

Portsmouth Area Community Calendar 2018 - 2019



Offices located inside Scioto County Welcome Center ♦ 342 Second Street ♦ Downtown Portsmouth
Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce - 740-353-7647
Portsmouth-Scioto County Visitors Bureau -740-353-1116
Main Street Portsmouth – 740-464-0203
www.portsmouth.org ♦ www.ohiorivertourism.org ♦ www.mspohio.org



Winterfest @ Market Square – You'll see downtown decorated like you've never seen it before! Visit with Santa in the Candyland Building on Market Square every Friday 4pm–7pm, Saturday 10am–5pm and every Sunday 12pm–6pm. Have your picture taken and let him know what's on your wish list! Ice skating for all ages on Market Square will be open Monday–Thursday from 3pm to 8pm, special High School Skate Thursdays 8pm–10pm, Friday 3pm to 9pm, Saturday 11am to 9pm and Sunday: 12pm to 6pm. A daily pass for all day skating is \$5. The pass includes skate rental. Shop local vendors on Market Square and the Winterfest Gift Shop, located in the Candyland Building, every weekend in December. Vendor & Gift Shop hours are Friday 3pm–9pm, Saturday 11am–9pm, Sunday 12pm–6pm. A great way to check off your holiday shopping list while supporting local makers.
<https://www.friendsofportsmouth.com/winterfest>



**Open 4pm-10pm every Friday and Saturday
Nov. 23, 24, 30, Dec 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 for 2018.**

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November 27th – SOMC’s Annual Polar Express Pajama Party at the SOMC Friends Center. Fun for the entire family. Wear your pajamas and enjoy an evening of food, activities and the classic holiday film. Children will hop on the express to visit Santa at the North Pole. Bring your camera and capture your child’s moment with Santa! The night will feature a variety of activities including Santa, Games, Letters to Santa-Writing Area, Polar Express Train Ride, Concessions by The Cool Bus, Mark Wood Fun Show, and Face painting. Tickets are \$8 for up to two children (additional kids are \$5 each) - includes all activities. Adults and kids under 2 are free.

November 27th - A Christmas Carol at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. The Nebraska Theatre Caravan features a cast of 24 performers, live musicians, and elegant scenery and costumes. Follow Scrooge as he learns the quintessential lesson—although material possessions may bring us immediate satisfaction, true bliss can only be obtained through good will, respect, and a humble heart. Show begins at 7:30 pm. For more information contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or visit shows website at <http://www.christmascarolontour.com/>

November 28th – Portsmouth Today! Through this quarterly public forum, the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Portsmouth are working in part with Community Action to bring the community together, build momentum on progress, and focus attention on just how much goes on that often goes unnoticed. Event is held at the Scioto County Welcome Center at 9am – 10:15 am. Free and open to the public. For more information call the Chamber at 740-353-7647 or Main Street Portsmouth at 740-464-0203.

November 29th - Vern Riffe After Dark VI hosted by CMAR Clothing and Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. ONE EPIC NIGHT OF ART DISPLAYING, SELLING, BUYING. FOOD, MUSIC AMBIANCE, TELEVISION. BE A PART OF PORTSMOUTH’S UP AND COMING ART SCENE! Event at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts from 7 pm – 10 pm.

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November 30th - A Midsummer’s Night Dream presented by the Portsmouth Area Arts Council - TICKETS ARE \$5 PER SEAT FOR BOTH THE DAYTIME AND EVENING PERFORMANCE. FOR TICKETS TO THE 7 PM SHOW, SEE THE MCKINLEY BOX OFFICE BY CALLING (740) 351-3600 OR AT VRCFA.COM. THE FRIDAY STUDENT MATINÉE GROUP RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING PAAC AT (740) 351-3642 OR REGISTERING ONLINE

November 30th - Beer and Wine for Main Street Portsmouth at the Party Connection. The Party Connection welcomes guests to their location at 2034 11th Street, from 6 pm to 9 pm, for a beer and wine tasting. It will benefit Main Street Portsmouth and their endeavors at the 535 Second Street project. Owner Becky Sosby is also planning on having Ribber smoked turkey for the guests to enjoy. Local musician BJ Billy B J Cantrell is donating his time to perform live. The cost is \$20. For more information contact MSP at 740-464-0203.

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December 1st - The Portsmouth Wind Symphony's Annual Christmas Concert at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7 pm. Adult - \$10, SSU Student w/ID - \$5, Child over 12 - \$5, Child 12 and under – Free. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or find the Portsmouth Wind Symphony on Facebook or visit their website at <http://portsmouthwindsymphony.com>.

December 1st - The 25th Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Vernal G. Riffe Community Center - Bring your kids(young and old) to see Santa Claus. This community event continues in honor of our late Mayor, Jim Warren as he began this tradition in the early 1990's. Event is 9 am – 11 am.

December 1st – New Boston Christmas Parade - Join the Village of New Boston as they usher in the Christmas season with their annual Christmas Parade. The parade will start on Rhodes Avenue at Pat Catans' parking lot and travel east to Park Avenue then travel north on Park Avenue to Gallia Street, travel west on Gallia Street to West Avenue, travel south on West Avenue to Rhodes Ave, travel east on Rhodes Avenue to Center Street, turn south onto center street and finish back at Pat Catans' parking lot. Hot Cocoa and cookies will be served at the New Boston Fire Department where the kids can visit with Santa Claus as well!!! Begins at 5 pm.

December 1st - 8LB Pressure, MG Flash, and Reverend Electric at the Columbia Music Arena locate at 832 Gallia Street in downtown Portsmouth.

December 2nd – Portsmouth Civic Chorale Christmas Concert at All Saints Episcopal Church, 610 4th Street, Portsmouth at 4:30 pm. Begin your Advent and Christmas seasons with beautiful choral music at historic All Saints' Church. Admission is free!

December 2nd – Tour of Lofts returns to the Portsmouth area – sponsored by Main Street Portsmouth. The event is from 1 – 5 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and available at the MSP office at the Welcome Center, Century 21 and Bihl Office Supply. For more information, call MSP at 740-464-0203

December 3rd - P-Town Toastmasters Meeting at the Kricker Innovation Hub, 221 Chillicothe Street in downtown Portsmouth. Shaping your words AND your future begins with P-TOWN TOASTMASTERS! This is a community Toastmasters Club. Everyone is welcome! What's in it for you? P-Town Toastmasters will give you the skills and confidence you need to effectively express yourself in any situation; whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, this is the most efficient, enjoyable and affordable way of gaining great communication skills. Who does it work? Never fear! It's all friends in here! The GREAT thing about becoming a member is that everyone starts at the beginning of the program. It's a level playing field! Event from 7 – 8 pm.

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December 8th - The Farmer & Adele return to the Southern Ohio Museum for their annual Country and Western Christmas Party show, featuring classic Christmas tunes, original holiday songs with a western swing twist! For more information, contact the museum at 740-354-5629.

December 8th – Sciotoville Christmas Parade - Help us bring back an old tradition by joining us for this parade. We encourage school groups, bands, businesses, youth organizations to march, ride or drive. Allard Park to East High School. The parade will end at the High School where children can enjoy photos with Santa and purchase refreshments from the After Prom Committee. Event time is 5–7 pm. Use the link below to register your group.
<https://goo.gl/forms/uysFI8w77zUAQz8u2>

December 9th – Christmas Open House at Greenlawn Cemetery presented by Friends of Greenlawn Cemetery. Free to the public. This event will offer free Angel Memorial Ornaments for the Remembrance Tree, live music and refreshments. Event from 2 pm to 5 pm. Find the group on Facebook.

December 11th – Giovanni’s Christmas Concert –Enjoy Giovanni’s food and many southern gospel music friends. NEW LOCATION – Community Bible Church Fellowship Hall, 230 Fairground Road, Lucasville. Doors open at 6 pm, concert begins at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes salad, garlic bread, spaghetti and drink.

December 14th – Tour of Historic Churches presented by the Portsmouth Business and Professional Women. Tours start at the Scioto County Courthouse at 6 pm. Music and snacks at the courthouse. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Churches on the tour include Bigelow, St. Mary’s, All Saints and 1st Presbyterian.

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December 17th - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - Second Presbyterian Church (801 Waller St, across from PHS) is excited to bring the glory of the Christmas season to the community with their annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Mon, Dec. 17 at 7:30pm in the church sanctuary. Numbering more than 75 participants, the choir and full orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Stanley Workman, Jr. This service is FREE and open to the public.

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December 22nd - Hawthorne Heights/TheStoryChanges/FearTheDreamer at the Columbia Music Hall located at 832 Gallia Street in Portsmouth. Tickets are \$15 and available on Eventbrite.com Doors open at 6 pm.

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February 12th - Jim Brickman at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Just in time for Valentine's Day! Jim Brickman's distinctive piano style brought back the popularity of instrumental romantic music. As the writer and performer of songs like "Valentine," and "The Gift," his two Grammy nominations, a gospel music Dove award, twenty-one number one albums, thirty-two top twenty radio singles illustrates his impact on popular music. For more information contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or visit the artist's website at <https://www.jimbrickman.com/>

February 23rd – SOMC's Ladies Night Out - SOMC host this event tailored toward pampering ladies so they can take better care of themselves, enabling them to continue to be the heart of the family. For more information please contact Mary Arnzen at 740-356-2504.

March 7th - Ladies of Longford at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. We are thrilled to welcome one of the Portsmouth area's favorite performers. You knew the leader of "Ladies" as half of the renowned "Clyde and Hilda". Hilda Fenton Doyle is a graduate of Clay High School, a proud Scioto county native, and the mother of two of the "Ladies" in this amazingly talented ensemble! Now from the Columbus area and celebrating over 17 years of their special brand of music, the Ladies of Longford serve up a unique blend of contemporary Celtic, traditional Irish and fresh acoustic styles. They are most often defined by their superb vocal harmonies and excellent musicianship. Energetic and highly acclaimed, you will love an evening with Hilda and her girls! For more information call the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or visit the artist's website at <http://www.ladiesoflongford.com/>

March 21st – 24th – Seussical The Musical performed by the Portsmouth Area Children's Theatre. TICKETS FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCE ARE \$6-\$12 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MCKINLEY BOX OFFICE BY CALLING (740) 351-3600 OR AT VRCFA.COM. THURSDAY & FRIDAY STUDENT MATINÉES ARE \$3 A SEAT AND GROUP RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING PAAC AT (740) 351-3642 OR REGISTERING ONLINE

March 23rd – Dancing With our Stars - All Star Revue - Friends Community Center. For more information contact (740) 354-3293.

May 18th – SOMC's Hike for Hospice, Hike, Run or Walk. For more information please contact Mary Arnzen at 740-356-2504.

April 13th - The Portsmouth Wind Symphony's Annual Spring Concert at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7 pm. Adult - \$10, SSU Student w/ID - \$5, Child over 12 - \$5, Child 12 and under – Free. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or find the Portsmouth Wind Symphony on Facebook or visit their website at <http://portsmouthwindsymphony.com>.

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April 23rd - Chicago The Musical at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Chicago, the longest running American musical, is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Cast Recording. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600 or visit the show's website at <https://chicagothemusical.com/>

April 27th – True Lure Trout Derby for children with disabilities and disabled veterans at Turkey Creek Lake, West Portsmouth. For more information contact Todd Dunn at 740-727-4209.

April 27th & 28th – Trade Days at the Lucasville Fairgrounds - Large swap meet at the Scioto County Fairgrounds in Lucasville, Ohio! Come out and find just about anything you're looking for! For more information call (937) 728-6643 or visit their website at <http://www.lucasvilletradedays.com>.

May 19th – Portsmouth Day with the Reds at the Great American Ball Park. The Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce will have tickets for sale in January or February to the Reds vs Dodgers. For more information contact the Chamber at 740-353-7647.

June 7th – The 34th Annual Life Center Invitational Golf Tournament - For more information please contact Mary Arnzen at 740-356-2504.

June 8th & 9th - Trade Days at the Lucasville Fairgrounds - Large swap meet at the Scioto County Fairgrounds in Lucasville, Ohio! Come out and find just about anything you're looking for! For more information call (937) 728-6643 or visit their website at <http://www.lucasvilletradedays.com>.

July 4th The Portsmouth Wind Symphony's Annual 4th of July Concert at Tracy Park. The concert is free and begins at 7 pm. For more information, find the Portsmouth Wind Symphony on Facebook or visit their website at <http://portsmouthwindsymphony.com>.

October 5th & 6th - Trade Days at the Lucasville Fairgrounds - Large swap meet at the Scioto County Fairgrounds in Lucasville, Ohio! Come out and find just about anything you're looking for! For more information call (937) 728-6643 or visit their website at <http://www.lucasvilletradedays.com>.

Annual Events in the Portsmouth Area

January – Portsmouth Murals Inc. Annual Baseball Banquet. Contact 353-7647

February – Notre Dame Schools “Bid Your Heart Out” fundraiser. Contact 353-2354.

February – Main Street Portsmouth Chocolate Walk. Contact 464-2023 (always first Saturday in February)

February – Main Street Portsmouth Dinner. Contact 464-0203

March – St. Patrick’s Day Parade in downtown Portsmouth. Contact 355-9015.

March – The Counseling Center’s Celebrity Dinner and Auction. Contact 354-3829.

April – Reds Day. Chamber sells tickets to Reds game. Contact 353-7647.

April – Shawnee State University’s President’s Gala. Contact 351-3284.

April – Trout Derby sponsored by the Portsmouth Jaycees.

April – Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643.

April – Portsmouth Wind Symphony Spring Concert www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com

May – TOSRV bicycle tour from Columbus to Portsmouth and back. Contact 353-1116.

May – Hike for Hospice. Contact 740-356-2567.

May – Main Street Portsmouth Farmers Market – thru October. Contact 464-2023

June – American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Contact Rosie Williams at 740-354-4363.

June – Gene Bennett Baseball Classic at SSU – Call SSU Athletic Dept.

June - Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643.

June – The Counseling Center’s annual 5K run. Contact 354-3829 ext 240.

July – Free concert in Tracy Park on July 4th – Portsmouth Wind Symphony - www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com

July - Main Street Portsmouth’s Farm to Table Dinner. Contact 464-2023

August – Roy Rogers Festival. 740.259.1195 or 740.727.4444.

August – Scioto County Fair at the fairgrounds in Lucasville.

August – Red Cross Heroes Event. Call 740-354-3293.

August - SOMC Triathlon. Contact <http://www.hfpracing.com>

September – Rotary Fish Fry. Call Sean Boldman 740-353-5433(Friday of Labor Day weekend)

September – River Days on the banks of the Ohio River.

September - St. Mary’s International Festival. Contact 354-4551. 3rd weekend in September

September – Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. Contact 353-7647.

September – Steven A. Hunter Hope Fund Annual Tennis Tournament. www.stevenshopefund.org

September – Walk to End Alzheimers. Contact 800-272-3900.

September - Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643

September – Jazz Concert in Tracy Park – Sunday before Labor Day (rain location- American Legion on Gallia)

September – Southern Ohio Senior Games

October – Jaycees Haunted House.

October – John Simon Sorghum Festival. Contact 259-6337.

October - Annual Dirt Track World Championship at Portsmouth Raceway Park. 740-354-3278 or 740-858-6661

October – Otway Covered Bridge Festival. Contact Friends of Scioto Brush Creek 740) 493-3062.

October – Portsmouth Wind Symphony fall concert - www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com

November – Annual Jaycees Christmas parade in downtown Portsmouth. Contact 353-7647.

November – SOMC’s Winter Wonderland (ball, tea, train expo, pj party). Contact 356-6160.

November – Annual Oak Ridge Boys concert at the Vern Riffe Center. Contact 351-3600.

November – Main Street Portsmouth Holiday Open House. Contact 464-2023

December – Main Street Portsmouth Holiday Open House. Contact 464-2023

December – Portsmouth Wind Symphony Christmas concert. Contact 351-3600.

December – Annual Boy Scout auction. Contact 354-2811.

December – Tour of Historic Churches sponsored by the Business/Professional Women. 2nd Friday in December

December – Winterfest in downtown Portsmouth

December – Christmas Cave at the White Gravel Mines every Friday and Saturday in December

December – New Boston Christmas Parade – contact village offices

December – Sciotoville Christmas Parade