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Red Bank, New Jersey

NOVEMBER 2023



MUNICIPAL PARKS UPDATE



It is more important than ever that we remain responsible stewards of our iconic landmarks, including our municipal parks. Riverside Gardens Park is a hub of culture and community enjoyed by all, and over the decades its popularity has caused it to become worn. Now, thanks to an extraordinary public/private partnership, with the NJ DCA and the Eisner Recreation Trust, renovations have begun.

One of several ongoing and planned park projects, the Riverside Gardens project included new composite decking that will look great for many years, along with a new railing, and benches that will be installed very soon. The Eastside Park tennis / pickleball courts and basketball court are nearing completion as well!

Our parks will be remarkably beautiful places that will elevate all of the vibrant activity that already takes place here in Red Bank.

Whether you exercise daily in the parks, remember coming here as a child, or are new to Red Bank and have only recently discovered it, this is your space, and we want to invite you to join us in celebrating our parks, and participate in preserving them for generations to come.

- Darren McConnell
RBPD Chief & Interim Borough Manager

THANKS AND GRATITUDE

On October 26th, the Borough of Red Bank hosted a press conference to announce new programs to confront the hardships faced by our most vulnerable population and make a difference. Beginning with the introduction of social worker services in the police department to opening of The Heartwarming Center for women and children.

It immediately became clear that those were just a portion of the programs available to aid in the transition from homelessness.

From warming centers, addiction recovery programs, mental health programs, shelters, providing nutritious meals and much more; strides are being made to assist those in need with dignity and respect.

Heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our participating partners!

Red Bank Police Department, Proactive Union of Law Enforcement and Social Services (P.U.L.S.S.E.), Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, JBJ Soul Kitchen, Sen. Vin Gopal, First Baptist Church (Heartwarming Center), Pilgrim Baptist Church (JBJ & PBC Hope & Comfort Warming Center for Men), Mental Health Assoc. of Monmouth County, Monmouth County OEM, and the selfless volunteers whom we couldn't do without!



"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." - Voltaire

The Police Department is excited to announce that we now have social workers as part of our department.

The Borough has contracted for one year with P.U.L.S.S.E (Proactive Union of Law Enforcement and Social Service Experts) to provide social workers for our agency on a part-time basis. The key role of these professionals will be to follow-up with residents and others who need assistance connecting with services such as mental health counseling, addiction services, or housing assistance. These follow-ups will be based on referrals from our police officers. In many instances, we find that our officers respond to the same residences or interact with the same people repeatedly. Oftentimes, this is due to the fact that these individuals need assistance that goes beyond the role and expertise

of our officers and the assistance we can provide is often temporary.

There is a long standing history of police departments working with social workers to ensure the safety of communities and the people that live and work there. The intervention of social services has become a necessary part in maintaining the welfare of a community by monitoring community health and safety issues.

The goal of this program is to reduce those police interactions and provide our residents who are in need with the assistance they require.

A special thank you to Sayreville PD, who has a similar and successful program in place and generously provided their assistance in getting this program started in Red Bank.



The Borough of Red Bank offered a free training session by Doug Haviland, a certified instructor, to staff and elected officials. The class covered adult and infant/child CPR, obstructed airway, the Heimlich Maneuver, use of a barrier device, and AED (Automated External Defibrillator), hands-on training. This class was open to all borough employees and officials looking for a basic certified course. Thank you Doug!



PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Director E. Glykis

Fall's final Historic Walking Tour will be on November 18, 2023! Participation is limited to the first 15 participants; however, no registration is required. Join Kathy Lou Colmorgen on a historic tour of Red Bank.

Join us for activities that spark your imagination at Power Play at the Library on Wednesdays from 5pm - 7pm for Power Play Make your own toys, create art, build with Legos, or play a fun game.

Nourish your body and soul every Friday at 11am with Friday Dance Fitness with Erkyia at the Red Bank Public Library.

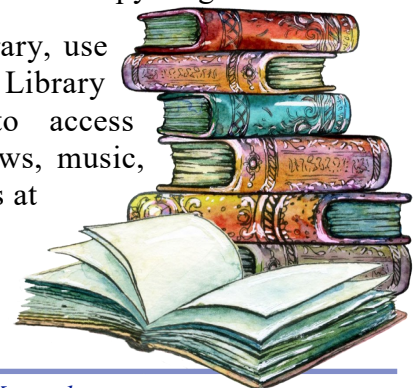
On November 10, 2023, the Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library will host a kick-off celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the library's founding on January 2nd, 1924. A series of special events and fundraising activities will continue

throughout this special year. The November 10th event will have speakers, raffles, music, food, and good company, and will begin at 7 PM at the library. Tickets are \$75. <https://www.redbanklibrary.org/centennial-celebration-kickoff>

Keep Calm and Read with A Dog. Reluctant Readers can stop by on the First Tuesday of the month at 6pm to read a story to Sophia the Therapy Dog.

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.






Riverside Gardens Park

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2023
11AM


Honoring all who served

Elks Lodge in the event of rain



Brought to you by the Red Bank Parks and Recreation Department

Happy 100th Anniversary



Elsner Memorial Red Bank Public Library




Employee Spotlight

Carl Ashton
DPU Operator

Carl Ashton is a lifelong Red Bank resident and is a dedicated member of our Department of Public Utilities team. Carl has been employed with the DPU team for eight years.

Carl is the DPU loader operator, has many skills, and plays a pivotal role in the department's operations. Carl has for several years assisted the RiverCenter with the downtown district beautification program.

He values teamwork and collaboration, working seamlessly with his colleagues to keep operations running smoothly.

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NAVESINK HOOK & LADDER PRESENTS OUR 2023...

SANTA PRESENT DROP

COMING SOON

REGISTRATION TO OPEN
ON WEDNESDAY 11/1

STAY TUNED & CHECK BACK!
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



"We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown." - Marcie



Red Bank Recreation Fall Season

The Recreation Dept. had so much fun this fall season.

Soccer season brought great sportsmanship to young children as we introduced the Champions League for grade Kinder to 2nd. We also had really competitive teams in the Northern Monmouth and Ocean Soccer League. Great job by all!! Shout out to all our volunteer coaches and assistants!

The fall season also brought us to the 75th Anniversary of the Halloween Parade. Residents also participated in different Halloween Theme Contests. One of them was choosing the best Halloween movie to show at the park. Another one was to come up with the best Halloween Name for the town.

Boo Bank— A Trail of Fright from Broad to White

Special thanks to everyone who helped us make this happen! Red Bank Police, Fire and DPW as well as RiverCenter and The Parks and Recreation Committee!

WINTER PROGRAMS

Register before its too late for our Indoor Soccer and Basketball programs!

Indoor Soccer registration ends Nov. 3rd.

Winter Basketball registration ends Nov. 15

ON THE HORIZON...

HOLIDAYS EVENTS.

December 8th— Westside Tree Lighting at Johnny Jazz Park.

December 12th & 13th—Santa Calls. Forms will be sent over to the schools

Letters to the North Pole— Drop off letters to our festive mailboxes in Red Bank.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Do you think your house is the most festive in Red Bank? Register now to win prizes!



'Plastic Film' labeled recycling bins are available for free pick-up at:

Red Bank Public Works Offices
75 Chestnut Street, Red Bank, NJ
732-530-2770

Here's How to Participate



Materials Accepted in Your 'Plastic Film' Bin



Not Accepted Materials

- Multi-layer film (chip bags, pet food bags, etc.)
- Waxed paper containers
- Paper towels and napkins
- Diapers
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Aerosol cans
- Polystyrene or foam containers
- Food-soiled paper and cardboard
- Feminine products
- Biodegradable or compostable bags
- Candy wrappers

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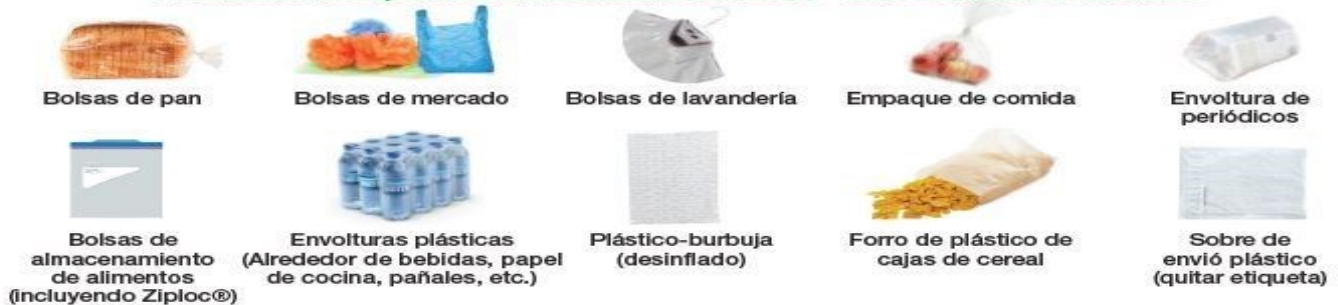
Contenedores etiquetados 'Láminas Plásticas' pueden ser recogidas gratuitamente en:

Red Bank Public Works Offices
75 Chestnut Street, Red Bank, NJ
732-530-2770

Como Participar



Productos Aceptados en Contenedores de 'Solo Láminas Plásticas'



Materiales no Aceptados

- Bolsas con capas (bolsas de papas fritas, bolsas de comida de mascotas, etc.)
- Contenedores de papel encerado
- Papel de cocina o servilletas
- Productos de higiene femenino
- Bolsas de ensalada prelavada
- Latas de aerosol
- Contenedores de poliestireno o espuma
- Papel y cartón sucios con alimentos
- Bolsas biodegradables o compostables
- Envolturas de dulces
- Pañales

Esta iniciativa ha sido posible gracias a la cooperación con



"Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-preoccupation."- John Ortberg



Monmouth
ACTS
ASSISTING COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICES

WE'RE LISTENING:
732.542.6422

In collaboration with the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Monmouth ACTS, the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County is connecting residents to a licensed counselor who can provide up to 6 telephone emotional support sessions.



Whether you need guidance, resources, mental health support, or just someone to talk to, we are here for you.
Call 732.542.6422 Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STAY SAFE. STAY WELL. STAY CONNECTED.

STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE?

Call or Text

833-OHH-CARE
833-644-2273

24/7 HELPLINE



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**Mental Health Association
of Monmouth County**

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Meridian Health
Riverview Medical Center



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Family Health Center



The Feast

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First Baptist Church of Red Bank



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CENTER



"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." - Leo Buscaglia