



# City of Portsmouth SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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October 15, 2018

**Update: The Technical Advisory Committee meeting and Planning Board meeting referenced below will take place on Dec. 4 and December 20, respectively. The meeting for Abutters will take place as scheduled - this evening October 29th.**

**Re: October 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting for Abutters to 125 Cottage Street – Future Senior Center**

Dear Abutter,

As you are likely aware, the City of Portsmouth is preparing to move forward with the creation of a new Senior Activity Center at 125 Cottage Street. **On Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A at Portsmouth City Hall, an abutter meeting will be held to describe the project more fully and answer abutters' questions.** Any resident, especially those residing in the vicinity of the project are welcome and encouraged to attend. The program will include a brief introduction to the senior center program at the site, a description of the site plan features and improvements to take place during construction, and information about the project schedule (2019 construction anticipated).

This project is proceeding through the Site Plan Review, which will include reviews by the City's Technical Advisory Committee (Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.) and City's Planning Board (Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.). Both meetings are open to the public; abutters living within 300 feet of project will receive separate notices in the coming weeks.

Once completed, the City's current senior program will relocate to Cottage Street. The Portsmouth Senior Activity Center provides programs and activities for people ages 50+. The comprehensive array of activities and services promotes healthy aging and focuses on fitness, enrichment, socialization, resources, and entertainment as well as a hub to gather. The current program has 1,300 members. The new space will allow for more programming and provide needed space for other community programs that complement and expand the senior offerings, including intergenerational programming.

As this important project moves forward, I look forward to meeting our future neighbors and answering your questions; along with our project team and consulting professionals. For project updates and related information, please visit the City's website: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/community/new-senior-activity-center> or contact the Senior Activity Center at 610-4433.

Sincerely,

Brinn Sullivan  
Senior Services Director

cc: John P. Bohenko, City Manager  
Rus Wilson, Recreation Director