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Red Bank, New Jersey

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LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENTERS PHASE 2

Dear Red Bank Residents,

I am excited to share significant progress in our ongoing commitment to ensuring safe drinking water for all residents. As many of you know, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2021, ch. 183, mandating that all community water systems in New Jersey identify and replace lead service lines by 2031. In response, Red Bank Borough has been working diligently to meet and exceed these requirements, and I am proud to announce that we are entering Phase 2 of our Lead Service Line Replacement Project, with bids being accepted later this week.

Completion of Phase 1

We have successfully completed Phase 1 of this critical project in Census Tract 803400 in May 2024. This phase, funded through the I-Bank, resulted in the replacement of over 345 lead service lines and the completion of 1,020 test pits. Awarded to Montana Construction, this project was valued at \$2,686,750 and notably received 50% principal forgiveness through the I-Bank program. The achievements of Phase 1 mark a significant milestone in our journey towards a lead-free Red Bank.

Phase 2 of our Lead Service Line Replacement Project is now underway, and it is divided into two essential parts:

Part 1: This phase involves conducting test pits for all remaining unknown lead service lines across the Borough. Approxi-

mately 2,000 test pits will be completed, and we are prepared to address 75 emergency repairs as part of this effort. This component is estimated to cost \$2,537,000. However, unlike Phase 1, this part does not include principal forgiveness.

Part 2: We will return to Census Tract 803400 to undertake full-length water service replacements for 152 services and partial-length service replacements for 48 services. This segment of the project is estimated at \$1,814,750 and will benefit from 50% principal forgiveness, significantly reducing the financial burden on our community.

Important Notice

By August 10th, the Borough will be sending letters to all known lead and galvanized service line owners. If you receive one of these letters, please be aware of the importance of this communication and the steps you may need to take to facilitate the replacement process.

Our commitment to rapid progress and thoroughness ensures that we are well on our way to eliminating lead service lines in our community well before the 2031 deadline. Your cooperation and support are vital to the success of this initiative. Together, we can secure a healthier and safer environment for all Red Bank residents.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

- Jim Gant, Borough Manager

UNITING COWORKERS THROUGH WELLNESS

Workplaces can be stressful, making it crucial to prioritize employee well-being and cultivate community among coworkers. One engaging way we to do this is through the Borough's Wellness Committee's initiatives.

Our most recent event, "Luau Palooza", encouraged employees to share healthy dishes during lunchtime, offering a variety of options that cater to different dietary needs. Luau Palooza not only promoted healthy eating but also fosters bonding among coworkers in a relaxed atmosphere, allowing for conversation and camaraderie outside the typical work dynamic.

Moreover, this event underscores the borough's commitment to employee well-being and a positive work culture. It encourages a sense of belonging and inclusivity, leading to a more cohesive and productive environment.

In short, *Luau Palooza* is more than just a potluck; it celebrates wellness and teamwork. It enhances relationships,

boosts morale, and highlights the importance of taking care of employees for a successful workplace.

Many thanks to the Wellness Committee for their efforts in making these opportunities available!



"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

AND THE SUMMER FUN CONTINUES!!!



Don't miss out on any of our summer events! This time join us and The Jazz Arts Project on Sundays at our **Count Basie 365 Westside Jazz Concerts! Concerts will take place at Johnny Jazz Park Sundays**

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

Summer Series 2024 Westside Jazz Concerts SUNDAYS AT JOHNNY JAZZ PARK, 270 SHREWSBURY AVE, RED BANK, NJ	
August 4 at 3pm	EDDIE ALLEN - TRIBUTE TO LOUIS ARMSTRONG
August 11 at 3pm	WAYE ESCONFREY QUARTET
August 18 at 3pm	WINARD HARPER AND JELI POSSE
August 25 at 1pm	CHUCK LAMBERT, KENNY BLAKE & MORE!

This program is made possible in part by funds from Monmouth Arts, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.

Riverside gardens Park Events continuing:

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

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

SAVE THE DATE: 3RD Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration – September 15th 3-7PM at Riverside Gardens Park



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"August is like the Sunday of summer—so close to the end but still full of possibilities." - Unknown

Employee Spotlight

Christopher Costigan

Parking Foreman



We are pleased to introduce the latest feature in our Employee Spotlight series. Today, we recognize Christopher Costigan, a distinguished member of the Parking Utility team. Chris joined our the Borough on December 1, 2020, and has consistently displayed exceptional dedication in his role. This commitment culminated in his promotion to Parking Foreman on March 1, 2023. His enthusiasm and positive demeanor greatly enhance our workplace environment. In addition to his professional achievements, Chris values quality time with his family at Lake Como, NJ. Please join us as we celebrate his accomplishments and contributions.



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"That smell of freshly cut grass makes me think of Friday night football in high school. The smell of popcorn and cigar smoke reminds me of the stadium. The cutting of the grass reminds me of the August practice." - Garth Brooks

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- ❗ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ❗ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ❗ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ❗ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ❗ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ❗ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ❗ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ❗ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ❗ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ❗ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ❗ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

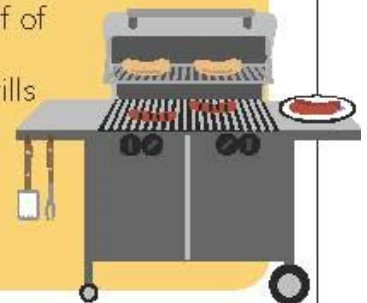
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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"The last hot, sweaty month, standing between me and pumpkin season." - Anonymous