

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

DUI ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief Michael Magnant has announced an intensified enforcement effort against impaired drivers. The Seacoast DUI Task Force will conduct numerous multiple-officer Driving Under the Influence Saturation Patrols on roadways throughout the Seacoast this summer and Portsmouth Police will conduct additional Sobriety Checkpoints. To report an impaired driver anywhere in New Hampshire, call 911.

SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

Friday (June 15) is the final day for Portsmouth Public School Grades K–11. It will be an early release day (no afternoon kindergarten), and all schools will follow their regular early release schedules. The final day of school for Portsmouth Alternative Secondary School (PASS) is tomorrow (June 14).

NIGHT OUT PLANNING

Neighborhood associations that want to participate in Portsmouth's 13th annual National Night Out Against Crime on Aug. 7 must attend a mandatory meeting next Tuesday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room A. Contact Robin McIntosh at citywideneighborhood@comcast.net or Police Captain Janet Champlin at 610-7625 if you plan to attend. To learn more, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/police/press060707.htm.

AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND

The second public design forum for the African Burial Ground on Chestnut Street will be next Tuesday, June 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Library's Levenson Room. The public will be asked to provide feedback following a presentation of conceptual design plan options for a memorial and commemorative park. The meeting is sponsored by the City and the Mayor's African Burial Ground Committee. Contact: 610-7226.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Register for Portsmouth High Summer School next Wednesday, June 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Portsmouth High. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/summerschool.htm for details on the June 27-Aug. 2 program program or call Summer School Coordinator Amy Donovan at 436-7100.

SUMMER READING

The Library's 2007 Summer Reading Program Kickoff is next Thursday, June 21, at Four Tree Island from noon until 2 p.m. Rain date is Friday, June 22. There will be snacks, drinks, live entertainment and a boxcar derby, among other activities. This year's program is "Reading Road Trip, USA." For more info, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/childrens-pms.htm or call 766-1740.

MORE MOVIES

The Library launches its Summer Cinema Series tomorrow (June 14) at 6:30 p.m. with the film "Dreamgirls" in the Levenson Room, followed June 28 by "Music and Lyrics" at 7 p.m. For more information, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-movies-summer.htm. The next movie in the Wednesday afternoon Chinese Cinema series is "Raise the Red Lantern" on June 27. Films begin at 1 p.m. and are followed by a discussion. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-movies1.htm

BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Registration is still open for the Police Department's basketball leagues for middle school girls and high school boys that begin June 20 at the South Playground. There will be a free basketball clinic for the Girls League tomorrow (June 14), 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Middle School gym. Boys League info: High School Resource Officer Rob Munson, 610-7506, or rmunson@pd.cityofportsmouth.com. Girls League: Middle School Resource Officer Kim Sirr at 610-7510 or ksirr@pd.cityofportsmouth.com.

SUMMER REC REGISTRATION

Registration continues for the Summer Recreation Department programs beginning June 25. Register at the Spinnaker Point Adult Recreation Center. To see if a program still has space, call 766-1483.

Program details are online at www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs.htm.

OUTDOOR POOL

The Peirce Island Outdoor Pool opens for the season on June 25. Register for Session One swim lessons at the Indoor Pool. Lessons are free for Portsmouth children. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-11.htm for information on pool hours, activities, and swim lessons, or call 427-1545.

PHS ON TV

The June 8 Portsmouth High School graduation will be broadcast on Channel 22 on Saturday (June 16) at 7 p.m. The PHS boys' lacrosse 13-12 semifinal victory over Hollis-Brookline will be aired June 23 at 7 p.m.

EDUCATION CONTINUES

The School Department's Central Office will observe summer hours June 18-August 24. Monday through Thursday hours are 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Also, administrators and teachers will work throughout the summer to prepare for the next school year. Activities include a literacy institute, science curriculum work, and workshops on classroom strategies and special needs. Contact: 431-5080.

SUPERINTENDENT THANK YOU

Superintendent of Schools Robert Lister extends his deepest appreciation to the greater Portsmouth community for its support of students in Portsmouth schools this year (and in the past). He said the School District is thankful for the amount of scholarship money available to graduates, and internships and mentorships available through local businesses and civic organizations.

SUMMER WORKOUT

The Spinnaker Point Adult Recreation Center is air-conditioned so don't let the summer heat keep you away from working out. Call 766-1483 for information on adult summer programs, or see www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-8.htm.

PARKING CHANGE

All five parking spaces on Hanover Street across from the High-Hanover Parking Facility are now 15-minute spaces. The City's Parking Committee will evaluate whether to continue the 15-minute limit beyond Oct. 30. There are no time limits inside the Parking Facility. Contact: 766-1440.

ROADWORK

The second phase of the Congress Street replacement of sidewalks with brick and period streetlights has begun and will be finished by the end of June. Also, water main and roadway work continues in connection with the New Castle Avenue seawall replacement and roadway project. The latest information on City road projects is at www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm. Contact: 498-4747.

BOARD OPENINGS

There is an opening for an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and an alternate on the Historic District Commission. There will be five openings on the Building Code Board of Appeals in July. Learn more about the City's Boards and Commissions at www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boardscommissions.htm

Did you know...?

The Portsmouth Public Library offers a free wireless computer connection to the Internet. Just bring in your laptop and obtain the password for a full day of service. Contact: 427-1540.

MEETINGS: For a list of upcoming City-related meetings, agendas for future meetings and minutes of past meetings, see www.CityofPortsmouth.com or the Meetings Calendar at www.cityofportsmouth.com/calendar/2007/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 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. As of June 18, Monday through Thursday hours are 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 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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