CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Newsletter: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

TONIGHT: WED JAN 25 AT 6 PM: CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON THE FY24 BUDGET -- Agenda and Zoom registration: https://tinyurl.com/4vzfwefd



SHERBURNE SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING TUES JAN 31 AT 6 PM AT SHERBURNE SCHOOL (35 Sherburne Rd.) – In person, informal discussion with neighbors, City Council and Portsmouth Housing Authority about the possible future use of the Sherburne School property after the relocation of the Robert Lister Academy to the Community Campus. Go to more information on the project: https://tinyurl.com/3mv3knys

WANT TO RECEIVE CITY NOTICES? SIGN UP AT SMART 911 -- Announcements about winter weather, parking, events and other important City news are issued by email, phone and text on Smart911. To receive Smart 911 notifications, go to the subscription page. Also sign in on that page to make any changes in your account.

EVERSOURCE STORM ADVICE – Please report any power outages to Eversource via their website: https://tinyurl.com/2p8mjy54 or call 1-800-662-7764. As a reminder, please stay away from any downed wires. This is true in all situations, but especially hazardous in wet conditions.

SPINNAKER POINT ADULT REC CENTER POOL/HOT TUB REOPENS THURS JAN 26

PORTSMOUTH CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

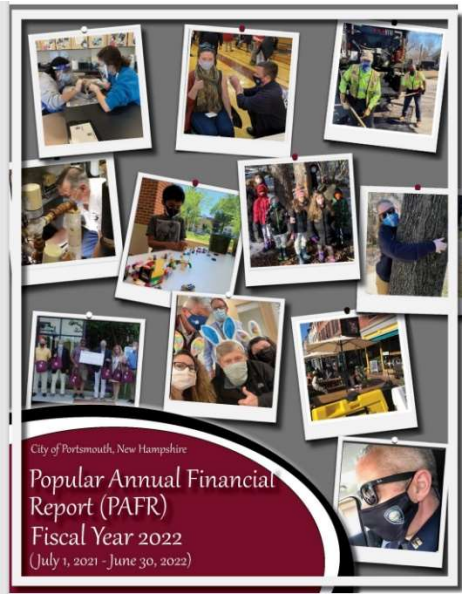
CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING THURS JAN 26 AT 6:30 PM – In City Hall Conference Room A. Go to Agenda: https://tinyurl.com/3wvya24c

CHAMBER COLLABORATIVE: CONNECTED WITH THE ELECTED MON JAN 30, 4:30-6:30 PM -- At The Press Room, 77 Daniel St. Free, Featured speakers include Mayor Deaglan McEachern and NH State Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka. Go to more details and registration.



HELP DECORATE THE PORTSMOUTH TREE OF LOVE -- From school children to seniors, the Portsmouth Recreation Department welcomes all who would like to participate. **For templates with heart designs to download and decorate:** https://tinyurl.com/ycmdue72 Then mail or drop off your decorated Valentine heart at the Community Campus (100 Campus Drive) or at the Senior Center (125 Cottage St.) by THURS FEB 9. The staff will laminate the hearts, add hanging strings and the DPW will use the hearts to decorate the holiday tree. Hearts may also be left at the City Hall reception desk in the main lobby. The decorating should be complete by Friday, February 10. The Recreation Department invites everyone to spend some time on the Valentine's Day Weekend with a walk downtown to admire the tree.

PARTICIPATE IN PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY POWER SURVEY – PUBLIC HEARINGS AT CITY HALL FEB 2 & 9 AT 6 PM
For the survey, go to:
https://tinyurl.com/yc9bm624
Learn more about Portsmouth's participation in the Community Power Coalition of NH (https://www.cpcnh.org) and about Portsmouth Community Power initiative: https://tinyurl.com/2p94czfm



NOW AVAILABLE! PUBLIC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – Prepared under the guidance of Director of Finance and Administration Judie Belanger, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ACFR is the City's official, audited full financial disclosure, reporting on the financial health of the City. The Popular Annual Financial Report PAFR is presented in an easy-to-read format for readers with various levels of financial knowledge. There's also a PAFR interactive guide. **For those who cannot access the reports online, print copies are also available at City Hall, the City Clerk's office, the Portsmouth Public Library and the Senior Activity Center.**



400 TREES FOR THE 400TH! -- The City is celebrating the 400th anniversary by planting 400 trees: 100 are the usual Tree City annual plantings, 100 trees are being donated by Portsmouth Rotary to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023 and **200 more are designated for local residents to plant at their homes or businesses**. Residents (first come, first served) will receive a cloth bag containing a 4-to-6-foot sapling, an appropriate amount of compost to help prepare the ground for the tree and instructions on planting and caring for the new tree. **Residents interested in receiving one of these trees for planting on their private property should sign up at:** https://tinyurl.com/3jed2fjk They will be notified in April, once a date is selected for a tree-planting workshop and pickup at the Urban Forestry Center.



LOOKING FOR INDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER? CHECK OUT THE REC DEPT CONNIE BEAN AND COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPEN GYM SHCEDULES AND THE PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR for programs such as daily Story Times. Daily activities for all ages.

FREE LANGUAGE DISCUSSION GROUPS AT THE PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY! The Library is currently hosting groups who speak Chinese, French, German, Italian & Spanish weekly, either at the library, online or in both formats. On THURS FEB 2 they're adding a Portuguese Language Discussion Group! Online each week on Thursdays, 6-7 PM. No registration required. Learn more about all of the language discussion groups at: https://tinyurl.com/372675ry



MCINTYRE PROJECT UPDATE: Reminder that all documents and plans are posted to the McIntyre Project page on the City website.

HANOVER GARAGE – Concrete demolition Jan 16-27. Work takes place between 8 am and 5 pm, Mon-Fri. Subscribe to the weekly emails and submit questions on the Hanover Garage Project page. **Go to current work schedule:** https://tinyurl.com/2nfcahef



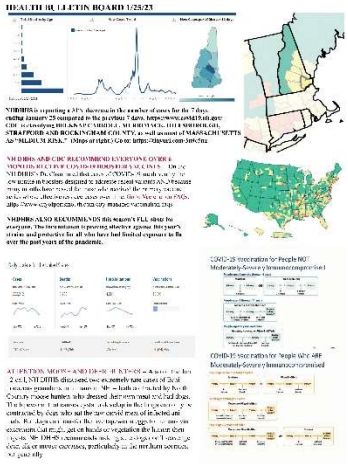
PORTSMOUTH NH 400 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ARE UNDERWAY! PNH400 merchandise, including the commemorative wall calendar, will be available soon at downtown retail locations. In the meantime, order online and check out upcoming events at PortsmouthNH400.org

ENTER PNH400 RAFFLE TO WIN A CURATED DINNER FOR 10 AT CURE RESTAURANT -- Enter for a 1 in 150 chance to win an amazing dinner for 10 hosted by Cure Restaurant, prepared and curated by local celebrity chef/owner Julie Cutting and her amazing team. The winner will enjoy a delicious dinner of 5 courses paired with craft cocktails and delicious wines. To purchase raffle tickets ($100 each) go to: https://tinyurl.com/2br7bpuw

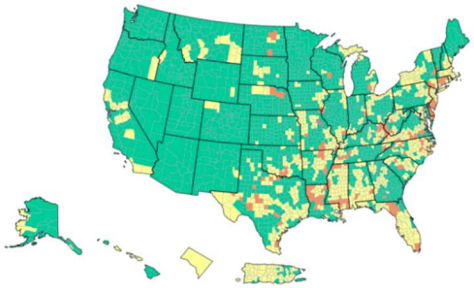
PORTSMOUTH NH 400 LEGACY PROJECT: SPEAKER SERIES STARTS TUES JAN 24 at 6:30 PM -- Free and open to the public in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library – Discussion with the Editorial Advisors for *A History of Portsmouth NH in 101 Objects* book.

- Larry Yerdon, Strawbery Banke Museum
- Tom Hardiman, Portsmouth Athenaeum
- Steve Butzel & Nicole Cloutier, Portsmouth Public Library
- Gerry Ward, Portsmouth Historical Society

Additional programs In Feb, Mar and Apr.



REGIONAL HEALTH BULLETIN BOARD – Go to larger PDF: https://tinyurl.com/32tt7fcc



TRAVELING? CDC TOOL FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK. CDC recommends using its online COVID-19 tracker**:** https://tinyurl.com/57p5j3ba

COVID-19 BOOSTER SITES! Find locations offering the new booster by going to the interactive map at vaccines.gov

BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS – Call On-Site Medical Services at 603.826.6500 to make an appointment or go to https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccine

ON-SITE MEDICAL ALSO OFFERS FREE TELEHEALTH CONSULTATIONS -- Those who test positive for COVID-19 but experience delays in being seen by their PCP, or other medical professional (possibly losing the effectiveness window for some treatments that could be helpful) **can call 1-800-816-5803** or log onto the On-Site Medical website. The telehealth appointment can also include prescribing any needed medication/treatments.

CROSS ROADS HOUSE WARMING CENTER FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HOMELESS --

Open from 7 pm to 8 am on any day the forecast temperature or wind chill dips to 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or if heavy snowfall accumulates to six inches.

OPERATION BLESSING WARMING CENTER, WEEKEND HOT MEALS AND FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHING ROOM -- 600a Lafayette Rd opens its 8-bed warming center from 7 pm to 7 am when the temperature is 25 degrees or below. **Weekend Hot Meals - just walk in - on Saturdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm and Sundays from 3 pm to 4:30 pm.** The Operation Blessing, INC Food Pantry and Clothing Room is open Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm and Sat 9 am to 12 noon. Call 603-430-8561 or 603-988-2671.

WEEKLY FREE LUNCH REMINDERS:

- **Middle Street Baptist Church –** Seacoast Community Lunch brown bag lunches from the parking lot (18 Court St..), 12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesdays. For more information call 603-436-2337 or email lunch@middle.st
- **St. John's Episcopal Church --** Common Table bag lunch, Thurs, 12 noon to 1 pm dine inside. 12:30 pm for bag lunch pickup in the St. John's parking lot (100 Chapel St.). **EVERY MON FREE HOT BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 7-8 AM. The Breakfast Club will serve a hot, sit-down breakfast in Thaxter Hall.**
- **GATHER COMMUNITY MARKET, FRIDAYS, 10 am – 1 pm –** A FREE food market for all. No paperwork. No ID. No one is ever turned away. Located at the NH National Guard building, 801 McGee Drive in Portsmouth.

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE LOCAL CONTACTS -- If you need help, **please call or text the Suicide Hotline Number AT 1-833.710.6477 or reach out to nh988.com.** PLEASE NOTE: if your phone is not an area code 603 number you should call the New Hampshire crisis center directly for immediate help.

CITY PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS –Interested candidates should complete the application form:
https://tinyurl.com/yh5fm88r

For more information on PARC, go to:
https://tinyurl.com/h9krxwp8

PORTSMOUTH STANDS WITH UKRAINE
There are many recognized relief agencies responding to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. You might consider one of these:
https://tinyurl.com/2mtsejuh

CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:
Like and follow us to get news as it's posted:
https://www.facebook.com/CityHallPortsmouthNH

Questions about a City-related matter? Email to hotline@cityofportsmouth.com and we'll get you an answer.

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