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As we approach Independence Day, it is more important than ever to reflect on the significance of this historic day and why we continue to celebrate it. The Fourth of July is not just a day off from work or an excuse to have a barbecue, but a reminder of the sacrifices and struggles our forefathers endured to secure our freedoms.

In a time where political divisions run deep and tensions are high, we must remember the unity that was forged during the fight for independence. The Declaration of Independence was a bold statement that all men are created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It was a declaration that laid the foundation for the principles of democracy and freedom that we hold dear today.

Celebrating Independence Day is a way to honor the resilience and determination of those who fought for our freedom. It serves as a reminder that no matter how difficult the circumstances, we have the power to overcome challenges and create a better future for ourselves and our country.

It is important to remember that we are all Americans first. We may have different beliefs and opinions, but at the end of the day, we are united by our shared values and love for our country. Independence Day is a time to put aside our differences and come together to celebrate the freedoms that we all enjoy.

Let us remember the importance of unity, freedom, and democracy. Let us be grateful for the rights and privileges that we have today because of the sacrifices made by those who came before us. Let us look to the future with hope and optimism, knowing that we have the power to shape our destiny and create a more perfect union.

So, as we gather with friends and family on the Fourth of July and wave our flags and watch the fireworks light up the sky this Independence Day, let us do so with a sense of gratitude and optimism for the future. Let us remember the importance of Independence Day and why we celebrate it – because our freedom and democracy are worth celebrating and preserving for generations to come.

- Laura Reinertsen

New Form of Government Turns 1!

It's hard to believe that it has already been a whole year since Red Bank made the transition to a new form of government, but here we are, celebrating the one-year anniversary of this momentous occasion. The past twelve months have been filled with excitement, challenges, and most importantly, growth for our beloved town.

One of the most noticeable changes that came with the new form of government was the increased sense of community involvement. With more opportunities for residents to have their voices heard and participate in decision-making processes, the town has truly become a place where everyone's opinions are valued. This sense of inclusion has led to a stronger sense of unity and pride among Red Bank residents, and has helped to create a more vibrant and dynamic community.

In addition to increased community involvement, the past year has also seen significant progress in terms of infrastructure improvements and economic development. From road

repairs and beautification projects to new businesses opening their doors in town, Red Bank has seen a noticeable transformation in just a short amount of time. The new form of government has brought with it a fresh perspective and a renewed focus on growth and prosperity, and the results have been nothing short of impressive.

As we look back on the past year, it's clear that the decision to switch to a new form of government was a wise one. The positive changes and improvements that have taken place in such a short amount of time are a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in making this transition a success. The future of Red Bank looks brighter than ever, and we can't wait to see what the next year will bring.

So here's to the one-year anniversary of Red Bank's new form of government! Let's celebrate how far we've come, and look forward to all the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Cheers to a bright future for our beloved town!



Our long-awaited Summer Series is finally here!

Join us on Tuesdays at dusk for a movie. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the movie under the stars.

On Wednesdays, we will have fitness classes from 6:00-7:00pm. Class will either be Zumba, Yoga or Pilates each week.

Thursday evenings are for Jazz concerts. Concerts will take place from 7:00pm-8:30pm

All Summer Series events are located at Riverside Gardens Park and are free to the public!

The School of Rock of Red Bank will be having a free show on July 19th from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Riverside Gardens Park. Come and enjoy your favorite summer jams!

Every Sunday afternoon from August 4th-August 25th we will have a Westside Jazz Concert at Johnny Jazz Park.

For our full Summer Series calendar, please visit redbanknj.org/191/Parks-Recreation. For weather updates and reminders, text @rbsummers to 81010.

For more information, please visit the Red Bank Department of Parks & Recreation Facebook Page.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Savor the summer at the RBPL! We are in the very midst of our Summer Reading program, for which there is still time to join the fun! Visit redbankpl.beanstack.org to either sign-up for the first time or access your Summer Reading account from previous years. There will be games, raffles, and prizes throughout the summer - all ages can participate!

Some of the special Summer Reading events that the library will be sponsoring in July are the following: Junk Journaling for Teens at 5pm on Tuesday, July 2nd, 16th, and 30th; Campfire Story Time in our Children's Room every Wednesday at 6pm; Board Games and Pizza Bagels for Teens on the library front porch every Monday at 3pm starting July 8th; Giant Game Night at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 11th; Diamond Painting for Adults at 6pm on Tuesday, July 16th; and a "How To Plan Your Next Trip Online" tutorial at 6pm on Tuesday, July 23rd in the library's Eisner Lab.

Our main event for the month of July is our Friends & Family Field Day scheduled for Saturday, July 20th from 11am-1pm. Register at www.redbanklibrary.org to participate and compete in classic field games, as well

as a few Minute to Win It games that could only happen here at the Library! Attendees can sign up for Summer Reading, race through our inflatable obstacle course, win prizes and more at our Friends & Family Field Day! Information about this and all of our events can be found on our website.

Kanopy is now live with the RBPL! RBPL cardholders now have access to a vast collection of award-winning films, documentaries, TV shows, and educational videos—all at their fingertips! Simply visit www.kanopy.com/en/redbanklibrary, add your Red Bank Public Library card number and PIN, and create a password. Note that the Red Bank Public Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day. 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.



BRUSH COLLECTION

Began in April and ends in October.

Per Ordinance 434-8, placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street is only allowed during the seven days prior to a scheduled and announced collection.

West of Broad Street (Second Thursday, April-October)

East of Broad Street (Third Thursday, April-October)

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION



Pine
Needles



Grass
Clippings



Weeds

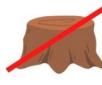


Pruning Waste
& Small Shrubs



Small Branches
< 1.5" Diameter

NO!



Tree Stumps or
Large Branches



Rocks or Dirt



Wood or
Ashes



Food Waste or
Animal Waste



Bags

Employee Spotlight

Sergeant Heather Kovar

Traffic Safety Unit



Sergeant Heather Kovar, is one of the most recognizable and hardworking faces within the Red Bank Police Department. She is a 17-year veteran of the department and the supervising Sergeant in charge of the Traffic Safety Unit. A graduate of Brookdale Community College, she joined the police department in December of 2007 as a dispatcher and was quickly hired as a police officer in August of 2008. Heather is an invaluable asset to the department and aside from her normal duties, she also oversees the departments Field Training Officers program for new hires. She is known to lead by example and is often out pounding the pavement investigating accidents, enforcing laws, planning and coordinating special events or collecting data to use for street improvement programs. She is a breath of fresh air and a phenomenal employee. If you see the Sergeant out on the street, be sure to say hello.



PLEASE NOTE
WE WILL BE
CLOSED
4 & 5 JULY 2024
IN HONOR OF
INDEPENDENCE
DAY



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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.

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"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." - Arthur Ashe

Fireworks Safety



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom . . ." - Bob Dylan