

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Manager's Advisory Thursday, June 3, 2021

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MON JUN 7 at 7 pm via Zoom** -- For Agenda and Zoom registration: <https://tinyurl.com/5p76rsj7>

**TONIGHT! JUN 3 GREENLEAF & LAFAYETTE ROAD INTERSECTION PUBLIC INPUT MEETING at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Zoom registration, click here.**  
<https://tinyurl.com/j3wntdxs>

**PROJECT COOLAIR FOR SENIORS** – The hot, humid weather forecast for this weekend is a reminder for those 60+ and anyone whose health is adversely affected by the heat to be prepared before an emergency develops. Often, those in need of air conditioning “do without” because they do not have the funds or know where to seek assistance. Through Project CoolAir, Area HomeCare makes air conditioners available to low income, medically-challenged and 60+ residents in Rockingham County. Make arrangements now rather than waiting for a critical need to develop. For more information, contact Ellen Tully at City Hall: 610-7267 or [WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com)

**OPENING MON JUN 7: SPINNAKER POINT** Spinnaker Point Adult Fitness Center reopens on Monday, June 7 at 6am. All members and new members can register upon their first visit. The City closed Spinnaker Point a year ago as a precaution to protect against the spread of COVID-19. One of the concerns that needed to be addressed before reopening was an evaluation of the air circulation inside the facility. Since then, the City has made repairs that allow the air-handling system to function without the significant and unbudgeted investment that was originally anticipated to improve or replace it. Equipment in the fitness room will be positioned to allow for sufficient distancing and other protocols will be in place. **Hours for Spinnaker Point Adult Fitness Center are Mon-Fri, 6am-8pm; Sat-Sun, 7am-4pm.** Please call 603-766-1483 for more information.

**STARTING TODAY JUN 3: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD BLASTING OPERATIONS COMMENCE FOR DRY DOCK #1** –Operations will be conducted during daylight hours Mon-Sat from June 3, 2021 until Feb 2022. The actual detonations will occur once or twice a day, most frequently in the late afternoon. In accordance with standard/industry construction practices, the contractor has incorporated a number of safety initiatives to ensure life, property, and the environment are not endangered.



**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE SELECTS NEW PLANTERS FOR VAUGHAN MALL** -- The Blue Ribbon Committee for Vaughan Mall selected the new planters based on input from project consultants Klopfer Martin Design Group. They were installed last week and Garden Bugs of Stratham did the flower plantings.

**CONGRATULATIONS, PORTSMOUTH MEMBERS OF STATEWIDE PERFORMING ARTS VENUES GROUP!** The NH Business Committee for the Arts last night awarded its Arts Building Community Award to the group that has helped inform guidance on reopening and rebuilding arts venues affected by the pandemic. Portsmouth participants for more than a year include PMAC, The Music Hall, 3S Artspace, Seacoast Rep and NH Theatre Project. Portsmouth’s Richard Haynes received the Artrepreneur Award and the Together 250 Challenge by Mark Stebbins and Jeff Johnston were also honored. For the “Hidden in Plain Sight” virtual awards ceremony [click here](#).

**FLEET STREET LANDSCAPING DESIGN INPUT NEEDED** -- The City is seeking input from those in the Fleet Street Project Area <https://tinyurl.com/235pzjfw> regarding what they'd like to see for sidewalk and landscape improvements as part of the project. The City's contractors Underwood Engineers offered some examples of previous streetscape improvements at their May 6 meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/fr5pzubh> Among the considerations up for discussion:

- Pedestrian accommodations and seating
- Traffic patterns & calming
- Landscape & trees
- Bike accommodations

- Overhead utilities
- Parking
- Curbing realignments

**Underwood invites residents to send comments by email (or during Fleet Street Project office hours -- in person at their 25 Vaughan Mall offices, or by video chat -- between now and June 25, 2021.** To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, or to send an email comment, please contact Kerrie Winsor (kwinsor@UnderwoodEngineers.com) or 603- 436-6192.



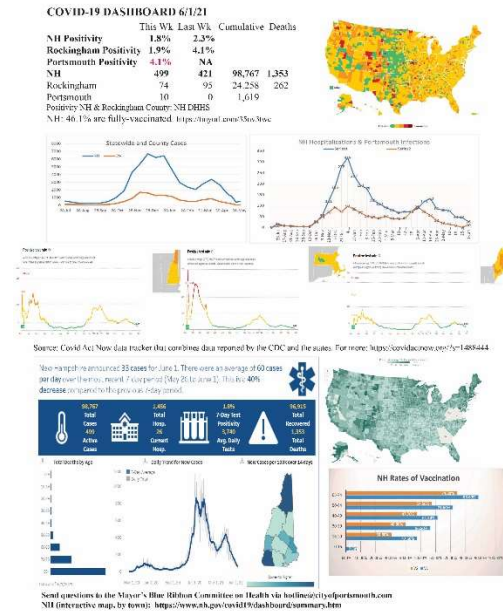
**THURS JUN 10: NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PROGRAM PILOT – PUBLIC INPUT MEETING by Zoom or in-person at City Hall at 6:30 pm.** Hybrid meeting – for the Zoom registration, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/memhab36>

**THURS JUN 10: SAFE WATER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING via Zoom at 6:30 pm. For the Zoom registration, click here.** <https://tinyurl.com/788h4xs>

**SAGAMORE AVE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT – NH DES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**  
 The NHDDES Environmental Review has determined a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed project. The public now has 30 days to comment on the finding ([click here](#) for the full document).  
**Comments may be addressed to Zach Cronin, Assistance City Engineer** for the City of Portsmouth at 603-610-7304 or Attn: Zach Cronin, City of Portsmouth Public Works Department, 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 **and Tracy Wood, NHDDES, Wastewater Engineering Bureau**, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095. **The deadline for submitting comments is June 25, 2021.** Please continue to direct comments or questions about the proposed sewer connections to Zachary Cronin, Assistant City Engineer, at [zmcronin@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:zmcronin@cityofportsmouth.com) or 603-610-7304.



**LIST OF WALK-IN VACCINATION OPTIONS –** For more information on daily walk-in vaccinations at NH State sites and local pharmacy same-day sites, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/cb7s2kx5>



**NEW REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD** For a larger PDF, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/hveemptp>

**COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – Percent of NH population receiving dose 1: 59% Percent fully vaccinated: 48.5%. In Rockingham County: 48%.** To view the NH DHHS tracker, click here: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/vaccination>

TABLE: NH recommendations for physical distancing and face mask use for fully vaccinated people in settings where there is potential for close contact with others.

Should I Wear a Face Mask & Physically Distance in Settings Around Other People?		Other Peoples' Vaccination Status	
		All fully vaccinated	Vaccination status unknown or not all are fully vaccinated
Location	Indoors	NO* 	YES 
	Outdoors	NO* 	NO* 

\*Unless required to by a business or organization, or a person desires maximal protection  
 Note: Please note that if you are significantly immune compromised, then the recommendations above may not apply to you; please discuss your risk and protective measures with a trusted healthcare provider.

**NH DHHS GUIDANCE FOR FULLY-VACCINATED PEOPLE –** Until all counties have reduced community transmission and more of the

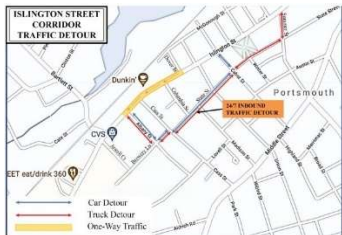
population is vaccinated, NH DHHS recommends masks and distancing, indoors where the vaccination status of others is unknown – especially where children under 12 are gathered. Updated May 17, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/uyr6xena>

### **NEED HELP PAYING ENERGY BILLS?**

Eversource is still offering a COVID-19 Payment Program that gives customers up to 12 months to pay past-due balances, without down payments, fees or interest. Once enrolled, your account is protected from service disconnection for the duration of the payment plan. **For more information call 1-844-273-7760** or visit <https://tinyurl.com/jfns28>

**NH DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BACK TO WORK INCENTIVES** – All those receiving NHDES benefits must again show proof they are seeking work. NH is ending the Federal supplement \$300 stipend on June 19. **Anyone who is receiving unemployment benefits and finds work as of May 18, is eligible for a \$500 bonus for part-time work or \$1000 for full-time work.** Proof of 8 weeks employment is required to apply. Those receiving more than \$25/hour are ineligible.

### **DPW CONSTRUCTION THIS WEEK**



**ISLINGTON STREET CORRIDOR DETOUR NOW IN PLACE 24/7** – Ledge drilling continues. Note that Sunoco station is open throughout. Inbound *car traffic* detours from Islington to Albany to State to Cabot. Inbound *truck traffic* detours from Islington to Albany to State to Summer – or stays on Rte. 33/Middle Road, all the way inbound to Middle Street. Outbound traffic only on Islington. For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/hb4wn9s>

**MAPLEWOOD AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT** – For the weekly update and to subscribe to the weekly eblast, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/urzcnpm>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AT PEASE** – Milling work Tuesday and Wednesday between Manchester Square and Pease Boulevard in preparation for paving. Friday, weather-permitting, replacing the binder pavement and work to bring the manhole and catch basin covers up to grade.

**MIDDLE & ALDRICH CROSSWALK** – Flashing crosswalk signs in place. Sidewalk extensions being built.

**NEXT WEEK: MAPLEWOOD AVE. DOWNTOWN** – Starting Jun 9, milling and repaving the section of Maplewood Ave from Dennett St. to the RR crossing near Deer St. Parking in this area will be limited on work days. Project is expected to take about 2 weeks.

**PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE IN EFFECT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.** For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/yhkbx7j9>

**GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 11, 2021.** <https://tinyurl.com/3cfvb5w3>

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw>

**PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click here.** <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs>

For Kids & COVID FAQs, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/49anabp9>

For COVID-19 Treatment FAQs, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/5bhmksy2> Ask your health-care provider about avoiding hospitalization once infected with COVID-19, by receiving the monoclonal antibody treatment described in these FAQs.

FAQs: “I Had COVID-19, Now What?” <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs>

For Testing FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs>

For Ventilation FAQs click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs>

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/5h55s48k>

For “I’ve Had COVID-19, Now What?” FAQs, click here. <https://tinyurl.com/2755pf8f>

For more information, visit City’s page on COVID-19: <https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab>