

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Portsmouth Mask 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>

For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-10/MaskOrdinanceFAQ%202020.10.05.pdf>

The Citizen Response Task Force also offers the following COVID-19 information:

For Testing FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-09/FINAL%20CRTF%20Letterhead%20Testing%20FAQs%202020.08.24.pdf>

For COVID-19 & Mask FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-09/CRTF%20Letterhead%20COVIDMasks%20FAQs%202020.07.28.pdf>

For Ventilation FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs>

CHAMBER CHAT LIVE ON VENTILATION, Fri Oct 9 at 1 pm via Zoom -- Join Chamber Collaborative President Valerie Rochon and James Petersen, a licensed professional engineer and founder/owner of Petersen Engineering in Portsmouth (and Citizen Response Task Force co-chair) and Ryan Houghton of Dowling Corporation. We will be discussing air filtration and circulation options as they relate to COVID-19. For information and Zoom registration, click here. https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-10-9-20-52198?calendarMonth=2020-10-01&utm_source=Chamber+Master+Synch&utm_campaign=8568c08bb4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_11_05_08_28_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6fed3172ed-8568c08bb4-491470093

PORTSMOUTH TRICK OR TREAT: SAT OCT 31, 3-6 pm. Follow NH Health guidelines to reduce the risk of COVID-19 while celebrating Halloween. <https://www.readynh.gov/documents/halloweencovid-19safety.pdf>

Watch for Ghosts Of the Port – 55 of them! -- arriving October 8.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES \$12 MILLION CARES ACT RELIEF PROGRAM FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE VENUES Deadline is Tues. Oct 13. -- This program supports New Hampshire performance venues who are facing revenue losses due to COVID-19, provided that they are primarily engaged in hosting live theatrical presentations, musical entertainment, and/or sporting or racing events, that are seated, ticketed, and open to the public. Click here for the application, which **must be completed and submitted by Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 11:59 PM, including all supporting documentation**, including copies of the business's year-end 2019 and current year-to-date financial statements showing monthly actual and projected facility-specific gross receipts, as applicable, from March 1, 2019 to December 30, 2020 and the organization must agree to continue operations for two more years. https://nhpublichealth.force.com/nhgoferf/CORE_Solicitation_Login_Page?SolicitationId=a0ht0000008zoMZAAY

NON-DAIRY FARM RELIEF FOR COVID-19 LOSSES, JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER. Deadline

Thurs. Oct 15 -- This program generally supports non-dairy farms that have experienced negative financial impacts due to COVID-19. To apply for relief funding using this application, you must be:

1. A fruit, vegetable, or ornamental plant grower, or maple producer that: (a) successfully registered for the original program by June 22, 2020; AND (b) had COVID-19-related expenses and/or lost sales during the period from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020; **or**
2. Any other non-dairy farm that: (a) could not register for the original program, or missed the registration deadline; AND (b) had, during the period from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, average COVID-19-related expenses of at least \$500 per month, and/or average COVID-19-related lost sales of at least \$1,000 per month.

Please note: To complete/submit your application, you will need to upload copies of QuickBooks or other accounting system reports, or tax forms, etc., to verify your COVID-19-related expenses and/or lost sales comparing the applicable time period to the same time last year.

https://nhpublichealth.force.com/nhgoferr/CORE_Solicitation_Login_Page?SolicitationId=a0ht0000008zZQzAAM

SHOWCASING PORTSMOUTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COVID-19 RESPONSE -- The current issue of *State Tech Magazine* highlights Portsmouth as one of three municipalities with Digital Workspace stories of “How Agencies Moved Quickly to a Secure Telework Environment.” As the author notes, “Faced with a pandemic, states, counties and cities made the shift to remote work — in a hurry.” Focusing on Montgomery County PA, State of Massachusetts and Portsmouth she cites the City of Portsmouth IT Department’s December and January upgrades that allowed the City to shift to remote working while retaining the necessary security for the network. And increasing available bandwidth by ten times. IT Director Alan Brady was quoted as saying, “With the infrastructure changes that were made, end users were able to remotely log in to their computers without any major issues. We were able to get everybody back online.”

<https://statetechmagazine.com/article/2020/09/how-agencies-moved-quickly-secure-telework-environment>

SERVICE CU @ POPUP NH WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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 – 9 pm

Fri, 4:30 pm – 10 pm

Sat, 11:30 am – 10 pm

Sun, 11:30 am – 8pm

DINING HOURS

Thursday, 5-9 pm, Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew*, Dos Amigos

Friday, 5-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew

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

PERFORMANCE

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

Thurs Oct 8, 7-9 pm Kevin Danzig, \$20 - \$40. Tickets: <https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/kevin-danzig-10-8-2020>

Fri Oct 9, 7-9 pm, The Midnight Wrens, \$20 - \$40. Tickets: <https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/the-midnight-wrens-10-9-2020>

Sat Oct 10, 8-10 pm, Sans Souci: Tribute to Jerry Garcia Band, \$40 - \$80. Tickets:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/sans-souci-tribute-to-jerry-garcia-band-10-10-2020>

Sun Oct 11, Afternoon, 3-5 pm, Marble Eyes, \$50 - \$100. Tickets:

<https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/marble-eyes-3-pm-show-10-11-2020> **Evening, 6-8 pm**, Marble Eyes, \$50 - \$100. Tickets: <https://portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/marble-eyes-6-pm-show-10-11-2020>

MAPLEWOOD AVE. DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION CROSSING SIGNALS -- New Maplewood Ave downtown intersection pedestrian crossing signals working: **make sure you press the button for the crosswalk you want. There are now two buttons.** Pedestrians and motorists downtown at the intersections of

Maplewood Avenue and Deer Street, Hanover Street and Congress Street now experience new 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.

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.

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/nhdf/communit/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 several 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>

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.

PORTSMOUTH VOTING CENTER IN CITY HALL OPEN WEEKDAYS THROUGH NOV 2 --The Portsmouth Voting Center in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers in City Hall operates on the same schedule as City Hall:

- Monday 8 am to 6 pm [not open on Columbus Day, October 12]
- Tuesday 8 am to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 8 am to 4:30 pm
- Thursday 8 am to 4:30 pm
- Friday 8 am to 1 pm

The Voting Center allows residents to take advantage of the following services offered by the City Clerk's Office: Voter registration, Obtain Absentee Ballot, Return Absentee Ballot. Anyone who is a "delivery agent" returning an absentee ballot will be required to show picture identification and complete a form. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Center cannot accommodate voting within the City Hall Municipal Complex. **The City Clerk's Office staff will also be available outside of City Hall on Saturday October 10, October 17, October 24 and October 31, from 9 am to 12 noon, to collect absentee ballots (only from voters who are returning their own ballots).** Please contact the City Clerk's office at 610-7245 with any questions

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

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boards-commissions-information>. Applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk or download here:

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

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK:

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES ON ISLINGTON STREET. YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE! The construction/detour between Cass and Bartlett (and on either side) has brought challenges to businesses on that section. All of the businesses – White Heron Café, Papa Wheelies, The Kitchen, Seacoast Auto Parts, Flote, Dogland, Luigi's, STREET, Blaze Yoga & Pilates, Sweet Pea Bakery, Nest, Herbal Nails, Decades, Portsmouth Escape Room, Liar's Bench, Kaffe Kilim, Ohana, Botanica, Oomph, Cornerstone and more! – are open and looking forward to welcoming you.

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>

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.

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](#)