CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Newsletter:
Friday, December 2, 2022



TREE-LIGHTING & ILLUMINATED HOLIDAY PARADE PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED, SAT DEC 3 – The 35-foot blue spruce was donated by the Fratamico Family in loving memory of Rose Zubkus.

PARADE PARKING BAN AND ROAD CLOSURES FOR SAT DEC 3 -- The parade route begins at Plaza 800 on Islington St. at 6 pm and proceeds downtown via Congress St., continuing through Market Square to Pleasant St., crossing State St. before concluding on Junkins Ave. Go to parking restrictions and other details.

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE SEATING FOR PARADE -- The City is working with Access Navigators to provide a wheelchair-accessible seated viewing area for the parade. Reserved for people who have difficulty standing, along with their companions, the reserved area is on the sidewalk along Islington Street between Maplewood and Bridge Street. Space and seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Nearby public parking includes the Bridge Street Lot, Worth Lot and Foundry Garage. Access Navigators are the hosts of this first-time effort, providing assistance and holiday cheer while collecting comments from users about accommodations for future events. For more details go to https://accessnavigators.com/ Or @Access Navigators on Facebook.

ILLUMINATED HOLIDAY PARADE –DEB ANTHONY NAMED GRAND MARSHAL -- Mayor Deaglan McEachern is pleased to announce that Deb Anthony, who recently retired after 8 years as executive director of Gather, is the 2022 Grand Marshal. In making the announcement, Mayor McEachern said, "Deb Anthony is the embodiment of the spirit of generosity for which Portsmouth is known, having guided Gather and the community through some of its most challenging demands since its founding two hundred years ago. The pandemic added enormously to the food insecurities of Seacoast families – increasing the number served to more than 2,000 families per month -- but also inspired all those who donated, volunteered and advocated for Gather and the needs it serves. Deb is one of those champions of this City of the Open Door who makes sure we hold the door open, whenever and wherever we can."

FREE VINTAGE CHRISTMAS SHUTTLE RETURNS – The free shuttle provided by TransAction Corporate Shuttles. compliments of the City of Portsmouth, is making a 15-minute loop connecting the parking lots, garages, downtown and key holiday events including Candlelight Stroll at Strawbery Banke, "Elf" at The Music Hall and the Gingerbread Contest Exhibition at Portsmouth Historical Society. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18 between 1:30 and 10:30 pm (except 4-8 pm on Sat. Dec 3 because of the Holiday Parade). There will be thirteen stops along the downtown route, all of which will be marked with sidewalk signage. To download the map and a summary of Vintage Christmas events, go to: https://tinyurl.com/3kdsk8wb

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DEADLINE DEC 10 TO REGISTER FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST! The contest is open to every Portsmouth resident. Register to participate in the contest by completing the form on the Holiday Lights Contest 2022 webpage: https://tinyurl.com/37fk59uh Or, for a printable pdf of the entry form and more information, go to: https://tinyurl.com/2rpthntn Print the form, scan it and email it to hotline@cityofportsmouth.com or mail c/o City Manager's Office, City Hall, One Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth NH 03801.