

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, March 3, 2021

MIDDLE STREET TRASH PICKUP THURS

MAR 4 -- Please put your trash on the curb by 6 AM Thursday -- DPW will have a window of time before 6 am to do collections.

TONIGHT: CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Agenda and Zoom registration, [click here](#).

THANK YOU, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NANCY COLBERT-PUFF

Nancy Colbert-Puff leaves the City on Friday, March 5th after five years of dedicated service. In that time, Nancy accomplished a great deal, including making the transition to her stint as Acting City Manager, "seamless," in Mayor Blalock's words. She was responsible for shepherding many major City initiatives, solving problems and addressing community concerns, including guiding the City through the major virus attack on our computer systems in 2018 and moving City services for residents online. The City could not have shifted so easily to remote-functioning during COVID without having that infrastructure in place. She also has helmed the City's commitment to realizing the vision of being a Racial Justice Municipality. She has organized the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative among City staff and helped lead our Boards and Commissions toward those goals and difficult conversations, as well. Congratulations on a job well done, and godspeed.

DONATE TO THE MOLLY MCMILLEN FUND

Last Wednesday, Portsmouth Police Officer Alex McMillen and his family suffered a house fire in Webster that sent his two young children and partner to the hospital. Nine-year-old Molly McMillen is still recovering at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston. In response the Portsmouth Police Department, the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Cancer and Charitable Foundation and Somersworth Police Department have established the Molly McMillen Fund to assist with the family's recovery.

Cash and checks in support of Molly McMillen and her family can be sent to the New Hampshire Law

Enforcement Cancer and Charitable Foundation, Inc., care of Captain Russell Timmons, at 12 Lilac Lane, Somersworth, NH 03878 with the note "Molly McMillen Fund." The Somersworth Police Department can also accept donations on their Venmo account with the username @SPDNEPBA-Union.

GRANITE STATER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Vernis Jackson, founder of Seacoast African American Cultural Center and steward of the African Burying Ground Portsmouth, on being named Sen. Maggie Hassan's "Granite Stater of the Month." Here's the link to the Congressional Record recognition:

<https://www.hassan.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Vernis%20Jackson%20CR.pdf>

SHAMROCK TREE OF LUCK

Mayor Becksted has announced a new community holiday project in the hopes that all eyes will be smiling! As with the Valentine's Day "Tree of Love," people of all ages are welcome to create this St. Patrick's Day- themed craft to hang on the Tree of Luck. Starting, Monday, March 1, you can drop off your decorated shamrocks at the Senior Activity Center (125 Cottage Street) in the blue bucket under the canopy by end of day on Friday, March 12. **To download the shamrock template, [click here](#).** DPW will be putting decorated shamrocks on the tree in Market Square on St. Patrick's Day, Wed, March 17.

AND LUCKY KISSES CONTEST!

Guess how many chocolate kisses are contained in the jar in the photo and you might win them all! For the photo, [click here](#):

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/press-releases/city-portsmouth-welcomes-tree-luck-shamrock-decorating-and-announces>

For the virtual contest, send an email with your guess to bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com and include your name, Portsmouth address, phone number -- and your guess. The person with the most accurate guess will win. If there's a tie, the winners will split the chocolate kisses. Entries must be received by 5 pm on March 16, 2021.

TIME FOR TAKEOUT -- PICNIC IN THE SQUARE!

Based on an idea from the Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021, ten accessible picnic tables have now been placed in Market Square at the following locations:

- Pleasant Street near Tuscan Kitchen,
- Congress Street near the Holiday Tree
- in front of North Church

and two more on Vaughan Mall. Perfect timing to get some takeout and picnic on positivity!

EAT OUT. TAKE OUT. HELP OUT. -- The NH Lodging and Restaurant Association is supporting #RallyForNHRestaurants initiative through March. Read more about it and fun ways to support the movement:
<https://rallyfornhrestaurants.com/creative-ideas-to-enjoy-nh-restaurants/>

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](#).



BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING -- NH SBDC SMALL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY ACADEMY -- Attendees will walk away with the tools they need to develop individualized resiliency plans. Such plans help businesses anticipate their response to the next six+ months -- and the next six+ years. The Resiliency Academy takes place over five sessions, 9 to 11 am via Zoom. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

- **April 7, 2021**, Session 1: Threats
- **April 21, 2021**, Session 2: Assessment
- **May 5, 2021**, Session 3: Visioning
- **May 19, 2021**, Session 4: Planning
- **June 2, 2021**, Session 5: Action

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). Join the Arts & Nonprofits mailing list here:
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/brc-arts-nonprofits>
- [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

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger, printable PDF of this week's dashboard, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-03/REVCovidDashboard030121.pdf>

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of March 3, NH had received **437, 345** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **330,538 (17.8% of the population has received 1 or more doses)**. 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>

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS -- Scheduling your Dose 1 appointment online at <https://vaccines.nh.gov>

is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. **Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center.**

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 the 211 hotline.

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>

OUTDOOR DINING -- PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN – The City Council approved the use of public sidewalks, starting March 1. Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. City staff are reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season. So far 29 requests were filed, five of them for new locations. **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>
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>