

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter: Monday, January 9, 2023

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

As the Portsmouth Police Department notes, "Law Enforcement Officers of every rank have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. Our officers have answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. Today is the day we take a moment and reflect on our officers' determination and commitment to making our community safer."

TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. Go to Agenda and Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/54hx8hv8> **THE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES:**

- Winners of the 2022 Holiday Lights Contest
- Dave Lovely, 2022 EPA Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year
- Timothy Metivier, 2022 New Hampshire Code Official of the Year

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS THURS JAN 12: ON AUDIT AT 6 PM AND SHERBURNE -- SCHOOL AT 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. Go to Agenda and Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/35u9s4hj>

HANOVER GARAGE -- Concrete pour scheduled Jan 9-13. Work takes place between 8 am and 5 pm, Mon-Fri. Subscribe to the weekly emails and submit questions on the [Hanover Garage Project page](#). Go to current work schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8tcbhv>

NEW CITY PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS – The applicants should demonstrate their experience in art and design-related fields, or demonstrate a strong interest in the visual arts and civic improvement. **Interested candidates should complete the application form:** <https://tinyurl.com/yh5fm88r>

For more information on PARC, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/h9krxwp8>

EDC ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF BUSINESS SURVEY AND FUTURE PLANS – Now the team is working to analyze the results and plan its Working Group's ongoing actions to benefit the City's business community. For survey details go to: <https://tinyurl.com/bd3men76>

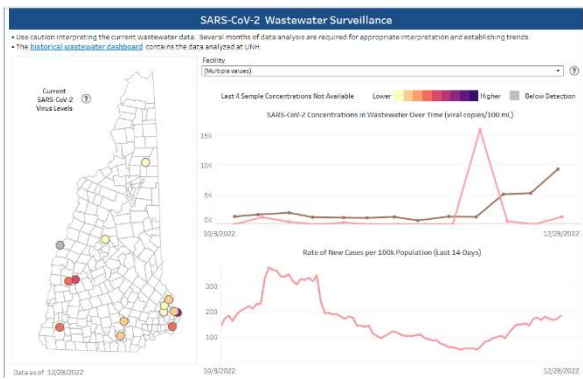


CITY SELECTS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSULTANTS -- The City has selected VHB, Resilience Planning & Design LLC and the Rockingham Planning Commission to create the City's first Climate Action Plan in partnership with the City Planning and Sustainability Department and the local community to identify short-, medium- and long-term strategies to address, mitigate and adapt to ongoing and future climate change impacts in an effective and equitable manner.

TESTING FOR PEASE WEBINAR WED JAN 11 AT 7 PM – Free Q&A and update on the two PFAS health studies for the Pease community. Via Zoom with Testing for Pease Co-Founder, Andrea Amico, and scientists, Capt. Tarah Somers of ATSDR, and Dr. Laurel Schaidler of Silent Spring Institute. Includes resources such as PFAS medical monitoring and PFAS blood testing. Go to Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhxuyxx>



PORTSMOUTH NH 400 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ARE UNDERWAY! PNH400 merchandise, including the commemorative wall calendar, will be available soon at downtown retail locations. In the meantime, order online and check out upcoming events at PortsmouthNH400.org

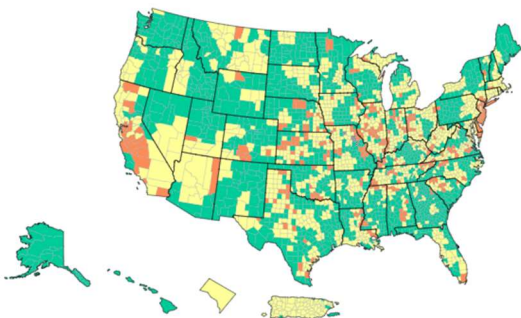


Pease = pink. Peirce Island = black Go to interactive map on NHDHHS website:

<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/wastewater-surveillance>

NEW! NH DHHS WASTEWATER SAMPLING DASHBOARD INCLUDES PEASE & PEIRCE ISLAND -- The City continues to receive weekly reports on samples from the Pease and Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facilities. **New updates are posted** on the [COVID-19 Sampling page](#) on the City website.

VACCINE CLINIC WED JAN 18 AT SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER, 9 AM–3 PM – Free and open to the public, 125 Cottage Street. Pfizer and Moderna boosters as well as initial series and vaccines for children available.



TRAVELING? CDC TOOL FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK. CDC recommends using its online COVID-19 tracker:

<https://tinyurl.com/57p5j3ba>

Please note that hospitalization levels and staff shortages are high in NH. Health professionals advise residents to take extra care – and get a flu shot as well as a COVID-19 booster.

COVID-19 BOOSTER SITES! Find locations offering the new booster by going to the interactive map at vaccines.gov

BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS – Call On-Site Medical Services at 603.826.6500 to make an appointment or go to <https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccine>

CROSS ROADS HOUSE WARMING CENTER FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HOMELESS -- Starting immediately the warming center will open from 7 pm to 8 am on any day the forecast temperature or wind chill dips to 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or if heavy snowfall accumulates to six inches.

OPERATION BLESSING WARMING CENTER, WEEKEND HOT MEALS AND FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHING ROOM -- Operation Blessing, INC at 600a Lafayette Rd opens its 8-bed warming center from 7 pm to 7 am when the temperature is 25 degrees or below. **Weekend Hot Meals - just walk in - on Saturdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm and Sundays from 3 pm to 4:30 pm.** The Operation Blessing, INC Food Pantry and Clothing Room is open Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Any questions? Please call 603-430-8561 or 603-988-2671.

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 Episcopal Church** -- Common Table bag lunch, Thurs, 12 noon to 1 pm dine inside. 12:30 pm for bag lunch pickup in the St. John’s parking lot (100 Chapel St.). **NEW! EVERY MON STARTING JAN 9 FREE HOT BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 7-8 AM. The Breakfast Club will serve a hot, sit-down breakfast in Thaxter Hall.**
- **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.

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE LOCAL CONTACTS -- If you need help, please call or text the Suicide Hotline Number AT 1-833.710.6477 or reach out to nh988.com. PLEASE NOTE: if your phone is not an area code 603 number you should call the New Hampshire crisis center directly for immediate help.

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>

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