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City Hall Closed Monday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 9th

Gloucester City Hall will be closed due to continued cleanup after small fire last week

Gloucester's City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 9th due to continued clean-up efforts as a result of the small fire that occurred at approximately 11:30PM on Wednesday, May 3rd in City Hall's basement. Minimal damage was incurred and no injuries were reported.

The City is working closely with contractors to mitigate smoke damage and clean areas of the building impacted by the fire.

Vendors specializing in archives and artwork have been contracted to ensure that historical documents and pieces of art are maintained and restored appropriately. The City is also working with vendors focused on technology to assess computers and equipment throughout the building.

All other City offices will be open, including the City Hall Annex, Department of Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department.

Residents are encouraged to access City services online and should contact City staff through email. Contact information for City staff can be found on the City's website.

"I am grateful for everyone's patience and understanding while we navigate this clean up at City Hall," said Mayor Greg Verga. "Our City Hall staff are working to meet the needs of our residents at a limited capacity. I want to ensure that everything is done right during this cleanup so staff and residents are able to safely get back into the building. I appreciate all of the time and hard work of our City staff and vendors over the past few days."

City Hall is scheduled to reopen at regular business hours on Wednesday, May 10th.

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About The City of Gloucester, Massachusetts

America's oldest seaport, the City of Gloucester, is known throughout the world as an authentic, working waterfront community, a place of spectacular natural beauty, and home to a diverse population of

approximately 30,000 residents. Its sharp focus on economic development has helped build its reputation as the ideal location to live, work, and play. An important center for the fishing industry, Gloucester is also proud of its vibrant cultural life and rich art heritage. Gloucester is a destination for thousands of visitors who visit the harbor and its beaches during the summer months. The City will be celebrating its 400th Anniversary in 2023. For more information, please visit www.gloucester-ma.gov.