

375th SC Meeting Agenda

- Chair/VC Report
- Vice Chair Reports
- Open Discussion
- Next meeting: 29 November



Fireworks, music, dancing, hayrides and more...

The Glen is the place to be this weekend

Portsmouth will celebrate the ripe old age of 350 years this weekend and the lion's share of the merrymaking will be going on down at Glen Park.

From Friday evening's opening reception at the Glen Manor House straight through to Sunday evening's fireworks finale, the Glen will be the place to be.

To the strains of big bands, Dixieland jazz and barbershop harmony, townspeople will be treated to great food, energetic displays of dancing, (featuring mostly local talent), tractor pulls, kite flying and games for all ages.

And lest the significance of the town's long and important history be lost in all that activity, displays, videos and an ecumenical service will offer a more serious perspective.

Crowd control should prove no problem, says John Pierce, chairman of Committee '88. Stocks and pillories are being set up at the Glen, though the chairman doesn't say who he'd like to lock up.

Lord Mayor's visit

FRIDAY EVENING'S OPENING reception has a dual purpose. It marks the beginning of the weekend's activities and it serves to welcome a variety of dignitaries, among who will be the Lord Mayor and Mayoress Hale of Portsmouth, England. Joining them will be Eileen Foley, mayor of Portsmouth, NH and Gloria Webb, mayor of Portsmouth, Va.

The public is welcome to this reception free of charge to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and music against one of the town's most impressive backdrops. The reception lasts from 6 to 8 pm.

Later that evening, the tempo picks up at a block dance at Portsmouth High School. Dancing will be to music by the Magical Shoelaces, a rock quartet that first performed back in 1965. There will be a fee for this event.

Saturday and Sunday, the activity will be non-stop at the Glen.

After a parade to the park Saturday (see separate story) and some welcoming speeches and introductions at 12:30 pm, kept brief per Chairman Pierce's mandate, the day will be turned over to music, food and dancing.

Concerts by St Anthony's Band of Fall River, the

Croakers Barbershop Quartet and the Newport Concert Band will provide music off and on until 7 pm.

In between, visitors can watch dancing by such groups as the Irish Step Dancers, the Steppin' Out Dancers and the Town Howlers Square Dancers.

Throughout the day there will be hay rides aboard Louis

Escobar's hay wagon, a hot air balloon tethered overhead, some exotic kites, games for all ages and refreshments including jonnycakes served by the RI Jonnycake Society.

See FIREWORKS page 14



Getting in the spirit.

Sign and display of vintage fire equipment in front of the Portsmouth Fire Department herald the anniversary's arrival.

England and the mayors of Portsmouth, NH and Portsmouth, Va. The public is welcome.

• 8 to 11 pm: Block dance at Portsmouth high School. Music by the Magical Shoelaces, music from the 50s to the 80s. Fee will be charged.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

• 11 am: Parade starts at Transcom, heads south on East Main Road to Glen Park.

(Note: All subsequent events for the day will be held at Glen Park)

• 12:30 pm: Welcoming speeches, introductions.

• 1:30 pm: Band concert (likely St Anthony's Band of Fall River).

• 2:30 pm: Irish Step Dancers.

• 3 pm: Steppin' Out Dancers.

• 3:30 pm: Croakers Barbershop Quartet.

• 4:30 pm: Steppin' Out Dancers perform material from the Wizard of Oz.

• 5 pm: Town Howlers Square Dancers.

• 6-7 pm: Newport Concert Band.

Ongoing activities throughout Saturday at the Glen include:

• Jonnycakes served by RI Jonnycake Society.

• Quilters by the Sea display and demonstration.

• Exhibit of the town's restored copy of the Declaration of Independence.

• Video of the history of Portsmouth by Nancy Devin will be shown repeatedly.

• Newport kite flyers to fly their kites.

• Girl Scouts to conduct games for children.

• Hay rides with Louis Escobar.

• Hot air balloon tethered over the site.

• Refreshments available all day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

• 10 am: Tractor pulls and pony rides all day at Glen Park.

• 1 pm: Battle of the HMS Rose and colonial militia units. Ship will sail up the Sakonnet and fire on town from off Park Ave. Battle to last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Best viewing spots are along Park Ave. Sponsored by the Bank of New England and RI Heritage Commission.

• 4 pm: Ecumenical service at Glen Park.

• 5 pm: Chicken barbecue at Glen Park sponsored by Portsmouth's Democrats and Republicans. (fee)

• 6:30 pm: Concert at Glen Park by John Moitoza's Dixieland Band until 9 pm.

• Fireworks at Glen Park sponsored by the Sakonnet Times.

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Chair/Vice Chair Report

- Contacts:
 - American Legion and VFW Posts (Parade plus)
 - Newport Artillery Company (Parade plus)
 - Greenvale Vineyards: 375th label (plus events)
 - Middle School next week
 - PHS SC Following week
 - PAWSOX – Dennis Chandler/Cookie Rowhouse
 - 375th Short video in works
- Clement's Desk display Sales and Info:
 - Sunday, 25 Nov 10-12 (need volunteers)
 - Sunday, 2 Dec 10-12 (Need volunteers)
- Historical Society map of Portsmouth (Gloria)
- Any 375th memorabilia ready before Christmas?

Books on Portsmouth History

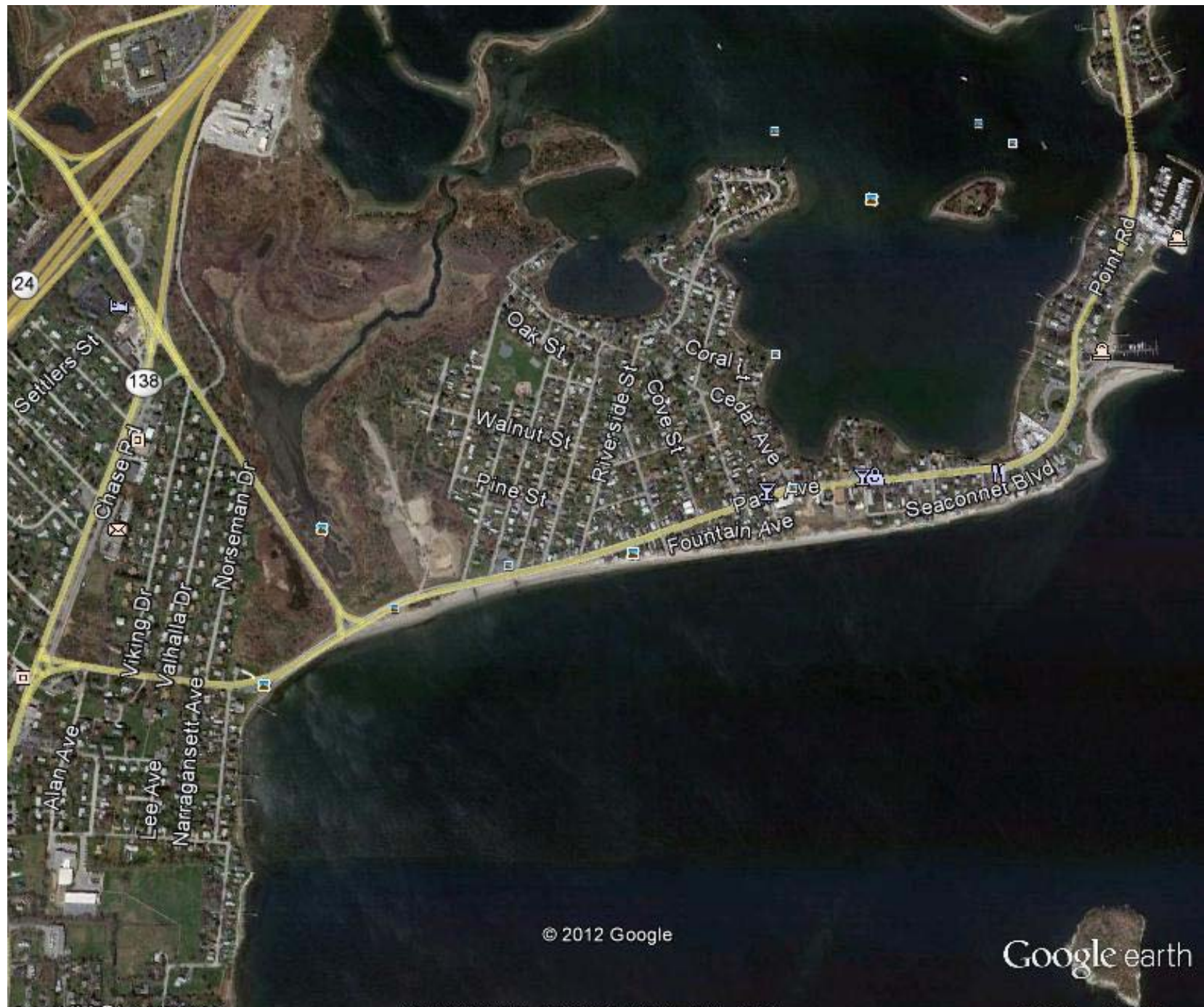
- Arcadia Publishers:
 - 2 Existing books; one on Portsmouth (circa 1995), one of Aquidneck Island (circa 1997)
 - Possibly an updated version for Portsmouth in the works?
 - Retail for \$22 – we can get for 40% off (\$13.50 plus shipping) and resell for retail (\$8.80 profit)
 - Do we want to do this? Who will take it on as a project?
- Jim Garman books – will be sold at lectures
- Pierce book on Portsmouth – Copies available?

375th Labor Day Weekend Planning

- Labor Day weekend 2013
 - Thursday 29 Aug: GMH 375th Reception (Sponsor? Music?)
 - Friday 30 Aug: Greenvale 375th Wine Tasting event (w/without music?)
 - Saturday 31 Aug:
 - AM Parade down Park Ave. Island Park
 - PM Polo match ?
 - Sunday 1 September:
 - AM Commemoration Ceremony at Founders Brook?
 - PM Chicken Barbeque/Music concert Glen Park?

375th Parade

- No public response yet to Island Park location
 - Can we identify an Island Park group to work with us?
- Participants so far:
 - Newport Artillery Company
 - PHS Band
 - PHS Sports teams?
 - MS Band?
 - Scouts?
 - RING Band?
 - Navy Base?
 - American Legion Post 18?
 - VFW Post 5390?
 - Volunteer Fire Fighters?
 - Police Dept/Fire Dept?
 - Antique Fire Trucks?
 - Portsmouth Rotary?
 - Town Council/State/Newport County Officials?
 - Others?



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Imagery Date: 4/2/2012

41°37'22.74" N 71°13'54.02" W elev 10 ft

Eye alt 6820 ft

Events with Firm Dates

• Jan to Dec	T	Portsmouth Arts Guild—Fri, Sat and Sunday, various art events
• Jan. 1	H	“Polar Dive for 375”
• March 7	H	Portsmouth Compact Ceremony/Lecture
• Mar to Nov	H	Historical Lectures by Jim Garman
• March 30	T	Easter Egg Hunt at the Brown House
• May 4	T	Tour of Fort Butts/RIMAP
• May 18	T	Restoration Celebration at Greenvale Vineyard
• May 24	H	Portsmouth Garden Club Memorial Day Wreath laying Legion Park
• May 26	T	Exhibit at Ports. Historical Society
• June 2	T	Prescott Farm tour/Portsmouth Abby Newport Restoration Society
• TBD June	T	Portsmouth Night at Pawsox/Rotary Club
• Jul 4	T	Fireworks at Escobar Farm
• Jul 15	T	Genealogy and Researching Portsmouth’s Early Residents
• Jul 17	T	Portsmouth Resources—What We Have and How to Find It
• Jul 18	T	American band Concert, GMH
• Jul 20	T	Portsmouth Family Reunion
• 21 Jul	T	Friends of Anne Hutchinson Annual Meeting
• 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	375 th Parade Island Park/Polo?
• Sep 1	H	Chicken Barbeque/Concert Glen Park?
• Sep 28	T	Portsmouth High School Homecoming and 50th
• Oct 20	T	Harvest Social at Ports. Historical Society
• Nov 2	T	ALT 3.75K “Race for Open Space” IHO 375th
• Nov 11	T	Veteran’s Day Ceremony with American Legion and VFW Posts
• Nov 17	T	Prescott Farm Tour/Portsmouth Abby Newport Restoration Society
• Dec 7	T	Holly Ball, GMH
• Dec 15	T	Holiday Open House, GMH

H = 375 host event

T = Tag to event with appropriate signage i.e. “In Celebration of Portsmouth’s 375th Anniversary

[New event](#)

Events



Portsmouth 375



Polar Dive

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Gather at 11:30 – Dive at Noon
Island Park Beach

Celebrate

the Town of Portsmouth's 375th Anniversary,
Our Proud Heritage and Bright Future on New Year's Day
at this Kick-Off event.



Participants and Spectators
Sign up FREE at the
The Beach House
www.beachhouseri.com
www.portsmouthri375.com
for announcements.



Refreshments following the Polar Dive courtesy of
The Beach House Bar and Grill • 506 Park Avenue
and other generous Portsmouth merchants

Any donations will benefit the 2013 Portsmouth RI 375 Celebration Events,
Portsmouth RI 375 is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving Portsmouth's heritage.
Visit our website, www.portsmouthri375.com for more information.



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Publicity and Advertising 11/15/12



- ***Media***

- Establishing Media List
- PSAs on Cox Channel 18
- Historical Video

- ***Electronic Media***

- Web Site, Facebook (133 Likes, weekly reach 428)
- Twitter
- eMail – only 23 subscribers
- Portsmouth Patch

- ***Word of Hand/Eye/Mouth***

Bumper Stickers – being distributed

Tee Shirts (need better marketing)

Banners (have one 3ft X 8ft posted outside library)

Coins and Ornaments (have quote)

Buttons (We have 1000 for give away)

Need more exposure of “375”)

Portsmouth RI 375 Financial Statement

15 November 2012

Summary - 15 November 2012			
Income			
Total Contributions to date			\$ 9,750.00
Total Adv Fee - Tee Shirts			\$ 1,625.00
	Total		\$11,375.00
Expenses			
Office Expenses			\$ (200.76)
Fund Raising Cost			\$ (2,423.11)
	Total		\$ (2,623.87)
Balance			\$ 8,751.13

Portsmouth RI 375 Financial Statement

15 November 2012

Portsmouth RI 375					
Financial Statement					
Checking Account - Bank of Newport					
Details					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Notes</u>
31-Aug	Account Opened				
31-Aug	Deposit		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	Contribution - Gump, Magee (\$375 each)
7-Sep	Deposit		\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,500.00	Contribution - Garman (\$1000); Smith, Talipsky (\$375 each)
10-Sep	Deposit		\$ 375.00	\$ 2,875.00	Contribution - Hamilton (\$375)
21-Sep	Deposit		\$ 750.00	\$ 3,625.00	Contribution - Keller, Npt County Chamber of Commerce (\$375 each)
3-Oct	Debit		\$ (30.19)	\$ 3,594.81	Harland Clarke - Check Order
11-Oct	Deposit		\$ 375.00	\$ 3,969.81	Contribution - McDaid (\$375)
19-Oct	Check	101	\$ (648.46)	\$ 3,321.35	Jane Roggero - Bumper Stickers (\$470); Flyer/Brochure (\$178.46)
20-Oct	Deposit		\$ 500.00	\$ 3,821.35	Contribution - Klimm (\$375); Adv Fee Tee Shirts - Crostin, Security Sciences (\$125)
31-Oct	Balance			\$ 3,821.35	
2-Nov	Deposit		\$ 6,875.00	\$ 10,696.35	Contribution Stevens \$375: tee shirt sponsors \$1500; Heritage Sponsor Clements \$5000
1-Nov	debit	102	\$ (70.00)	\$ 8,851.70	Mary Magee - Post Office Box
1-Nov	debit	103	\$ (70.57)	\$ 8,781.13	Jane Roggero - Staples supplies
4-Nov	debit	debit card	\$(1,774.65)	\$ 8,921.70	Cost of tee Shirts - Initial Ideas, Inc.
15-Nov	Debit	104	\$ (30.00)	\$ 8,751.13	Hamilton Printing - Postal Permit Stamp
15-Nov	Balance			\$ 8,751.13	

Portsmouth RI 375 Sponsors as of 15 November 2012

Heritage (\$5000)

Clements' Marketplace, Inc.

Colonists (\$1000)

Jim and Dotti Garman

Founders (\$375)

Gary and Janice Gump

Bob Hamilton

Ray and Linda Keller

Dolores and John Klimm

Molly and Donald Magee

John and Karen McDaid

Newport County Chamber of Commerce

Doug and Nanci Smith

Roberta and Henry Stevens

Rich Talipsky

Special Thanks

Tom Roskelly - Tom designed and donated the Portsmouth 375 logos to the 375 Committee

Portsmouth RI 375 Tee Shirt Sponsors

Security Sciences - David Crostin	\$ 125.00
Century 21	\$ 125.00
All Island Landscape	\$ 125.00
Home Healthsmith	\$ 125.00
Greenvale	\$ 125.00
Food Works	\$ 125.00
Clements	\$ 125.00
Aquidneck Land Trust	\$ 125.00
Karen Hair Design	\$ 125.00
Decastro	\$ 125.00
BankNewport	\$ 125.00
401 Motoring	\$ 125.00
Npt County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 125.00
Total	\$1,625.00

Fundraising



Other VC/Liaisons

- Technology
- Schools
 - Still need student contacts
 - PHS SC on 5 Dec/MS on 19 Nov
- Town
- Business
 - Sponsor opportunities
 - 375th Reception at GMH 29 August
 - 375th Parade 31 August
 - Escobar 375th Fireworks display 4 July
 - Glen Park Chicken Barbeque/concerts? – 1 Sep

Open Discussion

- Mayor for a Day Contest – who want to take it on?
- Music Concerts?



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Volunteers Still Needed!

- Volunteers needed to:
 - Conduct/support events
 - Assist the Steering Cte functions (Eg. Parade, etc.)
 - Help your local Groups participate in the 375th
- Please sign in to:
 - Get 375th Cte emails
 - Work with a 375th Vice Chairs
 - Join the 375th team
- Next SC meeting – Thursday, 29 Nov 5 PM