

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter
Wednesday, July 28, 2021

PRESCOTT PARK GARDEN TOURS ON FRIDAYS AT 11 am and 1 pm – Meet at the Liberty Pole on Marcy Street for free guided tours led by the Parks & Greenery staff who designed and planted the gardens.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD 7/27/21

	This Wk	Last Wk	Cumulative Deaths	
NH Positivity	2.3%	1.7%		
Rockingham Positivity	3.0%	1.9%		
Portsmouth Positivity	4.6%			
NH	440	270	100,398	1,386
Rockingham	106	41	24,610	270
Portsmouth	12	<5		1,642

VACCINATION

	Dose 1	Fully
NH	64.0%	58.0%
Rockingham County	68.9%	55.1%
Delta Variant in NH	27	21

NOTE: This website has new dynamic graphs (above) comparing Rockingham County to NH to the Boston Metropolitan area.

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

New Hampshire announced 118 cases for July 27. There were an average of 63 cases per day over the most recent 7-day period (July 21 to July 27). This is a 81% increase compared to the previous 7-day period.

100,398 Total Cases
440 Active Cases
53,000 Fully Vaccinated
68.9% At Least 1 Dose
2.3% 7-Day Test Positivity
5,802 Avg. Daily Tests
29 Current Hosp.
1,386 Total Deaths

NH Rates of Vaccination

NTI (interactive map, by town): <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/summary.htm>
Send questions to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health via info@cityofportsmouth.com

38TH ANNUAL

WHEN: AUG 3RD (RAIN DATE AUG 10TH)

WHERE:

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD
The CDC put out guidance yesterday that residents in area with “High” or “Severe” Community Transmission rates should consider wearing masks indoors, whether they are vaccinated or not due to the higher rate of contagion with the Delta variant. The NH DHHS currently lists the level of community transmission on the Seacoast as “Low” and NH has reported only 25 cases of the Delta variant (elsewhere in the country, Delta is the cause of more than 80% of all COVID-19 cases). For the Updated CDC Guidance, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/ex2n7ww8>
For a larger PDF of the Regional Dashboard, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/4trkak3n>

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!

NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATIONS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUES AUG 3 – Designed “to strengthen and connect the community while fostering partnerships between residents and members of Police Department,” the Portsmouth Fire, Police and Public Works Departments 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 locations for the NNO block parties, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/6vseyckt>
For more information, contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at cncportsmouth@gmail.com

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 – 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>

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION STARTS THURS JUL 29

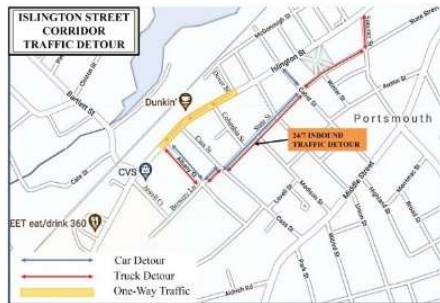
-- To install the sidewalk between Heritage and Ocean Road. Single-lane traffic continues for pipe installation under the road

PEVERLY HILL ROAD GAS LINE

REPLACEMENT – Work starts this week.

CLOUGH DRIVE & LITTLE HARBOUR

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY – Road work and paving started 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>

CHEVROLET AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT STARTS MON AUG 2

– Prep work at 200 Cass St. and 16 Chevrolet Ave. will begin with Murtha Landscape removing the plants that will be relocated for the final landscape design. Advanced Excavation is the general contractor for the construction of a new sidewalk.

DENNETT STREET – Gas company started work this morning now working to replace the gas main under the steel plate that damaged the street milling equipment. This gas main replacement will take until Labor Day to complete. DPW will be able to complete their project immediately after that, but will probably not be finished until the end of October.



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/rnmjbc> 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.

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



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<https://www.facebook.com/CityHallPortsmouthNH>

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.

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/2ywc6ab>

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. <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>