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COMMUNITY BUZZ



Join us for the 5th annual Red Bank Porchfest on October 5th! This unique event brings together music lovers and talented musicians for a day of live performances on porches throughout the town. Bands, singers, and instrumentalists participate in the festival for no other reason than to showcase their talents and engage the community. Music is diverse and can range from country to pop, classical, reggae, blues, rock, jazz, Latino, folk and many others. But wait, there's more! For all you cyclists out there, we encourage you to pedal your way to Porchfest and enjoy the music while experiencing the beautiful scenery of Red Bank.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled event with great music, great people, and a fantastic community atmosphere. Rain date is scheduled for October 6, 2024, so mark your calendars and come join us from noon to 6pm for Red Bank Porchfest!

PAINTING RED BANK PURPLE AND PINK FOR OCTOBER

October is a pivotal month dedicated to raising awareness about two significant issues: Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness. The Borough of Red Bank is proud to acknowledge both causes through official proclamations and community initiatives aimed at promoting understanding and support.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as an important reminder of the necessity for early detection and prevention. With one in eight women diagnosed in their lifetime, timely screenings can save lives. Residents are encouraged to prioritize their health this October by scheduling mammograms and participating in local health events focused on education about breast cancer.

In parallel, the Borough recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is committed to supporting survivors while raising awareness about this critical issue. As part of its efforts, Red Bank will participate in the "Paint the Town Purple" initiative organized by 180 Turning Lives Around. This event symbolizes solidarity with those affected by domestic violence and serves as a call to action for the community. By painting the town purple, residents demonstrate their commitment to ending abuse and fostering a safe environment for all.

The decision to highlight both Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the "Paint the Town Purple" initiative underscores the Borough's dedication to supporting individuals in need.

By promoting these causes, Red Bank encourages meaningful conversations, helps individuals seek assistance, and emphasizes the importance of health and well-being.

Residents are invited to participate in local events, share information, and wear pink or purple to show their support. Every action, no matter how small, contributes to greater awareness and a supportive community. It is crucial for all members of the community to come together to support these important causes and work towards a future where everyone can live healthy, safe, and empowered lives.





On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide

Need help? You are not alone.

- 180 Domestic Violence Hotline: 888-843-9262
- 180 Sexual Violence Hotline: 888-264-7273
- Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing: Text 732-977-2832
- 2NDFLOOR Youth Helpline: Call or Text 888-222-2228

If you are in immediate danger, call 911

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month #DVAM

FALL SOCCER KICK OFFS

Our Fall Soccer season is officially underway! This past week, the fields were alive with energy as players of all ages hit the ground running for an exciting start to the season. From our youngest players in the Pee Wee league to the more seasoned athletes, it's clear that our coaches are doing an excellent job!

A huge shout-out to our coaches, volunteers, and parents for making the first week such a success! We can't wait to see how our players grow throughout the season.



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Friendly Reminder:

Stay tuned for information on our Winter Recreational Basketball and Indoor Soccer Leagues! Registrations opens soon!

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UPCOMING: HALLOWEEN EVENTS!



Mark your calendars! **Red Bank's 76th Annual Halloween Parade** is right around the corner. This year's event will be on **Sunday, October 20th with a rain date of Oct. 27th**. Line-up will begin at 1PM in the corner of Hudson Ave. and E Bergen Pl. Stepping off at 2:00 PM on to Broad Street towards White Street Parking Lot for a community celebration.

There will be contests for best costumes and floats, live music and so much more. Bring the whole family for a night of spooky fun and community spirit. We're excited to see everyone's creative costumes!

HELLO RED BANK COMMUNITY!

As your Community Engagement Coordinator, I'm excited to connect with and serve our Red Bank residents! I look forward to supporting and uplifting the amazing work our Borough is doing to remain service-minded, increase public participation, build trust, and foster community pride. I'm also eager to promote the fantastic offerings from our local businesses, schools, and non-profits, including events, resources, and services. **Join me in bridging gaps and strengthening our community!**

October is shaping up to be a vibrant month filled with events that bring us together! Last month, we kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with our annual **Red Bank Hispanic Heritage Celebration**. Thank you to our community for showing up and celebrating the diversity that makes Red Bank special! This month, let's round out the celebration by attending the first-ever NJ Hispanic Film Festival, happening here at home and hosted by the Count Basie Center for the Arts from October 4-6, and joining Two River Theater for their joyful presentation of American Mariachi which goes through October 20th.

Additionally, we are proud to support the 180 Paint the Town Purple initiative, which raises awareness about domestic violence. 180 Turning Lives Around is a dedicated non-profit working alongside many Red Bank organizations to provide essential support to survivors. **If you or someone you know is seeking resources, please visit** their website at **180nj.org**. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You'll notice many local non-profits will host events to

recognize the impact of these vital causes. Don't miss the Red Bank YMCA's Pink Out Party on October 17—let's rally together and show our support!

Fire Prevention Week is upon us! Please keep an eye out for valuable resources from our Police and Fire Departments. They have planned events to inform the community about fire safety as we approach the holiday season. Staying informed is crucial for maintaining safety in our community.

Enjoy the month, and don't forget to **stay connected** with us on Facebook, YouTube, and X for the latest updates and community news. Together, we can make **October a month full of connection, awareness, and celebration!**



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WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON FAST APPROACHING, WE ARE PREPARING TO SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR GENEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH CARPENTRY SKILLS TO HELP OUR WOODEN SANTA'S BOXES. ENSURING THEY'RE READY TO COLLECT LETTERS FOR SANTA.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BRUSH PICK UP DO'S AND DON'TS *NORMAS PARA RECOGER RAMAS*

**PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP US
FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE YOUR BRUSH PICK UP**

***POR FAVOR SIGA ESTOS SENCILLOS CONSEJOS PARA AYUDARNOS ACELERAR
EL PROCESO DE RECOGER SUS RAMAS***



The final brush collection of the season will take place in October as we transition to leaf collection. We encourage residents to take advantage of this service by placing their brush at the curb on the assigned collection date before the end of October.

After the brush collection concludes in October, our team will begin leaf collection from November through December. Leaf collection will continue through the fall, and we will do our best to ensure timely service.

Please remember the following guidelines when preparing your brush and leaves for collection.

- Do not block fire hydrants: Keep brush clear of fire hydrants to ensure they are accessible in an emergency.
- Avoid storm drains: Please do not place brush over storm drains to prevent any blockages or flooding.
- Avoid painted yellow areas: Brush should not be placed in areas painted yellow, as this could obstruct visibility or create safety hazards.

RED BANK RECYCLES



Recycling Center

West Sunset Avenue - Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Saturday*, 8am -2pm

CLOSED Sunday & Monday

** Subject to Borough Holidays*



REMINDER - Fall Leaf Collection begins in November and runs through December.

Ord No. §590-17.C: Leaves may be placed at the curb for collection, either loose or in biodegradable bags, provided that the piles do not constitute a traffic or safety hazard. Properties in areas designated by the Department of Public Utilities as having potential for traffic or safety hazards shall be permitted to bag the leaves for collection in biodegradable bags.

- West of Broad Street Collection is the second Thursday of the month.

East of Broad Street Collection is on the third Thursday of the month.

Boo! Welcome to October at the Red Bank Public Library! There is a whole slew of fun fall activities ready for you at the library, and no library card is required to partake in any of them.

Join our monthly horror book and film club, Give Yourself Goosebumps, on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00pm where we will be discussing the 1976 film, Carrie.

This summer's Campfire Story Time has evolved into Fireside Story Time each Wednesday at 6:00pm starting on October 2nd; wear your PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and cozy up with the tale.

Mr. Anthony Setaro will visit the library on Thursday, October 10th for another installment of Throwback Thursday at 6:30pm; this time speaking about Red Bank's historic Italian community.

On Saturday, October 19th, join our Historic Walking Tour that will meet in front of the library at 10:30am where there will surely be some engaging local stories while you enjoy some (hopefully!) fabulous fall weather.

Local author Pat Heyer will be sharing some entertaining and spooky local ghost stories at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 22nd in a program entitled The Ghosts of Navrvarumsu. The RBPL will cap off its celebration of Halloween with Halloween at Hogwarts at

5:00pm on Wednesday, October 23rd, which will have amusement for all ages.

In addition to the superb programs above, the library will be hosting its regular programming throughout October, including Bridge Club on Mondays; Mahjong, Power Play, and Teen Board Games on Tuesdays; Junk Journaling and ESL classes on Thursdays; and Dance Fitness on Fridays. **Be sure to check our website's calendar for the most up-to-date information.**

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. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!



Employee Spotlight

Meet Smalls, the Bernedoodle who serves as the loyal service dog for Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen. Smalls is also a certified therapy dog with Air Dogs, a comprehensive program that showcases the positive impact dogs have on our mental health.

One of Smalls' favorite activities is visiting the Red Bank Seniors, bringing joy and comfort to all who meet him. His gentle demeanor and friendly personality make him a hit with

everyone he encounters, spreading happiness wherever he goes.

Smalls truly embodies the spirit of service and compassion. We are grateful to have such a special member of our team, and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful things he will continue to accomplish in the future.

Thank you, Smalls, for being a true superstar in our workplace and community.



SMALLS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR RED BANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week

As we approach Fire Prevention Week, the Red Bank Borough is excited to share this year's theme: "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!™." This important initiative highlights the crucial role that smoke alarms play in protecting our homes and loved ones.

Why Smoke Alarms Matter

Did you know that a working smoke alarm can significantly increase your chances of surviving a fire? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three out of five fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. These devices are your first line of defense, providing early warnings that can save lives.

This Fire Prevention Week, we encourage all Red Bank residents to take the time to inspect and maintain your smoke alarms. It's a small task that can have life-saving implications.

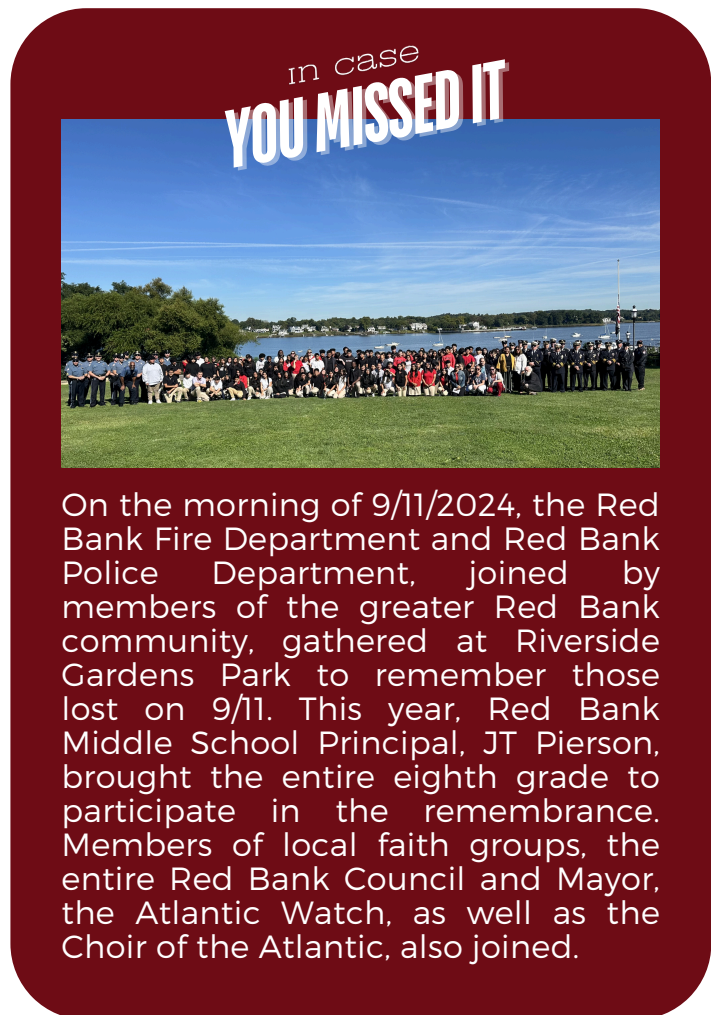
How to Ensure Your Smoke Alarms Are Effective

- Test Monthly
- Change the Batteries
- Replace Older Alarms
- Know Your Alarm Types
- Install Alarms in Key Areas



Join Us in Prioritizing Safety!

Let's work together to ensure our community remains safe and prepared.



On the morning of 9/11/2024, the Red Bank Fire Department and Red Bank Police Department, joined by members of the greater Red Bank community, gathered at Riverside Gardens Park to remember those lost on 9/11. This year, Red Bank Middle School Principal, JT Pierson, brought the entire eighth grade to participate in the remembrance. Members of local faith groups, the entire Red Bank Council and Mayor, the Atlantic Watch, as well as the Choir of the Atlantic, also joined.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead