



Port News

2021 2nd Newsletter

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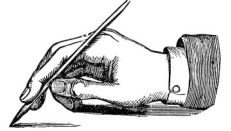
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UPDATES FROM THE INTERIM MAYOR'S OFFICE...



The first thing I want to mention is I'm sure we all share in expressing our love and concern for Jim Milton. I want to convey our best wishes and prayers for his speedy recovery and return to work.

Projects in the works:

- 1) The dam project is moving along. Consultants are measuring the current site and will be coming back to the City with recommendations. This should be considered Phase One. The next phase will probably involve a flood and water flow study to get a better gauge of the amount of water going through the pond and the dam. The final stage will be seeking public grant money to perform whatever remediation may be deemed necessary to complete the project.
- 2) The City is reviewing a storm drain proposal to possibly move the storm drain from where it currently empties to possibly move it farther down Nacote Creek in the direction of the bridge. Once again, we will be seeking assistance from State and Federal grant monies to move ahead with the project, if Council approves.
- 3) City Administration is working on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a project updated every 5 years whereby the City updates County and State authorities on potential natural hazard issues and our preparedness to handle such issues. This puts us in a position to receive FEMA and other aid after a natural disaster.
- 4) An ad-hoc committee continues to work on the Port School funding issue. There are no clear updates yet as School Officials are working with potential consultants to come up with recommendations.

Public safety updates:

I have three reminders for residents:

- 1) There is no parking within 50 feet of a stop sign in the State of New Jersey.
- 2) There is no on-street parking allowed on streets where there is no shoulder available to keep vehicles out of traffic flow.
- 3) Finally, please remember, we have no sidewalks in town and out of respect and concern for our fellow citizens, watch your speed limits. I know the speed limits vary in town, which makes it tricky, but the signs are all compliant with State Code (we had the County perform an audit a couple of years ago).

Finally, a very special reminder that Port Day this year will be special indeed! Besides our normal celebration of Port Republic, we will be honoring the career of Mayor Gary Giberson on that day. There will be a ceremony at the Pavilion to kick off the evenings events at 6 pm. I know you all look forward to this annual event, and I hope that this year you make a special effort to be there early to celebrate Port and most important, the distinguished career and accomplishments of Mayor Gary.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES

City Clerk's Office

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Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
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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

Bill Montag, Director
James Milton
Kyle Ayers
AJ Giacomo

This & That

NJ Division of Taxation

157 W. West Horse Pike, Galloway, NJ

State of NJ Homestead Rebate Program:

Hotline Number for Assistance: 1-888-238-1233

ONLINE: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/

State of NJ Senior Freeze

(Property Tax Reimbursement Program):

Hotline Number for Assistance: 1-800-882-6597

ONLINE: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday of each month
6:15 pm—Workshop
6:30 pm—Meeting

2021 Dates

June 15th
July 13th
August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

Planning Board / Zoning Board

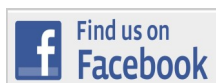
Meetings are scheduled as needed

Vicki Cantell, Secretary
609-652-9403

NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Registration
NJ Vaccine Scheduling System (NJVSS)
VACCINATION COVID-19
Pre-Register for the Vaccine
<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>
FOR MORE INFORMATION
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

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"



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

PortRepublicNJ.org

Did you Know??

Did you know that Port Republic has an Education Foundation?

The PRS Education Foundation is currently working on two projects to give our Port Republic Students more educational opportunities: Mini-grants for teachers (our teachers can apply for up to \$500 for a special project or equipment to enhance their curriculum) and a new program called PREP (Port Republic Enrichment Program). PREP will be offered as after school clubs in which all PRS students can participate .

Here's how you can help:

1. You can donate to the Port Republic School Education Foundation using our QR Code or by going on our Facebook page:



2. For the PREP program, we need volunteers to come into school one hour a week (for six weeks) at the end of the school day to teach something that you love, are skilled in, are passionate about, or would love to learn (so the best way is to teach it). This program will ideally start in September 2021.

Are you interested in helping out with:

Sports Clubs	World Culture	CPR/Babysitting/First Aid
Board Games	Legos	Birding/Nature
Animal Science	Port Republic Legacy	Fashion Design
Creative Writing	Inventions/Technology	Photography
Journalism	Photography	Comic Book Design
Music/Art/Drama	American Red Cross	
Fishing	Classes	

You name it, you can teach it- there are endless possibilities.

If this is something you would like to get involved in or have any questions please contact Niki Giberson (609) 214-8765, email PRSEducationFoundation@gmail.com or like us on Facebook- Port Republic School Education Foundation.

Check out our Facebook page for an Usbourne Book Party for Summer Reading for children, June 24-29. This is a way to support the education foundation and add to a student's love of reading.



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:

\$30 TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA – These bacteria are used as an indicator that other, more harmful microbes may be present in the water. Samples that show presence of total coliform are further tested for E. coli at no additional cost.

\$20 NITRATE – An acute health hazard for infants and pregnant women, high nitrate levels are attributed to fertilizers, septic systems and animal waste.

\$20 LEAD – Lead contamination in drinking water is usually attributed to leaching of lead from solder, plumbing components and faucets.

\$30 MERCURY – From landfills, crop erosion and household products.

\$95 VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS – A variety of solvents and fuel additives.

\$125 SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS – Three pesticide-related chemicals.

\$90 PERCHLORATE – A chemical found in rocket propellants, munitions, fertilizers.

\$100 RADIUM – A radioactive metal that is found to be naturally occurring in the underground soil formations in parts of Southern New Jersey.

\$50 METAL SCANS – Tests for 8 different metallic substances – Aluminum, Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Manganese, and Sodium. Or order any one of these for \$15.

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>

Revised February 2019

WELL WATER TESTING THROUGH ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

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.*

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 #
Cape Environmental Laboratory	102 N. Main St, Cape May Court House NJ 08210	(609) 463-0077	05679
EMSL Analytical Inc.	200 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077	(800) 220-3675 x1214	04653
Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	54 Main Street, Waretown, NJ 08005	(800) 273-8901	20044
Hera Environmental, Inc.	1879-1 Old Cuthbert Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034	(856) 429-5200	04003
Precision Analytical Services	2161 Whitesville Rd., Toms River, NJ 08753	(732) 914-1515	15001
Eurofins QC, Vineland Division	1835 W. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360	(856) 563-0101	06005
South Jersey Water Test, LLC	4077 South Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094	(856) 875-3506	08006
Vineland Environmental Laboratories	782 S. Brewster Rd., Suite B-1, Vineland, NJ 08360	(856) 692-6800	06003

For more information:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency –
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection –
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/>

Private Well Testing Act of NJ – Testing for resales of homes on well water, and rental properties
https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html

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**IF YOU WASH
YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL WASH IT
IN THE LAKE.**



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flows directly into our streams, lakes,
rivers and the ocean.
So what can you do?**



www.cleanwaterNJ.org

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH WASHING YOUR CAR?

Washing your car on a paved surface can allow the soapy wash water and other pollutants, like oil and grease, to run off into a storm drain. Most soap contains phosphates and other chemicals that, in large amounts can contaminate your drinking water, as well as kill fish, wildlife and plants. The soap, together with the dirt and oil washed from your car, flows into nearby storm drains, which flows directly into lakes, rivers and the ocean. The phosphates from the soap can cause excess algae to grow, which can be harmful to the water quality.

YOU CAN HELP!

- Take your car to a car washing facility, rather than washing it yourself. Commercial car washes treat and recycle the water.
- If you can't get to a car washing facility, wash your car on an unpaved surface and use biodegradable soap.
- Organize a Car Wash Fundraiser for a local organization. Visit www.cleanwaterNJ.org to learn how.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT CLEAN WATER?

Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to New Jersey's clean water supply. Clean water provides access to safe drinking water, places for recreation, commercial opportunities, healthy wildlife habitats, and adds beauty to our landscape. Rain washes pollution from streets, parking lots, and lawns into storm drains, then directly to our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

Did you know more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like motor oil, fertilizers, pet waste, and detergents? By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater.



www.cleanwaterNJ.org



Thanks to the Washington State Department of Ecology, King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle and Tacoma.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

August 14—Community Day

August 21—Rain Date for Community Day



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!

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



REMINDERS

1.) When taking your trash to the Convenience Center please take the time to properly secure the lid onto trash cans and/or tie off your trash bags. Unsecured trash can cause trash to blow out onto our roadways and the yards of your neighbors. Please help us keep our City clean and beautiful!



2.) There is a no-wake zone on Nacote Creek from the beach area to the bend (past the bridge). This not only is a law, but helps keep everyone safe. Have a great summer and enjoy all the activities our beautiful town has to offer!

**NO
WAKE
ZONE**



THE PORT NEWS

PLACE STICKER HERE



NEW AT CITY HALL

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

