

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

TONIGHT: CATE/BARTLETT STREET INTERSECTION SITE WALK WITH CITY COUNCIL at 5:30 pm.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE. PLEASE WEAR MASKS INDOORS IN PUBLIC SPACES.
Masks work. COVID-19 transmission rates are high. Masks are strongly recommended in all City buildings. Help protect our kids and community. Thank you for your assistance.

COME WORK FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH!
To review job postings and benefits, [click here](#).

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR PORTSMOUTH: SAT OCT 30 3 to 6 PM



JUST PUBLISHED! OCTOBER SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER: [Click here:](https://tinyurl.com/765nzj5s)

LITTLE HARBOR ROAD CLOSED TO VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS FOR TREE REMOVAL THIS WEEK. Through Oct 1, 8 am to 3:30 pm.

DENNETT STREET CONSTRUCTION

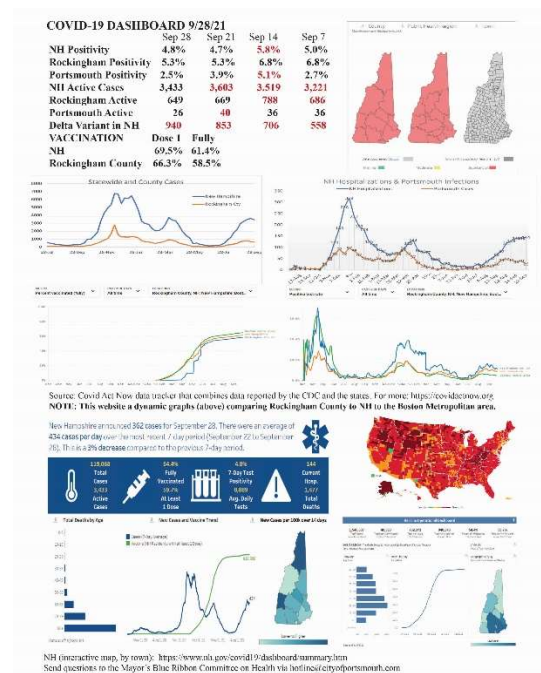
The Dennett St paving project is now back in full swing after the interruption caused by Unitil's gas main replacement.

- This Week: Crews are finishing the road gravel replacement portion of the work.
- Week of Oct 4: Pave the gravel area of the road, then crews will work from Woodbury to Maplewood, raising manhole covers and replacing accessibility ramps in the sidewalk system.
- Week of Oct 18: Final pavement overlay planned.

HYDRANT FLUSHING STARTS MON OCT 4

The flushing takes place at various locations, Mon through Thurs, between 7 am and 11 pm, for the next six weeks. Flushing locations are indicated by the presence of DPW Water Division vehicles with flashing lights. The work starts on the outskirts of the city and then moves downtown as the weeks progress.

When flushing is occurring, the Water Division recommends that customers refrain from washing laundry to avoid potential discoloration of clothing. After flushing has occurred, customers can check their water clarity by running cold water to flush their plumbing systems. While flushing can result in discoloration in tap water, the water remains safe to drink. If the discoloration persists, customers should report the issue using the DPW Click 'n Fix system: <https://tinyurl.com/29h9f99c>



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/uecbnvc4>



LAFAYETTE TRAIL MARKER DEDICATION AT VAUGHAN MALL, FRI OCT 1 at 1 pm --

Located along the path of his September 1, 1824 visit and adjacent to the Franklin Block on Congress Street where Lafayette attended a ball in his honor. The Lafayette Trail, Inc. a 501©3 nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Maryland, follows the path of General Lafayette's 1824-25 Farewell Tour through 25 states and Washington DC. The Trail project is designed to promote a broader understanding of Lafayette's contributions to American independence and to educate the public in preparation for the Lafayette Tour Bicentennial in 2024-25. For more on The Lafayette Trail, [click here](#).

DEADLINE OCT 1: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PHASE 3

RESILIENCE SURVEY -- 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/4jjrwbnn>

DEADLINE FRI OCT 1: STATE OF NH BUSINESS REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

-- The COVID-19 Expenses Relief Program for for-profit businesses with expenses related to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 may be able to receive reimbursement for a portion of those expenses. There are number of costs that could qualify including:

- Rent, mortgage payments and utilities and other costs incurred while closed.
- Additional costs required to reopen your business such as PPE, workforce safety training, structural modifications.
- Increased costs of doing business such as HVAC, supply chain disruptions

For FAQs and additional information [click here](#).



Stormwater Outreach Video - Dog Walk Redemption

NEW THINK BLUE STORMWATER VIDEO, NOW AVAILABLE! To view "Dog Walk Redemption," click here:

<https://youtu.be/sGMynXf4e3s>

SKATEPARK DESIGN FEEDBACK WANTED!

The Portsmouth Skatepark Blue Ribbon Committee held a review of preliminary site designs on Sep 22 and now seeks public feedback. For a link to the design presentation and the online form for comments, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2t2fqtue>



Drawdown Portsmouth:

Climate Solutions 101

A Virtual Community Dialogue on Using Project Drawdown Tools to Achieve a Climate-Safe Planet

Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm via Zoom

For info and Zoom registration: [CityofPortsmouth.com/Sustainability](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/Sustainability)
A partnership between the City of Portsmouth Sustainable Practices Committee and Seacoast Renewable Energy Initiative



BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES OPENS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, WED OCT 6 via

Zoom -- In collaboration with the Seacoast Renewable Energy Initiative (SEAREI), <https://searei.org/>, the BRC presents a virtual community discussion to provide an update on their work in support of Portsmouth's Eco-Municipality commitment. For the link to participate in the discussion by Zoom, click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89274744800>

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 hearing for the Portsmouth section of Rockingham County is: **Oct 10 at 7 pm, Hampton Beach Seashell Pavilion**

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

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 – Albany to Dover concrete sidewalk and tree planting. Water main installation and drainage on Columbia Court. Drainage work on Columbia Street. No water service interruptions anticipated.



95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION

– Dewatering and seawall demolition. Delivery of H-beams and other small materials later this week. 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: top layer of paving by end of the week. **Flaggers in the construction areas, on weekdays between 7 am and 5 pm.**

BRIDGE & DEER STREETS – Preparations for paving next week.

HODGDON & CATE STREETS – Paving Oct 7.



PLAN AHEAD: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY: SAT OCT 30, 8 am to 12 noon at the Recycling Center, 680 Peverly Hill Rd. For information about what materials are accepted, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2n2ff7ej>



PEVERLY HILL ROAD PROJECT PUBLIC NECESSITY HEARING OCT 14

The Portsmouth City Council will receive evidence and hear public comment relative to the layout of the Peverly Hill Road Improvement Project and the property acquisitions (permanent and temporary easements) to make that project successful. The improvements include the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the road, a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians on the south side of the road, drainage improvements and road layout changes. The project extends from the intersection of Peverly Hill Road and Middle Road to the intersection of Peverly Hill Road and West Road.

The City Council will assemble at 5 pm in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers to open the hearing and will then conduct a site visit starting at the parking lot of the New Hope Baptist Church at 263 Peverly Hill Road. **The public is welcome to attend that site view, although no testimony from the public will be taken at that time.** Then the hearing will reconvene in Council Chambers at 7 pm, for purposes of taking testimony and action. Members of the public may participate in person or via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, [click here](#). **Impacted and interested property owners, roadway users and all members of the public are welcome and will be given the opportunity to be heard.** For project information, including a full plan set, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/8urpze9j>

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).



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

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 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>

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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>

