



# SCUTTLEBUTT

Red Bank, New Jersey

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

- Laura Reinertsen, Borough Clerk

The concept of "New Year, New Beginnings" resonates deeply within us, as we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. It is a time to reset our priorities, set new goals, and adopt a positive outlook on life. Change is an inevitable part of life, and the new year symbolizes a chance to embrace it wholeheartedly. It is an opportunity to break free from the shackles of old habits and patterns that may be holding us back. With every passing year, we gain valuable experiences and insights that shape our identities and shape our desires for personal growth.

It is important to remember that change is a journey, not a destination. It takes time and effort to transform ourselves and our lives. Along the way, there will be ups and downs, successes and failures; but it is through these experiences that we learn, grow, and evolve.

As we embrace the new year and new beginnings, let us remember to approach change with open hearts and open

minds. Let us be gentle with ourselves, granting ourselves the grace and patience to navigate the challenges that may arise. Let us be bold in our pursuit of personal growth and relentless in our commitment to positive change, and above all, let us cherish the opportunity that each new year brings – the opportunity to start anew, to reinvent ourselves, and to create a life that aligns with our deepest desires and aspirations.

The new year is a time filled with hope, optimism, and the promise of change. It is an opportunity to reflect on the past, cultivate a positive outlook, practice self-care, and embrace new beginnings. As we embark on this journey of personal growth, let us remember that change is a process, and we must approach it with patience, resilience, and kindness towards ourselves. Here's to a year of transformation, self-discovery, and living our best lives. Cheers to the New Year!

## NEW BOROUGH MANAGER

Red Bank is thrilled to welcome James Gant as our new Borough Manager!!

Having a dedicated Borough Manager helps improve communication and coordination among different departments, ensuring that they work in tandem to achieve common goals. With James Gant at the helm, we can expect enhanced leadership, effective decision-making, and the implementation of innovative strategies to address the specific needs and challenges of Red Bank.

Furthermore, the Borough Manager acts as a liaison between the local government and the community, ensuring that the concerns and interests of the residents are heard and addressed. This role promotes transparency, accountability, and a strong sense of community engagement.

Prior to joining Red Bank, James served as the Borough Administrator in a neighboring town where he implemented several innovative programs that resulted in improved efficiencies across departments.

His collaborative approach and strategic thinking have earned him recognition for his exceptional leadership skills.

James's extensive knowledge of municipal operations and his strong commitment to public service make him the perfect candidate to lead our community forward. He understands the unique challenges that Red Bank faces and is dedicated to finding practical solutions that benefit all residents.

James's arrival marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our community's journey. As we embark on this new chapter, let us remember that change is a catalyst for progress. We have the opportunity to make Red Bank an even better place to live, work, and play. Join us in welcoming James Gant to Red Bank and let's embrace the incredible things that lie ahead!



*"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word." - Göran Persson*

The Recreation Department welcomes you to the new year 2024! Wishing everyone a healthy and fun year full of sports, concerts, and great recreational activities. We sure are ready for all of them!

We would like to congratulate the winners of our 2023 Holiday Home Decorating Contest! This year's houses were selected by our students from the Red Bank Middle School and Red Bank Charter School! The Top 3 homes are: the Chippendale Family, 57 Elm Place; the Cohen Family, 32 South Street; and the Lau Family, 34 E. Bergen Place.

*(for a list of all the houses registered, please visit our Borough website)*

We continue to offer our Buddyball Program for Children with special needs and Autism. The program runs on Mondays at 5PM, at the Red Bank Primary School gym. Anyone looking to help, please come join us as this program depends pri-

marily on volunteers!

### *Upcoming – Spring 2024*

We've now open registration for Baseball and Softball! Visit our online registration portal to register.

FREE – Baseball Clinic at Red Bank Regional H.S with the help of the TRLL and Red Bank Regional Baseball, January 6th at 12PM for boys in grades 1-8.

We will be continuing our Adult Open-gym Basketball nights on Mondays and Tuesdays at 7PM, at the Red Bank Middle School gym.

We look forward to continue serving the community of Red Bank!

Happy New Year 2024 from the Red Bank Recreation Department!!!



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Director E. Glykis

Ring in the New Year with the Red Bank Public Library! Much of the library programming is back after the holidays in full swing, including Bridge Club (Mondays at noon at the Senior Center), Mahjong (Tuesdays at 1:00pm), and Dance Fitness (Fridays at 11:00am). Consider making a New Year's resolution to join a book club! The RBPL Book Club will meet at 6:45pm on Wednesday, January 17th, to discuss



January's book selection, *The Scarlet Letter*. No registration is required; please visit our circulation desk to check out your book copy.

The Red Bank Public Library is very excited to introduce our "But Wait, There's More!" collection. Items such as a badminton set, folding chairs, a stud finder, and even a karaoke machine can be checked out for a two-week period with your library card. More information about "But Wait, There's More!" will be forthcoming on the library website, and this project is supported by funds from LibraryLinkNJ as part of the Level Up Your Library mini-grant program.

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). Also keep an eye on the website's calendar for any events pertaining to our 100th year!.



## 2024 Red Bank Fire Chiefs Election

Congratulations to our newly elected Fire Chiefs for the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department!

*From left to right:*

Michael Welsh incoming Second Deputy Fire Chief for 2024; member of Navesink Hook and Ladder

Wayne Hartman, 2023 Fire Chief of the Department; member of Independent Engine Company

Bobby Holiday 2024 Fire Chief of the Department; member of Liberty Hose Company

Frank Woods First Deputy Fire Chief; member of Liberty Hose Company



# WE WANT YOU



*Do You Have a Fire  
Burning in You ?*

***Join our Volunteer  
Fire Department***

***Visit Our Website to learn more : [www.redbankfire.org](http://www.redbankfire.org)***

## 2024 Pet Licenses

\$18.00 for unneutered dogs or cats  
\$15.00 for neutered or spayed; proof  
from the veterinarian is required.

All dog or cat licenses renewed  
after February 28th may be charged  
an additional \$5.00 late fee.

RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID  
THROUGH OCTOBER OF LICENSING YEAR.



Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

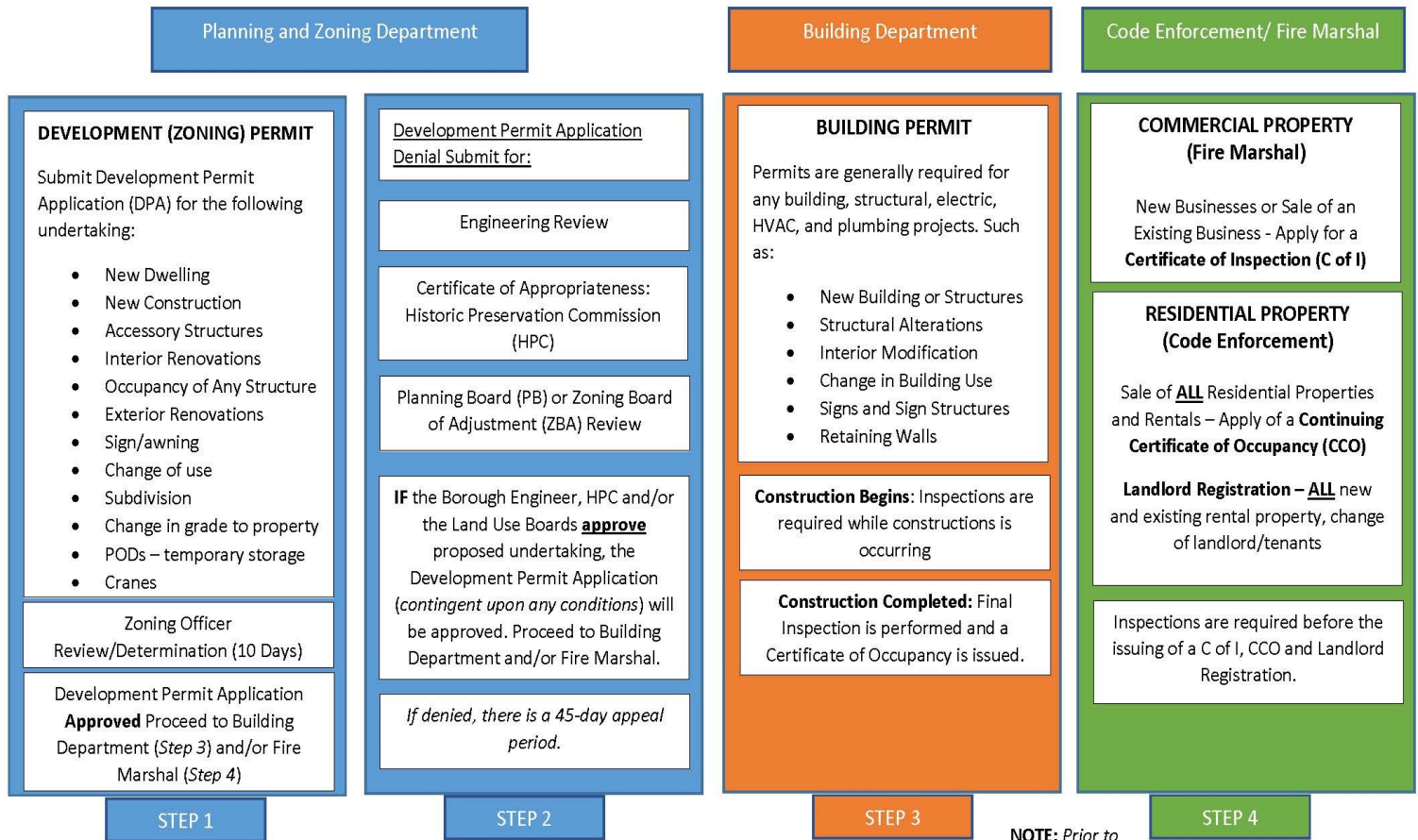
§ 231-22 Cat Licensing  
§ 231-6 Dog Licensing



*"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McLellan*

# WHERE DO I GO FOR PERMITS?

## PERMIT APPLICATION FLOW CHART



**NOTE:** Prior to Proceeding to Fire Marshal's Office, ensure all building permits are closed.

- Go through these decision points to determine which department will affect your project.
- Obtain all permit applications once you have a survey, plot plans and/or building plans.
- The accuracy of your information determines the timeframe for your application to be approved.



### ZONING

732-530-2753

The primary purpose of the Zoning Department is to administer and enforce the Zoning Regulations of the Borough. The Department guides public and private development through planning & development policies and review standards in order to create and maintain a balanced community.

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

732-530-2760

The primary responsibility of the building department is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey's citizens. To accomplish this construction officials and subcode officials review construction permit applications to ensure that building plans and specifications conform to the New Jersey

Uniform Construction Code (NJUCC), inspectors perform field inspections for construction projects to ensure that the construction is in accordance with the NJUCC.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

732-530-2764

The primary responsibility of code enforcement professionals is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Borough residents and visitors. To accomplish this code enforcement officials and inspectors perform field inspections to ensure that properties are maintained in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code (PMC) adopted by the Borough.





On behalf of Red Bank PBA, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the generous contributions to our toy drive. We are truly humbled by the kindness and generosity shown.

Your donations helped us spread joy and bring smiles to the faces of over 65 children during this holiday season. It's heartwarming to see the spirit of giving in action and the difference it makes in the lives of those less fortunate.



## Employee Spotlight



**Michelle DeLuca**

Sr. Technical Assistant to the Construction Official

Michelle was originally hired in 2013, she left us for a little while in 2021 but we were lucky to get her back in 2022.

With her knowledge, proficiency, geniality and charismatic personality, she is a great asset to the Borough. Thank you for all you do Michelle, we appreciate you!

Department of Public Utilities



## Christmas Tree Disposal

**CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE COLLECTED CURBSIDE BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST THROUGH THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY, WEATHER PERMITTING. ALL DECORATIONS, ORNAMENTS, TINSEL AND STRANDS MUST BE REMOVED FROM TREES.**

**ARTIFICIAL TREES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

*"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet." - Anne Frank*





# BOROUGH OF RED BANK

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1, 2024 3PM Reorganization

*Regular Meetings\* are Thursdays at 6:30PM*

*\*Contingent upon Council approve at the Reorganization Meeting*

January 11th and 25th

February 8th and 22nd

March 14th and 28th

April 11th and 25th

May 9th and 23rd

June 13th and 27th

July 11th and 25th

August 8th and 22nd

September 12th and 26th

October 10th and 24th

November 14th

December 12th

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.



*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt*