

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

August 2, 2021

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

The following e-mails were received:

July 28, 2021 (after 9:00 a.m.) – **August 2, 2021** (before 4:30 p.m.)

If you need further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 610-7208.

From: [Max Ledoux 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: Assistant Mayor Splaine
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 10:35:42 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Max Ledoux (maximledoux@protonmail.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 09:35:39

address: 56 Durgin Road, Tuftonboro

comments: Dear members of the city council,

Assistant Mayor Splaine recently asked City Manager Conrad to mandate that city employees get vaccinated, in violation of RSA 141-C:1(a).

The council should call on Assistant Mayor Splaine to resign for this flagrant disregard for the laws of our state.

Kind Regards,
Max Ledoux

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From: [Brandon & Laura Terry 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 Council Agenda for August 2, 2021, Section XIII, Sub section 'C'
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 10:21:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Brandon & Laura Terry (brandon@vizuluxe.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 09:21:49

address: McDonough Street

comments: Date: July 30, 2021

To: All Portsmouth City Council, Cc: Ben Fletcher, Karen Conrad, Peter Rice
From: Brandon & Laura Terry (McDonough Street, Portsmouth, NH)
Re: City Council Agenda for August 2, 2021, Section XIII, Sub section 'C'

I'm writing this email today regarding the city council meeting this Monday August 2nd) where the council is to vote on and implement a Neighborhood Parking Program (NPP) in what is known as the Islington Creek Neighborhood.

We have been at this for a handful of years now and although 66% of the neighborhood residents have made it clear that they do not want the program for some reason this council is about to vote to make it a reality. (Note: There was a petition that was to be signed by 75% of the neighborhood residents a few years ago and when that number was NOT EVEN CLOSE, this was to have been a dead issue.)

The data from the parking authority (Ben Fletcher) clearly states this is a program that is not needed at this time and is a waste of the already depleted resources of the parking authority by creating a problem where there isn't one.

Further, the program has taken on so many different variations that I'm not sure even the parking authority is 100% sure which streets it includes or doesn't. According to the current map, streets have been added since the original petition was performed. This means that even more people have not had the chance to make their voices heard in regard to this issue.

It has also been made very clear that what is considered a non-issue for the majority of the neighborhood will now shift the perceived problem to an actual problem. For what purpose?

Somehow after being considered a "dead issue" after two-thirds of the neighborhood decided it was not needed, and may perhaps make matters worse, the council is to vote to make it a reality? After the majority has spoken and the minority keeps pushing and had a public input meeting that was so uncomfortable (name calling etc.) that I had to stop watching. Then after a second meeting (that I was unable to attend) suddenly there is a final vote to make this unwanted NPP a burden for an already overburdened neighborhood (multiple new housing projects, home improvement projects, power line upgrades, road closures, 152 units @ North Mill Pond). Again, how is there a final vote on the agenda?

Not only should this vote not be on the agenda, the program itself should be reconsidered for a neighborhood where the residents actually want the program. The majority of the Islington Creek Neighborhood has continuously rejected this program and the data collected by the city clearly states it is NOT a problem in this area.

I ask this board to reconsider their vote to reflect what the majority of the neighborhood has repeatedly said is something that is not wanted or needed at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Robin Husslage 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 Council Meeting, August 2nd: Approval of Neighborhood Parking Pilot Program
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 6:53:09 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robin Husslage (rhusslage@hotmail.com) on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 17:53:07

address: 27 Rock Street

comments: Dear City Manager, Mayor, and City Councilors,

I'm writing to you about the Neighborhood Parking Pilot Program the city is proposing to launch in early August in the Islington Creek Neighborhood. I am in favor of approving this pilot so we can learn if this will help alleviate the parking crisis in our neighborhood while also providing additional revenue to the city by encouraging those looking for free parking to reluctantly pay to park in the Foundry Garage. We understand that this is a new concept for Portsmouth and as such has taken many years and a great deal of effort to bring it to this point of hopefully being approved...for a pilot. The first time is always the hardest. We will be the guinea pigs and it is critical that mechanisms are in place to collect the valuable feedback this will generate – both good and bad.

One thing is for sure, the parking problem is not going away and it is only getting worse...fast...with all of the new buildings being built near our end of Portsmouth, often with reduced and even no onsite parking being required by the City (ex: old Staley building on Deer Street was recently approved for 21 microunits with NO on site parking required, not even 1 spot).

So, let's be brave – let's take the first step and try something brand new for Portsmouth. There are bound to be issues as nothing is perfect the first time out of the gate. Let's make sure we have easy ways for people to provide feedback so the City can adjust the program quickly as needed and hopefully by the end of this pilot, we will have a great parking program we can be proud of.

Thanks!

Robin Husslage
27 Rock Street

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From: [Dan Marchibroda 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 Employee Vaccinations
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:34:24 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dan Marchibroda (danmarch@live.com) on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 12:34:22

address: 84 Thaxter Road

comments: Hello City Council Members,

I have read Ass Mayor, Jim Splaine's request to administratively require all city employees to be vaccinated and felt compelled to write to you. In my opinion, supporting this tyrannical request would clearly be ANOTHER authoritarian and heavy handed move by our local government. I am pro-choice in almost all matters, including vaccinations, and find it egregious that our local government would infringe on the freedoms granted to US citizens by strong arming employees into vaccinating. I have zero interest in bureaucrats and politicians telling any American what they should and should not do, particularly as it relates to an individuals FREEDOM, body and well being. Jim Splaine strikes me as a mediocre man with no scientific subject matter expertise to make this request in the first place. Which leads me to believe this is political grandstanding intended to advance a Marxist agenda in the name of public health. For example, the mask mandate he championed shows no data suggesting it was successful in slowing the spread of covid, but there was plenty of data showing it was super successful in hurting small business. I will be disappointed if you do not resoundingly reject this tyrannical request.

Dan Marchibroda

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From: [Susan Saurman 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 Wide Mosquito Spray
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 5:59:05 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Susan Saurman (Ssaurman@hotmail.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 16:59:03

address: 2 Simonds Road

comments: Can you please ask when Dragonfly Mosquito Control sampled the Maple Haven park area? How often do they report back to the city with data? Have they recommended spraying areas in the city this year? If yes what areas in the city have been sprayed this year?

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From: [Alan Gordon 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: Covid
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 8:25:06 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Alan Gordon (ofarg1@gmail.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 07:25:04

address: 620 Woodbury Ave.

comments: I strongly support Jim Splaine's proposal for requiring all city employees to be vaccinated. It is, as he says, a life and death issue. Let's not let the ignorance which dominates a great deal of the anti-vax conversation infect our enlightened city. Thanks Jim for once again having the courage to take on controversy. People certainly have the right to make their own decisions about their own health and their own bodies, but only if those decisions don't endanger the life and health of others. Thanks again, Jim, for your foresight.

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From: [Elizabeth Mooney 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: Covid-19 Vaccine Mandate Proposal for City Workers
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 7:11:22 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Elizabeth Mooney (elizabethmooney@hotmail.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 18:11:20

address: 176 Woodlawn Circle, Portsmouth 03801

comments: Ladies and Gentlemen: This is to endorse wholeheartedly Assistant Mayor Jim Splaine's proposal to require all city workers to get their Covid-19 vaccinations or undergo frequent testing.

We are at war with an invisible enemy that constantly changes tactics by mutating in unvaccinated persons and then spreading in stronger form to the public at large. It is our civic and patriotic duty to step up to stop the spread of this menace, which has cost more American lives than the combined total of those lost in many shooting wars.

Each person has rights and freedoms, but those rights and freedoms end when they infringe on those of others.

In the public health and safety arena, this is why the State Police arrest drunk drivers. It is why mentally ill persons deemed a threat to themselves or others can be confined against their will. It is why indoor smoking is banned.

Speaking of this last health hazard, it is worth noting that medical and life insurers charge smokers higher premiums because they are at higher avoidable risk of health problems.

In that vein, I think those medically able to be vaccinated who refuse to do so should be charged higher premiums. That would cover not only the added expense of treating them should they catch Covid-19 but also for testing them frequently in lieu of vaccinations.

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From: [Mary Cline 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: Crosswalk safety
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 9:10:33 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Cline (ClineMCC@aol.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 08:10:31

address: 395 Pleasant Street

comments: I've been interested to read in the paper about concerns with the safety of the new crosswalks over by Ricci lumber.... Have any of you tried to safely cross the myriad of streets intersecting Pleasant and Marcy streets by the fish market? (I know a few of you walk these streets quite regularly.). I have put in several "click fix" requests to have flashing pedestrian crossing lights installed but to no avail....

When crossing these streets walkers are obscured by parked cars (Pleasant st) or the bend in the road (Marcy st) until you are well into the crosswalk/traffic. Despite the sign indicating the speed of travel down Pleasant street, cars often are coming faster than 20mph, and with the tourists back in full force they are often looking elsewhere. Crossing here is a bit of Russian Roulette we play daily - will they stop or won't they.... Greater than 50% of the time the answer is no!

Please, please, please look into having the City make these crossings safer for all of us by installing flashing crosswalk signs.

TIA, Mary Cline

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From: [Ken Goldman via FormMail.com](mailto:Ken.Goldman@comcast.net)
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 Creek Neighborhood Parking Program Pilot
Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021 12:20:11 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ken Goldman (krgoldman@comcast.net) on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11:20:09

address: 271 Islington Street

comments: City Councilors,

I have written and/or spoken to the City Council and the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee at every meeting held on the Islington Creek Neighborhood Parking Program (NPP) from 2019 until the present. In all of my communications I have said something to effect of "IF YOU APPROVE THIS PROGRAM, please make sure that it is fair and treats all Islington Creek residents equally." I believe that the pilot program approved by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee on July 19 and 22 is fair and does treat all residents equally, so, IF the City Council approves a pilot parking program, please approve this one.

Moving forward, as the City Council considers this program, and if it is implemented, I hope that the following will be taken into account:

1. In 2019 the Islington Creek neighborhood was polled to see if the neighborhood wanted an NPP. It should be noted that only a subset of the neighborhood was polled, and many of us did not have the opportunity to participate. The City determined that the required 75% acceptance level was not achieved. Despite this, a waiver to proceed was presented to the City Council, and the issue was returned to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for more study. In 2021, the Committee voted to proceed even though the neighborhood was not polled.

At most of the meetings held on the NPP, and especially at the meeting on June 10, a few people spoke in favor of the program, about an equal number spoke against it, and several people had messages similar to mine, i.e., if you implement a program, please make it fair to all residents. I did not see a large groundswell of support from the neighborhood in favor of the program.

Therefore, if the City Council does vote to proceed with this pilot program, I request that they direct the City Parking staff to poll the entire neighborhood throughout the six-month period to gauge whether or not the neighborhood would like to continue the program on a permanent basis. Talking about a parking program is one thing but living with one and seeing all the real-world impacts, the pros and cons, is something else.

2. The main argument presented to justify implementing the NPP was that employees of downtown businesses and tourists were parking in Islington Creek making it difficult for neighborhood residents to park. Parking Director Ben Fletcher mentioned in several meetings that the City is selling well in excess of 200 permits each month under the Downtown Employee Parking Program. One would hope that this reduces parking pressure on the Islington Creek Neighborhood. Also, when making parking audits, the City has no way to determine if a car belongs to a resident, a downtown worker or a tourist.

Therefore, if the City Council does vote to proceed with this pilot program, I request that they direct the City Parking staff to do frequent parking audits of the Islington Creek Neighborhood to determine if the NPP has any tangible impact on the number of cars parking in the neighborhood, as compared to audits conducted prior to implementation. Also, it would be useful to know what would be considered a tangible impact, and how it would be determined.

3. If the City Council does vote to proceed with this pilot program, I request that they direct the City Parking staff to develop, and make public, the metrics they will use to determine whether or not the pilot program is necessary,

effective and that it is what the neighborhood wants. I have discussed two possible metrics above, and I'm sure the City Parking staff already has other metrics they will measure. The final determination on whether or not this pilot should become a permanent program should be fact driven. It should be based on data, and the overall will of the neighborhood residents. This decision should not be based on the perceptions of individuals, myself included.

4. The City should take a hard look at the cost of this program. Currently, the six-month pilot is projected to cost \$56,000. I don't know if this includes all the work performed by the City Parking staff to get us to this point. It is also projected that a permanent parking program could cost upwards of \$100,000 per year. This is not an insignificant sum. Using the data the City collects, I hope it is determined whether or not the cost is commensurate with the gain. At the last meeting of the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee, Jonathan Sandberg reasonably raised this issue, and suggested that, perhaps, in the future, the cost should be borne by the residents of the neighborhood.

If the City Council does vote to proceed with this pilot program, and subsequently with a permanent program, I hope that any possible costs to the residents of the neighborhood will be made public prior to implementation. Once residents are made aware of possible costs, I hope they will have an opportunity to determine whether or not they, as a neighborhood, wish to bear these costs and continue the program.

Thank you,

Ken Goldman
271 Islington Street

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From: [marie lyford 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: mosquito sprayin
Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021 6:38:24 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
marie lyford (marie03801@comcast.net) on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 05:38:22

address: 5 opal ave

comments: I just heard a rumor that the city was not spraying for mosquitos this year. I hope this is not true. Due to all the rain the mosquitos are horrendous.

Can you please let me know if spraying for mosquitos is going to take place? if spraying will be done on local streets and when? If not, can you please do what is needed to get mosquito spraying back soon. hopefully in August.

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From: [Corky Toole 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: Mosquito Spraying
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 7:31:43 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Corky Toole (cork@hotmail.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 18:31:41

address: 9 Tuna Terrace

comments: Please boost up the mosquito spraying!

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.234.6.171

From: [Kerri 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: Mosquito spraying
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:15:58 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kerri (Kerri.hassan@gmail.com) on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 05:15:55

address: 60 Nathaniel dr

comments: I would like to ask that eco-friendly/child/pet friendly mosquito spray be done in maple haven. We live against the woods and itâ€™s so bad that my 5 year old has welts off mosquito bites.

Please consider spraying for mosquitos on Nathaniel Dr/Maple Haven.

Thank you,
Kerri

Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.167.216.51

From: [Kathleen A Sullivan 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: Mosquito Spraying
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 6:31:58 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kathleen A Sullivan (kasullivan60@comcast.net) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 17:31:56

address: 166 Martha Terrace

comments: We live near swamp which they now call wetlands. The mosquitos are horrible out here, Ocean Rd & Banfield Rd. We would appreciate if there is an eco friendly way of spraying to get them under control

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REMOTE_ADDR: 73.159.247.232

From: [Cameron Saunders 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: Mosquito Spraying
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 4:19:59 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cameron Saunders (cammieroblan@hotmail.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 15:19:57

address: 406 Greenside Ave.

comments: Mosquitos are worse than ever this year with all of the rain we have been having, so I was very suprised to learn that spraying has been discontinued in Portsmouth. I have to spray myself with bug spray every time I step outside to avoid being attacked - they are everywhere!! Please reinstate this service ASAP to help us control the problem! Thank you!

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From: [Ken Riley 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: Mosquito Spraying
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:16:51 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ken Riley (rileyk999@gmail.com) on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 07:16:49

address: 5 Hoover Dr

comments: Please begin spraying for mosquitoes. I get bitten at all times of the day.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 67.189.237.101

From: [Laurie Williams 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: Mosquito spraying
Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021 1:43:11 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Laurie Williams (meowluv@outlook.com) on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 00:43:09

address: 52 Suzanne Dr

comments: The mosquitoes are SO BAD in our yard and we were wondering why the city hadn't done any spraying this year, especially with all the rain we have had for them to breed. I spoke to Portsmouth Public Works dept and they said Portsmouth isn't doing any spraying this year, he thought the city didn't renew the contract for spraying this year. Our taxes increase but we get less services? What is the reasoning behind this? I can't even go out into my own yard for 30 seconds in the full sun without getting bit and I'm pretty allergic - quarter size severely itchy dark red welts that last 2 weeks and sometimes fevers, even on allergy meds. For years we've depended on the city spraying every summer to keep the mosquito population at a reasonable level so we can enjoy our own property. What changed this year? Many neighbors agree that you need to bring back the mosquito spraying ASAP!

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From: [Abigail Gindele 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: mosquito spraying
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:06:36 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Abigail Gindele (agindele@gmail.com) on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 10:06:35

address: 229 Clinton St

comments: Please do NOT resume city sponsored mosquito spraying. It's a cocktail of toxins that is bad for all living things and gets into the soil and water to expand the affects even wider and longer.

Individuals should find their own methods if they want to deal with their mosquitos; hopefully, they will choose benign or environmentally friendly options. But not everyone and every property should have to be exposed to this sweeping treatment.

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From: [Harish Pandey 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: Mosquitoes spray
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 2:42:16 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Harish Pandey (harishnpandey@yahoo.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 13:42:14

address: 1805 White Cedar Blvd

comments: Dear Portsmouth City Council,

We observe extremely high mosquitoes in our community and specially garden area where kids play and during rain lot of rain water gets logged which attracts mosquito . I hope my request would get acknowledged and taken into consideration.

Appreciate our help in advance .

Thanks & regards ,
Harish Pandey

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REMOTE_ADDR: 73.167.242.118

From: [Carmela Crawford \(CORP\) 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: Mosquitos
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 1:24:47 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Carmela Crawford (CORP) (carmelaRcrawford@aol.com) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:24:45

address: 433 Lincoln Avenue

comments: Please spray for mosquitos, they are bad this year and it is dangerous.

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Engage: Submit

REMOTE_ADDR: 73.234.6.144

From: [Pat Bagley 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: PPAF
Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 2:02:57 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Pat Bagley (patbagley@aol.com) on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 13:02:55

address: 213 Pleasant St

comments: Dear Mayor and City Councilors:

In the interest of transparency, I am forwarding to you my email to City staff. Thank you for your many endeavors.
Pat

From: patricia Bagley <patbagley@aol.com>
Subject: PPAF
Date: July 27, 2021 at 1:07:02 PM EDT
To: Karen Conard <kconard@cityofportsmouth.com>, "rpsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com" <rpsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com>
Cc: "patbagley@aol.com" <patbagley@aol.com>

Hi Karen and Bob,

Dick and I will often walk after dinner, and usually we head toward the river and Prescott Park. A week ago Sunday, we walked through the park freely while Charlie Brown was on stage. The next night we encountered roped-off areas which prevented us from walking toward the piers. The objective was clearly to funnel anyone and everyone to the "gate". We passed by the donation collector saying a polite hello despite being quite annoyed. The roped-off areas were also at the other gates, including the area near the fountain. The roping was up other days following, although I cannot speak for every day since.

Prescott Park is a city-owned waterfront open space for Portsmouth residents. Why aren't we able to freely walk through the park even if there is a performance ongoing? Who has authorized this to occur? We attempted to walk away from the stage and were forced to work toward it. Ridiculous.

Please let me know if I'm misinformed. Thanks very much.

Pat

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From: [Joan Jacobs 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: Requiring vaccinations for city employees
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 9:33:40 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joan Jacobs (jsjsjacobs@gmail.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 08:33:27

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #20

comments: To City Council members: This note is regarding Councilor Jim Splaine's proposal that the Portsmouth government consider requiring its employees to be fully vaccinated against Covid19 or be routinely tested for the virus. I fully endorse his efforts. When I worked for a county health department in Maryland decades ago, all employees had to be periodically tested for tuberculosis. It was a requirement that I fully complied with. As a public health professional, I knew that the offices and clinics where I worked cared for people with vulnerabilities and who might themselves be infected. It was a small price to protect myself and the public. I see the current situation as comparable. I also understand that a core function of government--be it at the city, state or national level--is to protect the public's health. I would ask members to keep an open mind and to fully consider the views of experts in public health and the law before making their decisions on this vital matter.

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From: [marie lyford via FormMail.com](mailto:marie_lyford_via_FormMail.com)
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Subject: sound barriers for I95 near Edmond ave
Date: Sunday, August 1, 2021 10:16:42 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
marie lyford (marie03801@comcast.net) on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 09:16:40

address: 5 opal ave

comments: I cannot make the meeting Monday, but would like my statement taken into consideration.
I have resided here for more than 20 years and the noise from the I95 highway has steadily increased . I hope that the city can work with the State DOD to have a barrier erected like the one on the highway at Dover Point which would protect the neighborhoods. It would go a long way to help our quality of life. This noise wakes me up each morning when the truck start travelling at about 4:00 a.m. and is mostly continuous throughout the day. Please do your best to try and get us some help with this noise.

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From: [Cathy Baker 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: Stay Away From Vaccine Mandates
Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021 11:05:42 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cathy Baker (catherinejbaker@yahoo.com) on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:05:40

address: 127 Gates Street

comments: My Body, My Choice, Mr. Splaine, and Follow the Science – it Does Not Support Your Agenda

Assistant Mayor Splaine is misguided in his jumping on the New York City authoritarian bandwagon to mandate all city employees be vaccinated. The individual vaccination status of any city employee should be protected by HIPPA health care privacy regulations and the decision to be vaccinated one between the individual and his/her doctor. Government bureaucrats and politicians are not doctors and should not pretend to be.

Beyond that, there is no scientific evidence that the unvaccinated are more at risk of contributing to the delta variant spread than the vaccinated. In fact, if you follow the science it shows otherwise. A thorough investigation into the Cape Cod outbreak found that 74% of the 469 infections were among vaccinated people, of whom 79% were symptomatic. CDC director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, also said that the study showed that of those who test positive for the virus, people who are vaccinated can carry the same viral load as people who are unvaccinated. “High viral loads suggest an increased risk of transmission and raised concern that, unlike with other variants, vaccinated people infected with Delta can transmit the virus,” Walensky said. Four of the five hospitalized were vaccinated.

So Mr. Splaine, the CDC's study shows your idea that the unvaccinated are the transmission vector is a fiction. There is no excuse for your authoritarian overreach, which would threaten civil liberties in any case. Stay out of our city employee's medical decision making. Neither the City Council, nor the City Manager should play doctor. Stay away from Vaccine Mandates, my body, my choice.

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Subject: Support Mandatory Vaccines/Testing
Date: Friday, July 30, 2021 7:19:13 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Peter Bergh (Pb@princecom.com) on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 06:19:11

address: 54 Lincoln Ave

comments: Just read about Councilor Splaine's proposal for mandatory vaccines/testing for City employees. I am urging you to approve this measure. We have had three fully vaccinated friends in Atlanta suffer breakthrough Covid due to the Delta variant and a friend of a friend recently passed away from the same. Delta is here in the state and growing fast. I believe that everyone, but especially public employees, have an obligation to take the steps necessary to protect others.

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Subject: Traffic Signal Lafayette and Hoover
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:25:27 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ken Riley (rileyk999@gmail.com) on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 07:25:25

address: 5 Hoover Dr

comments: It has become nearly impossible to exit Hoover Dr onto Lafayette especially South bound. The Westerly Condos have made the problem worse. Some people head North, enter the middle turn lane and then do a u-turn in any convenient business to then head South. Others will cross the Northbound lane and turn South in the middle turn lane and merge in South Bound traffic. It's a significant safety issue for residents of Elwyn Park and the Woodlands.

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