilitation programs. Let's make our town a hub for competitive, integrated hiring!

Advocate for Accessibility: We must continue prioritizing accessible public spaces, reliable local transit, and inclusive community events so that getting to and from work is never a barrier. Thank you to Access for All Rutherford for championing this work for the past 10 years!

Open Doors Through Mentorship: Join me in offering mentorship and internship opportunities designed to welcome young adults with disabilities into our local economy. Internships in small businesses and in our organizations throughout town are an amazing way to build inclusivity, expand horizons, and have fun!

Valuing everyone's abilities makes us all stronger. Let's unite to create and support opportunities for EVERY resident in Rutherford.

Rutherford's HALLOWEEN 2026

RUTHERFORD RECREATION

Ragamuffin Parade Saturday, October 24th

Check-In Begins 9:00am -
Parade Steps Off 10:00am SHARP!
Begins at Rutherford High School, 56 Elliot Place

For children 5 & younger - Rutherford residents only.

Pre-registration at rutherfordnj.recdesk.com by Friday October 23rd is requested.

House Decorating Contest

Showcase your Halloween creativity!

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners will receive gift certificates to a local business.

Register at rutherfordnj.recdesk.

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 16th at midnight to be included in judging.

Judging will be from Oct 20th-22nd in the evening hours. Winners will be announced by October 28th.

Jack-O-Lantern Photo Contest

Sharpen those carving skills!

Submit a photo and description of your Jack-O-Lantern with your name, ages of carvers, email and phone number for judging by **October 23rd at midnight** to **RutherfordRecContest@rutherfordboronj.com**
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners will receive gift certificates to a local business.

Winners will be announced on or around October 28th

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All Happening Saturday, October 17th!

PorchFest 2026
presented by
The Rutherford Arts Committee

www.rutherfordboronj.com/porchfest

PorchFest Pointers

Please clean up after yourself - be kind to our neighbors

Park safely, legally and walk whenever possible

Open containers of alcoholic beverages ARE NOT permitted on public property

Rutherford GREEN TEAM

Throw it away? No Way!

REPAIR CAFE

Saturday, October 17

Rutherford Public Library Auditorium

11:30-3:30 (last repair @ 3:00)

You're Invited!

to the Grand Re-Opening of the new multi-purpose fields at

Memorial Park Complex
Saturday, October 17th
10:00am

Join Senator Paul Sarlo, Mayor Frank Nunziato and Rutherford Borough Council Members as the last phase of this overhaul is officially open for play!

All are welcome!

Ceremony will be held at the end of Monona Ave