

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



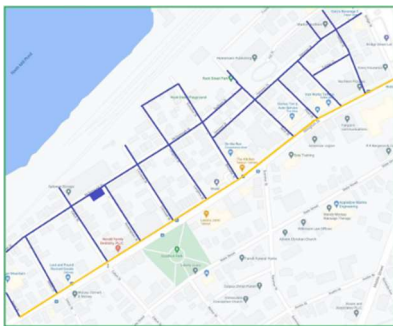
# City Newsletter

## Monday, December 20, 2021

**TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom --** Program includes a short concert of holiday music performed by the Portsmouth High School Ensemble. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/25xjr4rd>  
[http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/city\\_council/cc122021ag.pdf](http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/city_council/cc122021ag.pdf)



**2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT!** –\$500 gift certificates to Lowe’s, Home Depot and Ricci Lumber to the winners of the Most Traditional, Most Creative and Kids’ Choice categories. Seacoast Media Group is the media sponsor. For a printable pdf map of the neighborhood lights, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/yfp4kebw>



**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM UPDATE TUES DEC 21 at 6:30 pm** -- In City Hall Conference Room A and via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, [click here](#). For more information about the program, [click here](#).

**HOLIDAY HOURS FOR CITY BUILDINGS & SERVICES:** City Hall is CLOSED Thurs Dec 23 through Sun Dec 26 and Fri Dec 31 through Sun Jan 2, 2022. The holiday hours for other City facilities vary. For details, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/v4cbaak7>

**HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE – Normal Friday trash pickup will be COLLECTED ON THURSDAY for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.** Pickup that would normally be Fri Dec 24 will be collected Thurs Dec 23; and pickup that would normally be collected Fri Dec 31 will be collected Thurs Dec 30.

**PARKING HOLIDAY DEC 18-25** – Parking in on-street and lot spaces managed by the City of Portsmouth is free of charge on these dates. This parking holiday does not apply to parking in the Hanover and Foundry garages.



**NHDES AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS IN THREE LOCATIONS AROUND RAILYARD** – Monitors are located on Langdon Street on Regan Electric property, at the tennis courts near South Mill Pond and on the corner of Maplewood Avenue adjacent to North Cemetery. **The monitoring devices are all placed on above-ground stations and required no digging for installation.** They will remain in place through February. Real-time data from these monitors is being reported online at: <https://map.purpleair.com> Those interested in viewing reports should click on any of the colored circles on the map at “Portsmouth.”

**REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR SCHOOL VACCINATION CLINIC WED DEC 22, 3-7 PM** Open to any child under the age of 18. Pfizer boosters for 16 & 17 year-olds (recommended by the CDC) are available, too! **Parents please note: you must select one of the two dates and choose “Pfizer” to get the system to show available appointments.** Little Harbour School, 50 Clough Drive, Portsmouth. **To register, click here:** <https://vini.nh.gov/providers/s/>

**NEXT STATEWIDE BOOSTER BLITZ JAN 8** -- Registration for this new event will open shortly after the new year.

**NH SOURCE FOR FREE AT-HOME TESTING KITS** – While NH DHHS secures new supplies of the Say Yes to the Test kits, they are recommending the at-home PCR saliva tests available for NH residents from Vault Medical Services. To order a free kit, visit: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/>

**FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITE AT FOX RUN MALL IN NEWINGTON** – Open 7 days a week, 9 am to 3 pm in the old Sears store. Check your results within 48 hours.

**WALK-IN VACCINATION & BOOSTER OPTIONS** at hospitals, local pharmacies and same-day sites, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/kbvemrbk>

**BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS** – Call On-Site Medical Services, the company contracted by NH to provide homebound boosters, at [603-338-9292](tel:603-338-9292) or book an appointment online at the On-Site Medical website: <https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/>

**RECENTLY UPDATED:**

- **COVID-19 TREATMENT FAQs**, [click here](#)
- **KIDS AND COVID FAQs**, [click here](#)



**PORTSMOUTH POET LAUREATE TAMMI TRUAX BUILDING VIRTUAL BRIDGE TO JAPAN WITH BOOKS** -- Unable to bring an author in residence to the city's three elementary schools, Poet Laureate Truax reimagined her plans. Using her skills as a school librarian she instead curated a list of 27 picture and chapter books that highlight Japanese poetry in some way. The Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program (PPLP) approved purchase of a set of the books for each elementary school in Portsmouth and RiverRun Bookstore, a long-time supporter of the PPLP, was chosen as the vendor. Store manager Tom Holbrook sourced all the books and provided a 30 percent discount and then Truax arranged to distribute them to each of the three schools. She said, "These are titles that our school libraries did not have

and will go a long way in sharing Japanese culture with our youngest students. They are vital to our Japanese-American students, but essential as windows to another culture -- our Sister City of Nichinan's culture -- for every K-5 student."



**CITY CONDUCTING SURVEY ON FLEET STREET RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN OPTIONS** -- The survey is open to the public. The weatherproof signs include sketches of the design options and a QR code that links to a page on the City website with more detailed drawings and the link to the online survey itself: <https://tinyurl.com/2jbywd5d> The survey is designed to determine which options City residents and project abutters prefer. For more information about the project, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/mpnr92f6>

**DPW IS ALSO CONDUCTING A SIDEWALK SURVEY AMONG PANNAWAY MANOR AND MAPLE HAVEN RESIDENTS** – For more information click here: <https://tinyurl.com/242eb8vs>



**BE PREPARED: SIGN UP FOR SNOW PARKING BAN ALERTS!** For more information about how to sign up for text and/or email notices when a snow parking ban is declared, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/2p87ua8p> Snow Phone Hotline: 603.766.7669

**DPW CONSTRUCTION** – For more information 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>

**BANFIELD ROAD – Speed tables for traffic calming and three-way stop signs at Heritage Ave. and Constitution intersections now installed.**

**PEIRCE ISLAND ROAD – WORK ON SEWER FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT** -- Construction on Peirce Island Road and on the Peirce Island Road Bridge will impede traffic, on an intermittent basis, on weekdays between 7 am and 6 pm, through June 2022. **Public parking will be extremely limited during the construction but the boat ramp will remain open and accessible.**

**95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION** – Backfill excavation. Install granite stones on sheet pile wall. Removal of barge of end of the week. For more information and to subscribe to email updates on the project, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/w48zy332>

**CITY INSPECTION DEPT NEWS:** Starting January 1, 2022, everyone submitting a new permit application through the City's ViewPoint system will be required to enter the property owner's contact information. Aimed at improving communication, this will ensure that owners receive notices as their projects move through the permitting and inspections process.



**CITY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEASONAL PRESCOTT PARK DOCK LOTTERY NOW THRU JAN 7, 2022** -- For the application form, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2dfvua4> The 12 boat slips are awarded via a lottery system, with preference to Portsmouth residents, first. The drawing takes place on Mon Jan 10 at 9 am. For more on rates and policies can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxrarsj>

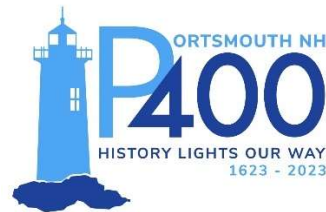
**WEEKLY FREE LUNCH REMINDERS:**

- **Middle Street Baptist Church** – Seacoast Community Lunch brown bag takeout lunches from the parking lot (18 Court St..) from 12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesdays. For more

information call 603-436-2337 or email [lunch@middle.st](mailto:lunch@middle.st)

- **St. John's Church** -- Common Table offers a bag lunch pickup in the St. John's parking lot (100 Chapel St.) from 12 noon to 1 pm on Thursdays. Bathrooms are available to guests at this time.

**WORK FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH!** To review job postings and benefits, [click here](#). For example, one of the current job openings is: **Assessing Technician**. Under the supervision of the City Assessor and Deputy Assessor, this person performs various routine and complex clerical tasks in support of departmental operations. Assists the public at the counter, via mail, email, on the telephone and by fax. Maintains various record systems and provides related data and reports and completes other assignments. The City offers a generous compensation and benefits package that includes retirement, generous paid time off including vacation, holidays, medical & dental insurance, flexible spending account, professional development, career growth, longevity incentives, and more! For details and to apply, click here: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/hr/work>



**PORTSMOUTH NH 400 – Learn more, get involved, volunteer, donate! For more details, visit: <https://www.PortsmouthNH400.org>**



**CITY PHASING OUT EASYPARK PROGRAM – ENDS DEC 31, 2021** -- 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. Instead of EasyPark, sign up for the ParkMobile smartphone app for 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>

### **EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITIES**

**ASSISTANCE** – The [NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) (NHERAP) provides funds to renters who cannot pay their rent and utilities during the pandemic. The program works with tenants and landlords. Program changes as of October 1, 2021:

- Households may qualify for assistance for past-due and future rent and utility payments for a period not to exceed 18 months.
- At least one person in the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, or had other financial hardship during the pandemic. Certain income requirements must be met.

### **WHAT THE PROGRAM COVERS**

- Past-due rent including reasonable late and legal fees.
- Three months of future rent payments if needed for housing stability.
- Utilities, such as electricity, home heating costs, water, sewer, trash.
- Other housing-related costs such as internet and relocation expenses (including rental application fees, utility hook-up fees, and security deposits).
- Households may qualify for utility assistance even if they do not receive or need rental 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 tool (click here: <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>

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

**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

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

