

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory

Monday, June 14, 2021

Happy Flag Day!



With a refurbished eagle atop the Liberty Pole.

TONIGHT! SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON CITY'S USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS at 7 pm. This meeting is being held in person AND via Zoom -- Attend in person in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Or to register in advance to participate by Zoom, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/tnftnu9d>

The passage of the FY22 City budget moved \$400,000 out of Capital Projects due to the potential to use American Rescue Plan grant money. That shift is dependent on the City's understanding of the Federal guidelines for use of the \$6.44 million Portsmouth has received (the first tranche of two years of funding), and the Treasury Department's approval of the City's plan to apply them. The two projects identified in the budget – City Hall HVAC improvements and citywide storm drainage improvements would seem to qualify under the very specific definitions of eligible projects. According to US Treasury guidelines, these include:

- Support public health expenditures;
- Address the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency;
- Replace lost public sector revenue;

- Provide premium pay for essential workers; and
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

This Work Session allows residents to learn more about what is eligible and how the City is planning for use of American Rescue Plan funding.

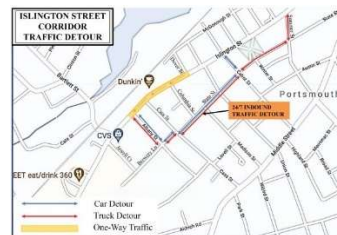
DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

STARTING MON JUN 14: PORTER STREET CURB & SIDEWALK WORK

STARTING TUES JUN 15: BANFIELD RD. Construction between Peverly and Constitution for installation of private sewer line under the road. Alternating one-way traffic, 7 am to 5 pm.

SIDEWALK REPAIR: BOHENKO PARK ON MARKET STREET EXTENSION, MON-TUES MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT, CUTTS ST. & CENTRAL AVE. PREP FOR PAVING – No parking in work zones indicated by cones and signage. Additional loam and seeding along Maplewood Ave.

STARTING WED JUN 16: 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.



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>

PEIRCE ISLAND SITE WALK WITH MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, WED JUN 16 at 4:30 pm.

PORTSMOUTH POLICE HOST CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT VIRTUAL TRAINING: THURS JUN 17 5:30-8:30 pm via Zoom -- This course is designed to help civilians anticipate and recognize an active shooter/active threat situation and respond appropriately and immediately if they are ever faced with one.

- History and prevalence of active shooter events.
- Human response to disasters and critical incidents.

- Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event options.
- Law enforcement response, and what to do when LE arrive on the scene.
- Avoid, Deny, Defend Video.
- Question and Answer Session.

Registration is free and participation based on a first come, first served basis with a limit of 100 participants. Portsmouth, NH residents will take precedence. For Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/s34e9474>

For all other information regarding CRASE, and other safety trainings made available by the Portsmouth Police Department, please contact Community Outreach Coordinator Detective Rochelle Jones at: rjones@cityofportsmouth.com or (603) 610-7503.

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 –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



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.”

PORTSMOUTH POLICE DEPT. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SAT JUN 26 -- The Portsmouth Police Department is hosting two, free 3 v 3 basketball tournaments this summer. Open to any Middle School student going into the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Trophy and a prize awarded to the winning team and each participant receives a tournament shirt. All games will be held outside at the Mill Pond basketball courts. A second tournament is planned for July 24. To register, please contact Detective Robert Munson at 610-7506 or munsonr@cityofportsmouth.com

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 NHDES 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, NHDES, 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. For examples:

<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.



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CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE WILL HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 3. REGISTRATIONS WELCOME -- Portsmouth joins more than 17,000 communities nationwide to celebrate the 38th Annual National Night Out. The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for the Police, Fire and Public Works employees who serve the City, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnership. Throughout the evening, members of the public safety departments visit each neighborhood with one of their trucks and McGruff, the costumed mascot, so children can get to know their first responders. A specific schedule of the neighborhood visits will be announced closer to the event. The Citywide Neighborhood Committee, is now distributing National Night Out registration forms to neighborhood representatives and volunteer organizers. Neighbors interested in hosting the event can also contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at cncportsmouth@gmail.com for a registration form. The last time the event was held in Portsmouth, in 2019, 20 neighborhoods participated.

NEXT CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING: JUN 23 at 7 pm.



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 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. Those receiving more than \$25/hour are ineligible.

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>