



Port News

2019 Newsletter—Volume II

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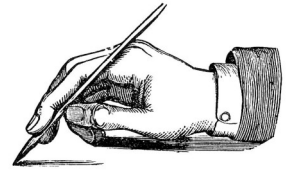
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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Fall season is on it's way with the cooler weather and the leaves changing color. But, as always, our community is steadfast. Our volunteers in this wonderful town are such an asset. Especially our Volunteer Fire Department; they are the backbone of this community!

I tell people we are like "Mayberry" where Sheriff Andy and Little Ronny Howard portrayed a quaint rural community.

We do have issues, like too many geese in our park area and no wake zones in our great Nacote Creek. These are the little issues we have here in our Mayberry town.

All plans are moving forward for the reconstruction of our 610 Bridge on Old New York Road. I remain in direct contact with Atlantic County Government as to start time and completion, more to follow.

So, let's enjoy the changing of seasons and look forward to the peace and harmony that goes on around us.

May God continue to bless us.

Sincerely, Mayor Gary





Atlantic County

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Dennis Levinson
County Executive

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August 19, 2019



Mayor Gary Giberson & Council
Port Republic City Hall
143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241

PORT REPUBLIC

Probably no New Jersey municipality lives up less to its official "city" designation than Port Republic, a town of barely 1,000 on the Mullica River. There's Harry Bowen Memorial Field, a gazebo, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and an abundance of peace and quiet, minutes from the Parkway.

Dear Friends,

In Monday's August 19 Newark Star Ledger there is a comprehensive article "Psst, Want to hear a secret?". The article highlights some Jersey shore spots rarely visited. These very special secret spots – "the ones we don't always want to share with others for fear they will spoil our tiny slice of paradise."

The Star Ledger readers now know what we've known all along that Port is a "city" with charm and an ambience that defines the character and greatness of small town America,

Congratulations – I'm proud and honored to be your County Executive.

Sincerely,


Dennis Levinson
County Executive

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c: St. Paul's United Methodist Church



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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

Daniel Giberson

This & That



I am looking for help in the Bill and Kathy Smallwood Garden; weeding is the main issue. I am able to pay \$8.00 per hour for weeding, ages 14 and up. Make your own hours or hour. Even one hour at a time is fine. Perhaps you have a child who would like a first job. Keep my number for future reference if at all interested.

Janet Longo

609-226-6596

LOOKUP & PAY TAXES ONLINE

Look for icon on City's website

“WIPP—online tax payment”



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

2019 Dates

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

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

Memo to: PORT REPUBLIC CITY HALL SEPT 4,2019

From: BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA NJ5

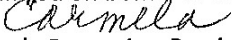
The New Jersey Run for the Fallen will be passing thru Port on Rt 9 Sept 27. They will stop at the Elks Lodge at 9 am, Chestnut Neck at 10am and Viking Yachts at 11 am. Remember these soldiers run in memory of all military who have given their lives for our country. Blue Star Mothers will be passing out power drinks, energy bars and shaking hands at Viking Yachts. You are welcome to greet the runners at all locations. Please let them know that their efforts are appreciated.

As in the past several years we, Blue Star Mothers of America NJ5, mothers of our active military, have requested your support with our Christmas mailing to the deployed troops. You have always been generous, and we THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! Attached please find a list of items we are able to mail overseas. Please drop off the items at CITY HALL. All items must be ready for mailing by NOVEMBER 1, 2019. Last year with your generous help we mailed 80 boxes. This year we hope to mail 100!! Please help us again, we greatly appreciate any and all efforts.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Last year's mailing cost over \$1500.

As you know it is hard to be deployed, let alone during the Holidays!!

Thank you on behalf of our service people.


Carmela Pogranicy, President

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Blue Star Mothers Chapter NJ5 is seeking donations for our Christmas mailing for DEPLOYED MILITARY. Donations should be dropped off at City Hall by November 1, 2019. 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



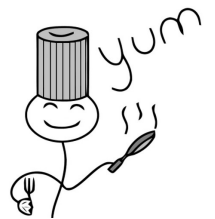
IN THE NEWS...

PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER

October 19th

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 18, 2019

February 19, 2020

October 16, 2019

March 18, 2020

November 20, 2019

April 22, 2020

December 18, 2019

May 20, 2020

January 15, 2020

June 17, 2020



PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL—IMPORTANT DATES

September 17-28 — Yankee Candle Fundraiser

October 21-25 — Book Fair

November 15 — Fall Fest

December 6 — Holiday Fair

December 13 — Sweets with Santa

January 24 — Middle School Dance

March 13 — Dinner Auction

April 13 — Easter Egg Hunt

April 17 — K-4 Dance

April 20-24 — Book Fair

May 6-8 — Flower Sale



PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE: portnj.org





COMMUNITY EVENTS— Everyone is Welcome!

GRIEF CARE

On Tuesdays @ 6:30PM

Many in our community have lost loved ones over the last few years, and in our hearts the sting of loss is just as real as if they left us yesterday. We will come together to remember and to honor our loved ones, and, while doing so, find comfort and strength to allow healing of our hearts to take place.

Hosted by Port Community Church (PCC)

Go to www.portcommunitychurch.com for posted details.

COMMUNITY FAMILY FALLFEST HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 27 2019

A peaceful hayride through our town and with hot dogs and so much “S’mores” (get it?) to follow. Free.

Hosted by Port Community Church (PCC)

Go to www.portcommunitychurch.com for posted details and sign-up information.

ANNUAL 'TRUST & TREAT' - Stop By to See Us!

Thursday, October 31st (*or designated Trick-or-Treat Night*)

Safe Zone for “Kidz & Lost Parents” Location

Hosted by Port Community Church (PCC)

Go to www.portcommunitychurch.com for posted details.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 'KIDZ ZONE'

Saturday, December 14th @ 9AM-11:45AM

PreK-Grade 5

Five Stations Zeroing in on the *True Meaning of Christmas!*

Hosted by Port Community Church (PCC)

Go to www.portcommunitychurch.com for posted details.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT GATHERING

Tuesday, December 24th

Go to www.portcommunitychurch.com for posted details.

PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHURCH PHONE: 609-568-5954

WEBSITE: www.portcommunitychurch.com

EMAIL: office@portcommunitychurch.com

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

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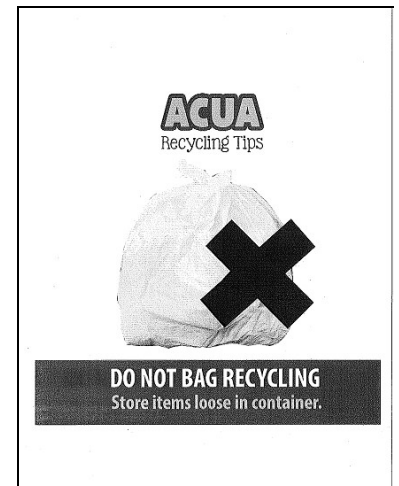


The Port Republic Fire Department would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change your clocks! The date to change your clocks back November 3, 2019.

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 5, 2019

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

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

On the Ballot...

Dear Residents,

On the ballot of this upcoming election will be a question concerning our Volunteer Fire Company. This question will ask if residents wish to raise LOSAP contributions from \$575.00 per member to \$950.00 per member, per year. At this time, our City has the second lowest LOSAP contribution in Atlantic County. If this raise in LOSAP passes, we will be up in the middle of the pack. Just to give you a little more information on LOSAP, a fireperson can only receive LOSAP if they make at least 50% of all fires, drills and work details. This requirement is hard to make as a volunteer, and in fact only about half of our firepersons receive LOSAP. I am asking for all of our residents to get out and vote and let your voice be heard.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and your continued support of our Volunteer Fire Company.

Sincerely, Kevin Wessler

SENIOR NEWS

Sorry to say we are now living in the Scam Artist Age. It's annoying enough to have telemarketers calling all hours of the day. What really has me concerned is the amount of Scam Artist. There are the credit card, Medicaid, Utilities & IRS scams but the real biggie to me is the Social Security Administration Scam. Please never fall for this. If there is a problem with your social security, the administration will send you a letter in the mail. The SSA never calls anyone by phone. This also is the same with the IRS.



Council Senior Chair, Doris Bugdon

Reminders

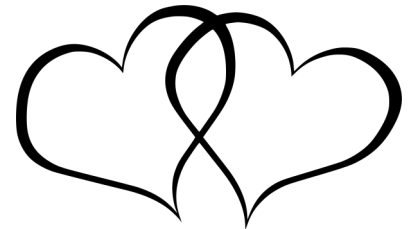
Clerk's Office Revised Hours

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

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



PLEASE SECURE YOUR TRASH

Have you noticed that every Sunday and Thursday there is trash all around the City, especially along Riverside Drive and Mill Street? 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.



{ City Code Chapter 166—Littering }

DROP BOX AT CITY HALL

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

October 19th - Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department Roast Beef Dinner 3:30 pm—7:30 pm

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

November 5th - General Election

December 5th - Tree Lighting Event 6:30 pm



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.

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

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NEW AT CITY HALL

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

