

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# UPDATE from the City Manager for Monday, June 8, 2020

**Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home" order through June 15, 2020 with additional flex announced.**  
**For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here:** <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>

**NEW PAGE: COMBINED LIST OF OUTDOOR DINING & TAKEOUT RESTAURANTS** – For the list of restaurants offering takeout and/or that have received approval for various outdoor dining arrangements, click here.  
**Please note that not all plan to open immediately. Always check first, as many have specific reservations requirements.** <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/restaurants-takeout-outdoor-dining>

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

- **NEW SCHOOL LUNCH PICKUP SCHEDULE STARTS** – Click here.  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRPbZHtMsRYoTB4q5wchJEBaz\\_4vL6CxJjvb\\_KXj7o4el\\_bZB7e5noyNb8sVAa7YtHFUeEIHTm13efc/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRPbZHtMsRYoTB4q5wchJEBaz_4vL6CxJjvb_KXj7o4el_bZB7e5noyNb8sVAa7YtHFUeEIHTm13efc/pub)
- **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW SESSION, 6:30 pm via zoom.** Click here for agenda and zoom registration instructions. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/events/city-council-work-session-fy21-budget-review>
  - **For the FY21 Budget, click here**  
<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21ProposedBudget.pdf>
  - **For the interactive guide to the FY21 Budget, click here.**  
<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21BudgetLinkTutorial.pdf>
- **CITY HALL NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC --** City Hall is limited to 50 percent occupancy. Walk-ins are greeted at the front door, with new protocols in place, which include:
  - Visitors are required to wear a cloth mask while in City Hall. Masks are provided if the visitor does not bring one.
  - If the department the visitor wants to visit is already at capacity, that person will be asked to wait in a physical-distancing queue in the Portsmouth Room, adjacent to City Council Chambers. City Hall hours are as follows: Mon 8 am - 6 pm; Tues-Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm; Fri 8 am - 1 pm. NOTE: City Council, Board and Commission meetings continue as virtual meetings.
- **PARKING CLERK SERVICES HAVE MOVED TO FOUNDRY PLACE GARAGE** – For more information, visit <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth>
- **PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP BEGINS** -- Please click here <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/curbside> for more information and guidelines.
- **COAST BUS SERVICE HAS EXPANDED** -- COAST has resumed service on Route 41cc, and transition Route 40 and 41 from the current Saturday schedule to a new reduced weekday schedule. COAST already resumed fixed route bus services (Routes 1, 2, 6, 40, 41, 100-103) and Route 7 On Demand, as staffing allows. For more information, click here. <https://coastbus.org/COVID-19>

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- **CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE MEETING, 11 am via zoom.** Click here for Agenda and zoom registration details. <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/misc/crtfo6092oag.pdf>
- **FACE MASK DRIVE CONTINUES! Drop-off or Pick-up Donations of Cloth Masks for Seniors: Tues Jun 9 10-11 am and Thurs June 11, 1-2 pm** – At the Community Campus tennis court parking lot.

Drive up and leave the masks in the box. If you need a cloth face mask, homemade masks can be mailed to those who could not attend the Distribution Drives. Please email or call Brinn Sullivan, Senior Services Manager, and she will mail you a mask. 603-767-2697. bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com

- **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 6:45 pm – Click here for Agenda and zoom registration details.** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aoviDzMPYEEzjinpr3t-GWtTFokrVQHo/view>

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING, 3:30 pm -- Click here for Agenda and zoom registration details.** [http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/conservation/06-10-20\\_CC\\_ag.pdf](http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/conservation/06-10-20_CC_ag.pdf)
- **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING, 6:30 pm -- Click here for Agenda and zoom registration details.** [http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/hdc/06-10-20\\_HDC\\_ag.pdf](http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/hdc/06-10-20_HDC_ag.pdf)

### **SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN! PORTSMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT BOUTIQUE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS**

-- The Portsmouth Recreation Department will be offering a session of boutique programs this summer. Each program will run twice a week for six weeks, with a specific focus that allows for maximum social distancing. The programs are for Portsmouth residents only and are free of charge. Children will be kept in pods of eight, with a maximum of four pods per program. Physical distancing and hand sanitizing procedures will be in place, along with encouraging use of masks by participants. The programs include hiking and running clubs, multi-sport, kids' fitness, arts & crafts, Legos and more. Click here for the full program listing and schedule.

[www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation)

**NH NONPROFIT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND DEADLINES THIS WEEK** -- The New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund was established by Governor Chris Sununu through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to award grants from the allocated \$60 million to help nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, have partnered to administer this program.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The organization must be a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit based in New Hampshire.
- The organization must demonstrate that it incurred or will incur necessary expenditures and/or losses due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1 and December 30, 2020.
- Costs or losses cannot be covered by this program if they have been, or will be paid, by other federal emergency relief funds, including the Paycheck Protection Program.
- The program will not make grants to nonprofit hospitals, colleges and universities, and other organizations that are or will be assisted through other funding opportunities. The New Hampshire Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund is not a first come, first served program. Additional program details are forthcoming. Questions will be answered starting June 11, 2020 at the webinars listed below.

*Timeline and steps for interested nonprofit organizations. For background information, click here.*

**Starting immediately**, 501(c)3 nonprofits should complete the required organizational profile, click here for the online portal. [https://nhcf.smartsimple.com/s\\_Login.jsp](https://nhcf.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp)

**Thursday, June 11** -- Application period opens and NH Center for Nonprofits hosts a webinar to answer questions about the grant program. 1:00-2:00 pm. Click here to register.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3312333062115704588>

**Monday, June 15** -- The NH Center for Nonprofits will host a webinar to answer questions about the grant program. 4-5 pm. Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7882796190594518284>

**Thursday, June 25** -- Application period closes.

**PORTSMOUTH FARMERS MARKET HAS RETURNED! SATURDAYS 8 am to 12 noon** -- Seacoast Growers' Association beloved Portsmouth Farmers' Market returns every Saturday **at Little Harbour School on Clough Drive. PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO PARKING on Haven, Bracket Road and Bracket Lane**

**(the residential side streets around Little Harbour School). Parking ONLY in the school parking lot and the lower lot** (corner of South St. & Junkins Ave) at City Hall. For more information, click here.

[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.seacoastgrowers.org%2fportsmouth-farmers-market&c=E,1,HUXuFF5Eu6xltBbExsp\\_P88RTPnZ-HjTbk\\_F4x4cs9tRLB56MqPqzerfKgTBm-tCuNuy0fcGzr1jI00kfoSnNfuomlQyOfF7fGuz4S0zOw,,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.seacoastgrowers.org%2fportsmouth-farmers-market&c=E,1,HUXuFF5Eu6xltBbExsp_P88RTPnZ-HjTbk_F4x4cs9tRLB56MqPqzerfKgTBm-tCuNuy0fcGzr1jI00kfoSnNfuomlQyOfF7fGuz4S0zOw,,&typo=1)

**NOW OPEN! FILING PERIOD FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 ENDS JUNE 12, 2020.** -- Please note that the City Clerk's Office closes at 1 pm on Friday, June 12th, but will also be open between the hours of 3-5 pm only to accept filings, as required by State RSA. Filings for Delegates to the State Republican Convention will also be accepted during this filing period. Those wishing to file must be a registered voter in the district and party for which they wish to be a candidate.

- District 25 - Consists of Ward 1 only
- District 26 - Consists of Ward 2 only
- District 27 - Consists of Ward 3 only
- District 28 - Consists of Ward 4 only
- District 29 - Consists of Ward 5 only
- District 30 - Consists of Ward 1, 2, 4, and 5 (Not 3)
- District 31 - Floterial with Ward 3 only represented with Greenland, Newington & North Hampton. Note: A floterial district is a legislative district that includes several separate districts that independently would not be entitled to additional representation, but whose combined population entitles the area to another seat in the legislative body.

**DISPOSAL OF USED FACEMASKS, GLOVES, ETC.** -- Please be aware that used facemasks, gloves and cleaning towels should be disposed of in a trash container that is lined with a bag. Please do not put them in recycle bins. Also please do not flush wipes (even those marked 'flushable') as they tend to clog pipes, especially smaller diameter pipes from homes to sewer pipes or septic systems.

**DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK. For the latest on individual projects, click here and then on the Projects tab.** <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks>

- **WATER LINE FLUSHING** -- The Water Division has begun the twice-annual, routine flushing of the City's fire hydrants and 190 miles of water mains to remove sediment buildup. The work is ongoing, Monday through Thursday, between 7 and 11 pm for the next 3 weeks. The flushing operation covers both public and private hydrants in Portsmouth, New Castle, Rye, Greenland and Newington. Crews open select fire hydrants, releasing water with enough velocity to carry sediment out of the pipes. While flushing can result in discolorations to tap water, customers can use cold water to flush their lines and the water remains safe to drink. If the discoloration persists, customers should contact the Water Division through the [Click 'n Fix](#) system to ensure prompt response.
- **ISLINGTON STREET** -- Detour is in place for one-way, inbound/easterly traffic between the bridge over the Bypass to Aldrich Road and outbound/westerly traffic, detoured down Aldrich. For map, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project>
- **MARKET STREET & KEARSARGE WAY BRIDGES:** Final landscaping and other details are being completed on the Market Street gateway park. Kearsarge Way Bridge is being reduced to one lane, with alternating traffic directed by temporary traffic signals. Market Street between the Sarah Long Bridge and the Noble's Island traffic signal is being reduced to one lane in each direction. For the full presentation on the project, click here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBTsRp4Pemo>
- **CORPORATE DRIVE AT PEASE:** Road work this week.
- **DEER STREET/BRIDGE STREET:** Water and sewer pipe work nearing completion.
- **SIDE STREETS OFF PLEASANT:** Affecting Richmond and Livermore. Equipment staged, as before, on Edmunds.
- **MAPLEWOOD AVE DETOUR NOW IN PLACE.** Click here for details. Work has resumed for the season. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-05/2020-05-18%20-%20Maplewood%20Detour.pdf>
- **PRESCOTT PARK DOCK RAILING replacement work continues.** The dock remains closed.

**TESTING:** The NH Department of Health & Human Services is now coordinating COVID-19 testing appointments at one of the several testing clinics established throughout the state, for anyone who calls. **That testing coordinating office phone number is 603-271-5980. CVS on Lafayette Road in Hampton is now also accepting appointments for testing.** For FAQs about testing in New Hampshire, click

here. <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm> In addition, the Rite-Aid at 1390 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth is providing free by-appointment testing for COVID-19 to anyone age 18 or over. For more information, click here. <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

**DONATE TO ClipperStrong.org** – Click here to make a Clipper Strong Fund tax deductible donation to support Portsmouth’s small businesses. **Donations by check may be mailed to the Clipper Strong Fund c/o Coastal Economic Development Corporation, 4 Merrill Industrial Drive, Suite 201, Hampton NH 03842.** <https://www.clipperstrong.org>

**Instead of repeating the long list of COVID-related resources each day, you can now find them all collected on one City website page!** Click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-resources>

Sign up for the Daily Advisory, [here](#). The latest news is always at the top, **in red**.

**STAY SAFE! STAY AT HOME! DO NOT CONGREGATE**

For answers to other questions about the City’s response to COVID-19, please email: [hotline@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com)

For more information, visit [City’s page on COVID-19](#).