

Port News

2025 - 1st Edition

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PortRepublicNJ.org

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR...



Dear Port Residents,

Happy New Year!

I am proud to say we made it through the year with lots of high points. Here is a look back into 2024:

The voters passed a referendum for Port Republic School which was a huge learning curve, especially for our City Clerk, Brandy who had to navigate a system that even the county was unsure of. The referendum was a big help to the future of our school. Council passed the redevelopment plan and awarded the job of managing the filling of our gravel pit with clean dredgings which will start by the end of this year, once all permits are obtained. Extra revenue is always a good thing. The contract for the rebuilding of the basketball/tennis court/ and added pickle ball courts was awarded and the project will begin in the spring. The financing of the project all fell into place which in the beginning seemed insurmountable. All the funding is now in place for this new recreational area.



The city sold the old city garage to the Heritage Society who is in the process of raising money to refurbish this building into a place to house Port Republic artifacts and a community meeting space.

This year we had a Mile Stone celebration for our volunteer fire fighters during Port Day to recognize the 30 volunteers and their commitment to keeping us safe. I am so impressed with their dedication.

Cameras have been installed upgrading our security system with more cameras to come this year. We completed the paving of Mill Road with grant money and received grants for the repaving of Adams and Pomona Ave. which will be done in the upcoming year.

Our long time city clerk Kim Campellone retired and our new team member, Lisa Morris was hired as our new deputy clerk and is now involved in the very long process of learning how to negotiate all of the ever changing tasks. This has been a particularly hard year for Brandy, with so many changes and unknowns, but she approaches each day with a smile on her face and always goes above and beyond what is expected. Our DPW team members Dave and Kyle under the direction of Bill Montag have done an incredible job in Port.

We are so fortunate to have Scott Winneberger as our emergency management coordinator. I had gone to the Fire House, which was set up as the central command base, when we had the missing person incident and was over whelmed by the efficiency and organization of the all professionals that came to help.



I am so grateful for the pirate ship playground that was installed on January 2nd. With the direction of Bill and Kathy Smallwood. The Port Republic Athletic Fund paid to have it built, with the city only paying for the labor to install the perimeter and the mulch. Already it is a big hit with our younger residents even in the cold weather. The city is applying for a recreational grant so hopefully we will be able to add more items to play on in the coming year.

We have welcomed a new Council Member, David Crawford. He has already jumped in as a recreation and personnel committee member and we are looking forward to him being part of our team. I am so proud to be mayor of such a unique place. Sometimes it is over whelming to think that the decisions we make have a huge impact on our future generations. I pray for wisdom for each one of us and the realization of how fortunate we all are to be here in Port Republic. I can't wait to see what 2025 has in store for us!

Mayor Niki



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

Richard Stevens
4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Monday & Wednesday
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

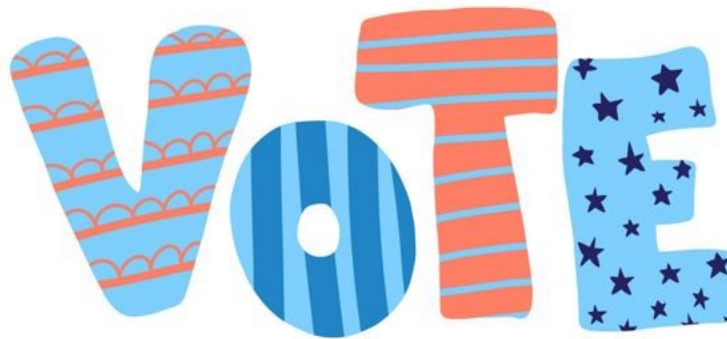
Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays
12:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturdays
8:00 am—4:30 pm

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Don't forget to



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

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

February 11th
March 11th
April 8th
May 14th
June 3rd
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

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

PortRepublicNJ.org



Amanda Redrow
Interim Superintendent

Todd D'Anna
Business Administrator

2025/2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:15 am - 2:30 pm

~ CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR CHILDS 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:

Incoming Kindergarten students should accompany parents to registration

Age Requirement:

Child **MUST** be 5 years old on or before October 1st of the school year for Kindergarten.

Enrollment Packet:

Available by request or visit school website www.portnj.org

Certificates/Identification:

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): You will have an opportunity to meet with our school nurse

Including, DTaP-4 doses, with 1 dose after the 4th 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.



DECLUTTER 2025

Do you have over-the-counter or prescription drugs you want to safely and legally dispose of? (No liquids or syringes please). Or clothing you would like to donate to a good cause? If so, please plan to drop them off at City Hall on:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025
FROM 9:00 AM -12:00 NOON**

Port Green Team members will distribute the clothing to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.



Now Hiring

Summer of '25



Lifeguards



Beach Badge
Attendants



Contact City Hall for more
information.

609-652-1501 or

Brandy@portrepublicnj.org

**ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:
TIME TO RENEW YOUR
PET'S LICENSE FOR 2025**

2025 dog licenses are now available for all dogs 6 months and older in Port Republic.

Licenses must be renewed annually.

Spayed/Neutered:
\$6.00

Non-Spayed/Non-
Neutered: \$11.00

***(We accept cash or
checks only.)***

***If your dog's rabies
vaccine expires before
November 1, 2025, a
booster shot is
required before you
can get a license.***

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE
CLERK'S OFFICE AT
609-652-1501**



FREE RABIES CLINIC

 **Date: Saturday, March 29th**

 **Times:**

- **Dogs: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Cats: 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

 **Location: Public Works Garage**



DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON-SITE.

- **SPAYED / NEUTERED: \$6.00**
- **NON-SPAYED / NON-NEUTERED: \$11.00**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 609-652-1501.



**Come Together to Support the
Port Republic Volunteer Fire
Company!**



Roast Beef Dinner



Date: Saturday, May 17th



Time: 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM



**Location: Port Republic
Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane**

*Enjoy a delicious meal while
supporting your local fire
company. Your community
thanks you for your support!*

JOIN THE PORT REPUBLIC VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY!



Are you 16 or older and eager to make a difference in your community?

We're looking for new members to join our dedicated team of volunteer firefighters!

Applications are available online at portrepublicnj.org/pdfs/gen/fireapplication.pdf or can be picked up in person at the Firehouse, 116 Blakes Lane, on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY

C/O PORT REPUBLIC CITY HALL
143 MAIN STREET
PORT REPUBLIC, N.J. 08241

Dear Resident and/or Friend of Port Republic,

As you may know, the Port Republic Heritage Society is in its third year of operation. We have acquired the city's First Fire House (built in 1929) from the City and are anxious to begin the hard work of transforming this old building into a museum where we can preserve and share documents, artifacts and old photographs of this great town.

The work to rehabilitate this old building which has been largely unused for a decade will be considerable and costly. We need a new roof, work to replace or repair interior walls, insulation, doors and windows replacements, new heating/air conditioning system, masonry, electrical and plumbing upgrades and a new bathroom in order to bring the building up to current standards for public use.

The Heritage Society has been working to raise the funds needed for this important project. We've held two fundraising events and sold Port Republic memorabilia (T-shirts, Christmas ornaments and commemorative booklets for Port's past events). We are in the process of applying for a state approved raffle license and we are having a Chinese auction fundraiser on Sat. March 29th, 2025 at The Carriage House (information attached).

We need Your help!

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the "Port Republic Heritage Society" to help us achieve our goal. We would also encourage any residents or friends with skills in construction or the trades to volunteer their help in order to reduce costs. Please fill out the form below to make a contribution or volunteer.

We have secured tax exempt status as a 501 (c)(3) organization so that we are qualified to receive tax deductible contributions or gifts and we are incorporated as a non-profit organization by the State of New Jersey.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Donna Riegel at 609-412-2649 or Jim Schroeder at 609-652-7431.

***Please mail this form and send with your contribution to :
Port Republic Heritage Society,
143 Main St.,
Port Republic, NJ 08241**

I would like to make a contribution:

Name _____ **Address** _____

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Amount _____ **Phone #** _____

I would like to volunteer.

Name _____ **Address** _____

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Skill or background _____

The Port Republic Heritage Society was formed to preserve, protect and display the historical documents and artifacts of Port Republic to share with current and future residents and all who may have a love for the rich history of this community.

***For your convenience...There is also a Dropbox in City Hall, an original voting box from our incorporation in 1905...Thank 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 (up to 2 adults, 2 children in household)	\$ 35.00
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: _____

THE PORT REPUBLIC HERITAGE SOCIETY CHINESE AUCTION AND DINNER

Join us on Saturday March 29th at The Carriage House
25 S. Pitney Rd, Galloway from 4-8 pm

An evening out for a GREAT cause!

Help us restore the future home of the Port Republic Heritage Hall. Your Ticket to our event includes a full buffet dinner, entrance into our door prize raffles and a sheet of auction tickets. Additional ticket sheets will be available for purchase. Gift baskets, gift cards and gift certificates as well as high value items will be auctioned at our event. Come early to get your tickets in first for the best items!

Dinner Menu -

Salad - Classic Caesar

Pasta - Penne Vodka

Entrees - Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Herb Crusted Salmon
and Carriage House Chicken

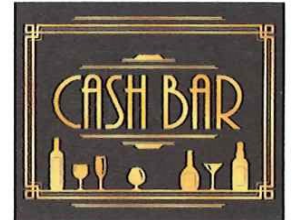
Sides - Mixed Vegetables, Grilled Potatoes and Fresh rolls

Dessert - Assorted Selection

Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea



Tickets can be ordered through Venmo,
PayPal (please note number of tickets
purchased) or Eventbrite (fee charged.) You
can request tickets through our Facebook
page by sending a message to us.



Tickets prior to 3/29 - \$60 Tickets day of - \$65
Members of the Heritage Society receive a \$5 discount.

Seating is limited.

Port Republic Heritage Society
@Pheritagesociety



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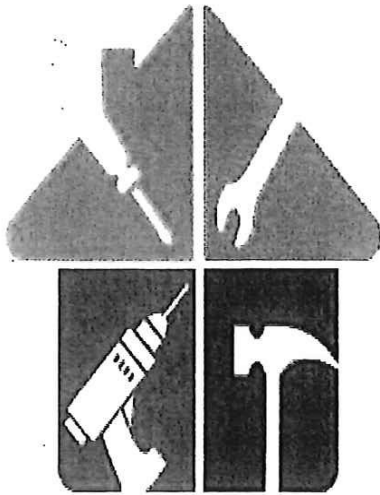
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Reach out with questions to heritagesociety@gmail.com or 609-407-3986

Follow us on Facebook and (under construction) portheritage.org

All proceeds benefit The Port Republic Heritage Society in our project to store and display artifacts as well as educate future generations with the historic items and documents dating as far back as pre-Revolutionary times.



NEED HELP

With Minor Home Repairs?

We can FIX-IT

Atlantic County Fix-It Program

Division of Intergenerational Services

Available to county residents 60 years of age and older.

No labor costs will be charged,
but homeowner must pay for all materials used.

Repair and Replacement of:

Safety Grab Bars

Smoke Detectors/Batteries

Wood Handrails

Wood Steps

Locks/Door Knobs

Toilet Parts

Light Bulbs

Faucets/Shower Heads

No landscaping, snow shoveling, concrete work, fence repairs, painting, major plumbing or remodeling, crawl spaces or detached buildings

QUESTIONS? Just call and ask

1-888-426-9243

(609) 645-5965



Repairs are made on a health and safety priority basis.

No repairs made above 10 feet above ground level.

All finished work will be functional, but may not be of expert quality.

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson

Atlantic County Board of Commissioners, Maureen Kern, Chairwoman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PHYSICAL HEALTH AIDS

2025

(Some Dates may be subject to change)

- 1/25 Declutter Event (9-12pm City Hall)
- 3/29 Rabies Clinic (11-12:30pm Public Works Garage)
- 3/29 Heritage Society Chinese Auction (4-8pm The Carriage House)
- 4/26 Port Community Church Revival and Country Jamboree (Harry Bowen Park)
- 5/3 Community Clean up (City Hall)
- 5/17 Port Firehouse Dinner (3:30-7:30pm)
- 5/24 Jersey Genesis Triathlon
- 5/24 Port Beach Opens (Lifeguard on duty)
- 6/7 Port Community Yard Sale
- 6/21 Port Community Day (Rain date June 28)
- 9/1 Port Beach Last Day Open
- 9/14 Duct Boat Regatta
- 10/4 3rd Annual Heritage Celebration
- 10/18 Port Firehouse Dinner
- 10/25 Port Fall Fest and Movie Night
- 12/4 Port Tree Lighting

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

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.

GET ROBO CALLS

Thank you!



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

