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[www.RedBankNJ.org](http://www.RedBankNJ.org) **Borough of Red Bank** **December 2022**

## Whatever...



Is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you happiness; may it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year!

The end of the year is a time of year for remembrance. We take stock of where we came from, and have a moment to think about where we are going, as we pursue the future with hope.

## Red Bank Public Library

The Library would also like to extend its most incredible gratitude to our volunteers. On Friday, December 2nd, the Library honored Barbara Iwanski as the 2022 Library Volunteer of the Year at our annual Volunteer Reception. The Library also recognized 2020 and 2021 Volunteer of the Year Winners Patty Whyte and John Valor at the return of the first in-person reception since the pandemic. Are you looking for something fun to craft with the fam this Holiday Season? Then stop by the Children's Room Saturdays in December to pick up one of our Holiday-Themed Make-and-Takes! Need more craft Ideas? Head to the 24/7 Library to access Creative Bug and thousands of art & craft classes. All you need is a library card – don't have one? Stop by the Library, pick up a card, and suddenly having fun is no longer hard! Want to meet new people and play new games? Join the Library's Bridge group or Mahjong group. Bridge meets Mondays at 2 PM; Mahjong is played on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1 PM in the Meeting Room! Unwind with the Library's Meditation class on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room, or move your body with our Dance Fitness class on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 PM.

Want to beef up those hirable skills?

Whatever you celebrate this holiday season: *Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Three Kings Day, Las Posadas, Winter Solstice, Chinese New Year or Christmas*; may your new year be all that you hope for, and may it be sprinkled with love and friendship.

*Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen*

*- Dir. Eleni Glykis*

Stop by the Library's Eisner Opportunity Lab or sign up for their newsletter via [lab@redbanklibrary.org](mailto:lab@redbanklibrary.org).

Packed house for the holidays, leaving you looking for a place to get some privacy? Book an appointment in the Library's TeleTalk Box. Explore Red Bank of yesteryear by looking at the Library's Local History Digital Archive. Take a deep dive into newspapers dating back to the 19th century, city directories, old photographs, and more! The Library will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, Saturday, Dec. 24th, and Monday, Dec. 26th. We will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday, Dec. 27th.

The Library will also be closed on Friday, Dec 30th, Saturday, Dec. 31st, and Monday, Jan 2, 2023, and will reopen Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023, at 10 AM. We encourage patrons to use the library's 24/7 Library to access free streaming video, databases, e-books, e-magazines, music, and online classes.

Before the year is out, we would also like to THANK YOU for being a huge part of the Library Community! A joyous holiday season and Healthy and Happy New Year to all!



## PARKS & REC

Thank you for all the support given to the Recreation Department this year! We would like

to thank all our volunteer coaches, assistants, and sponsors! We could not have brought all the different activities without you! Thank you! Now, for the month of December, we are continuing the winter clothes drive; donations can be brought to the Parks and Recreation office. Holiday Home Decorating Contest – do you have the most festive house in Red Bank this holiday season? You could win a prize!! Call the Recre-

tion office to get listed. The last day to register is December 16th Santa Calls – Santa Claus and his Elves will be making phone calls to the children of Red Bank on December 14 and 15 between 6:00 -8:30 PM. Children can submit the forms to the schools or email us to sign-up. Santa Letters - Red Bank also has 2 special holiday Mailboxes where children can drop-off their letters to Santa. If they include the address Santa will be responding back!! Last chance to get your letter answered December 16th Happy Holidays from the Red Bank Recreation Department!!!

*Dir. Oscar Salinas*

# COMMITTEE COMMENTS

## Finance & Personnel / Parking Committee

I'd like to wish the Mayor, my fellow Council members, our wonderful Borough employees and all of Red Bank a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I also want to remind everyone that there is free Holiday Parking starting December 12th through the 25th.

- Councilwoman Angela Mirandi

## Public Utilities Committee

***To the many colleagues, friends and neighbors who expressed their condolences on the passing of my mother last month, please know how grateful my family is. Your kind words and gestures were and are greatly appreciated. JP, Mary Cate and Aaron and our extended family thank you all.***

### Department of Public Utilities

Leaf collection continues through December, leaves may be placed at the curb for collection, either loose or in biodegradable bags for pick up on the dates below:

- . West of Broad Street (Second Thursday in December)
- . East of Broad Street (Third Thursday in December)

Christmas trees will be collected curbside beginning January 1 through the second week of February. All decorations, ornaments, tinsel, and garland strands must be removed from trees. Artificial trees won't be collected.

Spring Street paving has been completed and the new 4 way stop at Tower Hill Avenue has been installed. Please mind the newly posted speed limit of 25 mph.

The plastic film collection project has concluded. Thank you to those residents who have participated. The Borough wishes to thank SC Johnson

Company for providing the containers and helping with the project outline and execution.

### Senior Center

Supply chain interruptions delay Senior Center opening. Due to a backlog of building materials, our hope to open the Senior Center by the first week of the New Year has been delayed. The Borough is working closely with the architects to find solutions. Stay tuned for more details to come.

### River Center

Free Parking downtown starts December 12th - 25th! Shop local and support our local merchants and restaurants. Follow RiverCenter online for weekly holiday happenings <https://www.redbank.org/things-to-do/this-week-in-redbank/>

Sign up for the weekly newsletter from RiverCenter Director Bob Zuckerman <https://www.redbank.org/red-bank-beat/>

### Happy Holidays!

From our family to yours: Our wish for you is a safe and joyful holiday season! Whether you are celebrating Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanza, the Winter Solstice or all of them... please stay safe, drive carefully and have happy holidays! Happy New Year too!

- Councilman Edward Zipprich

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Michael Forehand**  
Bus Driver—Senior Center

Michael was hired as a driver in 2004. In May of 2017 he was transferred to the Senior Center as a bus driver. It could not have been a better fit!

His innate kindness and ability to discern what is needed makes him an exceptional steward. Michael knows everyone personally and greets everyone with a ready smile and unobtrusive assistance when needed. He is so much more than a driver to his passengers and their families.

Thank you Michael and Happy Holidays!

# HONORING THE RETIREMENTS OF

**CAPTAIN ERRICO VESCHIO & LIEUTENANT JUAN SARDO**

*Thank you for the years you gave to the Red Bank Police Department*

Your tireless work ethic and professionalism have set the tone for the rest of the department. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. May we live up to your example.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!**

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ Check to make sure your smoke alarms are working
- ◆ Do not overload electrical outlets
- ◆ Use battery-operated candles
- ◆ Check decorations for certification label
- ◆ Keep combustibles at least three feet away from heat sources
- ◆ Never leave a source of fire or heat unattended
- ◆ Never use charcoal or gasoline-fueled devices indoors
- ◆ Water tree daily
- ◆ Turn off, unplug and extinguish all decorations when leaving the house or going to sleep
- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when cooking
- ◆ Close your doors when sleeping
- ◆ Drink responsibly and do not drink and drive



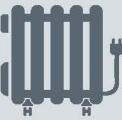
A public safety message from the International Association of Fire Fighters

## Heating Fire Safety



Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

### Space Heater



- ◆ Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- ◆ Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- ◆ Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- ◆ Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- ◆ Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

### Fireplace



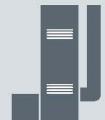
- ◆ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- ◆ Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- ◆ Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- ◆ Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.

### Wood Stove



- ◆ Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- ◆ Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- ◆ Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- ◆ Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

### Furnace



- ◆ Have your furnace inspected each year.
- ◆ Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



### Kerosene Heater

- ◆ Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- ◆ Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- ◆ Refuel your cooled heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov).



FEMA



**FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

Thomas Welsh





The Monmouth County Health Department wants to remind you that it's Flu Season!

The New Jersey Department of Health reported for the week ending December 3rd...

- ◆ Influenza activity level is high statewide
- ◆ Emergency Department visits and outpatient provider visits associated with influenza-like illness are higher than last week & higher than this week last year
- ◆ Outbreaks of Influenza and RSV continue to be reported in all settings throughout the state predominately in school and childcare settings

What you can do to protect yourself and your family!

- ◆ People 6 months or older should get their flu vaccine every season – the CDC says the flu vaccine is estimat-

ed to have prevented 105,000 flu-related hospitalizations and 6,300 deaths in 2019-2020

- ◆ Avoid close contact with sick people, stay home when you're sick, cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing, and wash your hands with soap and water regularly or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

Visit us on the web at <http://www.visitmonmouth.com/health> or download the Monmouth County Health Department app to stay up to date on our services. You can also call us at (732) 431-7456 for more information.



*Wishing you a joyous holiday season! We're sending our warmest holiday wishes your way. May the holiday season bring happiness and good health throughout the coming year.*



## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees will be collected beginning January 1 through the second week of February. All decorations, ornaments, tinsel and stands must be removed.

Artificial trees will not be collected.



2022 Library Volunteer of the Year  
Barbara Iwanski

