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City of Portsmouth to Observe July 4th Holiday

The municipal offices of the City of Portsmouth will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday on Friday, July 3rd. As a reminder, all City offices, libraries, museums, and recreation centers are currently closed to the public due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Friday Trash Collections Rescheduled for Wednesday, July 1st

All Friday trash, bulk, and recycling collections will be rescheduled for collection in advance of the holiday on Wednesday, July 1st. For more information, please call the Division of Waste Management at 393-8663.

Portsmouth's Golf Courses

City golf courses are following the strict State and CDC guidelines for operation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tee times and golf carts are limited. Please see below and call ahead to ensure availability.

The Links Golf Course, located at 140 City Park Avenue, will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call 465-1500.

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course, located at 1 Bide-A-Wee Lane, will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call 393-8600 or visit: www.portsvagolf.com.

Virtual Access: Libraries and Museums

Portsmouth Public Library buildings are closed, but virtual services are always available! These include a variety of informational, educational, and entertainment options. Patrons without a current card can now get a digital library card to access all of the free resources available. To get a card, go to <https://www.portsmouthpubliclibrary.org/227/Digital-Library-Card-Sign-Up>. The digital offerings are in one place on the Library's website at <https://www.portsmouthpubliclibrary.org/31/Digital-Branch-Library>. Consider participating in the **Community Diary** to express yourself and preserve our local history! The Diary project is capturing the personal accounts of Portsmouth residents and the community during the pandemic for archival purposes. At a later time, the Diary will be shared and available as a part of Portsmouth's history. Learn more at <https://www.portsmouthpubliclibrary.org/228/Community-Diary>.

Portsmouth Museums are closed, but offer a variety of online learning fun!

The Children's Museum of Virginia is offering videos, science activities, and virtual tours for students to connect with exhibits, such as the [Dr. Force's Traveling Energy Extravaganza](#) exhibit and the [My Backyard and Beyond](#) exhibit. Art-themed activities are also available. For a complete list of the distance learning offerings, visit <https://childrensmuseumvirginia.com/education/online-learning/>. History enthusiasts can enjoy a virtual field trip of the **Lightship Portsmouth Museum**, and find out what it was like to live in those close quarters at <https://portsmouthnavalshipyardmuseum.com/online-learning/lightship-portsmouth-virtual-tour/>.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum- Read stories of naval history at <https://portsmouthnavalshipyardmuseum.com/online-learning/>.

The Portsmouth Colored Community Library Museum- Read about a 1954 fan-led boycott of a baseball stadium in Norfolk that led to integration of the entrance gates, or delve into an interactive story about guiding an escaped slave to freedom at <https://portsvaafricanamericanheritage.com/online-learning/>.

The Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center- Online learning offerings at <https://portsmouthartcenter.com/online-learning/>. Visitors can also take a virtual tour of the new exhibit, *The Test: The Tuskegee Airmen* <https://portsmouthartcenter.com/exhibits/the-test-the-tuskegee-project/>.

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