CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

UPDATE from the City Manager for Monday, June 1, 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/

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/2020-06/OutdoorDining%202020.06.01.pdf

TUESDAY, JUNE 2:

- **CITY HALL REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC --** 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 MOVED 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.
- **COAST BUS SERVICE EXPANDED --** COAST has resumed 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
- **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 From 7:00-7:30PM, the public will have the opportunity to come to City Hall, in person, to register to vote, or to change party affiliations. The meeting of the Board of Registrars to approve these changes will take place via Zoom, immediately following this registration period. To register in advance for this meeting click here. https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrf-utrzIsE9NS6o1jca4xZKpyp79xHq91
- **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. bsllivan@cityofportsmouth.com

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:
  - 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

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK. For the latest on individual projects, click here and then on the Projects tab. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks

- **WATER LINE FLUSHING --** The Water Division has begun the twice-annual, routine flushing of the City's fire hydrants and 190 miles of water mains to remove sediment buildup. The work is ongoing for the next six to eight weeks, Monday through Thursday, between 7 and 11 pm. The flushing operation covers both public and private hydrants in Portsmouth, New Castle, Rye, Greenland and Newington. Crews open select fire hydrants, releasing water with enough velocity to carry sediment out of the pipes. While flushing can result in discolorations to tap water, customers can use cold water to flush their lines and the water remains safe to drink. If the discoloration persists, customers should contact the Water Division though the Click 'n Fix system to ensure prompt response.
- **ISLINGTON STREET** -- Detour is in place for one-way, inbound/easterly traffic between the bridge over the Bypass to Aldrich Road and outbound/westerly traffic, detoured down Aldrich. Sewer and sidewalk work on the Aldrich this week. For map, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project
- **MARKET STREET & KEARSARGE WAY BRIDGES:** Final landscaping and other details are being completed on the Market Street gateway park. Kearsarge Way Bridge is being reduced to one lane, with alternating traffic directed by temporary traffic signals. Market Street between the Sarah Long Bridge and the Noble's Island traffic signal is being reduced to one lane in each direction. For the full presentation on the project, click here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBTsRp4Pemo
- **CORPORATE DRIVE AT PEASE:** Road work this week.
- **DEER STREET/BRIDGE STREET:** Water and sewer pipe work nearing completion. Electric work and lighting is up next.
- **SIDE STREETS OFF PLEASANT:** Affecting Richmond and Livermore. Equipment staged, as before, on Edmunds.
- **MAPLEWOOD AVE DETOUR NOW IN PLACE. Water shut-off to notified customers on Leslie Drive Tuesday, June 2 12-4 pm**. Click here for details. Work has resumed for the season. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-05/2020-05-18%20-%20Maplewood%20Detour.pdf
- **PRESCOTT PARK DOCK RAILING replacement work continues.** The dock remains closed.

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 – 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.