

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



WHAT'S NEWS for Thursday, August 6, 2020

Portsmouth Protection Plan: Safer At Home.

Do your part. Wear a mask whenever you are in public, indoors or out. Avoid gatherings public or private. Keep distance between yourself and others. Governor Sununu's "Safer At Home" guidelines continue. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, [click here](#).

Face-Coverings Ordinance Proposed -- After the Portsmouth City Council unanimously approved a mask-wearing resolution at their meeting on July 13 they asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for First Reading at their meeting on Aug 3. The Council invites the public to comment at their Special Meeting on August 18 for a Second Reading. For the draft ordinance, [click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/MaskOrdinance%202020.08.03.pdf](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/MaskOrdinance%202020.08.03.pdf)



STREET POPUP NH RESTAURANT/PERFORMANCE SPACE RIBBON-CUTTING!

The long-awaited and much anticipated opening of the Bridge Street Lot in its Cinderella transformation into a restaurant and performance art space for the benefit of Portsmouth businesses struggling to survive the pandemic has arrived. With the ink on all the inspections and required paperwork in hand, the nonprofit ServiceCU @ PopUp NH joined Mayor Rick Becksted, City Manager Karen Conard, representatives from the City's DPW, Health, Building Inspection, Legal, Fire, Police and other Departments, and members of the Citizen Response Task Force to cut the

ribbon. The venue opens to the public on Saturday, August 8. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/press-releases/portsmouth-celebrates-ribbon-cutting-popup-nh-bridge-street-lot>

POPUH NH EVENT PARKING -- ParkPortsmouth has worked with PopUp NH to make sure those driving into town for PopUp NH events in the Bridge Street Lot know about the convenient and inexpensive Foundry Place Garage with links on the ParkPortsmouth and PopUpNH websites and variable message boards on Market and Middle Streets.

PARKING SPACES REALLOCATED FOR OUTDOOR DINING:

Downtown Streets – Parts of the following streets have been barricaded to allow for dining in the street in place of parking spaces. For all the Citizen Response Task Force updates from the Downtown Streets Subcommittee, [click here](#).

- Congress Street – Flatbread, Goat, Jumpin’ Jay’s
- Congress Street – Rudi’s, Thirsty Moose
- Bridge/Hill Streets – Bridge Street Bistro, Dwyer’s Pub
- Worth Lot – Friendly Toast, Café Mediterraneo, Maison Navarre
- State Street – Mr. Kim’s, Fezziwig’s
- Penhallow – Cure, Ceres Bakery, Massimo’s, Moxy
- Ceres Street, Black Trumpet
- Market Street – Portsmouth Gas Light, Portsmouth Brewery, Cup of Joe, Durbar Square
- Pleasant Street – Clipper Tavern

For details on restaurants open for outside, inside and public realm outdoor dining, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/restaurants-takeout-outdoor-dining>

For more information, click here to visit the Citizen Response Task Force web page, that provides the materials and resources the committee is using. All meetings are conducted publicly via zoom and are posted in advance on the City website homepage. To contact the Citizen Response Task Force, email via hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

TESTING-- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provides this list as a service to the community. The Department does not endorse any particular entity for COVID-19 testing services.

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf>

COVID-19 CONCERNS ACCEPTED AS VALID REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT -

- Absentee Ballots are now available for the September and November elections. For more voter information, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information> **The City Clerk is also in need of Election Workers for both dates.** Those interested should call 603-610-7208 or email CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com

CITY WELFARE DEPT. ASKS FOR DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES -- Since 2006, the Welfare Department has collected back-to-school supplies for area children in need, Pre-K to Post Grad. To minimize physical interactions, the Welfare Department **suggests donors might consider supplying gift cards instead of supplies. These can be mailed, left in the gray drop box in front of City Hall or, dropped off with the receptionist.** Please contact Ellen Tully, 610-7267, etully@cityofportsmouth.com with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your generosity. For more information:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/news/welfare-dept-seeks-donations-school-supplies>

NH AGRICULTURE RELIEF PROGRAM EXPANDED

Application period for COVID-19-related expenses and/or lost sales incurred during the period from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 is now open. Deadline August 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm For more information, [click here](#).

REMINDER! PORTSMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET Saturdays 8 am to 12 noon at Little Harbor School. [Click here](#) for details.

SAGAMORE AVE. SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, TUES AUG 11 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom. For Zoom registration information, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/revSagamoreAveSewerProject%20ZoomRegistration%202020.08.11.pdf>

CLIPPER STRONG FUND -- Small businesses who would like to receive a **free Clipper Strong Fund Care Package** (containing disposable face masks, signage asking customers to wear masks and a touchless thermometer) should **send an email with the name of the business, location, phone and email contact to hotline@cityofportsmouth.com** Donations still welcome! [Click here](#) to make a donation online at ClipperStrong.org

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK.

- **CORPORATE DRIVE, GOOSBAY RD. CONSTRUCTION** -- Grinding and paving the loop road past Wentworth-Douglas, Lonza and Cisco Brewers.
- **BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES** – Between Heritage Ave and Ocean Rd. Alternating one-way traffic and flaggers in place.
- **ISLINGTON STREET** -- Sidewalk work begins between the bridge over the Bypass to Aldrich Road plus 100 ft. of Spinney Rd. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project>
- **MAPLEWOOD AVE. BORINGS**– Traffic reduced to one lane, police detail and flaggers in place. Work to upgrade the traffic signals at the downtown intersections with Maplewood also continues.

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

For all the COVID-related resources, [click here](#).

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

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