

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Newsletter

## Wednesday, July 14, 2021

**Want to know more about what's happening in the City?** 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. <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>

**NEW! CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
**Like and follow us to get news as it's posted:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/CityHallPortsmouthNH>

**CITY MEETING BROADCASTS IN HD STARTING JUL 19** – The City has broadcast in high definition over YouTube for several years and soon those with Comcast HD will be able to watch City's government access broadcasts in HD on the new Channel 1072. Channel 22 remains in service for those who do not have HD.



**FREE PRESCOTT PARK GARDEN TOURS ON FRIDAYS (WEATHER PERMITTING), 11 am and 1 pm. Meet at the Liberty Pole on Marcy Street.**

**TOMORROW! THURS JUL 15: NH MOBILE VACCINE VAN** -- NH DHHS has launched the new initiative to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines across the state. The first stop is PORTSMOUTH – at the Roundabout Diner from 8 am to 3 pm. All three FDA authorized vaccines will be available (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson). Translation services will also be available. Thanks to the generosity of business owner Dan Pasternack.



**FRI JUL 16! NEW CONFIGURATION FOR CATE & BARTLETT STREETS STARTS –**  
The new through-street, named “Hodgdon Way,” branches off Cate Street and continues to the Route 1 By-Pass. The new through-street includes a re-alignment of the intersection of Bartlett and Cate Streets. For a larger version of the map above, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/yr8wxx3k>

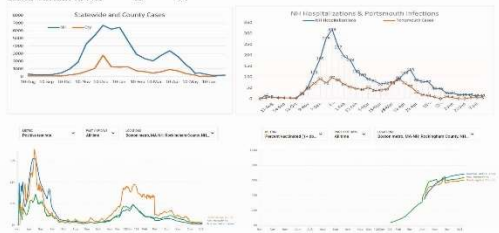
The new configuration will incorporate the following changes:

- Entering the intersection from upper Bartlett Street, traffic will come to a complete stop at the new stop sign at the reconfigured Bartlett-Cate Street intersection (before continuing under the railroad trestle);
- Traffic coming from Islington Street will now be able to flow unimpeded to Cate Street or up Bartlett without having to stop;
- Traffic coming from the Bypass will travel unimpeded until the traffic signal at Islington Street.

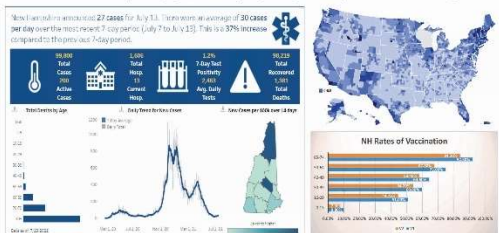
The new direct route between the Bypass and the West End of Portsmouth allows for through-traffic to avoid the Bartlett Street residential neighborhood and will expedite ambulance service to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Truck traffic will also now be excluded from Bartlett Street. This revised intersection configuration will be monitored and adjusted as needed over the next few weeks.

**COVID-19 DASHBOARD 7/13/21**

	This Wk	Last Wk	Cumulative
NH Positivity	1.2%	1.0%	
Rockingham Positivity	1.2%	1.3%	
NH	200	181	99,800
Rockingham	48	35	24,474
Portsmouth	<5	<5	1,628
<b>VACCINATION</b>			
NH	Dose 1: 63.1%	Fully: 57.0%	
Rockingham County	68.3%	54.4%	
Delta Variant in NH	15	14	



Source: Covid Act Now data tracker that combines data reported by the CDC and the states. For more: <https://covidactnow.org>  
 NOTE: This website has new dynamic graphs (above) comparing Rockingham County to NH to the Boston Metropolitan area.



NOTE: The NH Vaccination rates, by age, above seem to have stalled since last week's report, perhaps due to a holiday reporting lag.  
 Source: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/sites/g/files/obfzbtm481/files/documents/2021-07/covid-19-updates-07132021.pdf>  
 NH interactive map by town: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/summary.htm>  
 Send questions to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health via [health@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:health@cityofportsmouth.com)

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



**PEIRCE ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY VIRTUAL TOUR** – If you missed the opportunity to tour the new facility at the ribbon-cutting, click here for a 15-minute video tour. <https://youtu.be/YkYDqYpbXrI> The \$92 million project marks a milestone in the City's history and with \$81.9 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.

**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>

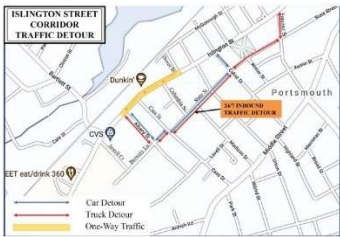
**PEASE PAVING THIS WEEK:** Weather-dependent paving New Hampshire Ave to Newington Dr. at Pease Blvd. and International Dr. from Oak to Rye.

**DENNETT STREET** – Construction underway, removing manhole covers on the section from Hunters Hill to Maplewood, in preparation for removing and replacing the gravel underlay then grading the road for binding and the overlay. Project is expected to take three weeks. Parking limitations in place where posted.



**MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT** – **NO PARKING on Central Avenue and Ashland Street when marked.** Once paved, please use caution while making turns on the fresh asphalt. No sharp turns and keep your vehicle in motion while turning. **Application of a surface treatment on Woodbury Avenue Thurs July 15 (depending on weather) will prohibit travel on the treated surface for approximately 2 hours.** One-way alternating traffic in place and access to driveways will be limited. A detour will be in place when Maplegrove Avenue is not accessible from Woodbury Avenue. Also, Maple Street at the intersection of Maplegrove will be reconstructed. To view and subscribe to the weekly work update, [click here](#).

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



**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>

**VOTER RE-REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT VOTED SINCE 2017** -- 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 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.**



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME**

**CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE PLANS “NATIONAL NIGHT OUT” AUG 3** -- Portsmouth joins more than 17,000 communities nationwide to celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> 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 [cneportsmouth@gmail.com](mailto:cneportsmouth@gmail.com) for a registration form.

*Yoga @ Sunset*  
A fundraiser to support the City of Portsmouth's Back to School Drive

Dates: July 20 & 22  
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Location: Carey Cottage, Portsmouth, NH  
Description: 50-minute all levels Yoga class

Cost: Donation of any amount  
Tickets: Limited to 15 attendees per class

Alliance for Greater Good

**ALLIANCE FOR GREATER GOOD SUPPORTS CITY WELFARE DEPT. BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE** – The Alliance hopes to raise \$1,500 for the purchase of 30 backpacks for high school students, who are often overlooked, by collecting donations of any amount to attend one of two Yoga @ Sunset classes on July 20 or 22, Led by Kathryn Garcia, a certified yoga instructor, the all-levels yoga classes will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the porch of the beautifully-restored Carey Cottage overlooking Sagamore Creek. The classes will be held rain or shine.

Space is limited and advance registration is required. Donations are welcome from those who do not plan to attend one of the yoga classes but would like to support the effort. Purchase a "Donation Only- No Admission" ticket and enter a donation of any amount. To register and/or donate, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2c7mvpuw>

**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

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




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**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>

**I LOST MY PROOF-OF-VACCINATION CARD. NOW WHAT?** All vaccination records are kept on file in the CDC National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) system. NH DHHS advises that you can replace a lost vaccination card in either of two ways:

1. Download and complete the vaccination card replacement request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/4pj4chcz> Note that the completed form **MUST BE NOTARIZED** before sending it back to NH DHHS.
2. If your healthcare provider has access to the NHIIS, ask him/her to print out the record directly from NHIIS.

**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.