

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Thursday, October 1, 2020

PortsmouthMask Ordinance now in effect. For the full ordinance, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-09/Ordinance%20-%20Face%20Coverings%20Chapter%203%20Article%2011%20-%20FINAL%2009-14-2020.pdf>

Governor Sununu's "Safer At Home" guidelines continue until November 15, 2020.

DEADLINE MIDNIGHT TONIGHT: CLIPPER STRONG FUND \$500 MINI-GRANTS FOR PORTSMOUTH SMALL BUSINESSES -- The Clipper Strong Fund Committee's **new effort is a mini-grant program that will award grants of up to \$500 to businesses in need of short-term relief to cover such expenses as utility bills, rent, PPE or other expenses.** To qualify to apply for a Clipper Strong Fund mini-grant, the applicant must be:

1. An independent business with 10 or fewer employees (whether full- or part-time).
2. A Portsmouth business in existence for at least 6 months prior to March 13, 2020 (the date of Governor Sununu's COVID-19 Emergency Order).
3. Able to define the intended use of the grant of up to a maximum of \$500. Eligible uses include: COVID-19 safety modifications for employees or the public, inventory or new equipment required to reopen under the COVID-19 guidelines, rent, utilities, employee benefits or marketing materials (including printed or online media for public information). Successful applicants will be expected to prove the need with invoices or written estimates.

Applications for the Clipper Strong Fund mini-grants are now available online

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-09/Clipper%20Strong%20Fund%20Application%202020.09.08.pdf>

Completed applications must be submitted by email to clipperstrong@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on October 1, 2020.

The Clipper Strong Fund is still accepting donations (<https://www.clipperstrong.org>) Donations in the form of a check may be mailed to the Clipper Strong Fund c/o Coastal Economic Development Corporation, 4 Merrill Industrial Drive, Suite 201, Hampton NH 03842. Small businesses who would like **to receive a free Clipper Strong Fund Care Package** (containing disposable face masks, signage asking customers to wear masks and a touchless thermometer) should **send an email with the name of the business, location, phone and email contact to hotline@cityofportsmouth.com** **Click here for a short video celebrating some of the recipients of Clipper Strong Fund Care Packages:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mx2V6U6UeM>

CURRENT OPENINGS ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS -- The City is seeking volunteers to fill the following vacancies:

Regular Member (one) of the Building Code Board of Appeals (Pending submission of renewal application)

Alternate Member (one) of the Building Code Board of Appeals – The vacancy to be filled would need to be (1) electrical engineer or master electrician

Regular Members (two) of the Economic Development Commission (Pending submission of renewal applications)

Regular Members (two) of the Peirce Island Committee

Regular Members (two) of the Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee

Apply now! For more information on the City Boards and Commissions, visit . Applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk or

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/BoardsandCommissionsApplication.pdf> Questions? Please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 610-7208.

SERVICE CU @ POPUP NH WEEKEND SCHEDULE

A COVID-cautious Oktoberfest comes to the PopUp all weekend! Camp Sipabrew is offering special brews in the biergarten, along with a stein-hoisting competition. The Black Trumpet's resident German chef, Michael Cheffee Ober, crafts authentic eats including beer-braised bratwurst, Bavarian potato pancakes and apfelstrudel.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/92222538310630/>

Be sure to check out the PopUp Raffle for a chance to win \$2000 in giftcards!

<https://seacoastrep.rallyup.com/popupnh/>

NOTE: No parking on Bridge Street:

Thurs, 4:30 pm – 10 pm

Fri, 4:30 pm – 10 pm

Sat, 11:30 am – 10 pm

Sun, 11:30 am – 8pm

DINING HOURS

Thursday, 5-10 pm, Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew*, Dos Amigos

Friday, 5-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, Vida Cantina

Saturday, noon-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, The Wilder

Sunday, noon-8 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, Dos Amigos

*Camp Sipabrew includes Liar's Bench, Stoneface Brewing, Earth Eagle, Great Rhythm, Loaded Question

RETAIL

Service CU @ Pop-Up NH welcomes retailers to the Bridge Street venue on a rotating basis during operating hours. Come see what's new!

PERFORMANCE

Appearing on the bankprov. stage NOTE: Prices are for a 2-seat or 4-seat table reservation.

Thurs Oct 1, 7-9 pm Ian O'Neil (of Deer Tick) & Penn Sultan, \$30 - \$50. Tickets:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/ian-oneil-penn-sultan-10-1-2020>

Fri Oct 2, 7-9 pm, Truffle, 7 - 9 pm, \$40 - \$70, more information at:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/truffle-10-2-2020>

Sat Oct 3, 7-10 pm, Crush: Dave Matthews Tribute Band, \$20 - \$40. Tickets:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/crush-dmb-tribute-10-3-2020>

Sun Oct 4, Matinee 1:30-3:30 pm, Oktoberfest with The Serfs, \$20 - \$40. Tickets:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/the-serfs-oktoberfest-10-4-2020> **Evening 6-8 pm**, PopUpJazz with the PMAC Jazz Faculty, \$40 - \$80. Tickets: <https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/popupjazz-with-the-pmac-jazz-faculty-10-4-2020>

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. PORTSMOUTH FIREFIGHTERS IAFF

LOCAL 1313— Stop by Station 1 (170 Court Street) to pick up your "Extinguishing Cancer" shirts! Members will be wearing these same shirts during the entire month of Oct to raise awareness wherever they go. T-shirts \$20. Long sleeve \$25. Sweatshirts \$45.

WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT – The DPW Water Division is restricting Water customers to use for watering lawns and gardens only on odd-numbered days, between midnight and 10 am. There should be no outdoor watering on even-numbered days. The recent rain far from makes up for the lack of rain since June. For more information:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/press-releases/portsmouth-dpw-water-division-imposes-watering-restrictions> The map above shows the NH Drought Monitor, indicating "Severe Drought" in the

Portsmouth area as of, **The NH Division of Forests and Lands has issued a "red flag" warning statewide to alert residents to the high risk of forest fires** due to the extremely dry conditions. For more on what that means: <https://www.nh.gov/nhdfc/community/daily-fire-danger.htm>

The Portsmouth Fire Department announces that no new permits will be issued until further notice. Also, the Fire Chief urges residents with Class 1 and 2 backyard fire permits to use extreme caution when kindling fires, to not burn if it is windy and to be extra sure the fire is extinguished before leaving it for the evening.

HYDRANT AND WATER MAIN FLUSHING CONTINUES, 7-11 pm -- Monday through Thursday for the next six weeks. The flushing operation covers both public and private hydrants in Portsmouth, New Castle, Rye, Greenland and Newington. Crews open select fire hydrants, releasing water with enough velocity to carry sediment out of the pipes. Residents are advised that when the Water Division trucks with flashing lights are working in their neighborhood, they should refrain from washing laundry to avoid any potential discoloration of clothing. While flushing can result in discolorations to tap water, the water remains safe to drink. When flushing is finished, water customers should run cold water to clear any discolored water in their plumbing systems. If the discoloration persists, customers should contact the Water Division through the Click 'n Fix system to ensure prompt response. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/portsmouth-click-n-fix>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY, SAT OCT 3, from 8 am to 12 noon at the DPW Recycling Center, 680 Peaverly Hill Road – Household hazardous waste collection helps safely dispose of items that can harm residents' health, the environment and drinking water supplies. Collection Day is organized as a no-touch, drive-through service. Residents remain in their vehicles and pull through the Public Works garage, where staff will remove disposable items from car trunks. All City staff will be wearing masks and will be practicing physical distancing. Staff will ask participants for their town of residence for survey purposes, in compliance with EPA requirements. Proof of residency in Portsmouth, Newington or Greenland is required. For more information on what items are accepted and which are not, visit: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/solid-waste-recycling/household-hazardous-waste-day>

FALL CLEANUP SUGGESTIONS – In addition to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, residents can assist in efforts to reduce stormwater pollution by cleaning up debris collecting in catch basins, pulling weeds from curbs and sidewalks, and properly disposing of brush and leaves. “Rake It Or Leave It” https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2019-11/Handling_Yard_Waste_in_Portsmouth.PDF is the City's effort to keep raked leaves from clogging wetlands and waterway and reducing the oxygen available to plant and marine life. For more suggestions: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/press-releases/portsmouth-dpw-offers-fall-clean-suggestions>

CITY AND NH THEATRE PROJECT PRESENT COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM OCT 14 -- City of Portsmouth and NH Theatre Project present a reading of the play *Final Thoughts* by Tim Barretto, and a community discussion on the topic of Suicide & Self-Harm on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Co-sponsored by Seacoast Mental Health Center, this program is part of New Hampshire Theatre Project's Elephant-in-the-Room Series® (EITR). *Final Thoughts* will be performed by Bill Humphreys, Peter Josephson, and Teddi Kenick-Bailey, along with Portsmouth actors Genevieve Aichele, Blair Hundertmark and CJ Lewis. Immediately following the reading, NHTP's Artistic Director Catherine Stewart will facilitate a community discussion designed for teenagers and adults with panelists Dennis Walker, Director of Emergency Services at Seacoast Mental Health Center; playwright Tim Barretto; and Lt. David Keaveny from the Portsmouth Police Department. The Portsmouth High School guidance department is also providing assistance during the program for those who might want to discuss issues the play or conversation might trigger. To register for the webinar and participate in the discussion, go to NHTP's website: ntheatreproject.org. The program will also be broadcast live on Channel 22 and recorded for later viewing.

FLU SEASON AHEAD! FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE -- Public health officials are urging people to get flu shots this year. Flu shots are now available in the Portsmouth at:

- Prompt Care at Pease (WD Hospital Portsmouth Outpatient) 73 Corporate Dr. 603.610.8051. Flu shots available; can walk in or make an appointment
- ClearChoice MD 750 Lafayette Rd 603.427.8539. Flu shots available - can walk in, but preregistration will save time.
- Rite-Aids: Flu shots available; can walk in.
- CVS: 674 Islington St 603.431.0234 Flu shots available; prefer appointments be made due to waiting area size.

All of the above said that flu shots are covered at no cost with most insurances and Medicare. For more information about the flu shot location closest to you, visit: <https://vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine>

MAPLEWOOD AVE. DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION CROSSING SIGNALS CHANGE OCT 6 --Starting October 6, pedestrians and motorists downtown at the intersections of Maplewood Avenue and Deer Street, Hanover Street and Congress Street will see changes in the pedestrian-crossing patterns thanks to an upgrade in the traffic signals. Previously, all vehicle traffic stopped at the same time for pedestrian crossing in all directions. That cycle caused delays. The new timing gives pedestrians the WALK signal while the traffic moving parallel with them has the green signal. Turning traffic will be required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. New signs posted at each intersection and electronic message boards will alert drivers to the need to yield to pedestrians when turning at intersections.

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK:

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION CLOSURE – The section of Banfield between Heritage Ave and Ocean Rd. is now closed due to construction. Drivers are detoured to Lafayette Rd. (Rte. 1), Mon-Fri, 7 am to 6 pm. For more information on the project, including a map of the detour route:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/banfield-road-improvements-project>

SOUTH STREET PAVING – Paving complete, just need to stripe the section of South Street between Junkins Ave. and Marcy Street this week. No parking allowed in this section between 7 am and 5 pm. Residents with on-street parking should park in the lower lot at City Hall.

ISLINGTON STREET DETOUR BETWEEN BARLETT & CASS STREETS -- Traffic flow will be reduced to one lane of one-way westbound traffic between Cass Street and Bartlett Street. Eastbound traffic on Islington will be detoured onto Jewell Court and around the work zone via Brewery Lane and Cass Street. Flaggers and/or police details will be present to help direct traffic. Drivers should expect minor delays. Parking restrictions will be in place at all times along the detour until the winter shutdown between mid-December and next April and will resume until the project is completed in June 2021. For more information on the project, including a map of the detour route, <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project>

KEARSARGE & MARKET STREET BRIDGES – Traffic reduced to one lane, police detail and flaggers in place. Work to upgrade the traffic signals at the downtown intersections with Maplewood also continues.

For the latest on individual projects, click here and then on the Projects tab.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks>

TESTING-- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provides this list as a service to the community. The Department does not endorse any particular entity for COVID-19 testing services.

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf>

For all the COVID-related resources, [click here.](#)

Governor Sununu has extended his Emergency Order until November 15, 2020. The State has also made changes to the COVID guidelines to minimize redundancy in each industry sector. **Those guidelines that applied to all industry sectors have been removed from separate sector pages and now live only in the Universal Guidelines (UG) pages.** In some cases (e.g. outdoor attractions, arts, music education, funerals, and more) the sector pages have been eliminated entirely and you'll find a note at the end of the UG specific to those sectors. Click here for the details: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

For more information, visit [City's page on COVID-19](#)