

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Saturday, May 30, 2020

Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home" order is extended through June 15, 2020. Phased Business Reopening began with retail on May 11, outdoor dining May 18, and beaches June 1. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

UNSUNG HEROES -- We're applauding Portsmouth's "Unsung Heroes" each Saturday. Just as we #ClapBecauseWeCare every Friday night, to let our healthcare workers and First Responders know that their commitment and sacrifices are deeply appreciated by the community, we highlight others on the frontlines in Portsmouth, who are less visible but are quietly doing the jobs that keep the city going. This week, we're recognizing the entire School Department. With the 'before world' date of Portsmouth High School graduation coming up on Friday and 'after world' realities continuing with at-home learning, **now is the perfect time to applaud the professionals and para-professionals, teachers and aides, the administrators and schedulers, tech facilitators, bus drivers, lunch-makers, custodians, security and the School staff who were laid off when 'on-site' became 'at-home.'** One of the revelations of COVID-19 is that parents will never look at teachers the same, now that they have experience with the daily challenges and rewards of learning with their kids. And each of us will be reminded that "it takes a village" to feed those who rely on school for their food for the day. Here's to all, in the words of one parent, of "the many people who have made an outsize difference in my kids' ability to learn."

UPDATED LIST OF OUTDOOR DINING RESTAURANTS – For the list of restaurants that have received approval for various outdoor dining arrangements, click here. **Please note that not all plan to open immediately. Always check first, as many have specific reservations requirements.** <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-05/OutdoorDining%202020.05.30x.pdf>

CITY HALL PARKING LOT AND DRIVEWAY REPAVING -- No parking all weekend in the upper lot, driveways or adjacent to the boiler building. DPW will assist Cottage residents with getting in and out of their lot during paving. Next week, the lot will be striped and loaming finished, after business hours.

MONDAY, JUNE 1:

- **CITY HALL REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC** -- When it opens, City Hall will be limited to 50 percent occupancy. Walk-ins will be greeted at the front door, with new protocols in place, which include:
 - Visitors will be required to wear a cloth mask while in City Hall.
 - Masks will be provided if the visitor does not bring one.
 - If the department the visitor wants to visit is already at capacity, that person will be asked to wait in a physical-distancing queue in the Portsmouth Room, adjacent to City Council Chambers. City Hall hours are as follows: Mon 8 am - 6 pm; Tues-Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm; Fri 8 am - 1 pm. NOTE: City Council, Board and Commission meetings continue as virtual meetings.
- **PARKING CLERK SERVICES MOVING TO FOUNDRY PLACE GARAGE** – For more information, visit <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth>
- **PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCEPTING RETURNED ITEMS** -- Please click here <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/curbside> for more information and guidelines.
- **DEADLINE FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR** -- If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2020, they will be eligible to register for the 2020-2021 school year. Click here <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/kindergarten-registration-and-new-student-enrollment> to launch the online registration system.

- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 6 pm via zoom** -- Click here for Agenda, Packet and zoom registration details. <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/citycouncil/cc060120ag.pdf>
- **COAST BUS SERVICE EXPANDS** -- COAST will resume service on Route 41cc, and transition Route 40 and 41 from the current Saturday schedule to a new reduced weekday schedule. COAST already resumed fixed route bus services (Routes 1, 2, 6, 40, 41, 100-103) and Route 7 On Demand, as staffing allows. For more information, click here. <https://coastbus.org/COVID-19>
- **CELEBRATE-A-SENIOR GIFT DROP-OFF** -- Seniors have filled out a short form describing themselves and their interests. Now, community members can anonymously “Celebrate-A-Senior” (or two, or five, or more) by creating and donating a gift basket/bag/package based on their interests. Or make a donation by check, payable to Celebration Graduation and mail to Christine Groleau, Attn: Celebration Graduation, 30 Oakwood Drive, Portsmouth NH 03801
 - Go to the website at: <https://www.phs-celebrate-a-senior.com/>
 - Choose one or more seniors and receive their interest form(s).
 - Put together the gift and return it to Portsmouth High School during one of these times:
 - **Monday, June 1, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and 5-7 pm**
 - Wednesday, June 3, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and 5-7 pm
 - Friday, June 5, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and 5-7 pm
 - Saturday, June 6, 8-11 am

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- **DEADLINE TO MAKE PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES** -- In accordance with Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05 and 2020-08, **to change political party affiliation a voter must complete this application**, sign it in front of a witness, and mail it by the deadline to the City Clerk's Office, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801. <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/cityclerk/partyaff-form.pdf>
- **FACE MASK DRIVE CONTINUES! Drop-off or Pick-up Donations of Cloth Masks for Seniors: Tues June 2, 10-11 am and Thurs June 4, 1-2 pm** – At the Community Campus tennis court parking lot. Drive up and leave the masks in the box. **If you need a cloth face mask, homemade masks can be mailed to those who could not attend the Distribution Drives.** Please email or call Brinn Sullivan, Senior Services Manager, and she will mail you a mask. 603-767-2697. bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com

TESTING: The NH Department of Health & Human Services is now coordinating COVID-19 testing appointments at one of the several testing clinics established throughout the state, for anyone who calls. **That testing coordinating office phone number is 603-271-5980. CVS on Lafayette Road in Hampton is now also accepting appointments for testing.** For FAQs about testing in New Hampshire, click here. <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm> In addition, the Rite-Aid at 1390 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth is providing free by-appointment testing for COVID-19 to anyone age 18 or over. For more information, click here. <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY, Saturday, June 6, 8 am – 12 noon at DPW, 680 Peverly Hill Road -- Residents of Portsmouth, Greenland and Newington are encouraged to bring household chemicals for safe disposal. Proof of residency is required. Collection Day is organized as a no-touch, drive-through service. Residents remain in their vehicles and pull through the Public Works garage, where staff will remove disposable items from car trunks. All City staff will be wearing masks and will be practicing social distancing. Residents will be asked verbally about their town of residence for survey purposes, in compliance with EPA requirements. For information about what can be collected and what cannot, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/press-releases/dpw-hosts-household-hazardous-waste-collection-day-june-6>



DONATE TO [ClipperStrong.org](https://www.clipperstrong.org) – Click on the image above to make a Clipper Strong Fund tax deductible donation to support Portsmouth’s small businesses. **Donations by check may be mailed to the Clipper Strong Fund c/o Coastal Economic Development Corporation, 4 Merrill Industrial Drive, Suite 201, Hampton NH 03842. <https://www.clipperstrong.org>**

Instead of repeating the long list of COVID-related resources each day, you can now find them all collected on one City website page! Click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-resources>

Sign up for the Daily Advisory, [here](#). The latest news is always at the top, **in red**.

STAY SAFE! STAY AT HOME! DO NOT CONGREGATE

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

For more information, visit [City's page on COVID-19](#).