

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

TONIGHT: PANNWAY MANOR SOUND BARRIERS SITE WALK WITH CITY COUNCIL WED AUG 25 at 5:30 pm. Meet at the cul de sac off Colonial Drive, site of the former Unitil natural gas metering station.

COOLING STATION: The Portsmouth Senior Activity Center (125 Cottage St.) will be open as a cooling station from 9 am to 5 pm, tomorrow Aug 26 and Fri Aug 27.

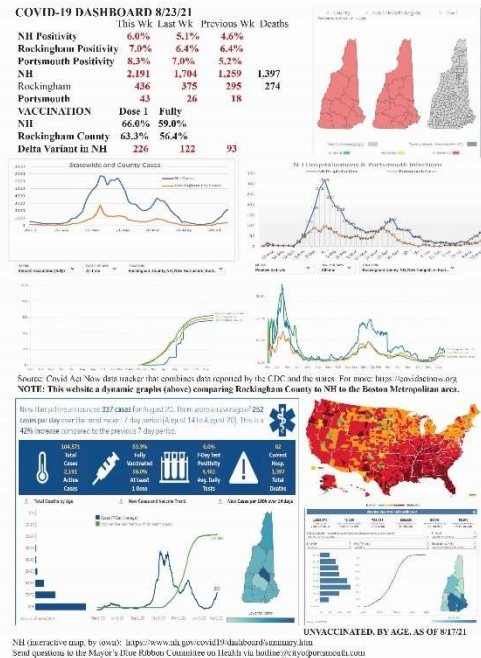
PORTSMOUTH ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS & 9th GRADE ORIENTATION ON MON AUG 30. GRADES 9-12 START TUES AUG 31. Watch for crossing schoolchildren and allow a little extra time on the streets around the schools.

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

NEW FRANKLIN/JEWELS NEIGHBORHOOD SOUND BARRIERS SITE WALK WITH CITY COUNCIL MON SEP 13 at 5 pm. Meet at New Franklin School.



SAFE WATER ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG) MEETING WED SEP 1, 6-8:30 pm. In-person City Hall Conference Room A or via Zoom. For the Agenda and Zoom registration, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2m8da2ys>



REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD For a larger PDF, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/58aeu7hw>

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>



95 MECHANIC STREET SEAWALL RECONSTRUCTION STARTED MON AUG 23 – ACK Marine, under contract to the City's Department of Public Works, began work on the project to rebuild the seawall at 95 Mechanic Street. The project requires driving pilings for construction purposes, and 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>

**LITTLE HARBOUR SCHOOL
DRIVEWAY/CLOUGH DRIVE PAVING
COMPLETE** – In time for the opening of school

BANFIELD ROAD -- Culvert replacement, sidewalk and traffic calming: Preparing for new sidewalk between Heritage and Ocean Road. 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:** 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 in the next week and a half. **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 this 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

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).

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



SAVE THE DATE: CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE WARD 2 FORUM, TUES SEP 14 at 6:30 pm -- In person at Portsmouth Middle School.

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: COVID-19 TREATMENT FAQs. [Click here](#), Includes updated information about FDA approvals for treatment with monoclonal antibodies.

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>

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 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>

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