



Port News

2024 - 1st Edition

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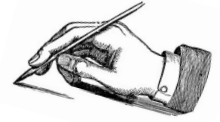
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PortRepublicNJ.org

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Dear Port Residents,

Happy New Year!!

Looking back on 2023 I think we should be very proud of our accomplishments. We received a \$70,000 grant for a new tennis, pickle-ball and basketball court and have enough money in our open space budget to complete this project hopefully in time for the summer season. We also received 2 Sustainable Jersey grants for \$2000 each for a new garden behind city hall, the creation of a mural by Port School Students on the concession stand, and the printing of the picturesque Port Republic calendar.

Last month we awarded a contract to a business that will be filling our gravel pit which will generate a guaranteed income for the city.

We have received grant money to repave Mill Street and Adams Ave., which will be completed sometime this year. Our beach is now handicapped accessible thanks to an ADA grant.

The city sold a piece of property for \$25,000 and the Heritage Society is in the process of buying the Old City Garage from the city to restore for their new headquarters.

Four new events were added or reintroduced in the last 2 years. Earth Day, The Duct Boat Regatta, Fall Fest and Holiday on Main. All these events are helping to build a stronger community, giving people the opportunity to work with their neighbors. The City, Fire Company, PTS, Port Community Church, and the Heritage Society have all banded together to make all these events more successful.

Our Port Republic Community Cookbook is now for sale at City Hall for \$15.00 each. This cookbook will generate about \$1,500 for the city for future events.

Our biggest obstacles right now are the Mill Street Dam and the School. We have applied for a grant that will pay for ¾ of the engineering needed to be done for the dam and we will hear about that in a year. The school budget is being worked on now. More information will be available as it is received.

As part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign, January 1st was the start of the Mayor’s Walking Club. Thirty-four people came out to start their new year with a walk around Port Republic. We will continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month at 2 pm at City Hall for new adventures.

I look forward to the challenges of the new year. The best is yet to come!

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

Life-Long Learning

Another new initiative is Life-Long Learning Series. To begin, The City is offering a class in maple syrup collection on February 10th at 1:30 at the lower parking lot across from Port Community Church on Main Street. Any age is welcome. There is no need to register for this class, just come. The city is also offering a CPR Certification class. This class will take place on Saturday, February 24 from 8am-12pm at City Hall. Please call City Hall at (609) 652-1501 to register. Space is limited. All our Life-Long Learning classes are free.

If you have a skill, hobby or a passion for something and would like to share it with others for the Life-Long Learners Series please contact City Hall and we will schedule a time.

Mayors Wellness Campaign

In partnership with the League of Municipalities, Mayors across New Jersey are leading campaigns to create innovative wellness initiatives for residents of all ages. I am committed to making Port Republic a healthier place to live, work and play. This is how the Mayor's Walking Club was formed. The first Saturday of each month at 2pm, those interested can meet me at City Hall for different walks around Port Republic. Of course, you do not have to wait to do this once a month, but hopefully residents will be inspired to get outside and enjoy the beautiful outdoor life in Port Republic. Our next meeting will be February 3rd at City Hall at 2 pm. I am looking for a team of our community members to be on a committee to plan ways to improve the all-around health of our residents. If you are interested in serving, please contact City Hall at 609 652-1501 and let us know.

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

2024 Dates

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

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



Declutter 2024

The Port Republic Green Team

will help you clean out your:

Medicine cabinets

Kitchen cabinets

Closets

Drop off your expired OTC and prescription **drugs** for safe and legal disposal (no liquids/syringes please), non-perishable **foods** and unwanted **clothing** at **City Hall**

Saturday February 10 from 2-4 PM

We will distribute the food and clothing to the
Community Food Bank of South Jersey and the
Atlantic City Rescue Mission



Galloway Township Senior Services
 621 W. White Horse Pike
 Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215
 Phone: (609) 568-5073 Fax: (609) 568-5325

Nutrition Site : (609) 241-0246
 Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday

February!

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****All Activities are subject to change**

February

Please sign in on the sign in sheet or call to make a reservation (609) 568-5073
FOR ALL ACTIVITIES



Bingo and Johnson`s Popcorn-Thursday 2/1 - 10:30am-12pm

Come join us for Bingo and a Johnson`s popcorn presentation!
Hosted by Rebecca. 40 people MAX!



Craft day -Tuesday 2/6 - 10:30am-12pm

Come and join us for jewelry making fun and snacks!
Hosted by Susan. 25 people MAX!

AARP®

Meeting on 2/20
at 1pm

Bingo!

Bingo and Snacks-Thursday 2/8 10:30am-12pm

Come enjoy games of Bingo and snacks!
Hosted by Jackie.



Galentines day -Tuesday 2/13- 10:30am-12pm

Come Celebrate Galentines day with us! We will have Games,
mocktails, and more! Hosted by Royal Suites.

Bingo!

Bingo and Snacks -Thursday 2/15 10:30am-12pm

Come enjoy games of Bingo and snacks!
Hosted by Kaitlin.



Culinary day -Tuesday 2/20 10:30am-1pm

Join us in making homemade Bread and soup.
Hosted by Galloway senior center. 15 people MAX!



Tech class
2/8, 2/29
11-1pm



Mardi Gras party!! -Thursday 2/22 10:30am-12pm

Join us For a Mardi Gras theme party with great Food & entertainment.
Hosted by Galloway senior center, Royal suites, and Serenity hospice.
Max 60 people!

Bingo!

Bingo and Snacks -Tuesday 2/27 10:30am-12pm

Come enjoy games of Bingo and snacks!
Hosted by Veteran Care services.



Leap year day -Thursday 2/29 10:30am-12pm

Join us in celebrating leap year with games and green theme foods.
Dress code- Green!!
Hosted by Galloway senior center.

Crochet & knit
with Lynn

2/6, 2/13, 2/20,
2/27.
1-3pm

JITNEY NOW AVAILABLE
EVERY THURSDAY

Must call every Monday to reserve a spot
Contact Alexa at (609) 568-5073

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ROAST BEEF DINNER

May 18th

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.

PREP

(Port Republic Enrichment Program)

The Port Republic Education Foundation is very excited about offering a winter session of PREP offering Musicality, Creative Writing, Lunch Club, and Art Through the Ages for our Port Republic school students. If you have a talent or skill that you would like to share for our upcoming spring 6-week program for our students, please contact: Christina Stevenson

@ 609 214-2004

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 9th

Entrée Choices

- Chicken Parmesan with penne pasta, and salad and garlic bread
- Shrimp Scampi with penne pasta, spinach, sundried tomatoes, salad and garlic bread

Dinner for 2 - \$30.00

Dinner for 4 - \$45.00

Click on link below to order

Bellino's order form:

[Bellino's Fundraiser Dinner \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)



Port Republic Baseball Field

Port Republic City Hall

143 Main St. Port Republic

NJ 08241

Email:

Mike@portrepublicnj.org

Kim@portrepublicnj.org

Brandy@portrepublicnj.org

The Port Republic Multipurpose baseball field is quickly becoming a go-to location for many area teams both for practice and games. With all the extra use the upkeep cost has grown, to help absorb some of the cost and take advantage of the opportunity to show your support for our community we are providing advertisement space on the outfield fence for our local business and advertisers.

Please show your support by purchasing one of our options for Banners, and/or donations.

Each banner is 4x4 and made of all-weather mesh vinyl with reinforced grommets, Banners will be installed in "spring" and remain up until end of baseball season "fall". Banners will be stored by us for use the following year.

Gold Sponsor (1 year) \$300.00

Platinum Sponsor (2 year)\$500.00

Please make checks payable to: City of Port Republic



BANNER REQUEST FORM

Company name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Contact Name _____

"Catching a fly ball is a pleasure, but knowing what to do with it after you catch it is a Business"

All banner files should be sent in vector PDF or Adobe illustrator format, if you do not have it in electronic format please submit a business card for reference. Simple bold graphics and letters work best.



NJ Tobacco Quit Options

TOBACCO FREE FOR A HEALTHY NJ QUIT CENTERS



New Jersey residents have access to 11 Quit Centers across the state. Each Quit Center offers individual and group counseling, resources and support to stop or reduce the use of all tobacco products.

ALL SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY VIRTUAL!



Enrolled clients of the Quit Center may qualify for **FREE NRT** as part of their treatment plan.

Scan the QR code or visit tobaccofreenj.com to learn more about your quit options!

HELPING FAMILIES **MOM'S Quit CONNECTION**

Free individual smoking cessation sessions for families with children 8 and younger

Visit momsquit.com to learn more!

Quit4Kids



Through Mom's Quit Connection, a statewide texting program is available for pregnant women & partners; parents, family members and caregivers of children under 8.

Text **QUITFORKIDS** to **53016**

NEW JERSEY **QUITLINE** I-866-NJ-STOPS

Visit njquitline.org to use the "web to enroll" option

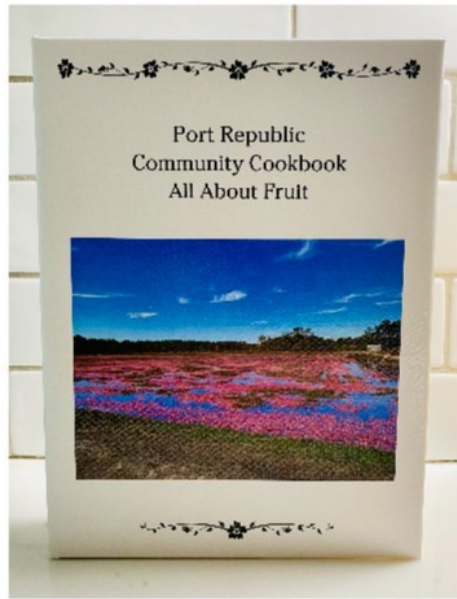
Call the NJ Quitline at (1-866-657-8677) to talk to a Quit Coach.

Quit Coach Hours
Monday-Friday 8AM-9PM
Saturday 8AM-7PM
Sunday 9AM-5PM

FREE patches for qualified callers

English/Spanish available immediately. Other languages by appointment

Port Republic Community Cookbook All About Fruit



**Now Available at City Hall
\$15.00 each**



2024/2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WELCOME TO PORT REPUBLIC SCHOOL

PLEASE CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILDS REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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.

Enrollment Packet:

Available by request or visit school website www.portnj.org

Certificates/Identification:

Proof of residency (tax bill, deed, lease, Affidavit if Renting w/o 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.

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.



PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

118 Main Street (Church) and 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!

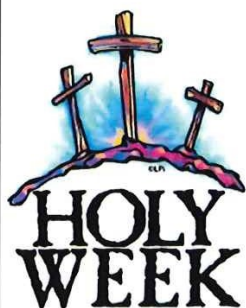


**SIGN UP FOR
DROP OFF
BIBLE CLUB**

DROP OFF KIDZ ZONE BIBLE CLUB

Children in PREK to Grade 4 are welcome to join us for Bible Club each Sunday morning! Team Leaders will take them up to the sanctuary for engaging worship music and a special children's message. Then, they head downstairs for learning about Jesus in fun and engaging ways! Of course, snacks are included!! Don't miss this opportunity to help your child consistently grow in faith....

Sign up today or call 609-412-7325 for more information.
{DROP OFF by 9:55AM and PICK-UP by 11:15AM}



HOLY WEEK – Why is it so important?

Sometimes, we just have to step away from all the things that are happening in this world to take a long, long look at the risen Christ, and, in looking, be reminded that He has overcome it all. There is nothing too hard for Him: See Jesus as He stands over the wrecks of time, His scarred hands reaching out to us as our risen Savior.

Jesus Christ is the champion over everything for one reason: He is the only one who ever faced death square in the face, and overcame it by His own power. And He says to each of us, "If you'll put your trust in Me, you can be victorious over death yourself." Now, that's the message of Easter. Make some time to listen again this year to the most liberating truth you will ever hear.

— Dr. David Jeremiah

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Wednesday-Friday, March 27-29: Stations of the Cross

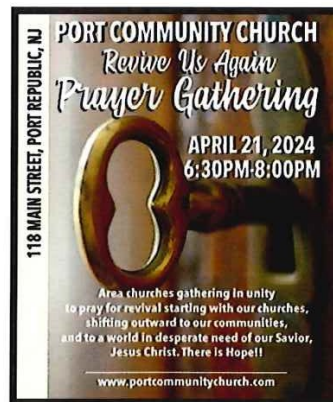
Sunday, March 31: Sunrise Service @ Firemen's Pond & Easter Sunday Celebration @ PC

Everyone is always welcome here! Watch the sign in front of the Church for more information!

GATHERING for PRAYER: Sunday, April 21 @ 6:30--8:00PM

Area churches gather together in unity to pray for revival starting with our churches, shifting outward to our communities, and then to a world in desperate need of a Savior: Jesus Christ! There is no pressure to pray aloud, but we all join together in our hearts. If you believe in prayer, or if you are wanting to learn more, join us.

Watch the church sign: When we call for times of prayer to address particular needs or concerns, everyone is welcome to join to seek God. This is for everyone!





From the Mayors Kitchen



Cream of Mushroom, Chicken, Wild Rice Soup

- 1 package Uncle Ben's Wild Rice Mix (without seasoning packet)
- 8 oz. Mushrooms (sliced)
- 3 Tbs. Butter
- 1 Quart Chicken Broth
- 1 Lb. Chicken breast, cut up into small bite sized pieces
(You can also use a cooked rotisserie chicken from grocery store)
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 1/4 c. Flour
- 1 c. Light Cream

Cook rice according to package. Sauté onions, sliced mushrooms, chicken and garlic in butter for 5-7 minutes. Stir in flour. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add broth and mix well. Bring to boil. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir in rice and cream. Cook until heated through, stirring frequently.

If using rotisserie chicken add at the very end.

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 10, 2024.

The 2024 FREE Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd 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 Primary Election will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Polls are open from 6:00 am—8:00 pm

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



WE ARE

HIRING

JOB POSITIONS

- Lifeguards
- Beach Badge Attendants



JOIN US FOR THE 2024 SUMMER SEASON

**CONTACT CITY HALL FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

609-652-1501 or
kime@portrepublicnj.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

(Some Dates may be subject to change)

- 2/3 Mayor's Walking Club (2pm City Hall)
- 3/2 Mayor's Walking Club (2pm City Hall)
- 3/23 Rabies Clinic (11-12:30 Public Works Garage)
- 4/6 Mayor's Walking Club (2pm City Hall)
- 4/20 Town Clean Up
- 4/27 Earth Day
- 5/11 Mayor's Walking Club (2pm City Hall)
- 5/18 Port Firehouse Dinner
- 6/8 Jersey Genesis
- 6/15 Port Community Day
- 9/15 Duct Boat Regatta
- 9/21 Town Clean Up
- 10/19 Port Firehouse Dinner
- 10/26 Port Fall Fest and Movie Night
- 12/7 Port Tree Lighting

GET ROBO CALLS

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 web-site: www.portrepublicnj.org, then go to community resources, then click on Community Notification Portal and fill in requested information.



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

609-652-1352

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!

