

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter: Monday, January 23, 2023

MON JAN 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. Go to Agenda and Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/522zwn3> **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON THE FY24 BUDGET WED JAN 25 AT 6 PM** Agenda and Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4vzfwefd>

MON TRASH COLLECTION RESCHEDULED – To Sat Jan 28 for the daily route and to Tues Jan 24 for evening collections. When school is cancelled, trash pickup is also cancelled for the safety of the workers.

EVERSOURCE STORM ADVICE – Please report any power outages to Eversource via their website: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8mjoy54> or call 1-800-662-7764. As a reminder, please stay away from any downed wires. This is true in all situations, but especially hazardous in wet conditions.

SIGN UP FOR SNOW PARKING NOTICES AT SMART 911 -- Snow parking announcements are issued by email, phone and text on Smart911 in advance of any anticipated snow parking bans. Alerts are issued when the parking ban goes into effect. To receive Smart 911 notifications, go to the [subscription page](#). Also sign in to make any account changes.

RECREATION FACILITY WEATHER CLOSURES -- Due to the weather and staff shortages, the Rec Dept announces the following:

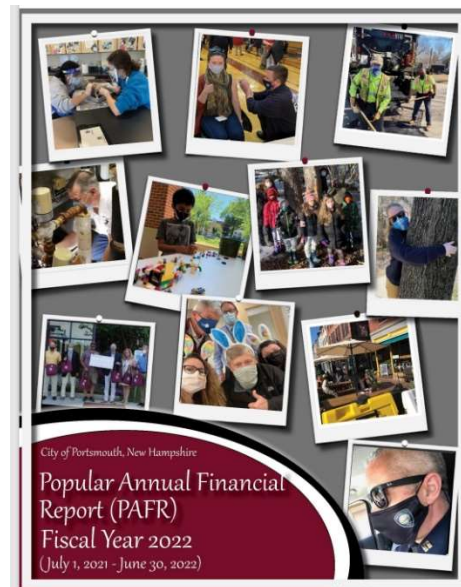
- Connie Bean Center – closing at 3pm after open court. Basketball games cancelled tonight/
- Community Campus – closing at 5pm. Basketball practices cancelled tonight. All other tenants have cancelled programs.
- Indoor Pool – closing at 3:30pm. No lessons (staff not all available) or swim team practice tonight.
- Senior Center – closing at 5pm. All programs cancelled. Drop-in Lounge only.
- Spinnaker – open as usual til 8pm.



INDOOR POOL OPENS AT 8 AM WED JAN 25
Due to staffing issues.



NH COASTAL ADAPTATION WORKSHOP (CAW) "RISING TIDES" PHOTO CONTEST, JAN 21-24– Each year, CAW invites citizens to photograph extreme high tides for its photo contest to raise awareness of NH's rising tides and provide a glimpse of what water levels could be like in the future. However, safety officials *strongly* advise against violating road closures or flooding barriers. Go to contest details: <https://tinyurl.com/mtbtum2s>



NOW AVAILABLE! PUBLIC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – Prepared under the guidance of Director of Finance and Administration Judie Belanger, the [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ACFR](#) is the City's official, audited full financial disclosure, reporting on the financial health of the City. [The Popular Annual Financial Report PAFR](#) is presented in an easy-to-read format for readers with various levels of financial knowledge. There's also a [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.**



400 TREES FOR THE 400TH! -- The City is celebrating the 400th anniversary by planting 400 trees: 100 are the usual Tree City annual plantings, 100 trees are being donated by Portsmouth Rotary to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023 and 200 more are designated for local residents to plant at their homes or businesses. Residents (first come, first served) will receive a cloth bag containing a 4-to-6-foot sapling, an appropriate amount of compost to help prepare the ground for the tree and instructions on planting and caring for the new tree. **Residents interested in receiving one of these trees for planting on their private property should sign up at:** <https://tinyurl.com/3jed2fjk> They will be notified in April, once a date is selected for a tree-planting workshop and pickup at the Urban Forestry 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.

CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING THURS JAN 26 AT 6:30 PM – In City Hall Conference Room A. Go to Agenda: <https://tinyurl.com/3wvya24c>



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

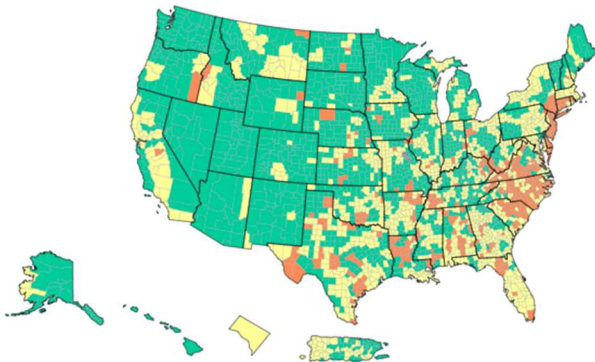
ENTER PNH400 RAFFLE TO WIN A CURATED DINNER FOR 10 AT CURE RESTAURANT -- Enter for a 1 in 150 chance to win an amazing dinner for 10 hosted by Cure Restaurant, prepared and curated by local celebrity chef/owner Julie Cutting and her amazing team. The winner will enjoy a delicious dinner of 5 courses paired with craft cocktails and delicious wines. To purchase raffle tickets (\$100 each) go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2br7bpw>

PORTSMOUTH NH 400 LEGACY PROJECT: SPEAKER SERIES STARTS TUES 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, Strawberry Banke Museum
- Tom Hardiman, Portsmouth Athenaeum
- Steve Butzel & Nicole Cloutier, Portsmouth Public Library
- Gerry Ward, Portsmouth Historical Society

Additional programs In Feb, Mar and Apr.



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

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>

ON-SITE MEDICAL ALSO OFFERS FREE TELEHEALTH CONSULTATIONS -- Those who test positive for COVID-19 but experience delays in being seen by their PCP, or other medical professional (possibly losing the effectiveness window for some treatments that could be helpful) **can call 1-800-816-5803** or log onto the [On-Site Medical website](https://www.on-sitemedservices.com). The telehealth appointment can also include prescribing any needed medication/treatments.

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
- **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.** 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>

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