

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, December 6, 2020

GOVERNOR SUNUNU ISSUES STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE. [Portsmouth Mask Ordinance still in effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.](#)

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 281,637. NH: 552. Rockingham County: 114. Cumulative cases: US: 14,629,000. NH: 23,690. Rockingham County: 5,723. Portsmouth: 382. Current cases in NH: 4,837. Rockingham County: 1,155. Portsmouth: 59.

For the latest NH information from the Department of Health & Human Services, [click here.](#)

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>



Japanese daikon, drying in the sun. To learn more, visit <https://www.justnecookbook.com/daikon/>

Around the World

How I wish I could slowly stroll through your beautiful tunnel of sun drying daikon.

How I wish I could buy a few big roots fresh from the field, from your hand to mine.

How I wish I could bring them home to pepper my soup, spice my salad, help heal my aching head.

Alas, I can only enjoy a pinch of the white winter radish pickled and sprinkled atop my Nikki's Bahn Mi sandwich

while thinking of you and your wondrous work.

-- **Tammi J Truax**

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020

Tammi also announces the Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program "A Bridge to Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest." Winning entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadside will be gifted to Portsmouth's sister city, Nichinan, Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details and rules, click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf

Below: Just in from Portsmouth's Sister City, Nichinan, Japan. Principal Ogawa of the Nichinan Nursing Junior College holds a copy of Tammi's poem about the capping ceremony she missed this spring. The poem was translated into Japanese and given to each of the ceremony participants in October.

