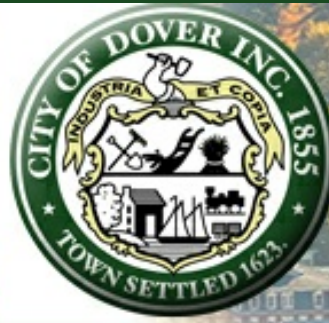


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 24, 2020



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

288 Central
Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,
Thursday,

Check gutters and drains ahead of heavy rain that begins tonight

Meteorologists at the National Weather Service predict a wet Christmas for the City of Dover rather than a white one with a forecast of heavy rain starting Thursday, Dec. 24 and continuing into Friday, Dec. 25.

With the predicted heavy rains coupled with the recent significant snowfall, Fire and Rescue Chief Paul Haas urges property owners to check their roofs for excessive snow and ensure drains and gutters are clear of snow and ice.

“If snow and ice block rain from draining from the roof, the roof can quickly accumulate weight and have a greater risk of collapsing,” Haas said. “I urge property owners to inspect roofs, gutters and drains before the rain begins. This is also a good preventative measure against ice dams that can lead to water leaking into the house or building.”

Haas suggests consulting with a roofing company or properly insured contractor for those not able or uncomfortable removing snow.

A roof may collapse with little or no warning, and one common misconception is that only flat roofs are susceptible to collapse, Haas said.

The following warning signs could indicate a roof is in danger of collapsing:

- Sagging roof steel – visually deformed;
- Severe or new roof leaks;
- Cracked or split wood members;
- Bends or ripples in metal supports;

Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30
p.m.

- Recent cracks in walls, drywall or masonry;
- Cracks in welds of steel construction;
- Sheared off screws from steel frames;
- Sprinkler heads pushed down below ceiling tiles;
- Doors that pop open;
- Doors or windows that are difficult to open;
- Bowed utility pipes or conduits attached to the ceiling;
- Creaking, cracking or popping sounds.

For more information about fire and building safety, call Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.

Flood and high wind watches issued for Dover

Flood and high wind watches are in effect for Dover, beginning tonight.

A high wind watch will be in effect beginning at 10 p.m. this evening, and continuing through Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 7 p.m. During that time, winds of 20 to 30 mph are expected, with gusts up to 60 mph possible. Damaging winds could blow down trees and power lines. Widespread power outages are possible. If you lose power, report the outage to Eversource at 1-800-662-7764. If you see downed power lines, stay away and call 911.

Travel could be difficult, especially for high profile vehicles.

Moderate to heavy rainfall of 2 to 3 inches is expected late tonight and Friday. In addition, unseasonably warm and humid conditions, plus the rainfall, will contribute to significant and widespread snow melt which may release an additional 1 to 2 inches of water. Due to the significant rain and snow melt, those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop. The flood watch begins Christmas Day at 1 a.m. and will remain in effect through Saturday, Dec. 26, at 7 a.m.

The complete forecast for Dover from the National Weather Service can be viewed here: <https://go.usa.gov/xPGSn>.

Upcoming holiday hours for City offices

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. In addition, City administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 28.

The **Public Library** will close at noon on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **Dover Ice Arena** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **McConnell Center Recreation facilities** will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **Dover Indoor Pool** will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **Recycling Center** on Mast Road will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Friday, Dec. 25, 2020. Friday's scheduled curbside pick-ups will occur on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dover Utilities Commission, Dec. 28, 6 p.m.

The Dover Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Ordinance Committee, Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 4, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Participate in public meetings from home

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public



Warming center seeks volunteers

The Strafford County Emergency Extreme Weather Warming Center seeks volunteers to assist operations this winter.

For those interested, the center will hold a volunteer training session on Saturday, Dec. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Strafford County Emergency Extreme Weather Warming Center, 31 Willand Drive in Somersworth.

[Click here to sign-up.](#)

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the training session is limited to 10 people. Attendees must wear a mask and maintain social distance during the session. All attendees will be screened for COVID-19 related systems before the session begins.

The warming center is operated by the Strafford County Integrated Delivery Network (IDN), Region 6 (Strafford County/Seacoast), which is also conducting the volunteer training.

Training includes an overview of sheltering and low-barrier shelter practices, a review of COVID-19 coronavirus precautions and procedures, an introduction to basic de-escalation techniques, and the professional ethics of caring.

Expectations for on-site volunteers include:

- Willingness to commit to at least one 4-hour overnight shift between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. during the season.
- Willingness to wear a mask, maintain/model and encourage all others to practice COVID-19 precautions.
- Willingness to sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Some ability to travel/serve during extreme weather.

hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

Other boards and commissions have audio recordings of their meetings that are usually available the next day. You may download these audio recordings from the meeting minutes page of the public body.

The City of Dover's boards and commissions are listed at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/. Select the public body you are interested in for more information about how to contact the entire group or individual members

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

All abilities, interests and availabilities are welcome. The Strafford County Emergency Extreme Cold Weather Shelter is an extension of the tri-city community's commitment to its vulnerable neighbors, and every contribution is appreciated. Please send any questions about training to scwarmingshelter@gmail.com.

The Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Shelter is now open nightly through the end of the year. The warming center opens each night at 5 p.m. and closes at 9 a.m. the following morning through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, the Strafford County Emergency Extreme Weather Warming Center will open for life-threatening weather conditions.

For more information, contact scwarmingshelter@gmail.com, 1-857-323-0388, or visit www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45a4af2aa0f94-volunteer.



Salted sand available to residents

The city provides residents of Dover free salted sand, located at the intersection of Piscataqua and Drew roads.

Residents must bring their own supplies, such as buckets, bags and shovels.

Please note that when temperatures are below freezing, the pile can harden and be more difficult to work with.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion meets to elect officers, develop action plan

The City Council's newly formed [Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion](#) met last week to elect officers and develop its initial action planning.

Before electing officers, the committee unanimously agreed to add two additional officer positions, pending City Council approval. Instead of selecting one committee chairperson, the committee unanimously voted to elect two co-chairs and an alternate recording secretary. Daniel Pontoh and Lina Shayo were elected co-chairs; Lauren Conley was elected vice-chair;

Margaret "Maggie" Fogarty as its recording secretary, and Oscany Rodriguez-DeJesus as its alternate recording secretary.

The Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion, after deliberation, voted unanimously to recommend the City Council adopt slight changes to the committee's purpose, as [outlined by the Council](#). The committee moved to strike the phrase "any potential relics of past" and add "fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all." The language added was taken from the City Council resolution "[Condemning Racism and Affirming City of Dover's Commitment to Eliminating Racial Inequities](#)," approved at its June 24, 2020 meeting, which served as the foundation for creating the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion.

The original purpose statement as approved by City Council:

- The purpose and authority of the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion is to review data, hold listening sessions, and recommend to the City Council and City Manager, an action plan outlining existing and new steps to be taken to work to eliminate any potential relics of past systemic racism in municipal operations, including boards and commissions.

The amended purpose statement, pending City Council approval, is as follows:

- The purpose and authority of this Committee is to review data, hold listening sessions, and recommend to the City Council and City Manager, an action plan outlining existing and new steps to be taken to work to eliminate any potential relics of past systemic racism in municipal operations, including boards and commissions, and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

The Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion began creating brainstorming and developing an initial plan outline for the committee's work that will be continued at its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

Drafting of updated Community Facilities and Utilities Master Plan chapter to begin next month

The information-gathering phase for updating the Community Facilities and Utilities chapter of the City of Dover's Master Plan is nearly complete, and drafting the updated chapter will begin in early 2021.

The process to update the chapter began in June with the Planning Board appointment of the Community Facilities and Utilities Master Plan Steering Committee. Its members include Mayor Robert Carrier, Otis Perry of the Energy Commission, Bob Berry of the Utilities Commission, and citizen representative Jan Nedelka. Planning Board member Ellen Brooks was recently appointed to replace Matt Sullivan, who stepped down from the committee.

The City of Dover also contracted with Resilience Planning & Design LLC to help facilitate the chapter update. Steve Whitman of Resilience Planning & Design, and the City of Dover's Facilities Project Manager Stephanie Cartabona, help oversee the revision to the chapter along with Steve Bird and Elena Piekut from the Planning Department.

Earlier this fall, an online survey was used to gather the public's perspective on long-term challenges and opportunities for the City's municipal buildings and municipal water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure. There were also site visits to each city facility. At some site visits, members of Portsmouth's architecture firm Placework were also on hand to flag any facility challenges from an architect's perspective, such as code issues.

Information from the survey and site visits is vital to crafting a comprehensive update to the Master Plan chapter. Once a draft of the updated chapter is complete, the Planning Board will hold at least one public hearing and consider the chapter's adoption, which is expected to occur this spring.

Once updated, the Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter will be a guiding document in managing the City's vast infrastructure and help inform future Capital Improvement Plan projects.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 516-6008.



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Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered

Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK



Tickets now on sale for Dover Chamber's 19th annual Sweepstakes and Auction

Feeling lucky? "Sweeps" is an annual fundraiser for the Chamber that will culminate with a \$10,000 grand prize winner. This year's drawing will be done virtually on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. The Chamber was unable to hold last year's event due to the coronavirus pandemic.



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VIRTUAL  MARCH 17TH

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at dovernh.org/sweeps. Each ticket is just \$50. No more than 300 tickets will be sold. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, this event will also feature other exciting virtual elements, including raffles and a silent auction.

The Annual Sweepstakes and Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser of the year and supports community events such as Apple Harvest Day, the Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens' Leadership Academy and more.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-

State launches new portal for family resources

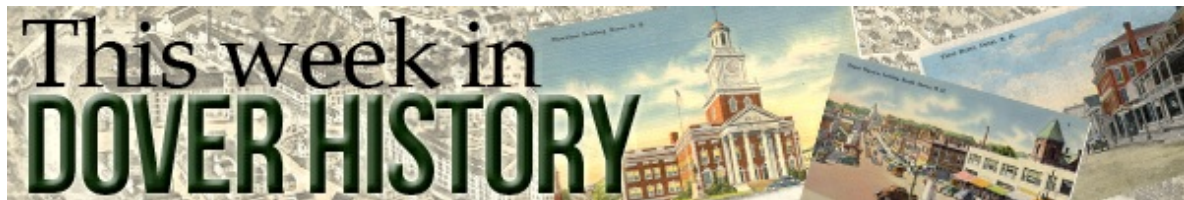
[Welcome Families NH](#) is a new state portal designed to provide families with resources and actionable information about everything from Family Resource Centers, Remote Learning and Moving to New Hampshire.



Gov. Chris Sununu envisioned a “one-stop-shop” place online where parents and caregivers of young children can both feel welcome here in the Granite State and also learn easily about the many valuable resources that can be of benefit to them and their children. It can:

- Help you find and access basic needs such as housing and childcare
- Provide current information about your child’s development
- Connect you with resources if you or your child is facing a crisis or risk
- Assist in discovering the many valuable resources New Hampshire has to offer.

The [Welcome Families NH](#) website is one of the exciting initiatives of the [Preschool Development Birth through Five Grant](#). The grant is a collaboration between the University of New Hampshire, the NH Departments of Education and Health and Human Services, the Governor’s Early Childhood Council, and other early childhood advocates and practitioners.



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. 25, 1692 — A doeful and tremendous noise was affirmed to be heard in the air nigh Capt. Gerrish's garrison, which continued with a little intermission near half an hour.

Dec. 26, 1812 — John Wheeler notified the proprietors of the Dover Cotton Factory to meet at Mrs. Lydia Tibbetts' dwelling house on the 19th of January, 1813, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of organizing under their act of incorporation. The "Dover Cotton Factory," which was incorporated this year, with a capital of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in the town. As the lower falls were supposed to be fully occupied with the saw and grist mills which then stood thereon, the first Factory was built two miles up the river and was long known as the Upper Factory. Like most new enterprises it was but moderately successful to its projectors. John Williams was agent of the corporation.

Dec. 30, 1843 — The selectmen were authorized to sell the old Court House and lot for the benefit of the town.

Dec. 27, 1847 — A row of wooden stores north of the American House, on Franklin Square, caught fire on a very cold night. Loss was about \$6,000.

Dec. 29, 1853 — A very severe storm leaves between two and three feet of snow, greatly impeding travel on the roads and causing a suspension of business.



Stay home for safer holidays

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.



Consider Other Winter Holiday Activities

- Schedule a time to eat a meal together virtually.
- Host a virtual “ugly” holiday sweater contest
- Schedule a time to meet virtually to open gifts together.
- Build gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, or make holiday crafts and decorations.
- Drive or walk around your community to look at decorations from a safe distance, or drive through a local holiday light display.
- Throw a virtual dance party

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

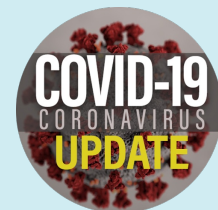
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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.



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. Other options can be found here: 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.

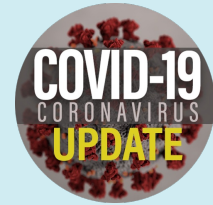
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

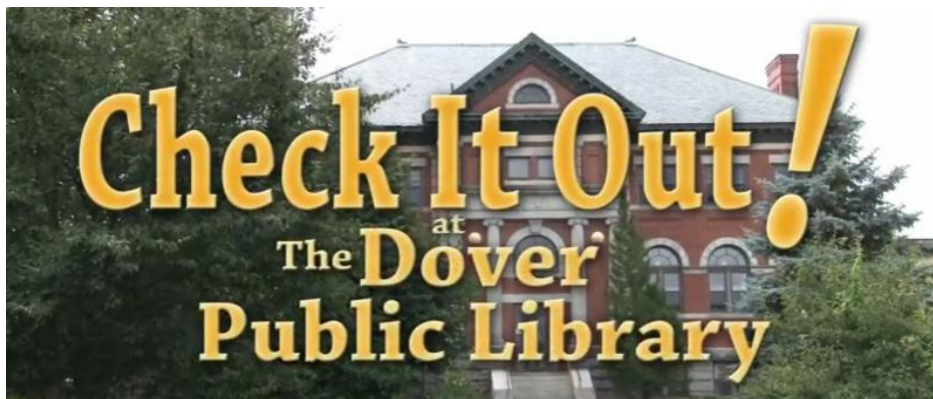
Stay informed with the city's COVID-19 updates

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 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>.



The 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, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, December 27, 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

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.

Thursday, December 31, Library Closing at 4 p.m., New Years Eve

Friday, January 1, Closed New Years Day Holiday

Through Thursday, Jan. 31, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Soup Swap* by Kathy Gunst. Throughout the

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.**

**Weds., December 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Read WITH a Librarian**

Sign up to have a librarian read with your

month of January, 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, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.



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.

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.

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**
- **Deputy Director of Economic Development**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**

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

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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

