CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Manager's Advisory
Thursday, December 17, 2020

SNOW PARKING BAN LIFTED AS OF 5:30PM TONIGHT

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING BAN NOTICES AND OTHER CITY ALERTS – The City sends out email and text alerts via the CodeRed notification system. During snowstorms these notices alert residents to such things as trash pickup rescheduling and when the public garages are full, as well as announcing parking bans. **These alerts are announced in several different ways:**

- **CodeRED**: anyone can sign up to receive automatic email and text alerts, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth/snowrelatedimpacts
- **Snow Phone**: call 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW) to hear recorded messages.
- **Channel 22**: snow parking bans are posted as bulletins
- **CityofPortsmouth.com:** a yellow (planned) or red (in effect) banner appears at the top of City website pages when snow parking ban events occur.
- **Twitter**: follow @PortsmouthDPW
- **Public Works Department:** call 427-1530 or report a snow clearing issue use the Click 'n Fix system. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/portsmouth-click-n-fix
- **During parking bans, residents should take advantage of spaces in City parking lots and reduced rates in the garages** when the parking ban is in effect! Flat fee parking: $3 at Foundry Place and $5 at the Hanover garage, good from 4 pm Dec 16 until 2 hours after. Regular rates apply for additional time parked beyond the lifting of the ban.

MCINTYRE 101 STUDY CIRCLE SIGNUP STILL OPEN! -- The McIntyre Subcommittee, with the project developer Redgate Kane, and Portsmouth Listens, with assistance from the Boston-based urban design firm The Principle Group, are hosting a "McIntyre 101" Study Circle effort in January.

- The deadline to signup has been **extended to midnight tonight (11:59 pm on Thurs Dec 17).** To sign up, click here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/McIntyre2020
- For a recording of the Dec 16 public kickoff meeting held via Zoom, click here. https://youtu.be/VDIjyaC61_s
- For the Principle Group Dec 16 presentation, click here. https://issuu.com/principleplaces/docs/20201216_mcintyre_101_presentation_web
- For a dynamic tool that shows comments received during McIntyre 101 – including last night's Zoom chat comments, click here: https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lahT4O8=/
- The City wants input from everyone, so there will be online tools and surveys to get additional comments, starting with this survey https://principlegroup.typeform.com/to/M3g1gkIG open now through January 3, 2021 at midnight.
- For further information about the study circles, please email mcintyre@principle.us
- For all of the background and documents on the McIntyre Project, click here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/mcintyre-project

APPLY TO JOIN CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE/MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON REOPENING PORTSMOUTH 2021 -- The City Council voted on Dec 14 to continue the duties of the Citizen Response Task Force (CRTF), reconfigured as a Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for Reopening Portsmouth 2021. The members of the CRTF who are health professionals will also remain, and also serve on an additional Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee instead of as the CRTF Health Subcommittee, to assist the City Health Department. There are 7 openings on the main committee, in: Health, Restaurants (2), Retail (2), Arts/Nonprofit, and At-Large. Portsmouth residents and business/nonprofit owners who are interested in serving on the Reopen Portsmouth 2021 Blue Ribbon Committee should complete **this application** and submit it to the City Clerk by email: klbarnaby@cityofportsmouth.com

GOVERNOR SUNUNU'S EMERGENCY ORDER AND STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2021
https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-24.pdf

For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-10/MaskOrdinanceFAQ%202020.10.05.pdf

For Testing FAQs click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs

For COVID-19 & Mask Facts click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-mask-facts

For Ventilation FAQs click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/daily-life-during-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions

FOR THIS WEEK'S REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD from the Citizen Response Task Force, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-12/CovidDashboard121520.pdf

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION FROM NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, click here: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf

For DHHS COVID-19 FAQs, click here: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-19-faq.pdf

ASSISTANCE RESOURCES
For Resources and Assistance with housing, food, heat, etc. click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-resources

- **NEW! APPLICATION DEADLINE DEC 18 FOR HOUSING RELIEF FUND --** Governor Chris Sununu authorized the expenditure of $35 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") to support families or individuals in need of housing assistance as a result of COVID-19. Of the allocated $35 million, $20 million will be initially expended, with $15 million being held in reserve, for rent stabilization and housing support. Both the one-time grants and the short-term rental assistance will be coupled with regional case management services to help connect households to appropriate services as defined by the household and the agency. **Program payments will be made directly to the landlord or provider, and this program provides assistance only through December 30, 2020**. For more information, visit https://www.capnh.org
- **Help Paying Energy Bills –** Eversource offers a COVID-19 Payment Program that gives customers up to 12 months to pay past-due balances, without down payments, fees or interest. Once enrolled the account is protected from service disconnection for the duration of the payment plan. For more information call 1-800-662-7764 or visit https://www.eversource.com/content/nh
- **Help Paying for Heat** -- Fuel assistance is available from Rockingham County Fuel Assistance program. For information, click here. https://www.snhs.org/programs/energy-programs/low-income-home-energy

PICTURING PORTSMOUTH -- City staff are seeking residents' help in illustrating what life is like in the City of Portsmouth. As staff prepare documents and presentations including the Budget and Annual Report, they like to include photographs of residents taking advantage of the programs, projects, services and "amenities" – both natural

and manmade – throughout the City.To participate in this effort, for the "bragging rights" of seeing their images used as illustrations in City publications, webpages and other materials, residents should submit digital, high-resolution (1M or larger) images to the email, CapturePortsmouth@gmail.com. Please include the photographer's name, what/who is in the photo, location and when (approximately) the photo was taken. Send only appropriate photos for use in City publications/presentations. By submitting images, the photographer grants the City permission to use them, without compensation, in City documents and/or presentations. For suggestions: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/press-releases/city-seeks-residents-images-portsmouth-use-city-publications

NEW! SANTA FIRETRUCK TOUR UPDATE: DEC 19 from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Check the schedule for your neighborhood – Santa has told Fire Chief Germain that he intends to include Lafayette House at the corner of Andrew Jarvis Drive on his firetruck tour. So the map and schedule were revised, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-12/REV%20Santa%20Route%202020.12.17.pdf Rain/snow date is Sunday, Dec 20. Be sure to watch for Santa as he's passing through, and wave from your front porches or lawns!

LET THE MAGIC SHINE THROUGH SECRET #9 – Did you know the Chamber Collaborative's "Hope for the Holidays" gives you 108 different opportunities to help local nonprofits -- and the people they serve -- this holiday season? Definitely a choice and price range that could cover everyone on your list. Click here for the details. http://portsmouthchamber.chambermaster.com/store/hope-for-the-holidays?viewmode=list&pagesize=12&orderby=10

HOLIDAY LIGHTS THROUGHOUT PORTSMOUTH –There are 76 participants in the Holiday Lights Contest – and more bringing light and cheer to the December darkness? The map showing all the neighborhoods filled with Holiday Lights Contest entries is now available! Click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-12/HolidayLightsMAP.pdf

WELFARE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR OLDER CHILDREN – Once again, the City's Welfare Office is collecting gift cards for families who have older kids who are not typically served by other Christmas programs in town. Local agencies who provide holiday assistance do a wonderful job here in Portsmouth, but teenagers can be a difficult population to serve. To help close that gap, the Welfare Department is again collecting gift cards in small denominations for things like movie tickets, coffee houses, stores such as Old Navy, Gamestop and Kohl's. As with the donation of gift cards for school supplies in September, the gift cards **can be mailed (Ellen Tully, Welfare Department, City Hall, 1 Junkins Ave. Portsmouth NH 03801), left in the gray drop box in front of City Hall or, dropped off with the receptionist.** Please contact Ellen Tully, 610-7267, etully@cityofportsmouth.com with any questions or concerns.

NEW! Salvation Army Hot Meals – The Salvation Army at their new location at 115 Heritage Ave. offers free dinner and breakfast service for anyone who needs a hot meal. During the pandemic, they are putting packaged hot meals out front for dinner M-F from 5-6 pm. Some eat them there outside or in their cars, but they can also be taken home to warm up again. Breakfast is from 7-8 am, 6 days a week.

Gather Food Pantry: Gather provides food to hundreds of local families, and the need is even greater this year.. Food distribution, online grocery shopping for people who don't want to enter the shop, meal delivery for Seniors, Meals 4 Kids, Community Fridays 9am-1pm open at Community Campus (open to anyone). Call for info 603-436-0641.

Operation Blessing: Drive up Food Pantry Wed-Fri 10am-4pm. Call for more info 603-430-8561.

SEACOAST CHAMBER ALLIANCE

- **WEBSITE** – The new VisitSeacoastNH.com website offers up-to-the-minute resources for businesses and visitors. https://www.visitseacoastnh.com/
- **NEW! POSTERS** – The Alliance has developed a set of posters that businesses and organizations can download for free and print/post to inform their publics. Click here: https://www.visitseacoastnh.com/business-support/

NH STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS CAMPAIGN FOR PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS – The NHSCA has worked with the Governor's reopening task force to develop graphics for a public information campaign

that performing arts organizations across the state can use to remind their audiences that "We Will Be Back." For the free materials, click here. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sh6t90h3z0ybw3w/AAAyF8_SNapEaW-ellWP3Qeza?dl=0

PAY YOUR CITY BILLS ONLINE -- With COVID-19 precautions still in place**, the City urges taxpayers to make their tax bill payments online, where they will receive an instant confirmation and receipt**. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/pay-my-bill Property tax bills (first half) due Dec 17.

FIRST DOSES OF COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTERED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE -- The timeline for widespread access to a COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be approximately 6-12 months, according to health officials. As vaccine production increases over time, updated information on when people can expect to receive the vaccine will be posted at NH.gov/COVID19. **PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE: STATEWIDE AND PORTSMOUTH MASK MANDATE.** Avoid crowded, confined spaces. Watch your distance (maintain 6-feet or more). Wash your hands.

TESTING-- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provides this list as a service to the community. The Department does not endorse any particular entity for COVID-19 testing services. https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf

For all the COVID-related resources, click here.

Governor Sununu's Emergency Order extended to February 5, 2021.
https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-24.pdf
The State has also made changes to the COVID guidelines to minimize redundancy in each industry sector. **Those guidelines that applied to all industry sectors have been removed from separate sector pages and now live only in the Universal Guidelines (UG) pages**. In some cases (e.g. outdoor attractions, arts, music education, funerals, and more) the sector pages have been eliminated entirely and you'll find a note at the end of the UG specific to those sectors. Click here for the details: https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/

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: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-information