

From: [Tom Holbrook via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: City workers wearing masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:46:23 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tom Holbrook (riverrunbookstore@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 11:46:22

address: 142 Fleet St

comments: Every once in a while I see a city worker or a police officer wearing a mask, and it makes me glad. Mostly I do not. I would very much like the city to mandate that workers where masks in public. If you don't feel you can mandate that citizens wear them (though you should) the city could at least set a better example.

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From: [Laurie via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Coronavirus
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:22:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Laurie (Barr.laurie0423@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 13:22:45

address: Exeter NH

comments: Please require large gatherings such as the Trump rally to wear masks. We flattened the curve only to let this happen and reverse all the progress made. If people want teachers to go back to teaching their children in the fall, then adults in our community have to do their part to make that happen by wearing masks now and until school reopens. Teachers cannot be the only ones making sacrifices to get everyone back on track.

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From: [Cheri Bach via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Election day - face coverings
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:21:34 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cheri Bach (cheribach@comcast.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 13:21:32

address: 15 Wibird Street

comments: Please consider this idea:

Maybe some publicity and messaging ahead of elections would be helpful
..."if you are unable to wear a mask at the polls, please apply for an absentee ballot at

Thank you so much.

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From: [Wendy Kessler via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:04:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Wendy Kessler (FAGELBAGEL@AOL.COM) on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 17:04:56

address: 790 McGee Drive

comments: Dear Councilors,

I feel like we just dodged a huge bullet, with the cancellation of President Trump's visit, originally scheduled for tomorrow.

We have worked so hard to keep our Covid infections and deaths low, and I am so frightened by the influx of out of state visitors. I can't even walk around my own downtown, because so many people refuse to wear face masks. For the life of me, I can't understand why they won't wear face masks, and why you won't require them in Portsmouth.

This is not a political issue, it is a public health issue.

PLEASE require face masks be worn in public.

Thank you for listening.
Wendy Kessler
790 McGee Drive

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From: [Barbara DeStefano via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Islington St
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:25:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Barbara DeStefano (barbarajdestefano@comcast.net) on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10:25:26

address: 90 Brewery Ln, Apt 106

comments: This I my 2nd email on this topic since it seems to be coming up at the Monday night meeting. Please do not attempt to redesign the expert plan for the area near White Heron and Plaza 800. That area can use all the traffic calming and pedestrian safety as possible! There are now many residents in the area with many more to come so please let it pray already planned. Thanks!

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From: [Annie Poubeau via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Islington Street corridor
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:46:04 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Annie Poubeau (Jalognes@hotmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 10:46:02

address: 160 Bartlett street

comments: Dear Mr Mayor and City Councilors,
I ask to please go forward with the current design that allows for more pedestrian safety on Islington St. The West End residents enjoy walking to and from local businesses and can only benefit from more infrastructure in their favor, not fewer. It is time for cars to slow down and pay attention to the growing bike and pedestrian population. Please continue to move forward in protecting ALL your residents.
Thank you.

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From: [Paul Novotny via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Islington Street
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:03:16 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Paul Novotny (paul.novotny@gmail.com) on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 22:03:14

address: Aldrich Rd

comments: I would like to voice my support for the pedestrian island in front of Gallagher's Place and the bump out in front of White Heron. I do not support Mayor Becksted last minute proposal to remove these features from the Islington St plans. These plans have been discussed, reviewed, and received input from the public over a years long process, and is currently under construction. Do not make last minute changes at this stage. These two features in particular, the island and the bump out, make Islington Street safer for pedestrians and should not be removed.

Also, please pass the motion to require mask wearing in public and keep our community safe.

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From: [Claire Houston via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Keep our community safe
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:24:07 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Claire Houston (ClaireHouston@comcast.net) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:24:05

address: 67 Linden St Exeter NH

comments: We have managed to keep our Covid infection numbers low. People have endured a lot of hardship to make this relative-health possible. Enforcing safe practices as out of towners flow into our communities for this rally seems imperative, yet overwhelming. If the organizers of this event don't even acknowledge the seriousness of the situation in the USA, won't engage in safe practices themselves, how can anyone expect the boards to practice gathering safely. We cancel nearly every other organized gathering in the name of Covid safety. This rally seems foolhardy. Just today, Tulsa has seen an upsurge, more than doubling, in their infections now that it is 2 weeks since that rally. Let's not be like Tulsa.

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From: [Gerald W.R. Ward via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Leadership
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:32:31 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Gerald W.R. Ward (ward4staterep@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 10:32:29

address: 16 Nixon Park

comments: Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors:

I urge you to support the motions being presented on Monday re: the wearing of masks. We have just dodged a bullet, giving you time to take a stronger stance for the benefit of your constituents. We are indeed at the point where we need a "last defense" or we will never get out of this situation. You cannot expect leadership from the Governor nor from anyone in Washington. It is up to you. By the time we get a spike in cases, it will be too late, as we have seen in other states. Without dealing with the pandemic, we will never achieve an economic recovery.

Governments pass many laws protecting citizens from actions that are harmful, such as not wearing a mask during a world-wide pandemic. The thought that "100 percent compliance is not possible, therefore we should do nothing" is a tired excuse that could be said about any proposed ordinance or law. Fortunately, most of the good people of Portsmouth and New Hampshire are law-abiding citizens and would follow your leadership.

It would be a good start if city employees and officials, when working outside of City Hall, wore masks while engaged in their duties to set an example.

Best of luck with your deliberations and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerry Ward

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From: [Beatrice Kingston via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Lost Revenue Without Mask Mandate
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:03:03 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Beatrice Kingston (bkingston@steu.edu) on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 17:03:01

address: Bridgewater, New Jersey

comments: July 12, 2020

Re: Yet more lost revenue for Portsmouth and environs

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors,

Normally in June and July my husband, daughter, and I would be settled into our condo on Islington Street.

I would be enjoying my daily latte from Café Kilim, and we would be dining out for either lunch or dinner, again daily, at one of our many favorite restaurants: Oar House, Mr. Kim's, The Green Elephant, Row 34, Vida Cantina, The Beach Plum, and Street, just to name a few. And at least once a week, we would be happy customers at Franklin Oyster Bar's happy hour.

Then there are all the local businesses from whom we buy regularly. Among them are the Nahcotta Gallery, Bull Moose, River Run Bookstore, Footnotes, Clay's, Putting on the Glitz, Stonewall Kitchen, and Le Roux Kitchenware, again, just to name a few.

But due to the fact that neither the state nor the city of Portsmouth mandates the wearing of masks, I have chosen to remain in New Jersey, where everyone MUST wear masks, not only indoors but also outdoors where distancing is not possible.

I would not dream of patronizing any establishment where masks are not required. As the mother of a son who works in a supermarket, I was terrified for him until Governor Murphy mandated masks. I fear for all employees of Market Basket and all other stores where some customers refuse to protect both themselves and others by wearing face coverings.

I urge you to issue a mask mandate for Portsmouth. Until such time, I will spend my money here in New Jersey.

Missing my days in Portsmouth,

Sincerely,
Beatrice Kingston Cataldo

PS I wonder how many other people, like me, are staying away.....

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From: [Macey via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Make masks mandatory
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:18:04 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Macey (maceyw8@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11:18:03

address: 15 Organug Rd

comments: As cases increase, and people continue to travel to NH for vacation and enjoy our restaurants and services. It is surprising to me that Portsmouth has yet to make masks mandatory. My sister has a severe autoimmune disease and can't even walk out of her apartment because of people without masks outside. Inside most places require them, it should be a requirement in the city.

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From: [Judy Miller via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mandate Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:50:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judy Miller (jamiller37@gmail.com) on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 07:50:42

address: 77 Hanover Street, Unit #7

comments: I strongly urge the council to approve that wearing Masks are Mandated in Portsmouth.

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From: [Riley emery via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mandatory Mask for Rally in Portsmouth
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:06:13 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Riley emery (Soboriley@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 13:06:12

address: 911 Ocean Blvd Apt 7

comments: Hi I am writing to the city councilors as a concerned citizen with the Trump Rally approaching this weekend. As we have seen in Tulsa, there was a rise in COVID-19 cases after Donald Trump's rally and I am afraid the same will happen to our community if we do not instate a mandatory mask requirement for gatherings such as these.

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From: [Emma Cancelada via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mandatory Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:08:54 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Emma Cancelada (emmacancelada@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 17:08:52

address: 17 Phelps Street

comments: Thank you, Assistant Mayor Splaine and Councilor McEachern and others involved in taking the seriousness of masks. I will reserve my disappointment for others in the council chamber who see this as a political issue, not an incredible important health matter.

Having grown up in Portsmouth and worked in Portsmouth, it is clear that it is a growing tourist town. Given that few people who work in Portsmouth can live in the premise of downtown, much less in the actually afford any housing in the city, the issue of mandating masks is larger than a town issue. This is a Rockingham county issue, this is a New Hampshire issue, this a New England issue, this is a country issue.

Workers will always be the first to suffer. We are not paid well. We do not have the benefits for working remote. We do not have health insurance. We do not have affordable housing. Regardless, we will go to work because we have no choice, despite that employers may be lax in their safety procedures or hesitant to defend their employee's health to a customer.

It is necessary to mandate a guidance regardless of the discomfort. Given that there is soft guidance from the NH state governor, I implore the entire council chamber to understand that any relaxed implementation of masks affects far more people outside of Portsmouth, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, New England, and even the country.

I would also like to add that this meeting would have been nice to know before Monday afternoon. All of my peers who are directly impacted by your decisions do not read the newspaper or check in with the town hall website.

I can understand that I'm of a generation that has not been educated on municipal governance and have had to take it upon ourselves to learn on our own volition but it would be very nice to have a community participation notification system to lessen the friction of partaking in our immediate communities. If I am incorrect in my search for one already in use with the town of Portsmouth, I would love to be corrected!

Sincerely,
Emma Cancelada

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From: [Donna Westbrook via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate proposed by Asst. Mayor Splaine
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:07:48 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Donna Westbrook (dmwestbrook@comcast.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 00:07:46

address: 76D Manor Drive

comments: To the Mayor and all City Council Members,

I read through social media this week, that Assistant Mayor Jim Splaine is going to propose a mask mandate during tonight's city council meeting. I am writing in support of a mask mandate in Portsmouth. At first I thought a mandate with no penalty would be the best, but as time goes by and much of the rest of the country is seeing spikes in covid 19 cases, with hot spots having difficulties treating covid 19 because they are overburdened, like what happened in New York, I started to think that penalties was not a bad idea. I am not making a case for either having penalties or not, but ask again from all of you to support Jim's motion for a mask mandate in Portsmouth. Most of us have worked very hard to keep the covid number low, for the sake of our loved ones and for society. Just as one person can't do it alone, I also believe that just one community can't do it alone, therefore I ask that we join other communities with a mask mandate to practice safest measures in containi!

ng the virus. This is not a plea for special interests as this is in the best interest of everyone. I believe that the city has the authority to mandate wearing of masks for the public welfare. I do not think that it takes anyone's rights away, any more than other safety measures that are put in place for the safety of our city. No one person has total free rights to do what ever they want. Let's use science as well as common sense. We see what has happened in many states that have little or no safety protocols in place. I watch the news everyday and see our small state of New Hampshire colored green on the map (meaning declining cases) against a sea of orange and red states, (those that are on the rise). Is it all of our hard work? Yes! It may also be because of some surrounding states that are lower in numbers.. maybe not declining but plateauing. We have come this far, let's not let our efforts be in vain. There is no reason to assume that this decline will hold without !

the most complete effort, while there is the rest of the count!
ry to show us that there is much reason to assume it will get worse without our best efforts. Please support a mask mandate for Portsmouth!

Thank you!

Donna Westbrook
76D Manor Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801
603-957-9054

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From: [Joanne Wolfe via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:20:27 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joanne Wolfe (Joannewwolfe@comcast.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 08:20:25

address: 213 Gates Street Unit 1

comments: I completely support a mask mandate for the city of Portsmouth. Individual business and restaurant owners should not have to "fight" with customers about it. It should be required.

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From: [Stephen Sanger via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:20:42 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Stephen Sanger (steve@truthshine.org) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 12:20:41

address: 52 Mendum Ave

comments: I am strongly in favor of mandating masks in Portsmouth when social distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible.

Social distancing in downtown, other commercial neighborhoods or in any retail establishment is not possible because:

Persons on sidewalks cannot social distance.
Persons entering and leaving stores/restaurants are not able to maintain social distancing.
Persons shopping in stores are not able to maintain social distancing.

The notion of “positive re-enforcement” so that Portsmouth will be seen as a “friendly community” is inadequate. A mandate is required.. If we do not mandate masks, we are knowingly putting our citizens, especially those working in commercial establishments, at risk of catastrophic illness. I think Portsmouth will be seen as a “friendly community” if it demonstrates that it cares about the health and safety of both its own citizens and those who come to visit.

If we have a health department that mandates and enforces food safety, a fire department that mandates and enforces smoke alarms, a Planning Department that mandates and enforces building codes and a police department that mandates and enforces safe speeds in our neighborhoods, we can mandate masks to protect our lives when social distancing is not possible.

Stephen Sanger
52 Mendum Ave
Portsmouth, NH

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From: [Meghan Mickela via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:43:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Meghan Mickela (megan.mickela@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 15:43:23

address: 326 thornton Street, Portsmouth NH

comments: I implore the city council to make a mask mandate in order to stop the rampant spread of COVID-19 that will inevitably spread to Portsmouth with the upcoming Trump rally at Pease

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REMOTE_ADDR: 75.68.183.48

From: [Marilyn \(Mim\) Easton via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:35:33 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marilyn (Mim) Easton (mimeaston@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 18:35:31

address: 369 Bartlett St

comments: It's not just about the rally. This is about the thousands who come to the rally who then come to our restaurants, stores, gas stations, etc and assert their mask-less rights. That's the scary part. Pollute the hangar because it's private property. But don't stop at Roundabout Diner, or Gary's Beverages, or Diversions without a mask. We've been doing the work since March: wearing masks, staying home, don't come to our town and drag us down.

A mask ordinance won't change behavior on Pease. But it will change behavior in our city.

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From: [Susan Gorman via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: mask requirement for Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:39:21 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Susan Gorman (susan@susangorman.net) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 14:39:18

address: 19 Garfield Street

comments: In Oklahoma, they can trace their recent spike in COVID cases to a Trump rally. Please do not let New Hampshire suffer the same fate.

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From: [Renee Nicholls via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: mask requirement
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:46:29 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Renee Nicholls (oxforduk@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 08:46:27

address: 4 Patricia Ave

comments: I worked at Heinemann on Islington Street for many years and still think of Portsmouth as home. We live in Exeter but often shop in Portsmouth. We are very concerned about the lack of mask requirements for the "president"'s visit. Please do all you can to either require masks or encourage local shops and restaurants to close doors as Country View in Greenland has done. Otherwise, COVID may spread like a fire. Thank you.

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From: [Scott Lane via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:07:36 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Scott Lane (hslane@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 08:07:34

address: 87 Spinnaker Way

comments: The reason we donâ€™t come downtown is the lack of masks. A fine and a demand is required. People are ignoring the virus.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 75.68.182.223

From: [Rep. David Meuse via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks Wearing: Carrots, Sticks, and Beyond
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:06:06 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rep. David Meuse (David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 10:06:04

address: 579 Sagamore Avenue, Unit 97, Portsmouth, NH

comments: Members of the City Council and Mayor Becksted:

I am a supporter of requiring masks to be worn in environments where physical distancing cannot be maintained. I am strongly urging you to 1) adopt a behaviorally-based strategy that would maximize the wearing of masks in our community in areas where social distancing is challenging and 2) to begin the process of approving a mask ordinance for Portsmouth that would fine or penalize residents and visitors who fail to comply.

Since March, nearly 400 people in New Hampshire have died from the virus. Nearly 140,000 have died in the U.S. and over half a million people worldwide. At this point, 47 other states are experiencing surges in cases. While bankruptcies in New Hampshire have been historically low, the amount of federal aid available to help businesses pay employees and hold off creditors has been historically high—a situation that will change as federal aid dries up at the end of the month. Meanwhile, the virus shows now signs of calming down. In states that reopened prematurely and unwisely, infections are surging to record highs. “Pandemic fatigue” and the abysmal failure of leadership at the national level have also caused some—including some of you—to see mask wearing as a political issue rather than as a public health issue.

Unfortunately it’s a political issue by necessity because the action of public officials like yourselves is required to enact policies that will have the desired impact of wearing masks to reduce the spread. While it is true that many people are more than willing to whatever is necessary at the personal level to help, it is an indisputable fact that others will require nudges and reminders, while still others just may need a good kick in the seat of the pants.

Tonight, the council will meet to consider separate measures to 1) require the wearing of masks in Portsmouth when physical distancing cannot be maintained and 2) to endorse the idea of providing “positive incentives” to encourage compliance in the absence of any fines or penalties in the first measure.

From a behavioral perspective, rewards and penalties are typically both part of the picture when it comes to maximizing behavior change in a situation where the goal is full compliance. While short-term motivators, such as a reward of some sort, can result in temporary adoption of a desired behavior, they rarely result in a change becoming a habit. Short-term rewards can also reduce intrinsic motivation—in other words, the motivation to adopt a habit for its own sake because it is the right thing to do.

Ideally when it comes to wearing a mask, I’d like to think we could all agree that we would like to see everyone eventually become intrinsically motivated to wear a mask regardless of how we feel when it comes to our political preferences. The right thing to do is always to protect others.

But one look downtown shows we have quite a few visitors and residents who either don't feel this way or who don't feel there will be consequences if they don't wear a mask. What many of these folks may not be seeing that you are responsible for seeing are the consequences for our business community and our workers if we allow Portsmouth to continue to be a mask-free zone for anyone suffering from pandemic fatigue, a bad case of sociopathy, or who just doesn't like wearing them.

I do not want to see a surge in cases in our community that could result in closures and more of our people becoming ill and dying. I’m sure none of you do either.

Getting more people to wear masks when they should be wearing them isn't just a matter of making a choice between carrots and sticks. In a complex and fast-changing environment like the one we are facing with the pandemic, a strategy of choosing the right carrots AND the right sticks is likely to be much more effective.

Nashua has had success with an ordinance mandating masks with a \$200 penalty. Both its infection and death rates are well under those of Manchester—not a small achievement for a border town chock full of restaurants and shopping malls where Massachusetts residents from viral hotspots have been free to make shopping and day trips since this whole thing started. But Mayor Donchess and the Aldermen of that city would probably be the first to tell you that what they weren't trying to achieve with their ordinance was a new revenue source—it was to create the “possibility of a penalty”. This strategy combined with a light enforcement touch, a strong outreach campaign, and an ongoing commitment to address masks and physical distancing as public health enablers to addressing the city's economic issues has helped make Nashua a success story at a time when many other cities and states are drowning in failure.

In addition to considering incentives and penalties, removing barriers is also critical. I would also like to see our city and state governments doing far more to make it easier for more people to mask up. Unfortunately, selling masks acquired by the state from Dean Kaman's China connections for \$20 for a box of 50 in state liquor stores (where only clerks are required to wear them) does not impress me as good public policy. Something I would like to see the council consider is acquiring a large number of masks that could be distributed at no cost to people needing them downtown, outside grocery stores, and in other places where people are likely to be out in significant numbers in places where social distancing is a challenge. The bottom line: if you want people to do something, make it easy.

One final comment. During this crisis, it is vitally important for people to see community leaders, business leaders, coaches, teachers, and as many everyday citizens as possible photographed wearing masks, promoting mask-wearing, and reinforcing this behavior in others in visible ways. The ultimate goal is to make the wearing of masks a social norm and a habit in our community--a habit that draws attention when people DON'T do it versus when they do.

The simple truth is that Portsmouth needs many more visitors and residents to be wearing masks when out in public. The council needs to do whatever is necessary to make that happen. Not just whatever is easiest.

Rep. David Meuse, Portsmouth

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From: [Riley Schmerber via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: masks!!
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:14:40 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Riley Schmerber (riley.schmerber1@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 22:14:38

address: 22 Old South Rd

comments: please mandate masks!! we all know that masks work and they help stop the spread of disease. we don't want a spike in cases because a bunch of inbreeds want to gather.

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From: [Cathrine DiPentima via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:55:01 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cathrine DiPentima (cathrich3@myfairpoint.net) on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 07:54:59

address: 16 Dunlin Way

comments: Dear Council Membs:

It is very important that you support the upcoming mandate to wear masks in Portsmouth. There is a huge amount of data indicating that mask wearing significantly reduces Covid transmission. Please protect the businesses and people who work in them by supporting this mandate. Not only is this important for resident's and visitor's health and safety, it will help keep businesses open as well as schools in the Fall.

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From: [Michele Varney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:37:54 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Michele Varney (maloof@metrocast.net.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 13:37:52

address: 102 Stonewall Rd Alton, NH

comments: I feel strongly that masks should be worn in all stores and establishments in order to protect employees as well as patrons. I have stopped patronizing all establishments that don't require masks. I'm not willing to risk my health, the health of my family or medical professionals who must treat Covid patients. Mask up, Portsmouth! It's the right thing to do to keep NH safe.

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From: [Carol Lincoln via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:48:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carol Lincoln (Carol.lincoln@comcast.net) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 14:48:13

address: 224 Elwyn Ave

comments: Please support a mandate to wear masks in public in Portsmouth for the safety of all.

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From: [S Stephanie via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:24:20 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
S Stephanie (ssteph@comcast.net) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11:24:18

address: PO Box 193, 413 Second St. 3

comments: Please mandate masks at the Trump Rally. Or at least in town. Those folks coming in to town to attend will not be respectful and wear them if they come into town to eat. I just canceled my plans for dinner out with a friend there because I don't trust them. If you mandate masks in town, I will come in....

Thank you for listening.

S Stephanie, patron of many restaurants in Portsmouth

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From: [Kathleen Bergeron via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: McIntyre Survey
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:31:10 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathleen Bergeron (khbergeron@aol.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 11:31:08

address: 199 Wibird Street

comments: Dear City Council,

I am writing to you regarding the survey that is proposed to go out to Portsmouth Residents regarding the McIntyre. The questions posed do not seem to offer any perspective at all for survey respondents to give worthwhile input. Asking questions such as would you like more, larger or less of something without showing existing plans with measurements is not good survey wording and can not result in valid input. Asking if someone is OK with city investment is very vague. It is really taxpayer investment, but how much? Even the 3rd question of architecture should be inclusive of examples, as a term such as 'contemporary' can mean many different things. This survey is so poorly worded and vague, that it seems that it could be skewed to whatever the data collector wants. I do understand that the writers of this survey are very involved in the project and have invested a lot of time and energy, and I thank them for that. They must realize, however, that the average citizen does not remember, in detail, what the Redgate/Kane proposal looked like, or where it stands at this time.

Since the subcommittee was formed, it is very difficult to find information on where the project stands, and what kind of work or negotiation happening. Will there be any public input or presentations in the future?

Thank you for your time,
Kathleen Bergeron

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From: [Mark Dorley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Middle St./ Islington
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:19:18 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mark Dorley (dorleymark@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 15:19:16

address: 777 Middle Rd #25

comments: I am writing to express my disappointment that due to a technicality I have to travel Middle St. everyday to work and not feel safe. I was born and raised on Lincoln Ave and have ridden a bike for more than 40 years and never had any concerns travelling on Middle St. with a bike. With the current configuration of the parked cars away from the curb an element of danger that never existed is now present on Middle St. I am happy that 5 councilors including Mayor Beckstead have listened to the concerns of many residents, and clearly see there is an issue that needs to be fixed.

On the subject of the proposed island and bump out on Islington I strongly oppose these unnecessary additions. Unlike former councilor Josh Denton I don't feel the safest spot while on a bike ride with my 12 year old is in the middle of the vehicle travel lane. Please maintain a shoulder for myself and my kids to ride on. A traditional crosswalk with a flashing sign is all that is needed in front of The White Heron.

Erik Eby and the Planning Dept. have had some real misses as of late with their new street configurations and narrowing. Don't let Islington be another. I would like the Planning Department to adopt a keep it simple and less is more philosophy. In my opinion every street project for the last 5 plus years is over engineered and not well done. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

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From: [ML Hannay via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: MUST REQUIRE MASKS
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:14:57 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
ML Hannay (mlhannay@gmail.com) on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 07:14:56

address: 415 Union

comments: I am pleading, mainly with the Mayor since he has not allowed a special Council vote on the issue, to simply do the right thing and require masks be worn by all people within Portsmouth city limits when they go into any restaurant, any store, any bar, anything inside from now until July 25 which would be 14 days from the ill advised rally. I understand we cannot tell the PDA (or PlaneSense where the rally takes place) what to do, but Mr. Beckstead, please help save our lives. We have all done everything possible to keep numbers down. Please reconsider. This is life and death, and most of us prefer to Live Free and Wear Masks " and Not Die. . Thank you.

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From: [Jessica Lozan via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No mask mandate-
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:23:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jessica Lozan (jesslozan@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 14:23:13

address: 273 Austin Street ,Portsmouth,NH ,, us, 03801,United States

comments: No mask mandate !
Everyone I know wears a mask when not able to social distance.
Please remember you can urge or encourage masks in public places places but there is no way to police mask wearing so its unnecessary to mandate it.
Do we want to be the type of government that mandates common sense.
No mask mandate -

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From: [Cheryl Melzar via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No rally
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:10:34 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cheryl Melzar (Cher4319@yahoo.com) on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 19:10:32

address: 232 Reservoir Road FarmingtonNH

comments: You are responsible not only for Portsmouth but for the health of the entire State there should be no rally allowed.

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REMOTE_ADDR: 174.242.68.43

From: [Evan McDermod via FormMail.com](mailto:Evan.McDermod@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: No to masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:47:39 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Evan McDermod (emcdermod@gmail.com) on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 09:47:37

address: 1205 Islington Street

comments: Greetings,

I hope this message finds everybody well and in good health. With the recent COVID numbers going down, a mask mandate is absolutely unnecessary. This entire pandemic has been all about FEAR. Do we need to be mindful about a virus? Yes. But the fact that the government and mainstream media wants us to live in a place of fear is utterly ridiculous.

Unfortunately, the majority of people are falling for this. Fear is detrimental to our immune system, as it increases our cortisol levels, and puts you at a much greater risk of actually being impacted by a virus. A recent study also found that masks increase our carbon intake. When we wear masks, our carbon levels have been measured at over 10,000ppm. According to Occupational Safety and Health (OHS), 5,000+ ppm carbon intake indicates "unusual air conditions where high levels of other gases could be present. Toxicity or oxygen deprivation could occur. This is the permissible exposure limit for daily workplace exposures." It is detrimental and compromising to our immune system to be wearing them for longer durations of time.

Why are we not emphasizing optimizing our health and immune system through organic diet, physical exercise, and an emphasis on mindfulness? Most likely because that would create a thriving self-actualized society, which is exactly what those in power do not want. If this had been our emphasis from the beginning, the virus would have naturally run its course by now. Surely there are steps you can take to actually encourage immune system boosting activities?

I also find it an utter joke that people think a vaccine is going to magically save us from COVID. There has never been a vaccine created that has taken less than five years to reach an efficacious level of "success" (and even those are shady), and with COVID death rate being .1% it really is silly to shut down the world waiting for this magical cure (I understand many parts of town are back open, but this includes for issues such as opening local schools in the fall). You're killing more people in the process with this approach, especially because the government refuses to provide the basic essentials like food, water and shelter for millions who are underprivileged. If you think that's incorrect, go look at the increased death rates from suicide and malnourishment all around the world. Suicide deaths are at the same rate as COVID deaths right now.

If you're worried about this virus, I would start actually taking steps like eating the right foods, exercising, and engaging in mindfulness to strengthen your immune system. The only thing we need to fear is tyranny, and it seems quite apparent the establishment and mainstream media wants to sell personal comfort for freedom. Masks do nothing for public health and in fact compromise your immune system. A refusal to hear opposing points of view is a refusal to seek the truth. It is not black and white, but in the world of gray. Encourage healthy living and boosting your immune system. I for one will not be wearing a mask, even if it is mandated by the city. And many I talk to won't be either.

Be well,
Evan McDermod

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From: [Bethany via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Please enforce masks and social distancing at the upcoming Trump rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:07:52 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bethany (Bethany.Huwe@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 20:07:51

address: 1013 Washington Road Rye NH 03870

comments: The upcoming Trump rally NEEDS to have masks enforced and as much social distancing as possible, it is so dangerous to the city to risk so many people being in one place with the coronavirus spiking all over the country. Regardless of anyone's political view, Trump and his cabinet tested positive for the virus at one point, please don't take the health of Portsmouth's citizens lightly, as he and his security could still be carriers. Not to mention anyone supporting him will not be wearing a mask of their own free will...

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From: [James Boyle via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Questions for tonight
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:13:17 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Boyle (freedomleasing@aol.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 15:13:15

address: 150 Greenleaf Avenue

comments: Questions for City Manager/Council

- 1.)When does the City intend on moving the pipe?
Filling the pipe does not end the trespass or ongoing damages. The issue was never whether the sewer pipe was functioning.
- 2.)How does the City intend on abating the Nuisance? There have been no plans to restore water flow to the perimeter of the property or to even fix the existing culverts, and therefore the nuisance damages are ongoing. The "football" needs to be filled to replicate the topography of the area established by historical aerial photography.
- 3.)What is the total estimated cost of removing the sewer line and replacing it with new lines up to Essex St. and a pump station?

Thank you.

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From: [Lisa Rockenmacher via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Rally concerns
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:12:08 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lisa Rockenmacher (Rockenmacher@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:12:06

address: 23 Carroll Street Exeter NH

comments: I am concerned about masks not being mandatory for a trump rally. Also concerned about the lack of social distancing. I believe it puts our region at risk.

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From: [Kristyn Miller via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Support of Making Masks Mandatory
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:43:29 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kristyn Miller (kristynlakmiller@comcast.net) on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 14:43:27

address: 245 Islington Street

comments: I'm writing to express my support of making face mask usage mandatory in the city of Portsmouth. I live downtown and wear a mask every time I leave the house - no matter the duration, destination, or degrees! Do I enjoy wearing a mask? Not in the slightest - but I do it anyway to keep others safe. It's my moral - and my civic - duty. Everyone should do the same. In addition, I support the idea of giving a fine to those who don't comply; this ordinance needs teeth to be effective - otherwise it's just words. Please do the right thing for all citizens and visitors.

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From: [charlie griffin via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Trump Rally and Masks
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:01:38 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
charlie griffin (charlesgriffinesq@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:01:34

address: 210 Hillside Drive

comments: I find it blatantly hypocritical that most of you are agonizing over the fact that the Trump rally is urging but not mandating those attending the rally at Pease which will last a few hours to wear masks, but never opened your mouths to raise the same concern. when three days of rallies in support of Black Lives Matter and George Floyd were held in Market Square in early June. Photos of those events, one of which I believe attracted upwards of four thousand, showed some, but not all, of the participants wearing masks, and yet I do not recall one of you pushing for passage of an ordinance mandating the wearing of masks at those events, although the City clearly had the authority to do so.

Why is your insistence on wearing masks limited solely by name to the Trump organization and not include Black Lives Matter since this organization will be holding a counter protest at Pease on Saturday?

As the saying goes, why is "What is good for the goose not good for the gander.?"

This is nothing more than a display of partisan politics. Such displays are proper for the legislature in Concord, but not for a supposedly non-partisan City Council in Portsmouth.

Thank goodness we have a mayor who had the backbone to say no to a special meeting !

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From: [Sharon Gullage via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:21:34 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Sharon Gullage (sgullage@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:21:32

address: 6 Clara st Exeter Mah

comments: Hello- I would like to voice that masks should be a requirement is this rally. I think having a rally of this magnitude during a pandemic is irresponsible and unfair to the people of New Hampshire who are doing their best to keep themselves and their children safe and healthy. I don't want any of this selfishness to alter going back to school palms. It's already difficult for my children and for wha your pose is this? I think it's important to yes consider our freedom of speech but also consider that most things can be done alternatively and not encouraging a massive crowd especially in a state that has been down trending with the virus. It's unfair and it's all a political game. Being bullied. Y the president is not a democracy. What is happening to our country?

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From: [Jessica Purdy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:45:44 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jessica Purdy (schlimsmom@yahoo.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:45:43

address: 8 Summer Street

comments: I am asking that you require masks at the Trump rally. I really don't understand why this can't be asked. It's just common sense. As we have seen in Tulsa, virus rates spiked after his rally there where essentially no one wore masks. If we'd like our kids back in school in the fall, why can't we mandate masks?

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From: [Deanna Bowen via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:01:36 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Deanna Bowen (deebowen@hotmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 12:01:34

address: 217 Front St Exeter NH 03833

comments: Please enforce that all wear masks at the Trump Rally it that they cannot attend otherwise. Thank you.

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From: [Karen Prior via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:43:37 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Karen Prior (kcp7457@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 13:43:36

address: Exeter, NH

comments: My daughter works in Portsmouth, she is an educator but she is also a server at a Portsmouth restaurant. I do all my regular shopping in Portsmouth and to date have been pleased with how the City has been responding to COVID but allowing Trump to hold his rally at Pease, without following safety guidelines of wearing masks, is irresponsible at every level! How can you, the City of Portsmouth leadership, put pressure on the Governor...NOW is the time especially as NH's numbers are relatively reasonable and the new school year will be here before we know it! Take action...NOW. Thank you!

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Subject: Trump Rally
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:21:57 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Virginia Raub (coreyraub@comcast.net) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 09:21:55

address: 3 KATHLEEN DR Exeter

comments: I do not consider a hanger as an outdoor rally. Masks should be worn!

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Subject: Trump Visit
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:27:46 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tomasen M Carey (tomasen@comcast.net) on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 12:27:44

address: 156 High St

comments: Please do not allow this rally to happen without masks. We have done so well in our small state to keep our numbers down and we don't want to see an increase due to this irresponsible gathering. Weddings, funerals, graduations, SCHOOLS, concerts, sporting events have all been cancelled or shut down. Why is this ok??
thank you
Tomasen

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From: [James Hewitt via FormMail.com](mailto:James.Hewitt@formmail.com)
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Subject: Workforce Housing
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:30:30 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Hewitt (samjakemax@aol.com) on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 21:30:28

address: 726 Middle Road

comments: Dear City Hall E-mail Screener:

Please place this e-mail thread in the City Council Packet for the July 27 meeting since I missed the deadline for the July 13 meeting packet. Thank you.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

The housing gods have smiled upon you once again. They have given you another timely opportunity to reverse the Planning Board's March 21, 2019 housing blunder that allowed West End Yard developers to shamelessly enrich themselves at the expense of thousands of Portsmouth residents in desperate need of workforce housing. That vote was yet another victory in this City of greed over need.

On November 5, 2019, the people of Portsmouth voted for the 9 of you to be their rulers. You know the peoples' will is to have developers comply with the Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance that allowed them a density "bonus" (translation= extra profit from more units per acre than normally allowed) in exchange for 20% of the units be "Workforce" housing as defined by state law and City ordinance.

A handful of crony capitalists inside City Hall and a woefully misinformed / uninformed Planning Board should not be the ones to determine if there should be 54 units at \$ 1,275 / mo. or 27 units at \$ 1,700/mo. at West End Yards. The City Council, as the duly elected peoples' representatives, should make this decision .

Therefore, I urge the City Council to postpone any action on this matter and instead direct the Council's legal staff to prepare a list of options the City Council can take , administratively or legally, to compel the developer comply with the City's Workforce Housing Ordinance to create 54 workforce units.

If not, you will only have yourselves to blame for the City's nearly complete absence of any Workforce Housing as defined by RSA 674:58. <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/lxiv/674/674-58.htm>

It's never too late to do the right thing.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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Sent: Fri, May 1, 2020 9:11 pm

Subject: Is not too late : West End Yards: 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

I understand Cate Street Development LLC needs City Council approval for some easements on City property in order to build West End Yards. My advice to you is to tell them "No Dice" until they agree to come back to the negotiation table and correct the Planning Board's Affordable housing give away blunder of March 21, 2019, (the darkest day in Portsmouth Housing history, save the bulldozing of the North End in the late 1960's) and then re-blundered on April 9, 2020.

As you recall, on March 21, 2019 the Planning Board had an opportunity to give this City 54 units of desperately needed workforce housing at about \$1,275 / month. Instead, the Planning Board punted on 1st down and gave the developer exactly what the developer requested, 27 units at \$1,700.00/mo. By 2021 when these units are ready, HUD income level increase to allow the "affordable" rents to be about \$ 1,800.00/ mo. As stated on page 2 of the Simchik letter (attached) , the average 2BR apartment rent in Portsmouth is \$2,000.00 / month. So as implemented by the City of Portsmouth, its much vaunted density bonus work force housing ordinance gives this city's renters a 10% break on market rate rents.

For shame.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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Sent: Thu, Apr 9, 2020 8:41 pm

Subject: Re: West End Yards: 27 Units @ \$1,700/ mo. v. 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

For the second time, the Planning Board voted tonight to enrich developers at the expense of Portsmouth residents seeking affordable housing. I hope it is as clear to you as it is to me that the Planning Board, with this precedent, will have to give all future projects the same deal it gave West End Yards for a density bonus, i.e., 10% units to be workforce units at 80% AMFI for a 3 person household. Maybe its me, but I don't know too many people that would consider \$1,700 /mo affordable for a 800 SF apartment.

Portsmouth needs a more straight forward approach to create affordable housing so that future housing travesties can be avoided. I suggest the City Council review that attached and evaluate implementing a similar plan in Portsmouth.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/sites/newburyportma/files/uploads/odnc011_06_26_17_zoning-amendment-inclusionary-housing-w-dhcd-edits-final-as-adopted.pdf

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Sent: Sun, Apr 5, 2020 7:35 am

Subject: West End Yards: 27 Units @ \$1,700/ mo. v. 54 units @ \$ 1,275/ mo.

Dear Mayor Becksted and City Councilors:

Below is a copy of an email I sent to the Planning Board regarding the subject site. City Hall and City Land Use Boards have pampered their developer friends long enough. It's time this City put the people of Portsmouth's interests first for a change

Further information on this matter can be found in an LTE here.

<https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20191013/developers-continue-to-run-roughshod-over-city-boards>

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

Dear Chairman Legg and Planning Board Members:

(Please forward this to all members of the Planning Board)

At the April 9 planning board meeting, Cate Street Development , LLC will be seeking an extension to the Conditional Use Permit granted on March 21, 2019 (Planning Board meeting minutes attached) that allowed a density of 22 units per acre (later modified to 28 units per acre on 9/26/2019) . (see item E of section VI "Other Business", in the April 9, 2020 agenda.)

Cate Street LLC will also be seeking an extension to "requested modification to standards". This is City Hall-speak meaning the developer will be requesting your approval (again) to shirk its workforce housing obligations as mandated by Portsmouth Zoning Ordinances. To increase its profit margin, Cate Street LLC wishes to reduce the number of required affordable units from 54 to 27 and by increasing the rents of the 27 units from \$1,275 per month to \$1,700 per month. (see attached HUD Median Family Income Charts, 3 person household, 60% and 80% of AMFI, assuming the HUD standard of 30% of income is used for rent. Also see page 15-41 of Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance for Definition of Rental Workforce Housing)

Good fortune has miraculously given Portsmouth a second chance to have 54 desperately needed workforce apartments at \$1,275 per month. Kindly don't squander it.

Regards,

Jim Hewitt

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