

PORT NEWS

2025 - 2nd Edition

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR....



Hello Port Republic!

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Summer is just around the corner. The beach is up and running and the weather is finally catching up to where it should be. We should have the Tennis/Pickleball/ Basketball court finished by the beginning of July. This recreation court was paid for by two recreation grants and Open Space Funding, not the taxpayers, which is a bonus for everyone.

There are so many people I would like to thank for our most recent city activities. I especially want to thank Bill and Kathy Smallwood for the vision of the Jersey Genesis Triathlon. They spend countless hours, not missing any details. There are so many who volunteered to direct traffic, serve food and generally donate their time to make this a very successful event. The money raised is used to keep the ball field in good repair and also paid for our new pirate ship playground. Thank you to all of you! We also had a very successful city wide clean up. Thank you for keeping our community clean.

We have a new building inspector/code enforcement officer. Pat Naticchione will be available at Port City Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays 5pm-7pm. He is coming to us from Egg Harbor Township with a great deal of experience. We welcome Pat to our team.

The Port Community Yard sale will be on June 14th. If you would like to register to be included on the map the deadline is June 8th. You can submit your registration at City Hall. Thank you to Gretchen Halfpenny and Trish Zatorski for all your work on this.

Port Community Day is June 21 (rain date June 28). The event will begin with a parade starting at City Hall at 4:00. Everyone is welcome to participate with decorated bicycles, wagons, strollers, antique cars, fire trucks. (Please see flyer to sign up). There will be food trucks, music by Whiskey Tango Foxtrot, a pie eating contest sponsored by Port Republic PTS and of course fireworks to end the evening.

The Port Republic Heritage Society is getting ready to restore the old city garage as their new headquarters and are looking for people with building skills to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Donna Riegel at (609)412-2649.

We will be starting a healthy living initiative for Port Republic. If you are interested in being part of this or just finding out more, please contact City Hall @ 609 652-0366.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Mayor Niki

Grilled Chicken Salad with Avocado and Raspberries

from the mayor's kitchen

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 TBS Dijon mustard
- 2 TBS Brown Sugar
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- 4 Chicken breasts
- 3 TBS olive oil
- 2 TBS apple cider vinegar
- 10 cups favorite salad greens
- 1 cup raspberries, halved
- 1 avocado, halved, pitted, and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped pecans, toasted

STEPS:

1. Combine mustard, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Transfer 3 TBS mustard mixture to second large bowl and set aside. Pat chicken dry with paper towels. Add chicken to remaining mustard mixture (first bowl) and toss to coat.
2. Grill chicken over hot fire until well browned and registers 160 degrees, about 6 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to cutting board and tent with foil.
3. Whisk oil and vinegar into reserved mustard mixture. Add salad greens and toss to combine. Slice chicken $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick. Top salad with raspberries, avocado, pecans, and chicken. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.



This recipe is from America Test Kitchen

This & That

Municipal Offices:

City Clerk's Office

Brandy M. Blevin, RMC
Lisa M. Morris
9:00 am—4:30 pm
Monday—Friday
609-652-1501
brandy@portrepublicnj.org
lisa@portrepublicnj.org

Construction Office

Pat Naticchione
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
609-652-8759
construction@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

Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays
3:00 pm—6:00 pm

Saturdays
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Upcoming City Meetings:

City Council Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday of each month
6:00 pm—Workshop
6:30 pm—Meeting

2025 Dates

July 8th
August 12th
September 9th
October 14th
November 18th
December 9th

Planning Board / Zoning Board

Meetings are scheduled as
needed

Vicki Cantell, Secretary
609-652-9403



2025 Primary Election Information

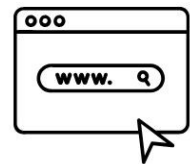
- Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025
- Poll Hours: 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Polling Locations:

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



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"



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

PortRepublicNJ.org

Port Republic Town-Wide Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, June 14th 8am-2pm




\$10 donation for hosting @ your home

\$20 donation for a parking space @ the Harry Bowen Memorial Park (spaces limited)

(Your items can be sold from the back of your car or from tables that you supply and you are responsible for cleaning up.)

No permits are needed, but all **registered** residents will be included on the map. Maps will be available at the Pavilion at the Harry Bowen Memorial Park that day.

Yard Sale will be advertised online and with local signs.

Registration forms will be available at City Hall, in the Port Newsletter, and on The Port Gang 

Registration proceeds to benefit the Port Republic Events Fund

(additional donations always appreciated!)

Contact Gretchen Halfpenny @ (609) 350-0865 or Trish Zatorski @ (609) 338- 9123 with any questions.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful event that day!

(TEAR HERE AND RETURN WITH YOUR FEE)



Community Yard Sale registration form

Please return this form no later than June 6th to be included on the map. Forms and fees (cash and checks only) may be dropped off at City Hall office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (cell / home) _____

Email: _____

SELECT ONE:

_____ \$10 (my residence)

CHECK ITEMS TO BE SOLD: _____ CLOTHING _____ TOYS _____ TOOLS _____ FURNITURE _____ BABY ITEMS _____ ELECTRONICS

_____ \$20 (Space at the Harry Bowen Memorial Park*)

*Spaces limited at the Park. They will be located near the Pavilion and clearly marked for the day of the sale.



Joseph J. Giraldo
County Clerk
Atlantic County, New Jersey

Atlantic County NJ Property Alert Service

This service is the first step in protecting your property. Unfortunately, property and mortgage fraud is a fast growing crime in our country. In some cases, fraud on real property is not discovered for years. To address these concerns, and protect one of your most important assets, our office offers this FREE service to notify you immediately via email whenever a document with your name is recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

Please sign up today and protect your property from fraud. It's quick, easy and free. Simply follow the steps below and you will automatically be notified electronically when a document is recorded with your name.

Sincerely,
Joseph J. Giraldo
Atlantic County Clerk

1. **Getting Started:** Please register your username and password to begin the registration process.
2. **Confirmation Email:** After you receive your confirmation email, please click the link provided in the email to return to the parameter for your alert.
3. **Register Party Name:** Register a party name and receive alerts when documents are recorded with a matching name. All variations of the name should be registered. For example, John Smith, Smith John A, and Smith John Allen respectively. Entity names may also be registered for an alert. For example, ABC Rentals LLC. Be aware that party names are the predominant index field in County Clerk data.

Please see the county [Official Records Public Search](#) page to verify matching party names from previously recorded documents. Click where indicated to launch the search application, then search on party name.

4. **Register Property Information:** Alternatively, subscribers may submit parcel data - **municipality, tax block and lot** for an alert. Be aware that parcel data is not contained in all documents recorded and therefore not captured in the database. The registration of party name(s) is recommended for email alerts. The registration of parcel data is secondary.



New Jersey Property Tax Relief

For Senior Homeowners
and Renters Age
65 and Over

**Three Programs, One
Combined Application**

**Based on 2024 Residency,
Income, and Age**

File by October 31, 2025

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available for all property tax relief programs are subject to change by the State Budget.



For program details, scan
the QR code or visit:
bit.ly/NJPropTaxRelief

SENIOR FREEZE

NJ residents born before 1959 or permanently disabled residents receiving Social Security disability payments as of 12/31/23 may be eligible if you:

- Owned and lived in your home (or leased a site in a mobile home park and lived in your mobile home) in 2020 and through December 31, 2024;
- Paid property taxes by June 1 (site fees by Dec 31); and
- Meet the 2023 and 2024 income limits.

ANCHOR

**Affordable NJ Communities for
Homeowners & Renters**

Property Tax Relief For:

- Homeowners Earning \$250K or Less
- Renters Earning \$150K or Less

Stay NJ

For Senior Homeowners

- 🏠 **Age 65 or over in 2024**
- 🏠 **2024 income below \$500,000**
- 🏠 **Owned and lived in your home for all of 2024**

Stay NJ benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined. If you qualify for all three programs, the Stay NJ benefit will be 50% of your property taxes (up to \$13,000) minus any payments received through ANCHOR and Senior Freeze (2024 benefit cap of \$6,500).



2024 NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FAQ

What has changed about New Jersey's Property Tax Relief programs?

For the first time, NJ residents can apply for three PTR programs – Senior Freeze, ANCHOR and Stay NJ – on a single application called PAS-1. This combined application can be used by both homeowners and renters. **There will no longer be ANCHOR-H or ANCHOR-T applications.**

Who can file the combined property tax relief application Form PAS-1?

New Jersey residents who were 65 and older, or recipients of Social Security Disability, during Tax Year 2024 may be eligible to file the combined application (Form PAS-1).

How is the combined application different from previous applications?

- **For Senior Freeze recipients**, the application looks different, and the income standards also have changed. **You no longer have to include** proof of property taxes paid. If you already have a “base year” established, it will be printed on line 13 for homeowners, or line 21 for mobile homeowners.
- **For ANCHOR homeowner recipients**, you are no longer required to have an Identification Number and PIN to file for benefits.

When is the filing deadline?

The deadline for submitting a Tax Year 2024 property tax relief application is October 31, 2025.

How does the applicant file?

If the applicant was 65 or older – or a recipient of Social Security Disability – in Tax Year 2024, they will have two ways to file:

- File a paper property tax relief application (Form PAS-1) for all three property tax programs: ANCHOR, Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze), and the Stay NJ Property Tax Benefit.
- Alternatively, they have the option to file the combined application online at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov
- **There will be no auto-file for these applicants.**

What if the applicant was under 65 or did not receive Social Security Disability in Tax Year 2024?

They will file their property tax relief application via one of the following methods:

- The Division will auto-file for some applicants;
- They can file an online application at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov ; or
- They can file a paper application.

The online application will be the same for all applicants regardless of age, disability status, or whether they own or rent their principal residence.



2024 NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FAQ

Will information be sent to applicants regarding the Senior Freeze, ANCHOR and Stay NJ benefit amounts?

The Division will send a letter to combined application filers explaining the ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ benefit amounts calculated for each applicant.

The Division will begin sending these letters in October 2025.

Will property tax relief applications be mailed to eligible individuals?

Individuals who are 65 and older or recipients of Social Security Disability are expected to begin receiving the combined application (Form PAS-1) by mail in March 2025.

Individuals who are under 65 or do not receive Social Security Disability are expected to begin receiving applications by mail in late summer 2025.

Will applicants still need to provide proof of property taxes due and paid?

No. There is no need to provide proof of property taxes paid (no Senior Freeze verification forms: PTR-1A, PTR-1A Co-op, PTR-1B, PTR-2A, PTR-2A Co-op, or PTR-2B), even for first-time applicants.

How will applicants receive property tax relief payments?

Applicants who file a paper PAS-1 application will be mailed a paper check. There will be no direct deposit payment option for these applicants.

Applicants who file the online PAS-1 application at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov will have the option to receive a direct deposit.

When will property tax relief payments begin?

- Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) payments will begin on July 15, 2025.
- ANCHOR payments will begin in September 2025 and continue on a rolling basis. Most applicants will receive their payment about 90 days after applying, unless additional information is needed to process the application.
- Stay NJ program benefit payments are expected to be paid quarterly beginning in 2026. The payments will be scheduled for February 2026, May 2026, August 2026, and November 2026. The February 2026 and May 2026 payments are subject to budget appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2026 State Budget. The August 2026 and November 2026 payments are subject to budget appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2027 State Budget.

*** The availability of New Jersey's property tax relief programs is subject to State Budget appropriations.**



New Jersey Property Tax Relief

Get In-Person Assistance Filling Out a PAS-1 Form

Division of Taxation Regional Information Centers

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cranford – 6 Commerce Drive, 3rd Floor, Suite 300, Cranford, NJ 07016

Fair Lawn – 22-08 Rt. 208 South, Fairlawn, NJ, 07410

Freehold – 2 Paragon Way, Suite 1100, Freehold, NJ 07728

Galloway – 157 W. Whitehorse Pike, Galloway, NJ 08205

Trenton – 3 John Fitch Way, 1st Floor Lobby, Trenton, NJ 08695

What to Have Ready Before Visiting:

- ☒ Social Security Number
- ☒ Name
- ☒ Address
- ☒ Photo ID
- ☒ All 2023 & 2024 Income
Documentation
(NJ-1040(s), 1099-R(s), and 1099-SSA(s))
- ☒ Total Billed 2023 & 2024
Property Taxes



New Jersey Division of Taxation In-Person Public Events

**Taxation representatives attend various events
throughout New Jersey to:**

- Offer program information;
- Assist with filing applications; and
- Navigate New Jersey tax law.

**For updated event dates, times, and locations, visit
nj.gov/treasury/taxation/propertytaxreliefevents.shtml**



If attending a Filing Event, bring:

- Government Issued Photo ID
- 2023 & 2024 Income Documentation
- 2023 & 2024 Total Billed Property Taxes

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@nj_taxation

PORT DAY BIKE PARADE ENTRY FORM

Saturday, June 21, 2025

(Rain date: June 28, 2025)



Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Bring your decorated bicycles, strollers, or wagons! Line up begins at 3:45 pm, along Park Avenue (behind City Hall). The parade will start promptly at 4:00 pm. The route will start and end along Park Avenue.

Return form by June 18, 2025, 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 21, 2025 (Rain Date June 28th)

Dear Residents and Celebration Supporters,

Port Republic is in the process of organizing this year's parade, Saturday, June 21, 2025 (Rain date June 28). Lineup will begin at 3:45pm at Park Ave. behind City Hall and will start at 4 pm.

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 18th, 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 REPUBLIC PORT DAY PARADE APPLICATION

Saturday, June 21, 2025 (rain date: June 28, 2025)

APPLICANT / GROUP INFORMATION

Applicant or Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

ENTRY TYPE

Type of Entry:
(float, antique car, walking with banner, etc.) _____

Number of Participants: _____

FLOAT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 14 FEET HIGH



The following information needs to be provided with your application:

- Copies of VALID vehicle registration, insurance certificate and driver's license
- Completed Waiver of Liability Consent Form



PARADE INFORMATION

- The parade will be held on Saturday, June 21st (with a rain date of Saturday, June 28th)
- The parade will start at 4:00 pm
- Parade line-up starts at 3:45 pm behind City Hall (along Park Avenue)

Please mail completed entries by June 18, 2026, to:

Port Republic Parade Committee
143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241
Email: mayor@portrepublicnj.org
Contact: Mayor Niki Giberson at 609.652.1501

**LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC
FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

I, the undersigned, in consideration for my participation in the Port Day Parade (hereinafter, "Parade"), do hereby release and discharge the City of Port Republic, New Jersey and any and all of their respective elected officials, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, partners, contractors, and/or any other associates in whatever form or fashion (hereinafter, the previously listed categories may be collectively referred to as "Parties" if not fully listed), jointly and severally, from any and all liability for personal injury accident, illness, death, property damage or any other occurrence, foreseeable or unforeseeable, which I may suffer in any manner whatsoever arising out of or resulting from participation in said Parade.

To the best of my knowledge, I can fully participate in this Parade without any physical or other hindrance. I am fully aware that there are potential risks and hazards, foreseeable and unforeseeable, connected with the Parade, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said Parade, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such Parade knowing that the Parade may be hazardous to me and my property.

I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such a Parade, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PARTIES or otherwise.

Furthermore, I expressly assume ALL risks of my participation in the Parade, including, without limitation, injury as a result of the acts or omissions of any of the above-named Parties, or some defect in or on the above named Parties' property or on the parade route, including, but not limited to, the defined route and/or any and all approach routes, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, except for illness and injury resulting directly from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct on the part of the Parties.

It is my express intent that this LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am not alive, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES.

I hereby further agree that this LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

I certify that any and all individual(s) that are participating in conjunction with my participation in the Parade have read and voluntarily and freely executed a separate copy or copies of the LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS and that copy or those copies have been appropriately and timely filed with the City of Port Republic prior to the Port Day Parade.

By making this certification, I aver and covenant with the City of Port Republic that I will not permit, allow, or otherwise acquiesce to the participation of any individual, individuals, entity, or entities that have not appropriately and timely filed with THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC prior to the Port Day Parade
And that I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that only those who have appropriately and timely filed an executed copy of LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS to participate with me in the Parade.

I certify that any vehicle(s) (if any) which will be driven by me or any other participant with whom I am participating in the Parade in the Parade has insurance which conforms to the laws of the State of New Jersey and that I and any other Participant have/has a current valid license(s).

I agree to indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend the City of Port Republic and their respective elected officials, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, partners, and/or contractors, of and from any and all loss, damages, expenses, costs, and attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Parade, including but not limited to any damages arising out of negligent or intentional conduct of myself, other participants accompanying me in any fashion to, during, or from the parade, and/or any other participants or other third parties.

In the event that any portion and/or provision is found to be legally insufficient for any reason, that portion and/or provision shall be severable from the remaining portions and provisions of this LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS.

This LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS shall be enforced as fully as possible to the original terms and spirit of the same in spite of any portion(s) and/or provision(s) being found to be unenforceable.

IN SIGNING THIS LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, or have the written permission of a Parent or Guardian below in addition to my own signature, and am fully competent; and

I execute this LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF THE CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

I further certify that IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION, I AM AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF SAID ORGANIZATION WITH THE POWER TO BIND AND CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF SAID ORGANIZATION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

INDIVIDUAL:

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

(Parent and Participant both must sign if Participant is under the age of 18)

ORGANIZATION:

Printed Name of Organization: _____

Printed Name of Agent for Organization: _____

Title of Agent for Organization: _____

Signature of Agent for Organization: _____

City of Port Republic
2025 SEASONAL BEACH TAGS



Beach Badges will be available for sale beginning on Tuesday, April 1st.

Senior Tags: \$5.00/each

ages 65+, ONE tag per ID & MUST be present

Seasonal Tags:

\$10.00/each through Friday, May 23.

\$30.00/each after Friday, May 23.

Active Military - Free with ID & MUST be present

Weekly:

\$10.00 each

valid from 12 noon Saturday until the following Sunday

Daily: \$7.00

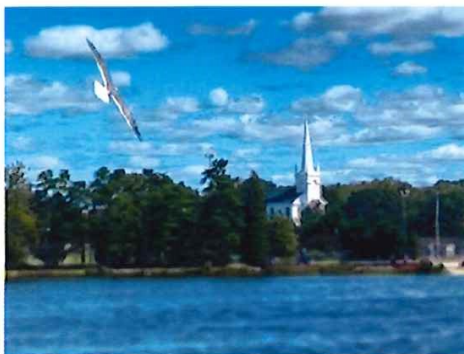
valid from 10am-6pm

Beach Tags are not required for children 12 and under

What's Happening

Port Community Church

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



NEXT KIDZ ZONE

KIDZ ZONE EVENT
Saturday, June 7
Solve the Puzzle and Break Free for the Summer!
Through faith in Christ, we may approach God with freedom and confidence. - Ephesians 2:8-9
10:00AM-12Noon
PREK3-GRADE 5
PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH
www.portcommunitychurch.com



Community Young at Heart ❤️ Luncheons

Young at Heart Luncheons are open to those in our community who are 55 & up! Come and join us for great food and a little fun. Put these dates on your calendar and just show up at 12Noon on the following Saturdays.

- July 5
- August 2
- September 6
- October 4
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

Community KIDZ ZONE Events

We host FREE themed events for children in PREK3-Grade 5 throughout the year. Kidz Zone events are on Saturday mornings between 10:00AM-12Noon.

- June 7 – "Breaking Free"
- September 20 – "Courageous & Confidence"
- November 1 – "Gratitude"
- December 20 – "Christmas-Special Gifts"

You can register for just one or all of them at once to save time! You can register at the church website or scan the code.



We'll See You at Port Republic Day

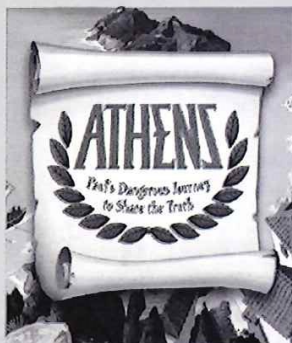
The annual Port Republic Day is on June 21st!

We can't wait to see you there! We will have hot popcorn, delicious pretzels, and ice-cold bottled water ready to go! Stop by the Port Community Church table to see us!

THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL—

If you want to grow in your faith or if you have questions, you are welcome to join us on Sundays, for Bible Studies throughout the week, or just call Pastor Frank (609-412-7352). We always say, 'It's okay not to be okay' but God loves us way too much to let us stay there. You are welcome here. ❤️🙏

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Athens VBS is all centered around Paul's dangerous journey to share God's love. We will visit the marketplace, the recreation arena, and secretly meet with Paul to hear how he shared his faith with courage!

JULY 28 - 31
[PREK3-GRADE 5]
[MONDAY-THURSDAY]
[6:00PM-8:15PM]
AUGUST 1
[FRIDAY]
FAMILY NIGHT
AUGUST 2
[SATURDAY]
JR VBS (G5-8)
[10:00AM-3:00PM]

GET REGISTERED



Port Community Church
118 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241
www.portcommunitychurch.com

A letter from Port Republic School Board:

The quality of education provided by the Port Republic School District has been a cornerstone of pride for our community. However, state aid cuts over the last 10 years have created a difficult financial climate for many districts. For this very reason, our school was recently identified (along with multiple other districts) as not meeting the spending threshold necessary to provide a strong education for our students despite community support. For this reason, the district became eligible for the Tax Levy Incentive Program for the 2025-2026 budget cycle.

On March 28, 2025, the Port Republic Board of Education received the following Notification of Eligibility from the New Jersey Department of Education:

Eligibility to Apply for Additional Expenditures Pursuant to Language Provision Included in Proposed FY 2026 State Budget

A language provision included in the proposed FY 2026 State Budget provides certain school districts the opportunity to apply to the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46. Specifically, a school district is eligible to apply to the Commissioner if the district: 1) has an FY 2025 general fund tax levy that is less than its FY 2026 local fair share, as calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-52; and 2) is spending below adequacy as determined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-70. Based on the Department of Education's review of the relevant data, your district is eligible to apply for this additional authority.

The above notification informed the district that it was eligible to apply for additional tax levy as the district met the following criteria: 1) the current tax levy remains below the local fair share as determined by the State of New Jersey funding formula and 2) the district is currently spending below acceptable levels in the provision of a thorough and efficient education of students, again determined by the State of New Jersey funding formula.

Using the Tax Levy Incentive Program, the Port Republic Board of Education was able to raise the tax levy by \$299,929 while also receiving an additional \$14,996 in state aid. The Board will use the added revenue to invest in curriculum upgrades in all content area including Science/STEM initiatives, language arts, and math; provide upgrades in technology for students and staff; and focus on overdue facility repairs. This increased investment in our students and in the school will generate a quarterly tax increase of \$158 for a \$250,000 home. The Board of Education has not entered into this state program without a great deal of thought and discussion. The Board recognizes that our community may have questions about this program and will be available to respond to community concerns at the monthly Board of Education Meetings. Our next two meetings will be held on June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the school gymnasium.

As always, the Board of Education strives to provide the best education for our students while recognizing our fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers. The Board believes that this is the best path forward for our community. We greatly appreciate the on-going community support of our students, staff, and school. Thank you for all you do!

**Congratulations to our Port Republic Kindergarten Graduates
Class of 2025**

Nolan Allen
Oliver Champion
Scarlett Heuman

Jason Bansback
Vincent Delareto.
Makenzie O'Hara.

Madelyn Chatten
Elowyn Evans
Talia VanSyckle

**Congratulations to our Port Republic 8th Grade Graduates
Class of 2025**

Jacob Blizzard
Joshua Kurtz
Kaya Newman
Corbyn Roman
Everett Wheaton

Benjamin Brown
Michael Mahieu
Peyton Perrone
Stella Salvina

Jack Hanselman
Grace Montag
Jillian Pratt
Casey Stetser

**Atlantic County Academic Excellence Award Recipients
8th Graders, Joshua Kurtz and Stella Salvina**



June 3, 2025

We, your fellow neighbors, have **donated**
thousands of hours of our free time to serve
you with 24 hour a day,
emergency care,
all year long.

Now we ask for
your help.



PORT REPUBLIC
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
116 Blakes Lane • Port Republic, NJ 08241



Think About It:

What price do you put on your home? Your Family? Yourself?

Is \$20 too much? How about \$25? or \$30?

Most people insure their life, property and possessions. They make sure they're covered.

Now we are asking you to help keep a very special type of insurance coverage in effect: supporting your local volunteer firefighters.

Many communities don't have volunteer fire companies. Instead, they have paid firefighters - all supported by whopping taxes.

We're local property owners and residents just like you. We care enough about the lives and property of our neighbors to invest many hours of time in education and preparation to come to your aid when fires or other emergencies arise.

But we rely on volunteer contributions from neighbors like you to keep going - and to keep protecting local lives and property while you sleep soundly.

Won't you help us?

Please donate what you can today, and help to insure the survival of the volunteer firefighters who serve you.

Sincerely,

President
Joe Butler

Chief
Jack Yochim

IMPORTANT NOTE In Any Emergency

Dial 9-1-1

1. Give the address of the fire.

Talk in a distinct and calm voice and be sure to indicate the township you live in.

2. Describe what is on fire.

Such as a house, a car or a field of grass, etc.
Do not hang up until the dispatcher confirms your message.

3. House Number.

Visible house numbers save us valuable time.
Can we see yours?

VOLUNTEERING FOR YOU!

We train for **YOU!**

We work hours for **YOU!**

We leave our families for **YOU!**

We lose sleep for **YOU!**

We freeze for **YOU!**

We skip meals for **YOU!**

HELP US HELP YOU!!



You are Invited To Help Protect Port Republic History By Joining Us As A Member Or Volunteer

Your membership helps support the restoration of one of our historic buildings into a museum to provide a safe depository for artifacts related to Port Republic's long history. We are working to preserve and protect the town's history and way of life through objects, photos, events, newsletters, and stories. We want you to become part of history!

Members receive early notice of speakers and a \$5.00 discount on event tickets.

Print Name: _____
 Contact Phone: _____
 Contact Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

ANNUAL FEE (Circle your choice)

Membership period October 1 to September 30

Individual	\$ 25.00
Family	\$ 35.00
(up to 2 adults, 2 children in household)	
Non-profit Organization	\$ 50.00
Partner	\$ 250.00
Patron	\$ 500.00
Benefactor	\$1,000.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

ONE TIME FEE for Individuals age 55 or Older (Circle your choice)

Individual	\$ 250.00
Spouse of current Life Member	\$ 150.00

ONE TIME FEE for Individuals age 54 or Younger (Circle your choice)

Individual	\$ 500.00
Spouse of current Life Member	\$ 200.00

The Port Republic Heritage Society is a Non-Profit 501C3. All Donations are Tax Deductible

Additional Donation _____ TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

*Make checks payable to the Port Republic Heritage Society
 Mail to Port Republic Heritage Society, c/o City Hall, 143 Main Street, Port Republic NJ 08241
 Drop Box Available*

I am interested in becoming a volunteer, my interest include:

☐ Program Support
 ☐ Event Support
 ☐ Building Renovations
 ☐ Other, list below

Date: _____

Staff: _____

**ATLANTIC COUNTY
DIVISION OF INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES
Office on Aging**

***CALL THE
TOLL FREE
NUMBER:***



1-888-426-9243

FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH:

- **HOME CARE SERVICES**
- **TRANSPORTATION**
- **HOME DELIVERED MEALS**
- **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION PLAN COUNSELING**
- **CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE SERVICES**
- **SENIOR CENTERS**
- **ADULT DAY CARE**

**Trained staff is available Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Atlantic County Executive
Dennis Levinson**



**Atlantic County Board of Commissioners
John W. Risley, Jr., Chairman**

Upcoming Events 2025

June 14 - Port Republic Community
Yard Sale

June 21- Port Community Day (Rain
date June 28)

September 14 - Duct Boat Regatta

October 4 - 3rd Annual Heritage
Celebration

October 18 – Fire House Dinner

October 25 – Fall Fest/ Movie Night

December 4 – Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Some Dates may be subject to
change**

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 Advocate

Doris Bugdon

609-652-1352

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

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!