

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

ROADWORK

The repaving of Woodbury Avenue from Gosling Road to the intersection of Market Street and Kearsarge Way continues through the end of July, with most of the work being done between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to minimize the inconvenience to motorists. There also will be some lane closures during daytime work. Uniformed police officers will be available to direct traffic. Also, the New Castle Avenue seawall replacement and roadway project continues. Information on City road projects is at www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm. Contact: 498-4747.

SUMMER IN THE STREET

Part of Pleasant Street near Market Square will be closed Saturday evening (July 14) from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for Pro Portsmouth's "Summer in the Street" downtown music program. No vehicular traffic or parking is allowed on Pleasant Street from Porter Street to Market Square. See proportsmouth.org for program info.

READING ROAD TRIP

The Library's 2007 Summer Reading Program has a number of fun events scheduled over the next two weeks. There will be a storyteller followed by an art workshop for ages 6-9 on July 18 (register beforehand for the art program), Teens Talk Books on July 23, and Ronald McDonald provides reading entertainment July 25. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/childrens-pms.htm or call 766-1740.

SUMMER MOVIES

The film "Sweet Land" will be shown in the Library's Levenson Room next Thursday, July 19, at 7 p.m. as part of the Library's Summer Cinema Series. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-movies-summer.htm for more information.

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

The next session of swim lessons at the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool runs from July 23-August 17. Register at the Outdoor Pool from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays until lessons are full. They are free for residents if the parent registers with a driver's license with a Portsmouth address. Full registration info and the Outdoor Pool summer schedule are at www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-11.htm. Contact: 427-0717.

WATER CARNIVAL

Portsmouth children of all ages and swimming abilities are invited to the City's 10th Annual Water Carnival at the Peirce Island Outdoor Pool on Wednesday, July 25. There will even be events for non-swimmers. The fun goes from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Parents must show a driver's license with a Portsmouth address for children to participate. Rain date is July 26. The Outdoor Pool is closed to everyone else until 3 p.m. Contact: 427-0717.

"ECLIPSE" PARTY

Register now to be part of the Library's Aug. 6 release party for the new book "Eclipse." The 9 p.m.-midnight event is for Library patrons ages 12-16. See www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/teens-eclipse.htm to learn more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

There are still some openings in the various summer youth Recreation Department programs. Call 766-1483 to find out what's still available.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINER

Police Detective John Peracchi recently became one of only 12 law enforcement officers to complete the first New England Polygraph Institute class held in New Hampshire. Peracchi, who has been with the Department for 10 years, received special recognition as being top of the class in the highly competitive, three-month program.

BOAT TRAINING

As part of their ongoing training, the Fire Department's Boat Operators recently completed instruction on how to operate the new fire boat at night and in low visibility. They learned how to use a full array of electronic navigational aids and advanced seamanship principles. The City took possession of the 33.5-foot, open-ocean and inshore high-speed fireboat with high-volume pumping and rescue capabilities about six months ago.

TASK FORCE KUDOS

Three Portsmouth Police officers have been recognized for their work on child pornography search warrants and arrests executed throughout the state over the past several months. Lt. Tim Brownell, Det. Mike Leclair and Det. Kristyn Bernier were part of the Child Exploitation Task Force launched to investigate the trading of images of child sex abuse and videos on the internet within New Hampshire. The Portsmouth Police Department is the lead agency of the Northern New England Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Portsmouth schools reopen Aug. 29 for students in Grades 1-12. Kindergarten starts Aug. 30. To see the school calendar, go to www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/index.htm and click on the link for the "2007-2008 School Year Calendar."

SPINNAKER POINT

Check out Spinnaker Point this summer as the air conditioned facility is a great place to work out. Call 766-1483 for operating hours and programs, or see www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/spoint.htm.

BOARD OPENINGS

There are five openings on the Building Code Board of Appeals, as well as openings for alternate members on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Historic District Commission. To learn more about the City's Boards and Commissions, see www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boardscommissions.htm or call 610-7207.

Mark your calendar... (2 items)

From July 23-Aug. 3, traffic will be impacted more than usual by roadwork along New Castle Avenue and motorists are asked to travel with caution and/or find alternate routes.

Summer health registration begins Aug. 22 for new Portsmouth public school students in all grades.

Did you know...?

The City has posted 12 valuable maps online that you can view or download: three different sizes of maps of city streets, including a portable version; a base map; zoning districts; historic district; downtown; locations where dogs can be off-leash; snow removal; voting wards; elementary school districts, and citywide construction projects. They can all be found at www.cityofportsmouth.com/maps.

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/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 Monday through Thursday, 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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