



# SCUTTLEBUTT

## Red Bank, New Jersey

OCTOBER 2023



### COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

In the November 2022 general election, Red Bank voters approved the Charter Study Commission's recommendation of a Council-Manager form of government under the Faulkner Act. Under the approved terms, Red Bank has a directly elected mayor and six councilmembers through at-large, nonpartisan elections with runoffs if necessary. The councilmembers have staggered terms, such that there is an election every two years for certain seats.

This new form of government, which took effect July 1, 2023, brings about certain changes in the powers of mayor, council, and the administrator/manager.

Under the former Borough form, the mayor only voted in the event of a tie, but had the power to nominate officers and certain employees and to veto ordinances. In the new Council-Manager form, the mayor is a full voting member of the council, but does not have any greater powers than the other councilmembers.

With respect to the council, in the Borough form, it served as both the executive and legislative authority, subject to potential delegation of executive powers to an administrator by ordinance. In contrast, the Council-Manager form limits the council to legislative functions, and it establishes a manager

that carries out the executive functions of Red Bank. While the council previously hired and fired all employees, the manager now has that prerogative, except for the manager position itself, the Borough Clerk, and the Tax Assessor.

The Council-Manager form establishes a "strong" manager to be chosen based upon qualifications and experience. In turn, the manager is subject to removal by the council under a simple majority vote, rather than a 2/3 supermajority in the former Borough form.

At the September 28, 2023 Borough Council meeting, the governing body introduced an ordinance to implement the Faulkner Act. The ordinance repeals all code provisions that are specific to the Borough form of government, replacing them with new terms establishing the Council-Manager form.

Among other things, these revisions address the organization of the municipal government, the duties of officers, departments, and agencies, and election procedures. Once receiving final adoption, residents will be able to refer to the Borough Code to better understand Red Bank's new form of government.

- Michael L. Collins, Esq.

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### RED BANK DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

- Dir. Oscar Salinas

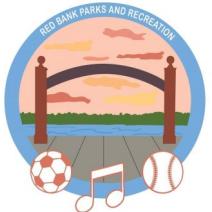
We would like to celebrate our Hispanic community by having our Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 30th at Riverside Gardens Park. Event will be from 2PM - 6PM. Our celebration will include food, vendors, live music from Xol Azul Band, Calpulli Mexican Dance and more! This year we've partnered with some great organizations to make it even better. The Red Bank Library, the Count Basie Center for the Arts and other community leaders such as members from the Monmouth Mental Health Association and American Friends Service Committee.

Grab your best costume and head over to our 75th Annual Halloween Parade! Goodie bags for the first 500 kids! Prizes and giveaways all included. This is the 75th Anniversary so be prepared for an amazing time! The parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd. Line-up at 1PM. We're taking registration for the best float. To register a float, please contact recreation@redbanknj.org.

We will also be having our annual Halloween Movie on Friday, October 13th. Look for the Parks and Rec Halloween Movie contest and vote for your favorite! The best voted movie chosen by the community at our recent voting poll is Ghostbusters (1984). Be sure to join us at 6PM Riverside Gardens Park to watch this classic with us!

Coming in October, Adult evening basketball Mondays and Tuesdays – men's basketball from 7:00 PM–9:00 PM at the Red Bank Middle School gym, Mondays, and co-ed adult basketball from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at the Red Bank Primary School gym

*If you would like to become a vendor or sponsor for our Halloween events, please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. For program and event updates, follow us on social media @rbparksandrec.*



*"The weather just went from 90 to 55 like it saw a state trooper." - Unknown*

# PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Director T. Walton



**Brush Pick-up has two remaining collections on each side of town for this year.**

**West of Broad Street collection is on the second Thursday of the month. September 14 & October 12**

**East of Broad Street collection is on the third Thursday of the month. September 21 & October 19**

Please remember that tree limbs and branches should be placed loose at the curb line, with no piece exceeding four feet in length. **No other debris or solid waste shall be mixed in with the brush.**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Director S. Ebanks

October is National Community Planning Month! This month, the National Planning Association (APA) encourages everyone to celebrate the role that planning plays in creating great communities each October with National Community Planning Month. The goal of planning is to maximize residents' health, safety, and economic well-being in ways that reflect the unique needs, desires, and culture of those who live and work within the community. One of the ways local municipalities enhance the goals of planning is by having a Planning and Zoning Department.

The Borough of Red Bank Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for several aspects of community planning, including historic preservation, development regulations, and affordable housing. The Department works with residents, governing officials, local organizations, business owners, attorneys, architects, engineers, and other community stakeholders. It administers the land use ordinance of the Borough.

The ordinance's purpose is to establish a pattern of the regulation of the uses of land, buildings, and structures based on the land use element

of the Master Plan and Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A 40-55D). Additionally, this Department works closely with others throughout the Borough, such as Code Enforcement, the Fire Marshall's Office, the Construction Department, and the Borough Engineer. Finally, the oversight of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment is done through the Planning and Zoning Department.

If you would like to know more about the Borough's Planning and Zoning Department, please visit <http://www.redbanknj.org/196/Planning-Zoning>.



# PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Director E. Glykis

Monthly Historic Walking tours are beginning again in the fall. The dates are September 16th, October 7th, and November 18th and the time is 10:30 am, weather permitting. No registration...first come, first served.

## Historic Photo Contest:

There's still time to enter the Library's 4th Annual Photo Contest. For more

details, please visit our website!

Storytime is back at the Library. Enjoy a fun filled morning of song, reading and dancing with Ms. Sira Williams Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Library's backyard. Rain dates are the following Thursday.

Can't make it to the Library, use the Library's 24/7 Library through our website to access eBooks, movies, TV shows, music, and learning opportunities at [www.redbanklibrary.org](http://www.redbanklibrary.org).



*"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - Unknown*

# JOIN US BE A FIREFIGHTER

Dedicated volunteers and active community members are the lifeblood 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.

**CALL : 732-530-2777**



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## 75th Annual HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Registration for parade floats is now open.  
To register a float, please contact  
[recreation@redbanknj.org](mailto:recreation@redbanknj.org).

For more information check out  
our Facebook page or contact  
the Red Bank Parks & Rec  
Department



# BREAST CANCER

Early Detection

*Self-exam  
Mammography  
Know your  
family history*

#Awareness Month

## Employee Spotlight



**Maria Rotolo**

DPU Administrative  
Assistant to the Director

Maria Rotolo has been employed with the Borough for 22 years as the DPU Administrative Assistant to the Director's office. Her collaborative spirit and teamwork make the DPU a better place to work.

Maria's willingness to assist and support her colleagues and the public is greatly appreciated. Her dedication and diligence in managing the department's administrative tasks are commendable.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work in serving the DPU and the community!

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*"I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift." - Dodinsky*



# BOROUGH OF RED BANK

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 13, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, July 27, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 10, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, August 24, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 14, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 28, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, October 12, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, October 26, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, November 9, 2023	6:30 PM
Thursday, December 14, 2023	6:30 PM

The meetings will be held in the First Floor Council Chambers of 90 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, NJ unless conditions exist within the Borough whereby in-person meetings are inadvisable under the State's public health guidelines. In such event the meeting cannot be held in person, an electronic meeting will be scheduled with adequate notice sent to the official newspapers and posted on the Municipal website at [www.redbanknj.org](http://www.redbanknj.org) in the ordinary course.

