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**City of Portsmouth to Observe Labor Day Holiday
*Visitor Center, Museums, City Park, and Golf Courses will be open!***

The City of Portsmouth municipal offices and libraries will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2011.

There will be no garbage or bulk collection on Labor Day and these Monday collection routes will be rescheduled for collection on Wednesday, September 7th. In reference to trash collection after Hurricane Irene, trash bins are being collected on the normal schedule. The primary focus of bulk collections is on storm debris. Residents should separate storm debris from trash and leave it at the edge of the property and Division of Waste Management crews will collect it as soon as possible. For more information about trash or bulk collection, please call the Division of Waste Management at 393-8663.

The Portsmouth Visitor Center, located at 6 Crawford Parkway, will be open on Labor Day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call 393-5111 for more information.

Portsmouth Museums

As a back-to-school send-off, visit the Children's Museum of Virginia, located at 221 High Street, on Labor Day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.childrensmuseumva.com>.

In addition, Courthouse Galleries, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, and Lightship *PORTSMOUTH* will be open on Labor Day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please visit these websites for more information: <http://www.courthousegalleries.com/> and <http://www.portsnaval museums.com/>.

Courthouse Galleries, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, and Lightship *PORTSMOUTH* offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families through Labor Day 2011 as participants in the Blue Star Families program. For more information about the program, visit: www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Portsmouth City Park and The Links Golf Course

The Portsmouth City Park and The Links Golf Course, located at 140 City Park Avenue, will be open on Labor Day-- City Park from dawn to dusk; and The Links from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 465-2935.

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course

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: <http://www.bideaweegolf.com/>.