



# SCUTTLEBUTT

Red Bank, NJ Newsletter

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## What's in a name?

- Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen

*That which we call scuttlebutt would smell....forget it, not going there. I see you've come back for another peek. I'm so glad you did! The maiden voyage of the Scuttlebutt was well received and I'm glad of it. However, there has been a little scuttlebutt over the moniker; see what I did there? Anyway, this is your opportunity to put in your two cents. Should the newsletter be re-christened? And if so to what? Tight Ship, Plain Sailing, Right Tack, or ditch the nautical all together and Red Bank Minute? As for me I like Scuttlebutt, I can't help but smile when I say it. Send an email to [lreinertsen@redbanknj.org](mailto:lreinertsen@redbanknj.org), put "Name the Newsletter" in the subject area and your comments will be considered. Keep it PG please, after all, this is a family friendly newsletter.*

***"You know  
you've reached  
middle age  
when you're  
cautioned to  
slow down by  
your doctor,  
instead of by  
the police."***

- Joan Rivers

## Red Bank Public Library

- Dir. Eleni Glykis

Red Bank Public Library construction will soon be underway at the Red Bank Public Library! Both the Library Board of Trustees and Borough Council, at their last meetings, passed a resolution awarding the contract to Salazar and Associates Inc. for interior ADA renovations. This will include enhancements to the main entrance, renovating the current bathrooms to be more ADA accessible, and upgrading the existing elevator to better meet increased demand and usage. Funding provided in part by the NJ State Library, the Borough of Red Bank, and fundraising efforts of the Foundation for the Red Bank Public Library will be used to complete an overall \$300,000 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rehabilitation project.

Witches, wizards, and muggles are invited to Halloween at Hogwarts at the Library. Saturday, October 29th

stop by the Library in your wizard



robes and celebrate Halloween with Harry Potter themed games, crafts, and snacks! Library hours are changing! Starting October 17th, the library will be open: Monday & Friday, 10 am - 5 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10am - 8 pm; Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm. The last Historic Walking Tour of the Fall season will be on November 5th. Groups meet outside of the library starting at 10:30 am! Spots are closing up fast! Register at [redbanklibrary.org](http://redbanklibrary.org)

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).

## Mayor's Message

This year commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our volunteer Red Bank Fire Departments. Congratulations and thank you to our faithful women and men of the Fire Department and its constituent services that continue to provide an invaluable service to all our residents. Times and circumstances have changed in that time. From hand passed water bucket brigade to horse drawn pumps and to our modern sophisticated equipment, our Department is second to none. It has been my honor to have, for 34 years of public life, been attached to our volunteers as their Commissioner and Chaplain. I urge all, especially the young, to reach out to existing members. We all need you.

Our Boardwalk was again, unparalleled success; providing opportunities for our business community and residents alike to join in the living room of our municipality, our iconic downtown as a gathering place for showing off our rich diversity in a setting that highlights our his-

toric past with artistic/creative community based streetscape activities. The institutional improvements to the infrastructure will be a benefit for many years to come.

Our commitment to new and exciting housing stock renovation especially in the Transit area, has begun to take on striking architectural iconic success. Community based commitment to social institutions, which serve all, have reached out with initiatives to those on the periphery who need health, food and counselling services. Our Parks and Recreation programs have finally attained a full range of broad cultural community engagement that brings its programs in a diverse way to all our parks.

Red Bank continues to be not just the center of Monmouth County for commerce, financial services, the arts, health care and transportation; it is a welcoming, diverse, and multi cultural place which we are proud to call our home.

*Mayor Pasquale Menna*

# COMMITTEE COMMENTS

## Finance & Personnel / Parking Committee

As summer closed, the Personnel Committee advertised the job postings for Borough Administrator and CFO. Members of the council and administration interviewed a flurry of candidates during September and October. We were lucky enough to have qualified candidates apply from all across the country. We hope to fill these critical vacancies this month.

The budgeting process is underway in accordance with the newly created Budget Calendar. The Finance committee is also planning to transition

between the acting CFO and a permanent CFO when hired. We are looking forward to having a full-time chief financial officer to help drive down the costs of the consulting accounting firm.

The Parking Committee has reasigned 15 minute spaces and realigned parking to make it convenient for visitors and residents alike to run quick errands. Look for 15-minute spaces with street markings.

*- Councilwoman Angela Mirandi*

## Public Utilities Committee

Break out the champagne for our Red Bank Senior Center! After facing global supply-chain delays that pushed back the grand opening, our long-shuttered Center will finally re-open its doors for our beloved members in January 2023! Look for grand opening news to be announced Christmas week.

Forever Saved! We've begun the process to place riverfront land at the Senior Center on the Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) protecting access to the riverfront and the threat of sale to private developers.

Prepping Broadwalk 2023! As "Broadwalk 2022" packed up for the winter, and Broad Street prepares for the holidays, the Broadwalk Committee will reconvene this month to start planning the 2023 season. We will be ensuring a smooth transition for the warmer months that includes input from businesses, residents and the

general public.

Time for some PickleBall? After laying empty for 10 years after Superstorm Sandy, the clay courts at Marine Park are being investigated to become pickleball courts so our residents might enjoy some riverfront fun on the Navesink River. Paradise should never be paved for a parking lot, so we have begun conversations with the engineers and DEP/Green Acres.

After a three-decade delay, it's time for Red Bank to hire the architect to work with our engineers to find a permanent home for our DPW department. Committee discussions have begun and we will report on progression.

East Side sewer infrastructure at High Street needs major upgrades to ensure proper flow. Early-stage discussions for engineering and design have begun. *- Councilman Edward Zipprich*

## Code Enforcement, Environmental Control, Health, Welfare & Building Codes

On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> the Red Bank Housing Authority will be hosting a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representative to tour Evergreen and Montgomery Terrace and speak with the Housing Authority Leadership team. As Council Liaison for the Housing Authority, I was also invited for this opportunity to explore ways in which the Borough can partner with HUD and the Housing Authority to make the much needed and long overdue upgrades to Red Bank's low-income housing stock. I have always believed there are opportunities to increase the Borough's senior, low-income and affordable housing inventory utilizing the properties already owned and managed by the Red Bank Housing Authority. This is the perfect situation to pursue this goal.

I have been in discussions with the Borough's Fair Share Housing Attor-

ney on alternative uses for money originally set aside for first-time home buyers in Red Bank. The first-time home-buyers program was part of the Borough's original Fair-Share Housing settlement agreement and would provide up to \$10,000 to qualified (low-income) applicants looking to purchase a home in Red Bank. However, the program has not received any applications. As an alternative use of the money to help low-income Red Bank families, discussions have centered around converting the first-time home-buyer program into a Rental Assistance program that could help qualified applicants obtain funds for security deposits or to catch-up on delinquent rent through no fault of their own. This change in settlement terms would require the Court's approval before implementation could occur.

*- Councilman Michael Ballard*

# COMMITTEE COMMENTS CONTINUED

## Education & Technology Committee

As Chair of the Education and IT Committee, Red Bank is searching for an ASL interpreter for Council meetings. Residents who are hearing impaired brought this to the Committee.

Therefore, the Borough is considering the possibility to add closed captioning to the video feed and hope to find a

translator who would be able to sign using American Sign Language at Council meetings.

If you know anyone willing to volunteer to interpret ASL during Council meetings, please contact Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen.

- Councilwoman Jaqueline Sturdivant

## VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, according to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

What's more, some Americans don't know why we commemorate our veterans on Nov. 11. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress - at the urging of veterans service organizations - amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans". With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

<https://www.military.com/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day.html>

"When I was growing up I always wanted to be someone. Now I realize I should have been more specific." - Lily Tomlin

### Parker Family Health Center

is a free medical care facility located at 211 Shrewsbury Ave, Red Bank. The clinic is named after Drs. James Parker, Jr. and Sr, two physicians who served the Red Bank community starting back in 1918. Dr. James Parker, Jr. was the first black physician granted privileges at local hospitals.

With the help of 130 medical and non medical volunteers, Parker cares for uninsured and underinsured Monmouth County residents ages 3 and up who have annual incomes less than or equal to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Parker provides primary care as well as services for over 16 specialties. Additionally, the clinic offers free bloodwork, eyeglasses, and financial assistance with some prescription medications.

New patients need to complete an intake appointment before their first medical appointment. Please contact the clinic at 732-212-0777 for additional information.



Douglas Lang - Water Meter Reader

Doug began working with the borough in 1984. What a year! The first untethered spacewalk by astronauts took place on a Space Challenger Mission, the first Macintosh computer was released to the market, Cyndi Lauper divulged that "Girls Just Want To Have Fun", top pop musicians gathered to form Band Aid and recorded the song "Do They Know It's Christmas", "Ghostbusters" was the top grossing film, the "Karate Kid" franchise was born, and Sally Fields realized that we really like her.

As Water Meter Reader, Doug is a familiar, friendly face around town. Outgoing and approachable Doug is always happy to lend a hand.

If you haven't had the pleasure, be sure to say hello next time you see him on his appointed rounds!





## Red Bank Parks & Recreation

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# 2022 Fall/Winter Events

### Winter Clothes Drive

**October 17th –Nov. 30th**

Drop clothes at our office.  
We accept both adult and  
children's clothes.



### Adult Basketball

Ages 35+ — Every **Mon.** Starting **OCT 17.**

Ages 18-34 —Every **Tues.** Starting **OCT 18.**

**Red Bank Middle School — 7-9 PM**

\$10 Entry



### Basketball

**Grades: K—8th**

Every **Wednesday** and **Thursday** Starting **Dec. 27**

Registration Deadline: **Nov 11.**

### Indoor Soccer

**Grades: Pre-K—8th**

Every **Sunday** Starting **Jan. 14**

Registration Deadline: **Nov 11.**



## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### 74<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Halloween Parade

**OCT. 23rd at 1:00PM.**

Rain Date: 10/30.

Lining up will be at E. Bergen Pl.

and Hudson Ave.

Float Trophy Sponsored by RBFD

### Halloween Movie Night

**Movie: HOCUS POCUS**

**OCT. 28th at 6:00PM.**

Rain Date: 10/29

**At Riverside Gardens**



### Westside Holiday Tree Lighting

**December 9th**

**Johnny Jazz Park**

**6-8 PM**

**There will be a special visit  
from the North Pole!**

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest

**December 12th**

**Gift Baskets for the Top 3 homes!!**

House exterior only!!

### Santa Calls and Letters

**December 14th & 15th**

Santa will call from **6:00-8:30 PM!**

Forms sent to RB schools

Send your letters by **December 20th!**

2 holiday mailboxes in town!



Dates may change, please check our website or call our office to stay up to date with our events and programs.

Registration forms can be found on the parks and recreation webpage or signup online at

<https://register.capturepoint.com/redbank>

## "Bike Safety: Because We Want Everyone to Arrive Safely!"

The Social Action Committee of Monmouth Reform Temple in conjunction with the Red Bank Police Department will be offering free lighting for bicycles to all bicycle owners. This event is safe and open to everyone in the community.

# JOIN US!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**



**At the Red Bank Train Station (Eastside of the train station between the station house and Monmouth St.)**

**"Seguridad de Bibicleta:**

**¡Porque Queremos Que Todos Llegan de Manera Segura!"**

El Comité de Acción Social del Templo de Reforma de Monmouth, junto con el Departamento de Policía Red Bank, ofrecerá gratuitamente, luces de seguridad para bicicletas a todos los propietarios de bicicletas. Este evento esta abierta a toda la comunidad y sera competamente seguro.

# ¡ACOMPAÑENOS!

**30 de Octubre, 2022**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**En la estación de tren de Red Bank (Lado este de la estación de tren, entre la estación y Monmouth St.)**

**Must bring bicycle for installation!  
Debe traer bicicleta para la instalación!**

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