



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/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: *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

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: 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@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

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/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.

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

Rutherford PRIDE ALLIANCE

Website: <https://www.rutherfordpridealliance.org>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/RutherfordPrideAlliance

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.

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.

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](https://www.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.gsnj.org

Rutherford SPECIAL PARENTS NETWORK

Contact: *Laura Scotti*

Email: lrsctti@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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