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City of Portsmouth to Observe Thanksgiving Holiday

The City of Portsmouth's municipal offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 24th, Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday Trash Will Be Collected in Advance on Wednesday - There will be no trash, recycling, or bulk collections on Thursday, November 25th, and all Thursday routes will be collected in advance on Wednesday, November 24th. Only the normal Friday routes will be collected on Friday. For more information, call the Waste Management Division at 393-8663.

Portsmouth Public Library - Libraries will be closed Wednesday, November 24th, through Friday, November 26th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. November is "Picture Book Month". Seasonal picture books to share with your little ones await at your nearest location! Use your PPL card to start checking out e-books, downloading music, movies, and more at www.portsmouthpubliclibrary.org. Remember, your Digital Branch Library offers virtual services 24/7! Please call 393-8501 for more information.

Portsmouth Museums and Tourism - All Portsmouth Museums and the Portsmouth Welcome Center will be closed on Thursday, November 25th. Please see the schedules for all museums below. Also, please support your local shops, museums, and the Portsmouth Welcome Center on Saturday, November 27th, for *Shop Small Saturday*, and on Sunday, November 28th, for *Museum Store Sunday*!

The Children's Museum of Virginia will be open as follows: Wednesday, November 24th, and Sunday, November 28th, 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Friday, November 26th, and Saturday, November 27th, 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. – 4 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.-- for this shift tickets will be \$5. On Friday, November 26th, at 5:30 p.m., catch a snow flake outside the Museum during *Snow Wonders*. All visitors, including members, are required to purchase tickets in advance online at www.ChildrensMuseumVirginia.com. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, call 393-5258.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum will be open on Wednesday, November 24th, Friday, November 26th, and Saturday, November 27th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Sunday, November 28th, from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission will be by donation. Be sure to visit the museum to "meet" historical veterans through their photographs, uniforms, and mementos which are on exhibit in the gallery during the month of November. For more information, call 393-8591 or visit www.PortsmouthNavalShipyardMuseum.com.

The Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center will reopen on Friday, November 26th, and Saturday, November 27th, from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. for the Opening Weekend of *Winter Wonderland: The Coleman Nursery Collection*. The exhibit will also be open on Sunday, November 28th, from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Enjoy visits with Santa, crafts, activities, and more! *Winter Wonderland* will be on view through December 31st. All visitors, including members are required to purchase tickets in advance online at www.PortsmouthArtCenter.com. Visit the website for the schedule or call 393-8543.

The Lightship Portsmouth Museum and the Portsmouth Colored Community Library Museum are temporarily closed. For more information call 393-8591.

The Portsmouth Welcome Center, located at 206 High Street, is open every day of the week from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Parks & Recreation

Recreation Centers will be closed on Wednesday, November 24th, through Sunday, November 28th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen on Monday, November 29th.

Parks will be operating with normal hours, from dawn to dusk. Picnic shelter rentals are available online at www.portsmouthparks.com.

Golf Courses will be open; tee times and golf carts are limited. Please call ahead to ensure availability.

- **The Links Golf Course**, located at 140 City Park Avenue, will be open from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. All other days, hours are 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 465-1500.
- **Bide-A-Wee Golf Course**, located at 1 Bide-A-Wee Lane, will be open from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. All other days, hours are 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 393-8600 or visit: www.portsvagolf.com.