

# CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



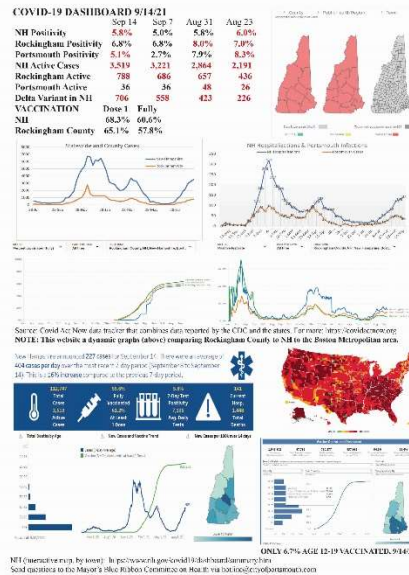
## City Newsletter Wednesday, September 15, 2021



**TONIGHT at 6 pm ELWYN ROAD SIDE PATH PROPOSED ACTION PUBLIC MEETING --** 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. A review of the existing site conditions, design considerations, construction materials, and schedule will be followed by a question, answer, and comment period.

**PICKLE BALL COURTS CLOSED THIS WEEK FOR STRIPING. PLAYGROUNDS CLOSED TEMPORARILY, ON ROLLING SCHEDULE, MON SEP 20 – WED SEP 23** for replacement of woodchips. Playgrounds will reopen as soon as the chips are placed.

**SEP 23 LITTLE HARBOR ROAD TREE REMOVAL PUBLIC COORDINATION MEETING at 6:30 pm. In person in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.** The purpose of the meeting with Eversource representatives is to discuss the schedule and logistics for daily road closures, 7 am to 3 pm on Mon Sep 20 thru Fri Sep 24. For Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/aprn4934>



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

**POST-VACCINATION FAQs & MASKS IN CITY BUILDINGS –** For the latest information on breakthrough infections and third doses of vaccine, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/uurbmrse>

### FREE MOBILE VACCINES

**Sep 18: Market Square Day, 9 am to 4 pm** at the corner of Congress and Fleet Streets.

**Sep 29: GATHER, 9am to 1 pm.** 100 Campus Drive in the parking lot by the tennis courts. All three vaccines available. Free. No appointment needed.



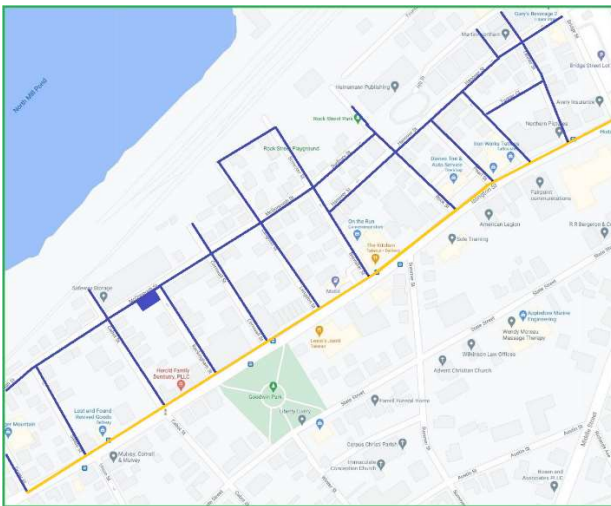
**PRO PORTSMOUTH MARKET SQUARE DAY RETURNS SAT SEP 18, 9 am to 4 pm.** For more information, click here.

<https://propoportsmouth.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 map of affected streets, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3jan4xbd>



**CITY EARNS NEW ENGLAND WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION AWARD** -- The City of Portsmouth Department of Public Works Water Division received the Distinguished Public Involvement Award from the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) “for outstanding achievements, leadership, commitment and support of professional, proactive public relations efforts.” The award was presented during the NEWWA annual meeting, September 7-10, 2021. In presenting the award, New England Water Works Vice President James DeCelles (above, left) and NEWWA Board member Thomas LeCourt (above, right, with DPW Deputy Director Brian Goetz in center) recognized the City of Portsmouth “for demonstrative leadership in creating public education and information programs around emerging contaminants and drought management. Under the leadership of the Deputy Director and Water Supply Operations Manager, the City of Portsmouth has led Southern New Hampshire and New England through two challenging threats - PFAS contamination and drought.”



**ISLINGTON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM** -- For answers to questions posted recently during the pilot project, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2r8bhrs3>



**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PHASE 3 RESILIENCE SURVEY NOW LIVE!** The SBDC launched its first small business resilience survey in Jun 2020 and followed it up with another in Feb 2021. SBDC is tracking how businesses’ needs and their responses to the pandemic have evolved over the last eighteen months. The new survey is now open for participation and should take just 10-15 minutes to complete. To participate, please click here <https://tinyurl.com/6tmmz8b> (open through Oct 1). Survey results will be made available Oct 20. For results of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 SBDC surveys, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4jrwbbn>



**ADVANCE NOTICE: MEMORIAL BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TUES SEP 21, 6 am - 4 pm (rain date Sep 22) for NH DOT inspection.**

**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://tinyurl.com/29nyb666> For more information email [info@testingforpeace.com](mailto:info@testingforpeace.com) or visit <https://pfas-exchange.org/childrenstudy/>

**Pillar Design Studio**

**Public Input Meeting**

**WHEN:**  
WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22ND  
AT 6 PM

**WHERE:**  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1 JUNKINS AVE.  
PORTSMOUTH NH

Join us as we discuss the Master Plan for the Stump Dump Site. Let us know what you want in your new local park!

We will be presenting 3 preliminary design concepts.

If you would like to participate via Zoom Meeting please contact  
Todd Henley @ tchenley@cityofportsmouth.com for info

**SAVE THE DATE! SKATEBOARD PARK PUBLIC INPUT MEETING SEP 22 at 6 PM** -- In person or via Zoom. For Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4dwjxuh8>

**SOUND BARRIERS: NH DOT 10 YEAR PLAN & GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION HEARINGS** – The Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) is working on a 2023-2032 Draft Ten Year Plan which will impact the sound barrier requests in Portsmouth. Make your voice heard! The next local hearings are:  
September 27 at 7 pm, Epping Town Hall  
October 4 at 2 pm in Dover Town Hall Auditorium  
October 4 at 7 pm, Somersworth High School  
October 6 at 7 pm, Kingston Town Hall  
October 10 at 7 pm, Hampton Beach Seashell Pavilion  
October 26 at 7 pm, Derry Municipal Center  
October 28 at 7 pm, Salem High School

For more information on the Ten Year Plan, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/vzbjrfzy>

**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."  
**A print copy of the presentation is available for review in the City Hall lobby** and is also online, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/55rpfm8>

## 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>

**ISLINGTON STREET PROJECT -- Columbia Street Area: occasional 15-minute water service interruptions** to connect buildings to the new water main. Residents will be notified in advance.

**CHEVROLET AVE** – Striping this week.



**95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION** – Small material deliveries throughout the week. 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:** Concrete sidewalk being poured between Heritage and Ocean Road. **Paving completed Fri:** Work this week to complete driveway aprons and place gravel on the shoulders of the section of Banfield from Peverly Hill Road to Constitution Ave. **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.**

**OCEAN ROAD NH DOT PROJECT** – Milling is underway with plans for paving.

**DENNETT STREET** – Gas main replacement work continues. DPW will be able to complete their project when Unutil is finished, with project completion by the end of October.

**MAPLEWOOD AVE** --. Miscellaneous work on punchlist items will continue on an intermittent basis until the project has reached final completion at the end of September.

**PLEASANT ST.** – Prepare Melcher and Richmond for paving next week.

**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).



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**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/4pj4chez> 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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