

Port News

2022 4th Edition

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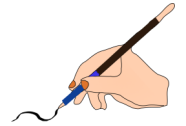
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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Dear Port Residents,

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful change of seasons. We are so fortunate to live in a place that provides an on-going show of nature.

Our first annual Port Republic Fall Festival and our very first outdoor movie was a great success. Thank you to Jennifer Williams, Kasey Stetser and PTS, Port Community Church, ACUA and Clean Communities, the State Police and of course the wonderful Port Republic City staff for making this event run so smoothly. We look forward to creating more memories at the Second Annual Port Republic Fall Festival next year.

I would like to welcome our new incoming council members: Gene Hawn and Michael Turner. I am looking forward to a good working relationship as our new members learn about serving in this capacity.

Progress on the bridge continues with a proposed opening date in May of 2023. Wilson Avenue is in the process of getting repaved, and in the spring, Mill Road will also get repaved. We are in the beginning stages of working on a community solar project at the old gravel mine pit for added revenue to the City.

Upcoming events (most located at Harry Bowen Memorial Park) for “save the date”:

Thursday, December 1, 2022 6:30 pm—Tree Lighting (this year music will be provided by Port School students)

Saturday, April 22, 2023—First Annual Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, June 17, 2023 4:00 pm—9:30 pm—Port Day

Saturday, September 9, 2023—Duck Boat Regatta at Port Beach

Saturday, October 21, 2023—2nd Annual Port Republic Fall Festival

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season.

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
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609-652-1501
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Tax Collector

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

Public Works Department

Bill Montag, Director
Dave Eisenhard, Supervisor
Kyle Ayers, Laborer
Joe Mason, Convenience
Center Attendant

This & That



Change of Hours for the Transfer Station:

CLOSED Saturday, December 24th

OPEN Tuesday, December 27th
(8:00 am—4:30 pm)

*Returning to regular hours on
Wednesday, December 28th
(12:00 pm—8:00 pm)*

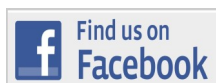
PREP

(Port Republic Enrichment Program)

Our Port Republic Education Foundation along with Port School will be sponsoring a brand new series of PREP (Port Republic Enrichment Program) class starting in January. Well over half of our student population have been participating in these classes. 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 (609) 214-2004 or Kelly Wilbert at kellychencharik@gmail.com. It can very easily change a life.

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
6:15 pm—Workshop
6:30 pm—Meeting

Join us for our Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

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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CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
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Holiday Tree Lighting

COOKIES
HOT CHOCOLATE
MUSIC
MEET SANTA

STARTS AT
6:30 PM



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
HARRY BOWEN MEMORIAL PARK
PORT REPUBLIC

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Swan Bay Gingerbread Cookies

Nothing says the Christmas season more than gingerbread. This is a 4th generation recipe from my family. It can be shared in 2 ways. The dry ingredients can be put in a Mason jar along with the recipe for the added wet ingredients and given as a gift, or you can make the cookies, frost and share.

3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cloves
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp allspice
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/2 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cups brown sugar

(All of the above ingredients can be put in a 32 oz Mason jar with the following directions)

Beat together:

1 softened stick of butter
3/4 cup molasses
1 TBS vinegar
1 beaten egg

- Add dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and mix well.
- Cover dough and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- Roll dough 1/4" thick and cut out with your favorite cookie cutters. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 10-12 minutes in a 350 preheated oven.

Cream Cheese Frosting

1/4 cup butter (room temperature)
3 oz Cream Cheese (room temperature)
1 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla

Beat together butter, cream cheese and vanilla. Add confectioners sugar. Beat until smooth.



Holiday Gift Ideas

*For the holiday season, the Heritage Society is offering Port Republic
Holiday Ornaments
for \$10 each.*

*There are also copies of "Sketches of Old Port Republic" by Harriet Sander
available for gift giving.*

*Both items are available for sale at City Hall during normal business
hours.*

If you would like to join the Heritage Society, we meeting the 4th Wednesday of every month at City Hall at 6 pm.

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Community Alert

PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Many of you have probably seen the various construction vehicles in the parking lot and equipment going into the church this week: Let us fill you in on some details:

We all celebrated the goodness of God in early 2021 when the \$270,000 for the purchase of the historic Port Church was supplied in just 23 days. Many of you participated in that miracle which returned the control of that historic building to our community!

Now, we need your help once again, this time to repair the sagging ceiling in the 150-year-old sanctuary, a task complicated by the presence of lead. Due to the urgency of the situation, we've begun the restoration process. However, we must secure \$100,000 before the end of the year to complete it. Will you help? Donations can be made in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one. Just let us know!

If you have questions or want to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.portcommunitychurch.com → "Ceiling Restoration" or contact Pastor Frank @ 609-412-7352.



YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE
OR BY CHECK
DESIGNATION:
CEILING RESTORATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BELIEVERS AND ALL SEEKERS.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND PCC—THESE ARE FOR EVERYONE!



Annual Community Christmas Eve Candle Light Gathering December 24th @ 6:30PM

Depending on the weather and state of the ceiling restoration project, this gathering will either be in sanctuary or at the pavilion across the street. Watch the church sign and social media for location.



Young at Heart Spring Luncheon – Seniors in our community are welcome! April 8, 2023 @ 12Noon

We have switched from Friday evenings to Saturday luncheons to make for an easier drive--during daylight hours! PLEASE reserve your spot by contacting Diane Randazzo at 484-769-9232.

<p>PCC: Arriving in 2023</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY SPOTLIGHTS</p> <p>We'll try to make sense out of strange or troubling topics from the Bible. Each study will be 1 or 2 sessions only. If you're new to Bible study, here's a way to get your feet wet!</p>	<p>Community PRAYER GATHERINGS are being formed to gather believers together to pray through difficult circumstances and seek God!</p>
<p>WATCH FOR MORE INFO</p>	<p>JR YOUTH GRADES 6-9</p> <p>JR YOUTH meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 5:00PM for food, fun, and a little digging into the Bible. Just send a quick email if your kiddos would like to be included in what's happening! office@portcommunitychurch.com</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 24-28, 2023 PREK-GRADE 8</p>



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

