

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Monday, July 26, 2021

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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)

For more information, click here.
<https://tinyurl.com/arjchzcw>

RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT SUMMER STIPEND -- NH suspended Dept of Employment Security COVID-19 unemployment on May 18 and announced a “summer stipend” of \$500 for part-time and \$1000 full-time jobs that those in the NHES system receiving unemployment benefits secured and worked for 8 weeks. (Those who receive \$25/hour or less.) Employees can now apply for the benefit with proof of 8 weeks new employment since May 18. Those who were already registered in the NHES system should check their individual dashboards for eligibility and instructions on filing for the stipend.
<https://www.unemploymentbenefits.nh.gov/file-my-initial-claim>

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Applications for \$26 million in support available to NH are handled through NH Community Action Partnership (CAP). Landlords and tenants are encouraged to apply to avoid any impacts from the July 31 end to the eviction moratorium.
<https://www.capnh.org/covid19>

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.

THANK YOU CBDG FOR SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL COOKOUT! -- Last week, 200 Portsmouth seniors enjoyed a complimentary picnic lunch under a large tent at the Senior Activity Center. Portsmouth received a Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) for “supporting activities that prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19.” That grant provided funding to reduce the risk of COVID-19 by renting a large outdoor tent for safe senior programming in the summer months.



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 excluded from Bartlett Street. This revised intersection configuration will be monitored and adjusted as needed over the next few weeks.

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

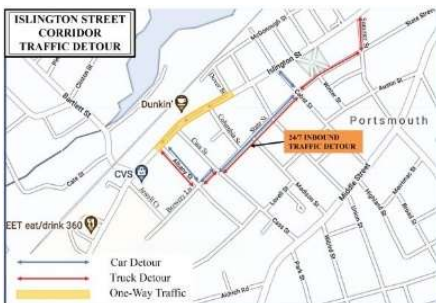
For more information on construction projects in the city, visit the DPW page on the City website, then click on the Projects tab for a dropdown menu that links to an individual page for each project with updates, project background and an opt-in email list. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks>

DENNETT STREET – Gas company now working to replace the gas main under the steel plate that damaged the street milling equipment. Street construction will resume after that work is completed. Parking limitations in place where posted.

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION – WED JUL 28, works starts to install the sidewalk between Heritage and Ocean Road. Single-lane traffic continues for pipe installation under the road

PEVERLY HILL ROAD GAS LINE REPLACEMENT – Work starts this week.

CLOUGH DRIVE & LITTLE HARBOR ROAD – Road work and paving **starts on WED JUL 28**.



ISLINGTON STREET PAVING SCHEDULED FOR FRI JUL 30 – Once paved, Islington Street will return to 2-way traffic, with flaggers on station while sidewalks are built. 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. For the weekly update and to

subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>



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

LITTLE BAY WATER LINE PROJECT – The City is advancing a project to install an additional water line adjacent to two existing pipes carrying water from the Madbury Reservoir across Little Bay to the city. As part of the standard permitting process, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) has published a Public Notice inviting public comment regarding the City's permit for the water line work. (Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/rnmjbpc> for File Number: NAE-2019-01078.) The deadline for comments is August 19, 2021. The project is expected to go out for bid in Fall 2021, with construction during Winter 2021-22.



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 TUES AUG 3 – The Citywide Neighborhood Committee hosts an event taking place simultaneously across the country,

designed “to strengthen and connect the community while fostering partnerships between residents and members of Police Departments.” In Portsmouth, the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments plan to invite kids to “touch a truck” and meet McGruff the (costumed) crime-fighting dog as they visit the different neighborhood between 5 and 8 pm. (Rain date is August 10). For a list of participating neighborhoods and locations for the NNO block parties, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/6vseyckt> For more information, contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at cncportsmouth@gmail.com

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

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.

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>



FOR A LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/kbvemrbk>

Note that some local pharmacies may not always have the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in stock.