



# Port News

2024 - 3rd Edition

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**PortRepublicNJ.org**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...

Dear Port Residents:



Fall is just around the corner! We are finishing up a successfully beach season, putting out tennis court/basketball court, and the storm water drain project out to bid, along with our re-development plan for our gravel pit. We are looking forward to the next Duct Boat Regatta on Sunday, September 15th and the Fall Festival/Movie Night on Saturday, October 28th.

*Mayor Niki*



Sunday, September 15th: Duct Boat Regatta @ Port Beach 11:30am

Saturday, September 28th: Fall Town Clean Up @ Harry Bowen Park 10am

Saturday, October 5th: 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration 3pm

Saturday, October 19th: Fire House Roast Beef Dinner 3:30pm

Saturday, October 26th: Fall Fest/Movie Night @ Harry Bowen Memorial Field 5-8pm

Thursday, October 31st: Trick or Treat 6-8pm

Thursday, December 5th: Tree Lighting 6pm



# Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company



## CELEBRATING MILESTONES

On June 15th, during Port Community Day the members of the Port Republic Volunteer Fire Company were presented pins for their years of service. Our entire community is so grateful for all that these volunteers do. Thank you to all of you!

## RECIPIENTS WERE:

**1 YEAR:** BARRET KURTZ, PAT PROSS, BILL MONTAG

**5 YEARS:** SCOTT WINNEBERGER, BRAD NORRIS, RON GARBUTT, PAT DEFEO

**10 YEARS:** ROBERT THOMPSON

**15 YEARS:** ZACK WYTHE, PAUL CHAMPION JR., PAUL CHAMPION SR., COLLIN EVANS

**20 YEARS:** BRETT WESSLER, SCOTT WYTHE, BRIAN WESSLER, NICK LAMPE

**25 YEARS:** JACK YOCHIM, ERIK WESSLER, GENE HAWN, MARK EVANS

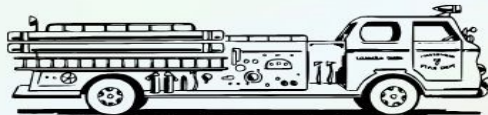
**30 YEARS:** DEAN DUNCAN

**35 YEARS:** JOHN YOCHIM, KEVIN WESSLER, BRUCE WESSLER, BRAD HOOPER, JOE BUTLER

**50 YEARS:** ROBERT WILSON, LARRY WILSON JR.

**65 YEARS:** LARRY WILSON SR., ROBERT ADAMS (BOTH OF THEM HAVE SERVED FOR 69 YEARS)

**SOCIAL MEMBER CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE GIVEN TO:** DANE COLTON, JOHN GARTH, ROBERT MATHIS AND JESSE WISE.

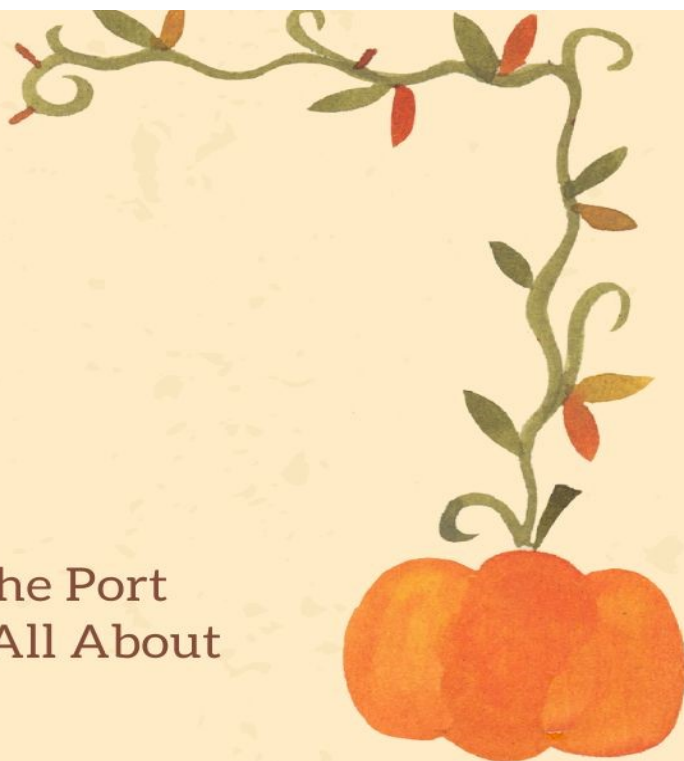


**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE  
ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER, PLEASE  
CONTACT JOE BUTLER @ (609) 226-7498.**

From the Mayor's Kitchen

# PUMPKIN ROLL

This recipe can also be found in the Port Republic Community Cookbook All About Fruit.



## INGREDIENTS

- 3 eggs
- 2/3 c. canned pumpkin
- 3/4 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 c. confectioner's sugar, plus more for dusting
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 (3oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 stick butter, room temperature
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract



## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour a 17"x12" jelly roll pan. With an electric mixer, beat the eggs, sugar, pumpkin and lemon juice until smooth. Mix flour, ginger, salt, baking powder and cinnamon. Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture and blend until fully combined. Spread the batter in the jellyroll pan. Bake until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean, about 14 minutes. Let the cake cool in the pan for 5 minutes. Invert the cake onto a wire rack. Sprinkle some of the confectioner's sugar on the towel over the cake. Roll the cake up in the towel on the long side and cool in the refrigerator thoroughly for about 45 minutes. With an electric mixer, combine the confectioner's sugar, cream cheese, butter and vanilla and beat until smooth. Carefully unroll the cooled cake and spread the cream cheese frosting on top of the cake. Gently reroll the cake up and refrigerate it until you are ready to slice and serve. Dust with confectioner's sugar just before serving.

P O R T  
R E P U B L I C  
C O M M U N I T Y  
C O O K B O O K

*All About Fruit*

N O W  
A V A I L A B L E  
A T C I T Y H A L L  
F O R \$ 1 2



## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

### City Clerk's Office

Brandy B. Blevin, RMC

Lisa M. Morris

9:00 am—4:30 pm

Monday—Friday

609-652-1501

[brandy@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:brandy@portrepublicnj.org)

[lisa@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:lisa@portrepublicnj.org)

### Construction Office

Richard Stevens

4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday

609-652-8759

*construction*

[@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:@portrepublicnj.org)

### Tax Assessor

Bill Johnson

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday monthly

609-652-1501

[bill@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:bill@portrepublicnj.org)

### Tax Collector

Renee DeSalvo

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

1st & 3rd Thursday monthly

[renee@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:renee@portrepublicnj.org)

### Public Works Department

Dave Eisenhard, Supervisor

Kyle Ayers

### Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays

12:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturdays

8:00 am—4:30 pm

# This & That

## 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](http://www.portrepublicnj.org), then go to Community Resources, then click on Community Notification Portal and fill in requested information.



will be on

**Thursday, October 31st  
between 6 pm and 8 pm**

### 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

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**

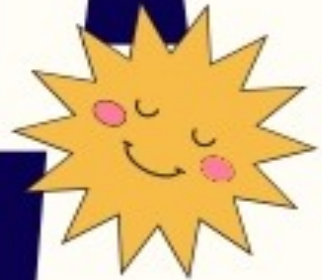
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<https://portrepublicschool.wixsite.com/mysite>

# LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Port Republic School is looking for volunteers to join others to pick up lunches at Absegami High School and serve them to the Port Republic students. If you are interested, please call the school @ 609 652-7377



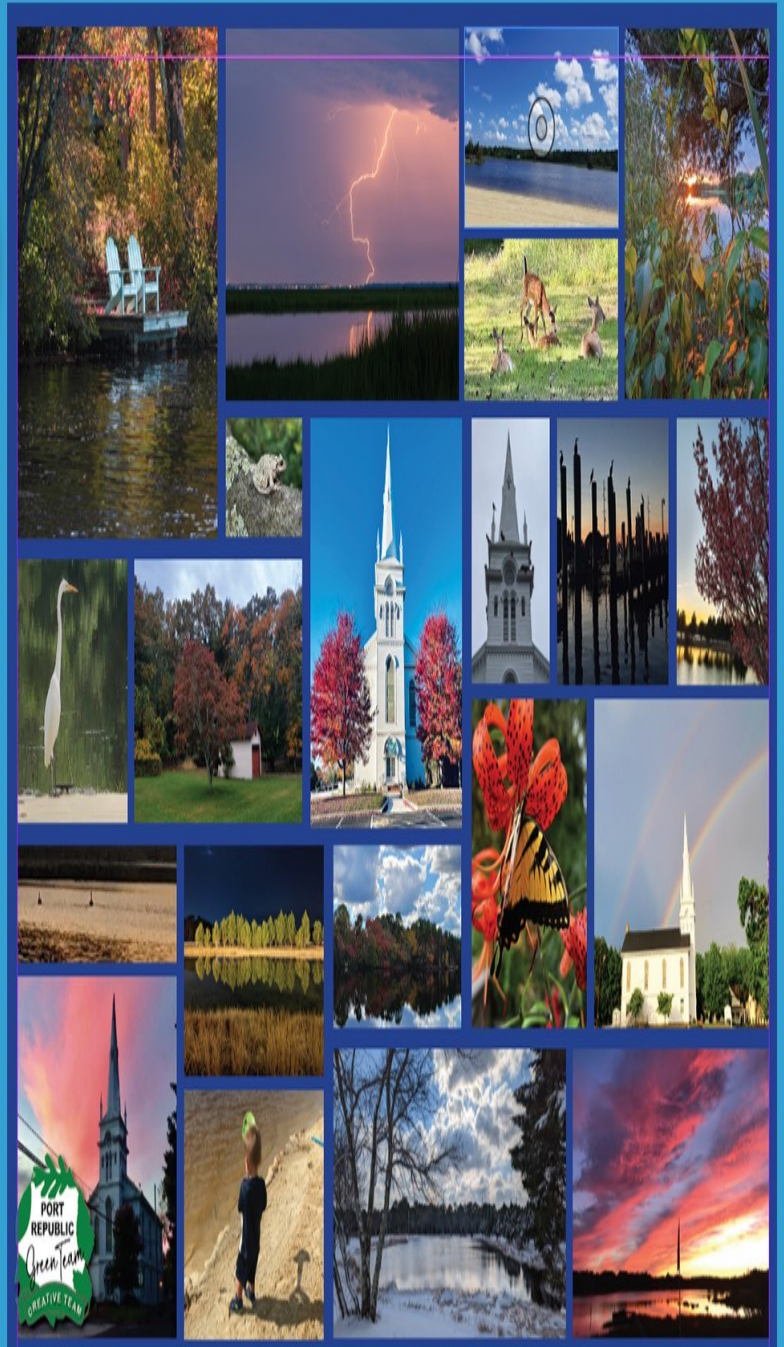
# 2025

*Scenes of Port Republic*

## CALENDAR

will make its debut at the  
Walking Bird Farm Festival  
on September 14th.

\$20 each - Two for \$30



*Beautifully photographed by local artists.*

*Get yours before they're gone!*





CITY OF PORT REPUBLIC  
 Annual Cardboard Duct Tape Boat Regatta  
**2024 Boat Registration Form**  
**Sunday, Sept 15, 2024**



Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Boat Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Captain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of people in the boat \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other crew Members\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one of the following:**

Youth Division (Ages 5-13)     Adult Division (Ages 14 and Older)

Multi Age Division (*youth & adult- at least one youth on the team*)     Single (1 person age 12 or under)

\$30 per boat for all entries received **before September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

\$35 per boat for entries received after September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, including same day registration.  
*(The first 10 early boat registrations will receive a T-shirt)*

If entering more than one boat, please complete separate registration forms for each boat. *If you think your boat can make it around the course multiple times, a boat can be entered in multiple divisions. For example, one boat can be entered in the Youth division and crewed only with youth members, then again entered in the Adult division and crewed only by members 14 or older. In this example, you would complete TWO registration forms and pay the entrance fee twice. (Similarly, one person can be listed as a crew member on multiple boats. This does not incur any extra fee since the entry fee is per boat, not per person.)*

Entries will be accepted on-site on the day of the event. Caution! There is a maximum number of boats allowed. If you wait to register on the day of the race, there may not be a spot for you, and you may be turned away. Limited to 40 boats.

To enter the Duct Boat Regatta, please send (or drop off) this completed form and a check payable to **City of Port Republic** to:

143 Main Street  
 Port Republic, NJ 08241



- Spectators invited, welcomed, and FREE
- Refreshments will be available for purchase from an on-site food truck.
- For questions/info, contact Valerie Kozlowski at 609-204-1633 (texting is best)

***\*This can be TBD and filled in when you check in on race day***

**City of Port Republic  
Annual Cardboard Duct Tape Boat Regatta  
September 15, 2024**



**Timeline:**

- 11:30** – Registration table opens. Boat/Competitor Check in. Entry & Release forms collected for prohibited building materials.
- 1:00** – Registration closes. Visual boat judging begins. Competitor’s positions/heats will be determined.
- 1:00** – Rubber Duck Race - tentative (details at event)
- 1:25** – Competitor heat positions will be announced.
- 1:30** – Races begin.

**Official Rules:** The only material to use for building your boat: **cardboard and duct tape**

1. Only cardboard or corrugated cardboard may be used.
2. Only duct tape may be used on the cardboard. **Wax, silicone, fiberglass resins, epoxy glues, staples, nails, clamps, and screws are prohibited.**
3. **Decorations** may be made of any material but cannot help in keeping the boat together or afloat.
4. Only oars, paddles, or wind may be used to propel the boat. Oars, paddles, and sails may be made from any material and may be homemade or store bought.
5. Each boat must have **at least 2 team members** in the Youth, Adult, & Multi-Age Divisions. (Singles will be allowed only for age 12 & under)
6. A person can register more than one boat. In other words, one person can race in multiple boats.
7. All participants **must bring & wear personal flotation devices** (PFDs) throughout the race. Passengers in your boat must not be enclosed above their shoulders. All passengers must be visible while the boat is in the water. During competition, crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, swimming, or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.
8. Each team must remove their entire boat and any boat remains from the water when the race is finished. A receptacle for trash will be provided.
9. If a judge has reason to believe that a boat is made of prohibited materials, the team will be asked to prove otherwise.
10. Any boat deemed “unsafe” will not be allowed to enter the race.
11. Races go off in two-boat heats. All races are timed.
12. The course is from the beach, around the buoy and back to the beach.



**Trophy Award Categories**

- Fastest Time- 1<sup>st</sup> in Youth Division (Ages 5-13)
- Fastest Time- 1<sup>st</sup> in Adult Division (Ages 14 and older)
- Fastest Time- 1<sup>st</sup> in Multi-age Division (Youth and Adult)
- Fastest Time – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Single Division
- Fastest Time - Top Dog – Fastest time in final heat of all boats that survived their initial race.
- Most Patriotic
- Best Lookin’ Boat
- Most Creative Boat Design
- Most Creative Crew Costumes
- Best Boat/Crew Theme
- Most Seaworthy
- Sunk like the Titanic
- Best Crew Effort
- Best Teamwork
- Best in Show
- Carrier Trophy (*boat successfully carrying the most crew members*)
- Mayor’s Choice Award

**Remember to be  
creative and have  
fun!!!**



**“Sunk Like the Titanic”**

**Duct Tape Boat Regatta is Sponsored by the Port Republic Events Committee**

## Questions?

1. **Rain date?** There is no rain date. This is rain or shine. If the forecast is for thunderstorms, we will decide that day, minute by minute, watching the weather maps and hoping for an opening. If you want an update call Val at 609-204-1633 (texting is best)
2. **Cancellations/Refunds?** No refunds will be given. We have expenses to pay (lifeguards, trash dumpster rental, etc) even if the weather requires the cancellation of the event.
3. **Does the boat need to be built by the people in it?** No, we don't care who builds your boat, as long as it is made ONLY out of cardboard and duct tape.
4. **How long is the course?** You need to paddle your boat from the beach out to a buoy about 30 yards in the river, circle the buoy and return to the beach.
5. **How do the boat heats work?** After all boats have checked in, (1:00 pm) all entries will be matched up in **two-boat** heats. Race officials will determine which two boats are in each heat. You are racing for time, not necessarily to beat the other boat in your heat. Your boat may be matched up against a boat in a different division. (though boats in the Single division will only race against other Single boats) There will be individual timers for each boat. The Timers will report the time to the race officials who will determine the fastest times in each division.
6. **What is the Top Dog Race?** After all boats have raced in their two-boat heat, any boat/team that thinks they can make it around the course again, can race in the TOP DOG Race. In the TOP DOG race ALL boats will line up in the water and go off at the same time > all paddling like crazy to get from beach to buoy to beach again. The first boat to reach back to the beach is the winner of the TOP DOG trophy.
7. **Releases:** Each person in the boat must have a signed release. See next page. Make extra copies for each member in the boat. We will have copies at the registration desk if you forget.

*Top Dog Race*

*Red Buoy*



*Beach Line*

# DUCT TAPE BOAT REGATTA

## PARTICIPANT RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE City of Port Republic Duct Tape Boat Regatta may subject me to hazards and risks, including bodily injury. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the City of Port Republic Duct Tape Boat Regatta event, I, by such participation, agree to assume such hazards, risks, and conditions. In further consideration of my being permitted to participate, I do hereby waive, release and forever discharge and hold Port Republic City and its elected and appointed officers, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers and all others acting on its behalf harmless from any and all claims or causes of action known and unknown for any and all injury, illness, damage or loss, including, but not limited to, death, that may occur to me or my personal property as result of any aspect of my participation in the City of Port Republic Duct Tape Boat Regatta.

I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify Port Republic City and its elected and appointed officers, employees, agents, representatives and all others acting on its behalf, from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, proceedings, actions or lawsuits for personal injury, death, personal property damage, losses, expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and/or costs for trial and appeals), damages, and any and all liabilities of any nature whatsoever, whether legal, equitable or otherwise, relating to my participation in, or arising from, the City of Port Republic Duct Tape Boat Regatta.

I further expressly agree that the foregoing Participant Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws in the State of New Jersey. The undertakings and covenants of the foregoing provisions shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS PARTICIPANT RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, and further agree that no oral representations, statements, promises, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. I ASSUME ALL THE RISK INHERENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE DUCT TAPE REGATTA EVENT AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.**

Waiver-Release Goes with Team: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**PARENTAL CONSENT:** I give consent for my **child/children** \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the City of Port Republic Duct Tape Boat Regatta knowing the inherent risks associated with the activity and I agree that all terms and conditions that are set forth above are applicable to the child/children identified herein.

I further release any and all said officers and other participants for any claims whatsoever on account of first aid treatment or service rendered to my child during or related to his/her participation in the said Duct Tape Regatta.

I affirmatively represent to the City of Port Republic that I have authority under the laws of the State of New Jersey to execute this Parental Consent with regard to the child/children identified herein

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Additional child/children may be listed on the reverse if necessary.

# CITY-WIDE

# CLEANUP



Harry Bowen Park,  
Port Republic, NJ 

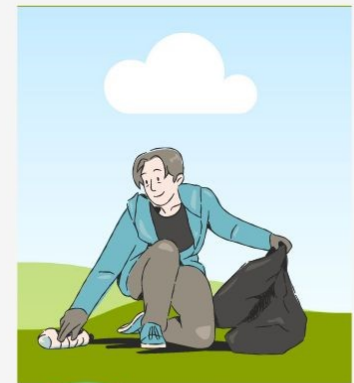
Keep Port litter free -  
Join the Fall Cleanup!

# SEP 28

10:00am - 12:00pm

Make a difference one  
cleanup at a time.

Email [brandy@portrepublicnj.org](mailto:brandy@portrepublicnj.org) for more information



**Lunch provided  
after  
cleanup!**

# REGISTRATION FORM

(DUE BY 9/20/24)

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Name(s):

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Shirt Size(s):

Children's Sizes:

Small \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Large \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's Sizes:

Small \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Large \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_

**More information about the cleanup:**

We will meet at the pavilion at Harry Bowen Memorial Park (by City Hall) at 10 am. T-shirts, gloves, trash bags and grabbers will be provided. You can let us know where you would like to clean, or we will assign you an area. At noon we will meet back at the pavilion to enjoy a FREE lunch along with refreshments.

# PORT REPUBLIC

## 2ND ANNUAL HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Cemetery Tour & Ghost Stories

October 5, 2024



Cemetery Tours & Port History @ 3pm

Hayride & Ghost Stories @ 4:30pm



Donations: \$20 Adults

\$15 Age 12 and under

Call (609) 652-3224 for reservations

**GET READY for the Heritage Society's Second Annual Fundraising Event HALLOWEEN HAYRIDES, HISTORY AND HAUNTING STORIES**

**Proceeds to benefit the future PORT MUSUEM**

Please support this event by purchasing an ad in our event booklet. All attendees receive our booklet filled with your ad, Port history and event information.

**EVENT DATE - OCTOBER 5, 2024**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENT BRITE AND AT TOWN HALL**

**Cemetery Tours & Port History @ 3pm  
Hayride & Ghost Stories @ 4:30pm**



**FULL PAGE ADS INCLUDE ONE FREE EVENT TICKET - \$100  
PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR AD OR NAME YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED AS A PATRON ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO :**

**PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY  
DROP OFF OR MAIL TO HERITAGE SOCIETY C/O CITY HALL,  
143 MAIN STREET, PORT REPUBLIC, NJ 08241**



**Since the BURNING of CHESTNUT NECK during the Revolutionary War, GHOSTS have HAUNTED our TOWN!**



**Be THRILLED by our HISTORY and HELP SUPPORT OUR efforts to open our museum!**





*Support Your  
Community*

PORT  
REPUBLIC  
VOLUNTEER  
FIRE  
COMPANY  
ROAST BEEF  
DINNER

OCTOBER 19TH, 2024

3:30PM-7:30PM

PORT REPUBLIC FIREHOUSE

116 BLAKES LANE



# PORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

## FALL 2024

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

### WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
6:30 PM EVENING SERVICE  
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Time to Grow in Your Faith!

### FREE SENIOR LUNCHEONS

AUGUST 31  
SEPTEMBER 28  
NOVEMBER 16

12NOON

Great food, fun, & fellowship!

### SHARE & CARE GROUP

09/17 TUESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

An informal gathering for those who are dealing with or have dealt with grief, depression, anxiety, addiction, and their caregivers, etc.

### PGC at Port Fall Fest

10/26

Free Hayrides  
Bake Sale with Fall Goodies  
Gift Basket Raffles

### KIDZ ZONE EVENTS

PRESCHOOL 3 - GRADE 5

OCTOBER 19 @ 10AM-1PM "ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE"	CRAFTS GAMES
DECEMBER 21 @ 10AM-1PM "CHRISTMAS CAPTIONS"	COOKING DANCE BIBLE DIG LUNCH

REGISTER NOW  
AT WEBSITE

### HB WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:AM  
Job: A man who dealt with hardship.  
Overcoming the overwhelming!

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM  
Calling all men! Join forces  
with other men who are seeking  
God together!

### DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM  
Daniel didn't let the heat deter  
him from following God!

### Young Women's BIBLE STUDY

First Sunday of Each Month @ 5PM  
Studying topics in light of God's  
Word and sweet fellowship as we  
apply it to our lives

118 MAIN STREET  
PORT REPUBLIC, NJ 08241  
609-412-7352  
[office@portcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@portcommunitychurch.com)  
[www.portcommunitychurch.com](http://www.portcommunitychurch.com)  
HOMEBASE (HB):  
66 Pomona Avenue, Port Republic

# Smoke Alarms at Home



**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

## FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo

# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ❗ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ❗ In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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## Will the Fire Department clean my chimney for me?

**No. The fire department does not provide chimney sweep services as there are too many liabilities and issues that may arise. There are licensed professionals that perform cleanings.**

Chimney sweeps inspect, clean and repair residential and commercial chimneys. The traditional method of cleaning chimneys involves a two-step process in which the sweep brushes from the top of the chimney outside the building, and then finishes by sweeping and cleaning the fire box from inside the premises. There are a lot of risks that are associated with operating a chimney sweep.

Liability of a volunteer firefighter, a fire department, or a municipality depends upon all the facts and circumstances in each particular case and, therefore we refrain from actions such as this that could be determined by the courts as negligent.

Please remember when heating devices are not properly maintained, the result can be dangerous and sometimes disastrous

## **FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

- ★ Burn dry hardwood - (If possible). If your wood is wet or not fully cured, it will not burn as hot as dry wood. It will also smoke more. Burning wet wood leads to creosote building up faster in your chimney.
- ★ Keep combustibles away. Woodstoves should be at least three feet away from unprotected combustible materials. Keep the area around the hearth clear of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- ★ Keep a fire extinguisher handy for every fireplace or stove.
- ★ Clean your chimney. Chimneys should be inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist to prevent fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. Check your flue regularly for any obstructions such as squirrel or bird nests, debris, etc.
- ★ Check the draft. Before starting a fire in your fireplace or woodstove, be sure the draft is wide open. This allows proper ventilation for your fire.
- ★ Keep your fireplace and chimney in good condition. Check your chimney for cracks and loose mortar or bricks. Have any problems fixed before using your fireplace or wood stove.
- ★ Tend to your fire. Never leave a fire in your fireplace unattended. Make sure the fire is extinguished before going to bed.

**If a fire starts and you have any doubt about whether or not to fight the fire – Don't!**

**Get out and call 9-1-1.**



## IMPORTANT WELL WATER TESTING INFORMATION

Atlantic County Division of Public Health

Many homes and businesses in Atlantic County use well water for their drinking water supply. A number of water samples each year show one or more contaminants that exceed state or federal drinking water standards.

**Help is available for you and your family to decide what tests are necessary, how to interpret the results, and where to obtain assistance for treatment systems or public water supply connections, if available.**

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***ATLANTIC COUNTY RESIDENTS USING WELL WATER FOR THEIR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO TEST THEIR WATER FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTAMINANTS:***

**\$30 TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA** – These bacteria are used as an indicator that other, more harmful microbes may be present in the water. Samples that show presence of total coliform are further tested for E. coli at no additional cost.

**\$20 NITRATE** – An acute health hazard for infants and pregnant women, high nitrate levels are attributed to fertilizers, septic systems and animal waste.

**\$20 LEAD** – Lead contamination in drinking water is usually attributed to leaching of lead from solder, plumbing components and faucets.

**\$30 MERCURY** – From landfills, crop erosion and household products.

**\$95 VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS** – A variety of solvents and fuel additives.

**\$125 SEMIVOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS** – Three pesticide-related chemicals.

**\$90 PERCHLORATE** – A chemical found in rocket propellants, munitions, fertilizers.

**\$100 RADIUM** – A radioactive metal that is found to be naturally occurring in the underground soil formations in parts of Southern New Jersey.

**\$50 METAL SCANS** – Tests for 8 different metallic substances – Aluminum, Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Manganese, and Sodium. Or order any one of these for \$15.

Atlantic County Division of Public Health  
Environmental Health Unit  
201 South Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225  
Phone: (609) 645-5971 / Fax: (609) 645-5923  
<http://www.aclink.org/PublicHealth>

Revised February 2019

**WELL WATER TESTING THROUGH ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH:**

Check or money order made payable to Atlantic County Division of Public Health must be provided prior to or at the time of sample collection. Please call (609) 645-5971. *Testing will not be done by the County for resales of existing homes, new well construction, or rental properties – for these situations, please contact the laboratories below.*

The following chart is a list of privately owned certified laboratories that perform well water sampling for homes and businesses in the Atlantic County area. They are capable of arranging tests for the contaminants listed on this notice. Please contact the laboratories for current prices and certifications.

LAB NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	STATE ID #
Cape Environmental Laboratory	102 N. Main St, Cape May Court House NJ 08210	(609) 463-0077	05679
EMSL Analytical Inc.	200 Route 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077	(800) 220-3675 x1214	04653
Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	54 Main Street, Waretown, NJ 08005	(800) 273-8901	20044
Hera Environmental, Inc.	1879-1 Old Cuthbert Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034	(856) 429-5200	04003
Precision Analytical Services	2161 Whitesville Rd., Toms River, NJ 08753	(732) 914-1515	15001
Eurofins QC, Vineland Division	1835 W. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360	(856) 563-0101	06005
South Jersey Water Test, LLC	4077 South Black Horse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094	(856) 875-3506	08006
Vineland Environmental Laboratories	782 S. Brewster Rd., Suite B-1, Vineland, NJ 08360	(856) 692-6800	06003

For more information:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency –**  
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection –**  
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/>

**Private Well Testing Act of NJ – Testing for resales of homes on well water, and rental properties**  
[https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw\\_pwta.html](https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html)

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WHEN YOUR PET GOES ON THE LAWN,  
REMEMBER IT DOESN'T JUST  
GO ON THE LAWN.



Rain washes pollutants into storm drains and directly into our lakes, rivers and the ocean.  
So what can you do? Properly dispose of your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet  
or by placing it in a bag and throwing it in the trash.

[www.cleanwaterNJ.org](http://www.cleanwaterNJ.org)



Thanks to the Washington Department of Ecology, King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle and Tacoma.





# Senior Freeze

## Property Tax Reimbursement

# 2023

### Eligibility Requirements:\*

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2022, or you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2022, and also on December 31, 2023;

*and*

- You owned and lived in your home or leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you owned since December 31, 2019, or earlier;

*and*

- You paid all 2022 property taxes by June 1, 2023, and all 2023 property taxes by June 1, 2024;

*and*

- Your annual income was \$150,000\* or less in 2022 and \$163,050\* or less in 2023. With some exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.

\* Eligibility rules, income limits, and benefits may be changed by the State Budget that will take effect on July 1, 2024.

#### For Additional Information:

- Visit: [nj.gov/taxation](http://nj.gov/taxation), select *I am Looking for Property Tax Relief*, and then *Senior Freeze Program*;
- Call the *Senior Freeze Hotline*: 1 (800) 882-6597.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## PHYSICAL HEALTH AIDS

2024

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- September 15th—Duct Boat Regatta
- September 28th—Fall Town Clean Up
- October 5th—2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration
- October 19th-Port Firehouse Dinner
- October 26th —Fall Fest & Outdoor Movie Night
- October 31st—Trick-or-Treat
- December 5th-Port Tree Lighting

The Heritage Society meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at City Hall

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



## 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!



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

# September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Center Closed	3 	4 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	5 	6 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	7
8	9 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	10 	11 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	12 	13 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	14
15	16 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	17 	18 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	19 	20 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	21
22	23 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	24 	25 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	26 	27 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm	28
29	30 Atlantic County Nutrition Site 9am-12pm					

\*\*All Activities are subject to change

# September



**Bingo & Baked Potato Day -Tuesday 9/03 - 10:30am -12pm**  
Come play Bingo and enjoy a baked potato with toppings with Jackie from Seacrest!



**Family Feud & Pudding Day -Thursday 9/05- 10:30am -12pm** Come play Family Feud and enjoy some pudding for National Pudding Day!



**Donuts and Discussion-Tuesday 9/10 - 10:30am -12pm** Come enjoy an informative discussion with Kim from Holistic Hospice and enjoy some donuts/pastries!



**Bingo & snacks -Thursday 9/12 - 10:30am -12pm**  
Let's go back to school with Jackie from Seacrest and enjoy games of bingo and a packed lunch!



**Culinary Day -Tuesday 9/17-10:30 -12:30pm**  
Come out and enjoy making guava/cream cheese puff pastry **MAX 12 PEOPLE!**



**Craft day -Thursday 9/19-10:30- 12pm**  
Come join us for card making and snacks! Hosted by Diane and Galloway Township. **Max 25 people!**



**Bingo & Pizza -Tuesday 9/24- 10:30am -12pm**  
Come and enjoy games of bingo and pizza with Alice from Grace Healthcare Services.



**Bingo & snacks -Thursday 9/26- 10:30am -12pm**  
Come and enjoy games of bingo and snacks. Hosted by Laura from NJ Health.

**AARP**

**3rd Tuesday of each month**  
**Sept 17th**  
**12:30pm**

**Crochet and Knit**  
**with Lynn**  
**TUESDAYS**  
**1pm-3pm**

**Technology Class**  
**with Rich**  
**11:30am-12:30pm**  
**Sept 5th and Sept 17th**

**JITNEY NOW AVAILABLE**  
**EVERY THURSDAY**

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