

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MON AUG 23 at 7 pm. In person in City Hall Council Chambers or via Zoom.

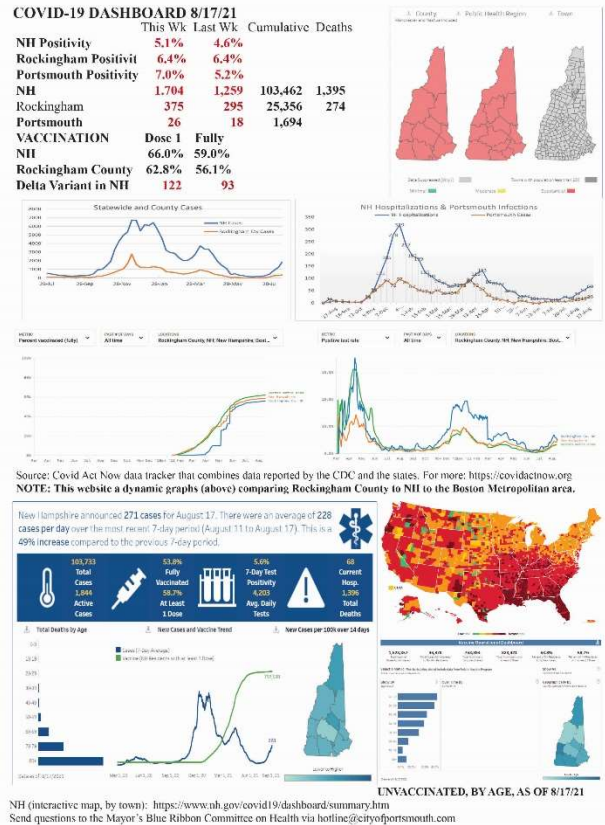


FRI AUG 20 IS LAST DAY FOR PEIRCE ISLAND OUTDOOR POOL THIS SEASON -- For the Recreation Department's Fall Program Schedule booklet, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2u94wha4>

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS – For the latest newsletter, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/um38x69c>



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



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger PDF of the dashboard, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/cwk4de8m>

NEW HAMPSHIRE VIRTUAL JOB FAIRS – NH Employment Security is hosting 5 job fairs in the next weeks of August. Register to attend and then chat with business representatives. Lists of participating businesses coming soon. For more information, click here: <https://business.nh.gov/nhesjobfair/>
Aug 17, Capital and Southern Regions, 11 am – 2 pm
Aug 19, Lakes Region, 11 am – 1 pm
Aug 24, Seacoast Region, 11 am–1 pm
Aug 26, White Mountains and Great North Woods, 11 am – 1 pm
Aug 30, Monadnock Region, 11 am – 1 pm

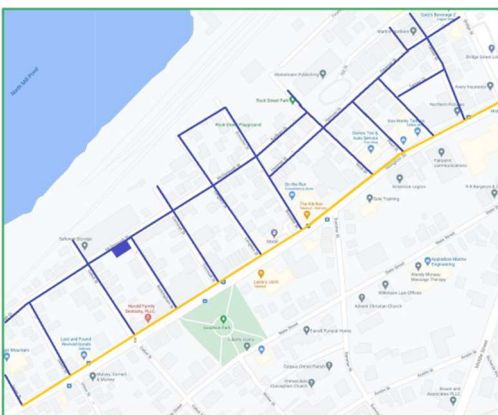
EMERGENCY RENTAL & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE – The CDC put a new moratorium in place August 3rd, to prevent evictions in locations with substantial COVID-19 transmission -- including Rockingham County. For more information on whether you qualify and how to apply for emergency funds available to renters in NH, click here: <https://www.capnh.org/covid19> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has also launched a new tool (<https://tinyurl.com/4hawaxf4>) that allows renters and landlords to find rental assistance programs in their area. Applications are handled through NH Community Action Partnership (CAP).



PRESCOTT PARK GARDEN TOURS: FRI AUG 20 at 11 am and 1 pm. Free. Led by Parks & Greenery staff who designed and planted them. Meet at the Liberty Pole park entrance on Marcy Street.

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

PANNWAY MANOR SOUND BARRIERS SITE WALK WITH CITY COUNCIL WED AUG 25 at 5:30 pm.



ISLINGTON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT -- Residents and businesses in this neighborhood 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 permit. **For more information, to submit comments or questions, click here.** <https://tinyurl.com/yfeyc92x>

DPW CONSTRUCTION

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>

SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ENTRY – Weather-permitting contractors will be repairing the front entry roof, starting Friday or Monday. The work will take 2 days. No disruption to programming is anticipated.

ISLINGTON STREET – PAVING WEST OF BARTLETT THIS SAT AUG 21 -- Islington St has 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>



95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION STARTS MON AUG 23 – ACK Marine, under contract to the City's Department of Public Works, will begin work Monday, August 23, 2021 on the project to rebuild the seawall at 95 Mechanic Street. Because the project requires driving pilings for construction purposes, the Department of Public Works has secured all necessary NH Department of Environmental Services permits and contracted with Hartford Structural Inspections to complete documentation of adjacent structures to monitor any unanticipated effects that result from the construction. For more information on the project, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/w48zy332>

CHEVROLET AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT Curbing is being set in the area of the Malt House. Concrete will be poured next week.

BANFIELD ROAD -- Culvert replacement, sidewalk and traffic calming: Preparing for new sidewalk between Heritage and Ocean Road, curbing will be installed in this area this week. Once the curbing is placed, the process of constructing the sidewalk begins. In addition, two speed tables and two three-way stops -- at both the Heritage Ave. and Constitution Ave. intersections -- will be constructed during the final paving process. Paving will begin once the sidewalk is complete. **Paving:** The section of Banfield from Peverly Hill Road to Constitution Ave. is being reclaimed, reinforced and graded so that it can receive its first layer of new pavement. That process will last approximately through next week. **A single-lane traffic pattern is in effect for both areas, with flaggers in the construction areas, on weekdays between 7 am and 5 pm.**

ALDRICH ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING – Speed tables, curbing work and signage installation. Paving next week. Should be finalized by Aug 25.

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.

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 -- 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>

NEW! 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.

- Building Code Board of Appeals, 1 regular member, pending submission of renewal

application and 1 member qualified as an electrical engineer or master electrician

- Cable Television and Communications Commission, 3 regular members and 1 alternate
- Conservation Commission, 2 alternates
- Economic Development Commission, 4 regular members, pending submission of renewal applications
- Library Board of Trustees, 2 regular members, 1 pending submission of renewal application
- Historic District Commission, 1 alternate
- Parking and Traffic Safety Committee, 4 regular members, pending submission of renewal applications
- Planning Board, 1 alternate
- Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon Committee is welcoming new members



UPDATED: "I'VE RECEIVED THE COVID-19 VACCINATION, NOW WHAT?" FAQs. [Click here.](#) Includes Aug 18 US Health Dept/CDC guidance on booster shots.

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 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>

CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:

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