

This City of Portsmouth Community Newsletter includes information about City-sponsored events, projects and special announcements and is part of our continuing effort to communicate more extensive and timely information to the public. Editions are e-mailed every other Wednesday. To join the distribution list, or be removed, go to [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com). – *City Manager John P. Bohenko*

### ***HOLIDAY CLOSURES***

City Hall, the Library and the School Department's Central Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in recognition of New Year's Day. The offices reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3, along with Portsmouth Public Schools. Also, the School Department's Central Office is open Thursday, Dec. 29, but closed Friday, Dec. 30.

### ***HOLIDAY TRASH***

There will be no change in curbside collection of rubbish and recyclables on Monday, Jan. 2, but the Recycling Center will be closed. Christmas trees will be collected curbside from Tuesday, Jan. 3, through Friday, Jan. 13. Please remove all decorations and do not put the tree in a bag. Residents also may bring their Christmas trees to the Recycling Center for disposal. Contact: 427-1530.

### ***FIRST NIGHT***

"First Night Portsmouth" downtown events on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, will include a 7 p.m. parade from Market Square to Parrott Avenue, followed by fireworks in front of the Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Parrott Avenue will be closed to parking and traffic beginning at noon for this alcohol-free, family-oriented event. Pleasant Street from Porter Street to Market Square are closed from 5 p.m. until midnight. The High Hanover Parking Garage will have a flat fee of \$3 payable upon entry from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### ***NEW MAYOR & COUNCIL***

New Mayor Steve Marchand and the 2006-2007 City Council will be sworn into office on Monday, Jan. 9. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at City Hall and will be broadcast live on Local Government Cable Channel 22.

### ***INTENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT***

Portsmouth Police have additional "DUI Hunter" patrols out during the holiday season in an intensified effort to apprehend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) violators. They are joining with NH State Police in the campaign that features this message: "If you drink and drive, we'll provide the chaser!"

### ***TONE UP***

The Recreation Department is offering Aquacize classes at both the Portsmouth Indoor Pool and Spinnaker Point Adult Complex in the New Year. The schedule is: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:45-9:30 a.m., at the Indoor Pool; Tuesday nights, 6:15-7:00 p.m., at Spinnaker Point; Thursday, 1:30-2:15 p.m., at Spinnaker; Saturday, 9:30-10:15 a.m., at Spinnaker and 11:00-11:45 a.m. at the Indoor Pool. The classes are for the beginner to moderate "Aquacizer." Contact: 427-1546.

### ***SWIM LESSONS***

Registration has begun for the next round of swim lessons at the Indoor Pool. Lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Jan. 5 through 31. They are 30 minutes long for preschool and Level 1 classes, 40 minutes for all others. Register at the Indoor Pool. Proof of residency required for the \$30 resident rate. Non-residents are \$85. (Both rates are lower if the child is an Indoor Pool member.) Contact: 427-1546.

### ***POLICE EXPLORERS***

City residents and businesses may receive telephone calls in the next several weeks as part of a fund-raising campaign by the Police Department's Explorer Post. The proceeds will be used to expand the post and outfit new cadets with uniforms and equipment, as well as pay for training events. Nine cadets are in the program that allows youth to explore a career in law enforcement and serve the community through volunteer projects. The Post's advisor, former Explorer and now Detective Corey MacDonald, recently

received the Council Leadership Award, District Award of Merit and the Dedicated Service Award at the NH State Explorers Award Banquet. Contact: 610-7548.

### ***CONFERENCE CENTER***

Information about the proposed conference center and parking garage for the Northern Tier of downtown Portsmouth is now online at <http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/economic/northerntier.htm>. The City has been working to create a public/private partnership for development of a conference/hotel facility and parking garage to fulfill the conceptual plan for development of the Northern Tier area.

### ***FBI ACADEMY GRAD***

Capt. Janet Champlin, a 17-year Portsmouth Police veteran, graduated this month from the 223rd FBI National Academy Program, an 11-week program of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation, she was assigned to the Portsmouth's Bureau of Investigative Services, where she will be responsible for supervising detectives in all aspects of criminal investigations.

### ***FAMILY SKI TRIP***

Information on the Rec Department's family ski trip to the King Pine Ski Area on Jan. 16, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, will be available after Jan. 1. Children must be at least elementary school age. Call Barry Foley at 817-9483 for further info.

### ***SNOW BANS***

When a snowstorm drops two inches of snow or more, the City may declare a ban on on-street parking in order to facilitate snow removal. The Department of Public Works will announce the ban by posting it on Local Government Cable Channel 22, through a recording on the snow phone at 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW), at [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com), in announcements in the local media and on signs at all entrances to the City. A similar procedure is used to announce the ban's end. A map of parking lots open during parking bans is at <http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/snowbanparkinglots.htm>

### ***RECYCLING STICKERS***

City residents who use the Recycling Center should apply for 2006 vehicle stickers by completing applications at the facility behind the Department of Public Works building on Peverly Hill Road on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no charge, but proof of residency (such as a driver's license) is required.

### ***Did you know...?***

The Connie Bean Community Center, Spinnaker Point Adult Recreation Center, Greenleaf Recreation Center and the Portsmouth Indoor Pool are all available for rent for meeting space, athletic events, birthday parties, rehearsals, dances, seminars and other special events. Rental during the facility's non-operating hours requires an additional fee to have a Rec Dept. employee present during the rental period. To rent the Indoor Pool, call 427-1545; Connie Bean or Greenleaf, 766-1483; Spinnaker Point, 766-1484.

### ***MEETINGS***

To see a list of upcoming City-related meetings, agendas for future meetings and minutes of past meetings, always check the City's Web site, [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com), or the Meetings Calendar at <http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/calendar/2006/index.htm>

### ***HOURS***

Portsmouth City Hall (431-2000) is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The School Department Central Office (431-5080) is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

*The City of Portsmouth Community Newsletter is published by the City of Portsmouth. It is not intended to provide legal advice. It is a compilation of the best available information at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change without notice in the time between publication of this e-newsletter and the actual event. Whenever possible, changes will be posted on [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com) or on the local government cable channel Channel 22.*