

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 22, 2022



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

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# City Council to begin budget deliberations

Final departmental presentations delivered this week by Police and Fire chiefs

The City Council held a public hearing on the city portion of the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget at an April 20 special meeting. Following the public hearing were the departmental presentations of the Police and Fire departments.

The Council now begins its general budget review and deliberations. These deliberations will begin, if time allows, at a Wednesday, April 27 workshop. The Council will continue deliberations on Wednesday, May 4.

#### **Brief highlights of the April 20 budget presentations**

The Council held its third budget workshop on April 20, where it reviewed departmental budgets from Dover Fire and Rescue and Dover Police. These proposed budgets, budget presentations, and accompanying slides can be viewed on the <a href="FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage">FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage</a>.

**Dover Fire and Rescue** 

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

Dover Fire and Rescue's proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 totals \$12,349,470, a \$2,000,178 increase, or 19.3%. The Fire and Rescue budget consists of several divisions, including administration, suppression and building inspection services.

Key 2023 fiscal year objectives include:

- Funding the activation of a third emergency ambulance to address multiple simultaneous calls and improve response time. The \$178,000 cost of equipping an additional ambulance would be covered 100% by grant funds.
- Grant funds would also cover the \$945,000 first-year personnel and equipment costs of eight new firefighters/EMS required for 24 hours a day, seven days a week staffing. Grant funds would cover 75% of personnel costs in the second year and 50% in the third year. In the fourth year, it would be 100% covered by the general fund.
- Oversee the implementation of the new online permitting software that will create a more efficient, convenient and transparent system.

#### **Dover Police**

Dover Police Department's proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 totals \$10,449,863, a \$457,367 increase, or 4.6%. The Police Department budget consists of several divisions and programs, including administration, field operations, special investigations, police support, drug enforcement, the Parking Activity Fund, and public safety dispatch.

Continued fiscal year 2023 objectives of the Police Department include:

- Keeping pace with city growth and changing community needs impacting services demands
- Developing and maintaining a well-trained, highly performing staff
- Appropriately addressing the community's needs to limit police involvement in non-criminal issues.

#### Remaining FY2023 City Council budget schedule

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

- April 27 at 6 p.m. Budget workshop General budget review, to follow discussion on redistricting
- 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

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/3v2YiUn.

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





# City Council workshop to review new redistricting legislation from Concord

In regular meeting to follow, Council to OK goals, open public hearings on fire safety and rights of way

The City Council will hold a workshop and a regular meeting this Wednesday, April 27. The workshop begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

#### **Workshop**

The central focus of the 6 p.m. workshop is on the legislative redistricting legislation, House Bill 50, that was signed into law on March 23.

House Bill 50 groups Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts, both combined with other towns. The Council seeks information on whether the state constitution requires the representation of Dover's Ward 4 in the House of Representatives to have at least one district that is not grouped with other towns.

If time allows before the regular meeting, the Council will also begin its general review of the FY2023 Proposed Budget.

#### Regular meeting

There are two public hearings on the City Council's agenda.

The first public hearing is on an ordinance revision to Chapter 81 of the city codes, dealing with Fire Prevention and Life Safety. The revision, if adopted, would reduce the required distance of using barbeque pits near multifamily dwelling units from 15 feet to 10 feet. The revised

ordinance would bring Dover codes in line with state fire codes.

The second public hearing is on the proposed revisions to how the City deals with requests for obstructions to public rights of way in Chapter 141.

Periodically, the City receives requests for structures or objects to be placed in the public right of way. For example, a citizen may request permission to locate a mirror in the public right of way to improve visibility when leaving their driveway. This ordinance intends to streamline those requests for authorization and enable city staff to grant a revocable license, provided the proposal is not intrusive.

The Council is also expected to authorize funding for the Fourth of July fireworks display, award a bid to construct a secondary water storage tank, and adopt the City Council's goals for 2022 to 2023.

Find the complete agenda and agenda materials <u>here</u>. The meeting in City Hall's Council Chambers will be on Channel 22 and at <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com">https://dovernh.viebit.com</a>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



American Red Cross of Northern New England CEO Stephanie Couturier, left, joins Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Newmarket Town Manager Steve Fournier, and Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig at Durham Town Hall on April 20. Joyal, Fournier and Selig are betting that their community will donate the most blood during a blood drive in May.

# Dover, Durham and Newmarket municipal leaders challenge each other to see whose community can donate the most blood

Municipal leaders of Dover, Durham and Newmarket have challenged each other in a friendly competition to see which of the three communities can donate the most blood to help shore up

blood reserves for the American Red Cross.

Dover's blood drive will be held Wednesday, May 25, from 12 to 5 p.m. in the McConnell Center. Schedule a time to donate at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DOVERWINS">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DOVERWINS</a>.

Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., met with Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig and Newmarket Town Manager Steve Fournier at Durham Town Hall on April 20 to kick off the campaign. They were joined by American Red Cross Northern New England Regional Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Couturier. The three leaders made a friendly bet that they would go out to lunch at the end of the contest, and the leader of the winning community would have his lunch paid for by the other two.

In addition to the lunch wager, the American Red Cross will raffle three prizes at each of the three blood donations with the first prize of \$250, second prize of \$100 and third prize of \$50. Everyone who donates will be automatically entered into the raffle.

Given difficult times for the American Red Cross in raising blood during the pandemic, these drives in Dover, Durham, and Newmarket are even more vital now than when the contest was initially envisioned last fall. The American Red Cross declared its first-ever blood crisis in January, forcing doctors to decide which patients in need of blood would get it first and who would have to wait for additional supplies. Since January, the blood supply shortage has eased; however, the American Red Cross says blood supply remains vulnerable.

Joyal urges eligible donors to become regular donors.

"A blood donation is a simple, life-saving gesture that helps ensure that supplies are available when our family, friends, neighbors or strangers need it most," Joyal said. "This friendly competition between our communities seeks to encourage more people to donate blood and help boost vulnerable supplies, and while I'm confident that Dover will be victorious, increasing blood reserves is the real goal. I encourage eligible donors in any community to roll up their sleeves and join the cause."

American Red Cross will determine the winner by calibrating which municipality gets the best "capacity utilization" on the day of blood donations. Capacity utilization means that if a city/town's target collection amount set by American Red Cross in advance was X units, and it collected X units, it achieved 100% capacity utilization. If it collects less than X units, then that percentage is what will be used in comparisons. The American Red Cross is the judge and the jury to determine which community is the winner.

Preregistration is required. Schedule a time to donate at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DOVERWINS">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DOVERWINS</a>. For eligibility requirements, <a href="click here">click here</a>. First-time donor? <a href="Click here">Click here</a> to find out what to expect.

Dover, Durham and Newmarket have previously engaged in friendly challenges in 2010 and 2020, competing to see which community had the best census response rate. In those competitions, municipal leaders of the losing communities would wash the fire truck of the winning community. Newmarket won in 2010, and Dover won in 2020.

### Beautifying the Soldiers and Sailors Monument



Members of the Margery Sullivan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution pruned plants and cleaned up around the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in front of the Library and McConnell Center this morning, Friday, April 22. The group selected the monument through Dover Main Street's "Adopt A Spot" program. Want to adopt a spot? <u>Learn more here</u>.



# Dover Arts Commission presents "Keep Dover Wild," seeks artists

On Saturday, May 14, the Dover Arts Commission will present "Keep Dover Wild," during which wildflowers will pop up all over downtown. Businesses may sign up to have their windows decorated for free with spring flowers by talented local artists. Artists may sign up to paint native New Hampshire blooms, such as the Pink Lady Slipper and lilacs, on storefronts creating a corridor of flowers down Central Avenue. All chosen artists will receive a small stipend and materials.

Keep Dover Wild takes place during Dover Pride Clean Up Day. The public may participate by volunteering to help distribute supplies, set up, clean up and cheer.

Businesses, artists and volunteers may sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbBzZ8R6ZEOHeQflUINyrmgwYGolC8DcvbMNFvAC7tgA7UIw/viewform

The Dover Arts Commission promotes the arts in Dover, advocates for artists, highlights local talent, and engages the Dover community. Learn more about the Arts Commission at <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission/</a>.



# New episodes of superintendent's chats focus on mental health, Project DREAM, and New Hampshire Learning Initiative's ongoing work with Dover's public schools

In the latest episodes of the new Dover School District series, "Empowering All Learners: Conversations with the Superintendent," Dover Schools Superintendent Dr. William Harbron discusses a variety of topics, including the work by students involved in the Mental Health Initiative, students working toward equity as part of Project DREAM's mission, and the ongoing work in the district with the New Hampshire Learning Initiative.

The videos can be seen here:



Mental Health Initiative <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bBszRdXVSODW">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bBszRdXVSODW</a>



**Project DREAM**<a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=KAVbVGC0PFV7">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=KAVbVGC0PFV7</a>



Ellen Hume-Howard, New Hampshire Learning Initiative Executive Director <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=reTLm1nJNU9M">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=reTLm1nJNU9M</a>

The entire series can be found at <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?">https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?</a>
<a href="folder=Conversations+with+the+Superintendent">https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?</a>
<a href="folder=Conversations+with+the+Superintendent">folder=Conversations+with+the+Superintendent</a>, which is updated with new episodes as they become available. The series can also be seen on Dover's education television channel, which can be found at channel 95 on Xfinity.

The ongoing "Conversations with the Superintendent" series is intended to help inform the community about various initiatives underway in Dover's public schools.

For more information about the Dover School District, visit <a href="https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/">https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/</a>, where you can also sign up to receive the superintendent's weekly newsletter.



### Red Flag warning in effect today

Due to a National Weather Service classification of a "Red Flag" day today, Friday, April 22, there will be no burning allowed in the City of Dover while the warning is in effect.

This applies to all permit categories.

The warning, issued by the National Weather Service and Dover Fire and Rescue, is in effect from noon today, Friday, April 22, until 6 a.m. Saturday, April 23.

Dry and windy weather, including wind gusts this afternoon between 25 and 35 mph, may lead to extensive fire occurrence or rapid fire growth during the daylight hours.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/community/daily-fire-danger.htm">https://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/community/daily-fire-danger.htm</a>.



# Tickets still available for Dover Chamber's annual Awards Dinner

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 28 at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine.

At the event, the Chamber will recognize its 2022 award winners: Noreen Biehl (Citizen of the Year); Hope on Haven Hill (Nonprofit of the Year); Martineau Electric (Business of the Year); Rebecca Proctor (Community Arts Champion); Erica Cooke (Educator of the Year); Wentworth-Douglass Hospital (Community Impact Award).

The event will feature a buffet-style meal. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$90.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="https://www.dovernh.org/awards">https://www.dovernh.org/awards</a>.



# Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, April 23, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Beckwith Park, which is accessible from Hillside Drive. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <a href="https://fb.me/e/eyoczxukZ">https://fb.me/e/eyoczxukZ</a>.

### HAPPY EARTH DAY!



### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Dover is planning today for a resilient tomorrow.

Visit <u>bit.ly/ResilientDover</u> to learn about the
City's commitment to become a more
resilient community.

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### Dover Pride Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 14

Dover Main Street will hold its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The event takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a "thank you" pizza lunch.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get of the house and do something for your community. Volunteers are needed for raking, weeding, edging, sweeping, mulching and picking up litter at sites throughout the downtown. Volunteers are urged to bring work gloves, rakes, brooms, gardening tools, wheelbarrows and shovels.

Registration opens at the Cocheco Mill Courtyard beginning at 7:30 a.m., with work beginning at the downtown sites at 8 a.m. The "thank-you" pizza lunch, courtesy of Kendall Pond Pizza, begins at 11:30 a.m.

This is a rain or shine event.

For more information or to register in advance, email <a href="mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org">info@dovermainstreet.org</a> or visit: <a href="mailto:https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=48">https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=48</a>.

### Voyage Mark II Solar System installation on Community Trail delayed

Due to supply chain challenges, the Voyage Mark II Scale Model Solar System installation will likely not occur until late summer or early fall.

The Voyage Mark II Model Solar System is an accurate 1 to 10-billion scale model of our solar system, a replica of the Voyage Mark I installed along the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Dover School District and City of Dover applied and were accepted last year to be among the first cities in the country to be granted the Voyage Mark II installation, which will be installed along the urban section of the Community Trail. The \$60,000 project is paid for through the School District's capital reserves.

Planning Director Donna Benton, who is overseeing the project, was hopeful that the model solar system would be ready for installation this spring. However, the non-profit National Center for Earth and Space Science Education informed Benton and other installation communities of numerous supply issues that were delaying the fabrication of the components. At this point, Benton is hopeful that the parts will be ready for a late summer/early fall installation.

# New session of interval strength training begins May 5

Interval strength trainer Lisa Hergott will lead a heart-pumping, fat-burning fun workout to challenge your entire body in a new interval strength training session that begins Thursday, May 5. This class mixes cardio exercises to increase your heart rate with weight training exercises to build strength. You will burn fat, build muscle, boost your metabolism and stay highly motivated to reach your fitness goals. All levels are welcome.

**Classes:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Thursday, May 5, to Thursday, June 16. (No class on Thursday, May 12.)

**Times:** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: McConnell Center Fitness Center's Dance Studio

Cost: \$60/residents; \$72/non-residents; \$8/drop in as space allows

Click here to sign-up.

# Contractor to begin upper Central Avenue trench restoration next week

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements project contractor is scheduled to begin trench restoration on Central Avenue between Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive and Glenwood Avenue Thursday, April 28.

The contractor plans to begin work at Glenwood Avenue and work towards Abbey Memorial Drive. Motorists should anticipate traffic delays in the area.

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.

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

# Detours on Bellamy Road and Sixth Street at Wildcat Drive begin next week

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, weather permitting. 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.

Backup rain dates for the work are planned for Wednesday, April 27 or Thursday, April 28.

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

# 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters">https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</a> and add "Project updates: Whittier Street Sidewalk Improvements" to your current email subscription list. There is also a <a href="https://dovernewsletters">dedicated project page</a>.

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

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

# Graffiti Management Committee, April 25, 6 p.m.

The Graffiti Management Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>

### Planning Board, April 26, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

### Planning Board Technical Review Committee, April 28, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here

### City Council, April 27, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop, followed by regular meeting, on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, <u>click here</u>.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.





### On the Agenda: Planning Board, 4/26/2022

In a video released this week, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</a> hash=y3Q0QfDkEXvJ.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit <a href="mailto:bit.ly/doverdownload">bit.ly/doverdownload</a> and select Dover Planning Review.



### 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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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



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

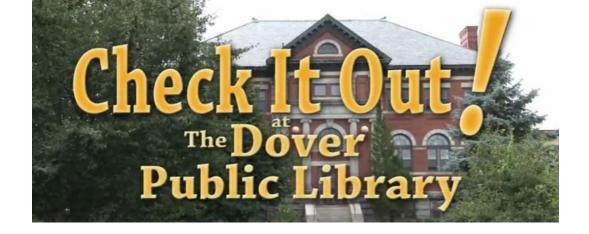
For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest European permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical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

**April 23, 1794** — Apple trees were reported to already be in blossom on this day. But what would seem to be an early start to the season would be wiped out by the "great frost" on the night of May 17, 1794. Apples which were as "large as pistol balls" and the rye and flax, were all killed. The canker worms were also killed. (Chase's Diary)

**April 24, 1813** — Daniel L. Currier and Richard Gove inform the public they will carry on their clothing business at Currier's mills near the Landing, and "for the accommodation of their customers, at this critical moment, when MONEY appears to have "taken wings," they will "gladly receive in payment for their labor such good things as the Earth brings forth."

**April 24, 1940** — The Sun Sun Restaurant, located at 513 Central Ave., held its grand opening from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on this day. The new restaurant advertised full-course meals available all day and night, ranging in price from 35 cents to 75 cents. The restaurant was located where Spinning Yarns operates today.

April 25, 1996 — The New Hampshire court system announces that Bill Shaheen, a Dover native, steps down as a judge in Durham's district court. The decision, Shaheen said, was to make sure there was no conflict of interest if his wife, Jeanne Shaheen, then a state senator, decided to run for governor. "I want her to run because I do think the state is better off with her as governor than by me as judge," Shaheen said at the time. Bill Shaheen, who was 52 years old that year, had served as a judge since his appointment in 1981 by Gov. Hugh Gallen. Bill Shaheen's law office, Shaheen and Gordon, P.A., has been based in Dover since 1973. Jeanne Shaheen would be elected governor of New Hampshire later that year, the first woman to hold the job.



### 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 <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

#### Monday, April 25, 3 to 4 p.m. All About Flight

Up, up and away! Learn about the physics of flight and understand the forces - or pushes and pulls - involved in flight. Kids in grades two and up will learn about the engineering design process and get to make their own flying contraptions to try out.

#### Monday, April 25, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Teen Game Night

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to drop in and play some games on the Switch, try out some Jackbox games, or play some of our board and card games. Snacks will be provided!

### Tuesday, April 26, 3 to 4 p.m. Library Recess – For Kids!

On your mark, get set, PLAY!!! Join on the front lawn for some good old fashioned outdoor play! Jump Rope, Toss a Ball, Freeze Tag and lots of other silly possibilities. The library will supply all the equipment for a fun recess play date! All kiddos are welcome to play!

Tuesday, April 26, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

### Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Vacation Lego Club

Come build at Lego Club. There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or children can build their own creations. Open to grades K-4. All LEGO creations stay at the library.

#### Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club

Join this adult book club to discuss *The Grandmother Plot* by Caroline B. Cooney. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. All are welcome!

### Thursday, April 28, 3 to 4 p.m. Make a Sock Puppet

School age children, and preschoolers accompanied by an adult, are invited to bring their imagination with them and make a sock puppet in the library lecture hall.

### Thursday, April 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sustainability: An American Literary History

What is sustainability? And how has American literature shaped our understanding of this concept, in ways both surprising and disturbing? This interactive program begins with a discussion of current ideas about sustainability. Then, attendees will go back in time to examine Thomas Jefferson's vision of American agricultural abundance and how it lead to thoughts about selective breeding and racial "improvement". Register for virtual option.

#### Friday, April 29, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Loose Parts Play Day

Does your child enjoy tinkering? Inventing? Building and creating? Join UNH students for a Loose Parts Play Day where they can let their imaginations run wild using open ended materials, and even take home their creations.

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.

### Saturday, April 30, 2 to 4 p.m. STEM: Paper Ball Run Challenge

Children in grades 3-8 are invited to design and build a ball run for a ping pong ball using nothing but paper and tape. Their goal is to make the slowest ball run possible. How long can they make it take for the ball to go through their ball run?





# 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 prepay 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 <a href="https://www.childrens-museum.org">www.childrens-museum.org</a>.

#### **FEATURED APRIL PROGRAMS**

<u>Children's Museum of New Hampshire Car or Cash Raffle</u>
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 <a href="www.childrens-museum.org">www.childrens-museum.org</a>. 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 <a href="https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info">https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info</a> to learn more.

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

Join us at the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.childrens-museum.org">www.childrens-museum.org</a> 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 <a href="https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/s-t-e-a-m">https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/s-t-e-a-m</a> to learn more.

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

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 <a href="https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making">https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making</a> to learn more.

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

# World Culture Thursdays Every Thursday 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 at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire during our Thursday play sessions at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. 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 Cuture Thursdays. Masks are now optional when visiting on Thursdays. Visit <a href="https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/world-cultures">https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/world-cultures</a> to learn more.

Thursday, April 28 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Outdoor Fun with Australian Boomerangs

### 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 takehome 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 1-4 p.m. at <a href="https://www.childrens-museum.org">www.childrens-museum.org</a>.



### **COVID-19 vaccines and testing**

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

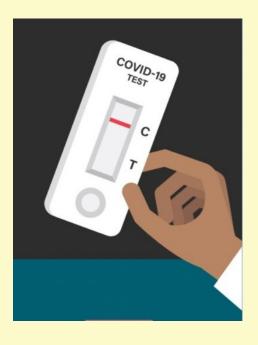
Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific 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 <a href="https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance">https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance</a>.

### When to get tested for COVID-19

Get tested for COVID-19:

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms
- At least 5 days after known or suspected close contact to COVID-19
- For screening (schools, workplaces, congregate settings, etc.)
- Before and after travel
- When asked by a healthcare professional or public health official
- Attending an upcoming event or gathering? Reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by getting tested as close to the event date as possible.



Self-tests are one of several options for testing for the virus that causes COVID-19 and may be more convenient than laboratory-based tests and point-of-care tests.

If you have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days and recovered, you do not need to be tested unless you develop new symptoms.

The <u>Coronavirus Self-Checker</u> is an interactive clinical assessment tool that can help you decide when to seek testing or medical care if you think you have COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

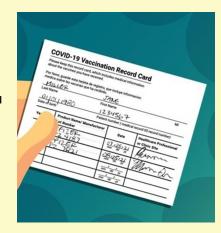
For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's <u>online resource</u> here.

### Your COVID-19 vaccination card

At your first vaccination appointment, you should get a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it.

Keep your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card for future use. Consider taking a picture of your card after your vaccination appointment as a backup copy.

Bring your card to your appointment whenever you get an additional dose or booster so that your provider can fill in information about your shot.



If you have lost your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card or don't have a copy, contact your vaccination provider directly to request a vaccination card or to get a copy of your vaccination record.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's <u>online resource</u> <u>here</u>.

### 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:

- Firefighter/EMT
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Camera operator
- Truck driver: Utilities
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Summer Day Camp Counselor

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.



