

This City of Portsmouth Community Newsletter includes information about City-sponsored events, projects and special announcements. Visit www.cityofportsmouth.com to join the distribution list, or be removed. – *City Manager John P. Bohenko*

HEAT PRECAUTIONS

Due to the excessive heat, the City urges everyone to take precautions, keep an eye on neighbors and take advantage of air-conditioned locations. The City's Emergency Hotline has been activated and anyone needing assistance should call 427-1580, but those with medical emergencies should call 911. Remember the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool is open until 7:15 p.m. tonight (Wednesday, July 7), the air-conditioned Library is open until 9 p.m., and those 60 and older can visit the Wentworth Connections community center at 127 Parrott Avenue until 4 p.m. For more heat-related info, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/heat.htm.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

The City has instituted "single stream" mandatory recycling, which means paper and cardboard can now be recycled in the same bin as glass, metal cans and seven categories of plastic. The City has added plastics with marks of 3 through 7 in a container's chasing triangle symbols, in addition to those marked 1 and 2. Recycling is picked up curbside on the same day as trash collection, or items may be taken to the Recycling Center located behind the DPW at 680 Peverly Hill Road Tuesday through Saturday. The Recycling Center is now open through 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. For the Center's full schedule and more info on recycling in Portsmouth, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/solidwaste-recycle-rc-single.htm. Contact: 427-1530.

NEW DOWNTOWN PARKING

The City's newest downtown parking lot is now open between Deer and Hanover Streets. The 200-space facility is an unstaffed, 24-hour lot and payment can only be made by credit card. Entrance is from Portwalk Place, a one-way street accessible from Deer Street, and controlled by gate arms similar to those found in parking garages. The parking rate is 75 cents per hour, as it is at the on-street meters and inside the High-Hanover Garage. There are no time restrictions on duration of stay at the new Deer-Hanover Parking Facility. The new lot increases Portsmouth's number of designated parking spaces to 2,460.

FINAL NNO PLANNING

The final planning meeting for this year's National Night Out celebration is next Tuesday (July 13) and it's crucial that interested neighborhood groups send a representative to ensure their neighborhood is included in the Aug. 3 citywide event being planned by the Portsmouth Citywide Neighborhood Committee with the support of the Police Department. Next Tuesday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room A. NNO is Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact: Citywide Neighborhood Committee Chair Cristy Cardoso at 512-3634 or cnchair@gmail.com, or Captain Mike Schwartz, schwartzm@cityofportsmouth.com, 610-7510.

COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

Police Chief David "Lou" Ferland will meet with residents and visitors at Geno's Chowder & Sandwich Shop at 9:30 a.m. next Saturday, July 17. The chief will be at the 177 Mechanic Street restaurant for about an hour. This is an excellent opportunity to speak with him about neighborhood concerns, downtown concerns, questions about the police budget, or any police-related matter. Chief Ferland's previous visits to Starbucks and Caffe Kilim were quite popular. Contact: 427-1500.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be another public update on the new Middle School Project on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers at City Hall. It will be an opportunity to preview the \$37.5 million project's detailed design, learn about the "phasing plan" for students and faculty during construction, and receive an update on the site logistics. The session will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and available afterward in the "webcast archives" section of www.CityofPortsmouth.com. Work has begun on the portion of the project that involves upgrading the High School football field to accommodate additional usage from Middle School athletics. The football field and track are closed to the public until late August so artificial turf can be installed.

LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT

Portsmouth author Katherine Towler will read from her much-anticipated third and final installment of the critically acclaimed and best-selling Snow Island trilogy next Monday (July 12) at 7 p.m. in the Library's Levenson Room. Set in 1990 as the United States prepares to go to war in the Persian Gulf, *Island Light* completes the multi-generational story of hardscrabble New Englanders and their isolated community. The event is co-sponsored with RiverRun Bookstore, which will sell books for signing. Contact the Library at 427-1540.

POLICE RECORDS CHANGE

Beginning next Tuesday (July 13), the window hours at the Police Department Records Office will be 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The public can pick up accident and police reports during that period. Anyone with further questions should contact Captain Frank Warchol at 610-7630.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Residents who do not want their properties treated as part of the city's street spraying mosquito control program must annually contact the Public Works Department in writing by sending a letter to DPW Director Steve Parkinson, Department of Public Works, 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Information on biological control agents, insecticides, areas likely to be treated, or any potential hazards is available on request from the city's contractor for mosquito control, Municipal Pest Management Services at 431-0008 or swampfixer@myfairpoint.net.

FLAGGER ORDINANCE

The City has a new ordinance allowing certified flagging personnel rather than police officers to direct traffic at work sites, but permit applications must be submitted to the Department of Public Works at least 48 hours in advance. Forms can be obtained from the DPW facility at 680 Peverly Hill Road, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or downloaded anytime from www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/permits.htm. A uniformed police officer detail may be required when the Police chief and DPW director decide there is a public safety concern. For permit info, contact Shari Bullen at 427-1530.

POOL INFO

The Peirce Island Outdoor Pool is now open daily. Admission for Portsmouth residents is free for children and \$1 for adults with proof of residency. Non-residents pay \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Weekday mornings are reserved for children's swimming lessons but afternoons, weekends, and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 7:15 p.m. are for everyone. The annual Water Carnival for Portsmouth children is July 28. The pool schedule is at www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/PoolSchedule10.pdf. Contact: 427-0717. The Indoor Pool is closed for the summer, but any members 18 or older can use the Spinnaker Point Pool.

SWIM LESSONS

Registration is now open for Session Two of free daytime swim lessons at the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool for Portsmouth children, as well as for non-residents, who pay a fee. Registration continues until all classes are full. The classes begin July 26 and end Aug. 20. For registration policy and program details, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-11.htm or call 427-0717.

OVERNIGHT ART BROCHURE, VIDEO

You can download a brochure and watch a video on the installation of the "Bridges" exhibit of commissioned, temporary outdoor art being sponsored by Art-Speak, the City's cultural commission, by going to www.art-speak.org. Six works of art have been installed at various locations in Portsmouth and will be available for viewing through early October.

CRAFTERNOONS

The Library's Wednesday afternoon "crafternoons" for children entering Grades 6-8 will continue through the summer, but with a twist. Attendees will read "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott beforehand and the "crafternoon" project and food items will reflect that time period. The 3:30 p.m. schedule is: July 14, Chapters 1-15; July 25, Chapters 16-31; Aug. 11, Chapters 32-47 and on Aug. 25, the "Little Women" movie will be shown. Contact: 766-1740.

PARKING CHANGE

Parrott Avenue will be closed to parking on both sides of the street Saturday morning (July 10) from Junkins Avenue to Richards Avenue for the Harbour Trail 5K Road Race.

SUMMER IN THE STREET

Part of Pleasant Street near Market Square will be closed from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays in July and on Aug. 7 for Pro Portsmouth's "Summer in the Street" downtown music program. No vehicular traffic or parking will be allowed on Pleasant Street from Porter Street to Market Square. For program information, see www.proportsmouth.org.

SUMMER FLICKS

The Library's "Summer Cinema" series continues tomorrow (Thursday, July 8) with "An Education," which was nominated last year for three Academy Awards including Best Picture. The movie begins at 7 p.m. in the air-conditioned Levenson Room. The next film up will be "The Last Station" shown at the same time on Thursday, July 22. The movie is based on a novel focusing on the final years of the marriage of Leo Tolstoy and his wife, Sofya. For more info, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs.htm or contact: 427-1540.

REC OPENINGS

There are still a few openings in the Recreation Department's summer programs. To find out what's available, call the Rec Department at 766-1483 or stop by the Spinnaker Point Rec Center.

"MAKE A SPLASH—READ"

The Library's 2010 Summer Reading Program has a number of fun events scheduled over the next two weeks. The calendar is online at www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/summerreadingprogram2010calendar.pdf or contact: 766-1740.

ROAD CLOSURE

Bow Street will be closed between Daniel and Chapel Streets from 5 a.m. next Saturday, July 17, through 7 p.m. Sunday (July 18) for the Bow Street Fair.

PAINTBALL, AIR RIFLES

The Police Department reminds residents that New Hampshire law says that paintball guns and air rifles can only be used by someone under the age of 18 at home if the child is under parental supervision or at an approved range under responsible adult supervision. Contact: 427-1500.

POLICE EXPLORERS

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 14 and 20 who is interested in law enforcement, have them contact the new advisor to Portsmouth Police Explorers Post 2609, Officer Brian Houde. Earlier this year, the post won first place in the state's Police Explorers competition. Contact Officer Houde at 610-7601 or [bhoud@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:bhoude@cityofportsmouth.com).

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

There are a number of things you can do in your garden and lawn this summer to reduce water consumption, which will help the environment and your water bill. Watering in the early morning reduces water loss through evaporation. Also, avoid watering on very windy days. Drip irrigation is the most efficient watering method because it reduces the possibility of waste through wind, evaporation, runoff or over-spraying. Add mulch around plants or dig mulch into the soil surface to hold water near plant roots in dry weather. Instead of using a hose to clean paths, patios and driveways, use a broom or rake. To learn about the City's sustainability efforts, pay a visit to www.cityofportsmouth.com/sustainability/index.htm.

ROADWORK

Beginning next week, crews will be installing utility lines at the intersection of Pleasant and State Streets, which is likely to create temporary traffic delays. Also, the Bartlett Street Area Sewer Improvements Project is returning to daytime work hours this week to expedite completion of sewer, drain, and water line installations within the Bartlett and Islington streets intersection. Traffic may be temporarily detoured, but access to business and residences will be maintained. Elsewhere, crews will be replacing traffic signals and making improvements

at the intersection of South Street and Lafayette Road. Plans include adding a new left turn lane on the end of South Street for traffic turning south on Lafayette Road. The improvements along Market Street are wrapping up. Updates on the State Street Reconstruction Project are at www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/9.htm and the latest info on the Bartlett and Islington Area Sewer Improvements project can be found at www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/6.htm.

Mark Your Calendar...

- The city's 13th Annual Water Carnival at the Peirce Island Pool is Wednesday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional details are at www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-11.htm.

BOARD VACANCIES

The most recent list of openings on the City's volunteer boards and commissions can be found at www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boardscommissions.htm.

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, or the Meetings Calendar at www.cityofportsmouth.com/calendar/2010/index.htm.

SCHOOL CALENDARS: The School Department's Activities Calendar for all schools is at www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/allschoolactivitiescalendar.htm. A link to the Portsmouth High sports schedule is at www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/phs/athlsch.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 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Library hours are: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

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