



Hello all –

As we look ahead to celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary – who knew – we're calling on our Community to say – we need you! Your continued involvement is a critical component of this organization's ability to produce great events.

- First Night® Portsmouth 2012 – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 4pm - Midnight

**Volunteer Registration Now Online:** In the Spring, we introduced online Volunteer registration. It was very successful and will continue being our “default” choice for Volunteer registration: go to our website – [www.proportsmouth.org](http://www.proportsmouth.org) – click on the Volunteer button at the top of each page, and you'll be directed to a central informational page. Click on the Volunteer Now button to access the **VolunteerHub** system and our First Night Volunteer opportunities. (If you used **VolunteerHub** in the Spring, you have an account – if you forgot your password, contact Carolyn Ostrom – do not create another account!) For those of you who may be reluctant to sign up online please be assured: we are utilizing **VolunteerHub** because their privacy policy mirrors our own. This means that your information will not be used by them or sold to third parties.

**Note:** For those of you who are unable/unwilling to sign-up online, we will provide you with the form in this mailing. **Please recognize that with the Spring/Summer events, this paper form will appear as a PDF download on our site OR can be requested by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.** We all use/waste lots of paper – by signing up online we can save a tree or two!

**Volunteer Meetings:** To ensure the success of our events, we request that you attend one of our volunteer meetings prior to the event. Meeting dates/times for First Night® will be noted on our Volunteer page online. You'll also receive a confirmation/reminder from Carolyn.

We would like to make a special appeal not only to those of you volunteering with us for the first time, but also to those seasoned volunteers who have been with us for many years: attending a volunteer meeting is the only way to ensure that you have received the most up-to-date information about our events. Here's an example: last year, we overheard a volunteer at First Night® talk about fireworks at midnight. Guess what? We haven't had midnight fireworks since 2002! Don't be that person this year. To ensure that everyone has the best experience on the day/night of the event – you, your fellow volunteers, staff, and visitors alike – please plan to attend a volunteer meeting in advance. We'll review all the event logistics and answer all your questions.

**Stay in Touch:** We have become more reliant on the internet for communications – we reach thousands (yes, thousands!) with our Constant Contact electronic newsletters. If you don't already receive it, you can sign up for our e-newsletter by contacting us at: [info@proportsmouth.org](mailto:info@proportsmouth.org). Also, Facebook has enabled us to get information out quickly to our “friends” as well as those who like us and follow us on social media – so check out our Facebook page.

There's a lot going on, which means many opportunities for you to become involved. All kinds of talents and time are required in order to make these events successful, so we hope you'll join us this year. Have questions? Contact our Coordinator, Carolyn Ostrom, at [volunteer@proportsmouth.org](mailto:volunteer@proportsmouth.org) or 603-610-5530.

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

See you soon –

Barbara Massar  
Executive Director

Carolyn Ostrom  
Event/Volunteer Coordinator

P.S. Stay tuned for the release of our newly designed website courtesy of Harbour Light Strategic Marketing! Can't volunteer? Won't you consider purchasing a Share in First Night? Contact us at: [info@proportsmouth.org](mailto:info@proportsmouth.org)