



# Port News

2023 - 4th Edition

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...**



Dear Port Residents:

Happy Fall! With the change of seasons comes new challenges and victories. The best news is that by the time the next newsletter goes out, probably in December, the bridge will be open. The County is not planning to have a ribbon cutting ceremony, so one of these days, as you are driving by, you will notice that all the barriers are down and the bridge will be open. What a great day that will be!

After a 9 year break, on September 10th we conducted Port Republic’s Duct Tape Boat Regatta at the beach. Pictures are on the City’s website and Facebook page. I want to personally thank Valerie Kozlowski for leading the fun-filled community event. Kim and Brandy, the back bones of our city office, did a great job registering all our participants, and so much more. Councilmen Gene Hawn and Michael Turner were also on hand to make sure things ran smoothly.

We recently received a grant for the tennis and basketball courts and will be going to bid in the near future. Once the bridge opens up we will also be repaving Mill Street, also with grant money.

### New ways to volunteer:

We are starting a new project:

*A Port Republic Community Cookbook—All About Fruit*

See the form below to get involved or pre-order copies. If you would like to be on the committee for the cookbook please email [mayor@portrepubliknj.org](mailto:mayor@portrepubliknj.org)

We could also use more volunteers for the Smallwood/Longo Garden.

### Upcoming Events

September 30—Port Clean Communities 10am—12 pm

October 1—Heritage Society Anniversary Celebration 2pm-4pm at City Hall

October 21—Fire House Dinner 3:30pm-7:30pm

October 28—Fall Fest / Outdoor Movie 5pm-8pm at Bowen Memorial Park

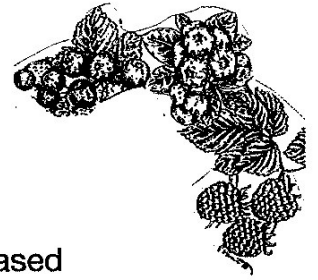
October 31—Halloween Trick-or-Treat 6pm-8pm

December 2—Holiday on Main Street Tour and Play (details in Newsletter)

December 7—Tree Lighting 6pm at Pavilion on Main Street

*Mayor Niki*





## ***Port Republic Community Cookbook- All about Fruit***

This summer it came to my attention that farmers are having increased difficulty selling all the fruit that they produce. I am hoping that this cookbook will be an incentive on a lot of levels. If you enjoy cooking, or are a child, or a grandchild of someone who produces luscious things to eat, this is your opportunity to preserve these treasured recipes for generations to come. You will be able to pre-order copies at the reduced rate of \$12. After that the book will sell for \$15. If this goes well, next year we will do a vegetable cookbook, and then maybe a seafood cookbook. All proceeds will be used to support community events. You are encouraged to go to the website below and type in your recipes. If this seems too overwhelming or you need help, please contact me, Mayor Niki by either visiting me at City Hall any Tuesday or Thursday mornings or you can email me: Mayor@Port RepublicNJ.org. This way we will be sure your recipes will be included.

Your deadline to submit recipes is October 27th. The books will be available for pick up by the end of February.

### **How to become part of this project:**

1. Log into Typensave.com
2. Go to "log in"
3. User name is "Port Republic"
4. Password is "Broil799"
3. Then go to "add recipes"
4. It will ask you for your name so you will get credit for submitting the recipe.
5. From there you will add your recipe(s). Feel free to add as many as you like.

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To pre-order copies of ***Port Republic Community Cookbook-All About Fruit***

Please return this part of the form along with your payment to:

Cookbook Project

143 Main Street

Port Republic, NJ 08241

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_Cookbooks for me @ \$12.00 per book

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted as soon as the books arrive. Thank you

## 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](mailto:kim@portrepublicnj.org)  
[brandy@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:brandy@portrepublicnj.org)

### Construction Office

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

### Tax Assessor

Bill Johnson  
5:00 pm—7:00 pm  
3rd Wednesday monthly  
609-652-1501  
[bill@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:bill@portrepublicnj.org)

### Tax Collector

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

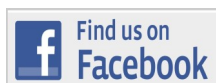
It is important that the city has a way to communicate with our citizens. If you do not receive these calls you can go to the website [www.portrepublicnj.org](http://www.portrepublicnj.org), then go to Community Resources, then click on Community Notification Portal and fill in requested information.



**Trick-or-Treat  
will be on  
Tuesday, October 31st  
between 6 pm and 8 pm**

### 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

September 12th  
October 10th  
November 21st  
December 12th

### Planning Board / Zoning Board

Meetings are scheduled  
as needed

Vicki Cantell, Secretary  
609-652-9403

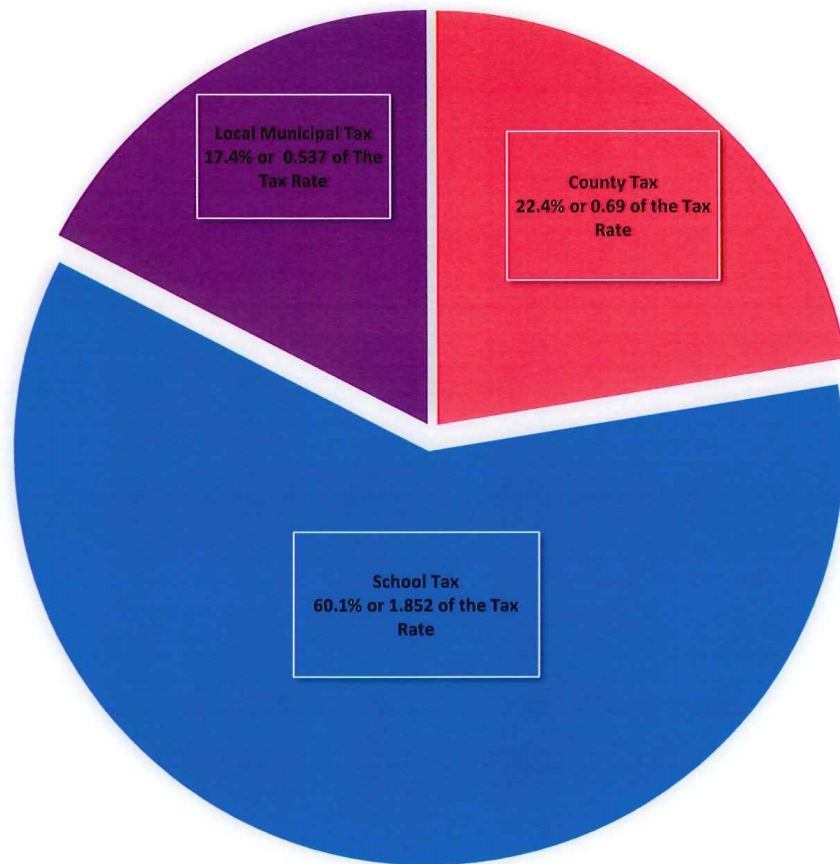


**Agendas and Minutes  
for Meetings can be  
found on our website:**

**PortRepublicNJ.org**

# Where are my taxes going?

## 2023 Tax Rate





# SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

## PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER

October 21st

3:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Port Republic Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane

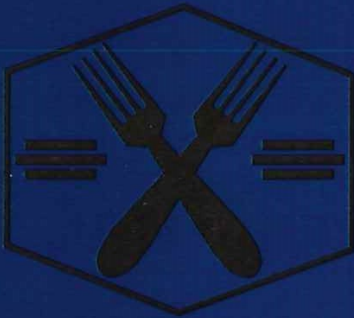


volunteers needed

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**  
10:45AM-12:35PM APPROX.  
ONE DAY PER WEEK

pick up lunch and serve lunch  
to PRS students (Full days only)

calendar will be provided to  
those who volunteer



## Benefits:

- be part of our PRS Community
- share in the charm of PRS
- see smiling faces on our PRS Students

[click here to experience the joys  
of volunteering at PRS - home  
of the Privateers](#)



For more in formation

**609 652-7377**

**BECOME A**

# **PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL LUNCH VOLUNTEER**

**Community members:  
You do not need to have  
a child enrolled in PRS to  
VOLUNTEER!**



## **Volunteers will :**

- pick up lunch from Absegami HS ✓
- serve lunch at PRS ✓
- minimal record keeping ✓

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY - A BACKGROUND CHECK IS  
MANDATORY FOR ALL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS,  
DETAILS PROVIDED IN LINK**

# JOIN OUR PRS FAMILY

Substitute Teachers Needed  
email Linda Walk,  
[lwalk@portnj.org](mailto:lwalk@portnj.org) or contact  
Port Republic School for more  
information  
609 652-7377



PRIDE. RESPECT. SUCCESS.



## PORT GREEN TEAM NEWS

(September, 2023)

### ***What Is The Port Green Team?***

We are residents of Port Republic volunteering to help our community move into the future sustainably. What features of our beautiful town can be saved for our children and grandchildren to love and enjoy? What initiatives can we work on to make our green town even greener?

Our team was approved unanimously by a City Council resolution on February 8, 2022, and soon after, Sustainable Jersey registered Port Republic as one of the 400+ communities involved in its network state-wide. Our next big challenge is to work for Sustainable Jersey's "Bronze Certification," a tough task for small towns. Several of our projects, including the three described below, will count for our City's potential certification.

### ***Mural Coming Soon & How You Can Contribute:***

Port Green Team's Creative Team is spearheading a school and park mural project under the direction of Kathy English, the celebrated local artist and educator. Under Kathy's direction, and with help from Creative Team members, Port School's 8th Graders will contribute drawings of our local flora and fauna to a 6.5 ft x 22 ft mural which will cover the long side of the equipment shed in Bowen Park. The unveiling is scheduled for Port's Fall Festival on Oct 21.

*How You Can Help With The Mural:* Do you have any small containers of acrylic latex exterior paint that you can contribute? If so, please drop them off at the school during school hours. Thank you!

[continued....]





### ***Native Plant Garden Update & Help Needed***

Thanks to a grant from Sustainable Jersey and Atlantic Electric and the hard work of more than twenty Port Green Team volunteers over the last six months – in mulching, digging, planting, deer-protection installation, watering, weeding, and many other tasks – our native plant garden in Bowen Park is looking good and growing taller each month.

### ***How You Can Help The Garden***

Our next step will be the installation of metal landscape edging to prevent weeds from moving in again (as they did this summer) and to make mowing easier for our City's hard-working municipal crew. Volunteers are needed to help with that edging installation in the next couple of weeks at a date TBA. We could also use help to plant ground cover plugs, plant edge plants, and to mulch with pine needles. Stepping stones donated for a path through the garden to help with future maintenance as well as pine needles gathered from an invasive-plant-free yard and donated would be great additions. Please email us, [portgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:portgreenteam@gmail.com), if you can help with any of these needs.

### ***Calling All Photographers – 2024 Port Green Team Calendar:***

We are soliciting photographs of flora, fauna, and natural scenes taken in Port between November 2022 and October 2023 for possible use in the calendar we are planning for distribution at the end of 2023. Email us for more details: [portgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:portgreenteam@gmail.com).

### ***Our Port Green Team Meetings:***

Any and all interested residents are welcome to join our meetings. We meet at City Hall at 6 pm on the second Monday of the month. Our next two meetings will be September 11 and October 9. Please come!



**OUTDOOR ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS:  
A MAJOR CAUSE OF INSECT DECLINE**

**OUTSIDE LIGHTS ATTRACT AND KILL MOTHS, FIREFLIES, AND OTHER NOCTURNAL INSECTS BY**

- Exhaustion
- Incineration
- Dehydration
- Predation
- Collisions
- Blindness

**LUCKILY, THIS IS AN EASY PROBLEM A HOMEOWNER CAN SOLVE.**

- ☐ Replace all outside incandescent lights with LED lights with a warm color temperature. (LEDs are also more energy-efficient and will save you money as well.)

**Homeowners should also:**

- ☐ Turn off exterior lights when possible
- ☐ Use lights that are motion-activated
- ☐ Shade windows in lighted rooms at night

**WHY HELP MOTHS?**

- Moths are key food items for frogs, bats, birds, and many other creatures.
- As caterpillars they are absolutely essential to many songbirds as the primary food for nestlings.
- Moths are also far more important pollinators than most people realize – pollinating tomatoes, potatoes, and other plants that bees and other insects often ignore. Studies found that moths pollinated a third of all plants examined, roughly equal to the percentage pollinated by bees.
- And moths are beautiful!

(Cecropia moth photo by Wade Wander, used by permission.)



## Port Heritage Society Events

*Please mark your calendars for the following dates:*

### *Our First Heritage Day*

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

2 - 4 pm/ City Hall.

You are invited to join us to share your memories of living in Port Republic. You may wish to listen to residents reminisce of the days of yore or perhaps, you may be willing to share your special memories of life in Port Republic.

You are welcome to share your photographs, newspaper clippings and stories.

We will be dedicating a plaque in memory of Genevieve French Bennett.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please Support The Heritage Society's First Fundraising Event  
in Restoring The City Garage.

# Holiday On Main

Please support this event by purchasing an ad in  
the Booklet. Your Sponsorship is Greatly  
Appreciated!

Deadline for Submissions

Oct. 15th

\$100.00 Full page Ad includes 1 Free Ticket to the  
Event on Dec. 2nd

Please attach a copy of your ad or name you would  
like included as a patron along with a check made  
out to: Port Republic Heritage Society and mail to:

Heritage Society

C/o City Hall

143 Main Street

Port Republic, N.J. 08241



*Holiday on Main Street*

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

2pm - 6pm

Our First Holiday Fundraiser

Showcasing the following events:

- Dickens Play in The Pavillion
- Tour of 3 Historic Properties
- Carolers Strolling on Main
- Historic Cemetary Walk

In addition, The Port Community Church will be hosting a Bake Sale.

We are asking Residents on Main Street to Proudly Decorate their Front Doors and Ticket Holders will Judge their Favorite Decked Out Doorway!

Tickets are \$25. Adults

\$10. Children 12 and under.

*All Proceeds will benefit the restoration of  
The City Garage, soon to be known as...*

**The Port Republic Heritage Hall.**





# Site Remediation Program

[Financial Assistance](#) Environmental Claims Administration

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## The NJ Spill Compensation Fund Claims Program (Spill Fund)

### ECA-Spill Fund Background

In July 1987, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) created the Environmental Claims Administration (ECA), part of the Bureau of Contract and Fund Management. The ECA is responsible for administering the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund Claims Program, created by the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq., effective April 1, 1977.

A courtesy copy of the rules and regulations governing the filing and processing of Spill Fund claims can be viewed and downloaded at [www.nj.gov/dep/rules/rules/njac7\\_1j.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/rules/njac7_1j.pdf). Damage claims are paid by the NJDEP through the Spill Fund to compensate innocent victims of hazardous substance discharges.

The Spill Fund provides critical environmental relief to citizens, businesses and other entities within the State and is unique to New Jersey. Revenues for the Spill Fund are obtained from a tax levied on the petroleum and chemical industries by the State of New Jersey.

The ECA's primary Spill Fund responsibilities are to investigate, analyze and process environmental impairment claims, which are predominantly related to potable well contamination. The ECA also provides technical support for claimants and vendors regarding installation, monitoring and maintenance of Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) systems.

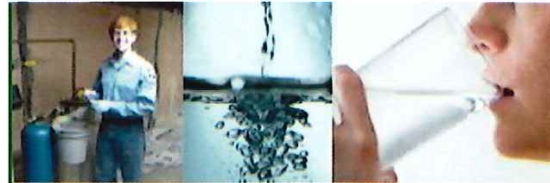
### Spill Fund Claim Process

The Environmental Claims Administration (ECA) evaluates claims for damages filed against the Spill Fund. If eligible, the ECA authorizes compensation from the Spill Fund to individuals, businesses and government units that have suffered direct or indirect damages from the discharge of petroleum products or other hazardous substances. These damages include, but are not limited to, the cost of treating, restoring or replacing water supplies and damages to real estate and/or personal property.

Potential claimants may contact the ECA to request the Spill Fund Application or download it from this website. They must then complete the application, attach all required additional documentation, such as laboratory reports and work estimates, and submit all materials to the ECA by mail. The "[Guidelines for Completing a Spill Fund Claim Application](#)", which aids homeowners in completing claims for damages related to contaminated potable wells, is also available for download. Once received by the ECA, the claim application and supporting materials are reviewed for completeness and the claims are assigned a claim number.

Claimants must meet all of the requirements stated in the rules and regulations in order to qualify for compensation. In all cases, a potential claimant has one year from the date he or she discovers the damage (for example, when homeowner receives private well water results that do not meet NJ Standards) to submit a claim application to the ECA. The Spill Act does not authorize compensation for damages related to naturally occurring hazardous substances or discharges which occurred prior to the Act's effective date (April 1, 1977), except for damages related to private well contamination.

Potable well contamination often requires the treatment of the existing well using a POET system or connection to the public water supply, if available. The extension and/or installation of new water supply sources may also be an option. For eligible POET claims, the ECA authorizes compensation for the installation of a POET system,



### ECA Contact Information

General Questions: (609) 984-2076  
 Fax: (609) 633-2360  
 Email: [srp\\_spillfund\\_gg@dep.nj.gov](mailto:srp_spillfund_gg@dep.nj.gov)  
 Mailing Address: ECA/Spill Fund  
 Mail Code: 401-06J PO Box 420  
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420  
 Section Chief: Donald Kakas

### Spill Fund Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ▶ [Spill Fund FAQs](#) Posted 3 March 2010  
 This document may answer many of the questions potential or current claimants may have concerning the Spill Fund.

### Related Links

- ▶ [Complete list of ECA Claim Forms](#)
- ▶ [NJ Spill Fund Rules and Regulations](#)
- ▶ [Private Well Testing Act FAQs](#)  
 Provides information on water sampling requirements and actions to take when selling a property with a potable well in NJ, pursuant to the Private Well Testing Act (N.J.S.A. 58:12A-26 et seq.).
- ▶ [US EPA - Private Drinking Water Wells](#)

### For Water Treatment Professionals and Certified Water Testing Laboratories

- ▶ [NJ Drinking Water Standards](#)
- ▶ [Spill Fund Claim Vendor Payment Report](#)

and for ongoing POET maintenance and monitoring services, as long as the claimant remains the owner of the property. Private and public water purveyors (Water Supply System Claims) are not eligible for maintenance and monitoring costs.

All claimants receive a written decision once their claim has been evaluated, stating claim eligibility or denial and providing an explanation for the decision as well as any applicable guidance.

**RECENT MODIFICATIONS TO SPILL FUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Please be advised that as of March 2, 2009, due to an amendment modifying the Spill Fund claim rules and regulations, the purchaser of a property on which a POET system was installed and maintained at the expense of the Spill Fund is not eligible for compensation for ongoing POET maintenance and monitoring costs. The seller of a property on which a POET has been installed and maintained at the expense of the Spill Fund shall notify the Department in writing within 30 days of executing a binding contract of sale for that property.

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To report an environmental incident impacting NJ, call the Toll-Free 24-Hour Hotline  
**1-877-WARNDEP / 1-877-927-6337**

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Last Updated: June 29, 2022

Dear Homeowner:

Enclosed you will find an application for State Spill Fund reimbursement. As a homeowner with a contaminated well, you are eligible to file a claim with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Costs for which the State is willing to consider reimbursement include:

- ❖ Bottled water purchases, as an interim measure until a permanent solution is in place (save all receipts)
- ❖ The cost of the confirmatory test(s) for the contaminant(s) that exceed the State's Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
- ❖ Installation of a water treatment system, including maintenance and testing
- ❖ Your share in the cost of extending public water mains into your area
- ❖ A service connection from the water main into your house
- ❖ The sealing of your contaminated well

The filing of this claim does not guarantee reimbursement for any or all of these costs. Nevertheless, you should take advantage of the opportunity to potentially recover money that you spend in correcting your contaminated water problem.

YOU MUST FILE THIS CLAIM WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE THAT YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT YOUR WELL IS CONTAMINATED. YOU ARE URGED TO FILE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

I would like to make the following additional suggestions:

1. Send the claim by CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Environmental Claims Administration  
P.O. Box 413  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0413

You may also fax your claim to the Spill Fund fax # (609) 292-4401, followed by the hard copy mailing.

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## 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.**

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***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,<br>Cape May Court House NJ 08210       | (609) 463-0077          | 05679      |
| EMSL Analytical Inc.                   | 200 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson,<br>NJ 08077          | (800) 220-3675<br>x1214 | 04653      |
| Garden State Laboratories, Inc.        | 54 Main Street, Waretown, NJ 08005                     | (800) 273-8901          | 20044      |
| Hera Environmental, Inc.               | 1879-1 Old Cuthbert Rd,<br>Cherry Hill, NJ 08034       | (856) 429-5200          | 04003      |
| Precision Analytical Services          | 2161 Whitesville Rd.,<br>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,<br>Williamstown, NJ 08094 | (856) 875-3506          | 08006      |
| Vineland Environmental<br>Laboratories | 782 S. Brewster Rd., Suite B-1,<br>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](https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html)

**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>



# SEE IT, REPORT IT!



## Spotted Lanternfly

### What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag and throw away.  
You can also place the eggs into alcohol, bleach or hand sanitizer to kill them.

### Collect a specimen:

Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's lab for verification.

### Take a picture:

With your GPS function turned on your smartphone or a camera with GPS, take a photograph of **ANY** life stage (including egg masses)

### Report a site:

If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call and leave detailing your sighting and contact information.

**NJ Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-422-3284 (4BADBUG)**

**Submit picture to: [reportspottedlanternflynj@ag.nj.gov](mailto:reportspottedlanternflynj@ag.nj.gov)**

For more information go to <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html>





## City of Port Republic

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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](mailto: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](mailto:OEM@portrepublicnj.org) or by phone at 609-652-1501.

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## 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!

# Young at Heart

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEONS

Saturday, October 7 and December 2 @ 12:00PM

Young at Heart Luncheons are a special way to bring together senior citizens to enjoy good food prepared by the ladies of the church. This is for everyone: You don't have to attend Port Community Church. Join others for great food, good fellowship, and a little bit of fun!

### PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PORT REPUBLIC FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 28th – STOP BY to SEE US!

We are looking forward to joining the city-wide Fall Festival again this year. We'll be serving lunch, and the church will be open if you need a place to chill.



On the Menu - \$5

Walking Tacos & Hotdogs Bags  
(with a few other surprises)

## LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



### Verses to Pray Over Your Kids as They Head Back to School

**Joshua 1:9**

Thank God for always being with them

**Ephesians 4:32**

Ask God to help them be kind

**Proverbs 10:9**

Ask God to help them walk with integrity

**Psalms 56:3**

Ask God to help them trust Him

**Philippians 4:6-7**

Ask God to help them not worry

**Luke 2:52**

Ask God to help them grow

**Proverbs 17:17**

Ask God to give them good friends

**Colossians 3:23**

Ask God to help them work hard

**James 1:5**

Ask God to give them wisdom

**Philippians 4:12**

Ask God to help them be content



### PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH



REGISTER HERE

**Kidz Zone Event**  
**Sunday, October 22**  
**3:30PM-6:00PM**  
**PreK-Grade 5**

Fun stations to Explore Superpowers  
Pizza for Dinner

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:00AM

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



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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.

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[www.cleanwaterNJ.org](http://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](https://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

September 30—Fall Clean Up Event 10 am—12 pm

October 1—Heritage Society Anniversary Celebration 2 pm—4 pm at City Hall

October 21st—Firehouse Dinner 3:30 pm—7:30 pm

October 28th —Fall Fest & Outdoor Movie Night 5 pm—8 pm at Harry Bowen Memorial Field

October 31st—Trick-or-Treat 6 pm—8 pm

December 2nd —Holiday on Main Street Tour and Play (details in newsletter)

December 7th —Tree Lighting Event 6 pm at the Pavilion on Main Street



## 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!

