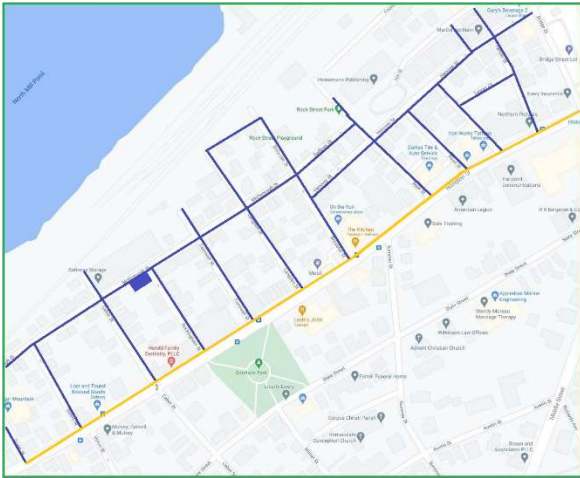


CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Wednesday, July 21, 2021



TOMORROW THURS JUL 22: PARKING & TRAFFIC SAFETY SPECIAL MEETING ON ISLINGTON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM at 3pm – In person in City Hall Conference Room A or via Zoom. For Agenda, pilot program description and Zoom registration, click here. The meeting on Mon Jul 19, experienced Zoom technical difficulties, so the Committee is reconvening. <https://tinyurl.com/2j3fv958>

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>

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

CITY CLERK ANNOUNCES MUNICIPAL ELECTION FILING SEASON: MON AUG 30 – MON SEP 13 -- The following Non-Partisan Offices will be filled by the municipal election on November 2, 2021:

- City Council (9 positions)
- School Board (5 positions)
- Fire Commission (2 positions)
- Police Commission (2 positions)

Anyone filing as a candidate in the Municipal Election must be a qualified voter in the City of Portsmouth, shall have been a resident of the City for at least two years immediately preceding the Election, and may not hold any other Municipal Office once elected. Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours. All filings must be done in person. The filing fee is \$5 or submittal of a petition with fifty (50) signatures of qualified voters in the City. For more information, click here.

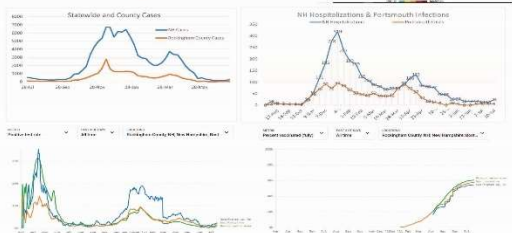
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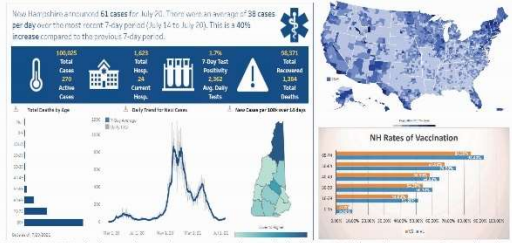
CITY WELFARE DEPT. SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE – Since 2006, the Welfare Department has conducted a back to school drive to assure that every child in the City of Portsmouth has the tools they need to begin a successful school year. Bring donated new supplies to the Welfare Office in City Hall. “Our number one need right now is three-ring binders, 2 inch is ideal, but any size can be used. We are also short on dry erase markers, pencil sharpeners, colored markers, colored pencils, highlighters and pens. We are always on the lookout for large, sturdy backpacks. Think high-schoolers who carry their lives in their backpacks!” Please contact Ellen Tully, 603-610-7267, etully@cityofportsmouth.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD 7/20/21

	This Wk	Last Wk	Cumulative	Deaths
NH Positivity	1.7%	1.2%		
Rockingham Positivity	1.9%	1.5%		
NH	270	200	100,025	1,384
Rockingham	41	48	24,515	269
Portsmouth	<5	<5	1,630	
VACCINATION				
NH	Dose 1	Fully		
	64.0%	58.0%		
Rockingham County	60.6%	54.8%		
Delta Variant in NH	21	15		



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 increased only slightly -- 0.1% for each age category. Source: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbmw481/files/documents/2021-07/covid-19-update-07112021.pdf>
NH interactive map, by county: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/summary.html>
Send questions to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health via holmes@cityofportsmouth.com

will be monitored and adjusted as needed over the next few weeks.

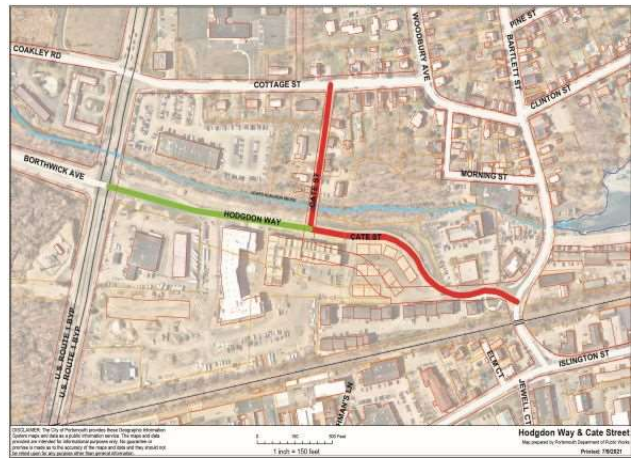
DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

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>

DENNETT STREET – Construction underway. Project is expected to take three weeks. Parking limitations in place where posted.



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – Click here for a larger PDF: <https://tinyurl.com/4d9hscem>

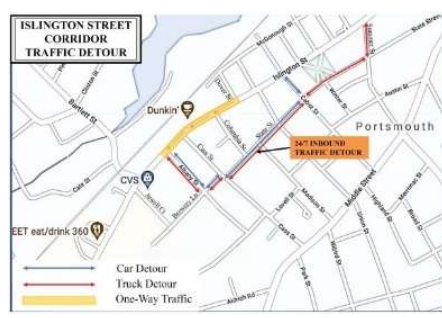


REMINDER: NEW CONFIGURATION FOR CATE & BARTLETT STREETS STARTS – The new connector road from Bartlett Street to the Route 1 Bypass opened on Friday, July 16. The new through-street, named “Hodgdon Way,” branches off Cate Street and continues to the Route 1 By-Pass. The new through-street includes a re-alignment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

The new direct route between the Bypass and the West End of Portsmouth allows for through-traffic to avoid the Bartlett Street residential neighborhood and expedites ambulance service to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Truck traffic is now be excluded from Bartlett Street. This revised intersection configuration

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT – Final paving of Maple Street at the intersection of Woodbury Avenue (weather dependent). Driveway paving will begin on Cutts Street, Central Avenue, Beechwood Street and Ashland Street.

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION – Next week: construction to install sidewalks between Heritage and Ocean Road. Single-lane traffic continues for pipe installation under the road.



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – Brief water services interruptions will be required to connect buildings between Dover Street and Cass Street to the new water main. Interruptions are expected to last around 15 minutes and residents will be notified prior to the water service interruption. There is potential for scheduled water shutdowns on Dover Street and State Street to complete connections required to sequence

water main installations. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>

- The Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee is also welcoming new members



What's going on?

On the 1st Tuesday in August every year, 38 million neighbors, across +16,000 communities come together and celebrate National Night Out.

Today many of us don't know our neighbors. NNO is the best way to get to know your neighbors, local law enforcement, and bring back a true sense of community. Many neighborhoods have Block Parties and BBQ's. Food always brings us together!

For the Kids:

National Night Out is a rare opportunity for kids to explore Police Cars, SWAT vehicles, Ambulances, Fire Trucks, and the big DPW trucks. This year Seacoast Crime Stoppers will be giving out Frisbees, Beach Balls and more!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 3 -- 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.

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)



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/4pj4chez> 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.

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>