

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, June 9, 2021

PORTSMOUTH REPEALS MASK MANDATE --

Portsmouth Public Schools retain requirement through the June 18 end of the school year. Portsmouth Public Library requests all patrons and staff continue to wear masks due to the number of children under 12. For more information, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/45maamus>



NEW ATHLETIC FIELD OPENS – The new Athletic Field off Campus Drive is now open to the public, dawn to dusk. To make reservations or for questions related to the use and availability of the field, please contact Assistant Recreation Director Barry Foley at (603) 427-1547. Click here for a video of the ribbon-cutting: <https://youtu.be/z-YZXC2N us>

BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES – The following positions are open. If you are interested in applying for a Board or Commission, please complete this application and submit it to the City Clerk's Office. <https://tinyurl.com/2unv4wax>

- 1 Regular Member to the Building Code Board of Appeals (Pending submission of renewal application)
- 1 Alternate Member to the Building Code Board of Appeals – The vacancy to be filled would need to be an electrical engineer or master electrician
- 2 Alternate Members to the Conservation Commission

- 1 Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission
- 1 Alternate Member to the Planning Board
- 1 Regular Member to the Trees and Public Greenery Committee (pending submission of renewal applications)
- The Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee is also welcoming new members



THURS JUN 10: NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM PILOT – PUBLIC INPUT MEETING by Zoom or in-person at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Hybrid meeting – for the Zoom registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/memhab36>

THURS JUN 10: SAFE WATER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/zyy7nt9c>

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
ART OPEN HOUSE

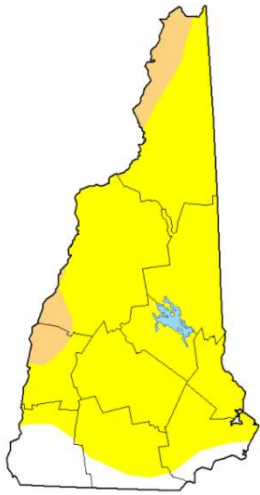
FEATURING:
Valerie Cunningham Pat DeGrandpre Tess Felts
Tim Hayes Fran Mallon Lennis Mullaneey
Maureen O'Leary David Random Bobbi Slavin Mark Vogt

Thursday, June 10
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
125 Cottage Street 603.610.4433

CHAT WITH THE CITY MANAGER SAT JUNE 12, 8-10 am

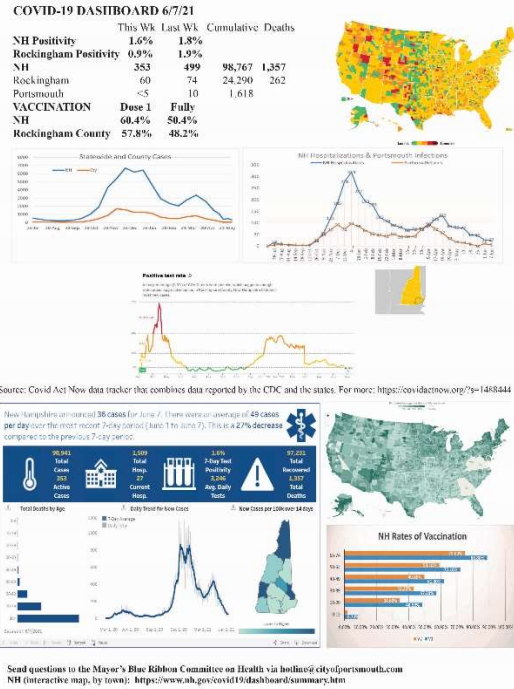
– At the Farmers’ Market, Little Harbour School. Stop by to say ‘hi’ and bring your questions and comments.

PROJECT COOLAIR FOR SENIORS – The hot, humid weather forecast for this weekend is a reminder for those 60+ and anyone whose health is adversely affected by the heat to be prepared before an emergency develops. Often, those in need of air conditioning “do without” because they do not have the funds or know where to seek assistance. Through Project CoolAir, Area HomeCare makes air conditioners available to low income, medically-challenged and 60+ residents in Rockingham County. Make arrangements now rather than waiting for a critical need to develop. For more information, contact Ellen Tully at City Hall: 610-7267 or WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com



June 1, 2021 NH Drought Monitor
Abnormally Dry Area in Yellow

WATER SUPPLY STATUS REPORT – VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS REQUESTED -- The Seacoast is currently in Stage 1 of drought conditions with what the State has determined to be “abnormally dry conditions.” The current hot and dry weather is also increasing water supply demands. To continue to meet that demand, **the Water Department is asking City of Portsmouth and Pease International Tradeport water system customers to voluntarily conserve water.** If dry conditions persist, mandatory restrictions for non-essential water use, including odd/even watering schedules, may be required. The full report provides more detail. <https://tinyurl.com/5994zn6d>
The City of Portsmouth’s Water/Stormwater Division encourages residents to “Think Blue” and consider some of these water-saving measures you can practice at home: <https://tinyurl.com/42x46978>



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF version, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/26xz9a9uk).



NATIONAL SKATEBOARD DAY CELEBRATION JUN 21 from 5-7 pm at Greenleaf Skateboard Park -- The Portsmouth Skateboard Park Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee invites the public “for pizza, skateboard tricks, prizes and fun.”

PEVERLY HILL COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT MEETING MON JUN 28 at 6:30 pm -- This is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person in City Hall Chambers OR participate remotely, via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/n4dnnnz>
The purpose of the meeting is a follow-up to the public site walk held on April 3, 2021. The meeting gives the public an additional opportunity to see and discuss the project limits and easements that will be necessary along the roadway corridor. City staff will be present to provide information and answer questions.

SAGAMORE AVE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT – NH DES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The NHDDES Environmental Review has determined a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed project. The public now has 30 days to comment on the finding ([click here](#) for the full document).

Comments may be addressed to Zach Cronin, Assistance City Engineer for the City of Portsmouth at 603-610-7304 or Attn: Zach Cronin, City of Portsmouth Public Works Department, 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 **and Tracy Wood, NHDDES, Wastewater Engineering Bureau**, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095. **The deadline for submitting comments is June 25, 2021.** Please continue to direct comments or questions about the proposed sewer connections to Zachary Cronin, Assistant City Engineer, at zmcronin@cityofportsmouth.com or 603-610-7304.

FLEET STREET LANDSCAPING DESIGN INPUT NEEDED

-- The City is seeking input from those in the Fleet Street Project Area

<https://tinyurl.com/235pzjfw>

regarding what they'd like to see for sidewalk and landscape improvements as part of the project. The City's contractors Underwood Engineers offered some examples of previous streetscape improvements at their May 6 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh> Among the considerations up for discussion:

- Pedestrian accommodations and seating
- Traffic patterns & calming
- Landscape & trees
- Bike accommodations
- Overhead utilities
- Parking
- Curbing realignments

Underwood invites residents to send comments by email (or during Fleet Street Project office hours -- in person at their 25 Vaughan Mall offices, or by video chat -- between now and June 25, 2021. To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, or to send an email comment, please contact Kerrie Winsor (kwinsor@UnderwoodEngineers.com) or 603- 436-6192.



LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS –

For more information on daily walk-in vaccinations at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5>

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – Percent of Rockingham County population fully vaccinated: 51%.

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

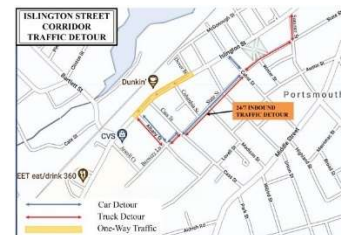
NEED HELP PAYING ENERGY BILLS?

Eversource is still offering a COVID-19 Payment Program that gives customers up to 12 months to pay past-due balances, without down payments, fees or interest. Once enrolled, your account is protected from service disconnection for the duration of the payment plan. **For more information call 1-844-273-7760** or visit <https://tinyurl.com/jfns28>

NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

BACK TO WORK INCENTIVES – All those receiving NHDDES 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. Those receiving more than \$25/hour are ineligible.

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR

NOW IN PLACE 24/7 –For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>

NEXT WEEK: PAVING MAPLEWOOD AVE.

DOWNTOWN – One-way alternating traffic. Milling and repaving the section of Maplewood Ave. from Dennett St. to the RR crossing near Deer St. Parking in this area will be limited on work days. Project is expected to take about 2 weeks.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 11, 2021.

<https://tinyurl.com/3cfvb5w3>

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw>

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>

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