



# NEWSLETTER

## Rutherford Historic Preservation Society

### Ribbon cutting ceremony of the Rutherford Congregational Church

On September 13th, The RHPS joined the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Rutherford Congregational Church. The ceremony was sponsored by the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce and was well attended by the Borough of Rutherford Residents and Congregational Church Parishioners. The Congregational Church, which was located at Union Avenue, is now located at 2 East Passaic Avenue. Congratulations Rutherford Congregational Church on your new home!



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### “9/11 Ceremony”

The RHPS was honored to attend this years' "9/11 Remembrance Ceremony" which was held at Rutherford Borough Hall due to inclement weather. In attendance were Mayor Nunziato and Council, the Police, Fire and Ambulance Corps personnel, the local Boy

Scout Troop, and many Rutherford residents. All were present to honor and remember those we lost 22 years ago.

*“We will never forget.”*



## RHPS Visits the Montclair Historic Center

**The Society visited the Montclair Historic Center, located at 110 Orange Road in Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey -**

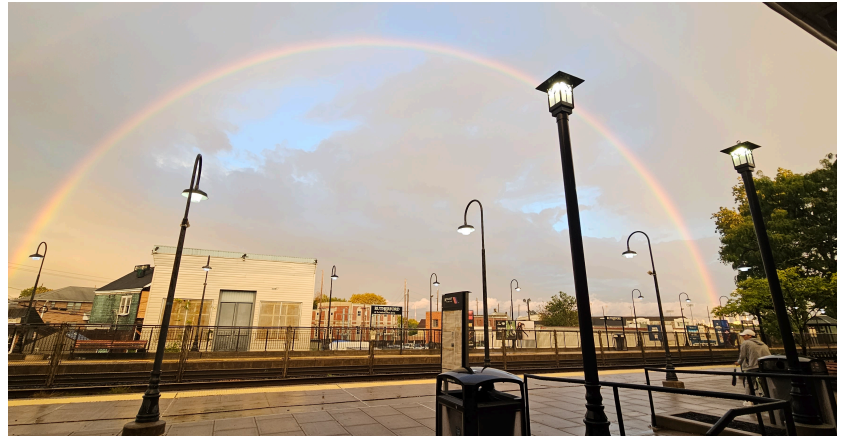
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The Montclair Historic Center features the "Israel Crane House" and Historic YWCA, a federal-style home. This home was built in 1796 by 21-year old Israel Crane for his wife Fanny Crane and remained in the Crane Family for over 100 years. In 1920, the home was purchased by a group of African American women in the community as the headquarters for a YWCA and was a significant part of the African American community for four decades. By 1965, local preservationists moved the house to its present location and turned it into a historic house museum. The house has a rich history and was added to the National Register of Historic Places on March 14, 1973, for its significance in architecture.

Also located at the Historic Center is The Nathaniel Crane House which was built in 1818 by Captain Nathaniel Crane, Jr., Israel Crane's cousin. Captain Nathaniel Crane, Jr. was a militiaman and patriot from Essex County. Today, the Nathaniel Crane House serves as the visitor's center for the Montclair Historic Center. The first floor displays an exhibit of a nineteenth century general store much like the one owned by Israel Crane in the early nineteenth century. On the second floor, there is an exhibit featuring a nineteenth century schoolroom illustrating nineteenth century education in Montclair.



## Share Your Historic Photos of Rutherford



An incredible site following a recent rainstorm taken from the Rutherford train station on Monday September 18!

**Do you have a historic or vintage photo that captures the essence of Rutherford through the years? If yes, we would love to include it in the RHPS Q4 Newsletter!**

Whether it is a snapshot of a beloved local landmark, a memorable community event or a vintage photo of a heartwarming moment with friends and family, we want to see them all! This is how you can share your historic photo with us:

1. Scan or take a clear photo of your historic image.
2. Email it to [rutherfordhps@gmail.com](mailto:rutherfordhps@gmail.com) with the subject line "Q4 Newsletter Photo Submission".
3. Please include your name and a brief description or story behind the photo to make it even more special.

**Please note: Submission Deadline is Friday, December 8.**

Thank you for preserving Rutherford's History with us!



This year's Rutherford day was scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd, but due to inclement weather it was cancelled with no rain date.



### Multi-Cultural Festival – September 9, 2023

Despite the bad weather, this year's festival was well attended and a lot of fun. The RHPS would like to thank those who stopped by RHPS booth to show their support!

## RHPS Members:

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## The Rutherford Historic Preservation Society

**Special Event Offer**  
 Free Limited Edition Embroidered Cap and Membership with a Donation of \$50

