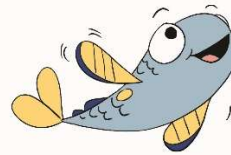


CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter Monday, August 9, 2021

TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON COMMUNITY POWER at 7 pm -- In person in City Hall Council Chambers or via Zoom. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/raekn2we>

CITY EARNS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION "TRIPLE CROWN MEDALLION" FOR EXCEPTIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING -- According to the GFOA, "The special Triple Crown medallion recognizes that the City of Portsmouth received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award." The GFOA is a professional organization of public officials united to enhance and promote the professional management of governmental financial resources by identifying, developing and advancing fiscal strategies, policies and practices for the public benefit. **Portsmouth is the only municipality in New Hampshire to receive the Triple Crown Medallion and one of just four municipalities in New England to have done so.** These awards are based on the publication of the City's FY21 Budget Document, the FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), all of which can be found on the [Finance Department's Documents page](#).

NH DOT RAIL TRAILS PUBLIC MEETING AUG 9 at 6 pm in Concord and AUG 19 at 6 pm via Zoom -- To provide updates and solicit ideas, input, and answer questions about the development of a NH Rail Trails Plan, focusing on state-owned rail trails. The public hearings will include a project overview, timeline & next steps, and solicit public comment on six topics related to the development of the plan. For more information: <https://www.nhrailtrailsplan.com/>

THINK BLUE STORMWATER DIVISION DEBUTS "DOG PARK DEBACLE" VIDEO AND INSTAGRAM PAGE -- A new 90-second video, "Dog Park Debacle," produced by DPW Stormwater and Water Quality GIS Specialist Phoebe Rafferty and summer associate Daniel Okuniewicz delivers those educational messages with humor and a few guest stars, including City Attorney Bob Sullivan and his dog, Panda. The video provided the opportunity to launch a new "Think Blue Portsmouth NH" page on Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/thinkblueportsmouthnh> The video is also now posted on the Stormwater "Think Blue" page on the City website: <https://youtu.be/NlRHssrDFxo> Additional video content is in the works.

JULY RAINFALL EASES DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND VOLUNTARY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS -- For the new Water Supply Status Report, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/8tm57zmj>



WEEKLY MOBILE VACCINATION VAN Every Wednesday Aug 11-Sep 15, 8 am to 1 pm in Market Square -- NH DHHS provides FREE vaccinations (all three vaccines) to anyone wishing one. Translation services also available.

CITY CLERK ANNOUNCES MUNICIPAL ELECTION FILING SEASON: MON AUG 30 – MON SEP 13 -- For more information, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/arjchzcw>

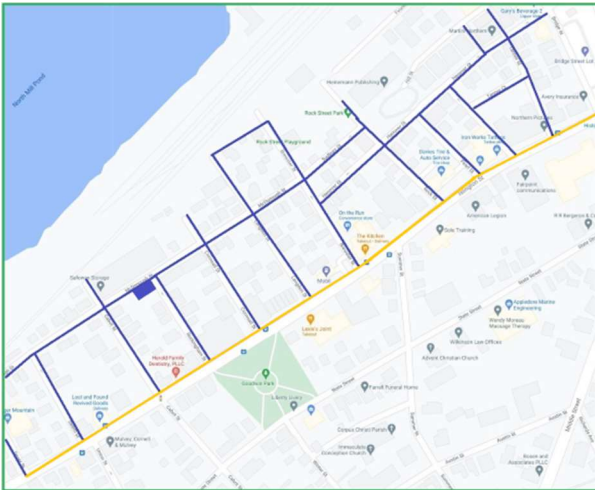


CHAT WITH CITY MANAGER CONARD AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, CITY HALL PARKING LOT ON SAT AUG 14

– The Farmers Market has returned to the upper lot at City Hall. City Manager Karen Conard will be on hand on Saturday, Aug 14 from 8 – 10 am. (Market operates from 8 am to 12 noon.)

PORTSMOUTH NH 400TH RESUMES PREPARATIONS FOR 2023 --

The Executive Team includes Managing Director Valerie Rochon, Community Engagement Officer Susan Labrie and City Manager Karen Conard, with City Finance, Legal and Public Information resources in support. The Executive Team is convening a Task Force to support the Portsmouth NH 400th and invites individuals, businesses and organizations who want to join the team to contact Valerie Rochon at hello@PortsmouthNH400.org



ISLINGTON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT --

The pilot extends through February 4, 2022 to allow time for modifications as needed and monitoring through different seasons. The following streets are included in the program: McDonough from Dover to Brewster; Sudbury, Hanover from Brewster to Bridge Street; Tanner from Islington Street to Hill Street; Tanner Court, Autumn, Parker, Pearl, Rock, Brewster,

Langdon, Cornwall, Rockingham, Cabot, Salem and Dover Streets. Residents and businesses in this neighborhood as well as residents of both sides of Islington Street from Dover Street to Bridge Street, may apply for one permit per vehicle and a maximum of three per residence/business. Residents of Portsmouth who live outside the pilot area may apply for one permit. The permits are tied to specific vehicles and are not transferable. There is no charge for the pilot program permit. For more information, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/yfeyc92x>

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>

WILLARD AVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TUES AUG 10 --

James Verra and Associates, Inc. will be conducting topographic survey work on Willard Ave (Lafayette to Marston), Orchard St., Ash St. and Orchard Court. In addition to surveying within the public right of way, the crews will be surveying on private property to pick up key features such as retaining walls, fences, trees, sewer manholes, catch basins, building corners, driveways, etc. This work is the first step in the design of the sewer separation and roadway reconstruction project. For more information, contact Zachary Cronin, E.I.T., Assistant City Engineer, 603-610-7304.

CHEVROLET AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Murtha Landscape prep work. Advanced Excavation is the general contractor for the construction of the new sidewalk.

BANFIELD ROAD -- Sidewalk installation between Heritage and Ocean Road. Single-lane traffic continues for pipe installation under the road with work impacting the Banfield-Peverly Hill Road intersection.

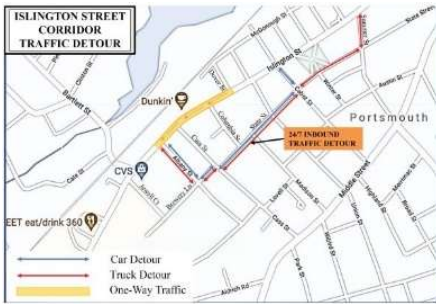
ALDRICH ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING – Speed tables and curbing work continuing.

CLOUGH DRIVE & LITTLE HARBOUR

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY – Road work and paving continues.

DENNETT STREET – Gas main replacement work continues to Labor Day. DPW will be able to complete their project immediately after that, finishing by the end of October.

MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT – Final details and cleanup being completed.



ISLINGTON STREET -- Returned to two-way traffic on weekends and overnight, but single-lane during the day for installation of curbing and sidewalks. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>

REMINDER: NEW CONFIGURATION FOR CATE & BARTLETT STREETS – The new through-street, named “Hodgdon Way,” branches off Cate Street and continues to the Route 1 By-Pass. The design includes a re-alignment of the intersection of Bartlett and Cate Streets. For a larger version of the map above, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/yr8wxx3k> The new route allows for through-traffic to avoid the Bartlett Street residential neighborhood and expedites ambulance service to Portsmouth Regional Hospital. This revised intersection configuration will be monitored and adjusted as needed over the next few weeks.

LITTLE BAY WATER LINE PROJECT – The City is advancing a project to install an additional water line Little Bay to the city. As part of the standard permitting process, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) has published a Public Notice inviting public comment regarding the City’s permit for the water line work. (Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/rnmjbpc> for File Number: NAE-2019-01078.) The deadline for comments is August 19, 2021. The project is expected to go out for bid in Fall 2021, with construction during Winter 2021-22.

RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT SUMMER STIPEND PROGRAM -- Applications for the program are now open for the first people who returned to work. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4abbah9v> to see if you’re eligible. NH suspended Dept of Employment Security COVID-19 unemployment supplements on May 18 and announced a “summer stipend” of \$500 for part-time and \$1000 full-time jobs that those in the NHES system receiving unemployment benefits secured and worked for 8 weeks. (Those who receive \$25/hour or less.) Employees can now apply for the benefit with proof of

8 weeks new employment since May 18. Those who were already registered in the NHES system should check their individual dashboards for eligibility and instructions on filing for the stipend.

EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITIES

ASSISTANCE – There are emergency funds available to renters in NH through federal programs. For more information on whether you qualify and how to apply, click here:

<https://www.capnh.org/covid19> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has also launched a new tool (<https://tinyurl.com/4hawaxf4>) that allows renters and landlords to find rental assistance programs in their area. Applications for \$26 million in support available to NH residents are handled through NH Community Action Partnership (CAP). Landlords and tenants are encouraged to apply to avoid any impacts from the end to the eviction moratorium. Once you have an application in progress, you are protected.



SAVE THE DATE! THANK OUR VETERANS

ON TUES AUG 17 at 2:30 pm – The Gundalow has arranged a special sail for veterans (sold out) and invites the community to “come to our dock in Prescott Park as our Veterans board the Gundalow and offer them thanks, with a handshake, applause, whatever is most comfortable.”



CITY WELFARE DEPT. SCHOOL SUPPLIES

DRIVE – Bring donated new supplies to the Welfare Office in City Hall. “Our number one need right now is three-ring binders, 2 inch is ideal, but any size can be used. We are also short on dry erase markers, pencil sharpeners, colored markers, colored pencils, highlighters and pens. We are always on the lookout

for large, sturdy backpacks. Think high-schoolers who carry their lives in their backpacks!" Please contact Ellen Tully, 603-610-7267, etully@cityofportsmouth.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

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



FOR A LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS at hospitals and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/kbvemrbk>

Note that some local pharmacies may not always have the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in stock.

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:

1. Download and complete the vaccination card replacement request form here: <https://tinyurl.com/4pj4chcz> 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.

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.

<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.

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: <https://tinyurl.com/2ywc6ab>

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. <https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par>

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