

Port News

2023 - 2nd Edition

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Visit our website!

PortRepublicNJ.org

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Dear Port Residents,

We are getting ready to start our summer season. The beach is open everyday from 10 am until 6 pm. We recently received a grant to surface the basketball and tennis courts which will hopefully be starting in the fall. Plans for Port Day are in full swing (see below for the schedule of events). We are all anxiously awaiting for the bridge to open. Work will resume on the bridge once the DEP permitting process is complete.

Port Republic Graduates

Port Republic 8th Graders:

LIAM BELLINO
COLE BURTON
JOSHUA GUENTHER
MARIE KURTZ
UBRIG KURTZ
JULIANNA MAHIEU
LEILAND MAWHINNEY
PAIGE MAWHINNEY
ALONA SABATH
ZACHARY STERLING
OLIVIA WILLIAMS

Cedar Creek Graduates:

LINDSAY BLIGHT
BLAKE KURTZ
CORRINE MORGAN
GIANNA REED
MICHAEL SMITH
LILLIANA TURNER
CHRISTOPHER BROGDEN
JACK JOHNSON
MATTHEW LOPER
JONATHAN NASS
KAYLA STRICKLAND
CASEY WINAND

I would like to personally congratulate each graduate and wish each one a bright future as they pursue their goals and dreams.

I hope you all have an enjoyable 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
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.



2023/2024 Tax Bills will be mailed out over the summer. Keep an eye out for them! We will post to our Facebook Page and website once they are mailed.

If you have recently changed your mailing address, please contact Tax Assessor Bill Johnson to provide the change of address so your new bill will reflect it.

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

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

Port Republic City Awarded a Sustainability Grant

Port Republic City was awarded a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey grant funded the PSEG Foundation. Five \$20,000-grants, 12 \$10,000-grants and 40 \$2,000-grants were distributed to recipients across 17 New Jersey counties. The grant awards will fund a range of projects including food waste recycling; green infrastructure and sustainable landscaping; green fairs; composting; green business recognition; environmental resource inventories; outdoor classrooms; pollinator gardens and more.

"These sustainability projects will strengthen New Jersey by helping local communities become more livable, environmentally friendly and prosperous. Congratulations grant recipients; thank you for taking steps to improve health, integrate sustainability into student learning, boost recycling efforts and cut greenhouse gas emissions," said Randall Solomon, executive director for Sustainable Jersey. "Your projects will have a ripple effect that will benefit us all."

The PSEG Foundation has contributed \$3.1 million dollars in funding to the Sustainable Jersey grants program for municipalities and schools over the past 12 years.

"PSEG cares about people and the planet, which is why we're so proud to be a prime supporter of Sustainable Jersey," said Calvin Ledford, president of the PSEG Foundation and director of PSEG Corporate Social Responsibility. "Sustainable Jersey starts with our precious youngsters and creates roles for everyone, in ways that show the kind of ingenuity, environmental stewardship and community that PSEG has valued for 120 years."

Proposals were evaluated by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey grants are intended to help municipalities and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.



Congratulations & thank you for the hard work of Jack & Jesse Connor and our Port Republic Green Team



Port Day Celebration

Saturday, June 17, 2023

(Rain Date June 24)



Parade 4:00 pm (Line up at 3:45pm) Begins at Park Ave, Behind City Hall, Main Street to Old New York Road, Continue Down Pomona Ave to Mill Road and ends at Park Ave.

Food Trucks 4:30-8:30 pm

Corn Hole Tournament (adults and kids) 5 pm-dusk

Music by Poor Mouth Henry from 4:30-8:30 pm

Pony Rides for Kids (free)

Old Fashioned games for kids 6:00 pm (free)

Pie Eating Contest 7:00 pm (free)

Face Painting 5-8 pm

Fireworks 9 pm or at dark

PORT DAY BIKE PARADE ENTRY FORM

Saturday, June 17, 2023

(Rain date: June 24, 2023)



Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

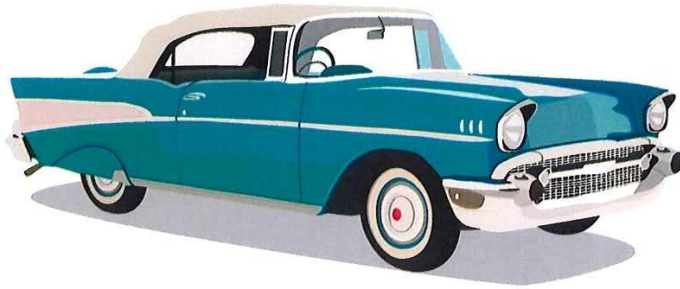
Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Bring your decorated bicycles! Line up begins at 3:45 pm, along Park Avenue (behind City Hall). Parade will start promptly at 4:00 pm. Route will start and end along Park Avenue.

Return form by June 13, 2023, to:

Port Republic City Hall
c/o Port Day Committee
143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241



Port Day Parade

Re: Antique Cars / Floats

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

Dear Residents and Celebration Supporters,

Port Republic is in the process of organizing this year's parade, Saturday, June 17, 2023 (Rain date June 24). Lineup will begin at 3:45pm at Park Ave. behind City Hall and will start at 4pm.

To Enter: Please email us or stop by City Hall for an application form, including Waiver of Liability Consent Form with signatures and copies of your registration, driver's license, and insurance card and return to the address on the form no later than June 13th, to be included in the lineup. There will be no registrations on the day of the parade.

We look forward to having you join us in celebrating Port Republic.



Port Day Celebration Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Start time 5pm til dusk

The Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a corn hole tournament during Port Day. Please email PRVFC21@gmail.com with "corn hole" in the subject, with the names of your 2-person team to register and bring \$20 on the day of the tournament. You will have the one-time ability to pay \$10 to re-buy in if your team loses. Kids' teams are free and just need to show up that day.



City of Port Republic

Kimberly A. Campellone
MUNICIPAL CLERK

Residents of Port Republic,

The Office of Emergency Management is looking to identify residents who may be deemed high risk during natural disasters or severe weather events. This includes our elderly or disabled residents who live alone or those residents who rely on electricity or gas to power life sustaining medical equipment. This record is kept in the event of a Natural Disaster or prolonged power outages so the Office of Emergency Management can check on the well-being of our vulnerable residents.

To participate in the program, residents should complete an Emergency Management Notification Form which can be found at city hall or email the Office of Emergency Management at OEM@portrepublicnj.org to request a form. After completing the form, you will be contacted to complete a risk assessment to ensure all necessary information to assist you in an emergency is on file with the Office of Emergency Management.

For any additional questions, contact Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Winneberger at OEM@portrepublicnj.org or by phone at 609-652-1501.

143 Main Street Port Republic, New Jersey 08241
Phone: (609) 652-1501 Fax: (609) 652-8270
email: oem@portrepublicnj.org

From the Mayor's Kitchen

Strawberry Shortcake



(1234 Cake)

Now is the time to enjoy the fresh fruits that summer offers. This is a traditional pound cake recipe and is named 1234 cake because all 4 of those numbers are used in the measurements. This cake recipe can be eaten as is, with a little confectioner's sugar sprinkled on top, or decorated with homemade whipped cream and strawberries for a tasty summer treat.

Ingredients:

3 cups flour	4 eggs
4 tsp baking powder	2 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp salt	1 cup butter
2 cups sugar	1 cup milk

Mix all ingredients well. Pour in a well-greased Bundt pan. Bake for one hour in a preheated 350-degree oven.

Homemade Whipped Cream:

2 cups heavy whipping cream
1 tbsp sugar
Pinch of salt

In an electric mixer, whip the ingredients until soft peaks form.

Strawberries:

Sprinkle desired amount of sugar over strawberries and let sit about 1/2 hour until berries become juicy.

Cut Cake into slices, top with strawberries and whipped cream and enjoy.

WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST
GO ON THE LAWN.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean.
So what can you do? Properly dispose of your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet
or by placing it in a bag and throwing it in the trash.

www.cleanwaterNJ.org



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



Senior Freeze

Property Tax Reimbursement

2022

Eligibility Requirements:*

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2021, or you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2021, and also on December 31, 2022;
and
- You lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2011, or earlier as either a homeowner or renter;
and
- You owned and lived in your home or leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you owned since December 31, 2018, or earlier;
and
- You paid all 2021 property taxes by June 1, 2022, and all 2022 property taxes by June 1, 2023;
and
- Your annual income was less than \$94,178* in 2021 and less than \$99,735* in 2022. With some exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.

* Eligibility rules, income limits, and benefits may be changed by the State Budget that will take effect on July 1, 2023.

For Additional Information:

- Visit: nj.gov/taxation, select *Property Tax Relief* and then *Senior Freeze Program*;
- Call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1 (800) 882-6597.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

June 17th —Port Community Day & Parade

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

September 10th —Duct Boat Regatta

October 21st —Fall Fest & Outdoor Movie Night

December 2nd —Heritage Society Holiday Tour

December 7th —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!

