

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Newsletter: Thursday, January 19, 2023

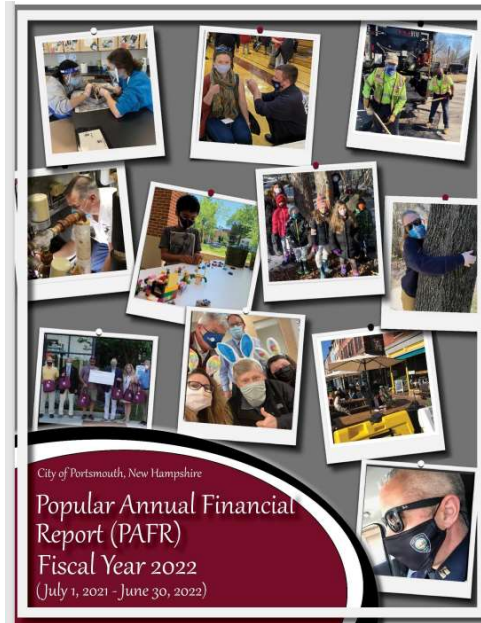


COAST CANCELS ALL MORNING SERVICE FRI JAN 20 -- Due to the winter storm that is predicted to arrive overnight and result in moderate to heavy snow, with the possibility of a freezing rain mix, including a light glaze of ice over the course of the day Friday, the decision has been made to curtail all morning service. COAST fixed route operations should resume in staggered fashion after 12:15pm. For specific details, please visit COAST's website at www.coastbus.org/upcomingservicechanges. COAST demand response services should also resume after 12:15pm Friday.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION IN CASE A SNOW PARKING BAN IS NEEDED – TO RECEIVE NOTICES, SIGN UP AT SMART 911 -- Snow parking announcements are issued by email, phone and text on Smart911 in advance of any anticipated snow parking bans. Alerts are issued when the parking ban goes into effect. To receive Smart 911 notifications, go to the subscription page: <https://tinyurl.com/3m242zxb>

NO SCHOOL? NO TRASH PICKUP -- If school is cancelled due to snow, there will be **no trash pickup** on Fri Jan 20. **Please be sure to clear trash and bins if there is no collection so plows can work effectively.** School cancellations notices are posted on the Portsmouth School Department website <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/school> their social media accounts and WMUR TV: www.wmur.com

MON JAN 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7 PM in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.



NOW AVAILABLE! PUBLIC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – Prepared under the guidance of Director of Finance and Administration Judie Belanger, the [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ACFR](#) is the City's official, audited full financial disclosure, reporting on the financial health of the City. [The Popular Annual Financial Report PAFR](#) is presented in an easy-to-read format for readers with various levels of financial knowledge. There's also a [PAFR interactive guide](#). **For those who cannot access the reports online, print copies are also available at City Hall, the City Clerk's office, the Portsmouth Public Library and the Senior Activity Center.**



400 TREES FOR THE 400TH! -- The City is celebrating the 400th anniversary by planting 400 trees: 100 are the usual Tree City annual plantings, 100 trees are being donated by Portsmouth Rotary to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023 and 200 more are designated for local residents to plant at their homes or businesses. Residents (first come, first served) will receive a cloth bag containing a 4-to-6-

foot sapling, an appropriate amount of compost to help prepare the ground for the tree and instructions on planting and caring for the new tree. **Residents interested in receiving one of these trees for planting on their private property should sign up at:** <https://tinyurl.com/3jed2fjk> They will be notified in April, once a date is selected for a tree-planting workshop and pickup at the Urban Forestry Center.



PORTSMOUTH NH 400 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ARE UNDERWAY! PNH400 merchandise, including the commemorative wall calendar, will be available soon at downtown retail locations. In the meantime, order online and check out upcoming events at PortsmouthNH400.org

ENTER PNH400 RAFFLE TO WIN A CURATED DINNER FOR 10 AT CURE RESTAURANT

-- Enter for a 1 in 150 chance to win an amazing dinner for 10 hosted by Cure Restaurant, prepared and curated by local celebrity chef/owner Julie Cutting and her amazing team. The winner will enjoy a delicious dinner of 5 courses paired with craft cocktails and delicious wines. To purchase raffle tickets (\$100 each) go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/2br7bpuw>

PORTSMOUTH NH 400 LEGACY PROJECT: SPEAKER SERIES STARTS JAN 24 at 6:30 PM Free and open to the public in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library – Discussion with the Editorial Advisors for *A History of Portsmouth NH in 101 Objects* book.

- Larry Yerdon, Strawbery Banke Museum
 - Tom Hardiman, Portsmouth Athenaeum
 - Steve Butzel & Nicole Cloutier, Portsmouth Public Library
 - Gerry Ward, Portsmouth Historical Society
- Additional programs In Feb, Mar and Apr 18.



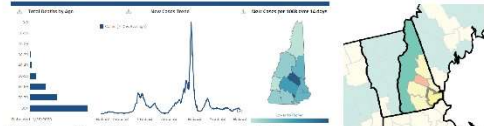
LOOKING FOR INDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER? CHECK OUT THE REC DEPT [CONNIE BEAN](#) AND [COMMUNITY CAMPUS OPEN GYM SHCEDULES](#) AND THE [PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR](#) for programs such as daily Story Times. Daily activities for all ages.



MCINTYRE PROJECT UPDATE: Reminder that all documents and plans are posted to [the McIntyre Project page](#) on the City website.

HANOVER GARAGE – Concrete demolition Jan 16-27. Work takes place between 8 am and 5 pm, Mon-Fri. Subscribe to the weekly emails and submit questions on the [Hanover Garage Project page](#). **Go to current work schedule:** <https://tinyurl.com/2nfcachef>

HEALTH BULLETIN BOARD 1/18/23



NH DHHS is reporting a 32% decrease in the number of cases for the 7 days ending January 18, compared to the previous 7 days. <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/>
CDC is classifying BELKNAP County (as well as NYC and Long Island) as "high risk" and CARROLL, MERRIMACK, HILLSBOROUGH AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, PLUS ALL OF MASSACHUSETTS AS "MODERATE RISK." (Maps at right) <https://tinyurl.com/383f53vz>

NH DHHS AND CDC RECOMMEND EVERYONE OVER 18 RECEIVE COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINES. On the NH DHHS Health Care Provider call last week, Dr. Chen noted that most of COVID-19 are driven by the omicron variant boosters designed to address recent variants. AND because many months have passed for those who received the primary vaccine series whose effectiveness decreases over time. Go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/#vaccines
NH DHHS ALSO RECOMMENDS this season's FLU shots for everyone. The formulation is proving effective against this year's strains and protection for all who have had limited exposure in the over the past years of the pandemic.



COVID-19 Booster Doses

The best way to protect yourself from COVID-19, including Omicron is to get vaccinated and boosted.

Who? Everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster.

When? At least 6 months after your second Pfizer or Moderna shot, or 4 months after Johnson & Johnson.

COVID-19 Vaccination for People NOT Moderately/Severely Immunocompromised

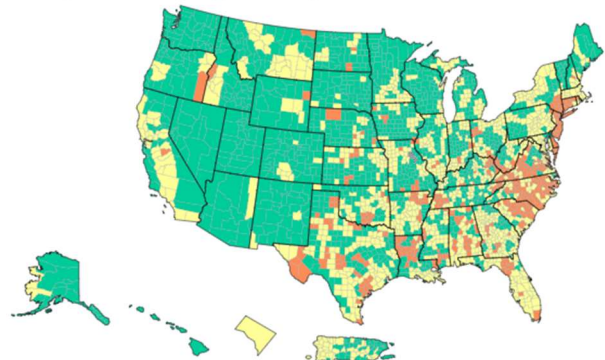
Age Group	Number of Doses	Interval Between Doses
18-64	2	3-4 weeks
65+	3	4-8 weeks

COVID-19 Vaccination for People WHO ARE Moderately/Severely Immunocompromised

Age Group	Number of Doses	Interval Between Doses
18-64	3	4-8 weeks
65+	4	4-8 weeks

ATTENTION MOOSE AND DEER HUNTERS -- Also on the Jan 12 call, NH DHHS discussed two extremely rare cases of *Toxoplasma gondii* in humans in NH -- both contracted by North Country moose hunters who dressed their own meat, and had dogs. The *toxoplasma* that causes cysts to develop in the brain can only be contracted by dogs who eat the raw service meat of infected animals. But dogs can transfer the live *toxoplasma* eggs to humans via excitement that might get on hands or vegetation the human then ingests. NH DHHS recommends making sure dogs don't scavenge their, elk, or moose carcasses, particularly in the northern counties, but generally.

REGIONAL HEALTH BULLETIN BOARD: Go to a larger PDF: <https://tinyurl.com/383f53vz>



TRAVELING? CDC TOOL FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY RISK. CDC recommends using its online COVID-19 tracker: <https://tinyurl.com/57p5j3ba>

COVID-19 BOOSTER SITES! Find locations offering the new booster by going to the interactive map at vaccines.gov

BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS – Call On-Site Medical Services at 603.826.6500 to make an appointment or go to <https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccine>

CROSS ROADS HOUSE WARMING CENTER FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HOMELESS -- Open from 7 pm to 8 am on any day the forecast temperature or wind chill dips to 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, or if heavy snowfall accumulates to six inches.

OPERATION BLESSING WARMING CENTER, WEEKEND HOT MEALS AND FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHING ROOM -- 600a Lafayette Rd

opens its 8-bed warming center from 7 pm to 7 am when the temperature is 25 degrees or below.
Weekend Hot Meals - just walk in - on Saturdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm and Sundays from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. The Operation Blessing, INC Food Pantry and Clothing Room is open Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm and Sat 9 am to 12 noon. Call 603-430-8561 or 603-988-2671.

WEEKLY FREE LUNCH REMINDERS:

- **Middle Street Baptist Church** – Seacoast Community Lunch brown bag lunches from the parking lot (18 Court St.), 12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesdays. For more information call 603-436-2337 or email lunch@middle.st
- **St. John's Episcopal Church** -- Common Table bag lunch, Thurs, 12 noon to 1 pm dine inside. 12:30 pm for bag lunch pickup in the St. John's parking lot (100 Chapel St.). **EVERY MON FREE HOT BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 7-8 AM. The Breakfast Club will serve a hot, sit-down breakfast in Thaxter Hall.**
- **GATHER COMMUNITY MARKET, FRIDAYS, 10 am – 1 pm** – A FREE food market for all. No paperwork. No ID. No one is ever turned away. Located at the NH National Guard building, 801 McGee Drive in Portsmouth.

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE LOCAL CONTACTS -- If you need help, please call or text the Suicide Hotline Number AT 1-833-710.6477 or reach out to nh988.com. PLEASE NOTE: if your phone is not an area code 603 number you should call the New Hampshire crisis center directly for immediate help.

CITY PUBLIC ART REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS –Interested candidates should complete the application form: <https://tinyurl.com/yh5fm88r>

For more information on PARC, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/h9krxwp8>

PORTSMOUTH STANDS WITH UKRAINE
There are many recognized relief agencies responding to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. You might consider one of these: <https://tinyurl.com/2mtsejuh>

CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:
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