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Red Bank, NJ Newsletter

November 2022

Count Your Blessings -

This month's message comes from one of my all time favorite movies, White Christmas. Bing Crosby sang...

"When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep. and I fall asleep ... counting my blessings." - Irving Berlin

Somedays it seems like manners and civility are on the verge of extinction. But, if you are alert, and really look, they are alive and well! The trick is to acknowledge them when you see them by responding in kind, expressing your appreciation or paying it forward. I

promise you the more you practice, the more you will see. Small blessings, mixed blessings, blessings in disguise! They are everywhere!

I challenge you this Thanksgiving to take this message to heart and try it. Take a good look around you...what are you grateful for? Family, friends, health, accomplishments... chocolate?

As for me, dear readers, I am grateful for my family, friends, new puppy, health and the opportunity to get to know you all better.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen

"There's always something to be thankful for on Thanksgiving. Even if it's just not being a turkey." - Unknown

SENIOR CENTER

As our holiday season kicks off we will be going to Delicious Orchard on Wednesday November 16th for our Thanksgiving dessert needs. On November 18th we will be delivering Thanksgiving Baskets to our Red Bank Seniors. Monday November 21st we will be holding a Thanksgiving gathering in the morning with an assortment of pies, tea and coffee.

In December there are shopping trips everyday to accommodate all the wonderful Holidays in the month, except for Wednesday which will still be our Bingo and Lunch tour day.

And to end the year off right we will once

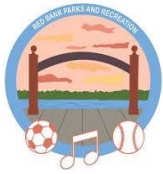
again be hosting our annual Holiday Party on Friday December 16th from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Food, Fun, Gift Auction and plenty of music.



As we are coming closer to our beloved center to be reopened, we are in need of volunteers to teach such classes as exercise, computer, crafts, or if you have an idea of a class you would like to teach please reach out to us. Also, we need board games and craft supplies.

In closing we want to wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Jackie, Wilhelmina, Mike and Jason



PARKS & REC

We are almost to the end of the best season of the year, and what an eventful season it was! We

had our first Hispanic Heritage celebration, sport events, and for the "spookier" part of the season, we had our Halloween Movie Night and 74th Annual Halloween Parade. It was great seeing everybody in their costumes!

Our children of Red Bank showed great athleticism this soccer season! With their passion for game, they grew to be better players and better individuals overall. The 5/6 Boys team and 7/8 COED team remained undefeated to the end! Of course, this would not be possible without the help of our volunteer coaches. We would like to give a shout out to Dave Schmetterer, Johan Jimenez, Yessenia Garzon, Fredy Menjivar, Darwin

Vazquez, Enrico Ciabattone, and Joe Horan. Thank you all for a wonderful season!

Although we have had bad weather for our BuddyBall Program, we commend our boys and girls for staying active and for participating in the activities.

Colder days are soon approaching, but we are not done with the activities! We currently have the Adult Evening Basketball Program that is held on Mondays and Tuesdays. Biddy Basketball will soon be starting this month, as well as Indoor Soccer coming in January. In December, we will be having a Home Decorating Contest and West Side Holiday Tree Lighting. Lastly, Santa will be taking calls and letters in December for all children in Red Bank. Lookout for the special letter from the North Pole to be sent to the schools!

Dir. Oscar Salinas

"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half-times take 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence."

Mayor's Message



Dear Neighbor,

I would like to congratulate Billy Portman on his election as the new mayor, and Councilwoman Angela Mirandi and John Jackson on their election to the Council. The Borough staff and Election workers who devoted so much time and patience to ensuring the exercise of our democracy deserve our appreciation.

I extend best wishes to all for a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving

with my appreciation to all Borough employees and volunteers who daily make us safe and secure. Please join our residents and visitors for the 30th traditional Annual Tree Lighting that inaugurates the Holiday Season on Friday evening after Thanksgiving on Broad Street.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Pasquale Menna

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Finance & Personnel / Parking Committee

As liaison, I would like to thank the Shade Tree Committee for all their hard work in coordinating and executing the usage of a \$30,000 NJ Urban and Community Forestry Stewardship Grant which the Borough received pre-COVID. The Shade Tree Committee is working diligently with the NJ Tree Foundation, a non-profit that won the contract, in

the planting of 75 trees throughout our Borough neighborhoods and parks.

Congratulations to Chair Remedios Quiroz, Boris Kofman, Bill Brooks, and the rest of the Shade Tree team as well as Cliff Keen and Maria Rotolo from DPU for getting this across the finish line!

- Councilwoman Angela Mirandi

Public Utilities Committee

Senior Center - Good News! The parts came in and the project for restoration is back on track! The Senior Center is scheduled to reopen the first week of January 2023

DPW - Water has switched back to NJ American for the winter. Please notify DPW if you notice changes to the water quality in your home.

Leaves to be picked up - please refer to the DPW website for the east/west schedule for pick up

Christmas trees - live trees will be picked up curbside post holidays in January.

As liaison to RiverCenter please come out and support our local merchants and restaurants:

* Every Sunday, enjoy FREE parking downtown November 25-27 and December 12-25!

* Save the Date for Holiday Happenings all Season Long:

* November 25: Annual Town Lighting & Holiday Express Concert

* November 26: Small Business Saturday

* November 26 - December 18 (Saturdays and Sunday): Holiday Harmonies Live Music

* November 26 - December 24: Elf Scavenger Hunt

* November 28: Holiday Mannequins

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM RED BANK!

- Councilman Edward Zipprich



The Red Bank Police Department has implemented body cameras in accordance with NJ State Statute and the Attorney General's guidelines.

All uniformed officers have been equipped with these cameras in addition to each patrol car still maintaining a dash camera. The entire department was trained in best practices related to the use of Body Worn Cameras earlier this month by J Harris Academy of Police Training.



LEAF SCHEDULE - Leaves may be placed to the curb for collection on Thursday November 10 and Thursday December 8th for properties west of Broad Street and Thursday November 17th and Thursday December 15 for properties East of Broad Street. In accordance with Borough ordinances, leaves are not permitted to be placed at the curb more than seven days prior to the scheduled pickup date.



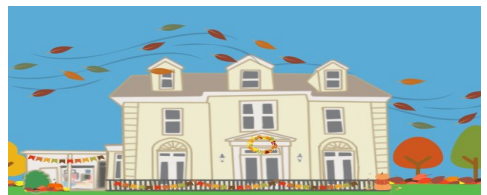
Director
Cliff Keen

**PUBLIC
WORKS**

Red Bank Public Library

- Dir. Eleni Glykis

November is Native American Heritage Month! Discover, celebrate and share Native and Indigenous Stories available at the Library. Looking to jazz up your Thanksgiving feast? From cookbooks to cake pans, the library has you covered! Can't stop in during our hours, simply call, or place a hold on an item and we'll be glad to make it available on your time with out 24/7 Locker System. A crowded house has you looking for a place to have a private conversation? The Red Bank Public Library has installed a new semi-soundproof Tele-talk booth for patron use. Looking to win more grants for your nonprofit? Over 90% of US Foundations don't



have websites, but don't worry you can research grant funding for free through at the Red Bank Public Library using the Foundation Directory Online database.

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.

Sindy joined the Borough in February of 2016. The same year that Pokémon Go had people scouring the literal streets in search of Pikachu, Rio hosted the summer Olympics, and the Chicago Cubs actually won the World Series!

A dedicated proponent to the success of community events, she works diligently for the benefit of the children of borough families. If you spot her, be sure to say hello and thank you, to this dedicated behind the scenes operator!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Sindy Bambina

Parks & Rec - Admin. Asst.

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

What professional football team has played almost every Thanksgiving since 1934?

Answer: The Detroit Lions

What city is home to the oldest Thanksgiving parade?

Answer: Philadelphia

How long was the first Thanksgiving?

Answer: Three days

What food didn't the colonists and Native Americans have at the first Thanksgiving?

Answer: Turkey

What wasn't part of the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

Answer: Balloons

A Thanksgiving turkey mix-up inspired what popular meal trend?

Answer: Frozen TV dinners

How many calls does the Butterball turkey talk line get each year?

Answer: 100,000

How much pumpkin pie do Americans eat every Thanksgiving?

Answer: An estimated 50 million pumpkin pies!

How many people go shopping on Black Friday?

Answer: Over 32 million people.

"It's not the minutes spent at the table that put on weight, it's the seconds." – *Unknown*

RED BANK HOUSING AUTHORITY HOSTS HUD REGION II REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL



On October 20, 2022, the Red Bank Housing Authority (“RBHA”) was honored with a visit from the HUD Region II Regional Administrator, Alicka Ampry-Samuel. Appointed by President Biden in February 2022, Ms. Ampry-Samuel oversees HUD operations, including the New York City Regional Office and field offices in Buffalo, Albany and Newark, New Jersey. She and HUD officials toured the RBHA communities and later met and convened a roundtable discussion at Evergreen Terrace with RBHA residents, state, county and local officials and affordable housing advocates to hear affordable housing concerns and to explore opportunities for the development and sustainability of affordable housing for Red Bank Housing Authority

residents and neighboring communities.

There was lively discussion among all participants, with plans to reconvene at a later date.

Since becoming RBHA’s Executive Director on May 9, 2022 I can honestly say, “I love my job.” With dedicated RBHA Commissioners and staff we are creating a “new” Red Bank Housing Authority in which our residents and clients are heard and valued. I am honored to serve the residents and clients of RBHA and look forward to working together to develop and maintain safe affordable housing and to remain connected to all that Red Bank and regional communities have to offer.

Peace, *Lisa Hendricks Richardson*



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

FIRE MARSHALL OFFICE - T. Welsh

"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." - Lucille Ball