#### **CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**



# City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, June 23, 2021









CREATING A RACIALLY JUST COMMUNITY – PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY SERIES CONTINUES JUN 23 & 30, via Zoom. This series is co-hosted with Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire and sponsored in part by Kennebunk Savings, with additional support from Piscataqua Savings Bank. Moderated by Courtney Marshall, a scholar of African-American literature and Black feminism. She currently teaches English at Phillips Exeter Academy where she also serves as Associate Dean of Advising. For panelists and registration, click on the links below.

WED JUN 23, Racial Justice in Work & Business, 7-8 pm via Zoom. https://tinyurl.com/6ft9xyh8

WED JUN 30, Racial Justice in Our Community, 7-8 pm via Zoom. https://tinyurl.com/pp9hpjhm



#### OUTDOOR POOL EASES RESTRICTIONS

As promised, the City has monitored activity at the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool and following two days of operation, announces that restrictions are being eased. Starting Thursday, June 24, there will be no capacity restrictions although staff will continue to ensure crowding is avoided in the pool house. Portsmouth residents will continue to be admitted Free. Non-resident guests are again welcome at the previous fee of Adults (18 and over) \$4; Child (under 18) \$2. Pool hours are: 11 am - 6 pm 7 days a week, through Aug 20.

### **VOTER RE-REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT VOTED SINCE 2017 -- Per**

New Hampshire State law, all municipalities in the state must certify their lists of registered voters every ten years. The last time this was done in Portsmouth was 2010. The Portsmouth City Clerk has announced that any resident who was registered as a voter in the City of Portsmouth but who has not voted in the past four years (since April 1, 2017) must re-register before August 1, 2021 to remain on the voter rolls. The City Clerk's office can process voter reregistrations and new registrations during regular office hours at City Hall (Mon 8 am - 6 pm. Tues, Wed, Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm. Fri 8 am - 1 pm). In addition, the Portsmouth Board of Registrars is hosting two special sessions at City Hall for these registrations:

- Tues, July 13, 4:30-6 pm
- Tues, July 20, 9-10:30 am

Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship and domicile (Portsmouth home address) should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship and domicile. Eligible residents of Portsmouth are always able to register to vote on election day.

#### DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

**PREPARATIONS FOR PAVING MAPLEWOOD AVE. DOWNTOWN** – NO PARKING 7 AM TO 5
PM and one-way alternating traffic from Dennett St. to the RR crossing near Deer St.

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT – Leslie Drive driveway paving anticipated by the end of the week. Continued loaming and seeding. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm">https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm</a>



#### ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR

NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – Brief water interruptions to connect Columbia Street to temporary water service. Begin water main installations at Dover St working westerly towards Cass St. Affected homes and businesses notified 72 hours in advance. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s">https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s</a>

PEVERLY HILL COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT

MEETING MON JUN 28 at 6:30 pm -- This is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person in City Hall Chambers OR participate remotely, via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/n4dnnnzz">https://tinyurl.com/n4dnnnzz</a>
The purpose of the meeting is a follow-up to the public site walk held on April 3, 2021. The meeting gives the public an additional opportunity to see and discuss the project limits and easements that will be necessary along the roadway corridor. City staff will be present to provide information and answer questions.

95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TUES JUN

29 at 4:30 pm in City Hall Conference Room A OR via Zoom. For Zoom registration, click here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/34jchz6s">https://tinyurl.com/34jchz6s</a> The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the 95 Mechanic Street Seawall replacement project. The City acquired the property in 2014 in anticipation of the future need (as articulated in the FY23 and FY24 Capital Improvement Plans) to replace the Mechanic Street pump station. Portsmouth DPW staff had secured the necessary NH Department of Environmental Services

permits in anticipation of the demolition work and were developing documents to request a construction bid. When the wharf collapsed in August 2019, Portsmouth DPW brought in an emergency team to complete demolition of the wharf and buildings and to secure the site. The City has now awarded the construction contract to replace the seawall as a first step that needs to be completed in advance of other site improvements at 95 Mechanic Street and the public properties on either side.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES** – The following positions are open. If you are interested in applying for a Board or Commission, please complete this application and submit it to the City Clerk's Office. https://tinyurl.com/2unv4wax

- 1 Regular Member to the Building Code Board of Appeals (Pending submission of renewal application)
- 1 Alternate Member to the Building Code Board of Appeals –electrical engineer or master electrician
- 2 Alternate Members to the Conservation Commission
- 1 Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission
- 1 Alternate Member to the Planning Board
- 1 Regular Member to the Trees and Public Greenery Committee (pending submission of renewal applications)
- The Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee is also welcoming new members

## PORTSMOUTH POLICE DEPT. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BASKETBALL

**TOURNAMENT SAT JUN 26** -- The Portsmouth Police Department is hosting two, free 3 v 3 basketball tournaments this summer. Open to any Middle School student going into the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Trophy and a prize awarded to the winning team and each participant receives a tournament shirt. All games will be held outside at the Mill Pond basketball courts. A second tournament is planned for July 24. To register, please contact Detective Robert Munson at 610-7506 or <a href="mailto:munsonr@cityofportsmouth.com">munsonr@cityofportsmouth.com</a>

#### DEADLINE JUN 25: 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 until June 25 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.

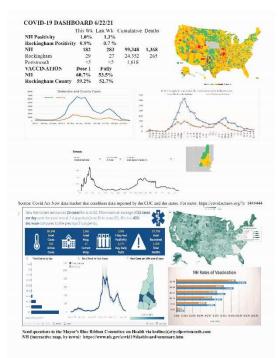


FLEET STREET LANDSCAPING DESIGN **INPUT NEEDED** -- The City is seeking input from those in the Fleet Street Project Area https://tinyurl.com/235pzjfw\_regarding what they'd like to see for sidewalk and landscape improvements as part of the project. An example of improvements is the photo above of Sheafe Street 'before' and 'after.' For more examples: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh">https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh</a> Send comments by email, in person during **Underwood's Fleet Street Project office hours** 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.



CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE WILL HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 3. REGISTRATIONS WELCOME -- Portsmouth joins more than 17,000 communities nationwide to celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for the Police, Fire and Public Works

employees who serve the City, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnership. The Citywide Neighborhood Committee, is now accepting applications to participate from neighborhood representatives. Contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at <a href="mailto:cneportsmouth@gmail.com">cneportsmouth@gmail.com</a> for a registration form. SPECIAL CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: JUL 7 at 7 pm.



**REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD** – For a larger PDF version, click here: https://tinyurl.com/nntwu3d3



#### LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS -

For more information on daily walk-in vaccinations at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5">https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5</a>

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – Percent of Rockingham County population fully vaccinated: 59.2%. To view the NH DHHS tracker, click here: https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination

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

## 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-fa

For Kids & COVID FAQs, click here.

https://tinyurl.com/49anabp9

**For COVID-19 Treatment FAQS**, click here. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2">https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2</a> 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-faqs

For Testing FAQs click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs

For Ventilation FAQs click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-fags

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

For "I've Had COVID-19, Now What?" FAQs,

click here. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f">https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f</a>

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab