

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED MON OCT 11 FOR COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – City Hall is open Tues Oct 12, 8 am to 6 pm.

SOUND BARRIERS: NH DOT 10 YEAR PLAN & GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION HEARINGS – KINGSTON HEARING RESCHEDULED FROM OCT 6 TO OCT 21 – 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 hearings hosted by Portsmouth's District 3 Executive Councilor Janet Stevens are scheduled for: **Thurs Oct 21 at 7 pm in Kingston Town Hall (163 Main St.)** and **Mon Nov 1 at 7 pm at the Seashell Oceanfront Pavilion Room in Hampton (170 Ocean Blvd.)**. There will be an additional **ALL VIRTUAL GACIT** hearing on Wed Nov 3 at 7 pm. The link to the meeting and call-in information will be available on the DOT website at least one week before the hearing. For more information on the Ten Year Plan, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/vzbfjrfzy>

NH DOT SURVEY to learn what is important to you regarding the transportation system in New Hampshire will be shared with NH Executive Councilors and other elected officials during the development of the Department's 10 Year Transportation Plan (2023-2032). <https://tinyurl.com/y9r3xvbs>

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE. PLEASE WEAR MASKS INDOORS IN PUBLIC SPACES. [Masks work](#). While the COVID-19 transmission rate [has moderated](#) in Rockingham County, masks are still strongly recommended in all City buildings to 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](#).

CHAT WITH THE CITY MANAGER AT THE FARMERS MARKET SAT OCT 9, 8-10 AM.



INDOOR POOL REOPENS FIRST WEEK IN NOV -- While the fall Indoor Pool schedule allows for many of the usual activities, swim lessons and team rentals will be restricted while COVID-19 vaccines are still not available for children under 12. The Recreation Department is working on the programming details which will be posted to their website when finalized.

During the time the Indoor Pool was closed, the Department of Public Works Facilities staff invested a significant number of hours investigating a leak and other elements of the pool infrastructure. In December of 2020, the City, with the concurrence of the Save the Indoor Portsmouth Pool (SIPP) group, agreed to engage an engineering firm to fully evaluate the pool's short- and long-term needs so that investments could be most strategically planned and implemented. Over the past nine months, improvements have been made to the pool filters, controls and chlorination system, as well as a repair that eliminated a significant water leak. These upgrades allow for a pool reopening with improved operations.

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/2t2fqvue>

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>


JOIN US

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 9**

12:00 PM
PRIDE MARCH
(STARTS AT MARKET SQUARE)

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
MARKETPLACE
at Strawberry Banke Museum
(VENDORS, FOOD, ACTIVITIES)

MAINSTAGE
(PERFORMANCES)



MORE INFO AT
SEACOASTOUTRIGHT.ORG



**PORTSMOUTH
-PRIDE 2021-**

*This is a vaccinated event. Masks required.
No dogs allowed.*

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



SAT OCT 9 PORTSMOUTH PRIDE 2021 --

Gather in Market Square for march at 12 noon to Strawberry Banke Museum (via Pleasant & Court Streets) and support Portsmouth's pride in being a diverse and inclusive community. For more information about Seacoast Outright, [click here](#).

CHAMBER COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE HOSTS 2021 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUMS VIA ZOOM OCT 12 & 13.

Each forum will include half of the field of candidates. 8 -9 am, moderated by Ben VanCamp, chief collaborator and president of the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth. Chamber membership is not required, but advance registration is: Register for [Forum Round 1 on Oct. 12.](#) (www.portsmouthcollaborative.org/forumround1) Register for [Forum Round 2 on Oct. 13.](#) (www.portsmouthcollaborative.org/forumround2)

HYDRANT FLUSHING FOR NEXT SIX WEEKS

The flushing takes place at various locations, Mon through Thurs, between 7 am and 11 pm. 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>

WATCH FOR SCARECROWS ON THE PORT, ARRIVING OCT 7!



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>

TOMORROW: HODGDON & CATE STREETS -- Paving on Thurs Oct 7. **CATE & BARTLETT STREETS --** Ricci Lumber will be using their old truck route (Bartlett to Dennett) on Thurs Oct 7, due to paving on Cate Street. This is just for one day.

DENNETT STREET CONSTRUCTION

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

- 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.

ISLINGTON STREET PROJECT – Albany to Dover brick insert installation and tree planting. Water main installation and drainage on Columbia. Fine grading on Columbia Court and Columbia Street. Brief water service interruptions will be required to connect buildings on Columbia to the new water main. Interruptions are expected to last around 15 minutes and residents will be notified prior to the water service interruption.



95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION – Install crushed stone base material for wall foundations. Haul out excavated soil material for disposal. Continue the demolition/excavation of existing seawall. **Preliminary installation of two steel H-beam piles Wed Oct 6. Construction noise will be loud at times. Another 18 piles will be placed next 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 – Paving this week.



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).

ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL) PROGRAM -- The SBA announced significant changes to the program to add flexibility and to increase the assistance that eligible businesses can

apply for. To review the necessary checklists and resources, [click here](#).

- Loans will be deferred for a total of 24 months from the loan origin and existing loans will be adjusted accordingly.
- EIDL loans can now be applied to payment and prepayment of commercial debt and regular payments on federal debt.
- The loan size caps may be increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million, beginning on October 8, 2021. **Log into the portal now to submit an increase request; however, the applications will be considered starting Oct 8.**



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, select 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>

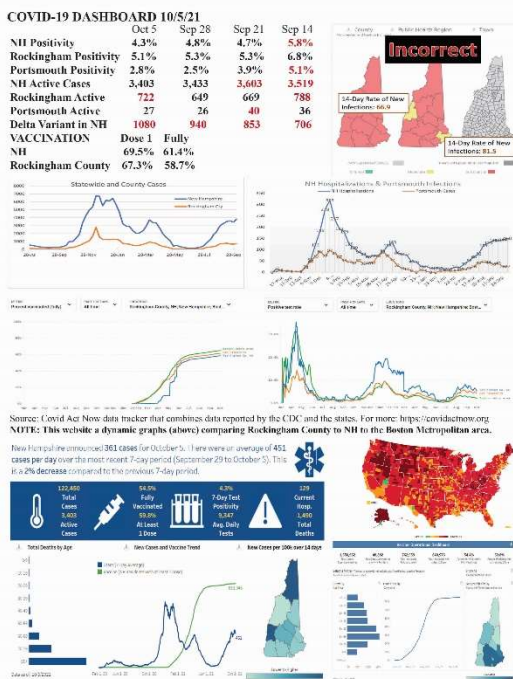
For Testing FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs>

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:
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



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

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

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 health@cityofportsmouth.com

lists for projects. <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>

