

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Newsletter: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

### **TOMORROW WED JAN 18 VACCINE CLINIC 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. **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 and COVID-19 booster.**

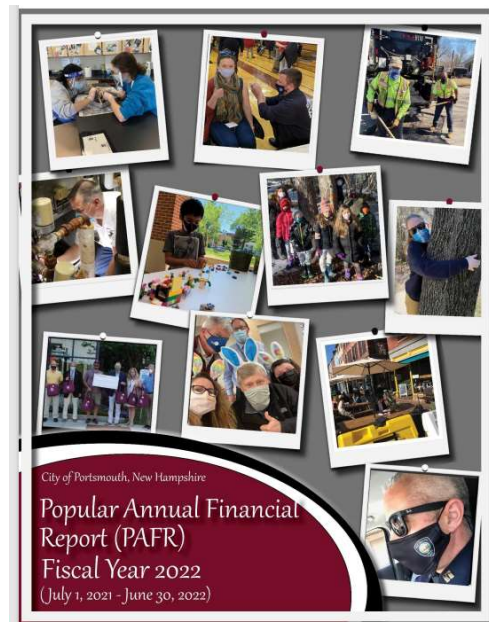
### **WED JAN 18 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AT 6 PM**

in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. Go to Agenda and Zoom registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/28uc5w3a> Go to the [FY24-29 Draft Capital Improvement Plan](#).

### **MON JAN 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7 PM**

in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.



**NOW AVAILABLE! PUBLIC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT –** The City's award-winning Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the

Fiscal Year-ended June 30, 2022 (FY22) are now available on the City of Portsmouth website and the PAFR, in print. Prepared under the guidance of Director of Finance and Administration Judie Belanger, [the ACFR](#) is the City's official, audited full financial disclosure, reporting on the financial health of the City. It consists of three sections: Introductory, Financial and Statistical. The **Introductory** section guides the reader through the report.

The **Financial** section presents the basic financial statements and the independent auditors' report. The **Statistical** section provides financial trends over a ten-year period. [The PAFR](#) extracts and summarizes financial information from the ACFR and is presented in a more visual, interactive and easy-to-read format for readers with various levels of financial knowledge. The PAFR also highlights various programs and ways for citizens to stay engaged with the community. Go to: [PAFR interactive guide](#)

**For those who cannot access the reports online, print copies are also available at City Hall, the City Clerk's office, the Portsmouth Public Library and the Senior Activity Center.**



**LOOKING FOR INDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER?** CHECK OUT THE REC DEPT [CONNIE BEAN](#) AND [COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPEN GYM SHCEDULES](#) AND THE [PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR](#) for programs such as daily Story Times. Daily activities for all ages.

### **PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE THRU JAN 31 --**

Stop by the library lobby to pick up a *Gratitude Challenge Booklet* filled with 30 ideas to show kindness or gratitude to our community helpers or anyone you appreciate! The booklet includes ideas like "Do something kind for a stranger" or "Donate clothing you no longer need to an organization or individual in need." Come up with your own to keep the gratitude going! Record your acts of gratitude on the back page of the booklet and return it to the library to earn a PPL book bag! **No registration is required.** [Find out more about the Gratitude Challenge!](#)

**INDIGENOUS STORIES: AN UNBROKEN CIRCLE PROGRAM TUES JAN 31, 7-8:30 PM at Portsmouth Public Library --** “Indigenous Communities and the Seacoast” in the Levenson Community Room and Online. Meet members of the Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective and hear how their work is reframing New Hampshire’s history from an Indigenous perspective.

**FAMILY: \$20, AT-THE-DOOR \$25.** RSVP: 603-427-1547 or **CLICK HERE** to register online



**MCINTYRE PROJECT UPDATE:** Reminder that all documents and plans are posted to [the McIntyre Project page](#) on the City website.

**HANOVER GARAGE – Concrete demolition Jan 16-27.** 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/2nfcachef>



**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](http://PortsmouthNH400.org)

**PORTSMOUTH NH 400 LEGACY PROJECT: SPEAKER SERIES STARTS JAN 24 at 6:30 PM** -- Free and open to the public in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library – Discussion with the Editorial Advisors for *A History of Portsmouth NH in 101 Objects* book.

- Larry Yerdon, Strawbery Banke Museum
  - Tom Hardiman, Portsmouth Athenaeum
  - Steve Butzel & Nicole Cloutier, Portsmouth Public Library
  - Gerry Ward, Portsmouth Historical Society
- Additional programs on Feb 21, Mar 21 and Apr 18.

A Fun Evening Created by the Portsmouth Recreation Department

# KIDS NIGHT OUT

PIZZA. MOVIE. FRIENDS. FUN.

Parents have 2.5 hours of kid-free time for dinner dates, errands, or a long, long bubble bath! Space is limited; early registration recommended.

**Grades K -5 Welcome**  
**\$20.00 per participant**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**5:30-8:00 PM**  
**COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

[cityofportsmouth.com/recreation](http://cityofportsmouth.com/recreation)

**KIDS NIGHT OUT, GRADE K-5, FRI FEB 3, 5:30-8 PM AT COMMUNITY CAMPUS, \$20.** Go to [information and registration](#).

Portsmouth Rec

## BE MY VALENTINE DANCE

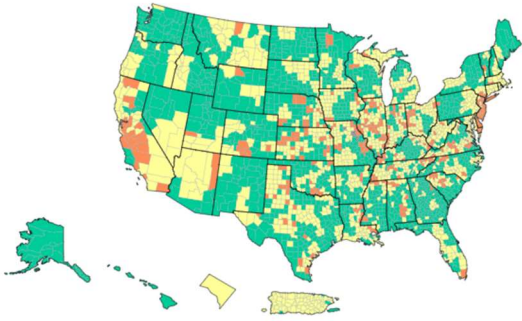
Saturday, February 11 • 6:00-8:00PM  
Community Campus Gymnasium  
Families Welcome  
\$20 per family with pre-registration  
\$25 at the door

Walk the Red Carpet • DJ & Dancing • Dress to Impress

[cityofportsmouth.com/recreation](http://cityofportsmouth.com/recreation) 603-427-1547

PORTSMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**REC DEPT “BE MY VALENTINE” FAMILY DANCE SAT FEB 11, 6-8 PM AT COMMUNITY CAMPUS. ADVANCE REGISTRATION PER**



**TRAVELING? CDC TOOL FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK.** CDC recommends using its online COVID-19 tracker:  
<https://tinyurl.com/57p5j3ba>

**COVID-19 BOOSTER SITES!** Find locations offering the new booster by going to the interactive map at [vaccines.gov](https://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** -- 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** -- 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 Sat 9 am to 12 noon. 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](mailto: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.).  
**EVERY MON 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](https://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.

**CITY PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS** –Interested candidates should complete the application form:

<https://tinyurl.com/yh5fm88r>

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

**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>

**CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
 Like and follow us to get news as it’s posted:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CityHallPortsmouthNH>

**Questions about a City-related matter? Email to [hotline@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com) and we’ll get you an answer.**

**Want to know more about what's happening in the City?** Click to sign up for the City Newsletter <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>