

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, February 10, 2021

**FLEET STREET ROAD WORK THURS & FRI
FEB 10-11.**

**THURS FEB 11 MCINTYRE DESIGNER
ROUNDTABLE, 6-8 pm via Zoom --** Join Principle Group for a Designers Roundtable session on the McIntyre Project designs. Principle Group will present the draft designs and local designers (aka "Panelists") will critique and provide comments. The Roundtable will offer the option for the public to ask questions and engage with the designers. To register for the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcOUurzgoG9Pmqmm-IymKgMUIs3RyDgO6>

**FRI FEB 12 WINTER RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE** – The Portsmouth Fire Department encourages you to participate, if you can. Click here to make an appointment. All blood types needed.
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=PORTSFIRE&cid=siebel&med=email&source=bdc_email&utm_source=siebel&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bdc_email

Where: Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street, Assembly Hall

HELP DECORATE PORTSMOUTH'S "TREE OF LOVE" IN MARKET SQUARE Download and decorate the heart template and deliver to Senior Activity Center (125 Cottage St – dropbox under the canopy at the entrance) by Wed Feb 10. **DPW will decorate the Market Square Holiday Tree by Fri Feb 12 in time for Valentine's Day Weekend.**

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/Treelove%20Heart.pdf>

NEW: FATHER-DAUGHTER VALENTINE -- Without the traditional Father-Daughter Dance and because we still need to avoid gatherings, take a selfie with the tree & hashtag #PortsmouthValentine (or send to

hotline@cityofportsmouth.com) and we'll create and post a video!

**Senior Center Meals on Wheels Grab & Go
FREE Lunch: THURS FEB 18. Mardi Gras Grab & Go Gumbo. RSVP by Friday, Feb 12 to 603-610-4433 or**

bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com. Menu: chicken & sweet sausage gumbo, jasmine rice, creamed spinach, corn bread and a slice of King Cake for dessert. Free, but a \$3 per meal donation can be made to Meals on Wheels. Pickup between 11 am and 12 noon at the Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street, in the front of the building. Meal staff wear masks and put the food in the passenger side door or back seat. Please wear a mask, too.

**AARP TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE
February 7 – April 11, 2021**

NOTE: AARP Tax Help will be drop-off-only this year.

1. Pick up a tax filing envelope. Please take only one envelope per tax return. If you are **self-employed**, make sure you take a self-employment worksheet as well as the tax envelope. If you are filing for **Education Credits**, please take an Education Credit Worksheet as well. Available at:

- Portsmouth Public Library (Monday - Thursday and Saturday, 11 am - 1 pm)
- Portsmouth Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage St (any time -- envelopes located under the canopy)

2. Return tax package to Senior Activity Center. All forms must be completed before you arrive to drop off your tax package. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Instructions and list of what to bring for the intake interview with the tax counselor are included in the tax envelope. Portsmouth Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street (COAST Bus #40), Sundays 12 noon - 1 pm. Mondays 10 am to 12 noon.

3. Intake Interview – a tax counselor will contact you for an intake interview. Once your tax return is completed by the counselor, a tax counselor will call you for an appointment to pick up your taxes at the senior center (COAST Bus #40).

If you have any questions or need special assistance call AARP's Tax-Aide Volunteer Hotline at 603-205-2646.

CHAMBER CHAT LIVE: PORTSMOUTH AS A WINTER DESTINATION – Join Chamber President Valerie Rochon for an interactive discussion on best practices, and how Portsmouth can become a

thriving winter wonderland destination for all to enjoy, November through April, as much as May through October. Anne Weidman of JSA Design will share some of the research she has compiled to inspire us in considering how Portsmouth might implement steps to increase the enjoyment of the winter months - outdoors.

<https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-portsmouth-as-a-winter-destination-52216>

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING BAN

NOTICES AND OTHER CITY ALERTS – During snowstorms these notices alert residents to such things as trash pickup rescheduling and when the public garages are full, as well as announcing parking bans. **These alerts are announced in several different ways:**

- **CodeRED:** anyone can sign up to receive automatic email and text alerts, click here. **NOTE: Use this same link to UNSUBSCRIBE.**
<https://public.coderedweb.com/CGE/BFB5C752D5A4>
- **Snow Phone:** call 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW)
- **Channel 22**
- **CityofPortsmouth.com** shows a yellow (planned) or red (active) banner when snow parking ban events occur.
- **Twitter:** follow @PortsmouthDPW
- **Public Works Department:** call 427-1530 to use the Click 'n Fix system.
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/portsmouth-click-n-fix>
- **During parking bans, residents should take advantage of City parking lots and reduced rates in the garages.** Flat fee: \$3 at Foundry Place and \$5 at the Hanover garage, good until 2 hours after ban ends.



COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of February 8, NH had received **257,700** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **166,603**. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

As of Sunday, Feb 7, everyone receiving the first dose will receive a vaccination card that includes a scheduled appointment for Dose 2. All they need to do is show up for Dose 2. If they need to change that appointment, they are able to by calling 2-1-1.

There are still some people who had to choose Dose 2 appointment dates well beyond the recommended 21 or 28 days for the follow-up vaccine. The state is hand-rescheduling all of those so that everyone receives Dose 2 within a week of the desirable window.

Anyone who still has problems with any scheduling should call 2-1-1. The call center is fully staffed with 200-300 people between 6 am and 10 pm. There were 2-1-1 issues when people at the call center couldn't get into VAMS either; but those problems are now fixed.

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENT WEBSITE -- Scheduling an appointment online at <https://vaccines.nh.gov> is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. The website is designed to handle 100,000+ people at the same time.

For those unable to schedule an appointment online, the 211 Hotline remains available, 7 days a week, 6 am to 10 pm. That call center is staffed by 300+ people, but high wait times are expected.

Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center. Please note that the City is not setting up vaccination appointments. Brinn is simply available to help seniors over the telephone to register on the State website. **Brinn is also assisting seniors who need assistance with transportation to the local vaccination sites.**

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/vaccination-planning-faq.pdf>

PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click here.
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs>

NEW FAQs: "I Had COVID-19, Now What?"
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs>

DEADLINE MON FEB 15: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESILIENCY SURVEY -- The Chamber Collaborative is

partnering on Phase 2 of the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey that the NH Small Business Development Center (SBDC) developed with the UNH Survey Center to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses throughout New Hampshire. **Phase 2 aims to determine how best to help small businesses recover and become more resilient.** The survey is available now and will be live through **Monday, Feb. 15.** It should take less than 10 minutes to complete. [Click here](#) to take the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey:

https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebd4q6WQ1UA58Hj?LK=DDL

FOR MORE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COVID-19 RELIEF RESOURCES, [click here.](#)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING – APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN -- City staff started reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season as of February 1.

- **Those approved for the 2020 season DO NOT need to reapply.** They will be contacted directly by the City to renew their licenses for the upcoming season.
- **Businesses who were not approved in 2020 and wish to operate an outdoor cafe on public property in 2021 must apply for approval** by submitting an application through the City's Viewpoint online permitting portal. <https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1076/record-types/6431>
- **Anyone opening a new restaurant, is an existing restaurant that is expanding or adding an outdoor area on private property, or who seeks to place tables, chairs or signage on a public sidewalk** with no food or alcohol service, please click here for more information. <https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/projectTemplate/4>

For more information about outdoor café permitting click here.

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmAndSampleLayout.pdf>

Once an application is approved, use of public sidewalks is allowed starting March 1.

Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or planning@cityofportsmouth.com.

TIP TIP #11:

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-25.pdf>

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

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>

For Testing FAQs [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs>

For COVID-19 & Mask Facts [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-mask-facts>

For Ventilation FAQs [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs>

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/daily-life-during-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

For “I’ve Had COVID-19, Now What?” FAQs, [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs>

For more information, visit City’s page on COVID-19:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-information>