

375th SC Meeting Agenda

- Chair/VC Reports
- Other Chair Reports
- Open Discussion
- Next meeting: 18 April



Chair Report

- Brown House Easter Egg Hunt – 30 March
 - >200 attended
 - Twice usual number
 - 375th SC support
 - See Rich video on Youtube
- Upcoming events:
 - 375th Jim Garman lecture on 9 April 6:30 PM at Town Hall
 - 375th Kite Festival Earth Day 21 April
 - <http://youtu.be/swDb7E50bUw>



Chair Report II

- Town Council updates:
 - 25 March: Update/Town Historian
 - 22 April – Update/Recommend list of delegates to the UK
 - 13 May – Town Proclamation for Portsmouth, England
- Portsmouth RI delegation to UK – own cost
 - Official Party (TBD by TC President)
 - Attend Lord Mayor ceremony and Present invitation to 375th celebration and possibly sister city request
 - Current travel dates – 17 – 22 May
 - Will make delegation list recommendations to TC on 22 April
 - Is anyone on SC interested? (Very last call!)

Chair Report III

- Contacts. Etc.
 - TYC, Sunfish NE and Laser International re regatta (s) possibly in June/July
- Rotary:
 - Rotary and Indian Council Powwow at Glen Park 27-28 July
 - Portsmouth night at PAWSOX 26 July: Now working on details
 - Bob H. update?
- New Initiatives:
 - The Portsmouth History Project – will publicize starting next week
 - A way to capture old photos/documents/artifacts
 - Partner with Portsmouth Historical Society on this
 - Library is focal point

Events with Firm Dates

- March 30 T Easter Egg Hunt at the Brown House
- April 9 H Jim Garman Lecture, Town Hall
- April 21 H Earth Day Kite Festival Glen Park 1-3:30 PM
- April 26 T Pre-release of 375th Commemorative Wine at Greenvale Vineyard's Abby Rhode concert
- May 4 T Tour of Fort Butts/RIMAP/Garden Club clean up with Girl scouts at Founders Brook
- May 5 T 4th Annual Tea for Ladies Celebrating Portsmouth's 375th GMH
- May 18 T Restoration Celebration/375 Label premier at Greenvale VY
- May 24 T Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Day Wreath laying Legion Park
- May 26 T "All Around the Town" Exhibit Opens at Historical Society (PHS)
- June 2 T Prescott Farm tour/Portsmouth Abby & Newport Rest. Soc.
- June 9 T ALT Co-sponsor Oakland Forest and Meadow Trail Walk guided by naturalist Gary Plunkett 1:00
- June 17 T [6/17 – Lecture by Dr Patrick Conley, RI State Historian Laureate \(PHS\) \(People, Places, Laws, and Lore of the Ocean State\)](#)
- Jul 4 T Fireworks at Escobar Farm
- Jul 15 T Genealogy and Researching Portsmouth's Early Residents (PHS)
- Jul 17 T Panel Discussion on genealogical Resources—What We Have and How to Find It (PHS)

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Events with Firm Dates II

- Jul 18 T American band Concert, GMH
- Jul 20 T Portsmouth Family Reunion, Seaconnet Sportsman's Club (PHS)
- Jul 21 T Friends of Anne Hutchinson Annual Meeting
- Jul 26 T Portsmouth Day at PAWSOX (Rotary)
- Jul 27-28 T [Indian PowWow Glen Park \(Indian Council and Rotary\)](#)
- Aug 11 T [Ann Hood book signing Green Animals/Preservation Society](#)
- Aug 25 T RI 1st Regiment Ceremony at West Main Rd. Monument
- Aug 29 H Glen Manor House 375th reception
- Aug 30 H Greenvale 375th Wine Tasting
- Aug 31 H 375th Parade Island Park/Common Cannon firing/Polo
- Sep 1 H Chicken Barbeque/Square Dance Glen Park
- Sep 9? T [ALT Sponsored Jim Garman History Trolley Tour](#)
- Sep 14 T [Symposium "Portuguese Among Us" \(PHS\)](#)
- Sep 28 T Portsmouth High School Homecoming and 50th
- Oct 20 T Harvest Social at Ports. Historical Society
- Oct 25 T Eve La Plante, Author of American Jezebel talk at P. Abbey
- Nov 11 T Veteran's Day Ceremony with American Legion and VFW Posts
- Nov 17 T Prescott Farm Tour/Portsmouth Abby Newport Rest. Society
- Dec 1 T Library Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 7 T Holly Ball, GMH
- Dec 15 T Holiday Open House, GMH
- Dec 31 H [End of 375th year swim?](#)

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Events Committee



Fundraising



375th Labor Day Weekend Planning

- Labor Day weekend 2013
 - Thursday 29 Aug: GMH 375th Reception
 - Friday 30 Aug: Greenvale 375th Wine Tasting event
 - Music/Other?
 - Saturday 31 Aug:
 - AM Parade Island Park
 - PM BF Town Common Newport Arty Co. Cannon exchange, Polo match
 - Sunday 1 Sep:
 - AM Ecumenical Service at Founders Brook? (Rev Hanson? Still working)
 - PM Portsmouth 375th Family Picnic

375 Vice-Chair Activity

- VIP Visitors update
 - **Lord Mayor (Mrs) Lynne Stagg** and **Lady Mayoress (Mrs) Anne Taulbut.**
 - Aug. 28th Sept. 2nd
- **Sister Cities Proposal**
 - Meeting with Discover RI Director
- **Other**
 - VIP Gifts
 - May 20 and Aug 29



Parade Committee

- Chair met with Police Chief on Monday:
 - PD Issues using Island Park for Parade Route per Police Department
 - Absolutely no parking on Park Avenue which may necessitate towing vehicles ???
 - All of the adjoining small roads to Park Avenue North of the highway would be closed. No entrance or exit for the duration of the parade.
 - If Park Avenue was closed; home owners having an emergency would mean stopping the parade for emergency vehicles.???
 - Store owners may be upset.???
 - Police Department has a short staff to support closing Park Avenue.???
 - Minor Issues
 - Anticipate less spectators due to lack of parking on side streets or Park Avenue???
 - The Police Chief would prefer a Sunday parade due to anticipated additional traffic on a Holiday weekend heading for Newport. I indicated we would probably not be able to change the date due to other events and visiting dignitaries having scheduled events all weekend. ???
 - The Police did not rule out using Park Avenue, but that is not their favorite choice to conduct the Parade. Portsmouth is not conducive to supporting parades due to few alternate roads to use once you close the major highways.
 - The DOT and State Police will have to get involved as well.

PD Route



Park Ave Route



Discussion

- Island Park assures crowds to watch parade
- Waterfront views on both sides
- Straight one way route
 - Assembly on Boyds Lane, Dis-assembly after Escape Bridge
- Major Highways not affected
- PD concerns possibly overstated but can be addressed
- PD Route may be optimal for traffic control but not for parade exposure

My Recommendation

- Recommend we continue to plan for Park Avenue Parade
- Work with PD and FD to resolve concerns and issues
- SC member thoughts/comments?
- SC decision and motion

Marketing and Advertising 3-21-13



- ***NCCC Business Expo***
 - March 12 – After Action Discussion
- ***Web Help***
 - Working with RWU Intern (met on March 18)
 - Meeting with Library
- ***E-mail Outreach***
 - Monthly e-mail - Katherine
- ***Facebook/Twitter***
 - Facebook - Week of 3/3 to 3/9 Reach 5660 , Week of 3/9-3/15 Down to 2224
- ***Local Video Media/ YouTube***
 - Compact Ceremony
 - Jim Garman's March 7 Lecture
 - Talks with Jim Garman
- ***Print Media***
 - NDN - Jim Johnson
 - Portsmouth Weekly – Jim Mcgaw
- ***Publicize Next Major Events***
 - March 30 – Easter Egg Hunt
 - Now to April 7 – Arts Guild “Town and Country” Art Show
 - April 9 – Jim Garman Lecture 2 – Town Hall

Portsmouth RI 375 Financial Statement

6 March 2013

- Merchandise Sales/Donations:
 - \$145
- Soup Event revenue:
 - \$910.50
- Bills/Expenditures:
 - ?
- Current Balance:
 - \$24, 696.78

Some Ideas in the Works

- Numbered prints of Portsmouth Compact on parchment
- New merchandise – Status?
 - Hats (Khaki)
 - T-shirts (incl kids sizes)
 - Golf shirts
 - Other?
- Local goods/services/food for raffle at events?
- New flyer?

Discussion

- Church/Religious liaison still needed
- Navy Band Event/Pianist Concert/ other music? – When and where?
- Parade Committee can always use volunteers
 - Will need SC help on day of parade
- SC will need extra volunteers for our events
 - Ask friends and neighbors to help
 - Take tickets/donations, etc.
- Other issues?