

This City of Portsmouth Community Newsletter includes information about City-sponsored events, projects and special announcements. 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*

### ***LL WORLD SERIES***

Mayor Steve Marchand has arranged with the Music Hall to show tomorrow night's Little League World Series semifinal game featuring the Portsmouth All-Stars on a large projection screen. Admission is free but donations to Portsmouth Little League are encouraged. Free tickets can be picked up once the doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seating is first come, first served and the concession stand will be open. The pre-game show begins at 7 p.m. and the game starts at 7:30 p.m.

### ***MEET THE PRINCIPAL***

The community is invited to meet new Portsmouth High School Principal Jeff Collins at an informal morning reception Friday (Aug. 25) from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. in the PHS cafeteria.

### ***NEW RECYCLING HOURS***

The City is extending the Recycling Center's hours until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for the convenience of residents, effective immediately through November 15. The Center is behind the Public Works building at 680 Peverly Hill Road and accepts trash, recyclables, bulky waste and yard waste from Portsmouth residents exclusively. It will be open from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The previous weekday schedule of 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. remains the same for Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Center is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. Contact: 427-1530.

### ***POLICE HELP***

Portsmouth Police are seeking the public's help in solving a new spree of criminal mischief involving BB guns and/or air guns. Several car windows, and the window of a business, were shot out late Monday or early Tuesday, causing thousands of dollars in damage in an area stretching from downtown to Ocean Road. Anyone with information should call Investigative Services at 436-2511 or make an anonymous report through Crime Stoppers at 431-1199. Criminal mischief victims are urged to immediately contact police so the crime can be properly documented and suspect information can be disseminated as soon as possible.

### ***ROAD STRIPING***

The Public Works Department plans next week to conduct its annual overnight repainting of yellow center-line and white edge lines on streets that have them. The work will be done Monday through Wednesday (Aug. 28-Aug. 30), 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., citywide and on the Tradeport. Contact: Everett Kern, 427-1530.

### ***SUMMER'S END***

The Peirce Island Outdoor Pool closes for the year on Sunday, Aug. 27. The Recreation Department thanks everyone involved in its summer programs, saying the participation level was "great" and "we are so happy that so many of you are taking advantage of them."

### ***BACK TO SCHOOL***

Portsmouth High School freshman orientation is tomorrow (Aug. 24) at 8:30 a.m. The Middle and High School nurses will be available tomorrow for new student health registrations from 8 a.m.-11 a.m., and 12:30 until 2 p.m. For what to bring, see: [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/SummerHealthRegistration2006.pdf](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/SummerHealthRegistration2006.pdf). The first day of school for students in Grades 1-12 is Tuesday, August 29. The first day for kindergarten is Thursday, August 31. Schools are closed Friday, Sept. 1, and Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. The School Department's Central Office returns to fall hours of 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. next Monday (Aug. 28).

### ***BUS ROUTES***

Morning bus routes for Portsmouth schools are at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/busroute0203am.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/busroute0203am.htm). The afternoon routes are listed at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/busroute0203pm.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/busroute0203pm.htm).

### ***SCHOOL SUPPLIES***

With the first day of school still one week away, the City's Welfare Office has furnished 14 children with school supplies, and will distribute additional donated supplies in the coming weeks, thanks to the generosity of those who responded to a request for donations. Backpacks and gift card donations are still being requested to help needy Portsmouth residents purchase back-to-school shoes and clothing for their children. Bring donations to City Hall Room 204. Contact: 610-7267.

### ***PHS TV SPORTS***

Local government access Channel 22 will resume its broadcasts of recorded Portsmouth High sports events on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Aug. 30 girls' soccer game with St. Thomas and the Sept. 1 boys' soccer game with Souhegan are scheduled to be shown beginning at 7 p.m. The broadcast schedule for the PHS fall season is at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/ch22.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/ch22.htm)

### ***LABOR DAY***

City offices, the Library, Schools and the Recycling Center are closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day. Monday's residential and downtown business district trash collection will be Tuesday. Yard waste normally collected on Monday and Tuesday will be collected the following week, or residents may take it to the Recycling Center.

### ***PRIMARY ELECTION***

Absentee ballots are available for the Sept. 12 primary election for residents who will be out of town that day or request them due to religious observance or physical disability. The ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters must vote in the wards where they reside. In order to avoid problems on Election Day, you can verify whether your address is correct on the voter checklist now by calling the City Clerk's office at 610-7207. Additional voting information is at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#locationab](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#locationab).

### ***FALL REC BROCHURE***

The Recreation Department's fall/winter brochure is now available at all Recreation Department facilities and online via [www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/index.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/index.htm). It includes full schedules for the Indoor Pool, Spinnaker Point Adult Center and the Connie Bean Community Center. Contact: 766-1483.

### ***SPIRITS PAST***

Gov. John Langdon, as played by Thomas Kehr, makes an appearance Friday evening (Aug. 25) at North Burial Ground at 114 Maplewood Ave. in another of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee presentations of "Spirits Past – 2006: Bringing the Dead to Life." The free program begins at 6 p.m. To learn more, visit [www.portsmoutholdgraves.org/events.asp](http://www.portsmoutholdgraves.org/events.asp) or contact: 436-5096.

### ***MORE MAHJONG***

The Library's weekly Mahjong games resume Saturday (Aug. 26) from 10 a.m. until noon. If you don't know how to play the ancient Chinese game, arrive a bit early for instruction before the Saturday games. Drop-ins welcome. Bring a game if you have one. Contact: 427-1540.

### ***ROADWORK***

No major traffic disruptions are expected as work continues on Hanover Street related to the new intermodal transportation facility and reconstruction work continues on Crescent Way. Work begins on the signals at Miller and South Streets next week, along with Middle Street sidewalk replacement. The latest information on City road projects is at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm). Every effort is made to prevent disruption of general traffic flow. Weather and other factors may cause schedule delays. Contact: 498-4747.

### ***SLAVE BOOK DISCUSSION***

Readers are invited Sept. 15 to join the Portsmouth Library's Adult Book Discussion Group in participating in a New Hampshire Public Radio discussion in Concord of "Our Nig" written in 1859 by Harriet Wilson, a young slave in a NH house. It also is the featured book for the Library's regular Adult Book Discussion on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. The full name of the book, which remained undiscovered until 1982, is Our Nig; or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black, In A Two-Story White House, North (Showing

That Slavery's Shadows Fall Even There). For more information, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-091506.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-091506.htm) or call 427-1540.

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

The Fire Department's new 2006 E-One Rescue-Pumper Fire Truck is now in service and operating as Engine 3 out of the Pease Tradeport station. It can pump 1,250 gallons per minute and replaces a 1988 Mack Pumper. All of the City's first-response apparatus is now less than 7-years-old.

**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 [www.cityofportsmouth.com/calendar/2006/index.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/calendar/2006/index.htm).

**HOURS:** Portsmouth City Hall (431-2000) is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The School Department Central Office (431-5080) is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. but returns to its 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. schedule on Monday, Aug. 28. Library hours are: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday.

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