

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Monday, August 30, 2021

MUNICIPAL ELECTION FILING SEASON OPENS TODAY. Filing deadline is **MON SEP 13** -- For more information, click here.
<https://tinyurl.com/arjchzcw>



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PORTSMOUTH ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS & 9th GRADE ORIENTATION. GRADES 9-12 START TUES AUG 31. Watch for crossing schoolchildren at the locations noted above; and allow a little extra time on the streets around the schools. For more information, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/267tk866>

DOES YOUR FAMILY NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES? – The City of Portsmouth Welfare Dept. can provide backpacks and everything to fill them, thanks to donations from residents. Please contact Ellen Tully or Pam Mattingly at 603-610-7267 or etully@cityofportsmouth.com

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD TRAINING EXERCISE WED SEP 1, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm --

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will conduct routine security response training with marked U.S. Navy harbor patrol boats using blank ammunition. The training will take place in the vicinity of 2KR Buoy outside of the mouth of the Piscataqua River. In their notice, PNSY said, “These exercises are designed to enhance the training and readiness of Navy harbor security forces and are not in response to any specific threat, but are regularly scheduled exercises.”



SAFE WATER ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG) MEETING WED SEP 1, 6-8:30 pm.

In-person City Hall Conference Room A or via Zoom. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2m8da2ys>

JOIN THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON PORTSMOUTH ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE --

The PEAC mission is to research the risks and opportunities of a Community Power program for Portsmouth under RSA 53-E, which allows towns and cities to aggregate their customer demand and purchase electricity in bulk for savings and a more rapid shift to renewables. PEAC will report back to the City Council with an assessment and recommendations, including whether to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). Those interested in applying to join the PEAC should complete and return this application form before September 12, 2021:
<https://tinyurl.com/2unv4wax>



PARKS AND GREENERY DIVISION

NEWSLETTER – Did you know the Parks & Greenery Division has planted 100 new trees around Portsmouth? To learn more about the trees and their ongoing work to keep Portsmouth beautiful, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/yhtdjca5>

DPW CONSTRUCTION

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>



95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL

RECONSTRUCTION – ACK Marine, under contract to the City's Department of Public Works, has started work to rebuild the seawall at 95 Mechanic Street. Equipment and materials are being delivered on Monday and Wednesday. Cofferdam sheeting is being installed with vibratory hammers, all day Monday to Friday. For more information and to subscribe to email updates on the project, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/w48zy332>

BANFIELD ROAD -- Culvert replacement, sidewalk and traffic calming: Preparing for new sidewalk between Heritage and Ocean Road. In addition, two speed tables and two three-way stops -- at both the Heritage Ave. and Constitution Ave. intersections -- will be constructed during the final paving process. **Paving:** The section of Banfield from Peverly Hill Road to Constitution Ave. is being reclaimed, reinforced and graded for paving in the next week. **A single-lane traffic pattern is in effect for both areas, with flaggers in the construction areas, on weekdays between 7 am and 5 pm.**

DENNETT STREET – Gas main replacement work continues to Labor Day. DPW will be able to complete their project immediately after that, finishing by the end of October.

ISLINGTON STREET -- West of Bartlett Street: Final striping and paving of driveway tie-ins. Albany Street to Dover Street: Fine grade and install concrete sidewalks and tree wells. **Asphalt binder paving on Wed. Sep 1.** Columbia Street Area: Continue water main installation, with possible water testing.

MAPLEWOOD AVE -- The project has reached substantial completion for all phases of work. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation throughout the duration of the project. Miscellaneous work on punchlist items will continue on an intermittent basis until the project has reached final completion which is anticipated for the end of September.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MEMORIAL BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR INSPECTION, TUES SEP 21, 6 am - 4 pm. (Rain date Sep 22.)

PORTSMOUTH NH 400TH RESUMES

PREPARATIONS FOR 2023 -- The Executive Team includes Managing Director Valerie Rochon, Community Engagement Officer Susan Labrie and City Manager Karen Conard, with City Finance, Legal and Public Information resources in support. The Executive Team is convening a Task Force to support the Portsmouth NH 400th and invites individuals, businesses and organizations who want to join the team to contact Valerie Rochon at hello@PortsmouthNH400.org

EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITIES

ASSISTANCE – For more information on whether you qualify and how to apply for emergency funds available to renters in NH, click here: <https://www.capnh.org/covid19> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has also launched a new tool (<https://tinyurl.com/4hawaxf4>) that allows renters and landlords to find rental assistance

programs in their area. Applications are handled through NH Community Action Partnership (CAP).

9/11 COMMEMORATION – The Police and Fire Departments will conduct their ceremony at the Pease Air Show on Sat. Sep 11 so there will not be a ceremony at the World Trade Center Artifact Memorial. Flowers will be placed at the artifact, as usual and the public is invited to do so, as well.

NEW FRANKLIN/JEWELS NEIGHBORHOOD SOUND BARRIERS SITE WALK WITH CITY COUNCIL MON SEP 13 at 5 pm. Meet at New Franklin School.



SAVE THE DATE: CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE WARD 2 FORUM, TUES SEP 14 at 6:30 pm -- In person at Portsmouth Middle School or via Zoom. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/pbmrpctn>



ELWYN ROAD SIDE PATH PROPOSED ACTION PUBLIC MEETING WED SEP 15 at 6 pm – In person in City Hall Council Chambers or via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/65zr2aba> The purpose of the project is to add a multi-use side path for bicycles and pedestrians along Elwyn Road extending from Route 1 to Harding Road. The intent of the meeting is to collect input from the public, municipal officials, regulatory and resource agencies, and abutting property owners on their ideas and concerns relative to the alternatives considered and the proposed action selected. A review of the existing site conditions, design considerations, construction materials, and schedule will be followed by a question, answer, and comment period.

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.

- Building Code Board of Appeals, 1 regular member, pending submission of renewal application and 1 member qualified as an electrical engineer or master electrician
- Cable Television and Communications Commission, 3 regular members and 1 alternate
- Conservation Commission, 2 alternates
- Economic Development Commission, 4 regular members, pending submission of renewal applications
- Library Board of Trustees, 2 regular members, 1 pending submission of renewal application
- Historic District Commission, 1 alternate
- Parking and Traffic Safety Committee, 4 regular members, pending submission of renewal applications
- Planning Board, 1 alternate
- Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee is welcoming new members



UPDATED: COVID-19 TREATMENT FAQs. [Click here](#), Includes updated information about FDA approvals for treatment with monoclonal antibodies.

UPDATED: "I'VE RECEIVED THE COVID-19 VACCINATION, NOW WHAT?" FAQs. [Click here](#). Includes Aug 18 US Health Dept/CDC guidance on booster shots.

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 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>

CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:

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