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Red Bank, New Jersey

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Red Bank Police Department - Beloved K-9's to Retire

- Captain Michael Frazee

Thank you for your service to Red Bank, K-9 Officers Hunter and Eko!

K-9 Hunter is a 9-year veteran of the Red Bank Police Department and was the first Red Bank police K-9. K-9 Hunter began his career with the department back in 2015 and was assigned to his handler, Ptl. Stanley Balmer. Over the years, the bond that was formed between the two has been unbreakable and incredibly special. K-9 Hunter is a highly trained Belgian Malinois, used as Ptl. Balmer's patrol partner and is specially trained in the detection of narcotics. Over his career, K-9 Hunter has aided in making numerous arrests during various offenses, has seized money and drugs, and has apprehended countless individuals who have committed crimes not just in the borough but throughout Monmouth County. The dynamic duo has also served on the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team (MOCERT), where they have worked closely with SWAT members executing high risk search warrants. K-9 Hunter also competed in season 1 of "America's Top Dog", The Battle of the Garden State, and still holds the record for the best overall time in the "Boneyard" phase of the competition.



K-9 Hunter

K-9 Eko, is a 7-year veteran of the Red Bank Police Department and is the second K-9 to join the department. K-9 Eko began his career in 2017 and was assigned to his handler, Ptl. Tanner Shea. Their love for one another forging an inseparable bond. K-9 Eko, a Belgian Malinois, attended training with the New Jer-

sey State Police, for the detection of narcotics and patrol tactics. Beneficial tactics which are invaluable in executing warrants, sniffing out drugs and finding fugitives or missing persons, whether in Red Bank or other towns that might need an assist. K-9 Eko and partner Ptl. Shea are credited in the recovery of narcotics, money seizures and weapons.

Over the years, both K-9 Hunter and K-9 Eko have proven themselves to be tremendous assets to the department and community. Both K-9 teams have proven to be exceptional ambassadors for the Police Department; well known for performing K-9 demonstrations in schools, nursing homes and at community events. Most people are amazed at how disciplined the K-9's are. It also takes a special officer to be a K-9 handler. Being a K-9 officer is non-stop and is a 24/7 obligation. I give both Ptl. Balmer and Ptl. Shea a lot of credit for their hard work, dedication, and love that they show their partner every day.

K-9 Hunter and K-9 Eko will be retiring on March 31, 2024. I want to personally thank each of them from the bottom of my heart for their service and for keeping all the officers and residents safe over the years. Both officers have agreed to take ownership of their partner so they can live a long and healthy life together. A retirement ceremony will be held Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:30AM, at Borough Hall, 90 Monmouth Street.



K-9 Eko

"All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For after all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog." - Charles M. Schulz

PARKS & RECREATION

- Director Oscar Salinas



We have exciting events coming soon! Join us for our Annual Pride in the Park event this June 8th, 2024 at Riverside Gardens Park. Our colorful event will include vendors, giveaways, music, Drag-Bingo, and much more! Event will begin at 12pm.

We will also be having our 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration this June 16th at Johnny Jazz Park at 1pm. Celebrate with us! There will be food, vendors, live music, guest speakers and more!

If you would like to become a vendor for either of these events, please contact recreation@redbanknj.org

Summer Camp registration is open! Spots are going fast, be sure to register.

Don't miss out on our Spring Break Sports Camp taking place from April 1st-5th and our Summer Soccer Camp taking place from August 12th-15th. Both camps will be located at Count Basie Park.

Any questions, please email recreation@redbanknj.org



PRIDE IN THE PARK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Director Terrence Walton

If you see a pothole, report it through the Citizen Request Tracker, 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 grass 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

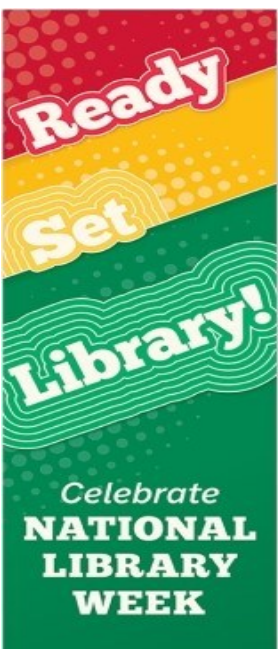
to the DPU office or review information on the DPU website:

www.redbanknj.org/208/Public-Utilities



PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Director Eleni Glykis



Enjoy Springtime at the Red Bank Public Library with a bevy of April activities. We're greeting the season with the return of our monthly Historic Walking Tours. Our knowledgeable docent, Kathy Lou Colmorgen, will lead you on a 1.5-hour tour of our fair town of Red Bank, weather permitting. No registration is required, but attendance is on a first come, first served basis and caps at 15 participants. April's tour will take place at 10:30am on Saturday, April 6th, with subsequent tours occurring on the first Saturday of each month.

National Library Week is April 7th-13th with the theme of, "Ready, Set, Library!" Keep an eye on our calen-

dar for any events pertaining to the week, and join us on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00am to kick things off with the announcement of our bookmark contest winners and enjoy snacks, crafts, and an assortment of library fun!

Wrap up April by attending the Asbury Park Concert Band's Jazz Music Concert here at the library on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm. The RBPL has had the privilege of hosting the Asbury Park Concert Band earlier this year and is excited to welcome them back for another night of great music and great fun.

Looking to learn a new language, or brush up on your language skills? Use your RBPL library card to access our newest service, Mango Languages, on our website at www.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 other learning opportunities.

"She turned to the sunlight and shook her yellow head, and whispered to her neighbor: "Winter is dead." - A.A. Milne

2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Tuesday, April 16th at 5PM
90 Monmouth St. - Council Chambers

The Finance Department's 2023 closeout reflected efficiencies in spending and realizations of revenue which led to replenishment of current, water/sewer, and parking fund's surplus. In the proposed 2024 budget, the borough is maintaining/improving on the level of services and is setting up the budget to fund numerous needed capital projects. The presentation will summarize the budget process and the borough finances. Hope to see you there!

- Director Thomas Seaman, CMFO



Every day we find ourselves presented with opportunities to pass forward some good that's been done in our lives. Whether this is paying for the purchase of the people in the car behind us in the drive-thru, dropping a dollar in the collection jar of a homeless person, or just complimenting someone on their choice of wardrobe, it only takes a moment and a consideration of kindness to brighten someone's day. Global Pay It Forward Day is a reminder that we should be engaging in this behavior every day, and that one day someone may pay it forward to us when we most desperately need it.



SANITATION COLLECTION

HOLIDAYS

When collection falls on a holiday, pickup shall be on the next regular business day.



THANK YOU DISPATCHERS!

THE UNSEEN HEROES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

THE GOLD LINE LIES BETWEEN THE BLUE AND RED.

They are always heard but rarely seen.

They are the heroes behind the scenes.

The calm voice in the dark.

April 14 - 20, 2024
National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

"If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring." - Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

*Thank
You*

For the tireless hours you put
towards our community, for the
people you have impacted along the
way, for the bar you have set so
high, and for everything you have
given that allows our community to
flourish

Happy Volunteer Week

April 21 - 27, 2024



WILL YOU JOIN US ?

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER !

Visit Our Website: RedBankFire.Org



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

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

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.

Employee Spotlight

Kaitlyn Hunt

Kait joined the Borough Clerk/
Registrar Office as a Senior Secretary
in 2022. Her outgoing and positive
personality have made an impression
on visitors and co-workers alike.
Her enthusiasm and smile are equally

contagious.

Kait is bolstering
her career
through
educational
opportunities that
supplement the
asset we already
know her to be.



"We sat in silence, letting the green in the air heal what it could." - Erica Bauermeister, The Scent Keeper