ORGANIZATIONS IN RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 109
Address: 424 Carmita Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Phone 201-939-9895
Facebook: facebook.com/Post109rutherfordnj

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 109
Address: 424 Carmita Ave, PO Box 1567, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Krystle Barnes
   Phone: 201-893-8650
   Email: krystlebarnes7@gmail.com
Purpose: Support the veterans, military, and their families.
Membership requirements: Must be a family member of someone in the Legion or a family member of someone in the Armed Forces who was honorably discharged.
Meetings: First Tuesday of the month, 7 pm
Month officers elected: May
Current president: Krystle Barnes
Current secretary: Karen Travellin

AMERICAN LEGION MURRAY-HODGE POST 453
Address: 58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Commander Charles Gunn
   Phone: 201-939-2346
   Email: gunngunn0345@aol.com
Facebook: facebook.com/MurrayHodge453
Purpose: Veterans’ Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Children and Youth.
Membership requirements: Open to veterans
Meetings: Call by Commander
Month officers elected: March
Current President: Charles Gunn
Current Secretary: Bryan Carter

ART ASSOCIATION of Rutherford
Contact: John Zollo
   Phone: 201-562-0382
   Email: artassociationofrutherford@gmail.com
Facebook: facebook.com/ArtAssociationofRutherford
Purpose: Fine arts group.
Membership requirements: No experience required.
Meetings: Held at Tamblyn Field
Month officers elected: June
Current President: John Zollo
Current Secretary: Loretta Douglas
Rutherford ARTS COUNCIL
Website: www.rutherfordartscouncil.wordpress.com
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/352058175506725
Email: rutherfordartscouncil@gmail.com
Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of every month
Month officers elected: May
Current presidents: Katie Pippin and Valky Duran
Current secretary: Dawn Avagliano-Schumacher

Rutherford CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Address: PO Box 216, Rutherford, NJ 07070-0216
Phone: 201-203-4753
Website: www.rutherfordnj.town
Facebook: facebook.com/rutherfordchamberofcommerce
Email: rutherfordchamber@rutherfordnj.town
Month officers elected: January
Current president: Dan Meredith
Current secretary: Jennifer Ersalesi

Rutherford CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
Address: 176 Park Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Beverly Khan
Phone: 201-460-3000
Email: rutherfordcivilrightscomm@gmail.com
Website: www.rutherfordcivilrights.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordCRC
Purpose: Civil Rights awareness
Membership requirements: Appointed by town council
Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month
Month officers elected: January
Current Co-Commissioners: Beverly Khan and Steve Way
Current secretary: Stefali Pilar

Rutherford COMMUNITY BAND
Address: 142 Hobart Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Email: rutherfordcommunityband@gmail.com
Facebook: facebook.com/rutherfordcommunityband
Purpose: A volunteer charitable and cultural IRS 501(C)3 organization that provides an eclectic mix of musical entertainment and educational opportunities for Rutherford and surrounding communities and provides an outlet for local musicians of all walks of life and ages -- high school through senior citizens -- to share and develop their talents.
Membership requirements: Local amateur and professional musicians of all walks of life and ages, high school through senior citizens.
Current president: Thomas Monroe
Current secretary: Mike Mazzola
COMMUNITY CHEST of Rutherford, NJ

Address: PO Box 263, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Wayne Weil
Phone: 201-933-0481
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordCommunityChest
Purpose: Community fundraiser for Rutherford-only nonprofits and service groups that do not have a town-wide funds drive.
Membership requirements: Seeking open membership and representatives from organizations served.
Meetings: First Tuesday except July and August
President: Wayne Weil
Secretary: Tom O’Reilly

Rutherford COMMUNITY PANTRY

Address: 176 Park Ave., Lower level of Boro Hall, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Maureen Bigley
Phone: 201-460-3000 x3168
Email: GKacmarcik@rutherfordboronj.com
Website: www.rutherfordcommunitypantry.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordFoodPantry
Purpose: To meet emergency and ongoing needs for food and personal hygiene items for Rutherford citizens and members of Rutherford and other local religious institutions who are referred by an approved agency
Month officers elected: January
Current President: Maureen Bigley
Current Secretary: Tom Stabile

DOWNHILL DERBY

Website: www.rutherforddownhillderby.org
Purpose: The Rutherford Downhill Derby is an exciting, annual town event providing kids and adults with the opportunity to design, build and race gravity powered race carts.
Membership requirements: Open to kids in kindergarten and up. Open to all adults.
Meetings: Monthly
Month officers elected: January
Current chair: Jeff Jordan

Rutherford ELKS Lodge No. 547

Address: 48 Ames Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Josephine Gagliano
Phone: 201-939-9755
Email: RutherfordElks@gmail.com
Website: www.elks.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordElks547
Purpose: Elks invest in their communities through many programs that help children and veterans, and improve the quality of life.
Membership requirements: Open to all after filling out the application for membership which is required.
Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
Month officers elected: April
Current president: Mike Cellitti
Current secretary: Josephine Gagliano
Fairleigh Early Birds TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Address: 150 Park Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070 [Rutherford Public Library]
Contact: Victoria Rimasse
Website: www.feb.toastmastersclubs.org
Facebook: facebook.com/febtmc
Purpose: Public Speaking and Leadership skills improvement
Membership requirements: Open to all
Meetings: We hold hybrid meetings (In-person and on Zoom simultaneously) each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday of the month. Walk-ins welcome! We hold virtual meetings (on Zoom) each 2nd and 4th Saturday. Please contact binzhaode@gmail.com for a link to the meeting.
Month officers elected: July
Current president: Millie Marino
Current secretary: Liz Severineanu

Rutherford FiRST AID AMBULANCE CORS
Address: 44 Ames Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Jen Capoano
PO Box 217, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Phone: 201-460-3000 x4305
Email: info@rutherfordems.org
Website: www.rutherfordems.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordAmbulance
Purpose: To provide emergency medical services for Rutherford.
Membership requirements: Must live in town or nearby.
Month officers elected: October (Takes office in January)
Current president: Carmen Addeo

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY of Rutherford
Address: c/o Rutherford Library, 150 Park Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Linda Rynd
Phone: Call Library to leave message: 201-939-8600
Email: fol.rutherford@gmail.com
Website: www.rutherfordlibrary.org/Friends-of-the-Library
Facebook: facebook.com/The-Friends-of-the-Library-of-Rutherford-819040394854270
Purpose: To support the Library and raise funds for materials, equipment, and programs.
Membership requirements: Willingness to attend monthly meetings and to participate in activities.
Current president: Linda Rynd
Current corresponding secretary: Tom Biven

Rutherford GARDEN CLUB
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordGardenClub
Purpose: Beautification of Rutherford through community garden plantings.
Membership requirements: Adults with an interest in gardening.
Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of the month except December and January.
Month officers elected: March
Current president: Nicole Miller
Current secretary: Margaret Aramian
Rutherford GIRL SCOUTS
Email: girlscoutsrutherford@gmail.com
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/1536727983261404
Purpose: Girl Scouts offers leadership development experience for girls.
Membership requirements: K-12
Meetings: varies by troop.

GIRL SCOUTS of Northern NJ
Website: www.gsnnj.org

Rutherford GREEN TEAM
Address: 176 Park Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Julia Siegel or Brian Hanson-Harding
Phone: 201-460-3000
Email: greenteam@rutherfordboronj.com
Website: rutherfordboronj.com/committees/green-team
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordGreenTeam
Purpose: The Rutherford Green Team’s primary mission is to lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community. Specifically, we advise the Borough Council and develop initiatives and projects that contribute to the long-range sustainable development of the Borough of Rutherford and beyond.
Membership requirements: Mayor appointment, but plenty of volunteer opportunities.
Meetings: Held 2nd Wednesday, 7pm (See borough’s calendar for details)
Month Officers elected: January
Co-Chairs: Julia Siegel and Eileen Eastham
Current Secretary: Cynthia Chovan-Dalton

Rutherford HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Email: rutherfordhpc@gmail.com
Website: www.RutherfordHPC.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordHistoricPreservation
Purpose: Preservation of Rutherford’s historic assets and to educate the public
Membership requirements: Appointed by the mayor
Meetings: First Monday of each month
Month officers elected: January
Current Chairman: Ed Gajda
Current Secretary: Lauren Caliolio

JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB of Rutherford
Address: 201 Fairview Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Website: www.RutherfordJuniors.wordpress.com
Facebook: facebook.com/JWCofRutherford
Purpose: The Junior Woman’s Club of Rutherford is a non-profit volunteer organization of women working together for the betterment of their local, state and global communities.
Membership requirements: For ages 18+
Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month
55 KIP CENTER
Address: 55 Kip Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Cathy Baviello
    Phone: 201-460-1600
    Email: cathy@55kipcenter.org
Website: www.55kipcenter.org
Facebook: facebook.com/55KipCenter
Purpose: To promote the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual well being of older adults.
Membership requirements: Open to all older adults. $10/year membership for Rutherford residents. $15/year for out of town residents.
Executive Director: Cathy Baviello

Rutherford LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Contact: Christopher Griffin
    Email: RutherfordLacrosse@gmail.com
Website: www.rutherfordlax.weebly.com
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordLacrosseAssociation
Purpose: To offer the children of Rutherford the opportunity to play lacrosse.
Membership requirements: Open to all from 2nd to 8th grade
Current president: Chris Griffin
Current secretary: Jeff Jordan

LIONS CLUB of Rutherford
Address: PO Box 428, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Glenn Elliot
    Phone: 201-390-6734
    Email: rutherfordlions@gmail.com
Website: RutherfordLionsClub.org
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordLionsClub
Purpose: Lions Club of Rutherford is a service club in Rutherford, NJ. A member of Lions Club International, the Rutherford Club raises money to help the blind and visually impaired. They also help local charities and organizations in Rutherford, NJ.
Membership requirements: Open to all. Before joining, must attend meeting as a guest.
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 55 Kip Center.
Note: Due to covid, meetings are being held on Zoom.
Month officers elected: Elected in May but terms begin on 7/1
Current president: Laura O'Connor
Current secretary: Kevin Hildebrand

MEADOWLANDS MUSEUM
Address: 91 Crane Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Robin Reenstra or Tom Bivin
    Phone: 201-935-1175
    Email: meadowlandsmuseum@verizon.net
Website: www.MeadowlandsMuseum.com
Facebook: facebook.com/MMusRutherford
Purpose: Preservation, display, and education of the history of the Meadowlands region.
Membership requirements: Open to all. Annual membership dues.
Building open to the public: Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm.
Month officers elected: October
Current president: Robin Reenstra
Current secretary: Danielle Morrin
Rutherford MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE  
**Address:** c/o R.P.D. Sgt. Zeigler  
184 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070  
**Contact:** Sgt. Julie Ann Zeigler  
**Phone:** 201-460-3054  
**Email:** jzeigler@rutherfordpd.com  
**Website:** www.RutherfordAlliance.org  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/RutherfordAlliance  
**Purpose:** Three core functions: prevention planning, public awareness and education, and administration of the Alliance to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse. The Alliance is able to fund quality programs to residents of all ages and will continue to work with the administrative staff at RHS, 55 Kip Center, and the Rutherford Police Department. Programs provide education, support, and a safe drug free and alcohol free environment for community members and families.  
**Membership requirements:** Open to stakeholders of our community who are passionate, responsible, and committed to our goals and meeting times. Members appointed annually by mayor and council.  
**Meetings:** Held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm  
**Current Chairman:** Brian Erstaffi  
**Coordinator:** Sgt. Julie Ann Zeiger  
**Council Liaison:** Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

Rutherford REPAIR CAFÉ  
**Address:** 176 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070  
**Email:** greenteam@rutherfordboronj.com  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/RutherfordRepairCafe  
**Purpose:** To promote sustainability through re-use and repair of items rather than discarding them to buy new ones. We hold repair cafes where participants can have items repaired and learn how to make repairs themselves.  
**Membership requirements:** Open to all ages. We use volunteers as "repair coaches" and also general volunteers.  
**Meetings:** On an as-needed basis to prepare for repair cafes.

THE RED WHEELBARROW POETS  
**Located:** Rutherford, NJ 07070  
**Website:** www.redwheelbarrowpoets.org  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/RWBPoets  
**Twitter:** @RWBPoets  
**Purpose:** The Red Wheelbarrow Poets is a collective of poets based in Rutherford, NJ, the hometown of the beloved poet and doctor, William Carlos Williams. The group hosts a weekly poetry workshop and a monthly reading series that features noted poets as well as the best open mic from the New York and New Jersey area. Their annual journal, *The Red Wheelbarrow*, is celebrating 15 years of relevant poetry.  
**Membership requirements:** Please contact group to be added to mailing list.  
**Meetings:** Weekly poetry workshop Tuesdays at 7 pm. Monthly poetry reading first Wednesday of each month.

ROTARY CLUB of Rutherford  
**Address:** PO Box 354, Rutherford, NJ 07070  
**Facebook:** facebook.com/rutherfordofrotary
Rutherford SPECIAL PARENTS NETWORK

Contact: Laura Scotti  
Email: lrscotti@aol.com

Purpose: "We are a support group for parents/guardians of children and adults with disabilities or special needs. We create a safe place for parents/guardians to discuss their experiences, share information, and give encouragement to each other." Created by Liz Forte, Laura Scotti and Terri Spettell.

Membership requirements: Open to all parents/guardians who are caretakers of children and adults with special needs.

Meetings: One evening meeting every other month.

UNICO

Address: PO Box 48, Rutherford, NJ 07070  
Contact: Frank Tidona  
Phone: 201-933-7982  
Email: rtidona@verizon.net

Purpose: Community and national service organization: "Service above Self"

Membership requirements: Most be of some Italian heritage or married to someone of Italian heritage.

Meetings: Held at St Mary's Church, Rutherford

Month officers elected: June

Current president: Frank Tidona

VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 227

Address: PO Box 415, Rutherford, NJ 07070  
Contact: John Chrzanowski

Membership requirements: Open to overseas combat service veterans.

WOMAN'S CLUB of Rutherford

Address: 201 Fairview Ave. Rutherford, NJ 07070  
Contact: Ida L. Borroto  
Phone: 201-935-5205  
Email: RutherfordWomansClub@gmail.org

Website: www.RutherfordWomansClub.org  
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordWomansClub

Purpose: Founded in 1889, the WCR provides opportunities for community service, fellowship, education and leadership through participation in meaningful projects as well as programs of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC). Individuals’ skills, talent and abilities are developed while supporting various philanthropies, the arts, conservation efforts, advance education, promotion of healthy lifestyles and involvement in local, state and national activities to have a voice in policymaking where and when needed.

Membership requirements: None

Meetings: Members have the opportunity to gather at the clubhouse for various activities every Monday in the evening except for the months of July and August.

Month officers elected: Officers are elected before the summer recess for a two-year term.

Current president: Ida L. Borroto  
Current treasurer: Laura O'Connor

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For corrections, additions (especially if you don’t see your organization listed), please email the library at reference@rutherford.bccls.org