

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Thursday, August 20, 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 --The Portsmouth City Council held a Second Reading of the draft face-covering ordinance on August 18. The Third Reading is scheduled for August 31 at their regular meeting, 7 pm. For the draft ordinance, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/MaskOrdinance%202020.08.03.pdf>

SAGAMORE AVE. SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON E/ONE GRINDER PUMP, Wednesday, Aug 26 at 6:30 pm via Zoom -- This meeting includes a short presentation by Henry Albro, a representative from F.R. Mahony, the local distributor of the Environment One ([E/One](#)) grinder pump system. Residents of the Sagamore Avenue area are invited to bring questions regarding the E/One pump system for the representative and City staff to answer. For the Zoom registration information, [click here](#). This meeting will also be broadcast on the City's YouTube Channel and posted on the City website for later viewing.

LAST WEEK FOR THE OUTDOOR POOL! -- The Peirce Island Outdoor Pool **will close for the season on Monday, August 24. Take advantage this week -- up to 100 Portsmouth residents allowed per hour. [Advance reservations required](#).** Each reservation allows a one-hour visit between 11 am and 7 pm, with 30 minutes between each session to allow for cleaning and sanitizing. For more information on pool guidelines, [click here](#).

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>

CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLISHES WEEKLY COVID-19 DASHBOARD. Click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/revCovidDashboard081720.pdf>

ABSENTEE BALLOT & VOTING INFORMATION -- The Absentee Ballot process is now open for the fall 2020 Election Season and Absentee Ballots are now available for the September NH Primary election. This week, NH Secretary of State Bill Gardner is sending a letter to all NH households advising residents of the requirements to register to vote and cast an absentee ballot. That information is also available here: <https://sos.nh.gov/media/nx2o23fs/final-mailer-for-website.pdf>

There are four simple steps to vote by absentee ballot in the September 8 NH Primary and/or the November 3 General Election:

1. Make sure you are registered to vote.
2. Determine your eligibility to vote absentee.

3. Complete and return an application for Absentee Ballot(s) (one application form may be used for both the Primary and General Election).
4. Complete and return the Absentee Ballot (now available for the Sep 8 primary).

For more details, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/press-releases/city-clerk-details-steps-absentee-voting>

WARD 3 & WARD 4 VOTING LOCATIONS CHANGED DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS

Voters registered in Ward 3 and Ward 4 (based on residence) should be aware that due to the NH Secretary of State's requirement regarding precautions to protect the health and safety of voters, election officials and workers, the **City Clerk announces two changes in polling place locations in Portsmouth.**

- **Ward 3** will now vote at the new Senior Activity Center at 125 Cottage Street (instead of the Robert J. Lister Academy).
- **Ward 4** will now vote at Portsmouth High School (instead of the Dondero Elementary School).

For more information about the Fall 2020 election season, how to determine the appropriate Ward for voting and other voting details, visit the City Clerk's webpage at <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information> **For more information** call 603-610-7208 or email CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com.

SERVICE CU @ POPUP NH SCHEDULE THIS WEEKEND

DINING HOURS

Thursday, 3-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, Dos Amigos
Friday, 3-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, Vida Cantina
Saturday, noon-10 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, The Wilder
Sunday, noon-8 pm Black Trumpet, Camp Sipabrew, Dos Amigos

PERFORMANCE

Appearing on the bankprov. stage

Thursday [Beat Night! Featuring Jeff Stern, 7 pm](#)
Friday [The Kenney Brothers, 8 pm](#)
Saturday [Getting to Know Footloose, 1 pm; Kong Moon, 8 pm](#)
Sunday [Getting to Know Footloose, 1 pm and 4 pm](#)

NOTE: No parking on Bridge Street:
Thurs & Fri, 2:30 pm – 10 pm
Sat, 11:30 am – 10 pm
Sun, 11:30 am – 8pm

CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING, Wednesday August 26 at 5 pm via Zoom.
For the Agenda and Zoom registration details, click here.

http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/misc/CNC_AGENDA_8-26-20.pdf

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

<https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/nh-agriculture-grants>

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

PARK PORTSMOUTH LAUNCHES STAY & PAY PROGRAM MON AUG 17 -- A new feature of the City's advanced parking meter software, the Stay & Pay program gives users of on-street and surface lot parking the convenience of not having to move their vehicles after the time limit for the space has expired. Verified residents using the ParkMobile app will continue to enjoy reduced-rate pricing. For details, [click here](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/news/parkportsmouth-launches-stay-pay-program-monday-aug-17).

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK.

- **CATE & BARTLETT STREET INTERSECTION** – Construction on water pipe replacement continues.
- **CORPORATE DRIVE, GOOSBAY RD. CONSTRUCTION --** Grinding and paving the loop road past Wentworth-Douglas, Lonza and Cisco Brewers.
- **BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION** – 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>
- **MARKET STREET BRIDGE** – 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](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks) and then on the Projects tab.

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](#)