

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, May 24, 2021

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FY22 BUDGET REVIEW, MON May 24 at 6:30 via Zoom Click here for the Agenda and Zoom registration. <https://tinyurl.com/wjzs42zj>

TODAY! MON MAY 24, CITY HAS RESUMED WALK-IN SERVICES AT CITY HALL – Appointments still requested for Planning, Inspections and Assessing Departments.

WED MAY 26 CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING at 7 pm via Zoom. For Agenda and Registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/asampv5z>

PORTSMOUTH SMART GROWTH MAY 25, “Retrofitting the Big Box Stores” 7 pm via Zoom. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3nzy59s3>

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE, TUES JUN 1 at 6 pm via Zoom.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE JUNE 1 -- City property taxes are paid in two installments. One in December and one in June. For more information, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4nyunxwk>



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES FRI MAY 28 & MON 31 – River wreath-laying ceremony in Prescott Park at 10:30 am on Fri May 28. A Memorial Day Observance is scheduled for 2 pm on Mon May 31 at the Civil War Memorial in South Street Cemetery.

INCREASED PARKING FINES NOW IN EFFECT -- The City Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) to increase fines for four citation categories: session expired, parking in no parking area, parking during an emergency snow ban and parking in a commercial loading zone. Effective May 17, the fine for citations in these categories increases to \$35. If the fine is not paid in 30 days, it increases to \$55. The penalties are not retroactive for any citations issued before May 17.

JUN 3 PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD BLASTING OPERATIONS COMMENCE FOR DRY DOCK #1 – As part of the Super Flood Basin construction at the dry dock opposite Prescott Park, it is necessary to excavate a portion of underwater ledge in order to provide a deep enough basin to accommodate the submarines assigned to PNSY for maintenance. Operations will be conducted during daylight hours Monday thru Saturday, commencing June 3, 2021 and continuing until February 2022. The actual detonations will occur once or twice a day, most frequently in the late afternoon. In accordance with standard/industry construction practices, the contractor has incorporated a number of safety initiatives to ensure life, property, and the environment are not endangered.

Your Shot





The COVID-19 vaccine is our shot to get back to normal, and now anyone 16 and older f... See More



LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS – For more information on daily walk-in vaccinations at NH State sites and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5>

J&J VACCINE OFFERED AT STATE SITES ON SATURDAYS, 1-6 PM – Advance registration required on state VINI website. <https://vaccines.nh.gov>

TABLE: NH recommendations for physical distancing and face mask use for fully vaccinated people in settings where there is potential for close contact with others.

Should I Wear a Face Mask & Physically Distance in Settings Around Other People?		Other Peoples' Vaccination Status	
		All fully vaccinated	Vaccination status unknown or not all are fully vaccinated
Location	Indoors	NO* 	YES 
	Outdoors	NO* 	NO* 

*Unless required to by a business or organization, or a person desires maximal protection

Note: Please note that if you are significantly immune compromised, then the recommendations above may not apply to you; please discuss your risk and protective measures with a trusted healthcare provider.

NH DHHS GUIDANCE FOR FULLY-VACCINATED PEOPLE

– Until all counties have reduced community transmission and more of the population is vaccinated, NH DHHS recommends masks and distancing, indoors where the vaccination status of others is unknown – especially where children under 12 are gathered. Updated May 17, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/uyr6xena>

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of May 24, 46.1% of all NH residents are fully vaccinated.

To view the NH DHHS tracker, click here: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination>

NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY CHANGES

– All those receiving NHDES benefits must again show proof they are seeking work. NH is ending the Federal supplement \$300 stipend on June 19. Anyone who is receiving unemployment benefits and finds work as of May 18, is eligible for a \$500 bonus for part-time work or \$1000 for full-time work. Proof of 8 weeks employment is required to apply, starting 8 weeks from now. Those receiving more than \$25/hour are ineligible.

JOB FAIRS! NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

– NH Employment Security again requires New Hampshire residents collecting unemployment benefits to prove they are looking for work. To assist, NH Works Job Centers has reopened to the public and has scheduled several Virtual Job Fairs.

Upcoming virtual job fairs:

- May 25 -- Lakes Region
- May 26 -- Monadnock Region
- May 27 -- Capitol & Southern Region

To view and register for upcoming Virtual Job and Resource Fairs, visit: <https://virtualjobfairs.nh.gov>

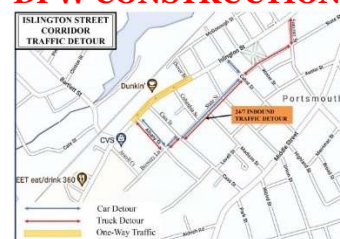
CITY RELEASES WATER REPORT ON CURRENT CONDITIONS

-- The latest Water Supply Status Report <https://tinyurl.com/bkaaf3cs> provides an assessment of the water supply quantity and quality available through the Portsmouth Water System. Water use generally increases during the summer months as homeowners start outdoor

projects and irrigation. At the same time, the water recharge from rainfall decreases. Since May 2020, the Seacoast has experience just 12 inches of precipitation, or 28% below normal. **Water use restrictions are currently not in effect for Portsmouth Water customers. However, even though the Seacoast had 3.3” of rain, so far, in April and May, the average is still well below normal and if dry conditions persist, the City may ask for voluntary water restrictions.**

The Water Division has encouraged customers to be efficient with water use while at the same time identifying and correcting water system leaks that were causing millions of gallons of water to be lost annually. Now, while the amount of consumption has remained the same, the amount of water supplied to the system has decreased for the last five years.

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7

– Ledge drilling continues. Note that Sunoco station is open throughout. Inbound car traffic detours from Islington to Albany to State to Cabot. Inbound truck traffic detours from Islington to Albany to State to Summer – or stays on Rte. 33/Middle Road, all the way inbound to Middle Street. Outbound traffic only on Islington. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

– For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm>

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AT PEASE

– Milling work ongoing between International Drive and Pease Boulevard in preparation for paving.

GREENLEAF & LAFAYETTE ROAD INTERSECTION PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

THURS JUN 3 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Zoom registration, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/j3wntdxs>

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)

For more information, visit City’s page on COVID-19: <https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab>

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE IN EFFECT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/yhkbn7j9>

GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 28, 2021.

<https://tinyurl.com/4afebpnn>

“YOUR SHOT” VACCINE IN NH

<https://tinyurl.com/928p5urk>

QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO GET THE VACCINE? Click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/mc8c4bba>

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw>

UPDATED 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>

For Kids & COVID FAQs, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/49anabp9>

For COVID-19 Treatment FAQs, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2> Ask your health-care provider about avoiding hospitalization once infected with COVID-19, by receiving the monoclonal antibody treatment described in these FAQs.

FAQs: “I Had COVID-19, Now What?”

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

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://tinyurl.com/5h55s48k>

For “I’ve Had COVID-19, Now What?” FAQs, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f>