

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

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***There was an error in the starting time listed for the Candidates' Nights being hosted by Citizens for Voter Education in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at City Hall. The time for the group's School Board, Police and Fire Commission Candidates' Night next Wednesday (Oct. 24) is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Channel 22 will broadcast the session live. Also, the City Council Candidates' Night on Wednesday, Oct. 17, will be rebroadcast this Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. Both the Council Candidates' Night and the Night for School Board, Police and Fire Commission Candidates will be rebroadcast beginning at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 5. A list of candidates' nights elsewhere in the city is at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#can](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#can). The election is Nov. 6. We apologize for any inconvenience [the incorrect starting time listed for Wednesday, Oct. 17, may have caused.](#)***

### **VOTING INFO**

The last opportunity to register to vote before the Nov. 6 municipal election is Saturday, Oct. 27, with the Board of Registrars from 10 a.m. to noon in City Hall Room 211. However, voter registrations also will be accepted on Election Day at polling locations. See [www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#how](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voteinfo.htm#how) for what to bring to register. The City Clerk's Office is accepting applications for absentee ballots from those unable to vote during the 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. polling hours because of work, being out of town, or request them due to religious observance or physical disability. Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Contact 610-7207.

### **HALLOWEEN NEWS**

If your home is decorated for Halloween by Friday (Oct. 19), you can enter the Rec Department's Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Register at Spinnaker Point Recreation Center or call 766-1483. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Monster Mash Family Dance is next Saturday (Oct. 27) from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at the Connie Bean Center for children in grades pre-K through 5 and their parents. Cost is \$10 per family. For more information on both events, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-5.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-5.htm) or call 766-1483.

### **TRICK OR TREATING**

Trick or Treating in Portsmouth will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. You can find valuable safety tips at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/halloween.html](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/halloween.html).

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Some downtown streets will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 31, as the Halloween Parade passes. The parade begins at 7 p.m. at the South Playground on Junkins Avenue and ends at the Worth Parking Lot. The parade is expected to last one hour. For the route and other information, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/police/press103107.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/police/press103107.htm).

### **FLU SEASON**

Flu season is fast approaching. In this country, influenza results in about 36,000 deaths annually and 200,000 hospitalizations. The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year. The City's Health Department reports that there are several flu clinics scheduled in the area. To find one near you, go to [findaflushot.com](http://findaflushot.com) and type your zip code into the locator function on the left side of the web page.

### **PEIRCE ISLAND WASTEWATER**

The City will hold a "Wastewater 101" session next Tuesday, Oct. 23, to kick off a comprehensive Wastewater Master Plan Project, which will include studying alternatives and recommending a plan to replace or upgrade the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's Levenson Room. City staff and consultants will discuss the need for the Wastewater Master Plan Project, its benefits and how it will affect Portsmouth residents and businesses. For more info, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks).

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

A public information meeting on the City's Safe Routes to School Program will be held Monday, Oct. 29, at 7

Students, parents and community leaders are encouraged to attend. To learn more, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/srsc.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/srsc.htm).

### **FILM NOIR**

The Library's Film Noir series on Wednesday afternoons continues today with the "Asphalt Jungle." Next Wednesday (Oct. 24) will feature the 1953 film "Touchez pas au Grisbi" starring Jeanne Moreau. Movies begin at 1 p.m. in the Library's state-of-the-art Levenson Room and are followed by a discussion led by Carol Glaser. For information on the Library series, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-noir.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-noir.htm).

### **MEMORABILIA WANTED**

If you have any Portsmouth memorabilia from the 1950s, such as photos, newspaper clippings, trophies, etc., the Portsmouth High School Drama Department would love to borrow it to give their fall production of the musical "Grease" some local flavor. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1 for the show that runs from Nov. 15-18. For more info, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/phs/grease.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/phs/grease.htm).

### **SPECULATIVE SERIES**

"Children of Men," a 2006 film, will be shown tomorrow night (Oct. 18) at 7 p.m. at the Library in conjunction with the "speculative fiction" book discussions it is hosting this fall with the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Next up for discussion is the audio drama "Moon over Morocco" on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. The speculative fiction genre includes science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, and magical realism. For info on the book discussions, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-speculate.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-speculate.htm) and for information on the films, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-cin.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/lib-programs-cin.htm).

### **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

Registration for the Grades K-4 girls' and boys' youth basketball leagues is next week (Oct. 22-26) from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Connie Bean Center. The cost is \$25 and includes a shirt. For more info, see [www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-4.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/recreation/programs-4.htm) or call 766-1483.

### **SWIM LESSONS**

Registration is underway at the Indoor Pool for the next session of swim lessons, held from late October to late November. Call the pool at 427-1545 for specific days and times.

### **PHS SPORTS**

This past Monday's girls' volleyball game against Gilford High School will be broadcast this Saturday, Oct. 20, at 3:45 p.m. on local government access cable Channel 22. The volleyball team's state playoff games also will be broadcast on Channel 22. Check [www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/ch22.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school/ch22.htm) for broadcast dates and times.

### **LAUGHING AT OURSELVES**

Author/columnist/poet Joann Snow Duncanson will share her humorous stories and poems Thursday, Nov. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Library's Hilton Garden Room. Be ready to laugh about her stories about bad hair days, yard sales gone wrong and other everyday foibles, Contact: 427-1540.

### **ISLINGTON STREET**

Stakeholder input from four public meetings on developing a prioritized action plan for Islington Street corridor improvements and possibly establishing an Arts District in that area will be presented at a "public visioning" session Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The public is invited to provide input to augment information received from the previous stakeholder meetings. The project is expected to continue through March 2008. Contact: 610-7220.

### **HOLIDAY PARADE**

Applications for Portsmouth's 2007 Illuminated Holiday Parade, scheduled this year for Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., are now available online at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/mayor/holiday-parade.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/mayor/holiday-parade.htm). This year's theme is "Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth" as part of a month-long citywide Christmas celebration that includes Strawberry Banke and The Music Hall. Parade applications are due Nov. 19. Contact: [Parade@CityofPortsmouth.com](mailto:Parade@CityofPortsmouth.com) or 610-7281.

## **ROADWORK**

Final paving work is scheduled this week and next on 14 streets related to the New Castle Avenue Seawall project. The streets are: Marcy Street (South-New Castle), Salter Street, Prey Street, Partridge Street, Holmes Court, Walden Street, Driftwood Lane, Baycliff Road, Ball Street, Fernald Street, Ridges Court, New Castle Avenue (South-Marcy), South School Street, and Humphrey's Court. Sidewalk work also will continue on New Castle Avenue from South to Marcy Streets. Also, work is continuing on the Middle Street sidewalks.

Information on all city road projects can be found at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/projects/index.htm).

## **BOARD OPENINGS**

The Building Code Board of Appeals has two openings, the Citizens Advisory Committee has one and there is also a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission. Information on the City's volunteer boards and how to apply, is at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boardscommissions.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/boardscommissions.htm).

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

Portsmouth Public Schools receive federal, state and local grants to assist in enhancing student achievement, lowering class size, instituting innovative programs, and providing professional development. The total of grants received during the last school year was over \$1.8 million. To learn more, see the Annual Report now online at [www.cityofportsmouth.com/annualreport/index.htm](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/annualreport/index.htm) and available at the Library.

**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/2007/index.htm](http://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. 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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