CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Manager's Advisory
Monday, June 28, 2021



HEAT RELIEF!

OUTDOOR POOL -- There are no capacity restrictions or hour limits. Portsmouth residents will continue to be admitted Free. Non-resident guests are welcome at the previous fee of Adults (18 and over) $4; Child (under 18) $2. Pool hours are: 11 am - 6 pm.

PROJECT COOLAIR FOR SENIORS – The hot, humid weather forecast for this weekend is a reminder for those 60+ and anyone whose health is adversely affected by the heat to be prepared before an emergency develops. Often, those in need of air conditioning "do without" because they do not have the funds or know where to seek assistance. Through Project CoolAir, Area HomeCare makes air conditioners available to low income, medically-challenged and 60+ residents in Rockingham County. Make arrangements now rather than waiting for a critical need to develop. For more information, contact Ellen Tully at City Hall: 610-7267 or WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com

SENIOR CENTER OPEN AS A COOLING STATION. CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE SURE PETS HAVE WATER AND SHADE.

TIPS TO AVOID HEAT STRESS:

- **Find air conditioning.**
- **Avoid strenuous activities.**
- **Wear light clothing.**
- **Check on family members and neighbors.**
- **Drink plenty of fluids.**
- **Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.**
- **Never leave people or pets in a closed car.'**

For more advice on coping with hot weather, click here.



TONIGHT! PEVERLY HILL COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT MEETING at 6:30 pm. In person in City Hall Chambers or by Zoom. --. For the Zoom registration, click here: https://tinyurl.com/n4dnnnzz 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: https://tinyurl.com/34jchz6s 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.

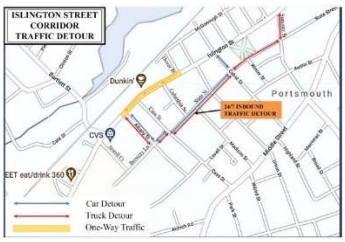


WED JUN 30: CREATING A RACIALLY JUST COMMUNITY – PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY SERIES at 7 pm via Zoom. Moderated by Courtney Marshall, a scholar of African-American literature and Black feminism. She currently teaches English at Phillips Exeter Academy where she also serves as Associate Dean of Advising. For panelists and registration, click here: https://tinyurl.com/pp9hpjhm

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

TUES JUN 29 FINISH WORK ON 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 –Continued loaming and seeding. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s

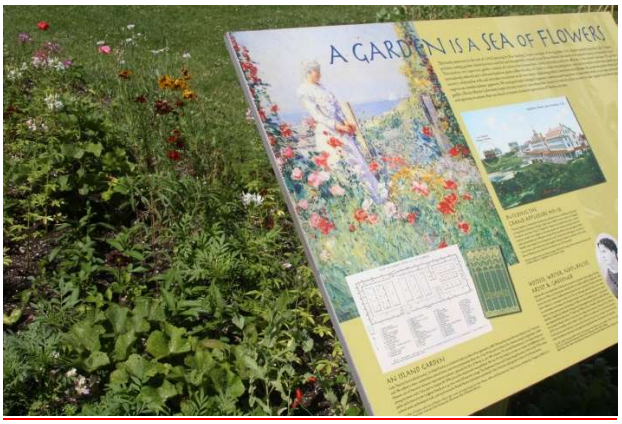


PORTSMOUTH FIREWORKS SAT JUL 3!
The Independence Day holiday tradition returns with a fireworks display over South Mill Pond starting at 9:15 pm. No food or music are being offered this year. Starting at 5 pm, special event parking $3 fee at Foundry Place Garage or pre-pay $6 at Hanover Garage. Rain date is Mon Jul 5.

CLOSED as of 9 am (for fireworks set-up crew):
- South Playground
- Dog Park
- Tennis & Basketball courts

NO PARKING starting at 12 noon:
- Richards Ave. From Middle St. to South St. (both sides)
- Junkins Ave. from Pleasant St. to South St. (both sides)
- South St. from Miller Ave. to Marcy St. (both sides)
- Edwards St. from Junkins Ave. to Pleasant St. (both sides)
- Pleasant St. from Court St to Marcy St. (both sides)
- Lincoln St. from Kent to Junkins (one side)
- Kent St. from Rockland to Richards (one side)

CLOSED starting at 7 pm:
- Parrott Ave
- Junkins from City Hall to Pleasant Street



CELIA THAXTER'S APPLEDORE GARDEN RETURNS TO PRESCOTT PARK. GUIDED TOURS OFFERD. -- This year Celia Thaxter's famed Appledore Island garden is being recreated in Prescott Park that to a partnership between Shoals Marine Laboratory (SML) and the City of Portsmouth.

Each winter, SML works with Rolling Green Nursery in Greenland to cultivate a specific blend of flowers from seed to recreate the garden on Appledore Island so that it accurately reflects the time period and the Thaxter's original designs outlined in her book *An Island Garden*. Some of the highlights include poppies (which were Thaxter's favorite), hollyhocks, dahlias, sweet peas, foxgloves, nigella and scabiosa.

The Prescott Park gardens are open to the public, free, at all times. **Free garden tours will be led by SML Executive Director Jennifer Seavey and Garden Steward Terry Cook. Advanced registration is required and spots are limited. To register, click here**.
https://tinyurl.com/5xs43b28

Dates:

- Friday, July 16, 4 pm
- Friday, July 30, 4 pm
- Friday, Aug 6, 4 pm
- Rain dates: Friday, Aug 13 and Friday, Sept 10

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 re-registrations 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.**

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

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME®

CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE WILL HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 3. REGISTRATIONS WELCOME -- Portsmouth joins more than 17,000 communities nationwide to celebrate the 38th 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 cncportsmouth@gmail.com for a registration form. **SPECIAL CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: JUL 7 at 7 pm.**



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

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. 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-faqs

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://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/2ywcu6ab