

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, June 21, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MON JUN 21 at 7 pm. This meeting is being held in person AND via Zoom -- Attend in person in the Council Chambers at City Hall or register for Zoom. <https://tinyurl.com/2muvsfj7>



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."

CHILD TAX CREDIT AWARENESS DAY, MON JUN 21: [Child Tax Credit Awareness Day](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool)— to raise awareness and assist eligible low-income families—who may have such low-incomes that they are not required to file taxes. While most eligible families will automatically benefit, sign up for Child Tax Credit benefits using this new, simple sign-up tool. <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool> The American Rescue Plan has increased the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child for children over the age of six and from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under the age of six, and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. All working families will get the full credit if they make less than \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent.



OUTDOOR POOL NOW OPEN TO PORTSMOUTH RESIDENTS, JUN 21 – AUG 20, 7 DAYS A WEEK. 11 am to 6 pm. For details, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/uy8cb4ut>

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

VOTER RE-REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT VOTED SINCE 2017 -- Per New Hampshire State law, all municipalities in the state must certify their lists of registered voters every ten years. The last time this was done in Portsmouth was 2010. **The Portsmouth City Clerk has announced that any resident who was registered as a voter in the City of Portsmouth but who has not voted in the past four years (since April 1, 2017) must re-register before August 1, 2021 to remain on the voter rolls.** The City Clerk's office can process voter re-registrations and new registrations during regular office hours at City Hall (Mon 8 am - 6 pm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm. Fri 8 am - 1 pm). **In addition, the Portsmouth Board of Registrars is hosting two special sessions at City Hall for these registrations:**

- **Tues, July 13, 4:30-6 pm**
- **Tues, July 20, 9-10:30 am**

Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship and domicile (Portsmouth home address) should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them

may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship and domicile. **Eligible residents of Portsmouth are always able to register to vote on election day.**

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

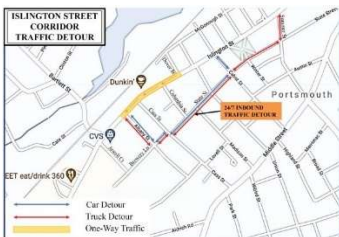
CERES STREET BETWEEN BOW AND MARKET CLOSED ON TUES JUN 22 from 8 am to 6 pm -- The City has determined that an immediate repair to the sewer main along Ceres Street is necessary. As a result, Ceres Street between Bow Street and Market Street will be closed to traffic on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 between 8 am and 6 pm. Because work in this area must be conducted at low tide, the street will be closed in the morning to prepare for the repairs to be completed during the ebb tide.

PREPARATIONS FOR PAVING MAPLEWOOD AVE. DOWNTOWN – NO PARKING 7 AM TO 5 PM and one-way alternating traffic from Dennett St. to the RR crossing near Deer St.

TUES JUN 22 PAVING BANFIELD RD. Construction between Peverly and Constitution to install a private sewer line under the road. Alternating one-way traffic, 7 am-5 pm.

PORTER STREET SIDEWALK BRICK INSTALLATION MON-TUES JUN 21-22

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT – Leslie Drive driveway paving anticipated by the end of the week. Continued loaming and seeding.



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – Brief water interruptions to connect Columbia Street to temporary water service. Begin water main installations at Dover St working westerly towards Cass St. Affected homes and businesses notified 72 hours in advance. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>



CREATING A RACIALLY JUST COMMUNITY – PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY SERIES CONTINUES JUN 23 & 30, via Zoom. This series is co-hosted with Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire and sponsored in part by Kennebunk Savings, with additional support from Piscataqua Savings Bank. Moderated by Courtney Marshall, a scholar of African-American literature and Black feminism. She currently teaches English at Phillips Exeter Academy where she also serves as Associate Dean of Advising. For panelists and registration, click on the links below.

WED JUN 23, Racial Justice in Work & Business, 7-8 pm via Zoom.
<https://tinyurl.com/6ft9xyh8>

WED JUN 30, Racial Justice in Our Community, 7-8 pm via Zoom.
<https://tinyurl.com/pp9hjpjhm>

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



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 until June 25 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.

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. An example of improvements is the photo above of Sheafe Street 'before' and 'after.' For more examples: <https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh> **Send comments by email, in person during Underwood's Fleet Street Project office hours 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.



TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

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 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. The Citywide Neighborhood Committee, is now accepting applications to participate from neighborhood representatives. Contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at cncportsmouth@gmail.com for a registration form.

SPECIAL CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: JUL 7 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: 53.29%. To

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

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>