CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Tuesday, June 1, 2021

TONIGHT! SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE at 6 pm via Zoom --

First Reading to Repeal Chapter 3, Article X1 – Face Covering During the COVID-19 Pandemic Ordinance. Sample motion – move to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the ordinance at the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting. For Agenda and Zoom registration: https://tinyurl.com/vb79mhm7

JUN 1: LIBRARY EXPANDS HOURS – Now open Mon-Thurs 9 am to 7 am, Fri 9 am to 5:30 pm, Sat 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Sunday. Increased capacity indoors, magazine/newspaper browsing and reopened study rooms. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

DOG LICENSE RENEWALS -- As required by RSA 466:1 all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. Please be advised a \$1.00 late fee per month (per dog) is being assessed beginning **June 1**. The City Clerk encourages dog owners to make payments to be made on-line or through the mail, if possible. If you no longer have the dog, please contact the City Clerk to remove you from the list. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 610-7208. For more information, click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/dog-license

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE JUNE 1 --For more information, click here:

https://tinyurl.com/4nyunxwk

CITY WALK-IN SERVICES AT CITY HALL – Appointments still requested for Planning, Inspections, Assessors and Welfare Departments.

THURS JUN 3 GREENLEAF & LAFAYETTE ROAD INTERSECTION PUBLIC INPUT MEETING at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Zoom registration, click here. https://tinyurl.com/j3wntdxs



OUTDOOR POOL OPENS JUNE 21 – NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! The pool will be open from 11 am to 6 pm, seven days a week. Only Portsmouth residents will be admitted, with a limited number at one time. Admission is free. The following safety precautions will be in place:

- The pool house will be open, with all of the windows and doors open. Staff will monitor occupancy, so that it does not become over-crowded.
- The pool will open with a capacity of 200, with patrons asked to maintain physical distancing between households in and around the pool.
- Chairs will be set out on the deck in groups and visitors are asked not to move them.

Swim lessons are not planned as of now due to the need for physical distancing in the pool between instructor and students.

JUN 3 PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD BLASTING OPERATIONS COMMENCE FOR

DRY DOCK #1 – As part of the Super Flood Basin construction at the dry dock opposite Prescott Park, it is necessary to excavate a portion of underwater ledge in order to provide a deep enough basin to accommodate the submarines assigned to PNSY for maintenance. Operations will be conducted during daylight hours Mon-Sat, June 3, 2021 until Feb 2022. The actual detonations will occur once or twice a day, most frequently in the late afternoon. In accordance with standard/industry construction practices, the contractor has incorporated a number of safety initiatives to ensure life, property, and the environment are not endangered.

FLEET STREET LANDSCAPING DESIGN

INPUT NEEDED -- The City is seeking input from those in the Fleet Street Project Area https://tinvurl.com/235pzifw

regarding what they'd like to see for sidewalk and landscape improvements as part of the project. The City's contractors Underwood Engineers offered some examples of previous streetscape improvements at their May 6 meeting: <u>https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh</u> Among the considerations up for discussion:

- Pedestrian accommodations and seating
- Traffic patterns & calming

- Landscape & trees
- Bike accommodations
- Overhead utilities
- Parking
- Curbing realignments

Underwood invites residents to send comments by email (or during Fleet Street Project office hours -- in person at their 25 Vaughan Mall offices, or by video chat -between now and June 25, 2021. To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, or to send an email comment, please contact Kerrie Winsor (kwinsor@UnderwoodEngineers.com) or 603- 436-6192.



THURS JUN 10: NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM PILOT – PUBLIC INPUT MEETING by Zoom or in-person at City Hall at 6:30 pm. Hybrid meeting – for the Zoom registration, click here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/memhab36</u>

THURS JUN 10: SAFE WATER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING via Zoom at 6:30 pm. For the Zoom registration, click here. https://tinyurl.com/788h4xs

SAGAMORE AVE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT – NH DES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The NHDES Environmental Review has determined a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed project. The public now has 30 days to comment on the finding (click here for the full document). Comments may be addressed to Zach Cronin, Assistance City Engineer for the City of Portsmouth at 603-610-7304 or Attn: Zach Cronin, City of Portsmouth Public Works Department, 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 and Tracy Wood, NHDES, Wastewater Engineering Bureau, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095. The deadline for submitting comments is June 25, 2021. Please continue to direct comments or questions about the proposed sewer connections to Zachary Cronin, Assistant City Engineer, at zmcronin@cityofportsmouth.com or 603-610-7304.

Your Shot



LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS – For more information on daily walk-in vaccinations at NH State sites and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. <u>https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5</u>

J&J VACCINE OFFERED AT STATE SITES ON SATURDAYS, 1-6 PM – Advance registration required on state VINI website. https://vaccines.nh.gov

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – Percent of NH population receiving dose 1: 59% Percent fully vaccinated: 48.5%. To view the NH DHHS tracker, click here:

https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination

TABLE: NH recommendations for physical distancing and face mask use for <u>fully vaccinated</u> people in settings where there is potential for close contact with others.

Should I Wear a Face Mask & Physically Distance in Settings Around Other People?		Other Peoples' Vaccination Status	
		All fully vaccinated	Vaccination status unknown or not all are fully vaccinated
Location	Indoors	NO*	YES
	Outdoors	N0 [*]	NO*

*Unless required to by a business or organization, or a person desires maximal protection

Note: Please note that if you are significantly immune compromised, then the recommendations above may not apply to you; please discuss your risk and protective measures with a trusted healthcare provider.

NH DHHS GUIDANCE FOR FULLY-

VACCINATED PEOPLE – Until all counties have reduced community transmission and more of the population is vaccinated, NH DHHS recommends masks and distancing, indoors where the vaccination status of others is unknown – especially where children under 12 are gathered. Updated May 17, click here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/uyr6xena</u>

NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CHANGES – All those receiving NHDES benefits must again show proof they are seeking work. NH is ending the Federal supplement \$300 stipend on June 19. **Anyone who is receiving unemployment benefits and finds work as of May 18, is eligible for a \$500 bonus for part-time work or \$1000 for full-time work.** Proof of 8 weeks employment is required to apply, starting 8 weeks from now. Those receiving more than \$25/hour are ineligible.

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – Ledge drilling continues. Note that Sunoco station is open throughout. Inbound car traffic detours from Islington to Albany to State to Cabot. Inbound truck traffic detours from Islington to Albany to State to Summer – or stays on Rte. 33/Middle Road, all the way inbound to Middle Street. Outbound traffic only on Islington. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here.

https://tinvurl.com/hb4wn9s

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS

PROJECT – For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here. https://tinvurl.com/urzcnpm

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AT PEASE –

Milling work Tuesday and Wednesday between Manchester Square and Pease Boulevard in preparation for paving. Thursday, weatherpermitting, replacing the binder pavement. Friday work to bring the manhole and catch basin covers up to grade.

MIDDLE & ALDRICH CROSSWALK - Flashing crosswalk signs in place. Sidewalk extensions being built.

NEXT WEEK: MAPLEWOOD AVE.

DOWNTOWN – Starting Jun 7, milling and repaying the section of Maplewood Ave from Dennett St. to the RR crossing near Deer St. Parking in this area will be limited on work days. Project is expected to take about 2 weeks.

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE IN EFFECT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here. https://tinyurl.com/yhkbx7j9

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH JUN 11, 2021. https://tinyurl.com/3cfvb5w3

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw

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

For Kids & COVID FAQs, click here. https://tinyurl.com/49anabp9

For COVID-19 Treatment FAQS, click here. https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2 Ask your health-care provider about avoiding hospitalization once infected with COVID-19, by receiving the monoclonal antibody treatment described in these FAQs.

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

For Testing FAQs click here. https://www.citvofportsmouth.com/citv/testing-fags

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

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here. https://tinyurl.com/5h55s48k

For "I've Had COVID-19, Now What?" FAQs, click here. https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: https://tinyurl.com/2vwcu6ab