

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
GREAT BAY NITROGEN PERMIT PUBLIC
INFORMATION Thurs Mar 11 at 6 pm via
Zoom.** For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here.
http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/city_council/CC_AGENDA_3-11-21_spec.pdf

The Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit (General Permit) governing the discharge of nitrogen from municipal wastewater into the Great Bay Estuary, was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on November 24, 2020 and became effective February 1, 2021. The opt-in election date for Portsmouth and surrounding affected towns is April 1, 2021. This meeting is to discuss the staff recommendation that Portsmouth opt-in to the General Permit as it will provide both greater flexibility over the long term for meeting regulatory compliance and a more collaborative framework for protecting and promoting water quality throughout the Great Bay Estuary watershed. Staff further recommends participation in an Intermunicipal Agreement already adopted by Dover, Rochester and Newington that is being considered by other NH communities in the watershed. The Environmental Protection Agency and NH Department of Environmental Services is supportive of this collaborative effort and the NH Attorney General's office has also approved the form of this agreement.

FLEET STREET PROJECT SOIL BORINGS – As preliminary engineering studies for the Fleet Street Project continue, the contractor Underwood Engineering will be conducting boring work on sections of Fleet, Congress and State Streets on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12, 7 am to 4 pm, weather permitting. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic through lane closures. For more information about the project, including maps of the project area, [click here](#).

CHAMBER CHAT LIVE! Fri Mar 12 at 1 pm via Zoom -- Spring & Summer Arts Outlook. Join Ben VanCamp, Chamber Vice President for a focus on

the arts with members of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts & Non-Profits along with leaders from many of Portsmouth art organizations and venues. Including (among others):

- Genevieve Aichele, NH Theatre Project
- Beth Falconer, 3S Artspace
- Jonathan Day, Seacoast Repertory Theatre
- Renee Giffroy, NH Arts Association
- Russ Grazier, PMAC, co-chair Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts & Non-Profits
- Ed Simeone, Players' Ring
- Courtney Perkins, Prescott Park Arts Festival
- Susanne Powers, Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra

For the Zoom registration, click here:
<https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-spring-summer-arts-outlook-52220?calendarMonth=2021-03-01>



SUBMIT SHAMROCKS FOR THE TREE OF LUCK BY FRI MAR 12! Drop-off at the entrance to the Senior Activity Center. To download the shamrock template, [click here](#). 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.

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/CovidDashboard030921.pdf>

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

- **COVID Assistance for the Self-Employed**

Thursday, 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

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of March 10, NH had received 531,815 doses of vaccine and **had vaccinated 405,366 (22% of the NH 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>

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. 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 26, 2021 <https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-04.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>