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 MURRAY-HODGE POST 453
Address: 58 Meadow Road, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Commander Charles Gunn
Phone: 201-531-0656 (post)
Email: gunngunn0345@aol.com
Facebook: facebook.com/MurrayHodge453
Purpose: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Children and Youth; Americanism.
Membership requirements: Open to veterans
Meetings: Call by Commander
Month officers elected: April
Current Commander: 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 KIP Center (55 Kip Ave., Rutherford)
Month officers elected: June
Current President: John Zollo
Current Secretary: Betty Infantes

Rutherford ARTS COUNCIL
Website: www.rutherfordartscouncil.com
Facebook: facebook.com/groups/352058175506725
Email: rutherfordartscouncil@gmail.com
Meetings: Quarterly; announced on Facebook.
Month officers elected: May
Current co-presidents: Katie Pippin and Valky Duran
Current secretary: Dawn Avagliano-Schumacher

Rutherford Community Blood Bank
Facebook: facebook.com/people/Rutherford-Community-Blood-Bank/100080308397436/
Email: rutherfordbloodbank@gmail.com
Rutherford CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Address: PO Box 216, Rutherford, NJ 07070-0216
Phone: 201-203-4753
Website: www.rutherfordnj.town
Facebook: facebook.com/ruetherfordchamberofcommerce
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: 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 chair: Ginny Perrin
Current secretary: Lori Rosario-Griffin

Rutherford COMMUNITY BAND
Address: 142 Hobart Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Email: rutherfordcommunityband@gmail.com
Website: www.rutherfordcommunityband.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

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

Rutherford FIRST AID AMBULANCE CORPS

**Address:** 44 Ames Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070

**Contact:** Jen Capoano
- **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:** Jen Capoano

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

**Facebook:** facebook.com/RutherfordLibraryFriends

**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 Bivin
Rutherford GARDEN CLUB
Facebook: facebook.com/RutherfordGardenClub
Purpose: Beautification of Rutherford through community garden plantings.
Membership requirements: Adults with an interest in gardening.
Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month from September thru June
Month officers elected: March
Current president: David Malcolm
Current secretary: Margaret Aramian

GIRL SCOUTS – see SCOUTS

Rutherford GREEN TEAM
Address: 176 Park Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Contact: Julia Siegel or Brian Hanson-Harding
Phone: 201-460-3000
Email: greenteam@rutherfordboro.nj.com
Website: rutherfordboro.nj.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

The Rutherford HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Contact: Edward Gajda
Phone: 201-926-4917
Email: rutherfordhps@gmail.com
Website: rutherfordhps.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087830427802
Purpose: Historic preservation and education – Rutherford.
Address: 91 Crane Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070
Membership requirements: Any age, restricted to Rutherford residents.
Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month @ Meadowlands Museum
Month officers elected: December
Current Chairman: Ed Gajda
Current Secretary: Elisa Rosa

JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB of Rutherford
Address: 201 Fairview Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070
Website: www.RutherfordJuniors.wordpress.com
Facebook: facebook.com/JWCoRutherford
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.
Month officers elected: Elected in May but terms begin on 7/1
Current president: Susan Temes
Current secretary: Kevin Hildebrand

Rutherford LITTLE LEAGUE
Website: https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/rutherfordllnj

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. Det. Frank Inglese
184 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070

**Contact:** Det. Frank Inglese
**Phone:** 201-460-3050
**Email:** finglese@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.

**Current chairman:** Jennifer Galarza
**Coordinator:** Det. Frank Inglese
**Council Liaison:** Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan

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Rutherford PRIDE ALLIANCE

**Website:** https://www.rutherfordpridealliance.org

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/RutherfordPrideAlliance

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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.

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Rutherford REPAIR CAFÉ

**Address:** 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070  [The Library]

**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 cafés where participants can have items repaired and learn how to make repairs themselves. [See also “Green Team.”]

**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.

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ROTARY CLUB of Rutherford

**Address:** PO Box 354, Rutherford, NJ 07070

**Facebook:** facebook.com/rutherfordofrotary
SCOUTS:
See also: https://rutherfordscouts.wordpress.com

Rutherford CUB SCOUTS Pack 168
Address: 424 Carmita Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070 [American Legion Post 109]
Contact: Monica Couillard
Email: cubmaster@rutherfordscouts.org
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064857601282
Purpose: Cub Scouting is year-round fun for the whole family. Boys and girls experience hands-on learning and achievement programs that puts kids in the action and prepares them for today – and for life.
Membership requirements: Cub Scouts – boys & girls from kindergarten-5th grade (ages 5-10)
Meetings: The Pack (all scouts from K-5) meets on the third Friday of the month. Additionally, each den, based on age groups, meets at least twice per month. There is also a monthly pack activity, such as hiking, camping, fishing, etc.
Current Scout Leader: Monica Couillard

Rutherford SCOUTS Troop 166B
Address: 424 Carmita Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070 [American Legion Post 109]
Contact: Eric Makar
Phone: 917-304-2217
Email: scoutmastertroop166@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/624630128018533/
Purpose: To provide an educational program for youth and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness.
Membership requirements: Boys in 5th grade through age 18.
Meetings: Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Current Scout Master: Eric Makar

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 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.
**Fairleigh Early Birds TOASTMASTERS CLUB**
*Address*: 150 Park Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070 [Rutherford Public Library]
*Contact*: Victoria Rimasse
  *Email*: vicki.the.writer@gmail.com
*Website*: www.feb.toastmastersclubs.org
*Purpose*: Public Speaking and Leadership skills improvement
*Membership requirements*: Open to all
*Meetings*: We hold weekly meetings Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm. Walk-ins welcome!
*Month officers elected*: July
*Current president*: Victoria Rimasse
*Current secretary*: Rita Reisman

**Speak and Lead TOASTMASTERS CLUB**
*Address*: 230 Montross Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070 [Felician University]
*Contact*: Cristhyan Sarchi
*Website*: https://speakandlead.toastmastersclubs.org
*Facebook*: https://www.facebook.com/SpeakAndLeadNJ
*Purpose*: Public Speaking and Leadership skills improvement
*Membership requirements*: Open to all
*Meetings*: We are meeting online and in-person in a hybrid setting every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Guests are welcome anytime – please send us a note via "Contact US" (on our website) to receive a Zoom link or just walk in at Felician University, 230 Montross Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070.
*Current president*: Leslie Lane
*Current secretary*: Liz Severineanu

**UNICO**
*Address*: PO Box 48, Rutherford, NJ 07070
*Contact*: Frank Tidona
  *Phone*: 201-933-7982
  *Email*: ftidona@verizon.net
*Purpose*: Community and national service organization: "Service above Self"
*Membership requirements*: Must 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

**WOMAN'S CLUB of Rutherford**
*Address*: 201 Fairview Ave, Rutherford, NJ 07070
*Contact*: Laura O'Connor
  *Phone*: 201-939-9894
  *Email*: RutherfordWomansClub@gmail.com
*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*: Laura O'Connor
*Current treasurer*: Sue Kevra

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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.