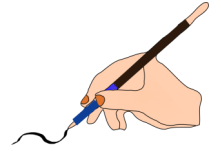




Port News

2022 - 2nd Edition



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Visit our website!

PortRepublicNJ.org

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...

Hello Port Residents,

I am writing this one week after Port Day and reflecting on how thankful I am to have so many volunteers who made the event run so smoothly. Our very own Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company did a great job arranging for the food trucks and adding to our parade. Jenny Williams and Port School PTS volunteers did a phenomenal job with the kids games. My personal favorite was the pie eating contest. The 8th grade float was beautiful, 63 kids registered for the bike parade and the Port Republic debut of the Cedar Creek Marching Band was an honor for us.

My original intent was to have the parade every 5 years, but after hearing that some of the 7th graders were thinking about what kind of float they could have next year, the Port Day Committee decided that we have a parade next year as well. If you are interested in joining the Port Day 2023 Committee please call City Hall at 609-652-1501.

Some projects we are working on for our City are the repair or replacement of the dam and funding for a playground is being investigated. In the Fall we will be completing the storm drain project near Port Beach. We recently purchased a tractor and brand new City truck which will help the DPW guys make their job a little easier. The County Bridge will be nearing completion around the end of February 2023, which is ahead of schedule.

Have a wonderful Summer!

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
brandy@portrepublicnj.org

Construction Office

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

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

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 Salem Oak Tree

On Tuesday, July 12th we will be dedicating our Salem Oak Tree to Doris Bugdon as a Port Republic valued volunteer at 6:15 pm before the regular City Council Meeting.

The Salem Oak tree was estimated to be over 500 years old and was one of New Jersey's most recognized trees. Tradition says that John Fenwick arrived in New Jersey in 1675, he signed a treaty with the native Lenni Lenape beneath its branches. On June 6, 2019 this tree fell. Seedlings were propagated and grown at the NJ State Forest Service Nursery from acorns collected under the branches from the great Salem Oak before it toppled. The Department of Environmental Protection and NJ Forest Service have made a seedling available to each municipality in New Jersey



The City is working on updating our bulletin board to honor and showcase servicemen and servicewomen, both active and veterans. If you or someone in your family is or has served this great county, please send us pictures so we can honor them. Pictures can be emailed to kim@portrepublicnj.org or dropped off to City Hall.



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

January 4, 2022
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

Congrats to our Port Republic Graduates!

The following are the Port School Kindergarten graduates:

Nora Allen	Bryce Martin
Carson Briggs	Ryleigh Rivera
Nolan Daly	Colton Roman
Calvary Frecon	Emmalyn Stetser
Jayden Linstra-Mays	Jeffrey VanSyckle
Vanessa Mahieu	Jeffrey VanSyckle
Vincent Mahieu	Rangeley Wise

**"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world."
- Nelson Mandela**

CreativeFan.com

The following are the Port School 8th grader graduates:



Lacy Blight	Michael Salmon
Rocco Delareto	Devon Seltzer
Adison Hadley	Sonia Senn
Stella Ketschek	Hayden Scivoletto
Evan Martin	Daniel Stetser
Sophia Montag	Benjamin Wild
Rider Newman	Heidi Williams

The following are the Cedar Creek High School graduates:

Lyla Bellino	Jacob Nowalsky
Rachel Dutton	Hailey Gras-Pinkney
Carter Fradkin	Salvadore Pinkney
Connor Laughlin	Austin Stankus
Michael Loper	Martha Strickland
Mei McGarvey	
Cameron Morgan	



**Congratulations to all of your graduates as
they move onto the next phase of their lives!**

From the Mayor's Kitchen

Summer is the perfect time for finding ways to use all the extra zucchini that your garden has produced. This recipe makes 2 loaves so you have one to eat and one to share. It also freezes well.

Zucchini Pineapple Bread

4 eggs	2 cups shredded zucchini
1 1/2 cups sugar	3 cups flour
2 tsp vanilla	1 tsp salt
1 cup vegetable oil	1 1/2 tsp baking soda
1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1 8 oz can crushed pineapple, drained	3/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Directions

1. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt
2. In a large bowl mix oil, eggs, vanilla, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Blend in pineapple and zucchini. Stir flour mixture into zucchini mixture. Pour batter into two greased and floured 9x5 loaf pans.
3. Bake at 350 for 1 hour and cool on a wire rack.



PORT REPUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This past year the Port Republic Education Foundation started PREP (Port Republic Enrichment Program). This is an after school program that meets once a week for 6 weeks at a time and then takes a few weeks off. In the past we have had science, history, art, dance, crafts, first-aid, babysitting and CPR certification and more, that was offered by community volunteers. Teaching the children in Port Republic can be a life changing experience for the children and the teachers. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, with just a 6 week commitment, we would love to include you in the Fall program. Please contact, Kelly Wilbert at kellychencharik@gmail.com or Christina Stevenson at 609-214-2004 by August 30th to be included.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that we awarded five \$500 mini grants for the 2022-2023 school year to our Port teachers that will enhance the education of our Port Students.

We would also like to thank Mike Trupkiewitz for raising a little more than \$2,500 for the Education Foundation by riding his bicycle for 24 hours as training for the 2024 Race Across America Bike Race.



WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN
THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT
JUST WASHING YOUR CAR
IN THE DRIVEWAY.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean.
So what can you do? Take your car to a car wash where
the water gets treated and recycled.

www.cleanwaterNJ.org



Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner
NJ Department of Environmental Protection

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

ODDS & ENDS

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. If you live in an area where branches and tree limbs can block your driveway, please make sure they are cleared. Time is of the essence in the event of an emergency!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

Ward I - City Hall, 143 Main Street

Ward II - Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS 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.



ITEMS FOR SALE BY THE PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Port Republic Heritage Society has the following items for sale at City Hall. Your purchases will go to the newly formed Heritage Society, to help them reach their goals!

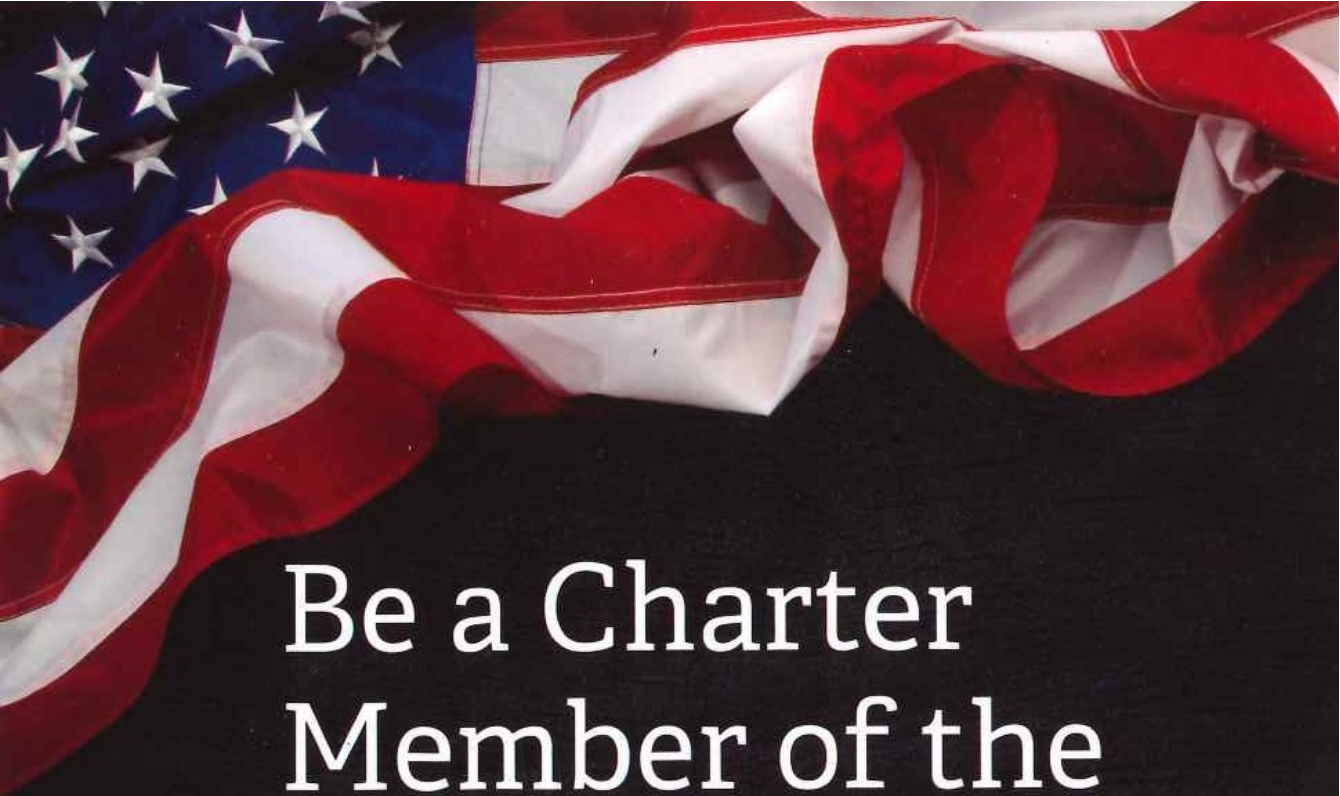
Port Republic Christmas Ornaments—\$10.00

Sketches of Old Port Republic Booklet—\$10.00

Only cash or checks are accepted as payment.

Checks should be made payable to “City of Port Republic”

Please contact or visit City Hall with any questions!



Be a Charter Member of the Port Republic Heritage Society



Our Mission is to preserve, protect , catalogue and display the historical documents and artifacts of Port Republic to continue to tell the story for future generations.



Our Goal is to restore, rehab and repurpose the First Firehouse in Port Republic to be the new home for showcasing our rich heritage. This Goal will be accomplished by applying for Grants, Fundraising and Private Donations.

WE NEED YOU!

Who: Lovers of Port
Republic History...

When: 6pm on the 4th
Weds. of the month.

Where: Port Republic
City Hall

*Membership Drive in
progress...*

For info please contact:

PortHeritageSociety@gmail.com

or

City Hall
(609)652-1501



Port Green Team Looking For Members

The new Port Republic Green Team is looking for Port residents interested in exploring initiatives and practices to help make our beloved town more sustainable for current and future generations. The goal of our newly-formed team is to earn a Certification Award through Sustainable Jersey.

Sustainable Jersey is a network of municipalities, schools and school districts. Acting with state agencies, non-profit organizations, foundations, academia and industry, Sustainable Jersey researches best practices for what communities could and should do to contribute to a sustainable future. It also provides support by grants and other means to help communities in their efforts. The program culminates in a certification award to municipalities and schools that have documented meeting a set of standards.

Contact Jesse Connor (jesseconnor@gmail.com) or Jack Connor (nacotejack@gmail.com) and let us know you are interested in joining our team.

For more on Sustainable Jersey, go to: Sustainablejersey.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

Jesse & Jack
35 Clark's Landing Road



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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Vaccines are

safe and effective

at preventing **serious diseases**.



National Immunization
Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

As your children head back to school this fall, it is important for you to speak with their health care provider to make sure they get caught up on missed well-child visits and are up-to-date with recommended vaccines.

You have the power to protect your children against serious diseases. Children who are not vaccinated are at

increased risk for illness and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities.

Immunizations are available at the Atlantic County Division of Public Health for children 18 years and younger residing in Atlantic County who are uninsured or have NJ Family Care Plan A Insurance. Call 609-645-7700 ext. 4500 to schedule an appointment.

Remember to take care of yourself too! Vaccines aren't just for kids. Ask your doctor about vaccines you may need for your age, health conditions, job, or lifestyle. For more information about vaccines and preventable diseases visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines. Talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare professional to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.

Warmer Weather Leads to Greater Risk for Tick- and Mosquito-Borne Illnesses

Avoid Contact: Stay indoors at dawn and dusk, which are peak mosquito biting times. Avoid tick-infested areas such as tall grass and dense bushes. Check yourself, your children and pets often for ticks. Bathe or shower within two hours after being where ticks live.

Wear Protective Clothing: When weather permits, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Tuck your pants into sock tops or boots and wear light-colored clothing to make it easier to find crawling ticks.

Drain Standing Water: Reduce the number of places mosquitoes can lay their eggs and breed.

- Remove water in old tires, buckets, garbage cans, or any other containers.
- Clean out gutters and unblock drainage ditches.
- Empty water in plant pots and plastic wading pools at least once a week.
- Check tarps on boats, grills and other equipment that may collect water.
- Change water in bird baths and pets' water bowls at least twice a week.

Use Insect Repellents: Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Even a short time outdoors can be long enough to get mosquito and tick bites. Always follow label instructions.



Tick Removal



Grasp tick close to your skin

Pull gently with backward pressure

Wash area with soap, water

It can take 3 to 14 days to become sick after a tick bite.

If you experience symptoms such as fever, rash, severe headache, chills, nausea or vomiting, muscle and joint pain and weakness you should see a doctor right away.

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



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!

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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WE'RE NOW 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 or brandy@portrepubliknj.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.

