CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Monday, July 19, 2021

Want to know more about what's happening in

the City? Click on the link below to sign up for the City Newsletter and/or individual email lists for projects. Each of these projects or programs has its own page with recent updates and background information. <u>https://tinvurl.com/y2p67par</u>

NEW! CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE: Like and follow us to get news as it's posted: <u>https://www.facebook.com/CityHallPortsmouthNH</u>

CITY MEETING BROADCASTS IN HD

STARTING JUL 19 – The City has broadcast in high definition over YouTube for several years and soon those with Comcast HD will be able to watch City's government access broadcasts in HD on the new Channel 1072. Channel 22 remains in service for those who do not have HD.

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



CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SOUTH MILL POND STARTED TODAY --Two tennis courts are closed for the conversion.



REMINDER: NEW CONFIGURATION FOR CATE & BARTLETT STREETS STARTS –

The new connector road from Bartlett Street to the Route 1 Bypass opened on Friday, July 16. The new through-street, named "Hodgdon Way," branches off Cate Street and continues to the Route 1 By-Pass. The new through-street includes a re-alignment of the intersection of Bartlett and Cate Streets. For a larger version of the map above, click here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yr8wxx3k</u>

The new direct route between the Bypass and the West End of Portsmouth allows for through-traffic to avoid the Bartlett Street residential neighborhood and expedites ambulance service to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Truck traffic is now be excluded from Bartlett Street. This revised intersection configuration will be monitored and adjusted as needed over the next few weeks.

DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK

For more information on construction projects in the city, visit the DPW page on the City website, then click on the Projects tab for a dropdown menu that links to an individual page for each project with updates, project background and an opt-in email list. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks **DENNETT STREET** – Construction underway. Project is expected to take three weeks. Parking limitations in place where posted.



MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS

PROJECT – Final paving of Maple Street at the intersection of Woodbury Avenue (weather dependent). Driveway paving will begin on Cutts Street, Central Avenue, Beechwood Street and Ashland Street.

BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION – Singlelane traffic for pipe installation under the road.



ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR

NOW IN PLACE 24/7 – Brief water services interruptions will be required to connect buildings between Dover Street and Cass Street to the new water main. Interruptions are expected to last around 15 minutes and residents will be notified prior to the water service interruption. There is potential for scheduled water shutdowns on Dover Street and State Street to complete connections required to sequence water main installations. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s



What's going on?

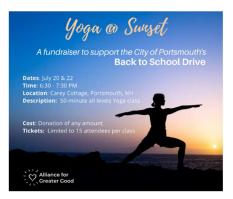
On the 1st Tuesday in August every year, **38 million neighbors**, across +16,000 communities come together and celebrate **National Night Out**.

Today many of us don't know our neighbors. NNO is the best way to get to know your neighbors, local law enforcement, and **bring back a true sense of community**. Many neighborhoods have Block Parties and BBQ's. Food always brings us together!

For the Kids:

National Night Out is a rare opportunity for kids to explore Police Cars, SWAT vehicles, Ambulances, Fire Trucks, and the big DPW trucks. This year **Seacoast Crime Stoppers** will be giving out Frisbees, Beach Balls and more!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG 3 -- The Citywide Neighborhood Committee, is now accepting applications to participate from neighborhood representatives. Contact Larry Cataldo, CNC chair, at <u>encportsmouth@gmail.com</u> for a registration form.



ALLIANCE FOR GREATER GOOD SUPPORTS CITY WELFARE DEPT. BACK TO SCHOOL

DRIVE – The Alliance hopes to raise \$1,500 for the purchase of 30 backpacks for high school students, who are often overlooked, by collecting donations of any amount to attend one of two Yoga @ Sunset classes on July 20 or 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the porch of the beautifully-restored Carey Cottage. To register and/or donate, click here: https://tinyurl.com/2c7mvpuw

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. <u>https://tinyurl.com/2unv4wax</u>

- 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



For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:

https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw

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

For COVID-19 Treatment FAQS, click here.

<u>https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2</u> Ask your health-care provider about avoiding hospitalization once infected with COVID-19, by receiving the monoclonal antibody treatment described in these 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 more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab</u>

NH DHHS VACCINATION SITES NOW CLOSED. FOR A LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here:

https://tinyurl.com/kbvemrbk

I LOST MY PROOF-OF-VACCINATION CARD.

NOW WHAT? All vaccination records are kept on file in the CDC National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) system. NH DHHS advises that you can replace a lost vaccination card in either of two ways:

- Download and complete the vaccination card replacement request form here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4pj4chcz</u> Note that the completed form MUST BE NOTARIZED before sending it back to NH DHHS.
- 2. If your healthcare provider has access to the NHIIS, ask him/her to print out the record directly from NHIIS.