



# Port News

2018 Newsletter—Volume II

## CITY COUNCIL

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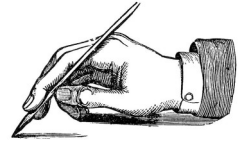
Councilmember

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**PortRepublicNJ.org**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



September is disappearing and school is back in session. Be mindful of students waiting for buses and walking to school. Also, a very big problem is speeding on Central Avenue with parents who drop off students at the school. The State Police have been notified and will issue summons.

Another serious issue is the closing of our beach area and other locations along Nacote Creek. Pollution levels reached an all time high and the Atlantic County Board of Health, along with the NJDEP, shut down all activities for the safety of the public. However, testing conducted at Mill Pond did come back good and clear. The City Council is working on a resolution which would honor beach badges purchased for the 2018 beach season to be honored for the 2019 season, provided the creek waters are found safe. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is now in charge and will continue to investigate contaminated sites. As we obtain more information, we will continue to share it with you all.

Halloween is coming soon, so let's be safe and have fun! Trick-or-Treat will be on Wednesday, October 31st, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Enjoy the changing of the foliage; Fall is just around the corner.

As always, thank you for making Port, "Port".

May God continue to bless us.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gary



## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

### **City Clerk's Office**

Kimberly Campellone

Brandy M. Blevin

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Monday—Friday

609-652-1501

*kim@portrepublicnj.org*

*brandy@portrepublicnj.org*

### **Construction Office**

Kevin Cain

4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday

609-652-8759

*kevin@portrepublicnj.org*

### **Court Office**

Deanna Krupp

4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday

(Court held first Wednesday  
monthly)

609-652-9321

### **Tax Assessor**

Bill Johnson

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday monthly

609-652-1501

*bill@portrepublicnj.org*

### **Tax Collector**

Renee DeSalvo

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

1st & 3rd Thursday monthly

*renee@portrepublicnj.org*

### **Public Works**

James Milton, Supervisor

Daniel Giberson

# This & That

## TRAFFIC UPDATE

As many of you are aware, there are some traffic flow concerns in town, especially in view of the new bridge construction. City Council has started work on reviewing these issues and here is where we are to date:



- 1) A task force consisting of Councilmembers Kevin Wessler, Tom Kurtz and Stan Kozlowski will begin reviewing traffic conditions in town with the idea of better controlling speeds in certain sections of town. This will include reviewing signage, possibly installing traffic humps and other enforcement ideas.
- 2) Council has spoken with County Officials requesting a traffic study to be performed specifically around the new bridge traffic conditions for after the bridge is completed. Once again, looking to moderate traffic on Old New York Road coming into the City (northbound) and going into the residential area on the other side of the bridge.
- 3) Council has also contacted County Officials requesting a map of County roads going through Port and their respective speed limits to get a better understanding of why we have such a variety of speed limits in town. The City will have to work with County and State Officials to make any alternations, but in view of the bridge construction it might be time to look at our patchwork of speed limits.

City Councilmember Stan Kozlowski

Dear Residents:

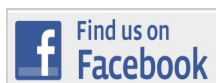
The City is considering banning all dogs from all of Park Avenue. It seems that more than a few people are not picking up after their dogs and when it rains it gets washing into the Creek, adding to the pollution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

City Councilmember Kevin Wessler

## **WE'RE ON FACEBOOK**

In an effort to keep the residents of Port Republic up to date with the latest news and information available to us, we have started an official Facebook Page! Like our page "City of Port Republic"



## UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

### **City Council Meeting Schedule**

2nd Tuesday of each  
month

6:30 pm—Workshop

7:00 pm—Meeting

### 2018 Dates

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th

### **Planning Board / Zoning Board**

Meetings are scheduled  
as needed

Vicki Cantell, Secretary  
609-652-9403



**Agendas and Minutes for  
Meetings can be found  
on our website:**

**PortRepublicNJ.org**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Blue Star Mothers Chapter NJ5 is seeking donations for DEPLOYED MILITARY. Donations should be dropped off at City Hall by November 1, 2018. Following are a list of suggested items:

- Hot sauce packets—no glass, please
- Pretzels—individual serving size
- Pringles chips
- Protein bars—nutri grain bars
- Granola bars
- Small containers—peanut butter
- Crackers
- Trail mix
- Almonds—no salt
- Sunflower/pumpkin seeds
- Beef jerky
- Wrapped hard candy
- Store brought cookies—individual serving
- Cereal—small individual boxes
- M & M
- Reeses Pieces
- Mints
- Gum
- Twizzlers
- Starbursts/Skittles
- Lifesavers
- Pre-sweetened drink mixes liquid or powder—individual drink mix singles
- Cocoa—individual packets
- Coffee—no glass, individual packets
- Tea bags
- Black socks
- Hand/foot warmers
- All occasion cards
- Paper and pens
- Highlighters
- Safety pins
- Snack/sandwich/quart/gallon size Ziploc bags
- Books—westerns, thrillers and mysteries
- Current magazines—fitness/sport (no older than 3 months)
- Nerf balls, yo-yo's
- Playing cards, Uno
- Board games—chess, checkers, yahtzee
- Vitamin C drops
- Lip balm
- Deodorant
- Cough drops
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Mouthwash—nonalcoholic (travel size)
- Liquid body wash (travel size)
- Hand cream (travel size)
- Hand sanitizer (small size)
- Vaseline (small size)
- Foot powder
- Bar soap
- Nasal spray
- Baby wipes—soft pack
- Kleenex—small packs
- Eyeglass cleaner
- Lens cleaning cloth
- Eye drops



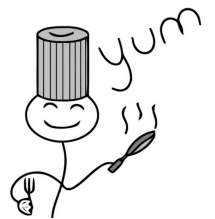
# IN THE NEWS...

## **PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER**

**October 20th**

**3:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Port Republic Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane**



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Port Republic Fire Department is looking for new members age 16 and up, who are interested in serving their community. Applications can be found online at <http://portrepublicnj.org/pdfs/gen/fireapplication.pdf> or picked up at the Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane, on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month between the hours of 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm or call President Nick Lampe at 609-432-8870 or Fire Prevention Coordinator Wood Duncan at 609-652-8828.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS NEED YOUR HELP**

Make sure that your house numbers are visible from the street so that in an emergency, the responding companies will go to the right house. Place numbers on your home and be sure they are large enough to be seen. Time is very important in the event of an emergency

# BACK TO SCHOOL...

## PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL BOE MEETINGS

These meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm with the exception of the October and March meetings.

September 19, 2018

October 17, 2018

November 21, 2018

December 19, 2018

January 16, 2019

February 20, 2019

March 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

May 15, 2019

June 19, 2019



## PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL—IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st—October 5th: Week of Respect

October 31: Halloween Parade at 1:30 pm

November 8th—November 9th: School Closed for NJEA Convention

December 7: Holiday Fair

December 24th—January 1st: School Closed for Winter Break

December 21: 1/2 Day

April 8th—April 12th: PTS BOGO Book Fair

April 17th: PTS Easter Egg Hunt at 8:30 am

April 17th: 1/2 Day

April 18th—April 23rd: School Closed for Spring Break

May 8th—May 10th: PTS Mother's

June 12th: Early Dismissal / Last Day of School (tentative)



PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE: [portnj.org](http://portnj.org)



# Cute pooch...but is his poo polluting Nacote Creek & Mullica River??



A recent NJDEP survey shows that domestic animal, wildlife and human waste is washing into Nacote Creek and Mullica River. It is raising the bacterial count to unacceptable levels for shellfish consumption in Nacote Creek and Mullica River. It is also making it unhealthy for human recreation.

If you own or walk dogs, here are two simple things you can do to help:

- 1) Scoop your dog's poop whether on or off your property. If you leave it lying around, the next rainstorm will wash Fido's waste into the waterways. The rain will wash the waste into the storm drains and those drains lead into the waterways.
- 2) If possible, dispose of the waste by flushing it down a toilet (don't flush the bag). Like human waste, dog waste contains harmful bacteria, which is why we process human waste, and which is why we should also process dog waste. If you can't get yourself to do that, throw it in the garbage. That's better than having it flow into the waterways.

## Fun Fecal Facts

It's unfortunate, but we humans and our best friends contribute to the pollution of our waterways. Here are some fascinating facts and a suggestion or two on how you can help clean our water.

**Fact:** Dog poo is so high in nitrogen that it can burn your lawn and add to the jellyfish problem. When the nitrogen washes into the waterways it will feed weeds and algae. These organisms thrive on dog's droppings and eventually limit the amount of light that can penetrate the water. This lowers oxygen levels and will asphyxiate fish and other beneficial creatures, including the ones that might eat jellyfish polyps.

**Fact:** In 1991 the EPA put dog waste in the same category as herbicides, oil, grease and toxic chemicals.

**Fact:** One gram of a dog's poo contains an estimated 23 million fecal coliforms. A dog can create an average of 1/2 pound of waste per day. That's about 227 grams. And your average pooch does this 365 days of the year.

So let's do the math:  $227 \times 23,000,000 \times 365 = 1,905,000,000,000$  fecal coliforms per year

That's right, your average dog may put out two trillion fecal coliforms per year. And that's just one dog. Now imagine that it starts raining and those trillions of fecal coliforms from just one dog get washed into the waterways.

**Fact:** The EPA estimates that two or three day's worth of droppings from about 100 dogs would introduce enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all the watersheds around it to swimming and shell fishing.

So, if you want to swim in the waterways, have clean and clear water, and eat the shellfish please:

**KEEP YOUR DOG'S POOP OUT OF THE WATERWAYS. SCOOP IT AND FLUSH IT DOWN THE TOILET!**



## **IMPORTANT WELL WATER TESTING INFORMATION**

### **Atlantic County Division of Public Health**

Many homes and businesses in Atlantic County use well water for their drinking water supply. A number of water samples each year show one or more contaminants that exceed state or federal drinking water standards.

**Help is available for you and your family to decide what tests are necessary, how to interpret the results, and where to obtain assistance for treatment systems or public water supply connections, if available.**

***ATLANTIC COUNTY RESIDENTS USING WELL WATER FOR THEIR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO TEST THEIR WATER FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTAMINANTS:***

- ❖ **TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA** – These bacteria are used as an indicator that other, more harmful microbes may be present in the water. Coliform bacteria may be present where septic system or animal waste are entering the water supply; when surface water infiltrates the structure of a well (causing cloudy water); and after repairs to plumbing or installation of a new well.
- ❖ **NITRATE** – An acute health hazard for infants and pregnant women, high nitrate levels are attributed to agricultural operations, septic systems and animal waste, and lawn and garden fertilizers.
- ❖ **LEAD** – Lead contamination in drinking water usually attributed to leaching of lead from solder, plumbing components and faucets, due in part to the acidic nature of the groundwater in Southern New Jersey. Particularly harmful to young children.
- ❖ **MERCURY** – Inorganic mercury compounds are suspected to cause nervous system disorders and kidney damage. The possible sources in this area are landfills, agricultural operations, and household products.
- ❖ **VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS** – A variety of chemicals such as fuel products, degreasers, and solvents, which may cause cancer and diseases of the liver, kidneys and nervous system.
- ❖ **PESTICIDES** – From agricultural and residential uses. **Contact private laboratories shown on the back of this notice for this test - ask for EPA Method 504.1.**
- ❖ **RADIUM** – A radioactive metal that is found to be naturally occurring in the underground soil formations in parts of Southern New Jersey. Believed to increase the risk of bone and sinus cancers. **Contact private laboratories shown on the back of this notice for this test - ask for 48-hour rapid gross alpha test.**

**WELL WATER TESTING THROUGH ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH:**

Certified check or money order made payable to Atlantic County Division of Public Health must be provided prior to or at the time of sample collection. Please call (609) 645-5971. *Testing will not be done by the County for resales of existing homes, new well construction, or rental properties – for these situations, please contact the laboratories below.*

**TESTS AVAILABLE THROUGH ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH:**

**Total Coliform Bacteria - \$25**

**Nitrate - \$15**

**Lead - \$20**

**Mercury - \$20**

**Volatile Organic Compounds - \$85**

**Metal Scan - \$60**

**Atlantic County Division of Public Health**

**Environmental Health Unit**

**201 South Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225**

**Phone: (609) 645-5971 / Fax: (609) 645-5923**

**<http://www.aclink.org/PublicHealth>**

The following chart is a list of privately owned certified laboratories that perform well water sampling for homes and businesses in the Atlantic County area. They are capable of arranging tests for the contaminants listed on this notice. Please contact the laboratories for current prices and certifications.

LAB NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	STATE ID #
Better Environmental Protection Labs, Inc.	P.O. Box 28, Palmyra, NJ 08065	(609) 829-4392	03644
Cape Environmental Laboratory	106 N. Main St, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210	(609) 463-0077	05679
EMSL Analytical Inc.	107 Haddon Ave., Westmont, NJ 08108	(800) 220-3675 x1214	04653
Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	515 Route 9 South, Barnegat, NJ 08005	(800) 273-8901	20044
Hera Tech, Inc.	1879-1 Old Cuthbert Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034	(856) 429-5200	04003
New Jersey Analytical Labs, LLC	1590 Reed Rd Suite 101B, Pennington, NJ 08534	(609) 737-3477	11005
Precision Analytical Services	726 Bernice Court, Toms River, NJ 08753	(732) 914-1515	15001
QC Laboratories Vineland Division	1835 W. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360	(800) 794-6281	06005
South Jersey Water Test, LLC	4077 South Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094	(856) 875-3506	08006
Vineland Environmental Laboratories	2815 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360	(856) 692-6800	06003

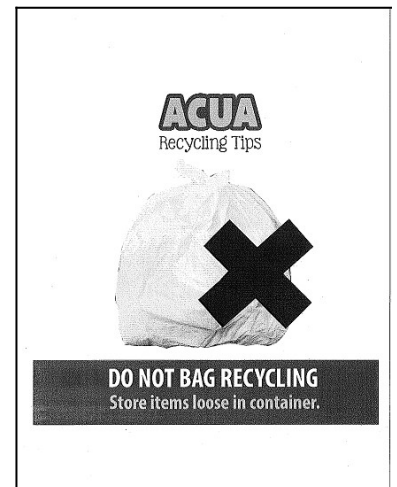
# ODDS & ENDS



The Port Republic Fire Department would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change your clocks! The date to change your clocks back November 4, 2018.

The Atlantic County Utilities Authority would like to remind you to store items loose in the recycling container. Why?

1. It's Safer — line workers cannot see what's included when items are in a bag, and there may be hazardous items present.
2. It's More Efficient — the line must be stopped for plastic bags to be tore open, which wastes time.
3. It Ensures Items Will Be Recycled — at times, plastic bags filled with items may be pulled aside and ultimately thrown away.



Overall, when items are stored loose, it ensures workers and safe and items are recycled. **No plastic bags should be included in the recycling bin...full or empty!**

# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



The General Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

Ward I - City Hall, 143 Main Street  
Ward II - Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane

# Reminders

## Clerk's Office Revised Hours

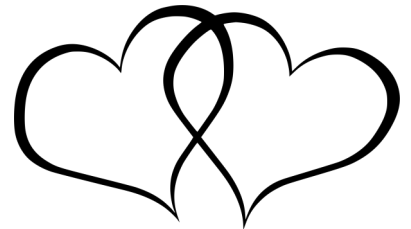
Please note that the Clerk's Office will close at 3:00 pm the first Wednesday of each month for court sessions.

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## Getting Married?

Residents seeking to apply for a marriage license should contact the Clerk's Office to schedule an appointment at 609-652-1501

- \* Both applicants must come in with a witness, 18 years old, or older
- \* Both applicants must provide a valid ID & proof of residency
- \* \$28 fee, check or cash only



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## PLEASE SECURE YOUR TRASH

Have you noticed that every Sunday and Thursday there is trash all around the City, especially along Riverside Drive? A few residents are hauling in their trash to the Convenience Center without properly securing the lids onto their trash cans. This results in the trash flying out of the trash cans and onto the streets and yards of your neighbors.

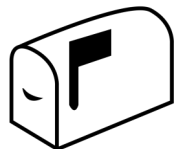
The Public Works Department has many responsibilities and picking up trash as a result of improperly secured trash is a waste of tax payer's dollars. PLEASE take the time to secure your trash.



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## DROP BOX AT CITY HALL

There is a drop box available in front of City Hall for tax payments.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

October 20th - Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department Roast Beef Dinner 3:30 pm—7:30 pm

October 31st - Port Republic School Halloween Parade at 1:30 pm

October 31st - Trick or Treat 5:30 pm—8:00 pm

November 6th - General Election

December 6th - Tree Lighting Event 6:30 pm

June 15th - Community Day

June 15th - Jersey Genesis Triathlon

June 22nd - Rain Date for Community Day



## PHYSICAL HEALTH AIDS

Keep in mind that I have stored a number of physical health aids for those in need of them (you don't have to be a senior to borrow these). Also, if anyone has any health aids that are no longer needed or wanted, I will gladly accept your donations. Please note at this time no walkers are needed. In addition, I have two electric lift chairs that are taking up room in storage. Please call me if you could use a beige electric life chair in excellent condition.

Senior Chair

Doris Bugdon  
609-652-1352

## WATER CONTAMINATION



Any resident who has had their water tested and the testing came back with contamination requiring you to have a POET System installed, please notify City Hall. We are mapping the contamination.

Thank you!





# THE PORT NEWS

RESIDENT

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC

PORT REPUBLIC, NEW JERSEY 08241



## NEW AT CITY HALL

WE NOW HAVE A US POSTAL  
MAILBOX IN FRONT OF  
CITY HALL

