Port Newsletter

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC

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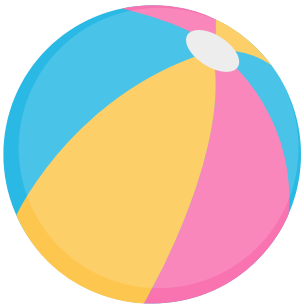
Summer 2026



HAPPY SUMMER ALL!

I am so excited to share with you all the events that will be going on at Port Community Day and the celebration of America's 250th birthday, on June 20 this year at the Harry Bowen Field. We are so fortunate to have the Spencer's U. States Additional Continental Regiment Reenactors coming to Port. They will be ready for visitors at 1:00 and will have an encampment set up all afternoon. They will have a recruiting exercise, as well as Musket Firing demonstration, a mock court martial and they will even be participating in our parade. George Washington will also be there.

The parade will start at 4:00. If you would like to participate in the parade, applications are available at city hall and on the city website. At 5:00 the food trucks will be ready to serve. There will be live music by Poor Mouth Henry, PTS pie eating contest, Firehouse corn hole tournament, free pony rides for kids, colonial games, and a giant birthday cake to celebrate America's birthday! The evening will end with a special fireworks display. Yet another way to build memories in Port Republic.

Our beach is now ready for the summer season with lifeguards on duty on weekends now and every day, starting on June 20th (weather permitting).

Enjoy the summer!!

Mayor Niki

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 13th

Citywide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 20th (27th raindate)

Port Community Day

Monday, September 7th

Last Day for Port Beach

Saturday, September 19th

Duct Tape Boat Regatta

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, July 14th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, August 11th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, September 8th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, October 13th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, November 10th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street
Tuesday, December 8th	6:30 pm	City Hall 143 Main Street

2026 Events

Port City-Wide Yard Sale	JUNE 13
Port Community Day	JUNE 20
Port Community Day (rain date)	JUNE 27
Port Beach Closure	SEPTEMBER 7
Duct Tape Boat Regatta	SEPTEMBER 19
City-Wide Cleanup	SEPTEMBER 26
Heritage Day/SAR Monument Cer.	OCTOBER 3
Port Firehouse Dinner	OCTOBER 17
Fall Fest / Outdoor Movie	OCTOBER 24
Tree Lighting Ceremony	DECEMBER 3

All events are subject to change.

Please visit the City website or official social media pages for updates.

JOIN THE PORT DAY PARADE!

Be part of one of Port Republic's favorite traditions!

Whether you're riding a decorated bike, pulling a wagon, driving a classic car, representing a local organization, or creating a float, we'd love to have you join the parade and show off your community spirit!

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

RAIN DATE: JUNE 27, 2026

PARADE BEGINS: 4:00 PM

LINE-UP BEGINS: 3:45 PM
Behind City Hall along Park Avenue

★ ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 17, 2026 ★

How to Get an Application:

Pick up an application at **CITY HALL**

Download from the **CITY WEBSITE**

Email: mayor@portrepublicnj.org

★ LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S PARADE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER! ★

PORT REPUBLIC

COMMUNITY DAY

And

AMERICA'S

250th YEAR CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

(RAIN DATE JUNE 27,2026)

1:00–9:30PM

HARRY BOWEN MEMORIAL PARK

MAIN STREET
PORT REPUBLIC

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1:00–4:00PM	REVOLUTIONARY WAR REENACTORS ENCAMPMENT INCLUDING GEORGE WASHINGTON "TOWNS PEOPLE" TEACHING COLONIAL WAYS
4:00PM	PARADE
5:00–8:30PM	• FOOD TRUCKS OPEN • LIVE MUSIC WITH POOR MOUTH HENRY • PTS PIE EATING CONTEST • PORT FIREHOUSE CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT • PONY RIDES FOR KIDS • COLONIAL GAMES
9:00PM	FIREWORKS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT PORT REPUBLIC CITY HALL.

Port Republic BEACH Season IS HERE!

Sunshine, sand, and good times—
we can't wait to see you at the beach!

BEACH SEASON DATES

The Beach is Open:

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

through

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

(Labor Day)

Lifeguards on Duty Daily • 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
(Weather Permitting)

BEACH BADGES

Daily & Seasonal Badges Available

DAILY BADGES
Available from the Beach Badge Attendants or City Hall if the Attendants are not on duty.

SEASONAL BADGES
Available from the Beach Badge Attendants or City Hall if the Attendants are not on duty.

Thank you for supporting our beach and lifeguard program!

BEACH SAFETY REMINDERS

SWIM ONLY WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY.
For your safety, always follow lifeguard instructions.

NO DIVING.
The water near our beach is shallow. Diving can cause serious injury.

CARRY IN, CARRY OUT.
Please take all trash and belongings with you to keep our beach beautiful.

BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.
Help us keep the beach a safe, clean, and enjoyable place for all.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
follow lifeguard and staff directions.

DON'T FORGET THE ESSENTIALS!

- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Hat & Sunglasses
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Beach Chair
- ✓ Good Vibes!

See you at the beach!

Stay Connected!

For beach updates, closures, and announcements:

Visit: www.portrepublicnj.org

Follow us on Facebook @CityofPortRepublic

Call City Hall: 609-652-8877

Our Beach. Our Community. Let's Keep It Beautiful!

Community UPDATES & REMINDERS

PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY

Preserving Our History for Future Generations

The Port Republic Heritage Society has been making great progress in restoring our town's first firehouse and turning it into a museum to preserve Port Republic's rich history.

- **The building** has been substantially restored
- **The electric has been upgraded**
- **We hope to begin painting both the interior** and the exterior over the summer months.

We still have much to do and the continued generosity of our residents is most appreciated.

Get Involved!

We welcome any community members who are interested in volunteering or in joining the Heritage Society as new members.

Your time, talents, and support make a difference!

TAX BILL REMINDER

Watch for Your

2026/2027 TAX BILL

Residents should expect to receive their new tax bills over the summer, typically in **late July or early August.**

When Making Your Payment

Please remember to include the **appropriate payment stub** with your payment.

INCLUDING THE CORRECT STUB HELPS ENSURE:

- Accurate processing
- Proper account crediting
- Timely posting of payments

Thank you for your cooperation!

Save the Date
Celebrating Our Graduates!

Join us as we celebrate two important milestones for our students at Port Republic School. On Tuesday, June 16th, we will recognize our Kindergarten graduates as they take their first big step forward and honor our 8th grade graduates as they prepare to begin an exciting new chapter in high school.

We congratulate all of our graduates and their families on their hard work, accomplishments, and dedication throughout the school year. We wish each student continued success and look forward to seeing all they achieve in the years ahead! 🎓💙💛

Congratulations

TO THE

GRADUATES!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

PORT REPUBLIC
Privateers

YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION,
AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE BROUGHT YOU
TO THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE.

The future is yours—go make it amazing!

Once a **PRIVATEER,** *Always a* **PRIVATEER!**

PORT REPUBLIC

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

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

The Port Republic Athletic Fund is raising money for new playground equipment at Harry Bowen Memorial Park.

For 30 years, the Port Republic Athletic Fund has dedicated the Jersey Genesis Triathlon's proceeds to improving Harry Bowen Memorial Park. After the incredible success of our Pirate Ship Playground, we are eager to add another addition.

While our race proceeds go directly toward park upgrades and maintenance, they won't cover the full cost of this next project. We are asking for your help to bring this vision to life sooner.

Our Vision

Help us bring a touch of magic to our park!

Scan here to donate

OR

Make Checks Payable To:

Port Republic Athletic Fund, PO Box 86 Port Republic, NJ 08241

WARNING: VINES, SHRUBS, TREES & GRASSES to AVOID PLANTING!

If your property is like most American yards, it harbors at least a few and probably several of the plants listed on this page – all of which are invasive and detrimental. Most come from Asia, but they are sold at your local garden centers and also spread easily from backyards, neighborhoods and roadsides. They invade habitats and replace native plants because they have left behind in their homeland the diseases and insects that control them there.

By contrast, our native shrubs, trees, perennials, and grasses fit naturally into the local ecology and provide leaf food for the insects that form the base of the food web for our birds and wildlife. When invasive plants outcompete natives, the ecosystem is disrupted. You can help mend your yard and your neighborhood's ecology by removing invasives and planting natives.

VINES
English Ivy (Hedera helix)
Vinca/Periwinkle (Vinca minor)
Wintercreeper/Creeping Euonymus (Euonymus fortunei)
Chinese Wisteria (Wisteria sinensis) **-->**
Japanese Wisteria (W. floribunda)
Japanese Hops (Humulus japonicus)

GRASSES:
Miscanthus (Miscanthus sinensis)
Fountain Grass (Pennisetum species)
Bamboo (Phyllostachys and Bambusa species)
Pampas Grass (Saccharum ravennae)

SHRUBS:
Japanese Barberry (Berberis thunbergii) **-->**
Butterfly Bush (Buddleia davidii)
Privet (Ligustrum obtusifolium, L. ovalifolium, L. vulgare)
Japanese Spirea (Spire japonica)
Scotch Broom (Cytisus scoparius)
Forsythia (Forsythia viridissima)
Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina domestica)
Burning Bush (Winged Euonymus (Euonymus elata)
Shrub Honeysuckle (Lonicera species)

TREES:
Bradford/Callery/Ornamental Pear (Pyrus calleryana) **-->**
Empress or Princess Tree (Paulownia tomentosa)
Mimosa (Albizia julibrissin)
Norway Maple (Acer platanoides)
White Mulberry (Morus alba)

For more information: go to: http://www.patsuttonwildlifegarden.com/some-sources-native-plants/ or: https://npsnj.org/information-about-invasive-plants/

sustainablejersey.com

portgreenteam.com

Port Community Church

www.portcommunitychurch.com

PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH
118 Main Street, Port Republic, NJ
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.portcommunitychurch.com
REGISTER AT WEBSITE OR SCAN

VBS REGISTRATION

INVITE FRIENDS and FAMILY! GET REGISTERED ASAP!

* PreK3 must be potty trained

**Please note that there will be a Youth trac through GRADE 8!

From the Mayor's Kitchen

Lemon BUNDT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature plus 1-2 Tbs for greasing the bundt pan
- 2 cups Granulated sugar
- 3 cups unbleached flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 Tbs lemon juice
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 Tbs. lemon zest

FOR GLAZE

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup lemon juice

A sweet & tangy classic—perfect for any occasion!

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325. Grease well, 10" Bundt pan with 1–2 Tbs. of cold butter.
2. With a mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add lemon zest and vanilla.
3. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition to fully incorporate.
4. Sift together flour, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. Stir well before adding to wet ingredients.
5. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the butter mixture, adding a few spoonfuls at a time and alternating with buttermilk. Begin and end with the dry ingredients.
6. Stir in lemon juice.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared Bundt pan, spreading it evenly.
8. Bake on the middle rack for 1 hour and 5 minutes. Cake is done when it pulls away from the sides of the pan and a tester comes out clean.
9. Prepare the glaze immediately after the cake comes out of the oven. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the butter, sugar, and lemon juice, stirring frequently until the butter is melted and the sugar is dissolved.
10. Poke holes in the warm cake and pour the glaze evenly over the cake. Let the cake cool completely in the pan.
11. Invert the cooled cake onto a plate or cake stand and dust with powdered sugar.

Mayoral Tip:

For extra lemon flavor, add a little additional lemon zest to the glaze or a squeeze of lemon juice just before serving!

Enjoy this delightful treat with family and friends!

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC

Elected officials and dedicated staff working together to serve our community.

MAYOR

Monica "Niki" Giberson
Mayor

CITY COUNCIL

Roger Giberson	Steven Allgeyer	Eugene Hawn	Michael Turner	David Crawford	Jeffrey Ropiecki	Donna Riegel
Council President At-Large	*Councilmember Ward I*	*Councilmember Ward I*	*Councilmember Ward I*	*Councilmember Ward II*	*Councilmember Ward II*	*Councilmember Ward II*

CITY HALL STAFF

ADMINISTRATION	FINANCE	TAX COLLECTOR	TAX ASSESSOR	PUBLIC WORKS	CONSTRUCTION / ZONING
Brandy M. Blevin	**Amy Stover**	**Renee DeSalvo**	**Bill Johnson**	**Bill Montag**	**Pat Naticchione**
Municipal Clerk / Registrar	*Chief Financial Officer*	*Tax Collector*	*Tax Assessor*	*Director of Public Works*	*Construction / Zoning Official*

CITY HALL INFORMATION

143 Main Street
Port Republic, NJ 08241

609-652-1501

www.portrepublicnj.org

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Proud of Our Past • Focused on Our Future

Small Group, Big Impact!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Citywide Cleanup!

Our volunteers rolled up their sleeves and helped make a difference throughout the community, collecting 7 bags of trash and 2 bags of recycling. Every piece picked up helps keep Port Republic clean, beautiful, and enjoyable for everyone.

We're grateful to all who gave their time to help care for our city. If you missed this cleanup, don't worry, there will be more opportunities to get involved. Stay tuned for information on our next Citywide Cleanup, and we'd love to see even more volunteers join us!

Together, we can keep Port Republic looking its best.

Thank you for reading & hope everyone has a great Summer!

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