

## MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

### PORTSMOUTH

#### Tuesday

School Committee, 6:30 p.m. (executive session followed by public meeting at 7) On web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84087644273?pwd=UTBJUXNJYlprYlZjM1hqQTUrwldMz09>.

### MIDDLETOWN

#### Tuesday

Road/Utilities Advisory Committee, 11 a.m., Brown's Lane, pull over on left shoulder just past Saccucci Dealership. Site visit only. No formal agenda. Full size plan will be on-site.

### NEWPORT

#### Wednesday

City Council, 6:30 p.m. By phone: 1 (888) 788-0099 or 1-833-548-0276. Webinar ID: 978 9508 8337. Passcode: 084128. On web: <https://zoom.us/j/97895088337>.

#### Thursday

Cliff Walk Commission, 5 p.m. On web: <https://zoom.us/j/92906959749>. By phone: Telephone: 1 (888) 788-0099 or (833) 548-0276. Meeting ID: 929 0695 9749.

### TIVERTON

#### Tuesday

School Committee, 6 p.m., [Youtube.com/TivertonVideos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

#### Thursday

Economic Development Commission, 7

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### Irish history museum lecture series begins Thursday

The 19th annual Crowley Lecture Series at the Museum of Newport Irish History kicks off virtually on Thursday, Sept. 24 with speaker Steve Marino. The lecture is free, but reservations are required. It begins at 6 p.m.

Those who are not able to attend the virtual event "live" may enjoy it later. The lecture will be recorded and a link posted on the museum's website "Lectures" page.

Marino will be exploring Newport's early Irish community and Rhode Island's first Catholic church. To learn more, or to register, visit [newportirishhistory.org/lectures.html](http://newportirishhistory.org/lectures.html).

### Learning pod spots available at The Hut

The Newport Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its distance learning pod at The Hut.

The distance learning program provides a safe, supervised space for children to participate in distance learning. The pod is available to boys and girls in grades 1-3 at Pell Elementary School. Students in the program participate in their online learning assignments and meetings, as well as outdoor play and arts and crafts.

The pod runs from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants



The Museum of Newport Irish History will host a virtual lecture on Thursday. (PROVIDENCE JOURNAL FILE PHOTO)

done at [register.commutypass.net/cityofnewport](http://register.commutypass.net/cityofnewport). For more information, please contact Newport Recreation at 845-5800.

### Portsmouth Historical Society hosting book discussion

During this 400th anniversary year of the arrival of the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor, the Portsmouth Historical Society Book Club will discuss "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War" by Nathaniel Philbrick, a fascinating and insightful book that chronicles the people, politics and religion from the establishment of Plymouth Colony through King Philip's War (1675-76) including action that takes place very near Portsmouth.

The event will take place Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the museum building at 870 East Main Road. Anne Wagner will again

Copies of the book are available at the Portsmouth Free Public Library ([portsmouthlibrary.org](http://portsmouthlibrary.org) or 401-683-9457). The Portsmouth Historical Society is configured to conform to State COVID-19 rules, and there is plenty of room for social distancing. Bring your masks and enjoy this non-lecture forum with those who have enjoyed reading the book. For more info visit [www.PortsmouthHistorical.org](http://www.PortsmouthHistorical.org).

### Introduction to African dance to be offered

There will be an introduction to African dance workshop offered through Common Fence Music on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. starting Oct. 6.

The classes will be held privately via Zoom. See the Info/Register Button on the home page at [www.commonfencemusic.org](http://www.commonfencemusic.org). Registration is limited.

[yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com).

The four-class workshop is open to all levels of ability, of high school age and older. Enrollment will be limited to 30. Enrollees will be signed up on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will be kept in case of cancellations.

Tara Murphy, who began exploring her heritage through African studies at Yale University, will lead the workshop. She was awarded a Yale fellowship to study traditional dance and drumming at the University of Legon in Ghana, West Africa, and has since studied closely with many African and Afro-Caribbean artists.

### Children invited to virtual "grumpy" storytime

Children ages 2 to 4 years old and a caregiver are invited to a special virtual grumpy storytime on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Newport Public Library.

Thursday, Oct. 15 is National Grouch Day and the library is preparing by hosting a very grumpy storytime. Hear stories, rhymes and songs all about being grumpy. No registration is required for this free program.

The video will be posted on the Storytime page of the library's website and on the library's Facebook page. For more information, please visit the Children's