

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, September 20, 2020

Portsmouth Mask Ordinance now in effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 199,672. NH: 438. Rockingham County: 103. Cumulative cases: US: 6,831,844. Cumulative cases in NH: 7,920. Rockingham County: 1,971. Portsmouth: 114. Current cases in NH: 318. Rockingham County: 90. In Portsmouth: 5. For the complete, NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

May Her Memory be a Revolution

Some say notorious.

We're told the most righteous souls
pass with the setting of the sun
on the eve of Rosh Hashanah,
a sign that all is as it should be.

Let's say glorious.

Let us grieve, as we must, as we should.
Cry, curse cancer, curl up in a comforter.
She'd condone that, briefly.
But do not descend into it,
for she would expect, instead,
dissent.

Let's say meritorious.

Remember her.
Get up, rise up, speak up.
Do twenty push-ups.
Study something complex.
Eat some Chinese take-out.
If so inclined, adorn yourself
with baubles or lace, then
dissent.

Let's be victorious.

Honor the tiny giant
who fought for us, for justice.
Quiet as a thunder clap,
make your voice heard.
She did all she could
so that we can
dissent.

Let's.

-- Tammi J Truax

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