

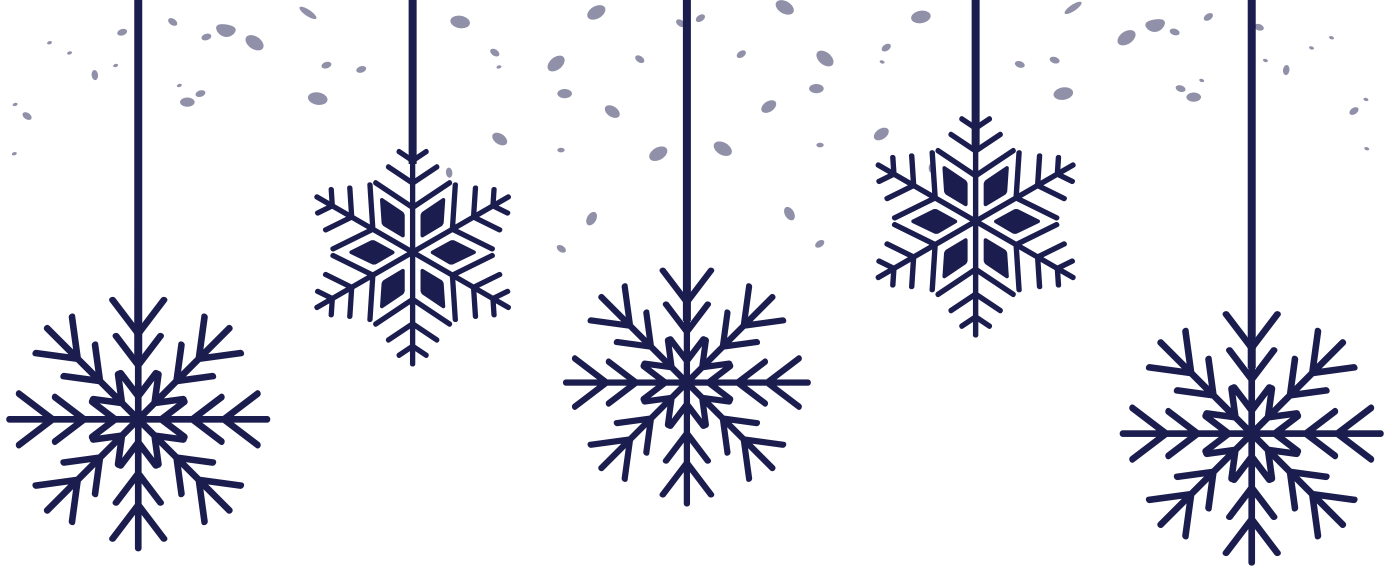
From the Mayor's Desk



I am writing to all of you to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and to express my gratitude for all, that so many have done this year to make Port Republic the wonderful place that it is.

On January 1 we will have our annual Mayor's Walk. Meet at City Hall at 2:00 and start the New Year enjoying our beautiful surroundings with fellow community members.

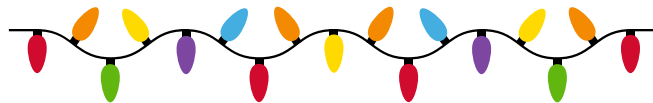




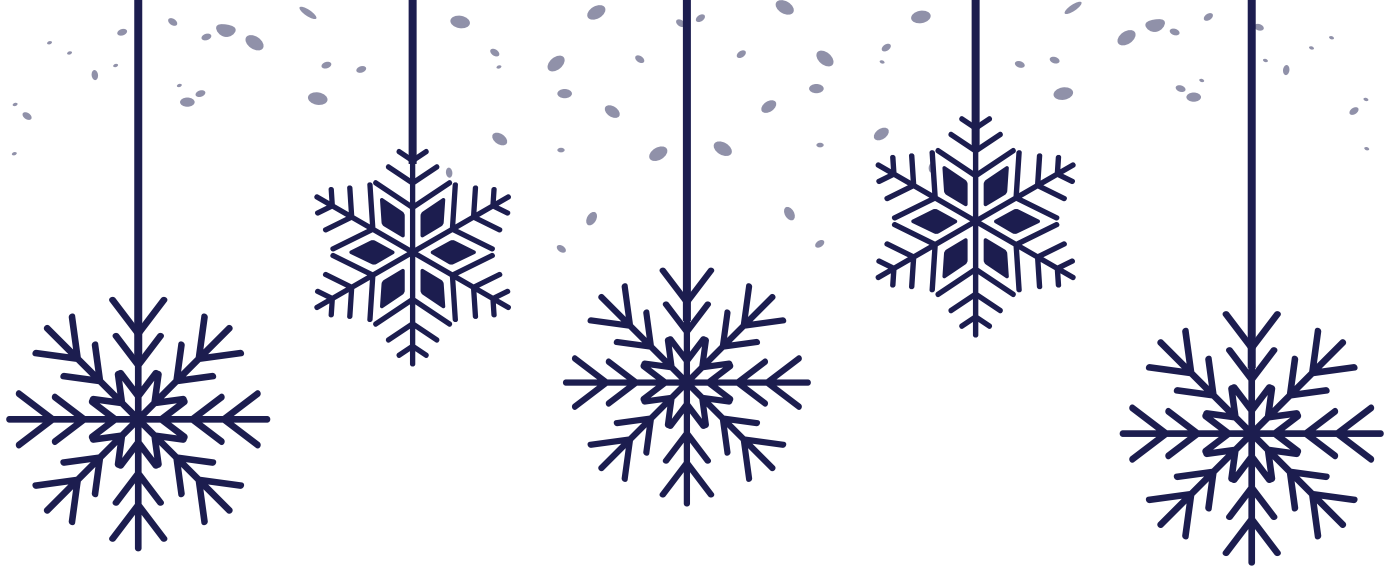
Thank you to Scott Winneberger who directed the teams of people who participated in the missing person search and investigation.

Thank you to the following organizations who participated:

Galloway Township Police Department
New Jersey State Police
Atlantic City Police Department
Atlantic City Fire Department
Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management
Port Republic Office of Emergency Management
Atlantic County Sheriff's Office K-9
Port Republic Volunteer Fire Department
Atlantic County Search and Rescue
Galloway Township Ambulance Squad
New Jersey Forest Fire Service
Camden County Search and Rescue



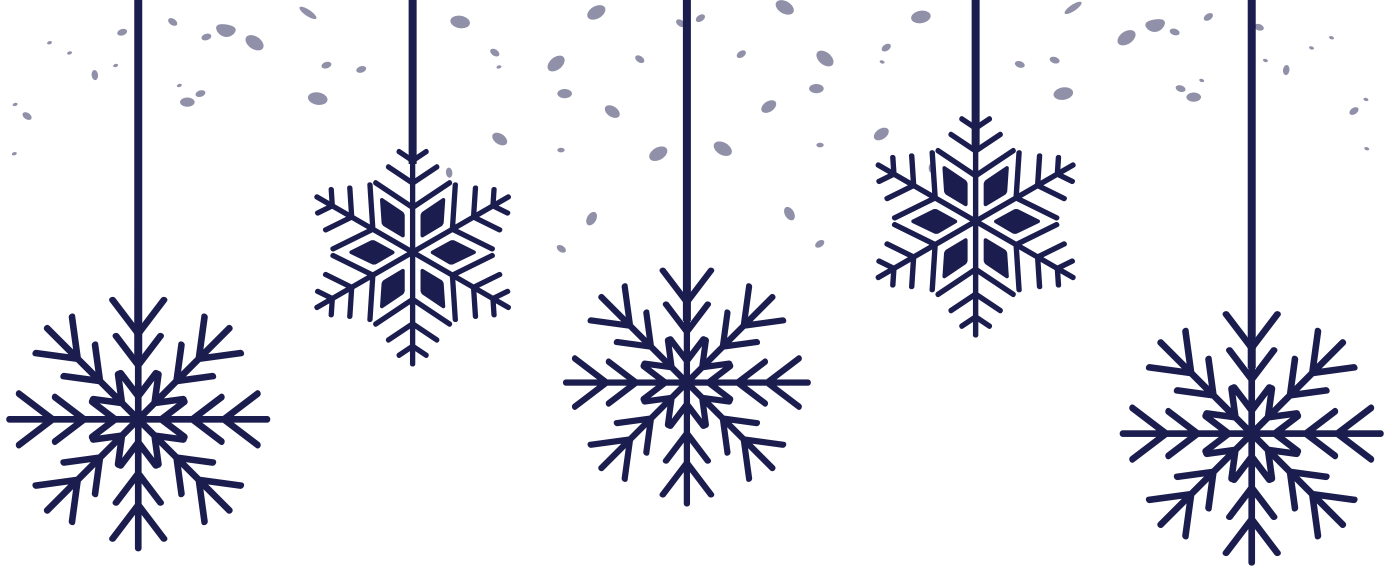
Thank you to Port Republic School students for participating in the Christmas Tree Lighting with musical instruments, singing and dancing under the direction of Cathy Bridge for the Port Republic School Band and to Mrs Romanelli for the rest of the performances. All of the music added so much and the donated cookies, apple cider doughnuts from Johnson's farm, and hot chocolate made the cold temperatures a little more tolerable. Thank you also to Lisa and Brandy (Our City Hall Team) who donated their time serving the hundreds of visitors. Also thank you to Pastor Frank and Kelly Brown for providing and running the sound system.



We are getting a new addition to Port Republic. Thank you to Bill and Kathy Smallwood and the Port Republic Athletic Fund, as Port Republic will be getting our very own Pirate Ship/ Playground. It will be delivered on January 2nd. Bill and Kathy received the Volunteer of the Year award in 2004 and again, this year. Their decades of service to the community is invaluable.



On December 10, 2024 we celebrated Doris Bugdon Day. Doris has served Port Republic for 39 years, initiating many events like Port Day, our Tree Lighting, Clean Team, Senior Services and much more. Doris's term is expired on December 31. Thank you Doris for your years of service to our community.



Our Green Team has been very active this year with a Declutter and Shredding event and more and the Creative Team put together a wonderful calendar to show the beauty of Port Republic we all get to enjoy everyday. Thank you Jesse and Jack Connor for leading the Green Team and starting the Creative Team and all those that have worked on these projects.



For last minute gift giving, the City and Heritage Society have items for sale at City Hall during normal business hours. All of the revenue from these items help fund city events or the restoration of the old City Garage.

Port Republic Community Cookbook. \$15,
2/\$25

Port Republic Christmas Ornaments \$10

Port Republic Calendars \$20 each 2/\$30

A variety of Port Republic T-shirts and
Hoodies \$15-\$40

Also various publications about Port
free-\$10

**Have a Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!! I hope to see you all
on January 1st for the Mayor's Walk.**

Mayor Niki