

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Thursday, October 14, 2021

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DETAILS – Election Day Nov 2, 8 am to 7 pm -- For full details on polling places for each Ward (Portsmouth residents vote according to where they live), absentee ballots, voter registration deadlines (though residents can register on Election Day), candidates for City Council, School Board, Police and Fire Commissions, sample ballots and more, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5ndwzphe>

ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall by 5 pm on Mon Nov 1, the day before the election. For those obtaining an absentee ballot in person, there are now 2 voting booths in the City Clerk's Office area where voters can complete their ballots and return them on the spot.



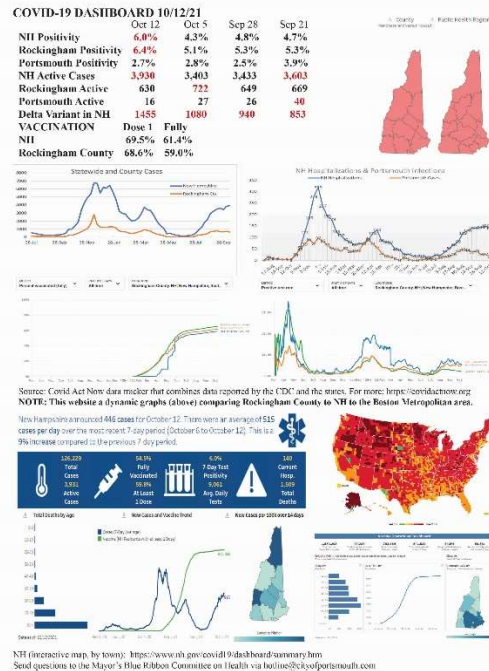
TONIGHT! OCT 14 PEVERLY HILL ROAD PROJECT PUBLIC NECESSITY HEARING

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 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](#). For project information, including a full plan set, click here:

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

SKATEPARK DESIGN FEEDBACK WANTED!

The Portsmouth Skatepark Blue Ribbon Committee seeks public feedback by **FRI OCT 15**. For a link to the design presentation and the online form for comments, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2t2fqute>



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/4r4fsjsu>

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.

WORK FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH!

To review job postings and benefits, [click here](#).



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>

SAVE THE DATE! CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 20 at 7 pm. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, [click here](#).



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.

VIRTUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST, OCT 11-25! Residents are invited to show off their jack o'lantern masterpieces to win a prize from Pinz, Tuscan Market, Popovers, Kilwins or other local businesses. **To enter, simply review the contest rules, decorate a real pumpkin and submit a digital photo of the entry by 12 noon on Mon Oct 25.** Finalists will be announced on Tues, Oct 26 on the Rec Department Facebook page. Then, the public is invited to vote, up to 11:59 pm on Oct 28, to select winners from among the finalists. The winners will be announced by noon on Fri, Oct 29, 2021. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/4k9vf6x2>



SCARECROWS ON THE PORT, APPEARING NOW, IN 46 LOCATIONS!

HYDRANT FLUSHING FOR NEXT FIVE 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>

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>

LITTLE HARBOR ROAD REPAVING IN LATE OCT-EARLY NOV -- The date will be determined when weather permits. The work will take several days as road crews grind down the existing surface and then put down a binder layer. The road will be accessible throughout, though travel will be limited to one lane, alternating traffic. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic.

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 11: Crews working 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 sidewalk work. State Street: begin utility work. Grading, paving and possible curb work in the area of Columbia Street. No water service interruptions expected.



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. **Installation of 18 steel H-beam piles. Construction noise will be loud at times.** 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 – Striping this week.



CITY PHASING OUT EASYPARK PROGRAM – ENDS DEC 31, 2021 -- EasyParkUSA has notified New Hampshire cities participating in its EasyPark program that the company has begun phasing out their on-dash devices. EasyParkUSA has already discontinued the sale of new devices, although existing customers will be able to continue to use their devices in any participating New Hampshire city, and use up any remaining balance on their accounts, until

December 31, 2021. At that time, all accounts will be closed and no further service fees will be charged. EasyParkUSA will alert subscribers to the end of the program via their account emails. Instead of EasyPark, the City's Parking Division encourages subscribers to sign up for the ParkMobile smartphone app, that gives them more convenience and flexibility. Portsmouth EasyPark users who are residents may apply for the resident discount with ParkMobile. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/t29zj2yk>

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

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>

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. **Applications now being reviewed.** For 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.

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE
24 hours a day





603.994.SAFE (7233)

- Support Groups
- Support at court, police stations, & hospitals
- Emergency Shelter
- Chat via havennh.org M-F 9-5
- Safety Planning

[HAVENNH.org](https://havennh.org)

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH #DVAM2021 -- HAVEN is NH's largest crisis center working to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking, and to support and empower women, men, youth and families to heal from abuse and rebuild their lives. HAVEN advocates are available for free and confidential support 24-hours a day:



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

VACCINE DEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND – For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccines were developed, tested and approved, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/3yhreymk>

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, 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](#).

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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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>

