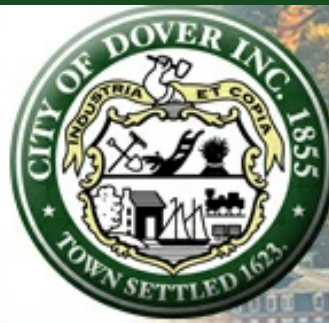


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## BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE  
FY2023 BUDGET

### Council continues FY2023 budget review

Workshop session this week focused on  
proposed departmental budgets for schools,  
Executive, Finance, Planning and DoverNet

## Center hours:

Tuesday,  
Thursday,  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30  
p.m.



**Dover Schools Superintendent William Harbron, left, and Business Administrator Michael Limanni, discuss the proposed school budget with the City Council at the Council's March 30 workshop. The School Department budget was among several discussed at the workshop.**

The City Council held its first budget workshop on March 30, where it reviewed proposed budgets from School, Executive, Finance, Planning and Information Technology departments. The Council will hold its next workshop Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. to receive budget presentations from the Welfare, Library, Recreation and Community Services departments.

All budget presentations and accompanying slides can be viewed on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#), where the complete Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget is also available.

## **Brief highlights of the March 30 budget presentations**

### **School Department**

The School Department represents several divisions, including student support services, instructional programs, administrative services, facilities and operations and transportation. Its proposed budget provides General Fund expenditures of \$74,955,593, a \$5,270,233 increase over the current budget year, or 7.6%.

As proposed, the Education budget is \$4,284,435 over the school portion of the tax cap. With the city's portion \$100,000 under the tax cap, the total tax cap overage is \$4,184,435. It would require a two-thirds majority vote for the City Council to adopt the budget as proposed.

The School Board held budget workshops in January and February to craft the budget now in front of the City Council. These workshops and accompanying documents are available on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#).

### **Executive Department**

The Executive Department budget includes the following divisions: the City Manager's office, Human Resources office, Media Services office, City Attorney's office and Business Development office (formerly Economic Development). The department's proposed budget is \$2,169,947, and an increase of \$324,090 over the current year, or 17.6%

### **Finance Department**

The Finance Department's budget includes the following divisions: Finance and Accounting, Tax Assessment, City Clerk and Tax Collection Office, and the Election Division. Its proposed budget is \$2,459,971, an increase of \$202,257 over the current year, or 9%.

### **Planning and Community Development**

The Planning and Community Development Department's responsibilities include maintaining and implementing the Master Plan, fostering context-sensitive development, maintaining and administering the planning approval process, and advising several land use boards, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Open Lands Committee. Its proposed budget totals \$966,396, an increase of \$37,834, or 4.1%, above the current year's budget.

### **DoverNet/Office of Information Technology**

The Office of Information Technology promotes the community's connection to its local government services through accessible and accurate information services. It also supports and assists municipal staff by providing access to responsive, easy-to-use, secure and reliable information technology systems and services. Its proposed budget totals \$1,748,481, an increase of \$380,948, or 27.9 percent, over the current year's budget.

### **FY2023 City Council budget schedule**

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

- **April 6** at 7 p.m. - Budget workshop - Presentations by Welfare, Library, Recreation and Community Services departments
- **April 13** at 7 p.m. - Regular meeting - **School Department budget public hearing**
- **April 20** at 7 p.m. - Special meeting - **Citywide budget public hearing**
- **April 20** - Immediately following special meeting - Presentations by Fire and Police departments
- **May 4** at 6 p.m. - Budget workshop - General budget review
- **May 4** - Immediately following budget workshop - Special meeting - Budget adoption
- **May 11** at 7 p.m. - Regular meeting - Fallback budget adoption date

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## **Stay up to date on the budget process by signing up for weekly "Budget Revealed" newsletter**

Want to stay up to date on the fiscal year 2023 budget process? Sign up for the city manager's weekly newsletter, Budget Revealed, for a host of information about the budget deliberations. Each newsletter features an in-depth look at the proposed budget, budget meetings with the City Council, and helpful information about the budget process.



See this week's edition online at <https://conta.cc/3Lxcpqw>.

Sign up today at [bit.ly/dovernewsletters](http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters), and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of city newsletters.



## Mayors of Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth pen joint proclamation for National Doctors' Day

In a joint proclamation read this week, Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, Rochester Mayor Paul Callaghan, and Somersworth Mayor Dana Hilliard proclaimed March 30 as National Doctors' Day.

The first observance in the United States was in Georgia on March 30, 1933. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed legislation designating Doctors' Day to be celebrated annually on March 30.

Carrier read the following proclamation at the March 30 City Council workshop:

*WHEREAS: The city of Winder, Georgia, observed the first Doctors Day on March 30, 1933. Eudora Brown Almond, the wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, wanted a day to honor physicians; and*

*WHEREAS: On this first celebration 89 years ago, the community mailed greeting cards and placed flowers on the graves of deceased doctors. The red carnation was widely used and has since become the symbolic flower of Doctors Day; and*

*WHEREAS: We recommend the doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Frisbie Memorial Hospital be commended for the excellent care and service they have provided to their patients and their patients' families both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic; and*

*WHEREAS: Even in the face of great personal risk, they have demonstrated their commitment to quality care by constantly innovating and overcoming obstacles; and*

*WHEREAS: Physicians continue to treat disease in all its forms by providing lifesaving care while also expanding scientific research to advance medical knowledge; and*

*WHEREAS: Our gratitude for lifesaving care extends to every day of the year; and*

*WHEREAS: We, the citizens of Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth, join the chorus of voices from across the state and nation to show gratitude for the inspiring physicians who continue to provide top-quality care.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR OF DOVER ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF ROCHESTER PAUL CALLAGHAN AND MAYOR OF SOMERSWORTH DANA HILLIARD, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 30, 2022 AS: NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY**

## ***Sign of spring: Paddlesports dock back in action***



The public paddlesports dock on the Cochecho River, located on the city's waterfront property, is open for the season. Under the supervision of Gary Bannon, Dover's Recreation Director, city staff from Community Services and volunteers from Great Bay Rowing installed the dock on Thursday, March 31. The dock, which was first installed in 2018, can accommodate everything from single canoes and kayaks to large crew boats. The dock is also fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards. The City Council approved funding for the public dock in 2017. Great Bay Rowing, which uses the dock for access to the river, provided \$19,000 toward the dock's purchase and installation.



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# Citywide spring cleanup of unpermitted signs to begin soon

The City of Dover's Department of Planning and Community Development staff will conduct a cleanup of off-premise signs, including those placed on trees and utility poles or within the right-of-way without a permit.

Sign owners are advised to remove any unpermitted signs before the cleanup, which will occur by Friday, April 8, 2022. Any confiscated signs will be held at City Hall for 30 days before being recycled or destroyed unless the owner claims it and pays a reclamation fee based on the person-hour and equipment use cost to remove the sign. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

In Dover, temporary signs are permitted only in select commercial zoning districts and must meet dimensional and liability requirements. With a few exceptions, temporary signs not located on the owner's property, known as "off-premise" signs, are prohibited in Dover.

Sign cleanups are conducted to remove signs placed without permission, such as those often found attached to roadside trees and utility poles or on the ground along roadsides. These signs can cause a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors. Another goal of the sign cleanup is to support those organizations with legal signage.

"Dover's sign regulations serve to balance the need for identification, advertising and communication with the need to protect safety and welfare and maintain an attractive appearance throughout the city," said Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton. "Removing illegal signs helps ensure that those who've followed these regulations know that their efforts to obtain permits are worthwhile."

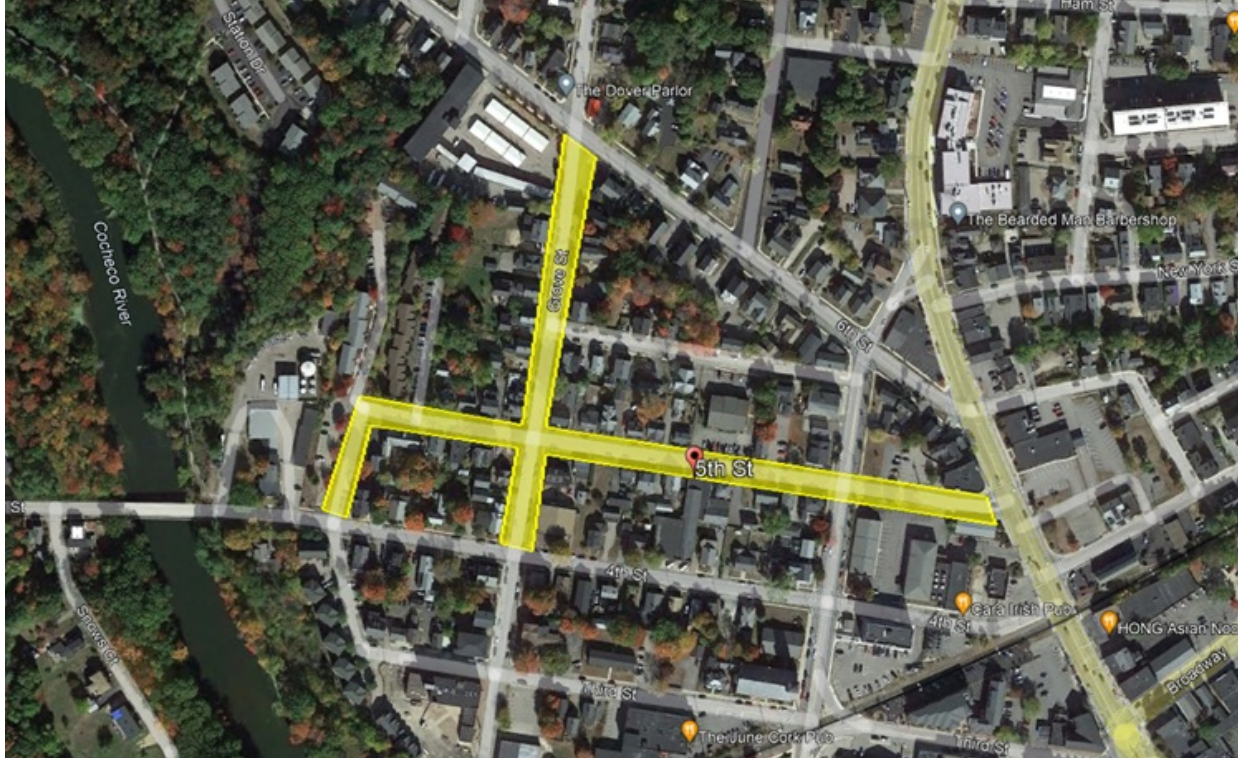
The City of Dover regulates most temporary and permanent signage, other than political signage, through Section 170-32 of the city's zoning ordinance; the code addresses sign dimensions and uses in each of the city's zoning districts. Political signs are regulated by New Hampshire state law RSA 664:17.

Sign permit applications are available at the Planning and Community Development Department website, <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/>. The application for temporary signs includes regulations for their use.

For more information, including specific questions about signage, contact Zoning Administrator Natasha Kypfer at 603-516-6008 or [n.kypfer@doover.nh.gov](mailto:n.kypfer@doover.nh.gov).

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## Survey work for Fifth Street and Grove Street reconstruction project begins next week

The City of Dover has targeted Fifth Street and Grove Street for reconstruction to upgrade underground utilities and address drainage concerns and roadway/sidewalk conditions.

Next week, public works crews and contractors working for the city will begin gathering information for the design consultant to utilize when creating design plans. Pending work includes surveying, digging test pits, smoke testing and video inspection of existing stormwater and sewer mains with closed-circuit television (CCTV). This work may lead to temporary traffic and parking disruptions. Community Services will provide as much advanced notice as possible for any planned parking and traffic disruptions.

The City of Dover is committed to a multi-modal approach to roadway design, particularly in urban residential areas. The City of Dover has tasked the design consultant to design the reconstruction project so that streets and sidewalks are safe and accessible for all users regardless of age, physical ability or mode of transport. To that end, the project will incorporate the City of Dover's [Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidelines](#).

### **Neighborhood meeting to be scheduled**

Once the base survey is complete, which may take a few months to complete, the City of Dover will host a neighborhood meeting for the design consultant to present their findings and solicit feedback from the public. The input will be used to create the city's final engineered design plans to put the project out to bid.

### **Sign-up for email updates**

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project webpage, which can be [accessed here](#).

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

# Still time to register for Tuesday's State of the City

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the 2022 State of the City presentation on Tuesday, April 5, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the McConnell Center Café at 61 Locust Street in Dover. A hot breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required.

Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker and Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton are the featured speakers. They will provide a City of Dover development update, an update on the waterfront development, and an overview of how staff restructuring will drive overall business outreach. Parker and Benton will also review the master plan updates for Community Facilities and Utilities and outline Dover's priorities for the remainder of the year.

The 2022 State of the City is underwritten by Eversource and sponsored by Newburyport Bank. The cost to attend is \$5 for Dover Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Visit [www.dovernh.org/city](http://www.dovernh.org/city) to register or for more information.

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-being of its members and the community.

For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Arts Commission, April 4, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### City Council, April 6, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### Technical Review Committee, April 7, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical



## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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





Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### **Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, April 7, 4:30 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

## **Online bill payment can save a stamp or a trip to City Hall**

Did you know property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online? Simply use the "Pay My Bill" button on the homepage of the City's website to pay property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills via credit card or by electronic check. Learn more:

<https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/payment/>.



Dover CARES provides information about relief measures available to residents and businesses, including property tax relief, housing and food assistance, extended payment plans for water and sewer utilities, and much more. Learn more: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares/>



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources and texts about the history of Dover.

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

**April 3, 1785** — Died, Thomas Westbrooke Waldron. He was the fourth in descent from Major Richard Waldron, and was born July 26, 1721. He inherited the large landed possessions of his family in Dover, and was for many years its most important citizen. He served with distinction as Captain in the Louisburg expedition under Sir William Pepperell; was Commissioner at Albany, Provincial Representative, Councillor, etc., and after the establishment of the State Government held many town and county offices.

**April 6, 1805** — The following notice appeared in the Dover Sun: IMPORTANT DISCOVERY — A number of men digging up the earth, in this town, for the purpose of making an aqueduct through Mr. Daniel Waldron's land, discovered a vein of dark brown sand running from east to west, much impregnated with Quick-silver of the best quality. Upon close inspection globules of this metal were found dispersed through this vein from the size of the smallest grain of sand to

that of a duck shot — which leaves no room for doubt, but upon further attention, larger quantities may be discovered, and prove beneficial to the owner of the land.

**April 5, 1852** — Nearly a foot of snow falls on Dover. Heavy winds create significant snow drifts, which cause the cars on the railroad to be delayed by four hours. It was nearly six months between the first and last snow of this winter — one of the longest and severest ever remembered.

**April 6, 1998** — Dover's Technical Review Committee gave the green light to a proposed 70-unit motel at Weeks Crossing. The motel, a Country Hearth Inn, would be located on an acre of land behind what used to be Blockbuster Video (now Five Guys), between Central Avenue and the Sixth Street connector. The motel would win Planning Board approval the following month. The Country Hearth Inn would eventually become a Microtel Motel, which it remains today.

**April 1, 2011** — An April Fool's Day storm dumped wet, heavy snow on Dover, causing numerous accidents and power outages throughout the city and region. Due to earlier storms that winter, then Community Services Director Doug Steele said the city was low on salt and sand.



## Dover400 launches new website

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th birthday, has recently launched a new engaging website to communicate the happenings and news associated with the City's largest anniversary celebration yet.

Dover400 enlisted D Graphics of Dover to implement a contemporary design, using custom code to allow for ease of user experience, content updates, and merchandise portal. The website also has a page populated with each of the twelve historical presentations, a wildly popular series delivered by Dover400 team during 2021.

“We are so pleased with the refreshed web presence,” said Angela Carter, Dover400 Communications Committee Chair. “Web visitors will find the new site engaging, easy to navigate, and full of important information about the 400th celebration.”

As the first settlement in New Hampshire, Dover has the honor to lead the way for many regional anniversary events. The mission of Dover400 is to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future through meaningful and creative community engagement. The committee has been diligently working on multi-year events which will include historical reenactments, fireworks and parades, school involvement, festivals, and more.

Dover400 is currently underway with its 400 for \$400 fundraising campaign, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover’s 400th Anniversary, all proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. For more information, please visit [www.Dover400.org](http://www.Dover400.org).



## Dover Day at the Woodman Museum

The Woodman Museum will celebrate Dover Day on Sunday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Dover Day, Dover residents enjoy free admission to all buildings. Dover Day is a great opportunity for Dover residents to tour the museum and see all this "hidden gem" in their own backyard has to offer.

For more information about the museum or Dover Day, visit [woodmanmuseum.org](http://woodmanmuseum.org).

## SEED annual fundraiser kicks off April 11

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover (“SEED”), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, is hosting its annual fundraiser, Bid for a Brighter Future. The online auction and virtual fundraiser is set to start April 11 and will run until April 22, 2022. All proceeds will be used to sponsor 21st-century learning opportunities in Dover public schools.

“The auction will be open for only two short weeks,” said SEED event committee chair Deb Fennessy. “Without our in-person component, we are relying on the online sale to raise funds to support thousands of dollars in grant requests for Dover students.”



SEED’s annual fundraiser is a key factor in its ability to fund grant requests twice annually. Last fall, SEED provided nearly \$15,000 to support curriculum, professional development, and technology improvements for teachers and students. Bid for a Brighter Future will directly support SEED’s spring grant cycle; awards are expected to be delivered in May 2022.



Like last year, SEED will purchase auction items from local shops and restaurants in greater Dover and encourage spending in downtown shops and restaurants.

“Each bid helps to support our schools and area businesses,” said Natalie Koellmer, SEED Board Chair. “Two benefits for the price of one, it’s a no-brainer.”

Entering its 10th year, SEED has granted hundreds of awards valued at more than \$250,000 to Dover public school teachers and administrators. To participate in the auction, please visit SEED Auction Website For more information about SEED, please visit [www.DoverSEED.org](http://www.DoverSEED.org).

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## Holy Rosary Credit Union donates to SEED

The Seacoast Educational Endowment of Dover (“SEED”), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools by providing funding for innovative curriculum, professional development, and classroom equipment, is excited to announce it has received a \$500 donation from Holy Rosary Credit Union (“HRCU”).

With branches across Dover, Rochester, and Farmington, HRCU is a responsible, community-focused organization; members can trust to help them achieve their financial goals by demonstrating compassion, embracing innovation, remaining flexible and delivering exceptional service.

“As a parent and a community member, I am so appreciative of HRCU’s support of the Dover public school system,” said Natalie Koellmer, Chair of the SEED Board of Directors. “Business support is a critical component to SEED’s ability to continue providing this level of funding.”

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## DMS Drama Club presents 'Oliver' beginning April 7

The Dover Middle School Drama Club will stage a production of 'Oliver!' this month.

Show dates are Thursday, April 7; Friday, April 8; and Saturday, April 9; at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per child and \$8 per adult, and can be purchased online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/61635>.



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## Spring street sweeping begins April 4

### Sidewalk sweeping and cleaning already underway

Community Services’ annual street sweeping operations will begin citywide April 4 and are expected to continue through early June.

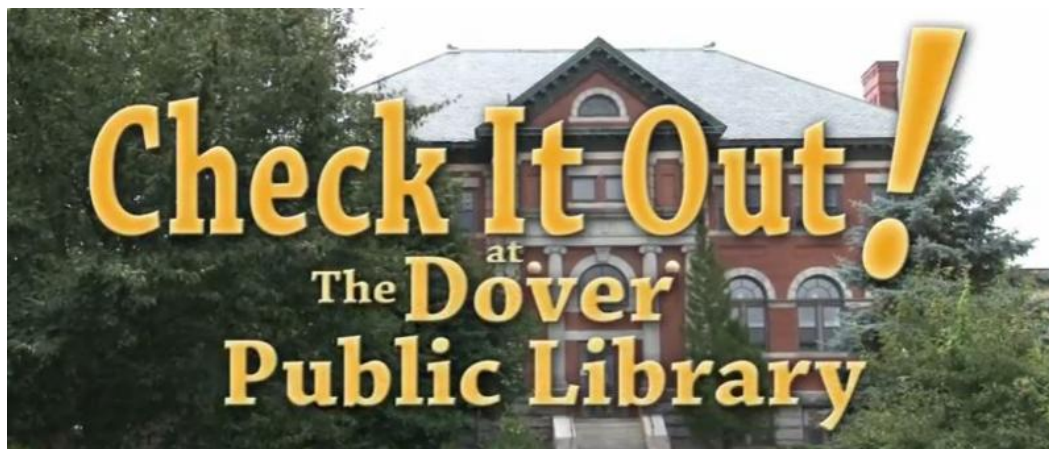
In advance of street sweeping, crews are already cleaning sidewalks with blowers and brooms. Crews will begin sweeping the streets Monday, April 4, weather permitting. Downtown streets are scheduled to be cleaned first before moving to the rest of the city.

Sweeping operations will require temporary parking bans to allow crews to clear the street; advanced notice will be provided through signage, email and social media. To sign up for these and other alerts, add “Dover Alert: public safety alerts and special announcements” to your current email subscription list here: <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.

Sweeping occurs Monday through Friday, beginning at 3 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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## **Poetry Empowered: Performance and workshop with rapper Adam Arnone**

The Dover Public Library is pleased to host local rapper and producer Adam Arnone for an in-person workshop on and display of modern poetry on Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. This workshop will be a mixture of performance and audience participation; Adam will be performing poems and songs from his various albums, as well as doing writing prompts based around song writing. This program is best suited for teens and adults.

Adam Arnone has been a serious rapper since before that was a viable career choice. Born and raised in New Hampshire he has toured all over the country, sharing stages with many bands. He's the former front man for the pioneering indie hip-hop groups Glue and Adeem and is currently the voice and producer of Adam and the Flood. Constantly walking the line between lyrics and poetry, Adam found his style by using vivid imagery in his songs to talk about the joy and heartache many people experience.

For more information about the program, contact Emily Ainaire at 603-516-6082.

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## **Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library**

The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library cardholders to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this April.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box. The theme is anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first eight entries will receive a free plush Peep chick.

Those 20 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division, while peeps, er, people 13 to 19 may enter the Teen Division. Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages 9 to 12 may enter in the Youth Division. On the back of a standard size shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, April 4 through Sunday, April 17.

The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 18.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

For more information, call the Reference Desk at the Dover Public Library: 603-516-6082.

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## The Week at the Library

### **April VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of Lidia's Mastering the Art of Italian Cuisine by Lidia Matticchio Bastianich. Throughout the month of April, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, March 14 - Wednesday, April 20 20th Annual Poetry Contest**

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 20th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and adults ages 18 and older. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 20. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library or on the website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov). For more information about the contest, call Emily at 516-6082 or email [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov).

### **Sunday, April 3, 2 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teens**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Andrew, following the world-shaking Princes of the Apocalypse story-line! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions.

Registration required.

### **Monday, April 4, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

#### **Beyond Books: Program STEM**

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Monday series to learn about STEM. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

### **Monday, April 4, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**

#### **Big Kids Storytime**

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books. Registration required.

### **Tuesday, April 5, 6 to 8 p.m.**

#### **Dungeons & Dragons: Adults**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

### **Wednesday, April 6, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Family Storytime**

Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Registration required.

### **Thursday, April 7, 10 to 11 a.m.**

#### **Cover 2 Cover Book Group**

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. April's selection is *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

### **Thursday, April 7, 10 to 10:45 am**

#### **Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts**

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Thursday series to explore arts and crafts. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

### **Friday, April 8, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years (older siblings always welcome). We will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.





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## Whittier Street sidewalk project topic of April 5 neighborhood meeting

Community Services will hold a neighborhood meeting about the Whittier Street sidewalk project on Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m., at the Public Works Building, 271 Mast Road in Dover. The meeting will include a review of the project goals and anticipated temporary impacts. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

To be included in email updates about the project, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project updates: Whittier Street Sidewalk Improvements" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/whittier-street-sidewalk-improvements/>.

The Council awarded the bid for the project to GW Brooks & Son, Inc., of Freedom, for a cost not to exceed \$488,163.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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## Kindergarten registration now open at Dover's public elementary schools

Dover elementary schools are now accepting appointments for kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. To be eligible, children entering kindergarten must be five years old by Sept. 30, 2022. In addition, to complete the registration process, parents and guardians must provide a legible copy of a birth certificate, proof of residency, current health and immunization records, and, if necessary, a parenting plan or court custody agreement.

### Registration instructions

- For new families to the Dover School District, visit <https://bit.ly/3ngiaOj> to launch the online registration system. Please note: the online registration system is not currently supported to work with smartphones. Please use a computer-based browser.
- Families with a child currently attending a Dover public school can add a new child to their existing registration account by logging into the *Infinite Campus Parent Portal*.
- Parents will be prompted at various steps in the online registration process to upload several documents that will be attached to the child's registration. These documents can be scanned or photographed with a smartphone camera as long as they are legible. Registration progress can be saved and returned to at a later time if needed. Please note the registration/application number the system assigns you for re-entry.

For questions, please get in touch with your child's school:

- **Garrison Elementary School:** 603-516-6752
- **Horne Street Elementary School:** 603-516-6756
- **Woodman Park School:** 603-516-6881

For further information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.

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## American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course

The Dover Indoor Pool will host the American Red Cross lifeguard program on April 30, May 1 and May 7. Participants seeking to become lifeguards must attend all training sessions and be at least 15 years old on the last day of the class. Recertification will be held on May 7.

The American Red Cross lifeguarding training program teaches participants the knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The course includes the latest science in first aid, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, emergency cardiac care, and lifeguarding rescue skills and safety protocols.

Those seeking to take the course must meet the following prerequisites.

- Swim 300 yards continuously
- Tread water for two minutes
- The participant must be able to do the following within 1 minute, 40 seconds, starting from the water: swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the 10-pound object and exit water without using a ladder.
- No refunds will be given for failing to meet prerequisite requirements.

The cost of the complete course is \$300. To be re-certified, the price is \$60. Visit the Dover Indoor Pool website for more information: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/>. Register online at [getactive.dover.nh.gov](http://getactive.dover.nh.gov)

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## Water safety instruction course offered at Dover Indoor Pool

Dover Indoor Pool and the American Red Cross are offering a water safety instruction course in May. This course is geared toward those seeking to become swim instructors.

The training will occur on May 14, 15, 21 and 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; participants must attend all sessions in their entirety. The cost is \$375, and the deadline to register is May 1.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Participants must be 16 by the last class
- Tread water for one minute;
- Maintain position on their back for one minute in deep water;
- Swim 25 yards at Level 4 Proficiency for the front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and 15 yards for the butterfly stroke.

#### **What to expect:**

- In water teachings;
- Stroke decomposition and refinement;
- Teaching techniques for each stroke;
- Online coursework.

Register online at [getactive.dover.nh.gov](http://getactive.dover.nh.gov), calling 603-516-6427 or emailing Erika Friedman at [e.friedman@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.friedman@dover.nh.gov).

No refunds for failing of prerequisites or COVID-related illness. Payment can be rolled into next available class.

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## **Great Bay Masters and Dover Indoor Pool host adult swim sessions**

One-third of adults can't swim the length of the pool. Are you part of that statistic and ready to make a change?

Great Bay Masters and Dover Indoor Pool are teaming up to offer a four-session adult learn-to-swim program in April for \$25.

The lessons will be held on Tuesdays, from April 5 to April 26, at 7:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sign-up for this and other Recreation Department programs at [getactive.dover.nh.gov](http://getactive.dover.nh.gov). For more information, contact the Dover Indoor Pool at 603-516-6441.



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## **Dover Community Gardens registration now open**


Love to garden? Member registration for Dover Community Gardens is now open. There are two locations available: Garrison Hill Park and County Farm Road.

To sign up, or for more information, visit [dovergarden.com](http://dovergarden.com).

Dover Community Gardens is a grassroots, all-volunteer group that launched last year after receiving support from the Dover City Council, Dover's Conservation Commission and the Strafford County Commissioners.

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# COVID-19

## CORONAVIRUS

### AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DOVER

## COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov) and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific timeframe after onset of symptoms.

For more information about COVID-19 testing, including where to get tested, visit the State of New Hampshire's online resource at <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance>.

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## CDC recommends additional boosters for certain individuals

Data continue to show the importance of vaccination and booster doses to protect individuals both from infection and severe outcomes of COVID-19. For adults and adolescents eligible for a first booster dose, these shots are safe and provide substantial benefit. During the recent Omicron surge, those who were boosted were 21 times less likely to die from COVID-19 compared to those who were unvaccinated, and seven times less likely to be hospitalized. CDC continues to recommend that all eligible adults, adolescents, and children 5 and older be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines, which includes getting an initial booster when eligible.

Following FDA's regulatory action this week, CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least four months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Separately and in addition, based on newly published data, adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

These updated recommendations acknowledge the increased risk of severe disease in certain populations including those who are elderly or over the age of 50 with multiple underlying conditions, along with the currently available data on vaccine and booster effectiveness.

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## CDC releases new quarantine and isolation

# calculator

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week released a new COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation calculator that is designed to take the stress out of deciding when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask.

The calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and prevent COVID-19 in their communities.

This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's Quarantine and Isolation guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.

To view the calculator, or for more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>.

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## 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 for the following positions:

- **Superintendent of Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Camera operator**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Truck driver: Utilities**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Account Clerk II**

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

