CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, May 19, 2021

CITY COUNCIL WORK/LISTENING SESSION ON WATER/SEWER BUDGET FY22. WED May 19 at 6:30 via Zoom Click here for the Agenda and Zoom registration. https://tinyurl.com/ah6wj2j3

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC FOR HEARING IMPAIRED on SAT MAY 22, 8 am to 4 pm in

Manchester. Register by May 19. Call 603- 271-9097 or (video phone) 603-546-7882 or email equityvaccine@dhhs.nh.gov with name and birthdate.

MON MAY 24, CITY RESUMES WALK-IN SERVICES AT CITY HALL APPOINTMENTS STILL REQUESTED FOR PLANNING, **INSPECTIONS & ASSESSING DEPARTMENTS.**

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES MAY 28 &

31 – The City will not host a parade on Memorial Day due to continued pandemic concerns about gatherings, but the annual river wreath-laying ceremony in Prescott Park will take place at 10:30 am on Fri May 28. In addition, a Memorial Day Observance is scheduled for 2 pm on Mon May 31 at the Civil War Memorial in South Cemetery.

Your Shot



WALK-IN VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE **AT STATE VACCINATION SITES** – For more information on these and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. https://tinyurl.com/4mx5ht44

VACCINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO ALL AGE 12+ – For details, visit:

https://www.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	N°*	N0 ⁺

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

NEW! NH DHHS GUIDANCE FOR FULLY-VACCINATED PEOPLE – Updated May 17, click here: https://tinyurl.com/uyr6xena

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE - As of May 19, 43.7% of all NH residents are fully vaccinated. In total, NH has administered 1,156,401 doses. 10% of all vaccines received are reserved and allocated for at-risk populations. To view the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: https://tinyurl.com/35nv3twc



PORTSMOUTH REOPENS GREENLEAF

SKATE PARK -- The existing park is being updated to fill a void in available public skateboarding space that developed with the recent closure of Rye Airfield Indoor Skate Park. The upgrades and paving have incorporated a new skating design and important safety updates to the original design that was built over 20 years ago. The Recreation Department plans to host some "Intro to Skateboarding" clinics in June at the updated park.

NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CHANGES - As of May 23 all those receiving NHDES benefits must 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.

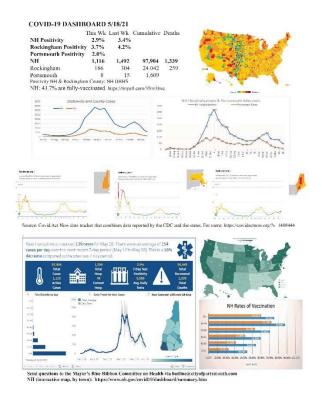
JOB FAIRS! NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT

SECURITY -- Starting May 23, 2021, NH Employment Security will require 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 20 -- White Mountains Region
- 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: <u>https://virtualjobfairs.nh.gov</u>



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF version, click here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/ts4tywk5</u>

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

SENIOR CENTER NOW HOSTING IN-PERSON PROGRAMS, OUTDOORS UNDER A TENT – for details, click here. https://tinyurl.com/d7k5n25m

CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

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

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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4nyunxwk</u>

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.

REMINDER: PORTSMOUTH HOSTS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY ON SAT MAY 22, 8 am to

12 noon -- At the Public Works facility, 680 Peverly Hill Road. Residents of Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington are encouraged to bring household chemicals for safe disposal. **Proof of residency is required.** Household hazardous waste collection helps safely dispose of items that can harm residents' health, the environment and drinking water supplies. For more information on what qualifies for disposal and what does not, click here: https://tinyurl.com/2n2ff7ej

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. <u>https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm</u>

PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK – Repairs in front of Piscataqua Savings started May 17.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVE AT PEASE -

Construction continues for the next 2 weeks, Oak Avenue to Rye Street.

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AT PEASE –

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

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:

- <u>Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts and</u> <u>Nonprofits</u> (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
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- <u>Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen</u> <u>Portsmouth 2021</u> (meets via Zoom Wednesdays at 2 pm)

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE IN EFFECT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here.

https://tinyurl.com/yhkbx7j9

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 28, 2021. https://tinyurl.com/4afebpnn

"YOUR SHOT" VACCINE IN NH <u>https://tinyurl.com/928p5urk</u>

QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO GET THE VACCINE? Click here.

https://tinyurl.com/mc8c4bba

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw</u>

UPDATED PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click

here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citymanager/vaccination-faqs

For Kids & COVID FAQs, click here. https://tinyurl.com/49anabp9

For COVID-19 Treatment FAQS, click here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2</u> 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-fags

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/5h55s48k</u>

For "I've Had COVID-19, Now What?" FAQs, click here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f</u>

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