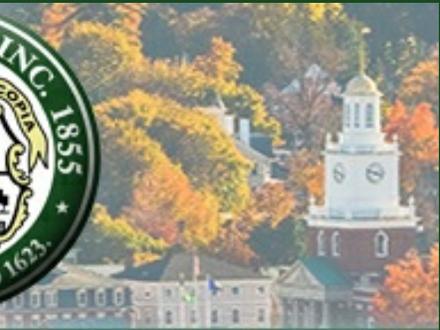
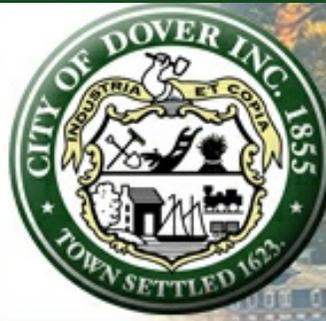


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 11, 2020

## **Waterfront developer's site plan revision gets subcommittee approval**

### **Plan will be before full committee in January**

A Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee's subcommittee unanimously voted to recommend that CWDAC accept site plan revisions presented to the subcommittee on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Rob Simmons and Jeff Johnston of Cathartes and Embarc architect Daniel Riggs walked the subcommittee members through the most recent plan. The Cathartes team is scheduled to present the revised site plan to the full CWDAC at its next meeting, Jan. 19.

Cathartes plans a mix of commercial and residential components on the 23-acre parcel owned by the City of Dover. The presented concept has a mix of public and private parking spots, wide sidewalks and a 4.3-acre public riverfront park that showcases the Cochecho River.

Johnston told the subcommittee that if CWDAC approves the revised site plan, Cathartes intends to bring the entire project before the Planning Board for approval at one time. Previously, the Cathartes had planned on constructing the waterfront site in phases.

"I think this is going to be a pretty special place in the City," Johnston said.

CWDAC member and former chair Jack Mettee said the plan represents significant progress in the development of the waterfront.

"I think it's a great step forward," Mettee said.

CWDAC members present at the subcommittee meeting were Mette, Dana Lynch, Norm



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## Dover Police to form Community Engagement Committee

Police Chief William Breault and the Dover Police Department are creating a Police and Community Engagement Committee to build another avenue for ongoing dialogue between the department and the City of Dover's diverse stakeholders.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., announced that Breault was forming the committee at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Breault said he is reaching out to a cross section of the community to get recommendations on who might best represent their interest on the committee. Potential stakeholders include but are not limited to veterans, members of the faith-based community, the business community, the elderly, public defenders, minority groups, social service agencies, the school department, students, youth groups and other underrepresented community members. In all, Breault envisions to build about a 20-member group.

"It's about building an ongoing and open dialogue with stakeholders in the community," Breault said.

The first meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held virtually in January, and meetings will be held at least monthly. Other than welcoming the committee, giving it its charge and a high-level overview of the Police Department's responsibilities, "the committee sets the agenda," Breault said.

The Chief intends for the new committee to offer a meaningful way for ongoing two-way dialogue for Dover's diverse community members.

"This committee will be an avenue for the public to raise concerns, ask questions, and provide input to enhance the department's collaborative problem-solving approach," Breault said. "It will also reinforce our department's role in serving as a positive community resource."

More information about the committee and its work will be announced in the coming weeks.

**ON THE AGENDA**

# PLANNING BOARD

DECEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 7 P.M.

# Planning Board to review several applications and permits at Dec. 15 meeting

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet next Tuesday, Dec. 15, for its last regular meeting of 2020. Included on the agenda is a mix of new and old business for the Planning Board to consider. Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker recently discussed the upcoming agenda items in a brief video. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

In old business, the Planning Board is scheduled to discuss and possibly hold votes on applications for a conditional use permit and site plan for a Leathers Lane parcel. The proposed plan calls for building 40 residential units on a 16-acre parcel. The applications were initially before the Planning Board on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The board tabled the applications to hold a site walk, which was held on Saturday, Nov. 14. The plan was also before the Technical Review Committee on Sept. 17 and Oct. 8. The Planning Board had previously approved up to 45 units on the parcel through a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) request.

In new business, the Planning Board has numerous agenda items. They include:

- Consideration and possibly vote for a site plan and conditional use permit to build a 64-bed medical rehabilitation facility off Central Avenue on a parcel near Dover Bowl. The Planning Board had previously approved both items at their Oct. 27 meeting but is rehearing them again because one abutter was not properly notified of the meeting.
- Acceptance of a minor subdivision for 25 New Rochester Road, where the plan is to build a single-family home.
- Consideration and acceptance of a TDR request at 26-32 Maple Street. The proposal is to add two units to an existing four-unit apartment building. The new units would be built in the area of the attached barn on the property.
- A conditional use permit application to build an in-ground pool, pervious paver deck and pool house at 280A Dover Point Road in the Conservation District adjacent to the tidal Piscataqua River. The proposed project would impact 980 square feet of tidal area, according to the application.
- Consideration and acceptance of a TDR request at 537 Sixth Street. The proposal is to renovate an existing garage into a 1,400 square foot single-family residence.
- Consideration and acceptance of a minor subdivision at 31 New Rochester Road, where the plan is to subdivide one lot into three.

The last three items for the Planning Board are focused on 35 & 37 Chestnut Street. Jewett Construction Co. is seeking acceptance of a minor subdivision, a conditional use permit and a site review. The site review calls for demolishing two buildings and erecting one 3-5 story building with 87 residential units, 69 on-site parking spaces and 20-off site parking spaces. This parcel is adjacent to the rail line near the Dover Transportation Center. The applicants have been before the Technical Review Committee with the plan on Sept. 17 and Oct. 29.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. [Click here](#) to see the full agenda and accompanying materials. The public is welcome to attend the meetings, provided they wear a face mask and follow COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

The public is also encouraged to participate remotely by phone or email. Call and leave a message at 516-MEET (6338) or email the Planning Board at [PlanningBoard-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:PlanningBoard-All@dover.nh.gov). To have your voice heard ahead of the meeting, please call or email by 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board, Dec. 14,  
7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a

## Dover Main Street announces "Hometown Holiday" events

As with many other events, Dover Main Street is unable to host the annual Dover Downtown Holiday Party but has some other ways to celebrate the season.

regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely. The public will be able to address the School Board in Council Chambers at City Hall, or in advance by emailing the School Board at [DoverSchoolBoard@dover.k12.nh.us](mailto:DoverSchoolBoard@dover.k12.nh.us) or by leaving a message at 516-MEET (6338). To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### **Planning Board, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### **Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m.**

The Ad-Hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### **Zoning Board, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**

Dover Main Street, in coordination with Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Police Department will escort Santa Claus down many streets of Dover on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Listen closely for the fire truck as it may be Santa coming through your neighborhood sending Christmas cheer.

### **Ice Sculpture**

Keeping with the annual holiday party, Dover Main Street will present a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ice sculpture. The sculpture will be created on site by the holiday tree at Henry Law Park on Dec. 17. Interested in watching this block of ice become a work of art? Check out the video of its creation after the 17th at [www.dovermainstreet.org](http://www.dovermainstreet.org).

### **Deck the Doors, Dover**

In the spirit of the season, and spreading much-needed cheer, Dover Main Street invites everyone to post a photo of your home and/or business door decorated for the holidays. On Instagram, tag @DoverMainStreet or comment on our "Deck The Doors, Dover!" Facebook post with #DeckTheDoorsDoverNH#DoverMainStreet

### **Food Drive**

Please help Dover Main Street help others by donating food at the annual food drive. Between now and Dec. 19, while you are treating yourself to a dinner out or finishing your shopping at one or all of Dover's finest retail stores, please leave a canned good for those in need. Businesses accepting donations of nonperishables are Alie Jewelers, Bending Bodhi Yoga, Christopher's Third Street Grille, Cinco de Mayo Bar & Grill, Diverge, Erin Claire, Kendall Pond Pizza, Ross Furniture & Mattress Gallery, 603 Bar and Lounge and Suppa's Pizza Dover. Donations will be collected on December 19th and delivered to the Dover Food Pantry.

### **Dover Dollars**

Don't know what to buy someone for a gift? Need multiple gifts for a group of people? The answer is Dover Dollars, a great gift and a great way to support our local community. Dover Dollars are available for purchase in \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 denominations and can be picked up at the City Clerk's office, Garrison Hill Florist, Jewelry Creations and by calling ahead at Dover Chamber of Commerce. Dover Dollars can be redeemed at most local Dover downtown businesses and restaurants.

For more information, visit <https://dovermainstreet.org>.

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## **City Council resolution urges continued support for NHSaves and state energy efficiency plan**

The City Council at its [Wednesday, Dec. 9 meeting](#) approved a resolution by a 6-1 vote that voiced the City of Dover's support to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the continuation of the NHSaves energy efficiency program as specified through the 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan (EEP). Following the meeting, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., sent the adopted resolution to the PUC to be included as formal comments in its docket "DE 20-092 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan."

The resolution was sponsored by Ward 3 Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux and Ward 5 Councilor Dennis Shanahan.

According to the resolution, the EEP would save \$1.3 billion in energy costs and support more than 4,000 jobs. NHSaves program, which is included with the EEP, would provide \$77 million for income-eligible programs to assist with weatherization, updating heating systems and replacing inefficient appliances that provide "critical assistance to lower income families all over the state," the resolution states.

Shanahan said there is an effort to lobby the PUC to postpone implementing the EEP indefinitely, which he felt was short-sighted and believed the City of Dover should voice its support to the PUC for the continuation of the EEP.

"For Dover, this eliminates costs for the City at the source," Shanahan said of NHSaves. Without money to targeted low-income households for energy efficiency upgrades, Shanahan said he believed these costs would be downshifted to the City in terms of providing financial assistance for higher energy bills for residents who could not afford to pay weatherization and heating system upgrades.

Thibodeaux said the program is also educational. "It helps people figure out how to do things and how to save money and how to create a more efficient program," she said.

Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen voted against the resolution.

"I'm hesitant for the City weighing in on state issues, especially policy issues," he said. Cullen also said he had issues with some of the resolution's language.

Ward 1 Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski and Ward 4 Councilor Joshua Manley were absent from the vote.

Find more information about the PUC's 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan docket here: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-092.html>



# School Board gets COVID-19 update, votes to allow varsity winter sports with conditions

The School Board met for a [special meeting](#) this past Monday, Dec. 7, where they were provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Dover School District. They also voted on a winter athletic program and whether to switch to holding remote meetings.

The School Board did not vote to modify the current re-entry program for students into schools from its [Oct. 29 meeting](#), where the School Board established Feb. 1 as the earliest re-entry date for students. But the board did hear from Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Christine Boston, who provided the School Board with an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the school, state and region.

She noted that based on the most recent Dover School District COVID-19 assessment metrics, the district has moved in some key categories from the "Lowest Risk" to the "High/Critical Risk" category, with others in the "Medium/Imminent Risk" category.

Both the state and Strafford County were denoted in the elevated risk level category for cases per 100,000 people; Strafford County has 27 cases per 100,000, and the state was at 43.5 cases per 100,000, as of Dec. 7. The positive case level needs to be 25 cases per 100,000 people or fewer for the district to be considered in the Medium/Imminent risk category based on the School Board's metrics.

In all of the district's five public schools, there are currently five reported positive cases on the staff side, with 38 staff members under quarantine as of Dec. 7. The quarantine can be due to multiple reasons, such as exposure to a person with a positive COVID-19 test or travel. The definition of staff includes teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators and others. Boston noted the quarantine number was down from the mid-40s from last week and described "staffing as a bit strained" with the number of quarantines. "It really depends on the (staff's) position," she told the board.

According to the latest district data, there are no current in-person positive COVID-19 cases. As of Tuesday, there were 14 students under quarantine.

After a lengthy discussion regarding winter athletics at the schools, the School Board unanimously agreed to move forward with interscholastic competition for varsity sports starting mid-January, as long as key COVID-19 health data improves. Sports schedules may also be modified depending on changes to interscholastic sports at the state level.

The School Board also voted unanimously to hold all meetings remotely until mid-January, when the board will revisit the decision.

The School Board's next regular meeting will be Monday, Dec. 14, which will be held remotely.

Meetings are broadcast on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

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## High school students aim to help those in need with 'Spirit of Giving Gift Card Tree'

The Dover High School's Student Council and National Honor Society seek the public's assistance to provide help to student families in need through the Spirit of Giving Gift Card Tree this holiday season.

In years past, there is a Giving Tree at DHS during the holiday season that has ornaments that have a wish-list item for those in financial need. It allowed people with financial means to pick an ornament and provide an essential gift that a person might not otherwise receive.

But because of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, DHS cannot accept physical

cash or gifts. Instead, the Student Council and the National Honor Society ask the community to donate gift cards this year to help families in need. Suggestions for gift cards include department stores and grocery stores.

To donate a card, drop it off at the DHS main office or mail it to DHS, ATTN: Donna Berchulski, 25 Alumni Drive, Dover, NH 03820. The DHS will accept gift cards until Friday, Dec. 18. This deadline allows Burchulski, a DHS social worker, to get the gift cards to families in need in time for the holidays.

Contact Dover High School at 516-6900 for more information.

## SPIRIT OF GIVING GIFT CARD TREE



Accepting gift cards through December  
18th! Gift Card suggestions:

**-Target    -Walmart    -Supermarkets**

**\*\* CAN NOT ACCEPT PHYSICAL CASH OR GIFTS DUE TO COVID 19**



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(attention Donna Berchulski)

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**Current ban status: [bit.ly/doverban](http://bit.ly/doverban) or 516-PARK**



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## Winter parking bans help keep roads clear and safe

City of Dover Community Services Director John Storer and Police Chief William Breault remind motorists to remove their vehicles from public ways when a winter storm parking ban is declared. Vehicles not removed are subject to ticketing and towing.

(Sign-up for winter parking ban notices [here](#).)

The winter parking ban declared Saturday, Dec. 5, went into effect everywhere but downtown at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Sunday for downtown. The ban was declared at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Storer noted that even with more than 10 hours' notice for the parking ban, many vehicles remained parked on City of Dover rights of way, in violation of City ordinance.

"Our plow drivers need your cooperation to clear streets," Storer said. "Please remove your vehicles from City streets, even when it snows less than what meteorologists predicted. Let our drivers do their job and fully clear Dover's roads and streets."

Breault said citizens must do their part to help ensure clear roadways during a storm. "There is always a bit of a learning curve when the winter season begins, and many parking ban violators got a reprieve this storm," Breault said. "However, officers will ticket offenders during subsequent storms and have vehicles towed in key areas of the City, such as downtown."

Plow drivers need vehicles removed from City streets to clear them efficiently. When vehicles are not removed, plow drivers must push snow around them. This can leave snow buildup on the side of the road, reducing the number of available parking spaces when the winter parking ban is lifted. As with this last storm, snow buildup can turn into ice, making it difficult to remove until it melts away.

Community Services often fields complaints about these snow piles after a storm; however, plow drivers do not have time to return to all these spots in the City to clear these sections.

After plowing roads and sidewalks, Community Service workers must clean plow trucks and snow removal equipment, inspect and replace any broken components to ensure equipment is ready for the next storm. Then these workers go back to their regular work duties around the City.

Clearing City streets is always an all-hands-on-deck for Community Services. This winter season, there is another staffing challenge with the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. In addition to vacancies, there were numerous plow drivers unavailable due to being in a COVID-19 quarantine protocol for Saturday's storm.

"These plow driver shortages are likely to stay in effect all winter, as I don't expect the pandemic situation to improve any time soon," Storer said.

### **It's against the law and ordinance to push snow into public ways**

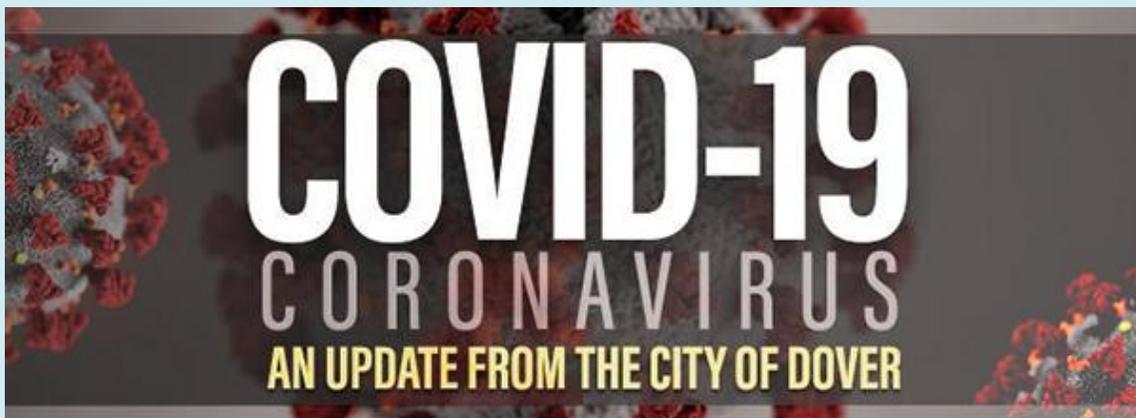
Storer also emphasized it is illegal under City of Dover ordinances and state law to push snow from private property onto public roadways.

Dover City Code Chapter 141-11 states: No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any ice or snow which has been removed from private property, in or upon any street, sidewalk, or public place in the City, or deposit or cause to be deposited any ice or snow on private property in such a manner as to obstruct the normal and reasonable flow of traffic in or upon any street, sidewalk or public place within the City.

### **Sign-up for winter parking bans alerts**

Users can receive text and/or email alerts if a winter parking ban is declared, which requires the removal of all vehicles from public ways to allow street and sidewalk plowing. To receive text alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/dovercodedred>, or text "DoverNH" to 99411 from your phone. To receive email alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/doverdownload> and select "Parking Ban Alerts" from the list of email notifications.

You can also call 516-PARK (7275) for the current parking ban status. For more information, contact the Parking Bureau 516-6132.





## Stay home for safer holidays

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, the safest way to celebrate holidays is to stay home and celebrate with the people who live with you. Although the pandemic has been stressful and isolating, getting together with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. This holiday season, consider how your plans can be modified to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep your friends, families, and communities healthy.



[To learn more about safe holiday gatherings, click here.](#)

*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

## Statewide mask mandate in effect

On Nov. 19, Gov. Chris Sununu issued an emergency order instituting a statewide mask mandate.

The mask mandate will remain in effect through Jan. 15, 2021.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

According to the emergency order, “public spaces” include any part of private or public property that is generally open or accessible to members of the general public. Public spaces include, but are not limited to, lobbies, waiting areas, outside plazas or patios, restaurants, retail businesses, streets, sidewalks, parks, beaches, elevators, restrooms, stairways, parking garages, etc.

The mandate does not apply to the following:

- Educators, students, and staff within K-12 schools;
- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask or other face covering;
- Any person consuming food or drink or sitting at a restaurant or table to eat or drink;
- Any person engaged in physical strenuous physical activity;
- Any person giving a religious, political, media, educational, cultural, musical, or theatrical



- presentation or performance for an audience;
- Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and any person while communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing or who has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a mask or face covering difficult;
- Any person obtaining or providing a service that requires the temporary removal of a mask or face covering;
- Any person asked to remove a mask or face covering to verify an identity for lawful purposes; or
- Any public safety worker actively engaged in a public safety role and when a mask or face covering would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities.

The mandate also does not apply to individuals who decline to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue or difficulty breathing.

The entire order [can be viewed here](#).

## What you should know about COVID-19

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Guidance for self-quarantine is available at: [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf).



Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at [business.nh.gov/DOS\\_COVID19Testing](http://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing). Other options can be found here: [www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm).

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit [www.nh.gov/covid19/](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/).

*Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services*

## Stay informed with the city's COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before

traveling, and much more.

To start receiving the email updates, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](https://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.



For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 online resource at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/covid19.html>.

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## Dover Fire Toy Bank seeks donations

The Dover Fire Toy Bank, coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue, began helping a dozen families in the City of Dover. It has now grown to aid more than 350 families. While the holiday season often conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many Dover children.

While Dover Fire Toy Bank welcomes games and toys donations, there is also a real need for essential items for many Dover families. Hats, jackets, boots, scarves, gloves and other clothing are needed to meet demand, along with personal hygiene items. Demand is typically highest for infants and those aged between 9-12 years old. The Dover Fire Toy Bank also appreciates donations of gift cards to area businesses, including grocery and mall stores. Don't have time for shopping? Donate money and let the Toy Bank do the shopping for you.

If you would like a collection box for your business or organization to collect donations, call (603) 516-TOYS (8697) and leave a message. We will get you one as soon as possible.

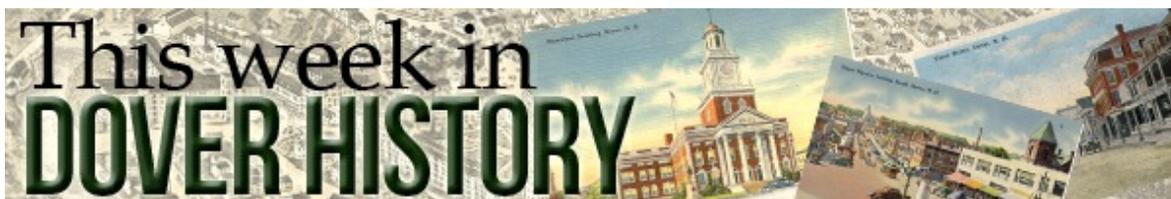
Toy Bank volunteers are available to come to you to pick up donations, including monetary gifts. Or you can drop off new, unwrapped items at the City of Dover's three fire stations: Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (25 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) anytime until Christmas Eve.

Monetary contributions can be picked up or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

Because of COVID-19, Dover Toy Bank will not be seeking volunteers to help wrap presents this season.

For more information, call (603) 516-TOYS (8697).

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The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

**Dec. 15, 1712** — The town voted that a sufficient boom should be erected over Cochecho river, (above the lower falls, probably,) and that bridges should be built over Bellamy and Oyster rivers, and also voted 20 pounds towards the building of a boom over the Lamprey "for passage of man and horse till further order."

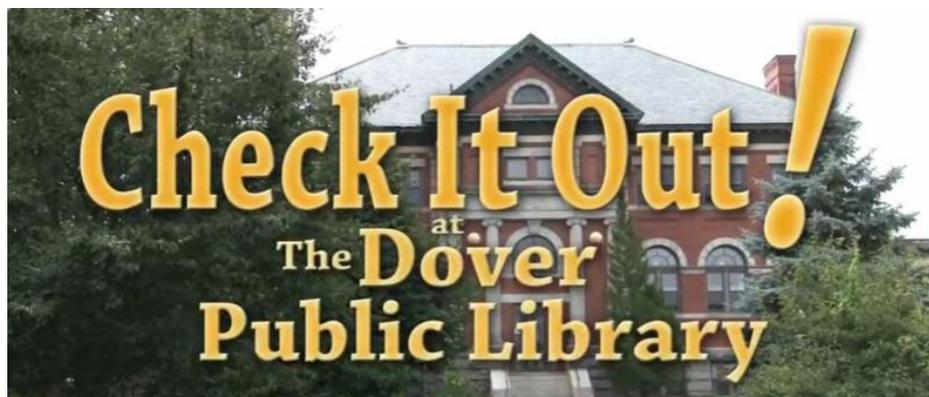
**Dec. 13, 1790** — A committee was appointed to remonstrate against the division of the County

of Strafford, by the setting off of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to the County of Rockingham, a plan which was agitated at this time.

**Dec. 17, 1803** — Notice is given of the organization of the Strafford Bank, the first established in town. Subscribers to the stock are notified by William King Atkinson, President, that one hundred dollars on each share will become due on the fourth Tuesday of January, and that "one fourth part at least, and as much more as may be convenient, will be expected in gold and silver, and the residue in bills of the banks of Massachusetts."

**Dec. 16, 1835** — The coldest day on record for many years. The thermometer at noon was 13 degrees below zero.

**Dec. 12, 1923** — Mayor Waldron flatly refuses to allow the KKK to use the Opera House for a meeting.



## This Week at the Library

### Through Thursday, Dec. 31, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Pie Squared* by Cathy Barrow. Throughout the month of December, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### Sunday, December 13, 2 to 4 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan. The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. **Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.**

### Monday, December 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

touch with you by Sunday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

### Wednesday, Dec. 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. In-Person Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules

### Wednesday, December 16, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Online Storytime

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

### Wednesday, December 16, 6 to 7 p.m. Pizza and Pages in the Lecture Hall

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *Burn* by Patrick Ness. Copies of the book are available at the main circulation desk. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks!

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Sunday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

**Monday, December 14, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Teen Advisory Board in Trustees Room**

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7 - 12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

**Tuesday, December 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes.

A craft will be available to take home.

Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

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**Friday, December 18, 9 to 19 a.m.**

**Global Poetry Society in the Lecture Hall**

The Global Poetry Society is dedicated to exploring poetry from around the world. The first meeting will feature works of Native American poets with journeys to Asia, Africa, South America, and more coming in future weeks. Between sessions, registrants will be emailed a reading list of freely accessible poems posted by The Poetry Foundation, which will introduce the poets and cultures that will be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

**Friday, December 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose**

Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.

**Saturday, December 19, 12 to 4 p.m.**

**Dungeon World RPG: 18 and older in the Lecture Hall**

Drop in and play the Dungeon World role-playing game with Game Master Dave. The group will meet every Saturday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.



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## Pease study seeks participants who may have been exposed to contaminated well water

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is seeking participants who spent time at the Pease International Tradeport between 2004-2014 to study the potential effects of exposure to a group of chemicals known as PFAS. PFAS is an abbreviation for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which were found in a contaminated drinking water well at the Pease Tradeport used until May 2014.

The Pease Study is open to those who spent a significant time on the Tradeport, either as a worker or as a child in a daycare center, who may have drunk water from a contaminated well. Examples of exposure could be tap water, coffee, tea, instant meals, and/or infant formula.

Study participants will find out the levels of PFAS within their bodies. The study aims to help researchers understand if PFAS exposure leads to medical issues such as higher cholesterol levels; lower vaccine response in children; specific diseases related to changes in liver, thyroid or kidney function; increase risk of high blood pressure (or pre-eclampsia) in pregnant women; greater risk of ulcerative colitis; and ADHD (hyperactivity) in children.

To participate in the Pease Study, call (603) 846-6192. For more information, visit [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas).

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## **Seacoast Chamber Alliance to host Employability Forum**

The Seacoast Chamber Alliance will host an Employability Forum on Tuesday, December 15, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in a virtual format. The concept of employability is of interest to both businesses and job seekers, as these skills and attributes are critical to a productive and smoothly functioning workforce. In today's world, and especially in New Hampshire where the labor market is tight, it is important to hire technical or subject matter experts who also display well-rounded employability skills. The Employability Forum will highlight many of the intangible skills that are needed in today's workplace, such as communication, integrity, self motivation, teamwork, and adaptability. The event is free to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, visit [dovernh.org/employability](http://dovernh.org/employability).

The forum will feature a keynote presentation by Courtney Ferrell, program manager for educational programming at SkillsUSA, a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations.

Ferrell will be joined by Kayla Kittering, the SkillsUSA national high school vice president. Kittering is a student at Cheyenne Central High School in Wyoming and is part of the Engineering Technology and Welding Technology Training Program.

Following the keynote presentation, participants will move into virtual breakout rooms and participate in moderated discussions led by representatives from Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County, WorkReadyNH, and the Leddy Group. There are many resources out there to help businesses improve the skills of their current workforce, including the New Hampshire Job Training Fund, and the Employability Forum will highlight several of them. Job seekers looking to improve their soft skills will also learn about resources available to them.

The Employability Forum is part of the Seacoast Chamber Alliance's COVID economic development recovery efforts, made possible with funding from the New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs. The Seacoast Chamber Alliance consists of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth, and the Falls Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit [visitseacoastnh.com](http://visitseacoastnh.com).

Education and experience might get you in the door, but to be truly successful you'll need to develop a broader set of skills and attributes that will enable you to be successful throughout your working life.

Employability is having a set of skills, knowledge, understanding and personal attributes that make a person more likely to choose and secure occupations in which they can be satisfied and successful.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Courtney Ferrell**  
Program Manager for  
Professional Development  
SkillsUSA



**STUDENT SPEAKER**  
**Kayla Kettering**  
National High School  
Vice President

Learn more about the importance of Employability, and how it can help you succeed, either as a job seeker or as someone responsible for hiring.

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

**Program: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. | Discussion, Q&A, and Networking: 9:30 to 10 a.m.**

**Free to attend, but pre-registration is required:**

**[dovernh.org/employability](http://dovernh.org/employability)**





## Food Drive at Henry Law Park this Saturday

The Rotary Club of Dover, Gather food pantry, and Community Action Partnership of Strafford County will host a food drive at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park in downtown Dover next Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sponsors' goal is for the community to provide enough non-perishable food donations to fill the Rotary Arts Pavilion. These donations will assist neighbors in need throughout this holiday season. Curbside drop off will be available.

For more information, contact Ron Richard at [ron@dfrichard.com](mailto:ron@dfrichard.com), or Marion Cheney at [macheney@comcast.net](mailto:macheney@comcast.net).

## Dover Rotary Holiday Decorating Contest wraps up Saturday

The Rotary Club of Dover is launching a Holiday Decorating Contest this year, which will be held Dec. 6-12. Submit your Dover address and contact info via Facebook or send an email to [jfmunro1954@gmail.com](mailto:jfmunro1954@gmail.com), decorate the outside of your home for the holidays, and you'll be entered to win a prize in four different categories: Kid Friendly; Colorful; Original; Traditional.

The team of Dover Rotarian elves will tour homes between 5-7 p.m., Dec. 6-12, and winners will be notified on Dec. 12.

The winner will receive a basket of holiday goodies and a 'winner' sign for the front lawn.

## City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Heavy equipment mechanic/Automotive technician**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

