



# Port News

2022 - 1st Edition

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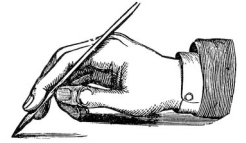
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**PortRepublicNJ.org**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



As I am writing this we are in the midst of recovering from the 18” snow storm. I am so impressed by ALL of the people who are employed by our City. There was a plan in place that if someone needed an ambulance, there would be a plow in front of the ambulance clearing the way. Our road department stepped up and has received rave reviews from the County as the best cleared roads in all of Atlantic County.

As I am learning about all the workings of Port Republic, I have become aware that ten percent of our community members volunteer to do something to make everyone’s lives a little bit better. We have about 30 volunteer firefighters who do so much more than put out fires. We have 11 volunteers that serve breakfast and lunch to our students at Port School on a rotating daily basis. There is the new Port School Education Foundation that is providing extra programming for the students and grants for the teachers. PTS is also an active group providing events for our students. There are also many volunteers that make the area around the church look polished and our recreation fields are funded and maintained by volunteers. And of course our City Council, Planning Board, and School Board members spend countless hours taking care of business.

We now have a newly formed Port Republic Heritage Society. We will be planning an additional celebration including a parade on Port Day to commemorate the founders of this beautiful place that we call home. Another ongoing project is transforming the old city garage into a senior center/ historical museum. If you are interested in joining please contact:

[porthheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:porthheritagesociety@gmail.com).

With heartfelt thanks I would like to say just how much all of your hours of time spent working for our City is appreciated. Port Republic would not be the place it is without you.

If you would like to meet with me, I have office hours at City Hall every Tuesday and Thursday mornings or by appointment other times.

*Mayor Niki*



## 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](mailto:kim@portrepublicnj.org)  
[brandy@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:brandy@portrepublicnj.org)

### Construction Office

Kevin Cain  
4:00 pm—6:00 pm  
Monday & Wednesday  
609-652-8759  
[kevin@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:kevin@portrepublicnj.org)

### Tax Assessor

Bill Johnson  
5:00 pm—7:00 pm  
3rd Wednesday monthly  
609-652-1501  
[bill@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:bill@portrepublicnj.org)

### Tax Collector

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

### Public Works Department

Dave Eisenhard, Supervisor  
Kyle Ayers  
Christopher Johnson

### Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays  
12:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturdays  
8:00 am—4:30 pm

# This & That

The Port Republic Municipal Court has consolidated with the Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County located at 5901 Main Street, Mays Landing effective January 1, 2022.



The Central Municipal Court of Atlantic County can be reached at 609-909-5999

## **\*\* Type I / Type II School District Update \*\***

*From Mayor Niki*

In the General Election, November 2021, there was a question on the ballot determining if Port Republic should change from a Type I to a Type II School District. The question on the ballot was not consistent with the wording of the statute, and there was no interpretive statement. If the vote result was accepted, there would not have been a legal school board administering the workings on the school as of January 1st according to the School Board Solicitor.

Collectively, Solicitors of the School Board, the County, City of Port Republic, our Interim Mayor and Judge Savio met to determine the next step. The Judge agreed to invalidate the vote. The School Board Solicitor and the Port Republic City Solicitor are working together to properly word the question for the November 2022 General Election so voters will understand how this decision will impact our school and community.

## 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

### 2022 Dates

February 8th  
March 8th  
April 12th  
May 10th  
June 14th  
July 12th  
August 9th  
September 13th  
October 11th  
November 15th  
December 13th

### 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**

***New Jersey!***

## **Bring Your Own Reusable Bag When You Shop**



**Starting May 4, 2022**

Ban on single-use plastic bags in all stores, food service businesses and grocery stores statewide.

Ban on the use of polystyrene foam products including clamshell containers, plates, cups, food trays and utensils in all food service businesses statewide.



**Learn More:**

**[www.acua.com/bagban](http://www.acua.com/bagban)**



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# PORT LITTER CLEAN UP DAY

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 9, 2022

10:00 am—12:00 pm

**WHERE:** Meet at the Department of Public Works Garage (near the Transfer Station) at 10:00 am. T-shirts, gloves, trash bags and grabbers will be provided. Please remember to stay safe and keep alert for traffic.

At 12:00 pm please bring back your bags of trash and grabbers and enjoy FREE pizza, soda and water! Please use the sign up sheet below or call 609-652-1352 by March 18th. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## LITTER CLEAN UP DAY

MAIL OR DROP OFF FORMS TO: CITY HALL, 143 MAIN STREET

BY MARCH 18TH

*- Please Print -*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Doris Bugdon at 609-652-1352

# **SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**

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

**May 21st**

**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.

## A letter from Michael Trupkiewicz:

The idea for this ride came while training for The 2024 Race Across America bicycle race that I am part of as a 4 racer team. In short the race is to get from Oceanside, California to Annapolis, Maryland in 9 days or less as a team. My team, 2nd Chance Cycling's goal is to complete 3000+miles in 6 days.

The reason I am doing this ride is to help out the Port Republic School Education Foundation because when my wife and I moved to Port Republic in November of 2020 we knew our daughter Sunshine would be experiencing something different from the big school in Manahawkin that she had attended for Kindergarten. We never expected it to be as amazing as it is.

The small town experience is so important to all of the kids and the Education Foundation takes full advantage of an opportunity that we are so fortunate to have. The best part is they are learning skills and creativity while having fun. A subject that I was able to initiate through my work as an EMT for JFK EMS was the CPR/ First Aid/ Babysitting Certification for 6-8th graders which so far has produced 6 students with necessary life saving skills they might not have yet thought about obtaining. It is enrichment programs like this that take The Port Republic School Education Foundation to another level and ultimately enhance all those surrounding communities as well.

When I first thought of this my idea was donate per mile, however as planning occurred it was decided that per mile, per hour or any determinant that you as donors wanted to use to donate will be immensely appreciated.

I want to thank everyone involved in advance and am thankful for all donations to Port Republic School Education Foundation!

Each donation is like a grain of sand, put them together and a beach is formed.



## Michael Trupkiewicz Rides for Port Republic Students!!

Mike Trupkiewicz, father to one of our own first grade students, is training for the 2024 Race Across America Bike Race.

He is part of a 4 person team that hopes to ride 3,000+ miles in six days in June of 2024.




As part of his training, and in an effort to raise money for the Port Republic Education Foundation, he will complete a 24 hour ride sponsored by members of our community. The ride will be livestreamed from Anytime Fitness at Smithville! The ride will begin on February 24 at 10:00AM! Livestream info will be posted through our Facebook page.

His goal is to ride 400 miles in 24 hours in honor of our Port School!!

### How you can get involved:

You can sponsor Mike on his 24 hour ride by pledging per mile, per hour or just a flat donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Port Education Foundation and initiatives such as the PREP program, directly supporting Port children!

<p>Checks can be made out to Port Republic Education Foundation and sent to:</p> <p>Port Republic School 137 Pomona Ave Port Republic, NJ 08241</p>	<p>You may also use this QR code to donate through Pay Pal:</p> 
<p>Sponsorships will be collected from now until the completion of Mike's Ride for Port Students!!</p>	

Return with students or mail to school along with pledged amount:

	Pledge per:		
Sponsor Name	mile:	hour:	Flat Donation:
Email address			

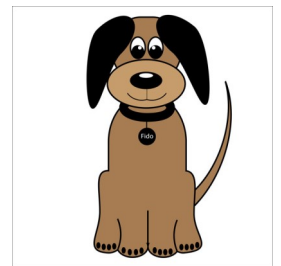


# ODDS & ENDS



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 13, 2022.

The 2022 FREE Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for dogs and 12:00 pm—12:30 pm for cats 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: \$11.00*



## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

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





IF YOU LITTER IN THE STREET,  
YOU MIGHT AS WELL LITTER  
IN THE RIVER.



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Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean.  
So what can you do? Recycle and dispose of your trash properly.

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[www.cleanwaterNJ.org](http://www.cleanwaterNJ.org)



## From the Mayor's Kitchen

I have always thought that the best way to teach children fractions is with baking. If you have children or grandchildren that could use a fun math lesson (by figuring out how many different ways to measure a cup), or if you just need a delicious snack, or want to treat a neighbor with something special, this recipe is for you.

### Peanut Butter Chocolate Chunk Cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter  
1 cup peanut butter (smooth or chunky)  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 eggs  
2 1/2 cups All Purpose Flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups chocolate chunks  
Granulated sugar for rolling cookies

Preheat oven to 375

In an electric mixer, cream butter, peanut butter and sugars. Add the eggs and mix until creamy.

Blend the flour, baking powder, soda and salt together well. Add these dry ingredients to the butter mixture. Add the chocolate chunks and mix well. Cover dough and chill for an hour in the refrigerator to make the dough easier to handle.

Make 1 inch balls of dough and roll between the palms of your hands. Roll the shaped balls in granulated sugar and place 2 inches apart on a non stick or lightly greased cookie sheet. Dip a fork in the granulated sugar and make a criss cross pattern on the top of the cookie while you slightly flatten the cookie.

Bake for 10-12 minutes. Makes 4-5 dozen cookies.



## **PAINT CLASS w/ Leah \$30 (Cash Only)**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 6:30PM**

**THEME: Lighthouse on a beach - Let your light shine!**



Grab a friend and join us! You don't have to be a great artist, it's all about an evening of fellowship and fun! Leah is an artist who knows how to break down each step so that you will come away with a beautiful painting!! All supplies are included in the price!

**LIMITED SPACE SO SIGN UP ASAP –**

Go to [www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com) & click **SPECIAL EVENTS** from the menu.

If you would like to sponsor someone, gift certificates are available upon request!

**PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Snacks & Beverages will be provided!**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

### **Getting a Birds Eye View**

**Port Community Church**

**JULY 25-28, 2022> MONDAY – THURSDAY: PREK-GRADE 3 @ 6:00PM-7:45PM**

**JULY 29, FRIDAY EVENING: Special VBS Potluck Family Gathering @ 6:00PM**

**JULY 30 > SATURDAY: GRADES 4-8 > All Day VBS @ 10AM – 3PM**

**REGISTRATION STARTS IN MAY! [www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com)**

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## **PORT CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS**

We will be gearing up for seasonal cemetery care. If you would be willing to serve on a work team that helps to maintain the cemetery grounds, please contact the church office at 609-412-7352. This team would mow, weed-whacking, and general care on a consistent basis during the summer.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

## ACUA

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Improper disposal of hazardous materials pollutes the environment and poses a threat to human life and wildlife. Hazardous waste must never be poured down the drain or placed in the trash! Attend one of our drop-offs throughout the year to safely dispose of your materials.



ACUA Environmental Park  
6700 Delilah Road  
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234

#### 2022 Dates

March 5  
May 7  
June 4  
July 9  
September 10  
November 5

#### TIME

8 AM to 1 PM

Maximum quantity per household is 20 gallons and/or 200 lbs. dry weight. Individual item container sizes cannot exceed five gallons, and individual item containers will not be returned.

#### Accepted Items:

- 12-volt batteries
- anti-freeze
- adhesives/glues
- cleaning products
- CFL light bulbs
- fuels
- fertilizer
- floor products
- hand sanitizer
- insecticides
- items containing mercury
- lighter fluid
- motor oil
- non-rechargeable household dry chemical fire extinguishers
- oil-based paint
- pesticides
- photographic chemicals
- pool chemicals
- 1 lb. propane cylinders (no larger)
- rechargeable batteries
- spray paint
- stains/varnish
- stain remover

Latex paint is not hazardous and can be placed in household trash if paint is dried. Use kitty litter or paint hardener.

#### NOT Accepted:

- 2, 4, 5, Silvex
- ammunition
- asbestos (acua.com/asbestos)
- commercial or industrial hazardous waste
- cooking oil
- dioxin
- explosives
- gas cylinders/propane tanks
- isocyanate tanks
- medications (acua.com/medicine)
- PCBs
- pentachlorophenol
- radioactive materials
- rechargeable fire extinguishers
- smoke detectors (return to manufacturer)
- unidentifiable materials



## GUIDELINES

### RESIDENTS ONLY - NO BUSINESSES!

1. Determine if product is hazardous waste (see back).
2. Keep products in original container. Place items containing mercury in cardboard box or plastic bag.
3. Place items in a box or other container you don't need back. We'll use this to unload items from your vehicle.
4. Proof of Atlantic County residency is required. Please bring a driver's license, tax bill, or other document with you. You may bring another Atlantic County household's waste with you.

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## Port Day Parade

June 18, 2022  
(Rain Date June 25, 2022)

To celebrate the 375th year of the founding of Port Republic we are now in the beginning stages of planning a Community Parade on Port Day. We are asking children to decorate their bicycles/ wagons with a patriotic theme. There will also be a section of the parade for dogs that would like to show off their patriotic attire with their owners of course. There will be a jitney for all Port Seniors over the age of 80 and our own Port Fire Company. There are a few ways you can get involved. If you or someone you know is in an organization who would like to participate in the parade or would like to make a float, or just be involved please contact City Hall @ (609) 652-1501.

You can be a Port Day sponsor and purchase an ad in our souvenir booklet.

Patrons	\$20.00
Business Card	\$25.00
1/4 page	\$35.00
1/2 page.	\$50.00
Full page	\$100.00

Please attach a copy of your ad or name you would like included as a patron along with a check made out to **"Port Republic Heritage Society"** and mail it to:

Heritage Society  
c/o City Hall  
143 Main Street  
Port Republic, NJ 08241







**PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

137 Pomona Avenue Port • Republic, NJ 08241

Phone: (609) 652-7377

Fax: (609) 652-3664

**Brian Z. London**  
*Superintendent*

**Todd D'Anna**  
*Business Administrator*

**2022/2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

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

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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*Pride Respect Success*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

March 12—City's Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic  
(11:00 am 12:00 pm dogs & 12:00 pm—12:30 pm cats)

March 24—Kindergarten Registration

April 9—Little Clean Up Day (10:00 am—12:00 pm)

May 21—Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company  
Roast Beef Dinner, 116 Blakes Lane (3:30 pm—7:30 pm)

June 18—Port Day Parade & Community Day

June 25—Rain Date for Port Day Parade & 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).

If anyone has any health aids that are no longer needed or wanted, I will gladly accept your donations. Please call me to make arrangements. Do not just drop off equipment.

Senior Chair  
Doris Bugdon



## 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!



## HOW TO BE READY

For those of you that like to be ready for any emergency the website: [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) has information about making a survival kit, having a plan, and much more.







# THE PORT NEWS

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## WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

In order to cut costs and reduce our environmental footprint, The Port Newsletter will no longer be mailed in print form. The Newsletter will be posted to our website and to our Facebook pages. You can also call or email us your email address at (609) 652-1501 and [brandy@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:brandy@portrepublicnj.org) to receive a notification of it being posted. Please help us spread the word about our newsletter change, and remember to check your email inbox rather than your mailbox in the future!

*For those who do not have access to the digital copy, but still wish to receive the Port Newsletter, please call us and we will try to continue to provide a limited number of paper copies.*

