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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 15, 2022



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Monday-Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
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8:30 a.m. to 4
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Next FY2023 budget hearing is April 20

Budget workshops continue next week with Police and Fire proposals

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the city portion of the proposed budget and receive budget presentations from the Fire and Police departments on Wednesday, April 20.

The public hearing is part of a 7 p.m. special meeting in City Hall's Council Chambers. The budget presentations will occur in a workshop immediately following the special meeting. Find the agenda for the special meeting [here](#) and the workshop [here](#).

The Fire and Police budget presentations will conclude the departmental presentations that began March 30. The next budget workshop will be Wednesday, May 4, when the Council will have an in-depth review of the budget. If the Council is ready after the workshop, they will meet immediately after and hold a

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

special meeting to adopt the budget. If not ready, the Council will adopt the budget at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 11.

Public hearing held on education portion of proposed budget

The City Council held a public hearing on the education portion of the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget at its April 13 regular meeting. It was the only budget-related item on the meeting's agenda.

The public hearing follows the presentation to the City Council of the School Board's adopted budget on March 30.

The April 13 public hearing and the March 30 budget presentations can be viewed on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed](#) web page. The page also includes Executive, Community Services, Finance, Library, Recreation and Welfare departmental presentations.

Remaining FY2023 City Council budget schedule

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

- **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

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/3vCZGfF>.

Sign up today at bit.ly/dovernewsletters, and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of city newsletters.





Fencing and scaffolding to be installed at Library in preparation for roof replacement

Library Director asks for patience, flexibility during construction

Fencing around part of the Dover Public Library's parking lot is expected to be installed next Tuesday, April 19, followed by scaffolding around the building as workers prepare for the shale roof replacement of the 117-year-old building.

The fence installation will likely create intermittent traffic congestion for those entering and exiting the Library and McConnell Center. It will also temporarily eliminate about 12 parking spaces, which the contractor will use to store supplies and a trash bin. The library will remain open throughout the construction process through its rear handicap-accessible door; however, the front door may be closed at times.

Due to the construction, the library may not always be quiet. Library Director Denise LaFrance urges patrons to be flexible and patient during the roof replacement, which is expected to wrap up in July.

"It is going to be loud in here on certain days, and we may have to move meetings, tutoring sessions, etc., around depending on the work being done," LaFrance said. "Flexibility is key, as we will not have a whole lot of advanced notice."

The City Council [awarded](#) the contract in January to Portsmouth-based Careno Construction Co., Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$886,998. The scope of work includes the replacement of the shale roof, the upper roof copper cornice, and the six copper decorative details original to the 1905 library.

For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



Engineers seek feedback on upper Central Avenue signal changes

New timings from Weeks Crossing to Oak Street now active

Community Services and its traffic signalization engineering consultant seek public feedback on signal modifications to nine traffic signals on upper Central Avenue, from Oak Street to Weeks Crossing at Indian Brook Drive.

The new signal timings were fully deployed on April 5. Traffic engineers will continue to modify timings based on traffic data and public feedback.

The nine intersections with new timings traffic light timings include:

- Central Avenue at Oak Street
- Central Avenue at Old Rollinsford Road
- Central Avenue at Hannaford and Aldi plazas
- Central Avenue at Glenwood Avenue
- Central Avenue at Morin Street
- Central Avenue at Weeks Lane/Webb Place
- Central Avenue/New Rochester Road at Indian Brook Drive
- New Rochester Road at Willand Pond Road/Hotel Drive
- Indian Brook Drive at Weeks Lane

Please note: The pavement condition is poor on Central Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, which may impact travel times. The poor conditions are mainly due to a water main project completed in January and not being able to repave the trenches due to the cold weather. These trenches will be repaved in the next few weeks, followed by a complete pavement overlay this fall.

Provide feedback

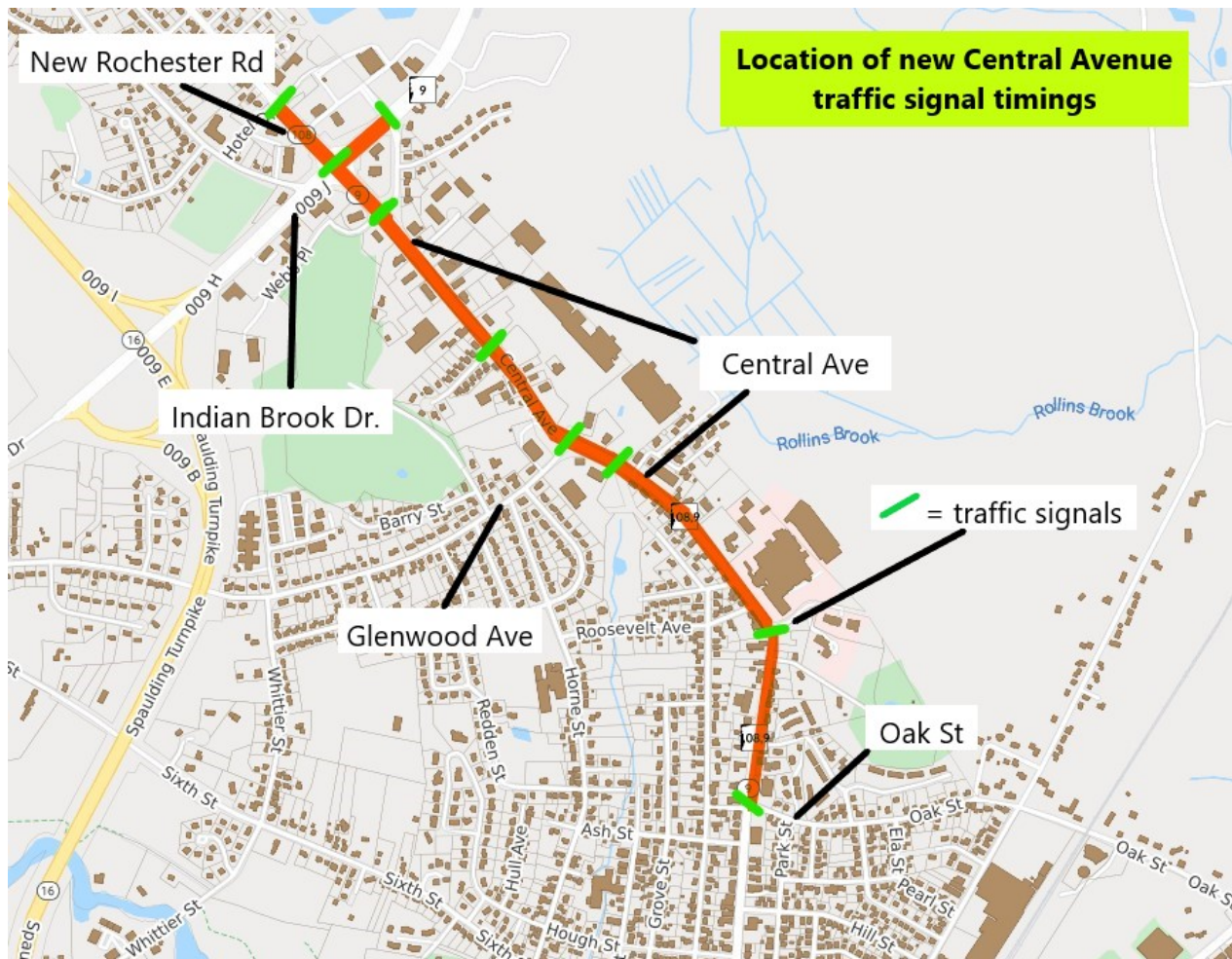
A simple online survey is [available here](#). Please consider providing feedback to the city and its engineers to help improve the signal timings.

About the project

The City of Dover, through a Federal Highway Administration grant administered through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is deploying new signal timings at 17 critical

traffic signals along the Central Avenue corridor. The city has contracted with Sebago Technics to upgrade the signals and deploy and adjust traffic signal timings. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Map of signal locations



First Street closed to through traffic from Monday, April 18 to Friday, April 22

First Street will be closed to through traffic from Monday, April 18, to Friday, April 22, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to allow utility work related to the renovation of the former courthouse at 1 First St.

Public parking spaces on First Street next to Earcraft Music will be accessible with the assistance of a traffic control flagger at Central Avenue. The flagger will also assist vehicles leaving those spaces to reenter Central Avenue. Delivery trucks may still use the right-hand side loading zone behind Oriental Delight with the assistance of the flagger.

Access to First Street properties

All First Street properties and parking spaces west of the work area will be accessible from Chestnut Street from Monday through Friday, except for the private parking lot at One Hundred First Street.

That private parking will be accessible from Chestnut Street from Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, access will be from Central Avenue. See the map below.



Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Saturday for Red's Race for a Better Community

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the 39th annual Red's Shoe Barn Race for a Better Community on Saturday, April 16.

The third event of the 2022 Dover race Series includes a 5-mile timed run and a 2.4-mile untimed walking course. The event is organized by and benefits several local non-profit organizations that provide services in Strafford County. More information is available at <https://reds-race.com/>.

The event begins at 10 a.m. in front of Dover City Hall at 288 Central Ave. and concludes at Henry Law Park.

Road closures

The following roads will be closed to accommodate the event:

From 9:45 to 11:30 a.m.

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to Hanson Street
- Washington Street, from Main Street to River Street
- River Street

From 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

- Both directions of Central Avenue, from Silver Street to Washington Street

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., motorists should anticipate brief closures or delays on:

- Court Street
- Middle Road
- Back Road
- Henry Law Avenue

Parking restrictions

Parking will be restricted from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. on:

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to River Street

Event participants may follow signs for event parking near Washington and River streets. Parking is also available at the Orchard Street parking garage or other downtown municipal lots. [Click here](#) for a map of municipal parking areas.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

Contractor to begin trench restoration on upper Central Ave April 25

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements project contractor is scheduled to begin trench restoration on Central Avenue between Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue on Monday, April 25.

The trench restoration will improve the travel conditions along that section of Central Avenue. Later this fall, after the soil has had more time to settle, a full pavement overlay of Central Avenue will occur in the project area.

The contractor had completed the replacement of the 133-year-old water main in January; however, only a temporary trench pavement could be used due to the weather, leaving many parts of the work area in poor travel condition.

More details of the trench restoration schedule are expected next week.

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

Detours on Bellamy Road and Sixth Street at Wildcat Drive during the week of April 25

Two city thoroughfares will be closed to through traffic during the week of April 25 to allow utility work.

Bellamy Road closed from April 25 to April 27

From Monday, April 25, through Wednesday, April 27, Bellamy Road will be closed in the area of 26½ Bellamy Road, near the entrance to the Bellamy Park Lot. Through traffic will be detoured around the project via Cataract Avenue, Rutland Street, and Durham Road (Route 108).

Sixth Street at Wildcat Drive closed on April 26

Sixth Street will be closed to through traffic at Wildcat Drive on Tuesday, April 26. Wildcat Drive is a new development off Sixth Street, located approximately 1,200 feet south of Sixth Street's intersection with Long Hill Road. Through traffic will be detoured around the project via County Farm Road and County Farm Cross Road.

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

Smoke testing for the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project to begin Monday

City workers and contractors will be working in the areas of Fifth Street and Grove Street to begin smoke testing of sewer and stormwater pipes starting Monday, April 18. The work also includes pipe cleaning work and the videoing of the underground pipes.

Smoke testing is used to help locate spots where stormwater and groundwater can enter the sewer system. It involves forcing non-toxic, harmless smoke through the sewer system. The odorless smoke used will not stain clothes or furniture and does not create a fire hazard. Smoke will appear if there are leaks in the system. Some smoke may enter homes and businesses if there are dried-up drain pipes or defective plumbing. Residents in the area can fill seldom-used drains with water to prevent smoke from entering the home.

If residents see smoke in their homes or on their property during the testing, they should notify the crew working on their street or contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

The work is part of the preliminary information gathering stage for the reconstruction project to assess what underground utilities may need replacement or repair when the reconstruction project occurs. As the project develops, the City of Dover will send 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](#).

Second neighborhood meeting for Whittier Street Sidewalk project on May 11

Community Services will hold a second neighborhood meeting about the upcoming Whittier Street Sidewalk Construction project on Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Public Works facility at 271 Mast Road.

Representatives for the project contractor, GW Brooks & Son, Inc., of Freedom, will be at the meeting to discuss the project schedule. The meeting will also include a review of the project goals and anticipated temporary impacts. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

Sign up for project email updates at <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](#).

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

Thursday, April
21st, 4pm-5pm,
Zoom Webinar



Register Here



bit.ly/3NM5L1r



Dover Mental Health Challenges & Response: A Conversation with Dover Community Leaders

Dover's first responders, schools to discuss mental health challenges at upcoming webinar

The City of Dover's first responders, emergency providers, social service organizations, and schools are facing an increase in mental health related crises. Communities across the country are facing this same reality. How Dover is responding to these challenges is the topic of an upcoming webinar on Thursday, April 21, from 4 to 5 p.m.

During the webinar, which will be held via Zoom, a panel of Dover officials dealing with the crisis will discuss what the mental health response looks like right now, the challenges and successes, and what the next steps are moving forward.

The webinar, which is the first in a series of sessions focusing on Dover over the next few months, is hosted by the Center for Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College, and will be moderated by Laura Knoy, the former host of The Exchange on New Hampshire Public Radio.

The panelists for this session include Dover Police Chief William Breault; Christine Boston, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services for the Dover School District; Christopher Kozak, member of the Strafford County Public Health Network Advisory Committee and Dover Mental Health Alliance; and Suzanne Weete, Community Education and Engagement Manager for Community Partners.

The webinar is free to attend and open to all. To register, visit bit.ly/3NM5L1r.

The webinar series is sponsored by the Dover Police Department, Dover Fire and Rescue, the Dover School District, the Center for Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College, the Dover Mental Health Alliance, Community Partners, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, and Portsmouth Regional Hospital: Dover Emergency Room.



Upcoming Meetings:

Cemetery Board, April 19, 7 p.m.

The Cemetery Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., at Pine Hill Cemetery, 145 Court Street.

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

City Council, April 20, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a special meeting, followed by a workshop on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The topic of the special meeting is the public hearing on the city portion of the proposed budget. The workshop will include budget presentations from the Dover Police Department and Dover Fire and Rescue.

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

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, April 21, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022,



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



Report non-threatening complaints online to the Dover Police Department

The Dover Police Department's Citizen Online Reporting System enables residents to file a report for the Dover Police to review and respond back to you within five days.

First, determine if online reporting is appropriate for your situation. All four statements below must be true to continue with an online report:

- This crime/incident is NOT an EMERGENCY.
- This crime/incident is NOT in PROGRESS.
- This crime/incident occurred within the City of Dover, NH.

beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, April 21, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Housing Authority, April 22, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Friday, April 22, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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/>.

- No person has been injured as part of this crime/incident.

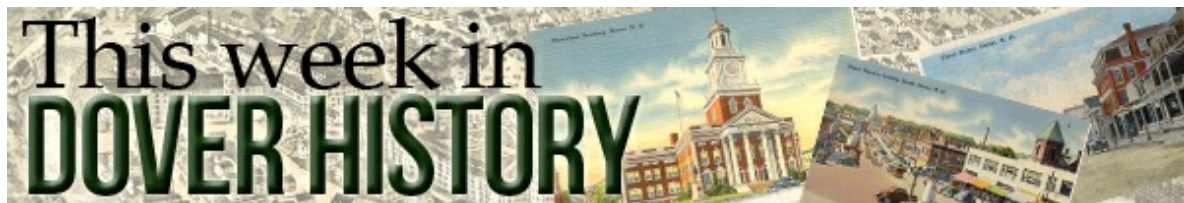
If you cannot use the online reporting system, you may call 603-742-4646 or stop in at the Dover Police Department.

If all statements are true, you can [complete the online form](#).

Gather support documentation that may help you complete the online form. Documents cannot be submitted online but you may be asked at a later date to forward copies to the Police Department. Fill out each field to the best of your knowledge. It is okay to leave fields blank except for those indicated as mandatory by red type color and an asterisk. There are also required checkboxes adjacent to statements.

After reviewing your report, click the SUBMIT MY REPORT button at the bottom of the page.

The online reporting page can be found at <http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org/policereporting/>.



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 20, 1850 — At a town meeting held to see if the town would vote to apply to the Legislature for a City charter, the meeting voted by a large majority to dissolve. At another meeting held May 25, the matter was again indefinitely postponed.

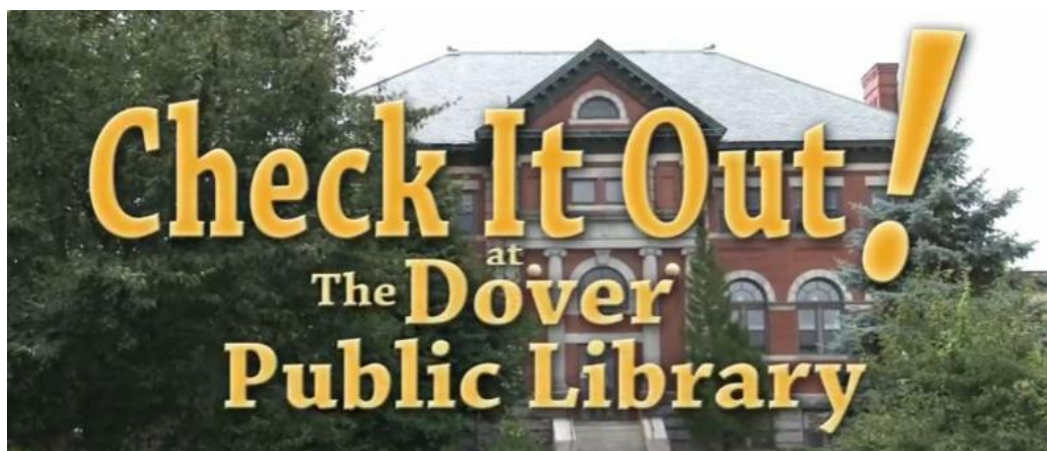
April 19, 1856 — The salaries of City officers were established as follows: Mayor, \$200; City Clerk, \$200 and fees; City Marshal, \$100; Assistant, \$50; Treasurer, \$50. Selectmen the same

day voted to purchase the lot known as the "sand bank," adjoining Pine Hill, for \$300. Valuation of the city this year \$3,562,978. Rate of taxation is 88 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

April 18, 1865 — The City Council held a special meeting and passed a series of appropriate resolutions to honor Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated four days earlier. The Council's actions included appropriating funds toward observing the funeral obsequies on Wednesday the 19th, as requested by Acting Secretary of State William Hunter in Washington, and New Hampshire Gov. Joseph Gilmore. A resolution was also passed appointing a committee to invite a "fit person" to deliver an eulogy for the late President at a later date.

April 16, 1958 — A story from Dover appears in newspapers across the country on this day, under a variety of headlines. The story read: "Uncertain of St. Nick's address this time of year, Dover postmaster Raymond H. Chase opened a letter addressed to Santa Claus to see the name of the sender so it could be returned. The unsigned note said: 'Dear Santa, Howard has been a bad boy so do not let him have no toys.'"

April 16, 2004 — At a ceremony at City Hall, Christopher G. Parker, then a city planner, was named employee of the year. Parker, a Dover native, started working for the city's planning department in 1997 as an intern while a graduate student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He was hired by the city's Community Services Department in 1998, where he stayed until joining the Planning Department full time in 2002. Steven Stancel, who was then head planner, said Parker had made his mark on the community. "He does a great job working with citizens," Stancel said at the time. "He's a big asset to the city and the department." Parker said at the ceremony Dover is the only place he has worked and is the only place he wants to work. "We're here to serve the people, and I got the best job in the world," Parker said. Parker would be named Director of Planning and Community Development in 2007. He was appointed Deputy City Manager in January, and now oversees the city's development and strategic initiatives, including the Office of Business Development.



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

Sunday, April 17, Closed Easter Holiday

Monday, April 18, 3 to 4 p.m. Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join us in-person or virtually to discuss *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

Monday, April 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Book Group

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. For more information about the contest, call Emily at 516-6082 or email e.fortin@dover.nh.gov.

**Monday, April 4 – Monday, April 18
The Peeps Show Contest**

Build a diorama using Peeps in a standard size shoe box. The theme is anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. Contest is open to all Dover residents. Prizes will be awarded in four age divisions.

Join us in-person or virtually to discuss *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

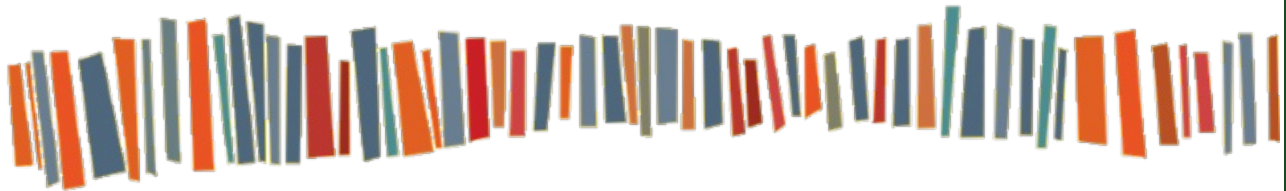
Tuesday, April 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Adult Knitting Group**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.



THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



From left, Scott Loignon and Stephanie Loignon (WIN Home Inspection), Margaret Joyce (GDCC President), Melissa Launder (GDCC), Danielle Festa (Aplomb Gallery) and her daughter Heidi, Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Colleen Forde (Lendio), Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Realty), Hope Anderson (GDCC).

Aplomb Gallery joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome Aplomb Gallery as a valued member.

Aplomb Gallery is a new portrait gallery and studio space located at 15 Mechanic St., Suite 117 in Dover owned by Danielle Festa, a contemporary realist and former Dover Art Walk director.

The creative space in downtown Dover features group/solo exhibitions, workshops, and the Portrait Project tribute commissions.

The current exhibition, 'The Eyes Have It', is a VR artist talk and tour scheduled for April 23 at 12 p.m. Artists from New England to California, New York to Ontario come together in this group exhibition with an emphasis on eyes that will be on display in the Dover studio and in the meta verse at Art Gate International 2022. The in-person show features 17 artists with one piece each while the VR exhibition features over 30 works by 20 artists.

The upcoming course offered at Aplomb Galley, Intro to India Ink, is a four-week course taking place on Thursdays in May. On May 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., learn how to paint with washes and draw details with India Ink – used by artists like William Hogarth, Andy Warhol and David Hockney. For more information on the course, visit www.aplombgallery.com/workshops.

You can now apply to be a subject of Festa's current commission. If you have been through a life challenge and you're ready to celebrate the strength you have found, a contemporary oil painting is a permanent way to mark this courageous moment. For more information on how to apply, visit www.aplombgallery.com/portrait-application.

Contact Aplomb Gallery by emailing Danielle@aplombgallery.com or visiting www.aplombgallery.com.



From left, Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Realty), Hope Anderson (GDCC), Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Josiah Stevens (Embodied Directions), Margaret Joyce (GDCC President), Jennifer Stevens (Embodied Directions), Melissa Launder (GDCC), Colleen Forde (Lendio), Stephanie Loignon (WIN Home Inspection), Brian Jacobsen (Immanuel Insurance Agency), Scott Loignon (WIN Home Inspection).

Embodied Directions Wellness Sanctuary joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Embodied Directions Wellness Sanctuary as a valued member.

Embodied Directions Wellness Sanctuary is Dover's first intentionally-therapeutic wellness

space, offering trauma-informed and therapeutic movement, yoga, meditation, energy work, group experiences, workshops and training.

Located at [66 Third Street](#) in Dover, the offerings at Embodied Directions provide an opportunity to reconnect and reclaim your relationship with your body, find support with a like-minded community, and complement mental health recovery.

They see embodiment as choosing what you want to bring into your being and radiate out what you don't want. It's the act of purposefully inhabiting our bodies, relationships, and lives. Our space is one where all parts of you – your whole self – is welcome. A healing pathway is multi-faceted, unique to the individual, and encompasses a variety of therapeutic modalities. The approach of Embodied Directions encourages unique directions towards discovering who you are and what you're capable of. It's not about completion but about the process, the journey, coming back to the self and embodying the life you choose to live.

To learn more about Embodied Directions Wellness Sanctuary, visit www.embodieddirections.com or call (603) 609-8817.



April programs at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is now offering both Mask Required AND Mask Optional days. "This will give all visitors a chance to experience the Museum in a manner that addresses individual comfort levels," said CMNH President Jane Bard. Mask Optional days include Wednesdays through Saturdays, both morning 9 a.m.-noon, and afternoon 1-4 p.m. play sessions. Mask Required (for everyone over the age of 24 months) days are Tuesdays and Sundays, 9am-Noon. Before visiting, the Museum is still asking guests to reserve and pre-pay online to help stick to their capacity limit, which is currently at 50% of it's actual capacity, or 250 individuals. Special thanks to museum lead sponsor, Kennebunk Savings Bank. Learn more at www.childrens-museum.org.

FEATURED APRIL PROGRAM

Children's Museum of New Hampshire Car or Cash Raffle
Raffle Tickets on Sale now through Noon on Thursday, June 16

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual car raffle fundraiser is back. 775 tickets are available for purchase and tickets are on sale for only \$100. The winner can choose

between \$25,000 towards a new (in-stock) Nissan from Port City Nissan - OR \$20,000 cash. All ticket purchasers (plus one guest 18 or older) are invited to attend the live drawing event on Thursday, June 16, from 5-7 p.m. at The Brook in Seabrook, where you can enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. The winning ticket will be drawn by an independent auditor. The winner need not be present at the drawing to claim their prize. To purchase tickets, visit www.childrens-museum.org. This raffle fundraiser is sponsored Port City Nissan, Rock 101, Z107 and 96.7 News Radio.

Gallery 6 Art Exhibition: *The Immigrant Alphabet*
On view through May 2022

Gallery 6 inside the Children's Museum of New Hampshire has an art exhibition on view now featuring more than 27 panels celebrating the diversity in its community. The art was created by the students and faculty of the Dover Adult Learning Center, area artists, as well as friends and staff of the Children's Museum of NH. The art shares personal accounts from people from other lands, the history of their ancestors, facts about their country of origin, highlights a cultural practice or tradition, and defines words that describes the immigrant experience. The Gallery is open anytime the museum is open and is sponsored by the Fuller Foundation, Georgia-Pacific, TD Charitable Foundation, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Play Sessions at the museum require online reservations and pre-payment, however if you are just stopping in to view Gallery 6, no reservations are required. The Museum now offers Mask Required days (Tuesdays and Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon) as well as Mask Optional Days (Wednesdays through Sundays, 9am-noon or 1-4 p.m.). Visit <https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info> to learn more.

CALL FOR MAKERS – New Hampshire Maker Fest
Deadline for applications is Friday, May 13
NEW DATE FOR FEST: Saturday, June 4, 2022

Join us at the 10th annual New Hampshire Maker Fest, an all ages celebration of creativity and innovation taking place in and around the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in downtown Dover, NH on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are an engineer, a scientist, a food vendor, a baker, a tinkerer or an artisan, we want to see what you do! Sign up to be a Maker presenter, performer, sponsor, or to give a workshop or to sell your creations. Visit www.childrens-museum.org to learn more or to register.

Science Fridays
Every Friday in April
10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m.-Noon)
2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.)

Join us for Science Fridays in 2022! New each week and included with regular Museum admission, Science Friday drop-in programs engage children in experiments and activities that focus on fun, and act as a jumping-off point for learning about science concepts. Sponsored by the UNIQUE College Investing Plan. Reservations and pre-payment are required for each play session, but nothing additional needs to be reserved to participate in Science Fridays. Masks are optional when visiting the Museum on Fridays. Visit <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/s-t-e-a-m> to learn more.

Friday, April 15 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Glow in the Dark Oobleck
Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Make-and-Take Mini Greenhouse
Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Chromatography Butterflies

Exploring Our Way: Sensory Friendly Playtime
Tuesday, April 5, 1-4 p.m.

For some children with autism spectrum or sensory processing disorders, a visit to museums like the Children's Museum of NH is challenging or over-stimulating. The Exploring Our Way: Sensory Friendly Playtimes at the Children's Museum of NH are exclusive to families of children with special needs. These monthly, low-sensory events are designed for children with autism spectrum or sensory processing disorders allowing them to explore the Museum along with their families without the noise, crowds, and stimulation of atypical open day. The museum limits the number of families who can attend, turns down sounds and lights, provides a quiet zone with sensory activities away from the exhibit floor and has noise cancelling headphones to

borrow. A medical diagnosis is not diagnosed. Online pre-registration and payment is required. Regular admission rates apply and discounts will be honored. Visit www.childrens-museum.org to learn more.

Wee Ones Wednesdays

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, and 20 (No program on April 27)

**Wednesdays, May 11, 18 and 25 (No program on May 4)
9:15-10 a.m.**

Join Miss Xanthi for this interactive weekly program for children ages 2-4. Designed as a PRE pre-school program for children and a parent or caregiver, we will enjoy art, music, movement and conceptual learning together. This program is limited to 10 children, and caregivers or adults are welcome to sign up multiple children within their family. Please note Wednesdays are now "Mask Optional" days and that includes the Wee Ones program. There will be no snacks eaten during Wee Ones. Pre-reservation/payment is required and does not include museum admission. Reservations to stay and play in museum exhibits must be made separately. Prices: Child \$11 (\$8 for Members), Additional Children (if participating in crafts & is a sibling) \$8 (\$5 for Members). Discount Cards are available for CMNH Members: 5 Class Discount Card for \$35 or a 10 Class Discount Card for \$65. Visit www.childrens-museum.org for more info and to reserve your spot.

Wacky Art Wednesdays

Every Wednesday in April

10am during Morning Play Session (9 a.m.-noon)

2pm during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.)

Join us at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. every Wednesday to do a wacky and wonderful art project. The projects are included with museum admission and free for members. Online reservations and pre-payment is required for each play session, but nothing additional needs to be reserved to participate in Wacky Art Wednesdays. Masks are optional when visiting the Museum on Wednesdays. Visit <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making> to learn more.

Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Wood Sculptures

Wednesday, April 27 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Foil Printmaking

World Culture Thursdays

Every Thursday in April

10am during Morning Play Session (9 a.m.-noon)

2pm during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.)

Join us at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire during our Thursday play sessions at either 10am or 2pm to do a fun craft, play a game, or make some art celebrating a different culture from around the world! These activities are included with Museum admission and are free for museum members. Online reservations and pre-payment is required for each play session, but nothing special needs to be reserved to participate in World Culture Thursdays. Masks are now optional when visiting on Thursdays. Visit <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/world-cultures> to learn more.

Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: French Impressionist Painting

Thursday, April 21 at 10am or 2pm: Egyptian Sand Art

Thursday, April 28 at 10am or 2pm: Outdoor Fun with Australian Boomerangs

Visiting Author & Tap Dancer Aaron Tolson

Saturday, April 16 at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Did you know that fairies love to dance? Come meet local author and tap dancer Aaron Tolson at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire where he will read his new children's picture book "Tiny Tap Shoes" about a tiny fairy named Steve who loves to tap dance. Aaron will give a mini tap dancing demonstration and lesson to guests after he reads his book. Please be sure to register for the morning (9am-Noon) or afternoon (1-4 p.m.) play session online at www.childrens-museum.org. Saturday visits to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire are now Mask Optional. This special visit is included with museum admission. Online reservations/pre-payment is required. Visit www.childrens-museum.org to learn more. The

Museum's Performance Series is sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts, the Fuller Foundation, and the TD Bank Charitable Foundation.

Museum Closed Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 17

2022 Play Patio Spring Member-Only Opening
Monday, April 18, 9 a.m.-Noon

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's outdoor Play Patio exhibit is opening for the 2022 season and Museum Members are invited for a special Monday morning play session to help celebrate! Open from 9am-noon just for Members, one day before the public, the Play Patio will welcome back messy sensory tables, a magnetic wall, paint wall, chalk art, water art, and so much more! All inside exhibits will be open for playtime as well. For this special Member's Only event masks will be optional. Online reservations are required but as always FREE for Members. Reserve online at www.childrens-museum.org.

Earth Day Celebration
Friday, April 22, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.

Join the Children's Museum of New Hampshire for a day full of Earth loving fun! We have so many drop-in activities planned, all included with museum admission. A special Science Friday activity will be making a Mini-Window Greenhouse at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Plant a flower to take home at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. Make an up-cycled sun catcher, a recycled paper bag Earth Day grass crown, and then challenge yourself to an Earth Day themed scavenger hunt! All activities will be available during both play sessions. Online reservations/pre-payment is required when visiting the museum. Fridays are now Mask Optional days at the Museum. Earth Day fun is sponsored by D.F. Richard, and Science Friday is sponsored by the State of New Hampshire on behalf of The UNIQUE College Investing Plan.

Climate Exploration with ReVision Energy's Climate Classroom
Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Outside the Museum along Henry Law Avenue

ReVision Energy, local solar installer who designed and built the Children's Museum of NH's rooftop solar array, will be on site with their Tiny Climate Classroom, hosting an assortment of climate activities for kids of all ages. The Climate Classroom will be parked outside the museum, along Henry Law Avenue. Kids can climb inside, touch solar panels, do some take-home arts and crafts, or do Yoga with Sunsquatch (ReVision Energy's friendly mascot) on the park lawn. All Climate Classroom activities are free. Please note, while the Climate Classroom will be continually open from 10am-3pm, the Children's Museum of NH is closed for an hour between their play sessions from 12-1pm. If you'd like to visit the Children's Museum of NH, please reserve and pre-pay online for one of their play sessions from 9am-noon or 1-4pm at www.childrens-museum.org.

COMING SOON

Fairy House & Gnome Home Building WORKSHOP
Saturday, May 7, 10-10:45 a.m.

It's almost time for the Children's Museum of NH's first annual Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration! Are you interested in making a house for the celebration, but not sure where to start? Join us at the museum for this Adult/Child Workshop! Participants will have access to many natural materials to use to design their own fairy house or gnome home. Each child will also get to decorate a little wooden fairy door and mesh dragonfly ornament! Take your house home and find it a special spot in your yard and/or bring it back to the Museum for our Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration happening May 13, 14 and 15 (Drop off on Friday, May 13). This workshop is sponsored by Great Island Realty. Cost per adult/child pair: \$15 for Members, \$20 for non-Members. \$5 per additional child. Cost of workshop does NOT include museum admission. Online reservations required. Visit www.childrens-museum.org to reserve.

Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration
Friday, May 13 - Sunday, May 15

Join the Children's Museum of New Hampshire for their first annual Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration! This busy weekend will be filled with springtime science experiments, crafts, performances, scavenger hunts and, of course, fairy houses & gnome homes! Fairy Houses & Gnome Homes will be on display starting Saturday, May 14 in Henry Law Park and the Museum's Play Patio. Natural materials will be available outside for visitors to create their own to take home or add to the display in the park! Interested in bringing a fairy house you made at home? Be sure to drop it off at the Museum by Friday, May 13th. Visitors are encouraged to dress up in their favorite fairy, gnome, prince, princess, knight in shining armor, or even unicorn & dragon attire. Dover businesses are joining in the fun and decorating their windows or even having special deals for the event, so be sure to make a visit to downtown a part of your day! A list of participating businesses will be available at the front desk of the museum. All activities are included with regular Museum admission and free for Members. Be sure to reserve and pre-pay online ahead of time to secure your spot, as we expect this weekend to sell out! Museum hours are: Mask Optional Play Sessions on Friday & Saturday, 9am-noon or 1-4pm; Mask Required (everyone over the age of 24 months) Play Session on Sunday 9am-Noon. Learn more online at www.childrens-museum.org.

Saturday, May 14 at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals

Lindsay and her Puppet Pals bring the laughter and fun to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's first annual Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration with special performances during both the morning (9am-noon) and afternoon (1-4pm) play sessions. The Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration is an entire weekend full of crafts, activities, scavenger hunts, and special guests like Lindsay and her Pals. The performance is included with museum admission, and free for members! Masks are optional when visiting on Saturdays. Online reservations/ pre-payment is required. Learn more at www.childrens-museum.org. The Museum's Performance Series is sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts, the Fuller Foundation, and the TD Charitable Foundation.

Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m.
Mini Ballet Performance with Musical Arts of Dover

Students from the Musical Arts of Dover will perform a fairy themed mini ballet at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire on Sunday, May 13th at 10am as part of the Museum's Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration. The Spring Celebration spans the entire weekend, May 13-15, and includes live performances, springtime science experiments, crafts, and of course fairy houses and gnome homes. The performance is included with Museum admission, and free for Members. Masks are required for everyone over the age of 24 months when visiting on Sunday's 9am-noon play session. Online reservations/pre-payment is required. Learn more at www.childrens-museum.org. The Museum's Performance Series is sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts, the Fuller Foundation, and the TD Charitable Foundation.

About the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Children's Museum of New Hampshire is located at 6 Washington Street in Dover and offers two levels of hands-on, interactive exhibits for children from newborn to middle school. Children can explore a wide range of subjects, from dinosaurs, music and aeronautics to world cultures, art, natural history, and S.T.E.A.M.. Open year-round, the Silver LEED-certified museum specializes in creating memorable family learning experiences and works closely with schools, social service agencies, and educators. A central part of the museum's mission is ensuring accessibility, and the "Reach All Initiative" works towards this goal by welcoming over 28% of yearly visitors for free or reduced admission. The museum also hosts a variety of live performances, workshops, classes and special events for families. For more information, please call the museum at (603) 742-2002 or visit www.childrens-museum.org

**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.

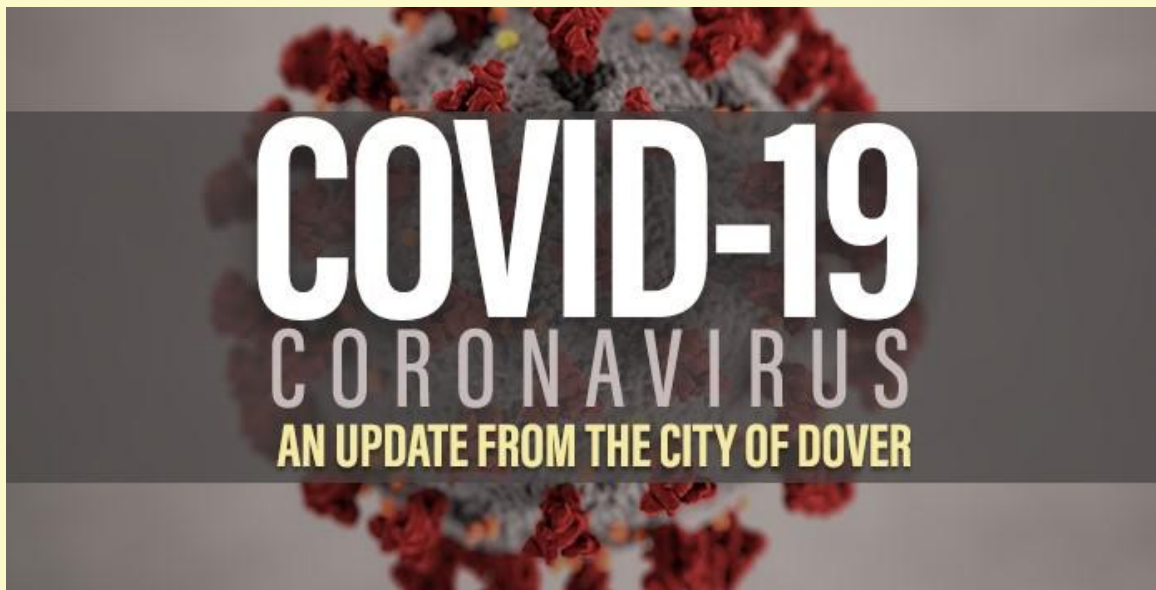
Registration instructions

- 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.



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 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.

COVID-19 vaccines for children and Teens

COVID-19 can make children and teens of any age very sick and sometimes requires treatment in a hospital.

Help protect children ages 5 years and older, especially from severe disease, hospitalization, or death by getting them vaccinated against COVID-19. Getting eligible children and teens vaccinated against COVID-19 can help keep them:

- From getting really sick if they do get COVID-19
- In school or daycare
- Safely participating in sports, playdates, and other group activities

There is no way to tell in advance how children or teens will be affected by COVID-19.

However, those with underlying medical conditions or who have a weakened immune system are [more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19](#).

Those without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness. Almost half of children younger than 18 years old hospitalized with COVID-19 have no underlying conditions.

For more information, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention here](#).

COVID-19 vaccine safety in children and teens

Before recommending COVID-19 vaccination, scientists conducted clinical trials with thousands of children and teens to make sure the vaccine is safe and effective. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) emergency authorization for use in everyone ages 5 through 15 years and full approval for use in everyone ages 16 years and older.

Through continued safety monitoring, COVID-19 vaccination has been found safe for children and teens.

The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks.

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 years and older get vaccinated against COVID-19 and everyone ages 12 years and older should also get a COVID-19 [booster shot](#).

[More information can be found here](#).

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:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Camera operator**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**

- **Truck driver: Utilities**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Summer Camp Supervisor**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Account Clerk II**

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

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