

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, February 22, 2021

TONIGHT! CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7 pm via Zoom. For Agenda, Packet and Zoom registration, click here.

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/citycouncil/cc022221ag.pdf>

ALDRICH ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING TUES FEB 23 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here.

http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/parkingtrafficsafe/meetingnotice_AldrichRd_TC.pdf

CITY WINS GFOA AWARD – The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded Portsmouth its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY21 budget. In announcing the award, GFOA said, “This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by your organization.”



Image: SeacoastOnline.com

TODD HENLEY NAMED RECREATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR -- Portsmouth City Manager Karen Conard and the Portsmouth Recreation Board are pleased to announce the selection of Todd Henley as the new Director of the Recreation Department for the City. He returns to the Portsmouth Recreation Department, where he worked for ten years at the beginning of his career, from the Town of Kittery where he has worked for the Kittery Recreation Department/Community Center for the past 13 years. He has served on the Portsmouth Recreation Board for the past 11 years.

“Out of a pool of more than sixty applicants, Todd Henley stood out for his institutional knowledge and understanding of both the Portsmouth Recreation Department and this community,” said Conard in making the announcement. “Additionally, we believe his connection to the local Arts community through his role as the Kittery Community Center manager will greatly assist him in his new role, and will complement his broad base of relationships in the City and the region. The Board, search committee and I agree that Todd is the best person to honor the legacy of Rus Wilson and to develop this position and this important City Department.”

MCINTYRE DESIGN ROUNDTABLE

COMMENTS – through February 25 at 5 pm -- Principle Group hosted a Zoom discussion Feb 11th as a Designers' Roundtable session on the McIntyre Project designs. Principle Group presented the draft designs and local designers (aka "Panelists") critiqued and provided comments. Then the Roundtable offered [this Miro tool](#) showing all the design sketches for the public to comment. Click here https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_IWLNZCw=/ to see instructions on how to add your comments on the virtual whiteboard. For project background and the designs, go to the McIntyre Project page on the City website.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/mcintyre-project>

The opportunity to view the design sketches and comment via this tool will stay open until February 25 at 5 pm.

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. 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. Instructions and list of what to bring for the intake interview with the tax counselor are included in the tax envelope. 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.

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

NOT JUST FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH – Portsmouth is a Racial Justice Municipality. To learn more about what that commitment means, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/racial-justice-municipalitycm>

ECO-CORNER

“Best practice” is to clip the elastic ear loops from your disposable mask before putting it in the trash, to keep animals from getting caught up in it.

NH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WEBINARS:

PPP Applications in 2021, Both First and Second Draw

March 4 | 10am

We'll help you understand the 2021 PPP Application process and whether you are eligible for the first or second draw. Get your questions answered during the Q & A.

COVID Assistance for the Self-Employed

March 11 | 10am

Sole proprietor, Schedule-C filer, or LLC? Join us to review special considerations for PPP and other federal relief programs, as well as your eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

To register, click here.

<https://ic.nhsbdc.org/events.aspx>

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER COVID-19 RELIEF RESOURCES, [click here.](#)

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

SAGAMORE AVE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT WORK FEB 22-26

As part of the Sagamore Avenue Sewer Extension Project, borings are needed to collect data about the soils and bedrock in the project area. **Work is scheduled to take place Monday, February 22 through Friday, February 26, 8 am to 3:30 pm, weather permitting.** The work area includes Walker Bungalow Road at the Shaw Road intersection, and sections of Sagamore Avenue and Wentworth House Road. The work will take place on one side of the road, leaving one lane for traffic; but some delays may be expected. For more information on this project, [click here.](#) <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/sagamore-ave-sewer-extension-project>

THANK YOU PORTSMOUTH! The Alliance for Greater Good raised \$6,200 for **Take Out Hunger** through its Cocktails for a Cause fundraiser. Take Out Hunger pays local restaurants to prepare meals for those in need in our community. <https://www.takeouthunger.org/>

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEES

To follow the work of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committees as they work on efforts to keep Portsmouth safe *and* vibrant, visit these pages for meeting information, recordings, minutes and support materials:

- [Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts and Nonprofits](#) (meets via Zoom Mondays at 12 noon)
- [Blue Ribbon Committee on Health](#) (meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 11 am)
- [Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021](#) (meets via Zoom Wednesdays at 2 pm)



QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO GET THE VACCINE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN? Click here. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2F8-things.html

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of February 22, NH had received **328,525** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **267,893**. The dose balance ensures vaccine for those scheduled to receive first or second doses in the current Phase 1A-1B. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

CONTINUED MASK-WEARING AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS ESSENTIAL – EVEN IF YOU’VE RECEIVED THE VACCINE

MASK FAQs -- SHOULD YOU WEAR TWO MASKS? WHAT IS THE “KNOT & TUCK” IDEA? Click here:

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

Everyone receiving the first dose now receives a vaccination card that includes a scheduled appointment for Dose 2. All you need to do is show up for Dose 2. If you need to change that appointment, you can do so by calling 2-1-1.

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 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>

PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING & DOMES/IGLOOS– 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.

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021

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

GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 5, 2021

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/2021-02/ex-order-2021-02.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 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>