



Port News

2021 1st Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Brrr—winter is upon us with snow, wind and freezing rain. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel with COVID-19, with vaccines that are on their way to the masses. We strongly support all the work and time invested to bring a halt to this world crisis.

Some major projects City Council is working on for the year are as follows:

- Begin a study of the Mill Pond Dam to investigate best practices available to us to manage water flow from Mill Pond.
- Investigate availability of grant monies to enable the City to dredge Nacote Creek from the Dam to the 610 Bridge.
- A new Historical Committee has been formed on City Council with the purpose of investigating and preserving the story of Port Republic's past for future generations to appreciate.
- A new City Council Marijuana Legislation Investigatory Committee has been formed to study the impact of recently legalized marijuana laws on the City.
- Road improvements will continue. This year portions of Pomona Avenue will be re-paved.
- We are continuing work with the State Police to enhance traffic safety and general public safety in town.
- Finally, but certainly not least the Mayor's Office and City Council will be reviewing all potential sources of revenue to the City with the idea of minimizing the tax strain on individual residents, but also attempting to stabilize financial reserves for the purpose of supporting our cherished Port School.

Our City has such a rich history. The earliest settlers in Southern New Jersey were the Lenni Lenape tribe and often were visited by the Nanticotes from Delaware. They were strong fishermen and reaped rewards from the sea, fishing for crab and shell fish. They named the creek that flows with the tide, Nacote Creek which means "peaceful home by moving water". The growth of Atlantic white cedars along the Mullica and Nacote Creek brought Dutch ship builders to the area. Where our town became an important part of early ship building on the historic east coast of New Jersey. This area still remains one of the worlds largest industries in the country with established Viking Yachts which are sent all over the world. In perspective our past will show our future.

All of the City's employees and those who serve us with contracts should be praised and praised often for a job well done. We are all in this together and together we can move forward. Stay warm, bundle up if the outdoors calls, and may GOD continue to bless us all, stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gary



MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Clerk's Office

Kimberly Campellone, RMC
Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
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

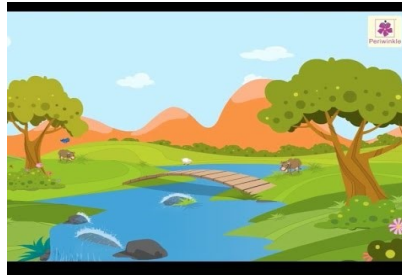
Renee DeSalvo
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
1st & 3rd Thursday monthly
renee@portrepublicnj.org

Public Works Department

Kyle Ayers
James Milton

This & That

Now Hiring!



The City is looking to hire 4 members for the Clean Team. Applicants must be at least 14 years old. Please contact Doris Bugdon for more information: 609-652-1352.

NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration
NJ Vaccine Scheduling System (NVSS)

VACCINATION
COVID-19

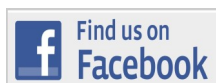
Pre-Register for the Vaccine
<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>

FOR MORE INFORMATION
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

A medical illustration showing a glass vial with a white cap and a syringe with a red plunger, set against a dark red background with a subtle pattern of virus particles.

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

2021 Dates

February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 15th
July 13th
August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

Planning Board / Zoning Board

Meetings are scheduled as needed

Vicki Cantell, Secretary
609-652-9403



Agendas, Minutes and Zoom information for Meetings can be found on our website:

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2021/2022 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WELCOME TO PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL ~ PLEASE CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILDS REGISTRATION. REGISTRATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Wednesday, M a r c h 24, 2021

9:00am - 12:30pm

1:00 - 3:00 pm

To ensure your child's Kindergarten registration can be completed at your scheduled appointment, please be sure to have met all necessary requirements and have forms listed below:

Age Requirement:

Child **MUST** be 5 years old on or before October 1st of the school year for Kindergarten.

Certificates/Identification:

Proof of residency (tax bill, deed, lease), Valid Photo ID + 2 bills w/address

Original Birth Certificate - issued by the state or local Registrar of Vital Statistics, or for foreign born children, a report issued by the U.S. Consular Service.

Student Guardianship/Custody Papers: If applicable

Immunization Records (up to date):

including, DTaP-4 doses, with 1 dose after the 4th birthday, or any 5 doses, two doses of MMR, completed Hepatitis B vaccine series, Polio, Chickenpox (Varivax) vaccination.

Physical:

Verification from student's physician of **physical within 365 days** of the first day of school.

For a complete packet of Back to School Forms please visit our school website www.portnj.org, print, complete and return with your registration papers.

CHILD FIND

Do you have a child or are aware of a child between the ages of 3 and 21 who is experiencing difficulties with communication, academic, socialization or motor skills? If so, Project Child Find was established by the State of New Jersey as a free public awareness and referral service to assist parents and professionals. Information concerning programs and services for children with disabilities, birth through 21 years of age, may be obtained by calling 1-800-322-8174. For children 3 years old and above, please contact the Child Study Team Office at your local school district for information on programs and services for children with disabilities.

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 March 14, 2021.

The 2021 FREE Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at the Public Works Garage. Licenses will be available for purchase at the clinic. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 609-652-1501



Don't need a new rabies shot? Dog Licenses are now available at the City Clerk's Office!

Spayed / Neutered: \$6.00

Non-Spayed / Non-Neutered: \$12.00

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

Ward I - City Hall, 143 Main Street

Ward II - Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane



**please check frequently for updates due to COVID-19 regulations*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

March 27—City's Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

March 24—Kindergarten Registration

June 19—Community Day (*tentative*)

June 26—Rain Date for Community Day (*tentative*)



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.

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!

COVID VACCINES FOR SENIORS

Senior Chair Doris Bugdon has been working with the County to provide transportation for seniors in need when COVID vaccines are made available.





THE PORT NEWS

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NEW AT CITY HALL

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

