

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Want to know more about what's happening in the City, including individual DPW construction projects?

Click on the link below to sign up for the City Newsletter and/or individual email lists for projects. Each of these projects or programs has its own page with recent updates and background information.

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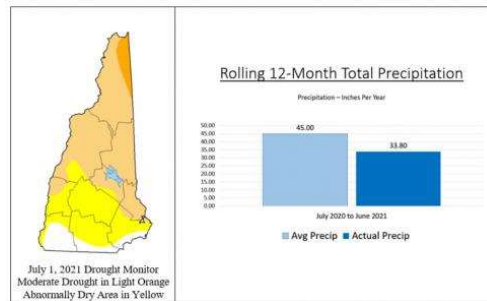


TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

TONIGHT at 7 pm: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE ON "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" (AUG 3) via Zoom

– For Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/b724symj>

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.



VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS

REMAIN IN PLACE -- The Seacoast remains in Stage 1 of a drought, with abnormally dry conditions. Recent rainfall has only slightly reduced water supply demands that increased with last month's hot and dry weather. Therefore, **the City of Portsmouth and Pease International Tradeport water systems continue to ask customers to voluntarily conserve water.** If dry conditions return, mandatory restrictions on non-essential water use may be required. They could include odd/even watering schedules. For more details, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/gd7famr2> The City of Portsmouth's Water/Stormwater Division encourages residents to "Think Blue" and consider adopting some of these water-saving suggestions at home: <https://tinyurl.com/42x46978>



OUTDOOR POOL -- There are no capacity restrictions or hour limits. Portsmouth residents are admitted free. Non-resident guests are welcome at the previous fee of Adults (18 and over) \$4; Child (under 18) \$2. Pool hours are: 11 am - 6 pm.

SENIOR CENTER OPEN AS A COOLING STATION. CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE SURE PETS HAVE WATER AND SHADE. For more advice on coping with hot weather, [click here](#).



PEIRCE ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DEDICATION TUES JUL 13 at 5 pm.

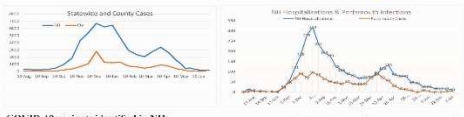
Facility tours, in small groups, follow dedication remarks. NH Department of Environment Services Commissioner Robert Scott will tour the facility with DPW Director Peter Rice. The \$92 million project marks a milestone in the City’s history and with \$75 million in state funding, is the largest in the history of the NH State Revolving Fund loan programs that support drinking water safety, water quality, and public health through low-cost financial assistance. City officials and representatives from EPA and the project design and construction firms will participate. The event is open to the public. Please park in the gravel lot at the end of Peirce Island Road.

PRESCOTT PARK GARDEN TOURS START FRI JUL 9 at 11 am and 1 pm --

The 10-acre Prescott Park, deeded to the City for the perpetual use and enjoyment of residents and visitors, contains a variety of individual garden spaces, from the formal plantings around the sculptural elements of the massive waterfront anchor and Cabot Lyford’s “Whale,” to the bed of hostas along the shaded Mechanic Street edge of the garden. In between are the Liberty Gardens beds of annuals designed and installed by City staff, including summer associates who are leading the tours. The free Prescott Park Garden Tours are conducted every Friday at 11 am and 1 pm, starting at the Liberty Pole. Staff welcome visitors’ questions about their designs and the plants they chose for this year’s gardens.

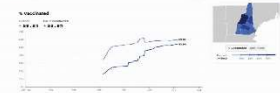
COVID-19 DASHBOARD 7/7/21

	This Wk	Last Wk	Cumulative Deaths
NH Positivity	1.0%	0.8%	
Rockingham Positivity	1.3%	1.3%	
NH	181	160	99,626 1,373
Rockingham	35	38	24,430 266
Portsmouth	<5	<5	1,624
VACCINATION	Dece 1	Fally	
NH	63.1%	57.0%	
Rockingham County	59.8%	53.5%	

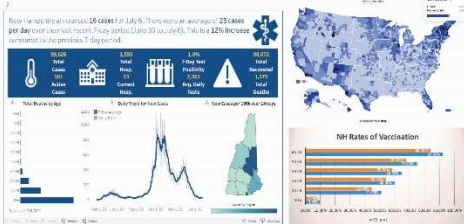


COVID-19 variants identified in NH:

Alpha (B.1.1.7):	1135
Beta (B.1.351):	1
B.1.427/429:	106
Gamma (P.1):	175
Delta (B.1.617.2):	15



Source: Covid Act Now data tracker that combines data reported by the CDC and the states. For more: <https://covidactnow.org>



Send questions to the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Health via health@cityofportsmouth.com or <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/summary.htm>

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/yfj3nav5>

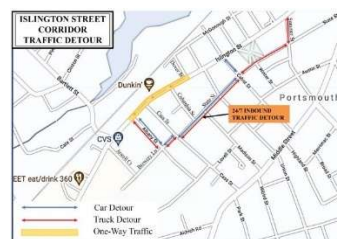
NH DHHS VACCINATION SITES NOW CLOSED. FOR A LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/kbvemrbk>

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

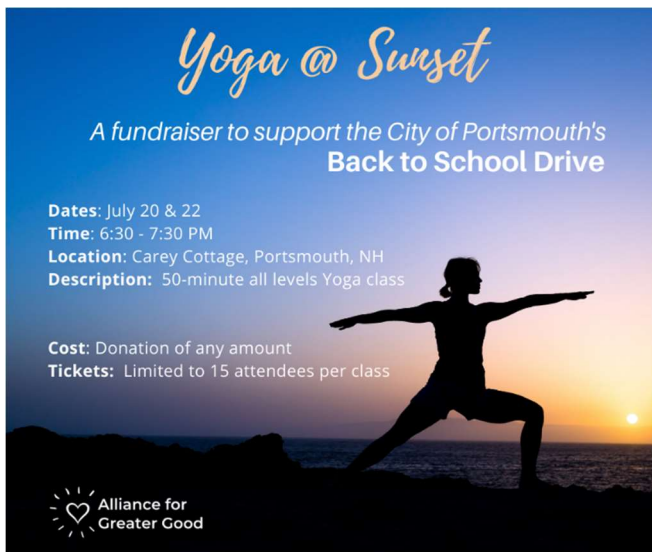
For more information on construction projects in the city, visit the DPW page on the City website, then click on the Projects tab for a dropdown menu that links to an individual page for each project with updates, project background and an opt-in email list. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks>

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION – Single lane traffic for pipe installation under the road.

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT –Continued loaming and seeding. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm>



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>



- 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

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.**

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)



For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw>

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>