CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

UPDATE from the City Manager for Friday, June 26, 2020

Tom Severino (center), Vice President of Severino Trucking Co. helped unload some of the concrete barriers sectioning off part of the Worth Lot. His company is loaning approximately 200 barriers to the City at no charge to help establish areas for outdoor dining for restaurants affected by the COVID-19 limits on their indoor occupancy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- **HANOVER ST./TANNER/PARKER PAVING -**- Pavement milling (removal of top layer only) started today on Tanner, Parker & Tanner Court. Work will continue next week to get ready for paving the entire area on Tuesday, July 7, weather permitting. Striping will follow a few days after paving.
- **PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION PARADE -- Following graduation ceremonies, physically-distanced at the football field, graduates will participate in a car parade along the following route:**
    - Immediately following the graduation ceremony (6:30 pm), participating vehicles will line up at the PHS exit on Summit Ave.
    - Vehicles will turn right onto South St.
    - Travel down South St through the Miller/Sagamore Intersection; continue on South St to Marcy St.
    - Turn left onto Marcy St and continue past Prescott Park.
    - Turn right onto Harbour Place and continue under the Memorial Bridge and onto Daniel St.
    - Continue down Daniel St and into Market Square and onto Congress St.
    - Turn left onto Middle St. where it will continue back to PHS and enter the property via Andrew Jarvis where the parade will end.

CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE

- **Foundry Place Subcommittee for Rooftop Popup** – The CRTF voted to approve allocation of half the funding provided by the City Council to this part of the project. The RooftopPopup.org non-profit helping

the subcommittee incorporate arts and cultural elements is now accepting donations to match the first $25,000 of that funding. For information, click here. https://www.gofundme.com/f/50k-matching-challenge-pop-up-rooftop The subcommittee is meeting with the neighborhoods to answer questions and hear ideas and is working with City departments and the sound engineer Eric Reuter and JSA, Inc. architect North Sturtevant to determine the best layout.

- **Downtown Streets Public Realm Spaces for Restaurants** –Parking spaces are being reserved and surrounded by concrete barricades for outdoor dining on Worth Lot, Congress Street, Market Street and Penhallow as well as Pleasant Street. Restaurants are encouraged to file public realm requests through City's Viewpoint system (Sidewalk Café Application) so they can start working develop area service agreement insurance details and Health Department requirements for physical distancing. https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1082/record-types/6431

- **For more information, visit the Citizen Response Task Force web page**, that provides the materials and resources the committee is using. 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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- **ISLINGTON STREET –** Construction work will continue on Islington Street on SAT Jun 27, 7 am to 4 pm. Between Aldrich and Spinney Rd. The work will be low-impact relative to normal weekday operations, with flaggers present to maintain two-way traffic flow.

- **CLIPPER STRONG FUND CARE PACKAGES FIRST ROUND DELIVERY--** The initial distribution is being planned to meet demand during this round on a first-come, first-served basis. **Portsmouth businesses should email hotline@cityofportsmouth.com to request a Clipper Strong Care Package and include their locations**. For more information on the Clipper Strong Fund, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/clipper-strong-fund **Click here to make a Clipper Strong Fund tax deductible donation to support Portsmouth's small businesses**. **https://www.clipperstrong.org**

- **PORTSMOUTH FARMERS MARKET HAS RETURNED! SATURDAYS 8 am to 12 noon at Little Harbour School on Clough Drive. 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

"MODERATE DROUGHT" CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN NH – The U.S. Drought Monitor https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NH this week elevated the southern half of the state from "Abnormally Dry" to "Moderate Drought" conditions, so NH is implementing the State Drought Management Plan to coordinate the team of state, federal, regional and municipal agencies, including the Portsmouth DPW Water Division. Ongoing actions include: assessing reservoir impacts and adjusting operations, working with drinking water systems statewide and encouraging conservation measures that should be employed now to avoid serious problems later in the summer. Currently the Portsmouth and Pease Tradeport drinking water systems are able to meet water supply demands. City staff are continually monitoring the weather and the City's water supplies. Additional updates and information can be found at: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/water/supply-status With more households are watering lawns and new flower vegetable gardens, the DPW Water/Stormwater Division encourages residents to "Think Blue" and consider some of these water-saving measures you can practice at home. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/stormwater/what-can-you-do-about-water-conservation-and-stormwater-pollution

UPDATED LIST OF OUTDOOR DINING, TAKEOUT AND RESTAURANTS PERMITTED FOR INDOOR DINING – For the list of restaurants offering takeout and/or that have received approval for various outdoor and/or indoor 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

Governor Sununu's "Safer At Home" guidelines continue. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here. http://www.nh.gov/covid19

TESTING: The NH Department of Health & Human Services is now coordinating COVID-19 testing appointments at 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

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 Advisory, here. The latest news is always at the top, in red.

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.