



# SCUTTLEBUTT

Red Bank, New Jersey

MARCH 2024



## Red Bank Police Department Promotions

- Chief Darren McConnell

We're proud to recognize and congratulate the outstanding individuals who have shown dedication and commitment to serving our community through their roles in the Red Bank Police Department. Join us in applauding their achievements and welcoming a new addition to our team!

Robert Clayton joined the Red Bank Police Department in 1991 and was promoted to Detective in 2002 before returning to the patrol division in 2012 as a supervisor. Bobby is a multi-generation Red Bank police officer, following in the footsteps of many of his family members including his father who served as Chief of Police. During his career, Bobby has investigated an array of serious crimes while a Detective and excelled in the area of narcotic enforcement, being the lead detective on many large narcotic seizures.

Matt Ehrenreich joined the Red Bank Police Department in 2008. He has had the unique opportunity to serve in the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau and Traffic Bureau making him a very well rounded and highly trained officer. Additionally, Matt serves as the department's lead firearms instructor and a field training officer.

James DePonte joined the Red Bank Police Department in 2007, becoming a third generation police officer in Red Bank following his grandfather and father, who served as Deputy Chief. During his time in Red Bank James has served in the patrol division and detective bureau, where he has investigated an array of serious crimes. Additionally, James previously served as an investigator with the Monmouth County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force where he investigated some of the most high tech and heinous of criminal activity.

Jorge Torres joined the police department in 2008 following a career as a professional chef. During his career he has served in both the patrol division and the detective bureau. Most recently Jorge has served as a shift commander in the patrol division and also coordinates our chaplain program and our translator program as well as organizing various community outreach events.

Ashon Lovick joined the Red Bank police department in 2003, having previously worked as a dispatcher and special

officer in Fair Haven and Manasquan. Ashon grew up in Red Bank, attending Red Bank schools. During his career he has served in the patrol division and the traffic safety bureau.

John Camarca joined the police department in 2003, first as a dispatcher and then a patrol officer. John has served as a field training officer and during the most recent part of his career has been a detective, investigating a variety of serious crimes and conducting complex investigations.

Sean Hauschildt joined the department in 2013 as a patrol officer after serving as a special officer with the Long Branch Police Department. Sean has served as a field training officer in the patrol division and is currently assigned to the detective bureau. He is also a defensive tactics instructor for the department. Sean obtained a Bachelors Degree from New Jersey City University and a Masters Degree from Seton Hall.

James McGee is joining our department after having served as a special officer with the Sea Girt Police Department. Prior to going to Sea Girt, James began his law enforcement career as a Class 1 officer with our department. James graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy and attends Brookdale Community College. He will be working with our traffic safety bureau conducting traffic enforcement functions.



Left to right: Mayor Billy Portman, Sgt. John Camarca, Sgt. Ashon Lovick, Sgt. Sean Hauschildt, Lt. James DePonte, Cpt. Robert Clayton, Lt. Jorge Torres, Lt. Matthew Ehrenreich, SLEO II James McGee, and Borough Manager James Gant

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours." - Mark Twain*

## PARKS & RECREATION

- Director Oscar Salinas



Red Bank Spring Egg hunt - Sunday, March 17th at 11:00 AM sharp. Rain Date of Sunday, March 24th at Count Basie Park. We have over 4,000 stuffed plastic eggs. Please bring your own basket and be sure to arrive by 10:45 AM to line up.

Spring Youth track and field is still open. Program runs Mondays and Wednesday, 5:45-7:15 PM, at Count Basie Track. Practices are run by RBR Varsity Track Coach McGoldrick!

Spring break inclusive field trips - we will be announcing two field trips this spring break for special needs children of all ages. Eligible children must sign-up with a buddy to qualify. For more information, email us at

[recreation@redbanknj.org](mailto:recreation@redbanknj.org)

Red Bank Rec is hiring for Summer Staff. Eligible to youths between the ages of 16-24 that are residents of Monmouth County. We offer competitive rates. Apply online through the borough website by the deadline of March 22nd. Other Summer positions are available as well!

Summer Camp programs will be opening March 1st for registration for children ages 4-13. Camp will start July 8th and breakfast and lunch provided! Limited space available! Be sure to register early!

Please visit the borough website under jobs to apply online [www.redbanknj.org](http://www.redbanknj.org)



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Director Terrence Walton

If you see a pothole, report it through the Citizen Request Tracker, [www.redbanknj.org/RequestTracker.aspx](http://www.redbanknj.org/RequestTracker.aspx) on the borough website, or call the DPU office at 732-530-2770.

As we resume outdoor activities be mindful of the brush collection schedule. Brush Collection begins the second Thursday of April and ends the third Thursday of October. 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. Please do not put glass clippings or bamboo out for collection. Do not combine brush with leaves.

Reminder to use doggie stations and waste containers in our public parks.

If you have any other seasonal questions feel free to reach out to the DPU office or review information on the DPU website:

[www.redbanknj.org/208/Public-Utilities](http://www.redbanknj.org/208/Public-Utilities)



## PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Director E. Glykis

Find your pot o' gold this month at the Red Bank Public Library! Spring is in the air, and it's time to start thinking about Earth Day in April with the Neighborhood Forest tree giveaway. Visit [neighborhoodforest.org](http://neighborhoodforest.org), click on GET FREE TREES, select RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY from the dropdown, and click SUBMIT. The deadline to register for a tree is March 15th, and saplings will be delivered by or before Earth Day (the library will contact you to pick up your tree). This is a great opportunity both to get your children involved with the environment while also promoting positivity for our planet.

Saturdays in March are also jam-packed with activities for the whole family. Visit the library for the Read with Rabbits program on March 2nd from 11:00am-noon. Registration is required by visiting [www.redbanklibrary.org/read-with-rabbits](http://www.redbanklibrary.org/read-with-rabbits) or scanning the QR code on the library flyers. March 9th is our monthly installment of Race and Diversity Storytime on our YouTube channel and Facebook feed, as well as the day for the River Read Reading Series at the library, both scheduled for 11:30am. Finally, March 16th is Makers Day with free hands-on activities for all ages throughout the library.

There will be stations for edible art, silhouette stickers, buttons, magnets, and more - please drop by!

On Tuesday, March 26th, please bring your favorite pillow or blanket and cozy up with the Red Bank Elks for the Karen Minutella Reading Initiative. All ages are welcome for this read-along, and each child in attendance will go home with a free copy of Judy Blume's Freckle Juice.

The Red Bank Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 29th, and Saturday, March 30th, in observance of the Easter holiday weekend. 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).



Neighborhood Forest  
giving trees to children

### Free Trees for Kids!

Register by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12 inches in size) to plant with your child during Earth Week. Trees will be delivered to the library on or around Earth Day (April 22nd).  
Happy Planting!



*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. – Cicero*









## BOROUGH OF RED BANK

### COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE




**Regular Meetings\* are Thursdays at 6:30PM**

\* Contingent upon Council approve at the Reorganization Meeting

January 11th / 25th	February 8th / 22nd	March 14th / 28th
April 11th / 25th	May 9th / 23rd	June 13th / 27th
July 11th / 25th	August 8th / 22nd	September 12th / 26th
October 10th / 24th	November 14th	December 12th

The meetings will be held in the First Floor Council Chambers of 90 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, NJ unless conditions exist within the Borough whereby in-person meetings are inadvisable under the State's public health guidelines. In such event the meeting cannot be held in person, an electronic meeting will be scheduled with adequate notice sent to the official newspapers and posted on the Municipal website at [www.redbanknj.org](http://www.redbanknj.org) in the ordinary course.


# Employee Spotlight



## Ryan Hussey

Ryan Hussey is a dispatcher in the Police Department where he has worked since 2021. Prior to becoming a full-time dispatcher, Ryan was a part-time Class 1 officer patrolling our parks in the summer months and then a parking enforcement officer since 2017.

In addition to being a dispatcher, he also served as a volunteer EMT in Red Bank. As a dispatcher, Ryan and his peers, truly are behind the scene heroes. They often serve as the only link between people in need and the police officers, as the only link between people in need



and the police officers, firefighters and EMT's that will respond to help them. It is their calm voice that people first encounter when they call for help and the information relayed quickly and accurately can make all the difference in the world.

Photo: with Passion by Walk.com

## Mayor and Council OFFICE HOURS

**Mayor Portman**  
 Mondays - 4pm - 6pm  
 Borough Hall, 90 Monmouth St., 4th Floor  
 Call 732-530-2740 to schedule an appointment

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**Council**                      Wednesdays  
 10AM - Noon      Walkins welcome, appointments not necessary  
 Senior Center, 80 Shrewsbury Ave.  
 5:45PM - 7:45PM      Call 732-530-2740 to schedule an appointment  
 Public Library, 84 West Front St.

## Alcaldesa & Concejales HORAS DE OFICINA

**Alcalde Portman**  
 Lunes - 4pm - 6pm  
 Ayuntamiento, 90 Monmouth St., 4th Floor  
 Llame para hacer una cita 732-530-2740

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**Concejales**                      Miercoles  
 10am - Mediodia      Las citas no son necesarias  
 Senior Center, 80 Shrewsbury Ave.  
 5:45pm - 7:45pm      Llame para hacer una cita 732-530-2740  
 Biblioteca, 84 West Front St.

*You make me feel so young, you make me feel so spring has sprung. – Frank Sinatra*



# 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff



Left to right: Judge Alice Cadotte, Borough Clerk Laura Reinertsen, Dep. Clerk Bonnie Thomas (3rd Place), Judge/Mayor Portman, Chief Darren McConnell (2nd Place), Manager James Gant (1st Place), Judge/Councilman Ben Forest, and People's Choice Winner Director Shawna Ebanks

# WILL YOU JOIN US?

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER !

Visit Our Website: [RedBankFire.Org](http://RedBankFire.Org)



## 2024 Pet Licenses

\$18.00 for unneutered dogs or cats  
\$15.00 for neutered or spayed; proof  
from the veterinarian is required.

All dog or cat licenses renewed  
after February 28th may be charged  
an additional \$5.00 late fee.

RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE BE VALID  
THROUGH OCTOBER OF LICENSING YEAR.



Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$ 231-22 Cat Licensing  
\$ 231-6 Dog Licensing