Holiday Spirit



Illuminated Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

Celebrate the magic of the holidays with the 2026 Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5th. The Tree Lighting takes place at 5:30 p.m. with the parade stepping off at 6 p.m. Learn more at CityofPortsmouth.com.

Local Love

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This holiday season, Local Love is bringing downtown Portsmouth businesses together for a festive Holiday Stroll on Thursday, December 17th from 4-7 PM. This stroll is designed to give our community even more reasons to shop, explore, and spend time downtown. Sponsored by Piscataqua Savings Bank. To learn more visit goportsmouthnh.com/local-love/

Holiday Happenings

Theater

Disney's Mary Poppins by The Ogunquit Playhouse - The Music Hall
12/2 - 12/20 TheMusicHall.org

A Christmas Carol - Seacoast Repertory Theatre
11/19 - 12/20 SeacoastRep.org

A Christmas Carol by Joshua Goldberg – The Players Ring Theatre
11/28 - 12/27 PlayersRing.org

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King – The Players Ring Theatre
12/12 - 12/21 PlayersRing.org

Family Activities

36th Annual Gingerbread House Contest – Portsmouth Historical Society
11/27-12/30 PortsmouthIstory.org

Candlelight Stroll – Strawbery Bank Museum
12/4-6, 11-13, 18-20 StrawberyBanke.org

Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond Strawbery Banke Museum
Dec. - Feb. StrawberyBanke.org

First Night Portsmouth – Pro Portsmouth
12/31 ProPortsmouth.org

The Yule Star: Save the Season – Monkey Mind Escape Rooms
10/22 - 01/04 MonkeyMindEscape.com

Music

The Bean Tones: A Holiday Special Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club
12/18 JimmysOnCongress.com

Jon McLaughlin Home for the Holidays Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club
12/19 JimmysOnCongress.com

Comedy

Juston McKinney's Comedy Year in Review – The Music Hall 2026
12/26 - 12/29 TheMusicHall.org



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VintageChristmasNH.com

Complimentary Vintage Christmas Trolley Shutttle



Schedule

Sat Dec 5, 1:30-4; 9-10:30 pm
NOTE: No service from 4 - 9 p.m. due to the Holiday Parade.
Sun Dec 6, 1:30-10:30 pm
Sat Dec 12, 1:30-10:30 pm
Sun Dec 13, 1:30-10:30 pm
Sat Dec 19, 1:30-10:30 pm
Sun Dec 20, 1:30-10:30 pm

15 Minute Route

The FREE Vintage Christmas Shuttle is provided by the City of Portsmouth Parking Division. Shuttles run from parking lots, hotels and between The Music Hall and Strawbery Banke Museum on an approximately 15 minute loop.

Parking and Detour Information

For the latest information about garages, fees, detours/road closures and any snow parking bans, please visit: portsnh.co/parking

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