CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Manager's Advisory
Monday, March 8, 2021

TONIGHT! CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- **Islington Street Corridor Phase 2 Work Session, 5:30-6:30 pm via Zoom.** For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-cPRbZD2TROUvuNXqKUWag
- **City Council Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom.** For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/citycouncil/cc030821ag.pdf

FLEET STREET BORINGS – As preliminary engineering studies for the Fleet Street Project continue, the contractor Underwood Engineering will be conducting boring work on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12, 7 am to 4 pm, weather permitting. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic through lane closures.

CHAMBER CHAT LIVE! Fri Mar 12 at 1 pm via Zoom -- Spring & Summer Arts Outlook. Join Ben VanCamp, Chamber Vice President for a focus on the arts with members of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts & Non-Profits along with leaders from many of Portsmouth art organizations and venues. Including (among others):

- Genevieve Aichele, NH Theatre Project
- Beth Falconer, 3S Artspace
- Jonathan Day, Seacoast Repertory Theatre
- Renee Giffroy, NH Arts Association
- Russ Grazier, PMAC, co-chair Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts & Non-Profits
- Ed Simeone, Players' Ring
- Courtney Perkins, Prescott Park Arts Festival
- Susanne Powers, Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra

For the Zoom registration, click here: https://portsmouthchamber.org/events/details/chamber-chat-live-spring-summer-arts-outlook-52220?calendarMonth=2021-03-01



SHAMROCK TREE OF LUCK
To download the shamrock template, click here.

AND LUCKY KISSES CONTEST!
Guess how many chocolate kisses are contained in the jar in the photo and you might win them all! For the photo, click here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/press-releases/city-portsmouth-welcomes-tree-luck-shamrock-decorating-and-announces
For the virtual contest, send an email with your guess to bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com and include your name, Portsmouth address, phone number -- and your guess. The person with the most accurate guess will win. If there's a tie, the winners will split the chocolate kisses. Entries must be received by 5 pm on March 16, 2021.

TIME FOR TAKEOUT -- PICNIC IN THE SQUARE! Based on an idea from the Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021, ten accessible picnic tables have now been placed in Market Square at the following locations:

- Pleasant Street near Tuscan Kitchen,
- Congress Street near the Holiday Tree
- in front of North Church

and two more on Vaughan Mall. Perfect timing to get some takeout and picnic on positivity!

EAT OUT. TAKE OUT. HELP OUT. -- The NH Lodging and Restaurant Association is supporting #RallyForNHRestaurants initiative through March. Read more about it and fun ways to support the movement: https://rallyfornhrestaurants.com/creative-ideas-to-enjoy-nh-restaurants/

CITY EARNS AWARD FOR FY21 BUDGET PRESENTATION -- The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the City of Portsmouth the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifteenth year in a row. The award recognized the FY21 Budget. GFOA is comprised of more than 18,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program, established in 1984, recognizes exemplary budget documentation by state, provincial and local governments, as well as public universities and colleges.

NH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WEBINARS

- **COVID Assistance for the Self-Employed**

March 11 | 10am
Sole proprietor, Schedule-C filer, or LLC? Join us to review special considerations for PPP and other federal relief programs, as well as your eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

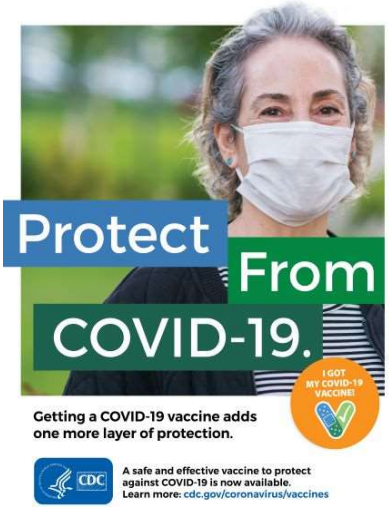
To register, click here.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING -- NH SBDC SMALL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY ACADEMY -- Attendees will walk away with the tools they need to develop individualized resiliency plans. Such plans help businesses anticipate their response to the next six+ months -- and the next six+ years. The Resiliency Academy takes place over five sessions, 9 to 11 am via Zoom. Click here for details and registration.

- **April 7, 2021,** Session 1: Threats
- **April 21, 2021,** Session 2: Assessment
- **May 5, 2021,** Session 3: Visioning
- **May 19, 2021,** Session 4: Planning
- **June 2, 2021,** Session 5: Action

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEES
To follow the work of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committees as they work on efforts to keep Portsmouth safe *and* vibrant, visit these pages for meeting information, recordings, minutes and support materials:

- Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts and Nonprofits (meets via Zoom Mondays at 12 noon). Join the Arts & Nonprofits mailing list here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/brc-arts-nonprofits
- Blue Ribbon Committee on Health (meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 11 am)
- Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021 (meets via Zoom Wednesdays at 2 pm)



QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO GET THE VACCINE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN? Click here. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2F8-things.html

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger, printable PDF of this week's dashboard, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-03/REVCovidDashboard030121.pdf

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of March 8, NH had received **496,675** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **385,485 (25.5% of the population age**

18 or older have received 1 or more doses). The dose balance ensures vaccine for those scheduled to receive first or second doses in the current Phase 1A-1B. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS -- Scheduling your Dose 1 appointment online at **https://vaccines.nh.gov** is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. **Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center.**

Everyone receiving the first dose now receives a vaccination card that includes a scheduled appointment for Dose 2. All you need to do is show up for Dose 2. If you need to change that appointment, you can do so by calling the 211 hotline.

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/vaccination-planning-faq.pdf

PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs

FAQs: "I Had COVID-19, Now What?" https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs

OUTDOOR DINING -- PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN – The City Council approved the use of public sidewalks, starting March 1. Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. City staff are reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season. **Those approved for the 2020 season DO NOT need to reapply**. They will be contacted directly by the City to renew their licenses for the upcoming season.

- **Businesses who were not approved in 2020 and wish to operate an outdoor cafe on public property in 2021 must apply for approval** by submitting an application through the City's Viewpoint online permitting portal. https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1076/record-types/6431
- Anyone **opening a new restaurant, is an existing restaurant that is expanding or adding an outdoor area on private property, or who seeks to place tables, chairs or signage on a public sidewalk** with no food or alcohol service, please click here for more information. https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/projectTemplate/4

For more information about outdoor café permitting click here. http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmandSampleLayout.pdf Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or planning@cityofportsmouth.com.

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021 https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-25.pdf

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021 https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-04.pdf

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.
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 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 "I've Had COVID-19, Now What?" FAQs, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-information