CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

UPDATE from the City Manager for Friday, June 12, 2020

Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home" order sunsets on Monday, on June the 15th. The "Safer At Home" State of Emergency will still stay in place and will likely have to continue on indefinitely. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here: http://www.nh.gov/covid19

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

INDOOR DINING GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- The Governor's Stay-at-Home 2.0 offers updated guidance to restaurants for opening up **indoor dining operations beginning June 15, 2020**. This new Guidance document https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/files/inline-documents/guidance-restaurants.pdf
applies to the indoor dining in Rockingham County, at a reduced occupancy. The Health Department notes, "Please be aware there may be an increased risk of exposure to Covid-19 associated with public dining for your staff and your customers. Strict adherence to the Guidelines should help reduce this risk but may not eliminate it." Table spacing (both indoors and outdoors) should be maintained so people sitting at adjacent tables are more than six feet apart and servers should be able to maintain social distancing while interacting with tables. Seating guidelines showing different table styles and arrangements are posted in the Health Department web page, here. To streamline the process, prior to re-opening, all establishments must submit a completed re-opening Checklist and adjusted seating floor plans for approval, electronically via Viewpoint. (Select Covid-19 Reduced Indoor Seating Approval from the Health Department page on Viewpoint.)

CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE MEETS. NEW WEBPAGE CREATED – The Citizen Response Task Force designed by the City Council to help move Portsmouth forward with reopening plans and adjustments has met three times this week, with subgroups looking simultaneously into suggestions offered by the public and will report initial work to the City Council at their meeting on Monday, June 15. The 19-member committee representing restaurants, retail, hotels, small business, nonprofits, health care and citizens-at-large, co-chaired by Jim Petersen of Petersen Engineering and Mark Stebbins of ProCon Construction. All meeting agendas, minutes, packets and supporting information are posted to the CRTF web page (with a link from the banner on the homepage.) https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/citizen-response-task-force
All meetings are conducted publicly via zoom and are posted in advance on the City website homepage. **To contact the Citizen Response Task Force, email via hotline@cityofportsmouth.com**

HAPPY 220TH BIRTHDAY PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD. PNSY ISSUES ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT– The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard was established under President John Adams on June 12th, 1800 and is celebrating 220 years. Honoring that accomplishment, PNSY has issued the CY 2019 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Economic Impact Report. The report was prepared by NCMA, with the lead taken in the Comptroller Department, data provided by DFAS, it shows the Shipyard had an economic impact of $1.159 billion in 2019. These graphs provided by the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council show a better visual of the data. **PNSY CY19 Economic Impact Graphic (June 11, 2020)**
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-06/Graph%20for%20Economic%20Impact%20Report.pdf

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-06/Corrected%20Economic%20Impact%20Report%20CY2019.pdf

NH NONPROFIT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND APPLICATION PERIOD -- The New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund was established by Governor Chris Sununu through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to award grants from the allocated $60 million to help nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, have partnered to administer this program.

Eligibility:

- The organization must be a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit based in New Hampshire.
- The organization must demonstrate that it incurred or will incur necessary expenditures and/or losses due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
- Costs or losses cannot be covered by this program if they have been, or will be paid, by other federal emergency relief funds, including the Paycheck Protection Program.
- The program will not make grants to nonprofit hospitals, colleges and universities, and other organizations that are or will be assisted through other funding opportunities. The New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund is not a first come, first served program. Additional program details are forthcoming. Questions will be answered starting June 11, 2020 at the webinars listed below.

Starting immediately, 501(c)(3) nonprofits should complete the required organizational profile, click here for the online portal. https://nhcf.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp

Monday, June 15 -- The NH Center for Nonprofits will host a webinar to answer questions about the grant program. 4-5 pm. Register here: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7882796190594518284

Thursday, June 25 -- Application period closes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

PORTSMOUTH FARMERS MARKET HAS RETURNED! SATURDAYS 8 am to 12 noon -- Seacoast Growers' Association beloved Portsmouth Farmers' Market returns every Saturday **at Little Harbour School on Clough Drive. 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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7 pm -- For the Agenda Packet with zoom registration details, click here. http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/citycouncil/cc061520cp.pdf

200 SIGN-UPS ON THE FIRST DAY! 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

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 for the next 3 weeks. 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.
- **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 ASAP 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.