CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

UPDATE from the City Manager for Friday, June 5, 2020 GRADUATION DAY!

Congratulations graduates from kindergarten to high school for completing an extraordinary year! And to all who supported their learning and progress, especially over the past few months.

Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home" order through June 15, 2020 with additional flex announced. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here: http://www.nh.gov/covid19

NEW PAGE: COMBINED LIST OF OUTDOOR DINING & TAKEOUT RESTAURANTS – For the list of restaurants offering takeout and/or 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/city/restaurants-takeout-outdoor-dining

SATURDAY, JUNE 6:

- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY, 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
- **PORTSMOUTH FARMERS MARKET RETURNS WITH NEW LOCATION, SHORTER HOURS 8 am – 12 NOON –** Seacoast Growers' Association beloved Portsmouth Farmers' Market returns every Saturday, starting June 6. New location: Little Harbour School on Clough Drive and adjusted time: 8 am to 12 NOON. 20 vendors so far and a springtime's worth of fresh veggies and other items. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO PARKING on Haven, Bracket Road and Bracket Lane (the residential side streets around Little Harbour School). Parking ONLY in the school parking lot and the lower lot** (corner of South St. & Junkins Ave) at City Hall. For more information, click here. https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.seacoastgrowers.org%2fportsmouth-farmers-market&c=E,1,HUXuFF5Eu6xltBbExsp_P88RTPnZ-HjTbk_F4x4cs9tRLB56MqPqzerfKgTBm-tCuNuy0fcGzr1JIO0kfoSnNfuomIQyOfF7fGuz4S0zOw,,&typo=1
- **PORTSMOUTH MARCH FOR RACIAL JUSTICE, 2:30 pm in Market Square**. The Portsmouth Police, Fire and DPW have plans in place to assure the safety and security of all participants.
- **LAST DAY! 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).
    - Deliver gift(s) **to Portsmouth High School, Saturday, June 6, 8-11 am**

SUNDAY, JUNE 7:

- **PORTSMOUTH PROTEST IN HONOR OF GEORGE FLOYD, 12-5 pm in Market Square**. The Portsmouth Police, Fire and DPW have plans in place to assure the safety and security of all participants.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- **NEW SCHOOL LUNCH PICKUP SCHEDULE** – New schedule starts Monday, June 8. Click here. https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRPbZHtMsRYoTB4q5wchJEBAz_4vL6CxJjvb_KXj704el_bZB7e5noyNb8sVAa7YtHFUeEIHTm13efc/pub
- **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW SESSION, 6:30 pm via zoom.** Click here for agenda and zoom registration instructions. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/events/city-council-work-session-fy21-budget-review
    - **For the FY21 Budget, click here** http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21ProposedBudget.pdf
      For the interactive guide to the FY21 Budget, click here. http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21BudgetLinkTutorial.pdf
- **CITY HALL NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC --** City Hall is limited to 50 percent occupancy. Walk-ins are greeted at the front door, with new protocols in place, which include:
    - Visitors are required to wear a cloth mask while in City Hall. Masks are 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 HAVE MOVED TO FOUNDRY PLACE GARAGE** – For more information, visit https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth
- **PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP BEGINS --** Please click here https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/curbside for more information and guidelines.
- **COAST BUS SERVICE HAS 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

FACE MASK DRIVE CONTINUES! Drop-off or Pick-up Donations of Cloth Masks for Seniors: Tues Jun 9 10-11 am and Thurs June 11, 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

SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN! PORTSMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT BOUTIQUE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS -- The Portsmouth Recreation Department will be offering a session of boutique programs this summer. Each program will run twice a week for six weeks, with a specific focus that allows for maximum social distancing. The programs are for Portsmouth residents only and are free of charge. Children will be kept in pods of eight, with a maximum of four pods per program. Physical distancing and hand sanitizing procedures will be in place, along with encouraging use of masks by participants. The programs include hiking and running clubs, multi-sport, kids' fitness, arts & crafts, Legos and more. Click here for the full program listing and schedule. www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation

NOW OPEN! FILING PERIOD FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 ENDS JUNE 12, 2020. -- Please note that the City Clerk's Office closes at 1 pm on Friday, June 12th, but will also be open between the hours of 3-5 pm only to accept filings, as required by State RSA. Filings for Delegates to the State Republican Convention will also be accepted during this filing period. Those wishing to file must be a registered voter in the district and party for which they wish to be a candidate.

- District 25 - Consists of Ward 1 only
- District 26 - Consists of Ward 2 only
- District 27 - Consists of Ward 3 only
- District 28 - Consists of Ward 4 only

- District 29 - Consists of Ward 5 only
- District 30 - Consists of Ward 1, 2, 4, and 5 (Not 3)
- District 31 - Floterial with Ward 3 only represented with Greenland, Newington & North Hampton. Note: A floterial district is a legislative district that includes several separate districts that independently would not be entitled to additional representation, but whose combined population entitles the area to another seat in the legislative body.

DISPOSAL OF USED FACEMASKS, GLOVES, ETC. -- Please be aware that used facemasks, gloves and cleaning towels should be disposed of in a trash container that is lined with a bag. Please do not put them in recycle bins. Also please do not flush wipes (even those marked 'flushable') as they tend to clog pipes, especially smaller diameter pipes from homes to sewer pipes or septic systems.

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, 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. 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.** 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

DONATE TO ClipperStrong.org – Click here 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.