

Port News 2022 - 3nd Edition

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Dear Town Folk,

With new seasons come new opportunities. Fall presents us with a time to close up our gardens, watch the beautiful changes in nature and prepare for what is coming next.

We have many things we have been working on at City Hall. Our newly formed Heritage Society now has a display case for an upcoming exhibit of Port Republic historical items in City Hall. We are working on getting a grant to fund dam repairs. Our bridge which has been under construction for quite some time now is a little closer to being done. We are working on solutions to repair our boat ramp. Wilson Avenue is in preparation to be repaved. We are also exploring the possibility, along with our grant writer of partnering with a community solar company to place solar equipment at the old gravel mine site to generate income for the City.

We would like to welcome our new interim Superintendent, Mr. Dennis Anderson who has assisted, along with our teachers and maintenance personnel, in making sure that Port School has opened smoothly.

Our Port Republic Education Foundation along with Port School are sponsoring a brand new series of PREP (Port Republic Enrichment Program) Class. Here are the opportunities that will be available to Port School students: Kindness Rocks, Crafting, Culinary Club, Jewelry Making, and Entrepreneur Club. Our new series of classes will begin in January. If you or someone you know is interested in sharing knowledge and talents with our students for a 6 week class, please contact Christina Stevenson at 609-214-2004 or Kelly Wilbert at kellychencharik@gmail.com.

This year we will be having our **Port Republic 1st Annual Fall Festival** on October 22, 2022, at 4 pm. Please see attached information.

Mayor Níkí



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

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<u>ITEMS FOR SALE BY THE</u> PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIEETY

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 T-Shirts—\$15.00

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!

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 serviced 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

FALL LITTER CLEAN UP DAY

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 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 September 30th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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	LITTER CLEAN UP DAY	
	MAIL OR DROP OFF FORMS TO: CITY HALL, 143 MAIN STREET	
	BY SEPTEMBER 30TH	
	- Please Print -	
Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
	If you have any questions, please contact Doris Bugdon at 609-652-1352	

PORT REPUBLIC'S JST ANNUAL FALL FALL FESTIVAL

Included in the Festivities:

- Costume Parade (all ages welcome!)
- Trunk or Treat
- Hayrides (provided by Port Community Church)
- Scarecrow Making with the Port Republic School PTS (B.Y.O.C. – bring your own clothes! All other supplies provided)
- Pumpkin Painting
- Hay Maze
- Fall Photo Opportunities
- Games
- Outdoor Movie
- Hot Dog Grab-n-Go Dinner (sold by Port Community Church)

To register for Trunk or Treat text Kasey Stetser 609-289-6052

If you have a Corn Hole set, please contact Valerie Kozlowski 609-204-1633

Harry Bowen Memorial Park

OCTOBER 22, 2022 4 PM – 7 PM

CONTACT MAYOR NIKI WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 609-214-8765

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER

October 15th

3:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Port Republic Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane



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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 <u>http://portrepublicnj.org/pdfs/gen/</u> <u>fireapplication.pdf</u> 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.





Protect Yourself & Others with Flu & COVID-19 Vaccinations

from the Atlantic County Division of Public Health available to residents 18 years and older

Adult flu shots - \$20 Standard and \$70 High Dose (65 & older) No out-of-pocket fee for Medicare Part B recipients with card COVID-19 primary and booster shots available at no charge No Appointment Needed • Face Masks Required • Bring Vaccination Card Receive both flu and COVID-19 shots in same visit

Tuesday, September 27 10 AM to 12 Noon Brigantine Presbyterian Church 1501 W. Brigantine Avenue, Brigantine

Wednesday, September 28 10 AM to 12 Noon Our Lady of Sorrows Church Maple and Wabash Avenues, Linwood

Friday, September 30 9:30 AM to 11 AM Buena Community/Senior Center 600 Central Avenue, Buena

Tuesday, October 4 10 AM to 12 Noon Beacon Church 420 S. 6th Avenue, Galloway

Wednesday, October 5 10 AM to 12 Noon St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon **Friday, October 7** 10 AM to 12 Noon Quaramba Hall 10 N. Mississippi Avenue, Atlantic City

Thursday, October 13 10 AM to 12 Noon St. James Church Memorial Hall 9 S. Newport Avenue, Ventnor

Monday, October 17 10 AM - 12 Noon Atlantic County Library/Hammonton 451 Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton

Tuesday, October 18 10 AM to 12 Noon Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 7004 Ridge Avenue, Egg Harbor Township

Friday, October 21 10 AM to 12 Noon Atlantic Cape Community College 5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing

By getting vaccinated, residents can help reduce the spread of flu and COVID-19 and the risk of severe illness. Help prevent the spread of germs by continuing to follow recommended hygiene practices including washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, and routinely cleaning commonly touched items and surfaces.

ADULT FLU & COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS WILL RESUME OCTOBER 24, 2022 Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 12 Noon 201 S. Shore Road, Northfield

3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 AM - 12 Noon 310 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton

> Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson



Atlantic County Board of Commissioners Maureen Kern, Chairwoman

PEDIATRIC FLU & COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Appointment Required: (609) 645-5933

City of Port Republic PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION



Port Republic has adopted and enforces an ordinance that requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper. (Ordinance 02-2055, Adopted May 10, 2005)

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in these water bodies.

Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

Flush it down the

toilet.

But do not flush bags, debris, or nonbiodegradable items

OR Put it in the trash.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO KEEP NEW JERSEY'S WATERS CLEAN



For More

City Pet Waste Ordinance https://ecode360.com/154069 72

- NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation https://www.nj.gov/ dep/dwq/ msrp_home.htm
- EPA- Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution https:// www.epa.gov/nps

Operation of Golf Carts and Other Low Speed Vehicles (LSV's) in Port Republic

Can I drive a golf cart-style vehicle on the roads?

While the City currently does not have an ordinance to restrict 'Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)', there are State restrictions to operate a golf cart (LSV). Below are some of the important rules and regulations to keep in mind. Please do your due diligence to review all Federal and State requirements on your own.

- You <u>may not</u> drive LSV's on roadways with speed limits that exceed 25 mph. (roadway does include the shoulder).
- A LSV is a four-wheeled vehicle with an attainable speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but no more than 25 miles per hour on a paved surface. *It cannot be powered by gas or diesel fuel* and must comply with federal safety standards as noted in 49 CFR 571.500.
 - Child restraints in LSVs must meet the same standards as those used in passenger vehicles.
 - You must have a valid driver's license to operate a LSV.
- A LSV may be registered in the name of an individual, business or government entity, but may not be used as a commercial vehicle.
 - You are subject to the same violations as other vehicles.
 - All LSV's shall have a safety information decal provided by the manufacturer on the rear of the vehicle.
 - If you have only one license plate, you must put it on the rear of the vehicle.



ODDS & ENDS

REMINDERS FROM PORT REPUBLIC FIRE DEPT.

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!

Additionally, the 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 November 6th



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polls are open from 6:00 am-8:00 pm



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

An Invitation From the Colonel Richard Somers Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

Saturday, October 15th at 10am at Chestnut Neck Memorial Monument Route 9 Port Republic

Please join the Col. Richard Somers Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution as we commemorate the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Chestnut Neck. The Rev. Norm Goos will give a history of the battle and the NJ State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will be present as they place a wreath at the memorial.

Following, at 11:30 will be a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at the Old Smith Burying Ground

(Cemetery next to Port Republic City Hall)

The Sons of the American Revolution will mark the graves of The Revolutionary War Patriots: Micajah Smith, Capt. John Van Sant, Jonas Morse and James Bell. The NJ State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard as well bagpiper Keith Tice will be present to honor these veterans.

All are welcome.

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 Calling for Interested Artists



The Port Republic Green Team is in search of half a dozen local people who would be interested in forming the nucleus of a Creative Team for Port Republic

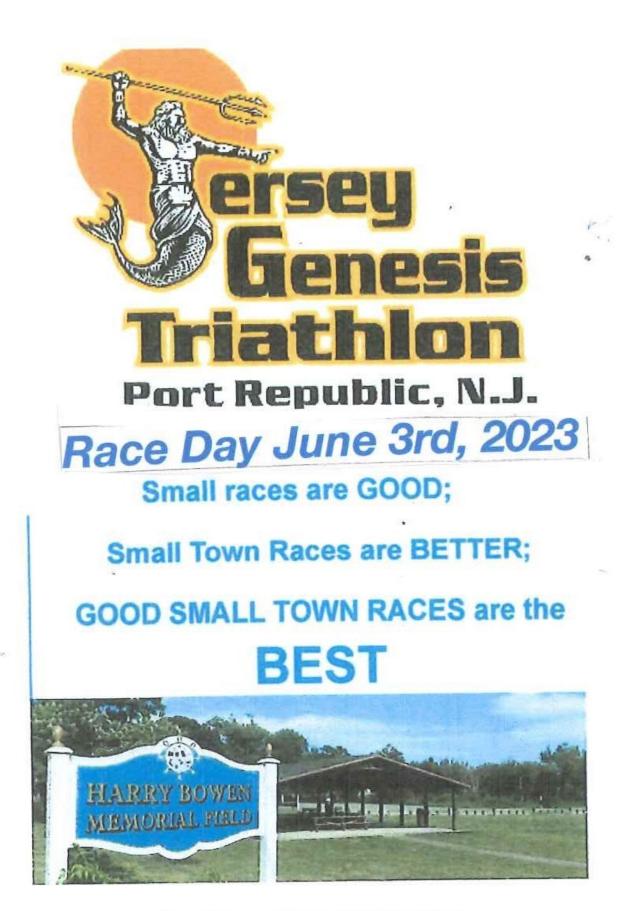
Pulling together our local artists of all kinds—painters, book-binders, graphic designers, decoy carvers, print makers, potters, photographers, basket makers, jewelry-makers, poets, musicians, wood-workers, writers, storytellers, inventors, chefs, arts educators, weavers, etc.—is one of the priorities of our newly formed Green Team. Having a Creative Team is one of the best first steps towards making communities more sustainable.

Why are the arts so important for sustainability?

- They create robust and vital communities and contribute to overall quality of life. They are one of the few activities that bridge all the components of sustainability (economy, environment, social).
- The arts increase prosperity and economic development, such as raising property values, increasing culture tourism, and supporting a flow of commerce to other sectors via the creative economy.
- They celebrate nature and build awareness of and an appreciation of our physical environment: its beauty, fragility, and its need for stewardship.
- The arts provide an opportunity to gather and engage ALL community members in shared experience. They foster creativity and innovation to transform individual lives and communities.

If you are a creative person and are interested in volunteering to be on the Creative Team, finding out more about the Creative Team, or being included in the Creative Assets Inventory, please fill out the form below and send to us:

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Name:				
Address:				
Phone Number:				
I am interested in volunteering for the Creative Team				
I am interested in learning more about the Creative Team I am interested in being included in the Creative Assets Inventory				
Please respond by mail to: Jesse Connor, 35 Clarks Landing Road, Port Republic or email: jesseconnor@gmail.com				
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http://jerseygenesistriathlon.com/

Port Community Church

of Port Republic, NJ

www.portcommunitychurch.com

Everyone is Welcome!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - OCTOBER

If your family would like to participate in a great service project, check out Operation Christmas Child on the church website to make a difference in a child's life. This is a great family project!

PORT REPUBLIC FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 22

We'll see you there! Stop by for dinner and enjoy all the fun festivities as a community!

TRUST AND TREAT - October 31 @ 6PM-8:00PM

Port Community Church will be open and available to all who might need a quick pit stop or a cup of coffee.

If you get lost or separated from your loved ones— the church is a great meeting place!

Stop by for some treats!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - December 24th

Port Community Church will host the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Watch for more information!

From the Mayor's Kitchen



- 6-8 Granny Smith Apples
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups White Sugar
- 2 Cups Flour
- 2 Sticks Butter
- 2 Tsp. Cinnamon
- 1. Preheat oven to 350.
- 2. Peel and slice apples and place in a 9x13 glass pan.
- 3. Mix sugar, flour, and cut in butter until mixture looks like course crumbs.
- 4. Sprinkle flour mixture over apples. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top.
- 5. Bake for 45 minutes or until apples are tender and top has browned nicely. Excellent served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.





IMPORTANT WELL WATER TESTING INFORMATION Atlantic County Division of Public Health

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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 <u>http://www.aclink.org/PublicHealth</u>

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 <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html</u>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PHYSICAL HEALTH AIDS

2022

October 8th—Fall Litter Clean Up (10 am—12 pm)

October 15th—Fire Dept. Dinner (3:30 pm—7:30 pm)

October 22nd—Fall Festival (4 pm—7 pm)

October 31st—Trick-or-Treat (6 pm—8 pm)

November 8th—General Election (6 am—8 pm)

December 1st—Tree Lighting Event (6:30 pm)



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).

At this time I can only accept donations of rollators. Please call me at 609-652-1352 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are looking to start a casual softball get together in Port Republic for those 35 and over. It will be co-ed. The details will be determined once we get enough interested players. This could possibly lead to an organized team to play other towns , but for now it is about just getting out and having fun with our friends and neighbors.

If interested, please contact Jon Cianfrani at 609-992-3378 or Mike Trumpkiewicz at 732-693-5946.







THE PORT NEWS



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@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.

