

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Monday, June 20, 2022

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH!

Go to the Mayor's Proclamation:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdenb28n>

Questions for City staff? Email hotline@cityofportsmouth.com and your question will be referred to the appropriate City staff for reply.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUES JUN 21 at 7 pm. In person and via Zoom. Go to Agenda and Zoom registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/2v9tfcse>

TUES JUN 21: US CONSTITUTION DAY AND NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BIRTHDAY – On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire was the 9th and super-majority-defining state to ratify the US Constitution while also becoming the 9th state in the US. Go to the Mayor's Proclamation: <https://tinyurl.com/34e43m2z>



SEACOAST PRIDE PARADE RETURNS! SAT JUN 25. Gather on the Pleasant Street side of Market Square at 12 noon. Parade steps off at 12:30 pm and proceeds down Court Street, to Marcy Street, to Strawberry Banke Museum. Mainstage performances 1-5 pm. For more information, go to: <https://www.seacoastoutright.org/pride>

PEIRCE ISLAND OUTDOOR POOL OPENS SAT JUN 25 -- The schedule is as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Adult Lap Swim: 12 noon to 12:55 pm; Open Swim: 1 to 5:15pm. Tuesday and Thursday: Adult Lap Swim: 12 noon to 12:55 pm; Open Swim: 1 to 6:15pm. Saturday and Sunday: Open Swim: 11 am to 5:15 pm. Lifeguard Breaks daily at 2:30 and 4 pm, seven days a week. Fees are: Portsmouth residents \$2 per adult (18+) and free for children under 18. Non-resident admission is \$4 per adult (18+) and \$2 each for children under 18. Thanks to a new City Council ruling, admission for non-resident active duty military and their family members is \$2 per adult and free for children.

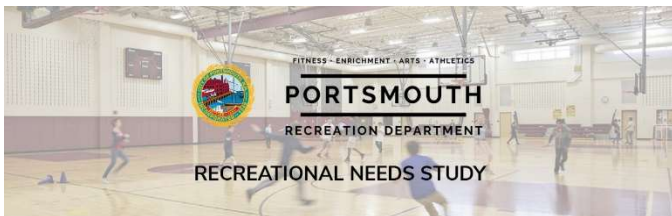
Benefits of Community Power

Local Control	Lower Costs	Renewables	Resilience & Innovation
Democratizing energy procurement to the community level	MA, NY, CA and other markets have demonstrated lower rates than regulated utilities	Build & Buy Clean Energy Support more local renewables	New Technologies Market Competition Price Signals Customer Empowerment

COMMUNITY POWER INFORMATIONAL EVENT, WED JUN 29 at 7 on at 3S Artspace - Join the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee and Portsmouth Smart Growth for free a community event with Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) featuring:

- Sam Evans-Brown, ED, Clean Energy NH
- Julia Griffin, Town Manager, Town of Hanover, a CPCNH community
- Henry P. Herndon, Consultant, CPCNH

Go to event details & ticket information: <https://tinyurl.com/mr24u9st>
Go to the Portsmouth Energy Advisory Committee webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/44zmzun2>



RECREATIONAL NEEDS SURVEY STILL SEEKING YOUR INPUT! – Complete the survey by Jun 30 to be part of the plan:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfuzk7s>

To learn more about the project and how you can participate, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh2d6>

NHDOT ROAD CLOSURE MON JUN 20 THRU FRI JUN 24 -- SECTION OF ROUTE 4/108 BETWEEN DOVER AND DURHAM -- Between Grapevine Drive in Dover and Freshet Road in Madbury, starting at 9 am, to allow culvert replacement and the relocation of a utility line. Detour from the junction of Mast Road in Dover to the junction of Route 4 in Durham. For more information, contact NHDOT District 6 at 603-868-1133.



WORTH LOT CONFIGURATION PILOT – This week the spaces next to the center island opposite the Novocure building will be reconfigured for angled parking and reserved for the tenant. Watch for signage.

CONSTRUCTION WORK THIS WEEK: For information about each of the seasonal DPW projects now underway, click on the drop down Projects menu on the DPW page on the City website.

CATE & BARTLETT ST. INTERSECTION ROAD WORK THIS WEEK – Sidewalk, signage, striping and repaving.

SOUTH STREET/GREENLAND ROAD WORK THIS WEEK: Binder on Harvard St. Tues Jun 21. Paving next week. Filling and patching on Fri Jun 24, in preparation for paving between Junkins Ave. and Lafayette Rd. to complete work by Fri Jul 1.

ISLINGTON STREET PAVING, WED JUN 22 STRIPING – Salem to Bartlett Street. Alternating single lane traffic with flaggers.

EVERSOURCE PROJECT WORK IN LADD ST - - Work hours are 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The work limits traffic on High and Ladd Streets between Congress and Market Street. Flaggers will be on-site throughout all phases of the work to aid vehicle and pedestrian travel and to assure access to all business. **The on-site project contacts are:** For Eversource: Nick Kosko, 603-842-0416; for the City of Portsmouth, DPW: Marc Batchelder, 603-498-8449. Go to [Eversource Project](#).

PENHALLOW STREET – Rescheduled setting of the Eversource electric pole at Sheafe St. this week, weather-permitting. PENHALLOW CLOSED INTERMITTENTLY between Custom House Lane and Daniel St. through FRI Jun 24 for the deliveries. 4-hour window each day and reopened once unloading is complete.

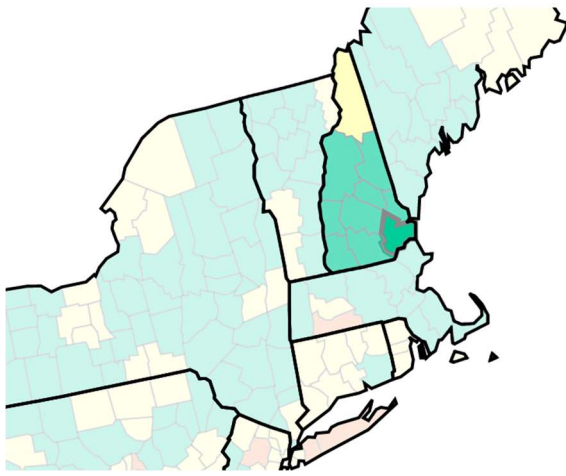
SCAFFOLDING MOVED FROM DANIEL TO PENHALLOW, JUN 20-21 for copper installation. This “pass thru” scaffolding allows pedestrian access to the sidewalk. **DANIEL & PENHALLOW BUSINESSES ARE OPEN. Pedestrian access maintained.**

SAGAMORE AVE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT -- Impacting Sagamore Avenue, Shaw Road, Cliff Road and Walker Bungalow Road. During construction travel on the streets will be limited, intermittently, to a single lane of alternating one-way travel Mon-Fri between 7 am and 6 pm. Go to the [Sagamore Ave. Project page](#) for more information.

MARCY STREET-NEW CASTLE AVE – With Unitol gas company work finishing, the paving project will resume on Tues Jul 5.



NOTE: DOG PARK ADJACENT TO LEARY FIELD WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK, SUN JUL 3 THRU FRI JUL 8 – The park will be off-limits as of 6 am Sun Jul 3 for fireworks set-up and will remain closed thru Fri.



CDC GUIDANCE ON ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY LISTED AS “LOW” -- CDC recommends using its online tool -- [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) based on hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

CDC AUTHORIZES VACCINES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 -- Following FDA review and Emergency Use Authorization, the CDC has released supplies of the new Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for children under 5. The NH DHHS is distributing the vaccines to authorized pediatricians' offices because:

1. Pediatricians have the best patient history for these children and have trusted relationships with their families.
2. Pediatricians have extensive experience with vaccinating small children.
3. The administration of the COVID-19 vaccine provides the opportunity to administer other childhood vaccines.
4. The pediatricians' offices are an appropriate medical environment for vaccination -- and immediately addressing any issues that arise.
5. NHDHHS will be apportioning its first supplies of the under 5 vaccines -- and the detailed instructions differentiating all the vaccines -- to the pediatricians who have signed up for their distribution network.

NHDHHS said on their Jun 9 Health Care Provider call that the state would start delivering vaccines on Jun 20 to the pediatricians who had ordered by 8 Jun, and would deliver Jun 23-29 to the pediatricians who ordered after Jun 8. SOME of the commercial pharmacies that have been participating in the Federal vaccine distribution network will receive the under 5 vaccines. But not all (CVS, Walmart, RiteAid) will have the same rules. WalMart, for example, will only vaccinate children in the 3-5 yr range. Check [Vaccines.gov](#) for more details.

CDC RECOMMENDS BOOSTER FOR CHILDREN 5-11 -- Following FDA Emergency Use Authorization on May 17, the CDC on May 19 recommended a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. Children in this age group who received their last dose at least five months earlier are eligible to receive the additional doses immediately.

CDC GUIDANCE ON OPTIONAL SECOND BOOSTER -- On March 30, 2022 The CDC updated their [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) to allow for a 2nd booster dose in certain persons:

- Persons 12 or older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may choose to receive a 2nd mRNA booster at least 4 months after their 1st booster
- All persons 50 years of age or older may choose to receive a 2nd mRNA booster at least 4 months after their 1st booster. The **second booster is recommended for those age 60+**
- Persons 18-49 years of age who received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine for both their primary series and 1st booster may receive a 2nd mRNA booster at least 4 months after their J&J booster.

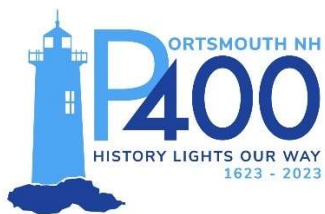
FREE TEST KITS BY MAIL -- Order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the Federal government website: <https://www.covidtests.gov/> which also offers 'how to test' instructions. **NH SOURCES FOR FREE AT-HOME TESTING KITS** -- To order a free kit, visit: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/>

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) .

WEEKLY FREE LUNCH REMINDERS:

- **Middle Street Baptist Church** -- Seacoast Community Lunch brown bag lunches from the parking lot (18 Court St.), 12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesdays. For more information call 603-436-2337 or email lunch@middle.st
- **St. John's Church** -- Common Table bag lunch pickup in the St. John's parking lot (100 Chapel St.) Thurs, 12 noon to 1 pm.

GATHER COMMUNITY MARKET, FRIDAYS, 10 am – 1 pm -- A FREE food market for all. No paperwork. No ID. No one is ever turned away. Located at the NH National Guard building, 801 McGee Drive in Portsmouth.



PORTSMOUTH NH 400 PHOTO CONTEST!

The Submission Deadline is June 30, 2022.

PNH400 is now accepting submissions from Portsmouth-based photographers so the calendar showcases the best local talent, professional and amateur. There are thirteen prizes – feature placement of the winners' images in the printed calendar. One photograph per month plus a cover image will be selected. The calendar will also include the dates of all signature PNH400 events and special observances, along with fun historical facts and figures. *For submission details and the online form,*

[click here](#) . PORTSMOUTH NH 400

ACCEPTING OFFICIAL PROGRAM PARTNER

APPLICATIONS – Organizations, groups and anyone planning a Portsmouth NH 400 celebration program, project or event is invited to submit an Official Program Partner Application.

*<https://tinyurl.com/mw5664bm>

Learn more, get involved, volunteer, donate!

For more details, visit:

<https://www.PortsmouthNH400.org>



HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE -- In addition to the NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program, there is a program for NH homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage, property taxes and other home expenses, and utilities. For more information, go to: <https://homehelpnh.org/homeowners>

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).

PORTSMOUTH STANDS WITH UKRAINE

There are many recognized relief agencies responding to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. You might consider one of these:

<https://tinyurl.com/2mtsejuh>

RECENTLY UPDATED:

- **DAILY LIFE DURING COVID-19** -- <https://tinyurl.com/2m463dne>
- **VACCINATION FAQs**, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4smxnjf7>
- **TESTING FAQs**, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/57vhfbhx>
- **COVID-19 TREATMENT FAQs**, [click here](#)



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>

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: <https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab>

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