

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Newsletter: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

**HANOVER GARAGE: FLEET STREET. ENTRANCE TEMPORARILY CLOSED THRU JAN 4. 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>

**PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE JAN 4 --** Taxpayers can pay their bills anytime from now until January 4, 2023 without accruing interest. **For the online property tax calculator go to:** <https://tinyurl.com/yh96zpw8>

**NEW CITY PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS --** The Portsmouth City Council has directed the creation of a new Public Art Review Committee (PARC) to assist the City in reviewing proposals for public art. 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 –** The City's Office of Economic Development, through the Economic Development Commission (EDC), conducted a 2022 Business Retention and Expansion Survey in October, to better understand the local business environment and learn more about how the EDC can help businesses in the community prosper. 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 ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 PRESCOTT PARK SEASONAL BOAT SLIP RENTALS LOTTERY DEADLINE JAN 5 AT 4 PM --** To download the application package, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6adh59> Each year, twelve boat slips are made available for seasonal rental. **Slips are first awarded to Portsmouth residents in a lottery drawing on Friday January 6, 2023 at 9 am.**



**CITY SELECTS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSULTANTS --** The City has selected a partnership of 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. They will start to work internally across all City Departments and through outreach with the community to identify short-, medium- and long-term strategies for a Climate Action Plan that provides an innovative, step-by-step approach to addressing, mitigating, and adapting to ongoing and future climate change impacts in an effective and equitable manner.

**PORTSMOUTH NH 400 KICKOFF PARTY ON FRI 1.6.23!** With rain/snow forecast, you might want to join the party at South Church at 4:45 pm, where PNH400 will present a grand "reveal" of what's in store for 2023. Live entertainment and refreshments at South Church. Free registration at <https://tinyurl.com/mphnd28f> (Image: Jay Benjamin)



**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS BABYSITTING COURSE FRIDAYS JAN 6-FEB 3, 3:30-5:15 PM**-- This free, 5-session course is open to students entering 6th grade through high school. Students must attend **all 5 sessions** to graduate and receive the certificate. The course covers child development, behavior, play, emergency situations and business basics, with plenty of hands-on experiences and room for questions. Plus snacks! Registration required – registration for the first day covers all 5 sessions. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yf59j664>



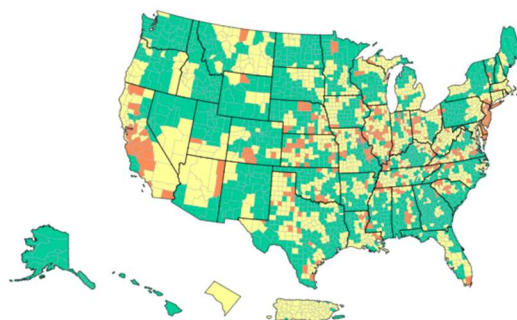
**NOW AVAILABLE! OFFICIAL PORTSMOUTH NH 400TH COMMEMORATIVE 2023 CALENDAR** –\$24.95. Quantities are limited! Order online, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3b3jiskfe> And check out all the other cool PNH400 merchandise for sale online. And for [the latest news on plans for the Portsmouth NH 400th anniversary](#). Follow @PortsmouthNH400 on social media.



**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY COAT SWAP PICKUP NOW THRU JAN 7** -- Anyone

who would benefit, can stop by the Library (175 Parrott Ave.). Free & open to all.

**I GOT BRIDGED HOSTS SPECIAL GUEST JOHN BRODERICK ON SAT JAN 7, 8:30-10 AM** -- *I Got Bridged*, the Portsmouth non-profit that “bridges the gap for people in need on the Seacoast” welcomes distinguished guest speaker John Broderick, Dartmouth-Health Senior Director of External Affairs and former Chief Justice of the NH Supreme Court, to their monthly “Time4Joy” Fellowship Group at the First United Methodist Church (129 Miller Ave.) on Sat Jan 7, 8:30 – 10 am. The event is free and open to the public, with a complimentary breakfast and La Mulita coffee. For more information on *I Got Bridged*, go to: [www.igotbridged.com](http://www.igotbridged.com)



**TRAVELING? CDC TOOL FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK. CARROLL, BELKNAP, MERRIMACK, HILLSBOROUGH, CHESHIRE AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, AND MOST OF MASSACHUSETTS ARE LISTED AS “MEDIUM 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.**

**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.

**COVID-19 BOOSTER SITES! Find locations offering the new booster by going to the interactive map at [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov)** NH DHHS advises that everyone over 5 who completed the primary series vaccination 3 months ago or more should receive the current booster.

**BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS** – Call On-Site Medical Services, the company contracted by NH to provide homebound

boosters, at 603.826.6500 to make an appointment, or go to <https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccine>

**GO TO FAQs ON THE “COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE”** <https://tinyurl.com/4smxnj7>

**PORTSMOUTH DPW WASTEWATER SAMPLING FOR COVID-19** -- 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.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE LOCAL CONTACTS** -- **Recent tragedies in Portsmouth prompt the City to remind everyone:** 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 that the new federal 988 system routes callers to the crisis center closest to their area code, not their physical location. So, if your phone is not an area code 603 number you should call the New Hampshire crisis center directly for immediate help.

**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](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.). **NEW! STARTING MON 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, every Monday.**

- **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 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.**

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