

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Newsletter

## Thursday, September 9, 2021

### MCINTYRE PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE

**UPDATE: The McIntyre Subcommittee met on September 8, 2021. This statement was provided by Councilor Peter Whelan, Subcommittee Chair:** "This afternoon the McIntyre Project Subcommittee held a productive virtual meeting with the National Park Service. The Subcommittee presented the draft citizen community plan (which has not changed since it was approved by the City Council on May 4, 2021) and got valuable feedback from the National Park Service. This is the start of a collaborative process to arrive at a plan that meets the National Park Service standards." For the presentation prepared for the National Park Service review click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/55rpcfn8>



**CHAT WITH CITY MANAGER KAREN CONARD AT THE FARMERS MARKET, SAT SEP 11, City Hall parking lot, 8 to 10 am** – Stop by to say hello and bring your questions and comments.

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON HEALTH UPDATES POST-VACCINATION FAQs** – For the latest information on breakthrough infections and third doses of vaccine, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/uurbmrse>



**9/11 COMMEMORATION** – The Police and Fire Departments will conduct their ceremony at the Pease Airshow on Sat. Sep 11 so **there will not be a ceremony at the World Trade Center Artifact Memorial at City Hall.** However, a group of AmeriCorps volunteers will be on-site today to spruce up the memorial plantings. **The public is invited to place flowers at the memorial.** For details on the collaboration that created the landscaping last year, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/m7pkc5fi>

The City of Portsmouth was directly impacted by the 9/11 attacks by the loss of American Airlines' co-pilot Tom McGuinness, a Portsmouth resident, who was flying American Airlines flight #11, the first plane flown into the tower. After five years of behind-the-scenes work, the Portsmouth Police Department won approval in 2015 for the City to be one of the recipients of an artifact recovered from the World Trade Center. With a flatbed and driver from Novel Iron Works, the team traveled to the Port Authority at JFK International Airport in New York to collect the 8-foot, 1100 lb. steel beam. Accompanied by a rolling escort from the NY City Police Department, State Police in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, an honor guard from Patriot Guard, Combat Vets and Portsmouth Fire and Police apparatus, the trip took about seven hours. Then a DPW crew hosted the beam into place, where it remains, overlooking South Mill Pond.

**ANOTHER 9/11 MEMORIAL** -- The next time you're in City Hall Council Chambers, take a moment to view Sarah Haskell's art work, "Each One: The Button Project." The final work stands almost 10 feet tall. Regimented rows of 3,116 bone-colored buttons (donated from across the country and stitched in place by an army of volunteers) line up across the dark linen handwoven backdrop as an abstract representation of the Twin Towers. The piece was displayed at the Currier Museum in 2002; then in 2011, the Portsmouth City Council voted to use gifted funds to purchase the art work in honor and

recognition of Evelyn Sirrell, who was Mayor from 1997-2005, including on September 11, 2001. In 2017, the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial and Museum in New York City asked to borrow the piece, where it was displayed until September 2019 when it returned to City Hall.



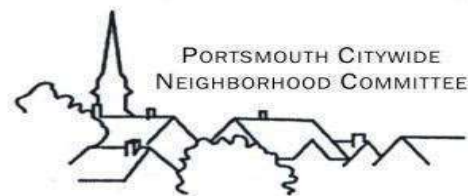
**AIRSHOW PARKING RESTRICTIONS** – The Portsmouth Police Department advises that effective Thursday, September 9, there will be **no parking along the entire length of Grafton Drive at Pease, on Route 33 and I-95 in both directions in Portsmouth** for the Thunder Over New Hampshire Airshow at Pease. 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.** 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 will be practicing their routes on Thurs and Fri.

**DEADLINE: SUN SEP 12 TO APPLY TO JOIN THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON PORTSMOUTH ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** -- The 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>

## NEXT WEEK:

**DEADLINE MON SEP 13 AT 6 PM TO FILE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN PORTSMOUTH** -- For more information, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/arjczew>

**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.



map of affected streets, click here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3jan4xbd>

### 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>



**MOSQUITO AND TICK SEASON! TAKE PRECAUTIONS** This season, transitioning from summer to fall, offers the highest risk of mosquito and tick bites and the possibility of contracting vector-borne diseases from mosquitoes and ticks. Illness-causing pathogens build up in insects and birds during the summer, and then spill-over to the human population in late summer and fall. The risk does not decrease until the mosquito and tick populations decline due to killing frosts.

### 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>

- The most effective prevention against mosquito or tick-borne illness is personal protection. Take these steps to protect yourself from mosquito bites:
- stay indoors during the peak times of dawn and dusk
  - use insect repellent according to the manufacturer's instructions (especially when using repellents on children);
  - wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and pants;
  - treat your clothing and gear with repellent; and
  - take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors by maintaining screens and eliminating standing water, to avoid unnecessary breeding of mosquitoes on your property.

**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 when Unitil is finished, with project completion by the end of October.

**ISLINGTON STREET** -- Columbia Street Area: finish water main and sewer service installation.

**MAPLEWOOD AVE** --. Miscellaneous work on punchlist items will continue on an intermittent basis



**SAVE THE DATE! PRO PORTSMOUTH MARKET SQUARE DAY RETURNS SAT SEP 18, 9 am to 4 pm.** For more information, click here.  
<https://proportsmouth.org/events/market-square-day/> **PLEASE NOTE: The Market Square Day/10K Road Race parking ban will be in effect on Sat Sep 18 from 4 AM to 7 PM.** For the

until the project has reached final completion at the end of September.

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

**SAVE THE DATE: "TESTING FOR PEASE" PFAS STUDY LUNCH & LEARN VIA ZOOM, WED SEP 22, 12-12:45 PM** – Hear from Andrea Amico, Testing for Pease and Portsmouth Safe Water Advisory Group (SWAG) chair; Dr. Laurel Schaidler, PFAS-REACH study/Silent Spring Institute and SWAG member; and Tarah Somers, The Pease Study, CDC/ATSDR. Free and open to the public. All attendees entered in a raffle for an Amazon gift card. For the Zoom registration click here

<https://bit.ly/2XoJEYF>

For more information email

[info@testingforpeace.com](mailto:info@testingforpeace.com) or visit

<https://pfas-exchange.org/childrenstudy/>

**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, please complete [this application](#) and submit it to the City Clerk's Office.

The following City Boards and Commissions also have vacancies:

- 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

**PORTSMOUTH NH 400<sup>TH</sup> 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 400<sup>th</sup> and invites individuals,

businesses and organizations who want to join the team to contact Valerie Rochon at

[hello@PortsmouthNH400.org](mailto: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).



**MOBILE VACCINE SITE WED SEP 15 IN MARKET SQ. 8 AM-1 PM -- 3<sup>RD</sup> DOSE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS** -- The free vaccine site in Market Sq. (Pleasant St.) can provide the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of Moderna or Pfizer to those who qualify as immunocompromised patients, *only*. **First and second doses of Moderna and Pfizer are always available, free and without an appointment, as is the Johnson & Johnson.** There will also be a walk-up, free vaccination site during Market Square Day on September 18, 9 am to 4 pm at the corner of Congress and Fleet Streets.

**PROOF-OF-VACCINATIONS:**

**What should you do if you discover your vaccination is not recorded properly in the NH DHHS database? Or if you need more than your vaccination card because some travel destinations require the full record?** Contact NHIIS (NH Immunization Information System) at 603-271-4028, by email at [nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto: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/2ywc6ab>

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

**Want to know more about what's happening in the City?** Click on the QR code or link below to sign up for the City Newsletter and/or individual email lists for projects. <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>

