

# Port Newsletter

CITY OF PORT  
REPUBLIC  
◆  
February 2026



## Happy Belated New Year!!

It seems that this unprecedented cold weather has slowed everything down. So here I am, the first few days of February working with Brandy to get our newsletter out. I want to thank our City Road Department, Dave, Kyle and Bill for the amazing job they did plowing our city roads. The county roads in our community are still in the process of being fully clear. I am attempting to work together with the county to get a better response from them. The county has a lot of roads to maintain and a shortage of well-working equipment. Please be careful with the low temperatures we have been experiencing for icy spots.

Firemen's Pond has been used by skaters more this year than I can ever remember. Please be aware that Mill Pond is not a safe place to skate ever! More than anything, I want our residents to be safe.

As some of you might know, Brunhilda, my Port Republic Barred Rock Chicken did see her shadow on February 2nd and she wants me to remind you that the first day of spring is 6 weeks away, so don't be discouraged, eventually this will all go away.

*Mayor Niki*



### Upcoming Events

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

PTS Dinner  
Auction

Saturday, March  
28<sup>th</sup>

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Heritage Society  
Chinese Auction

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

City-Wide Clean  
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## Upcoming City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend and participate. These meetings provide an opportunity to stay informed about City business, upcoming projects, and decisions that impact our community.

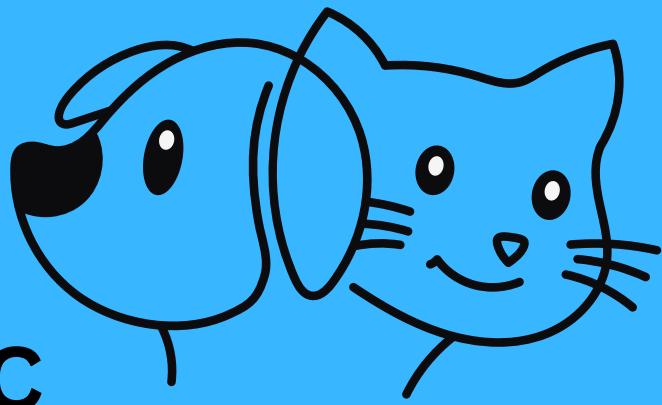
Meeting dates, times, and agendas are posted in advance on the City website in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Public comment is welcomed during designated portions of the meeting.

Your voice matters. Community involvement helps ensure transparent and effective local government.

Tuesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street

# 2026

## FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC



**Saturday, March 28, 2026  
from 11 am until 12:30 pm**

**Port Republic Public Works Garage**

Dogs 11 am - noon  
\* must be on a leash or  
in a carrier \*

Cats noon - 12:30 pm  
\* must be in a carrier \*

**2026 Dog Licenses  
will be available for  
Port Republic Residents**

\$6 for spayed/neutered  
\$11 for non-spayed/neutered

*Checks or exact change only*



# 2026 Events

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<b>Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>Heritage Society Chinese Auction</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>City-Wide Cleanup</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Port Community Church Jamboree</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>Port Firehouse Dinner</b>	<b>May 9</b>
<b>Port Beach Opens</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>Jersey Genesis Triathlon</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>Port City-Wide Yard Sale</b>	<b>June 13</b>
<b>Port Community Day</b>	<b>June 20</b>
<b>Port Community Day (rain date)</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Port Beach Closure</b>	<b>September 7</b>
<b>Duct Tape Boat Regatta</b>	<b>September 19</b>
<b>City-Wide Cleanup</b>	<b>September 26</b>
<b>Heritage Day/SAR Monument Cer.</b>	<b>October 3</b>
<b>Port Firehouse Dinner</b>	<b>October 17</b>
<b>Fall Fest / Outdoor Movie</b>	<b>October 24</b>
<b>Tree Lighting Ceremony</b>	<b>December 3</b>

All events are subject to change.  
Please visit the City website or official social media pages for updates..

City of Port Republic  
2026 Port Republic Historical Booklet  
Advertising & Sponsorship Form

The City of Port Republic is authoring a special historical booklet featuring interesting facts and stories about Port Republic. Proceeds from advertising and sponsorships will be used to offset the cost of printing the booklet and to fund special events celebrating the Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The primary celebration will be held in conjunction with Port Community Day on June 20, 2026, with a rain date of June 27, 2026.

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**Advertiser / Sponsor Information**

Business / Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

(Please check one)

- Full Page Ad — \$100.00
- Inside Cover — \$150.00
- Back Cover — \$175.00
- Half Page Ad — \$50.00
- Quarter Page Ad — \$25.00
- Family Sponsor — \$10.00

If Family Sponsor, please list family name as it should appear:

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## Ad Submission Requirements

- A copy of your ad must be attached to this form at the time of submission.
- Ads must be camera-ready.
- The City of Port Republic reserves the right to reject any advertisement deemed inappropriate or inconsistent with the purpose of the booklet.
- Ad placement is not guaranteed and will be determined at the City's discretion.

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2026

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## Payment Information

Payment must be submitted with this completed form.

Accepted payment methods:

- Cash  
 Check (payable to City of Port Republic)
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## Submission Instructions

Please return the completed form, payment, and a copy of your ad to:

Port Republic City Hall  
143 Main Street  
Port Republic, NJ 08241

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## **Transfer Station Reminder & Community Cooperation**

The City of Port Republic Transfer Station is provided as a convenience for residents only and is intended for normal household waste. Please be reminded that construction and demolition debris, commercial waste, and materials from contractors or large renovation projects are not permitted at the facility.

Misuse of the transfer station increases overall tonnage and disposal fees, which directly impacts operating costs and, ultimately, taxpayer rates. Keeping waste within allowable limits helps control these expenses and ensures the facility remains available and affordable for everyone.

We ask all residents to please follow the posted rules and regulations and to work cooperatively with our Department of Public Works staff when using the transfer station. Our staff is there to help, but they are also responsible for enforcing these rules to protect the City and its residents.

Your cooperation is appreciated and plays an important role in keeping Port Republic's public services running efficiently and responsibly.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Bill Montag, Director of Public Works



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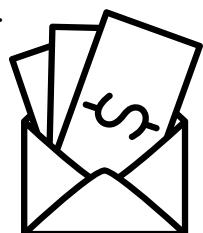
## **Tax Payment Reminder for Port Republic Residents**

When mailing or dropping off tax payments, please include the appropriate payment stub from your tax bill. A 10-day grace period is provided each quarter; interest will be charged on payments received after the grace period.

Residents can print their current tax bill by visiting the City website homepage and selecting WIPP – Online Tax Payments, then searching by name, address, or block and lot.

Please note that ANCHOR, STAY NJ, and PTR rebates are administered by the New Jersey Division of Taxation, not the City. For rebate questions, contact the Division of Taxation at 1-800-882-6597 or visit their local office at 157 W. White Horse Pike in Galloway.

Renee DeSalvo, Tax Collector





# NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

FOR NJ RESIDENT SENIOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS,  
AGE 65 AND OVER

THREE PROGRAMS, ONE APPLICATION (PAS-1)

Based on 2025 Residency, income, and age

## SENIOR FREEZE

Born in 1960 or earlier, or received permanent Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability payments during 2025.

Met the 2024 and 2025 income limits:  
2024 — \$168,268 or less  
2025 — \$172,475 or less

Owned and lived in the same home as their main home (or leased a site in a mobile home park and lived in a mobile home) on or before December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

The home was subject to property taxes (on the land and improvements).

## ANCHOR

Owned or rented and occupied property as their main home on October 1, 2025.

Met the income limits for 2025:  
Homeowners — \$250,000 or less  
Renters — \$150,000 or less

Homeowners: The home had to be subject to property taxes on the land and improvements.

Renters: Must be listed on the lease.

## STAY NJ

Born in 1960 or earlier.  
Met the income limit for 2025:  
\$500,000 or less

Owned and lived in a NJ home as their main home for all of 2025.

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 \$6500) minus any payments received through ANCHOR and Senior Freeze.

FORM PAS-1 WAS ISSUED FEBRUARY 2026





## **2026/2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**9:15 am – 2:30 pm**

**CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILDS REGISTRATION  
REGISTRATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Please have your incoming Kindergarten student accompany you to registration**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year for kindergarten

### **ENROLLMENT PACKET**

Available by request or visit school website [www.portnj.org](http://www.portnj.org)

### **CERTIFICATES/IDENTIFICATION (YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF PORT REPUBLIC OR ACCEPTED IN THE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM TO REGISTER)**

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)**

Your registration appointment will include a visit with our school nurse. Please have the following immunization information available: DTaP-4 doses, with 1 dose after the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# From the Mayor's Kitchen



## President's Weekend Cherry Danish Croissant Bake

21 oz. can cherry pie filling  
6 large eggs  
2 c. milk  
2 T. sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla

1 T. lemon juice  
5 croissants cut into 1" chunks, stale or  
toasted 5 minutes in 350 oven  
8 oz. cream cheese, cubed

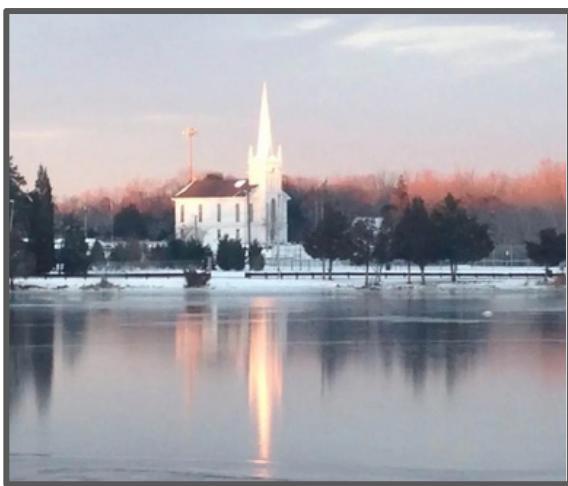
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Preheat oven to 350 and spray a 9"x13" baking pan with vegetable oil spray. Separate the cherries from the mixture in the can, leaving about 1/3 cup of the cherry glaze in a small bowl. In a large bowl whisk together the eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla and lemon juice until smooth. Add in the croissant pieces and gently combine. Add half the croissant mixture to the pan and dot with half the cream cheese. Gently spoon on half of the cherry filling in small clumps (don't spread). Add the rest of the croissant mixture gently over the top. Dot with the remaining cream cheese and cherries. Bake, uncovered, for 35-40 minutes or until the croissants are lightly browned. Serve with glaze or pancake syrup or powdered sugar.

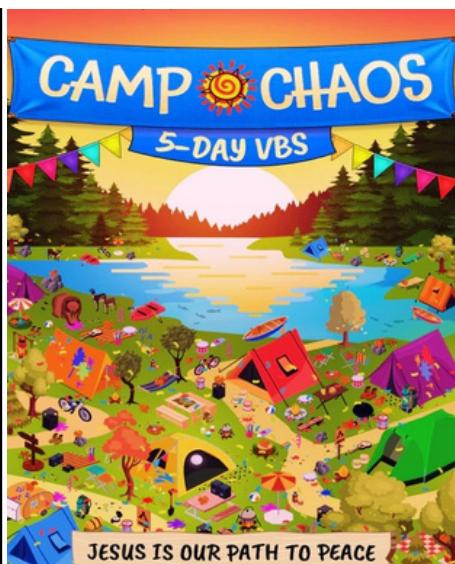
# What's Happening

## Port Community Church

118 MainStreet (Church)  
66 Pomona Ave (Homebase)  
Port Republic, NJ 08241  
[www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com)  
[office@portcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@portcommunitychurch.com)  
609-412-7352



VBS 2026



JULY 27 - 31, 2026

PreK3 - Grade 6

Where Jesus turns Camp Chaos into a place of peace and rest! He can do the same for you!

**SAVE THE DATE**

COMMUNITY EVENTS – YOU ARE WELCOME!

## Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Worship Service – Waving of the Palms @ 10:00AM

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Remembering Jesus' Death So We Might Live!

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Sunrise Service at Firemen's Pond @ 6:30AM

Worship Service @ 10:00AM

Everyone needs a good laugh during crazy times!

## Funny Together Tour

Coming to Port Republic

on Friday, March 20, 2026

Come on your own, grab a friend, or invite your church or small group to join us for this good  
—AND CLEAN—comedy show!

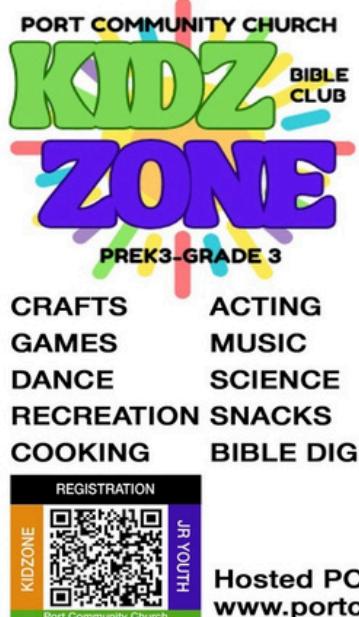
Posters available!

Tickets can be purchased online or in person  
through Diane Randazzo (484) 769-9232.



# 2026

[www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com)



**FREE EVENTS  
OPEN TO ALL!  
YOU DO NOT HAVE  
TO ATTEND PCC!  
INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS!**

10:00AM - 12NOON

2026

3RD SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH

JANUARY 17

FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 21

APRIL 18

MAY 16

VBS > JULY 27-31

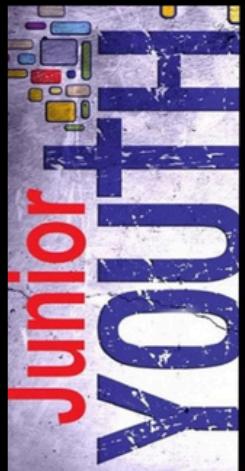
SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17

NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 19

Hosted PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
[www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com)



**Community  
Monthly Meets!  
Special Events!**

**Get in on the Planning!  
Register Today!**

**You do not have to attend PCC!  
All are Welcome!**

**2026 DATES & Topics 10:00AM - 12NOON**

January 17 - New Starts & Do-overs

February 21 - He Loves Me He Loves Me Not?

March 21 - Finding My Treasure

April 18 - Follow the Leader

May 16 - Slaying My Giants

VBS > July 27-31, 2026

September 19 - United We Stand

October 17 - Eyes to See - Hands to Serve

November 21 - Dealing with My 'Tudes'

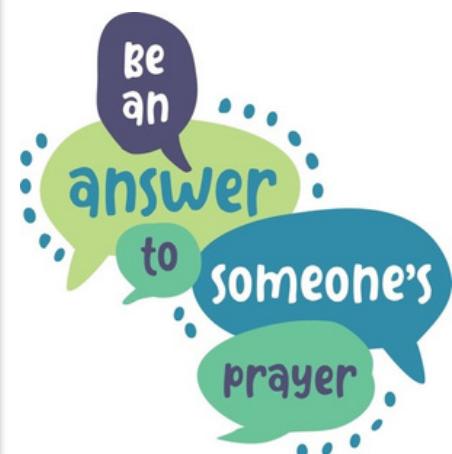
December 19 - Star of the Show

PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH of Port Republic, NJ  
[office@portcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@portcommunitychurch.com)



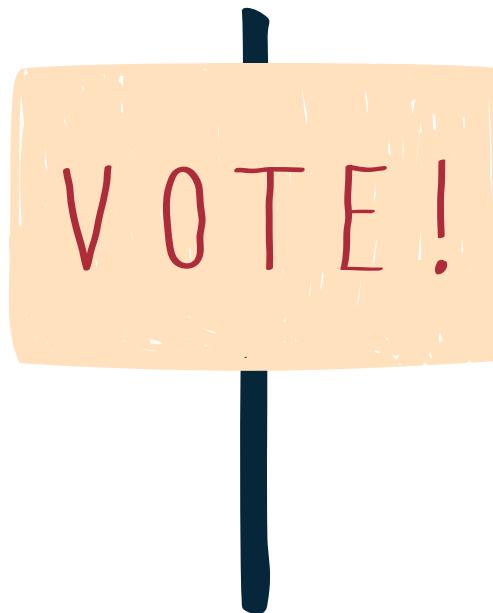
THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL:

If you want to grow in your faith or if you have questions, you are welcome to join us on Sundays, at Biblestudies during the week, or simply to call Pastor Frank(609-412-7352). If you need prayer for yourself or someone else, feel free to call, and a prayer team will pray for your need. We are here to serve. 



**BE STRONG  
&  
TAKE HEART,  
ALL YOU  
WHO HOPE  
IN THE  
LORD**

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## Primary Election Reminders for Residents of Port Republic

The Primary Election in New Jersey will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

### Important Dates to Remember:

- Voter Registration Deadline: May 12, 2026
- Vote-by-Mail Application Deadline (by mail): May 26, 2026
- Vote-by-Mail Application Deadline (in person): June 1, 2026 by 3:00 PM
- Early Voting Period: May 26 – May 31, 2026

Polling locations will be open on Election Day from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

For additional information about voter registration, mail-in ballots, early voting locations, or sample ballots, please visit the New Jersey Division of Elections website.



*Thank you for reading & happy new year to all!*

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www.portrepublicnj.org	143 Main Street Port Republic, NJ 08241