



90 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701

www.RedBankNJ.org

Everything Old Is New Again!

Welcome to The Scuttlebutt! This new and hopefully improved newsletter is coming to you in electronic format because honestly its been a while.... and is it really going to be worth killing a tree? I'm no English major so I guess time will tell.

This monthly newsletter will include submissions from elected officials, department heads, committee chairs and the occasional guest contributor. My decision making can sometimes be likened to a squirrel crossing the street so there will be no promises of titillating, stop the presses articles but with a little luck you may find a bit of humor, a nugget of useful information, something worthy of printing. For posterity, for sharing with a friend, for the bird's cage floor, your call.

"Life was much easier when APPLES and Blackberries were just fruits."

So grab yourself a nice ~~single malt~~ beverage, pull up an ergonomically correct chair and have a peek. - *Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen*

Senior Center

<https://www.redbanknj.org/210/Senior-Center>

As we kick off the fall season we are looking forward to some fun special events. On Thursday, October 6th we will be starting off with our fall market trips at Dearborn Farms in Holmdel, October 13th & 27th Delicious Orchard in Colts Neck and Battleview Market in Freehold on October 20th. A World Series Kickoff Party on Wednesday October 26th.

Monthly events are lunch tours on Wednesdays after Bingo. Along with Fun and Games on Tuesdays, Food shopping trips on Mondays and Fridays, Crafts on Thursdays. And various local stores such as Marshalls, Dollar



stores, Walmart, etc.

For Physical Fitness we will once again start up our walking club Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Count Basie Field 8am -9am.

For Physical health our VNA nurse will be here on October 28th from 9-11am. In Closing I would like to express our excitement on the purchase of our new 22 passenger bus which should arrive late October early November. And the ongoing rehab work at our beloved center.

- *Dir. Jackie Reynolds*

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Recreation Dept. held multiple events for the month of July and August. From July 14-August 18 we had Movies and Jazz concerts at Riverside Gardens Park. These events had hundreds of people attending.

On Sundays we had Jazz Concerts at Johnny Jazz Park in the Westside of Town. This was done in coordination with the Jazz Arts Project. Our last concerts ended with a Celebration of Count Basie's Birthdate.

Also, we had our summer camps for children ages 3-13. Camp ran from July 11th to August 19th. Our camp features weekly trips to the beach, pool and local parks.

Through multiple local organizations, we held a Summer Dance camp at Pilgrim Baptist church. We are looking to do this every summer for Free for Red Bank Children!

Upcoming: 1st Annual Hispanic Celebration Saturday September 24th 6-8PM Johnny Jazz Park



74th Annual Halloween Parade Sunday, October 23rd (rain-date: Oct. 30th) Line

up will be on East Bergen Pl. between Hudson Ave. and Broad St. Parade will start moving at 2PM and end it at the White Street Parking lot. at the parking lot, we will have live music, rides and prizes. Volunteers needed: if anyone would like to attend and help out. Please reach out to us at the Rec Dept.

Winter Sports: Basketball and Soccer – Registration will open soon!

- *Dir. Oscar Salinas*

www.redbanknj.org/191/Parks-Recreation

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BRUSH & LEAF SCHEDULE

<https://www.redbanknj.org/208/Public-Utilities>

- Dir. Cliff Keen

- ♦ Brush may be placed at the curb for collection Thursday September 8th and Thursday October 13th for properties west of Broad Street and Thursday September 15th and Thursday October 20th for properties east of Broad Street. In accordance with Borough ordinances, brush is not permitted to be placed at the curb more than seven days prior to the scheduled pickup date.
- ♦ Leaves may be placed to the curb for collection on Thursday November 10 and Thursday December 8th for properties west of Broad Street and Thursday November 17th and Thursday December 15 for properties East of Broad Street. In accordance with Borough ordinances, leaves are not permitted to be placed at the curb more than seven days prior to the scheduled pickup date.

CHARTER STUDY COMMISSION REPORT

The people of Red Bank voted overwhelmingly – by a 70% margin – to establish a charter study commission. The Commission viewed this as a mandate to closely examine Red Bank's Borough form of government – which has existed over one century – and determine whether a newer form of government should guide Red Bank through its second century.

After reviewing the options available to it, the Commission recommends that Red Bank adopt the Council-Manager form of government with non-partisan elections, as further detailed in this Report.

The Commission will be submitting its recommendation to voters in this November's general election (November 8, 2022). If adopted, voters will elect a new government in May 2023.

The aforementioned is cited from the Charter Study Commission Final Report, adopted 7/19/2022.

To view the full report, visit:
www.redbanknj.org/464/Charter-Study-Commission

*"Happiness
is having a
large,
loving,
caring, close
-knit family,
in another
city."*

– George Burns



2022 GRANTS

1. \$29,312 US Older Americans Grant – Red Bank Senior Center
2. \$5,423 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant
3. \$4,810 NJ State Body Armor Replacement Program Grant
4. \$10,500 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant

5. \$16,415 Recycling Tonnage Grant
6. \$49,088 ARPA NJSL & Partners Literacy Grant (Library)
7. \$311,800 NJ DOT Grant - Mechanic Street
8. \$197,326 NJ DOT TAP Grant – Shrewsbury Avenue Streetscape
9. \$675,000 NJ DOT Safe Streets to Transit Grant – Red Bank Station Pedestrian Improvements

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - Bonnie Thomas

Deputy Clerk, Registrar, Rent Leveling Bd. & Charter Study Commission Secretary

Bonnie began working with the borough in 1991. To put that in perspective ... the World Wide Web was launched to the public, Dollar Tree was founded, a new Ford Explorer cost \$15,999, the 6,000th episode of One Life to Live was broadcast and the NY Giants were the Super Bowl Champs.

Over the years Bonnie has served in many capacities, compiling a vast and diverse skill set. Her wealth of experience make her invaluable not only to the Borough Clerk's Office but the Borough itself. Her participation and volunteerism in the community and with civic organizations is commendable. She has an ability to connect with people and make them feel comfortable the moment they walk through the door. The borough is grateful to have her on board.



Bonnie Thomas

Red Bank Public Library

- Dir. Eleni Glykis

The Townwide Yard Sale was a tremendous success! We've had one of our biggest turnouts in years, meaning hundreds of dollars raised for our Foundation, which funds library programming, equipment, projects, and more. Thank you so much for your support!

Red Bank Library is seeking seed donations! Those interested in donating seeds can bring their seeds to the library. We accept most seeds but are most interested in native plants, edible plants (vegetables, fruits, herbs, etc.), and pollinating plants.

Need to freshen up or learn new tech skills? Visit the Eisner Opportunity Lab! The Lab focuses on improving digital literacy and job skills. Services in Spanish, Portu-

guese, and English are open to everyone!

Register for the Library's Historic Walking Tours! Kathy Lou Colmorgen leads the 1.5-hour tour of Historic Red Bank on September 24th, October 15th, and November 5th. Want to embrace more of Red Bank's rich cultural history? When the tour ends, grab a bite to eat and stop by the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center!

Find a new adventure, get creative or dig into the past at www.redbanklibrary.org



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?
Become a member of our team.
JOIN THE
RED BANK FIRE DEPT.

BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

We are an organization comprised entirely of volunteers dedicated to protecting Borough of Red Bank against fire hazards, first aid medical assistance and rescue operations.

Members needed, join us!

Dedicated volunteers and active community members are the life-blood of our Department, and we would be happy for you to join our team! There are multiple ways to get involved with the Red Bank Fire Department, each plays an integral part in keeping the residents and spaces of our community safe.

We're looking for volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds, including experienced and aspiring firefighter/EMTs and administrative support personnel. Visit redbankfire.org to get started. Or contact us at:

Borough of Red Bank - 90 Monmouth Street Red Bank, NJ 07701

Phone: 732-530-2777 Fax: 732-450-1316

***CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF PROTECTING
LIFE AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE
BOROUGH OF RED BANK 1872-2022***

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

It is never too early to start helping your community. If you are an aspiring firefighter or community hero between the ages of 14 and 17, and are a resident of Borough of Red Bank or of Monmouth County residing within five miles of the Borough of Red Bank, you are eligible to join our Junior Firefighter Program.





Borough of Red Bank Master Plan

Public Workshops

Please join us for the second round of public engagement for the Red Bank

Master Plan. We will discuss where we are in the process and cover draft
strategies and recommendations. The workshops will be held on the following
two dates. Please feel free to attend the meeting date that works best for you.

Both meetings will cover the same material.

Meeting Details



Thursday, October 13th 2022



6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Red Bank Middle School
Auditorium
101 Harding Road
Red Bank, NJ 07701



Monday, October 24th 2022



6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Pilgrim Baptist Church
172 Shrewsbury Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701

For more information on the Master Plan and the Planning Process, visit
the Borough of Red Bank website at:

www.redbanknj.org



INTRODUCING THE RED BANK BEAT

Dear Red Bank residents:

My name is Bob Zuckerman, and I am the new Executive Director of the Red Bank RiverCenter. The RiverCenter has just launched a brand new weekly e-newsletter that I wanted to let you know about. It's called the Red Bank Beat, and it's all about our great downtown! The Beat is chock-full of useful information that's easy to digest and will keep you in the know about some of the great things happening downtown. We'll cover upcoming special events, discounts and promotions from our wonderful merchants, grand openings of new stores in town, and news from our great cultural institutions including the Count Basie Center for the Arts and the Two River Theater.

I write the newsletter myself, and the RiverCenter sends it out each and every Thursday, so you'll get it in your inbox just in time to plan your weekend. It's really a fun read, and I promise that once you start reading it, you'll get addicted to it! It's really easy to subscribe to the Beat – just click on this link - <https://www.redbank.org/red-bank-beat/> and then scroll to the bottom of the page, give us your email address, click "Subscribe" and you'll start receiving the newsletter automatically! And then you too will be the first to know about new businesses coming to town, special promotions from our existing businesses and exciting downtown events. As you already know, Red Bank is a cool little town, and the Red Bank Beat just made it a bit cooler.

Happy Reading!

"Persons attempting to find a motive in this narrative will be prosecuted; persons attempting to find a moral in it will be banished; persons attempting to find a plot in it will be shot."

— Mark Twain, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn