



Hello all –

New year, new decade and a new way of working and conversing with all of you...

As we become more reliant on the internet for communications, we need your cooperation: Please share your email addresses with us! We now release electronic newsletters that allow us to be more timely in getting information about our programs out to the Community. Eventually, we'll be going to online volunteer sign-ups, but for now, the enclosed is an important step in positioning you to have more rewarding volunteer experiences with Pro Portsmouth.

Are we asking for too much information? Well, if you haven't completed a race application with us, this looks foreign and perhaps intrusive – actually we followed our race registration format. The information we request on the Application remains private; we do not share it. The enclosed Guidelines represent challenges we have experienced over time and frankly, it's about time we address them! The same holds true for our Volunteer Meetings: effective with Market Square Day, we'll offer two Volunteer Meetings and we respectfully request that you attend one...too many questions pop up during events that we regularly discuss in the Volunteer Meetings. What does this mean? Whether MSD is your first volunteer experience or your twenty-first, we need to see you at a meeting...

More than ever before – we need you! Your continued involvement is a critical component of this organization's ability to produce great events...

So here's the update:

- Children's Day: It returns on Sunday, May 2nd, Noon – 4pm.
- Market Square Day Festival: The 33rd edition takes place on Saturday, June 12th, 9am – 4pm.
- The MSD 10K: 9am on Market Square Day – we're the third race in the Sixth Annual Seacoast Road Race Series. (Series information appears under 'Events' on our website)
- Summer in the Street: For the sixth year, we'll produce entertainment on Pleasant Street during the summer; Saturday evenings from 5 – 9:30 pm (June 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7).

There's a lot going which means many opportunities for you to become involved. All kinds of talents and time are required in order to make these events successful – have questions? Contact our Coordinator, Anne Lynch, at volunteer@proportsmouth.org or 603-610-5530.

PLEASE NOTE: as part of our ongoing initiative to utilize the talents of our Volunteers, we want to form special event-related committees, specifically around Market Square Day. It would bring all of the important elements of each to the table a handful of times before the event. Think Decorations, Logistics, Road Race...we want to hear from you!

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you out and about and, of course, being together at our events

Barbara Massar

See you soon –
Barbara Massar
Executive Director

PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION TO:

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