

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

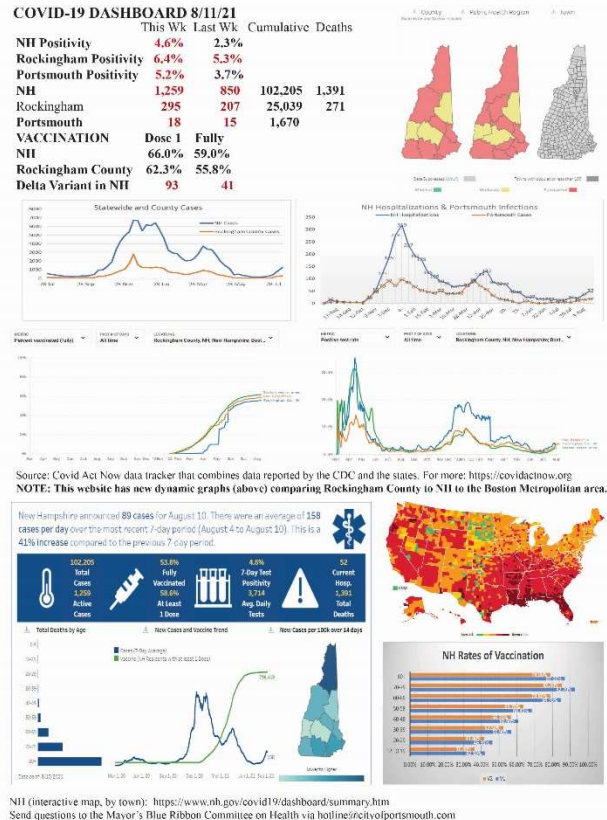
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SUZANNE WOODLAND NAMED INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER – She is serving as both Deputy City Attorney and Deputy City Manager in the role served by Nancy Colbert Puff.

HEAT ADVISORY FOR FRI AUG 13 – Senior Activity Center will be open 9 am to 5 pm as a cooling center and the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool will be open 11 am to 6 pm. Portsmouth residents can access both facilities, free.

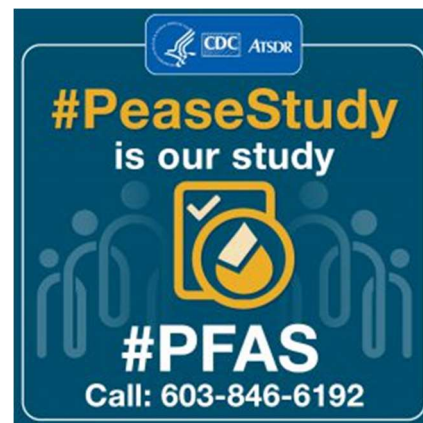


DOES YOUR FAMILY NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES? – The City of Portsmouth Welfare Dept. can provide backpacks and everything to fill them, thanks to donations from residents. Please contact Ellen Tully or Pam Mattingly at 603-610-7267 or etully@cityofportsmouth.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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.)



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD -- For a larger PDF of this week's dashboard, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/383m4nwu>



PEASE STUDY REMINDER – Did you drink water at the Pease Tradeport? If you or your children drank water in any form – coffee, tea, infant formula – you may be eligible to learn the levels of PFAS in your body by participating in the Pease Study. Participants are still welcome to join the study. Call 603-846.6192 or click here to learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/4c978d5w>



THINK BLUE STORMWATER DIVISION DEBUTS "DOG PARK DEBACLE" VIDEO AND INSTAGRAM PAGE --

A new 90-second video, "Dog Park Debacle," <https://youtu.be/NlRHssrDFxo> by DPW Stormwater and Water Quality GIS Specialist Phoebe Rafferty and summer associate Daniel Okuniewicz delivers educational messages and a few guest stars, including City Attorney Bob Sullivan and his dog, Panda. Additional videos in the works. Follow the new "Think Blue Portsmouth NH" page on Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/thinkblueportsmouthnh>

CITY CLERK ANNOUNCES MUNICIPAL ELECTION FILING SEASON: MON AUG 30 – MON SEP 13 --

For more information, click here.

<https://tinyurl.com/arjchzcw>

PORTSMOUTH NH 400TH RESUMES PREPARATIONS FOR 2023 --

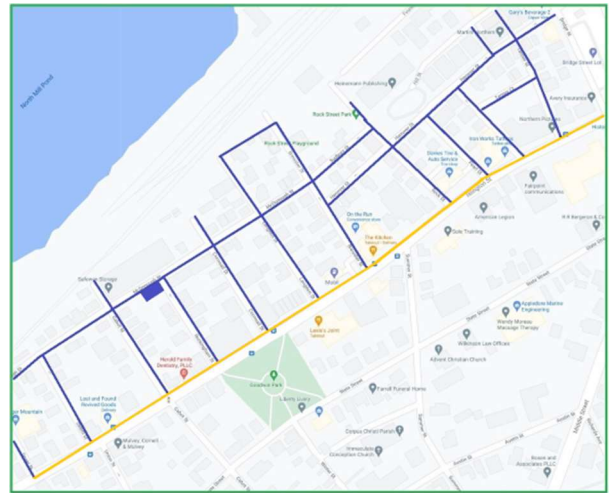
The Executive Team includes Managing Director Valerie Rochon, Community Engagement Officer Susan Labrie and City Manager Karen Conard, with City Finance, Legal and Public Information resources in support. The Executive Team is convening a Task Force to support the Portsmouth NH 400th and invites individuals,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

hello@PortsmouthNH400.org

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. For copies of the award-winning FY21 Budget Document, the FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), click here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydcus8tw>



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, For more information, to submit comments or questions, 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>

CHEVROLET AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

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

BANFIELD ROAD -- Work has started on the installation of sidewalks between Heritage and Ocean Road. The project also includes traffic-calming measures: two speed tables and three-way stops at the Heritage and Constitution Ave. intersections with Banfield. Single-lane traffic, with flaggers, in the

construction area. The section of Banfield-Peverly Hill Road affected by the sewer pipe installation is now being reinforced prior to binder paving.

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>

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.

EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE – The [CDC put a new moratorium in place August 3rd](#), to prevent evictions in locations with substantial COVID-19 transmission -- including Rockingham County. For more information on whether you qualify and how to apply for emergency funds available to renters in NH, click here: <https://www.capnh.org/covid19> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has also launched a new tool (<https://tinyurl.com/4hawxf4>) 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.”

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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