



Port News

2020 Newsletter—Volume II

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...

Hello Residents!



Autumn is upon us along with cooler temperatures, enjoy the outdoors.

This pandemic has hit everyone in one way or another with the changes in lifestyle. Port School has opened and it is so nice to hear the kids playing at recess.

We have been communicating with the New Jersey State Police requesting them to increase their presence in town and to step up efforts to enforce speed limits. This is in response to the many comments City Hall has received regarding excessive speeding by motorist and commercial vehicles throughout Port Republic. Please be part of the solution and obey speed limits as posted for the safety of your fellow residents.

We are waiting for the bid to go out for the Route 610 Bridge. Everything was delayed due to the pandemic. It should be any-time now.

The paving of Pomona Avenue should begin shortly. It will run from Main Street to Mill Street.

Please stay safe and healthy.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Clerk's Office

Kimberly Campellone,
RMC, CMR

Brandy M. Blevin, CMR

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

Kyle Ayers

This & That



Due to COVID-19 and the limitations set on the amount of people who can gather indoors, both Municipal Court and City Council Meetings will be conducted virtually over ZOOM.

If you have an impending court date, please contact the Court Office for further instructions.

For City Council Meetings, please check the website and the City's Facebook page for the links which will be provided prior to each meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall.



The Transfer Station has **UPDATED** their hours.

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—9:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am—4:30 pm

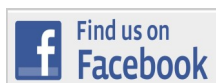
MESSAGE FROM ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC



Atlantic City Electric will be beginning construction on September 14th, starting at the Moss Mill Substation in Port Republic and Mott Farm Substation in Little Egg Harbor Township, and working towards the middle, which is Bass River Township.

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

6:00 pm—Workshop

6:30 pm—Meeting

2020 Dates

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

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

IN THE NEWS...

Port Republic will hold traditional Halloween on Saturday, October 31st. Trick-or-Treating will be between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Please follow the CDC guidelines, social distancing, sanitizing of hands and wearing masks.



For residents who do not wish to participate, please keep your porch lights off, and trick or treaters please do not approach a house that has their lights off.



Have a Happy Halloween!

Mayor Gary Giberson



PORT REPUBLIC

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



SEMI-ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER



**The BLUE STAR MOTHERS & The ELK'S
ARE JOINING FORCES TO**

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

We are collecting miscellaneous items for care packages to send to our deployed troops. We are planning to pack and ship approximately 100 boxes to arrive in time for the holiday season

Donations will be forwarded to NJ troops stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba until Spring of 2021



Due to City Hall Nov 1

DONATION LIST FOR SUMMER MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

SNACKS:

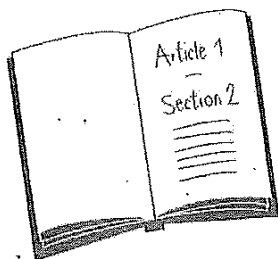
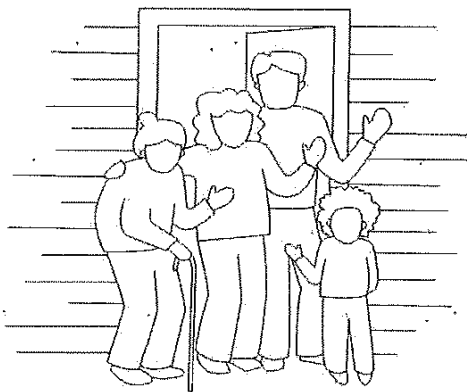
Beef jerky	Tea bags
Peanut Butter (small containers)	Instant coffee
Almonds - no salt	Drink mix singles
Sunflower/pumpkin seeds	Gum
Peanut butter crackers	Mints
Goldfish crackers	Lifesavers
Pringles chips	Twizzlers
Individual pretzel bags	Starbursts
Goldfish crackers	Skittles
Pringles chips	Reeses pieces
Protein/granola bars	Cookies
Nutri-grain bars	Tastycakes
Trail mix	

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

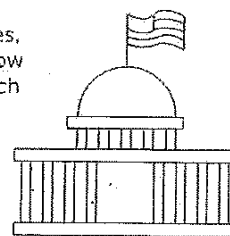


It's in the constitution.

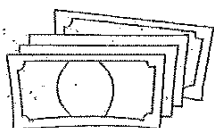
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

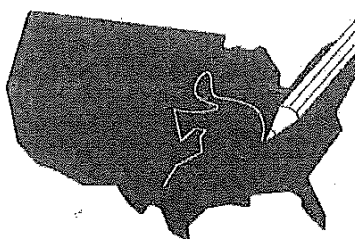


It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

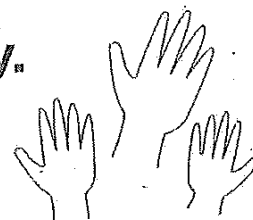
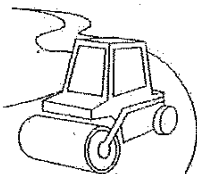


It's about redistricting.

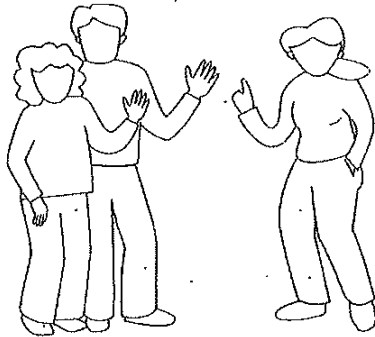
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

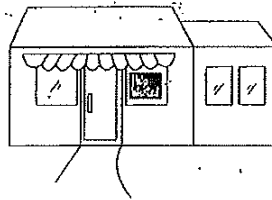
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



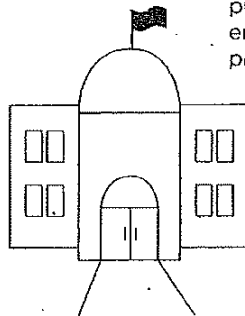
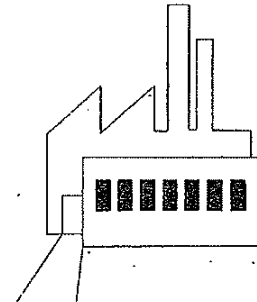
Census data are being used all around you.



Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

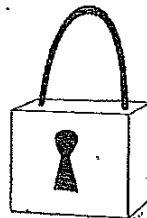
Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



Your privacy is protected.

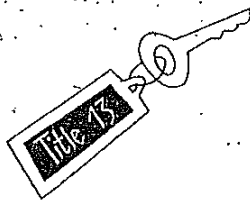
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.



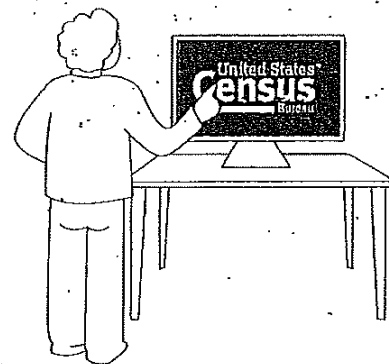
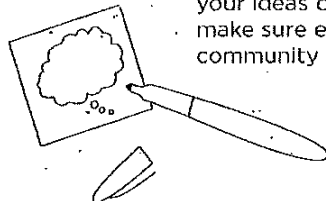
2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets-counted.



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FIND OUT HOW TO HELP
AT [CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS](https://www.census.gov/partners)

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Why We Ask

The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.

Responses to census questions provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.

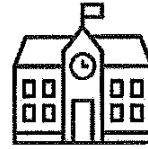
When you fill out the census, you help:



Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.



Inform how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.



Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

The 2020 Census will ask for the following information:

Number of people at address

We ask this question to collect an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Each decade, census results determine how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts.

Any additional people living or staying there

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure that everyone living at an address is counted.

Owner/Renter

We ask about whether a home is owned or rented to create statistics about homeownership and renters. Homeownership rates serve as an indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

Phone number

We ask for a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will never share your number and will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

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Name

We ask for names to ensure everyone in the household is counted. This also helps us to keep ancestry records. Listing the name of each person in the household helps respondents include all members, particularly in large households where a respondent may forget who was counted and who was not.

Sex

We ask about the sex of each person to create statistics about males and females. Census data about sex is used in planning and funding government programs, and in evaluating other government programs and policies to ensure they fairly and equitably serve the needs of males and females. These statistics are also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination in government programs and in society.

Age and date of birth

We ask about age and date of birth to understand the size and characteristics of different age groups and to present other data by age. Local, state, tribal, and federal agencies use age data to plan and fund government programs that provide assistance or services for specific age groups, such as children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, or the older population. These statistics also help enforce laws, regulations, and policies against age discrimination in government programs and in society.

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

We ask about whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin to create statistics about this ethnic group. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Race

We ask about a person's race to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by race groups. The data collected in this question is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Whether a person lives or stays somewhere else

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure individuals are not included at multiple addresses.

Relationship

We ask about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services for families, people living or raising children alone, grandparents living with grandchildren, or other households that qualify for additional assistance.

For more information, visit:

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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 Sunday, November 1, 2020.

ELECTION DAY UPDATE

November General Election shall be conducted primarily by vote by mail ballots (VBM).

- Atlantic County Clerk will begin mailing the VBM ballots to “active” voters on or before **October 5, 2020**.
- Atlantic County will have at least one (1) polling location in each municipality.
- All public primary and secondary schools shall be closed to in-person instruction.
- Atlantic County shall open a minimum of fifty (50) percent of its regularly used polling places, the BOE must utilize schools or other large facilities to serve as large voting centers to accommodate more voting districts in one polling place.
- Atlantic County will have at least ten (10) drop box locations that are readily accessible.
- Voters who appear at a polling place and have not returned a voted mail-in ballot shall vote via a provisional ballot.
- Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.
- Board of Elections (BOE) shall designate each polling place as a location to receive voted mail-in ballots. A voter may return **only the mail-in ballot they personally voted** to their designated polling place.
- Every VBM ballot that is postmarked on or before November 3, 2020 and is received by November 10, 2020, by 8:00 PM, shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed (**assuming it meets all statutory requirements**).



Voters whose ballots are rejected for a missing or discrepant signature, shall be given the opportunity to cure the signature defect in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of State.

For the most up to date information, please visit: <https://www.atlanticcountyclerk.org/elections/>

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

08/29/20 – Last Day Vacancy May Occur

08/31/20 – Deadline to Fill Vacancy

10/05/20 – VBM Commencement

10/13/20 – Registration Deadline

10/20/20 – Deadline for Challenger Ap-
pointments

10/23/20 – Mailing of Post Cards (Polling
Locations)

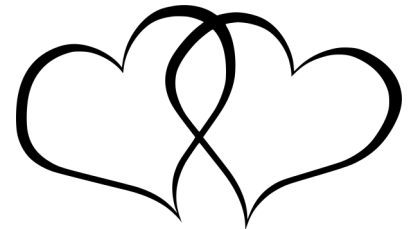
11/03/20 – General Election
(Ballots **must** be postmarked by 11/03/20)

11/10/20 – Deadline postmarked ballot
can be received

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

2020



October 31st - Trick or Treat 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

November 3rd - General Election

December 3rd - Tree Lighting Event 6:30 pm
{tentative}

Please check our website & Facebook page for updates

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.

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!

Senior Chair
Doris Bugdon
609-652-1352

