



Port News

2023 - 1st Edition

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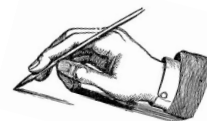
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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Happy New Year!!

Dear Port Residents,

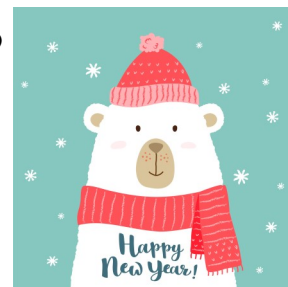
This has been an extremely busy year and we should be very proud of our accomplishments to move our city into the future. State Road 167, by Chestnut Neck Boat Yard was repaved by the state. Wilson Ave was also repaved with grant money. A Sustainable Jersey Green team and Creative team were established this year and received a \$2,000 grant to improve the Harry Bowen Memorial Park and surrounding areas. We have received a grant for over \$400,000 to repave Mill Road as soon as the bridge opens for traffic flow. We have received a grant for ADA improvements to our beach. The city is now in the process of applying for a grant to upgrade our basketball and tennis courts. Also our boat ramp received much needed repairs, which are now completed. The County Bridge project is on hold until Feb or March when the weather improves. The opening date is sometime this May. There are still drainage issues and both sides of the bridge still need work.

Moving into 2023 I have been thinking a lot about the people that have been elected to council to serve the public together and how we are so fortunate to have an amazing team in our city employees as well. Kim and Brandy are very knowledgeable and keep things running so smoothly on a daily basis. Dave and Kyle are the perfect picture of getting things done.

There are many projects that still need solutions: the dam, the surrounding area of the bridge, beach storm water drain, the livestock ordinance, repaving the basketball/ tennis courts, the old city garage, Port School, and the gravel pit/ possible community solar project. I don't look at any of these projects as daunting at all, but with excitement and realization that it is no accident that we are all in this together.

Happy 2023.

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
Joe Mason

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays
12:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturdays
8:00 am—4:30 pm

This & That

How do I receive ROBO calls from the City?

It is important that the city has a way to communicate with our citizens. If you do not receive these calls you can go to the website www.portrepublicnj.org, then go to Community Resources, then click on Community Notification Portal and fill in requested information.

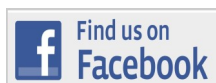
New Jersey State ANCHOR Program (Homestead Rebate)

The deadline for filing for the ANCHOR Program is February 28, 2023. Benefits will be paid in late spring of 2023. The website to apply is state.nj.us NJ Division of Taxation-Anchor Program.

If you need assistance please contact Assembly Women, Claire Swift's legislative office at 609-677-8266.

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

2023 Dates

February 14th
March 21st
April 11th
May 9th
June 13th
July 11th
August 8th
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th

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

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The Port Republic School Board was recently reorganized from a Type I School with 5 appointed Board members to a Type II school with 9 elected Board members. The school will hold a special election to fill the 4 open seats.

PETITIONS

All interested parties are required to complete a nominating petition and return that to the school or Board of elections by 4 PM on January 23, 2023.

Petitions can be found at the following link or you may pick one up from the front office of the school.

<https://www.atlanticcountyclerk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/School-Board-Petition-2023.pdf>

Anyone interested in finding out more about being a school board member can access NJ School Boards Association "Candidate Kit" at the following link.

<https://www.njsba.org/about/membership/membership-school-board-members/school-board-candidacy/>

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN (4 TOTAL)

1 Opening - 1 Year Term
(through January 2024; would need to run in November 2023)

1 Opening - 2 Year Term
(through January 2025; would need to run in November 2024)

2 Openings - 3 Year Term
(through January 2026; would need to run in November 2025)

IMPORTANT: Candidates MUST include which Term they are running for on the petition

SPECIAL ELECTION DATE

Special Election Date March 14, 2023 (4PM to 8PM)

More information about the election, including individuals on the ballot will be forthcoming after the petition deadline.

LEAP GRANT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF
2 PARENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LEAP
GRANT COMMITTEE.**

LEAP GRANT SUMMARY

The Port Republic School District is the lead agency in a comparative feasibility study to determine the merits of coordinating with one of two adjacent Districts in the future to maximize educational and financial efficiencies.

We will enter into partnership with the Boards of Education in Galloway Township and Mullica Township (participating agencies) to investigate the comparative virtue of coordinating with either of the two districts for: extended share services and/or a partial/full send receive relationship, full consolidation, as well as a possible charter school conversion.

None of these options are binding and are for informational purposes to guide the Board in future strategic planning.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:

·Advise the administration and Board of Education regarding the strategic direction of the school relating to LEAP Grant topics. This will culminate in a final review of Stockton University's LEAP grant study.



·Bi Monthly Meetings (Anticipated for February, April, June)

**PLEASE CONTACT DENNIS ANDERSON AT [DANDERSON@PORTNJ.ORG](mailto:danderson@portnj.org) WITH
A CONCISE EMAIL INDICATING YOUR INTEREST AND WHY YOU BELIEVE
YOU WOULD BE THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE BY JANUARY 20, 2023.**

**AS WE CAN ONLY HAVE 2 REPRESENTATIVES, THE CURRENT COMMITTEE
WILL REVIEW RESPONSES AND CHOOSE ACCORDINGLY.**

www.portnj.org



PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Fax: (609) 652-3664

Dennis J. Anderson
Interim Superintendent

Todd D'Anna
Business Administrator

2023/2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:15 am - 2:30 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 1st 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 4th 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, print, complete and return with your registration papers. Please be sure all forms print properly.

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.

Pride Respect Success

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER

May 20th

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.

From the Mayors Kitchen

With football season upon us, here is a great game night treat.

Mango Salsa

1 mango
1 cup frozen corn
1 can black beans
1/2 cup red bell peppers
1/2 cup red onion
2 TBS balsamic vinegar
3 TBS lime juice
1 tsp cumin
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup dried cilantro or fresh parsley

Chop mango, red pepper, red onion. Combine all ingredients together in a large bowl. Let sit a while and serve with tortilla chips or *Scoops*.



PREP

(Port Republic Enrichment Program)

We are very excited that there will be a spring session of PREP offering music, hand-bells, acting, sea life, and more for our Port Republic school students. If you have a talent or skill that you would like to share for an upcoming 6 week program to our students, please contact :

Christina Stevenson @ 609 214-2004 or
Kelly Wilbert@ Kellychencharik@gmail.com

Here is an opportunity for the entire community to participate in a fundraiser for the Port Republic Education Foundation to continue to provide unique learning experiences for our kids at Port School.

Port Republic Education Foundation invites you to enjoy a dinner from Bellino's on Friday, February 10th

Entrée Choices:

- Chicken Parmesan with penne pasta, and salad
- Turkey Dinner with white meat, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and green beans

Dinner for 2 \$30.00

Dinner for 4 \$45.00

Click on link below to order...

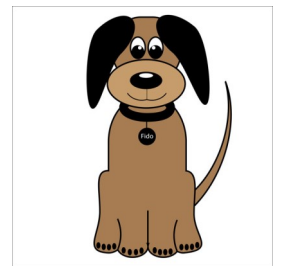
[Bellino's Order Form](https://forms.gle/g3ehCmUZFUeKpNbD6)
(<https://forms.gle/g3ehCmUZFUeKpNbD6>)

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 12, 2023.

The 2023 FREE Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th 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 School Election will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Polls are open from 4:00 pm—8:00 pm

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



Port Day Parade

June 17, 2023
(Rain Date June 24, 2023)

We are now in the planning stages for this year's Community Parade on Port Day, June 17, 2023. We are asking children to decorate their bicycles/ wagons/ strollers with a patriotic theme. 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 at (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 **"City of Port Republic"** and mail by February 28th to:

City of Port Republic
143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241

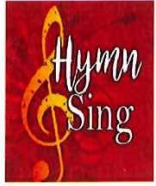




PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

118 Main Street (Church) ; 66 Pomona Ave (Homebase), Port Republic, NJ 08241
www.portcommunitychurch.com ♦ 609-412-7352 ♦ office@portcommunitychurch.com

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND PCC TO COME— ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Old Fashioned Hymn Sing – Y'all come now!

Sunday, January 29, 2023 @ 4:30PM-6:00PM

You pick your favorite hymns, and we'll sing a verse or two! Invite friends, family, or your church. We will also be hosting a 'Loaded Baked Potato Night'— lots of sour cream, cheese, bacon bits and more atop piping hot baked potatoes. If you want, give a donation towards Vacation Bible School 2023.

KIDZ ZONE – "LOVE is in the Air" Valentine's Party

Friday, February 10th @ 6:00PM-7:30PM

6:00PM-7:30PM | PREK-GRADE 5

Kiddos rotate around to all kinds of stations that will remind us of how big God's Love is for each one of us! FREE!! Register at our website (KIDZ ZONE) or [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



CALLING ALL MEN to MEN'S TIME OUT

Sunday, March 5 @ 4:00PM-7:00PM

"Be Strong and Courageous" – Just the guys this time!

Video, round table discussion, and a great dinner! REGISTER by email! (office@portcommunitychurch.com)



YOUNG AT HEART SPRING LUNCHEON – Seniors in our community are welcome!

Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 12Noon

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



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK at PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH – APRIL 2-9, 2023

Holy Week is a very important time in the life of a Christian. We remember all that Jesus did for us and what is yet to come! If you don't have a home church, we welcome you to join us in Port Community Church.

- Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00AM
 - Thursday, April 6th – Family Seder Meal (Time TBA)
 - Friday, April 7th – Good Friday Meditation and Prayer Gathering (Time TBA)
 - Saturday, April 8th – KIDZ ZONE "ALL AROUND EASTER" – What Easter Really Means.
 - Sunday, April 9th – Sunrise Service @ 6:15AM at Firemen's Pond | 10:00AM Worship Service
- WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE ENCOURAGING EVENTS!**

THANK YOU!

CEILING RESTORATION ✓

Thank you for your very generous gifts to the Ceiling Restoration Project. Many folks here in our town of Port Republic as well as from surrounding communities and even from other states joined with the congregation to help complete this project before 2022 came to a close! — Pastor Frank

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24-28, 2023
PREK-GRADE 8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

March 24—Kindergarten Registration

March 25—City's Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic
(11:00 am 12:00 pm dogs & 12:00 pm—12:30 pm cats)

April 15—Community Clean Up Day (10:00 am—12:00 pm)

May 20—Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company
Roast Beef Dinner, 116 Blakes Lane (3:30 pm—7:30 pm)

June 3rd—Jersey Genesis Triathlon

June 17—Port Day Parade & Community Day

June 24—Rain Date for Port Day Parade &
Community Day

September 10—Duct Boat Regatta

September 23—Community Clean Up Day (10:00 am—12:00 pm)

October 21—Fall Fest & Outdoor Movie Night

December 2—Heritage Society Holiday Tour

December 7—Tree Lighting



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 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!

