

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



**UPDATE from the City
Manager for Sunday,
December 27, 2020**

**STATEDWIDE MASK MANDATE.
Portsmouth Mask Ordinance still in
effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.**

**Deaths to date from COVID-19: US:
338,263. NH: 701. Rockingham County: 133.
Cumulative cases: US: 19.2 million. NH:
39,933. Rockingham County: 10,003.
Portsmouth: 614.
Current NH: 6,119. Rockingham County:
1,504. (Positivity 8.9%). Portsmouth: 88.
*NH information from the Department of
Health & Human Services, [click here.](#)***

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Hearing so many
good _____ riddances
to the waning year

I reflect on my feels:
of quiet gratitude,
of graceful relief,

perhaps an easement,
though never have I
closed a year

thankful
for
survival

and never have I
welcomed a year
hoping for the same.

Happy New Year
may be a bit
too much to ask.

-- Tammi J Truax

*Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat
Poet Laureate 2018-2020*

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems
by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.
[https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-
manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate)

**Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program “A Bridge to
Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest.”** Winning
entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadsides
will be gifted to Portsmouth’s sister city, Nichinan,
Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details
and rules, click here.
[https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2
020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf)