

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, March 22, 2021

TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7 pm via Zoom. For the Zoom registration and meeting Agenda, click here.
<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/citycouncil/cc032221ag.pdf>

PHASE 2B VACCINATION REGISTRATION FOR THOSE AGE 50+ NOW OPEN –NH's Vaccine & Immunization Network Interface website ("VINI") is now open to those age 50 and older (along with Phase 1B and 2A), with appointments starting March 25. For details, visit.
<https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

NEW! I'VE RECEIVED THE COVID-19 VACCINATION, NOW WHAT?" FAQs. Click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/post-vaccination-faqs>

COLUMBIA STREET CONSTRUCTION MON Mar 22 -- Unitil is relocating the gas line in anticipation of the Phase 1B construction work on Islington Street, from Dover St. to Albany St.

ISLINGTON STREET PRE-CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC MEETING WED Mar 24 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For the Zoom registration and meeting Agenda, click here.
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-03/Islington%20Meeting%20Notice%202021.03.24.pdf>

CONGRESS STREET CONSTRUCTION WED Mar 24.

SAGAMORE AVE. SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT PLANNING BOARD THURS Mar 25 at 7 pm via Zoom. As part of the permitting process, DPW will present these project drawings for approval of the City's Conditional Use Permit. For the Zoom registration and meeting Agenda, click here.
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xoXF5gF2Tky8lMULXz1XSg

MCINTYRE PROJECT SKETCHES PUBLIC SURVEY -- The McIntyre Subcommittee with assistance from Boston-based urban design firm The Principle Group, invite residents to participate in a survey on the second round of design suggestions for new public space to enjoy at McIntyre. **Deadline to participate in the survey is March 31 at 5 pm.** For the survey, click here.

<https://www.menti.com/h1jzb52ven>

All of the "Values to Visions to Sketches" materials, Portsmouth Listens Study Circle presentations and the Design Brief can be found on the City website:
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/mcintyre-project>

PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY RETURNS TO LIMITED IN-PERSON SERVICES APR 5 --

Beginning Monday April 5, the library will bring back in-person browsing, with up to 20 visitors in the building at a time and will also re-open the outdoor book drop. Beginning April 11, the Library will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 pm. Other hours during the week will remain the same. Public computers will be available for use 30 minutes a day for up to 4 people at a time, and "curbside pickup services" will continue, either in the library café, or outside by appointment for those who do not wish to enter. Study carrels, study rooms, and meeting rooms will remain unavailable at this time. For more details and information about all the services offered online throughout the pandemic, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library>

SBA SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT PORTAL (SVOG) application portal opens for registrations. [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant \(SVOG\) applications](#) will be accepted starting **Thursday, April 8, 2021**. SBA hosts a **national informational webinar** Tues Mar 30, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.1. Register [here](#). As the SBA builds and prepares to open the program, the dedicated [SBA website](#), which includes [frequently asked questions](#), [video tutorials](#) and other SVOG detail. Potential applicants should register in the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM.gov), as this is required for an entity to receive an SVOG, and reference the [preliminary application checklist](#) and [eligibility requirements](#).

SBDC RESILIENCY SUVEY RESULTS – CHAMBER CHAT LIVE! FRI Mar 26 at 1 pm -- Nancy Carmer, Economic Development Program Manager for the City of Portsmouth, and a representative from the NH Small Business Development Center will join the program to share the Seacoast data from [the latest NH resiliency](#)

[survey https://www.nhsbdc.org/phase2-businessresiliencysurvey](https://www.nhsbdc.org/phase2-businessresiliencysurvey) conducted by the SBDC with the University of New Hampshire.

[REGISTER https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-findings-from-the-nh-sbdc-unh-business-resiliency-survey-52222](https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-findings-from-the-nh-sbdc-unh-business-resiliency-survey-52222)

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/>



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 COMMITTEE ON ARTS & NONPROFITS SEEKS YOUR INPUT!

The BRC seeks comment from those who attend arts and cultural performances, programs and events AND from the artists and arts professionals who perform at Portsmouth venues. Please take a few minutes to respond to one or both of the surveys. If you have already received and answered the survey(s), thank you! You do not need to answer more than once (and emails are requested only to avoid duplication).

- [Patrons/Community](#)
- [Artists/Arts Professionals](#)

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 21, NH had received **651,805 doses of vaccine and had vaccinated 529,948 (28% of the population age 18 or older have 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>

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdes/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. The [Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth](#)

2021 is working with Portsmouth High School CTE program to paint the street-dining barricades and build planters for the tops, to create a more pleasant atmosphere. City staff are reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season.

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. 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 EXTENDS 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>

Joint Statement by City Manager Karen Conard and Police Chief Mark Newport in Support of the Asian-American Community

The City of Portsmouth is greatly saddened by the murder of members of the Asian community in Atlanta, Georgia, and the rise of anti-Asian bias incidents around the country. We stand in solidarity with the Asian community in our nation and we join in lowering our flags to half-staff to mourn the loss.

As President Biden said just last week, “This must stop.” We also stand with those in our community who might be living with the fear that there might be a threat to them here. Please know that you are supported. We have zero tolerance here for hate crimes and will act on reports received.

Portsmouth has declared itself a Racial Justice Municipality and, as such, is committed to “efforts to improve equity and inclusion and be welcoming of diversity throughout our community.” Being a Racial justice Municipality does not mean only embracing the concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion in Portsmouth. It means calling out instances where these concepts are violated whenever and wherever we see them.

If anyone does need to report a bias crime that does not have immediate life and safety or property concerns, please call the Portsmouth Police Department at 603. If you have an immediate life and safety or property concern, please call 911 and we will respond.

The incident in Atlanta, which we deplore, is one of those instances that causes us to re-examine how we can each help our nation, to become a more perfect union. We are the City of the Open Door – and will remain so.