

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Tuesday, September 7, 2021

TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING: TUES SEP 7 at 7 pm. In-person in City Hall Council Chambers or via Zoom. For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4uy9y5x8>

CONNIE BEAN CENTER ANNOUNCES FALL HOURS AND GUIDELINES:
<https://tinyurl.com/yhxwn8b5>

MUNICIPAL ELECTION FILING SEASON NOW THRU MON SEP 13 -- For more information, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/arjchzcw>

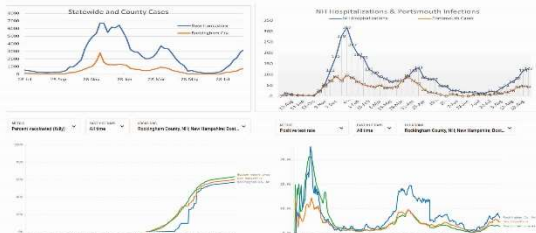


SCHOOL'S OPEN! Watch for schoolchildren at school crossings and allow a little extra time on the streets around the schools. For more information, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/267tk866>

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

MOBILE VACCINE SITE WED SEP 8 in Market Square, 8 am to 1 pm. Free, walk-up vaccines. All three vaccines available.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD 9/7/21				
	Sep 7	Aug 31	Aug 23	Aug 17
NH Positivity	5.5%	5.8%	6.0%	5.1%
Rockingham Positivity	7.8%	8.0%	7.0%	6.4%
Portsmouth Positivity	6.5%	7.9%	8.3%	7.0%
NH Active Cases	3,120	2,864	2,191	1,704
Rockingham Active	700	657	436	375
Portsmouth Active	44	48	26	18
Delta Variant in NH	466	423	226	122
VACCINATION	Dose 1	Fully		
NH	67.7%	68.1%		
Rockingham County	64.5%	57.3%		



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

New Hampshire announced 444 cases for September 8. There were an average of 344 cases per day over the most recent 7-day period (August 28 to September 8). This is a 28% increase compared to the previous 7-day period.



UNVACCINATED, BY AGE, AS OF 9/3/21
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 hrb@cityofportsmouth.com

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/9mv9yr3x>



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. AmeriCorps will be on-site at City Hall on Thursday to spruce up the area around the Memorial and flowers will be placed at the site. The public is invited to do so, as well, in remembrance on Saturday, September 11.

AIRSHOW PARKING RESTRICTIONS – The Portsmouth Police Department advises that effective Thursday, September 9, there will be **no parking along the entire length of Grafton Drive at Pease, on Route 33 and I-95 in both directions in Portsmouth** for the Thunder Over New Hampshire Airshow at Pease. Parking, standing or idling vehicles (including mopeds, scooters and

motorcycles) are prohibited and will be towed. The viewing area typically open to vehicles along the fence line on Grafton Drive will also be closed. The police remind citizens that the large parking lots on the Pease Tradeport are private property and parking is not allowed without express permission from the business owners. Private businesses reserve the right to tow vehicles from their parking lots. **Admission to the show is free, but every vehicle must have a parking pass, which you must reserve online in advance.**

<https://tinyurl.com/j83neefc>

There will be no parking passes available or for sale at the gates to the air show. Watch the skies – the US Air Force Thunderbird, support crew and other participants are scheduled to start arriving around 1 pm on Thurs Sep 9.



ROTARY PORTSMOUTH THANKS RESIDENTS FOR DONATIONS OF MOBILITY DEVICES

Four years ago, the Portsmouth Rotary made arrangements with DPW for residents to donate mobility devices such as crutches wheelchairs and walkers at the Recycling Center. The aids are made available to residents who need them and to the program Crutches 4 Africa (C4A) which is supported by Rotary Clubs around the world. The collective effort has transported 161,000 items – 4,000 from Portsmouth -- to Nigeria, Congo and the Sudan (regions still affected by polio), for distribution at no charge and without regard to race, age, gender or religion. Bill Hurley, chairman of the C4A project at Portsmouth Rotary notes that donations continue to be accepted at the Recycling Center, 680 Peverly Hill Road.

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>

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

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. 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. DPW will be able to complete their project, after Unutil finishes, by the end of October.

ISLINGTON STREET -- West of Bartlett Street, final striping and Albany-Dover temporary striping, TODAY and install brick strip in sidewalks, TUES-WED Sep 7-8. Columbia Street Area: finish water main and sewer service installation.

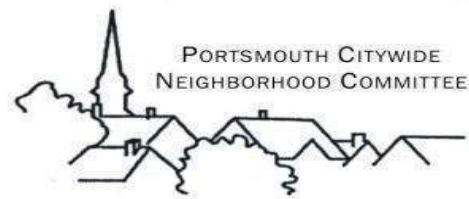


SAVE THE DATE! PRO PORTSMOUTH MARKET SQUARE DAY RETURNS SAT SEP 18, 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/rsxfp84>

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).

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 Agenda and Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/uwhukw7w> 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. For more information, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/hrnkvr4>

INTERESTED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY TV? COMMISSION VACANCY – The Cable Television and Communications Commission, is seeking Portsmouth residents as a regular member and an alternate. If you are interested in applying for this role or any of the City Boards and Commissions with openings listed below, 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

- 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: POST-VACCINATION FAQs

My vaccination is not recorded properly in the NH DHHS database. I have a vaccination card, but some travel destinations require the full record. What should I do? Contact NHIIS (NH Immunization Information System) at 603-271-4028, by email at nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov or click here for the NH DHHS website

<https://tinyurl.com/rva3tphc>

for the immunization information system (NHIIS). On this site, you will be guided in selecting the correction forms for your PCP to verify your vaccine card, DOB, etc. You will need to get the form notarized and before sending it back to NHIIS. Once your record is corrected and you can request an official vaccine and immunization record. This record is the one that would be accepted when travelling if the vaccine card is not enough. For more answers to Frequently Asked Questions, [click here](#) (including 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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