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City Council continues FY2023 budget review

**Public hearing on school portion of proposed
budget is Wednesday, April 13**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the school portion of the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget at the City Council's meeting Wednesday, April 13. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The City Council reviewed the School Board's adopted budget at its March 30 workshop. That workshop and associated documents, including the proposed budget and presentation materials, are available on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#). The public hearing on the city portion of the budget will be held Wednesday, April 20.

Center hours:

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

In addition to public hearings, the public is welcome to comment on the budget during the public forum portion of any City Council meeting or budget workshop. The public is also welcome to email the City Council at CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov; this address will email the Mayor and all City Councilors at once.

Brief highlights of the April 6 budget presentations

The Council held its second budget workshop on April 6, where it reviewed departmental budgets from Community Services, Welfare, Library, and Recreation departments. These proposed budgets, budget presentations and accompanying slides can be viewed on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#).

Community Services

Community Services' proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 totals \$29,966,087, a \$2,509,464 increase, or 9.1%, across all funds. The proposed budget includes the following fund expenditures:

- **General Fund:** \$9,906,090, an \$809,077 increase, or 8.9%.
- **Residential Solid Waste Fund:** \$1,813,979, an increase of \$18,494, or 1%. This is a special revenue fund generated by the purchase of trash bags and tags that help pay for trash collection and Recycling Center operations.
- **Water Fund:** \$7,052,364, an increase of \$593,536, or 9.2%. This is an enterprise fund generated from water-use fees appropriated for drinking water operations and maintenance, water main replacement and other water-related capital projects.
- **Sewer Fund:** \$9,936,229, an increase of \$935,552 increase, or 10.4%. This is an enterprise fund generated from sewer-use fees appropriated for sewer operations, including the wastewater treatment plant, sewer replacement and other capital projects.
- **Fleet Maintenance Fund:** \$1,277,425, an increase of \$152,805, or 13.8%. This is an internal service fund other departments with city vehicles contribute to for vehicle maintenance, repair and replacement.

The proposed Community Services budget also includes a proposed water rate increase of 46 cents to \$6.41 per hundred cubic feet of water and a proposed 17-cent sewer rate increase to \$9.81 per hundred cubic feet. A hundred cubic feet equals 748 gallons. The proposed schedule of fees for fiscal year 2023 can be [viewed here](#).

Library

The Library Department's proposed budget totals \$1,763,990, an increase of \$130,628, or 8.0%, across all funds. The proposed budget includes the following fund expenditures:

- **General Fund:** \$1,727,385, an increase of \$135,221, or 8.5%.
- **Library Fine Fund:** \$36,605, a decrease of \$4,593, or 11.1%. This special revenue fund is generated from overdue books, public printing and faxing fees, replacement fees for books and lost library cards, and U.S. Passport execution fees.

Recreation

The Recreation Department's proposed budget totals \$4,210,058 an increase of \$57,445, or 2%, across all funds. The proposed budget includes the following fund expenditures:

- **General Fund:** \$2,919,166, a \$94,200 increase, or 3.3%;
- **McConnell Center Fund:** \$828,972, a reduction of \$36,755 or 4.2%. This special revenue fund is generated from McConnell Center rents to pay for operations and maintenance.
- **Recreation Program Fund:** \$461,920; no change from the current budget year. This special revenue fund is generated by Recreation user fees, such as from the fitness center and Camp Kool.

Welfare

The Welfare Department's proposed budget totals \$898,614 from the General Fund. It's an increase of \$86,201, or 10.6%, above the current year's budget.

Remaining FY2023 City Council budget schedule

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

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

Other business on Wednesday's agenda

Also on the City Council's April 13 agenda is awarding a bid to a consultant to create engineered design plans for a roundabout on Dover Point Road at Thornwood Lane, the entrance to Pointe Place. Once awarded, the goal is to have construction plans the city can go out to bid with later this year. The Council is also expected to award this year's paving contract.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda and accompanying materials.

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

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

proposed budget, budget meetings with the City Council, and helpful information about the budget process.

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

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BUDGET
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YOUR GUIDE TO THE
FY2023 BUDGET

Thursday, March 24, 2022



City of Dover
Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2023



MARCH 23, 2022
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The Budget is Revealed

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, I presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget to the City Council.

The budget can be viewed [online here](#), and copies are available for review at the Public Library and City Hall. The video of my presentation is available [online here](#).

In my letter to the City Council, included as part of the budget, I explain that the budget proposal continues to prioritize and support efficient delivery of core municipal services in the areas of public safety, education and infrastructure maintenance along with other basic, yet essential local government activities. It does so cognizant of the challenges we face in securing the supply and delivery of certain commodities, recruiting and retaining qualified employees in a scarce labor market and other increasing inflationary pressures that are developing from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing war in Ukraine perpetrated by Russia.

Budget Considerations and Development

Consistent with efforts undertaken in years past, the

UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 30
7 p.m.
City Council Workshop
Budget review:
School, Executive, Finance,
Planning and Information
Technology departmental
budgets

Wednesday, April 6
7 p.m.
City Council Workshop
Budget review:
Welfare, Library, Recreation
and Community Services,
departmental budgets



Did you miss this week's State of the City? Catch it online and on Channel 22

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce held the 2022 State of the City presentation on Tuesday, April 5, at the McConnell Center Café. This year's speakers were Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker and Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton, who discussed current development underway in Dover, waterfront development, and an overview of how staff are restructuring the city's approach to overall business outreach. Parker and Benton also reviewed the master plan and reviewed Dover's priorities for the remainder of the year.

The State of the City can be viewed online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=7BYZchV6FHSq>, and on Channel 22.

The 2022 State of the City was underwritten by Eversource and sponsored by Newburyport Bank.



Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker, left, and Business Development Specialist Reid Amy, stand outside the Office of Business Development at City Hall.

City's new Office of Business Development aims to better serve Dover's economy

The Office of Economic Development was recently renamed the Office of Business Development and reorganized under the oversight and leadership of Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker.

Parker discussed how the department's reorganization would help overall business outreach during the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's State of the City Address on April 5. Parker and Planning Director Donna Benton also discussed general development updates, including the waterfront development, Master Plan updates and affordable housing strategies. [Click here](#) to watch the presentation.

The new mission of the Office of Business Development is "to sustain and grow our City's vibrant businesses and outstanding quality of life by providing leadership and resources for business creation, expansion, retention, new business recruitment and community development." Parker likened the reorganization to focusing more on retaining and strengthening the 2,000 businesses already in the city rather than a macro focus on attracting new businesses.

"Strong businesses and successful businesses build sustained economic growth and development," Parker said. "When businesses are improving, the economy is improving."

The office's responsibilities include continuing to support the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority (DBIDA) in reinvigorating its connections with the business community and advocacy for business and industrial growth across the community, coordinating with the City Manager the development and monitoring of public-private partnerships recommended by DBIDA and approved by the City Council, and supporting the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) and coordinating responsibilities between all municipal departments to achieve a successful implementation of the waterfront development. It also includes enhancing the marketing of Dover, its businesses and quality of life, administering the city's established tax increment financing districts and coordinating other programs that support the desired growth and development of businesses throughout the community.

As part of the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget, the Office of Business Development would be further reorganized with the creation of the Business Development Coordinator, which would oversee the office. The cost of the position would be partially offset by eliminating the Economic Development Director position and delaying hiring the Business Development Coordinator for six months. The reorganization would also include moving the part-time waterfront project manager from the Planning and Community Department to the Office of Business Development.

Planned for fiscal year 2023, the Office of Business Development would improve outreach efforts, recreate the business visitation plan, pursue grants and funding opportunities for development-related projects, and build stronger economic ties with neighboring communities. Also planned is a continued focus on improving the overall workflow and organization of the office, including strengthening the communication and synergy with Planning and Community Development and Inspection Services and furthering the Office of Business Development's role in being a recognized information resource for the business community.

The changes in structure and assignment of responsibilities seek to improve the coordination of activities and the ability to deliver services best meeting the needs of local businesses and the community.

For more information, contact the Office of Business Development at 603-516-1560.

Dover Chamber announces award winners, including Citizen and Educator of the year

Recipients to be recognized at annual gala April 28

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Erica Cooke, a math teacher at Oyster River High School (ORHS), has been named as the Chamber's 2022 Educator of the Year. Chamber staff and Awards Committee members attended a recent ORHS staff meeting to surprise Ms. Cooke in person.

Heather Stanley, a special education teacher at ORHS who nominated Cooke for the award, said, "Erica works with students to develop different ways of learning and helps them understand who they are as learners. She shows students that she is human and engages them in embracing mistakes as learning tools, not shameful things."

During the staff meeting, the Chamber's 2022 Student Scholarship recipient attended via Zoom and learned that she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Chamber. Eva Guerrette, an ORHS alumni, is currently a freshman at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. As Educator of the Year, Ms. Cooke will also receive a \$1,000 stipend.

The Chamber's 2022 Annual Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, April 28 at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine, at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a cocktail reception and buffet dinner. Tickets for the Annual Awards Gala are \$90 per person. For tickets or more information, visit www.dovernh.org/awards or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

In addition to the Educator of the Year and the Student Scholarship, the Chamber will present the following awards at the Annual Awards Gala: 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; and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Community Impact Award.

The Gala is sponsored this year by Rotary Club of Dover, D.F. Richard Energy, First Seacoast Bank, Cambridge Trust, Newburyport Bank, The Closet Connection, Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., Eastern Bank, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Holy Rosary Credit Union, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A., Dover400, and Budget Blinds of the Seacoast. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. Visit www.dovernh.org to learn more.

Road closures, traffic restrictions in effect Saturday for Saint Mary Academy 5K

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the ninth annual Saint Mary Academy 5K event, hosted by Saint Mary Academy and part of the Dover Race Series. More information is available, including a race map and how to register, at <https://saintmaryacademy.org/sma-5k/>.

The event begins Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. on Church Street at the intersection of Academy Street. The course ends at the same location.

The following roads will be closed at points during the race:

- Church Street, from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Silver Street and Kirkland Street, from 9:10 to 10 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Trakey Street and Central Avenue, from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Atkinson Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Belknap Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Fisher Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Motorists should anticipate additional brief closures or traffic delays in the downtown area between City Hall and Silver Street to accommodate the start of the race at 9 a.m. Drivers and residents will encounter delays on other streets along the course including Rutland, Elm, Belknap, Trakey, Summer, and Nelson streets between 9 and 10 a.m.

The course includes a portion of Dover's Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom Streets.

Parking will be prohibited on Church Street on Saturday until 11 a.m. Event participants may park in the Orchard Street Parking Garage or in any other downtown municipal lot. Metered parking is in effect on Saturdays.

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

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.

Dead geese found near Bellamy River this winter died from avian influenza

Risk ‘very low’ to humans; federal and state agriculture departments urge caution for those with domestic poultry

The New Hampshire Fish and Game reported on April 6 that dead Canada geese found near the Bellamy River died from avian influenza in late February and early March.

There are no current reports or suspected reports of fowl succumbing to avian influenza; the last reports were about three weeks ago, if not longer, said New Hampshire Fish and Game Wildlife Division Chief Dan Bergeron.

The influenza strain was identified as Eurasian H5, a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Bergeron stressed the risk of transmission of avian influenza to humans is “very low,” and there have been only a handful of documented cases globally – none in the United States.

However, avian influenza can be a risk to domestic poultry, including backyard chickens. The state and federal agriculture departments urge those who have domestic poultry or come in contact with domestic poultry to exercise caution.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends those with domestic poultry, such as chickens, ensure domestic animals do not come in contact with wild birds or their fecal and secretions. They also urge domestic animal owners to avoid accidentally transporting wild bird fecal matter on boots, clothing and gloves back to their domestic birds.

Bellamy River kayakers reported the dead wild geese in February, Bergeron said. The birds were found near Fish and Game-owned land on the Bellamy River, just south of Portsmouth Christian Academy. Bergeron said a handful of dead wild geese were also found across Great Bay. New Hampshire Fish and Game collected and disposed of 70 dead geese found over several weeks.

A handful of birds were collected and submitted for testing, Bergeron said. The United States Department of Agriculture National Veterinary Services Laboratory confirmed the presence of HPAI. The findings from the University of New Hampshire Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and the United States Geological Survey’s Wildlife Health Center indicated HPAI as the likely cause of death.

While avian influenza was detected soon after the dead birds were found, it was only this week that it was determined that HPAI was the likely cause of death. Bergeron said that wildlife can harbor the virus without dying from it, and biologists wanted to make sure the deaths were not from a toxin, such as lead poisoning.

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recommends that hunters and others who handle wild birds take precautions to protect themselves and the domestic birds they may encounter from this virus. Precautionary steps include wearing gloves while handling birds, not handling obviously sick or dead birds, washing tools and work surfaces with soap and water, and avoiding cross-contamination between wild birds and domestic ones. USDA also recommends taking in bird feeders to help prevent the spread of the virus, particularly if you have domestic poultry.

For more information about Eurasian H5 HPAI, contact USDA APHIS at 508-363-2290 or visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/defend-the-flock-ai-wild-birds>.

For information about Eurasian H5 and its impact on wild bird species in New Hampshire, contact the NH Fish and Game Department at 603-271-3421 or visit <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/avian-flu.html>.

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets and Food has an avian influenza fact sheet [available here](#) (PDF format).

For information about Eurasian H5 impacting New Hampshire domestic bird species, contact the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Animal Industry, State Veterinarian, Steve Crawford, 603-271-2404 or stephen.k.crawford@agr.nh.gov.

Test pit digging on Fifth and Grove streets slated for April 12

City of Dover public works employees and a city contractor will be digging test pits at seven locations on Fifth Street and Grove Street on Tuesday, April 12.

The work is part of the Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction Project, currently in the preliminary information gathering stage. The test pits will allow the design consultant to help assess the condition and location of underground utilities.

Residents and businesses in the area should anticipate lane and parking reductions and intermittent traffic delays. The work is not expected to impact Chestnut Street or Sixth Street traffic. See the below map for test pit locations.

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

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



Red dots on the map above indicate where digging will occur for test pits on Tuesday, April 12.

Parking and traffic restrictions in place Monday for signal work at Central Avenue and Third Street

On Monday, April 11, starting at 7 a.m., Community Services and its traffic light contractor will be working at the intersection of Central Avenue, Third Street and Broadway to repair the broken blinking light.

The work will include lane shifts and temporary traffic backups in the area.

Traffic lights for motorists should remain operational during the work; however, the pedestrian signal is expected to be temporarily off.

Parking restrictions

Parking will be prohibited in the following four parking spaces:

- First two parking spaces on southbound Central Avenue, closest to Third Street in front of Flight Coffee.
- First two parking spaces on Broadway, closest to Central Avenue on the outbound side.

The restrictions will be removed when the work is complete; however, the project may take all day.

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



Dover Recreation's Camp Kool summer camp registration opens April 11 for residents

Registration for Camp Kool opens for residents at 8 a.m. Monday, April 11. Non-residents may sign-up for any remaining spots beginning Friday, April 15, at 12 p.m.

It's an eight-week, Dover Recreation-run summer camp for ages 6-12, as of June 1, 2022. It runs Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, June 27 and continuing through Friday, Aug. 19. No camp on Monday, July 4. Camp Kool is based at the Dover Ice Arena on the Foster Rink (no ice during the program). Activities include games, sports, arts and crafts, and swimming at the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool. There will also be weekly trips to New Hampshire state parks; trip details will be announced later.

Cost

The cost is \$1,520 per child for the eight-week program, with a \$200 deposit required at registration. The first payment of \$660 is due by July 1, with the remaining due by July 22. There are no sibling discounts this summer. Food, snacks and drinks are not included in the registration cost.

Registration

Register Camp Kool participants online at <https://getactive.dover.nh.gov>. Dover Recreation encourages new users to create an account at least 24 hours before the registration opens to ensure it is ready when registration opens.

Contact the Dover Ice Arena for more information at 603-516-6060 or visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/arena/camp-kool/>, which includes information about the program and registration instructions.

Registration for Playground Program opens April 11

Dover Recreation will register children for the annual Playground Program beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, April 11. Registration is limited to 50 children.

The program is for Dover residents ages 6-12 as of June 1, 2022. It's a seven-week program that runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Monday, June 27, and continuing through Friday, Aug. 12. No program on Monday, July 4.

The program is weather dependent and may have days canceled for inclement weather. Scheduled activities include swimming, games, sports, and arts and crafts. There will also be weekly trips to New Hampshire state parks, typically on Fridays.

Cost

The cost is \$350 per child for the seven-week program if signed up by May 31. After, the price is \$400 for any remaining spots.

There are no sibling discounts this summer. Food, snacks and drinks are not included in the registration cost.

Registration

Register Playground Program participants online at <https://getactive.dover.nh.gov>. Dover Recreation encourages new users to create an account at least 24 hours before the registration opens to ensure it is ready when registration opens. Proof of Dover residency is required.

Contact Rick Conway for more information at 603-516-6401 or visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/fitness-center/playgrounds-program/>, which includes information about the program and registration instructions.

Arbor Day Foundation names Dover Tree City USA

Dover was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Dover achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: forming a tree board or department, creating a tree-care ordinance, having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree City USA communities benefit from the positive effects that an urban tree canopy has year after year," said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Dover ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

Planting trees in an urban space comes with a myriad of benefits past the recognition of this program. Urban tree plantings help reduce energy consumption by up to 25%, which will reduce general energy costs and help with the overall cooling of the city as well. In addition, members of the community benefit from properly placed trees as they increase property values from 7—20%. Trees also positively affect the local ecosystem by helping to clean water and create animal habitats to encourage biodiversity.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Master Plan
Community Facilities
and Utilities
Committee, April 11,
3:30 p.m.**

The Master Plan Community
Facilities and Utilities



Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Conservation Commission, April 11, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, April 11, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, April 11, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, April 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, April 13, 7 p.m.

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.

Deadline to renew dog licenses is April 30

Dog licenses for 2022 must be purchased by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees. The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

In addition to online licensing, rabies information can also be updated online and the certificate mailed to the City Clerk's office. A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

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



City assessors perform inspections year round

In addition to performing citywide assessments of property during revaluation, assessment inspections of properties occur for a number of additional reasons, including:

- Cycle inspections are conducted on a rotating basis,

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

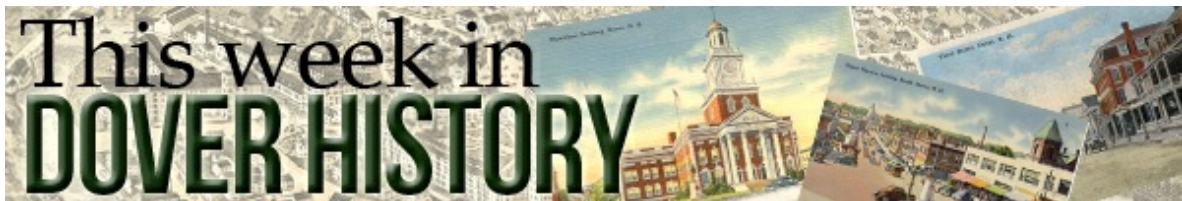
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

ensuring the property database is current and accurate. Notices for cycle inspections are sent out prior to the inspections;

- Properties with active building permits, or to follow-up ongoing construction;
- Properties that have sold, and;
- Properties with appointments arranged by the property owner.

When doing general field work, assessing inspectors wear a bright yellow vest and carry City of Dover identification. Assessing vehicles are marked with a magnetic sticker stating Assessor's Office.

For more information, including to verify the identity of an inspector at your property or in your neighborhood, contact the Assessing Office at 603-516-6014.



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 9, 1785 — On this day, a 50-ton schooner built at Garrison Hill by Capt. Richard Tripe was hauled and landed on the ice a few rods below the lower bridge. The snow covering at this time was not less than three feet deep.

April 13, 1830 — Hon. Daniel M. Durrell of Dover was appointed a Director of the United States Bank and U. S. District Attorney for New Hampshire. On the same day, the River and Harbor Bill, containing an appropriation of \$4,200 to improve the Cochecho branch of the Piscataqua River, from Dover Falls to its confluence with the Piscataqua, was vetoed by President Andrew Jackson.

April 10, 1852 — Five men from Durham drowned this day near Dover Point after their boat capsized due to its heavy load and violent winds. The men's names were Elliot G. and Pillow Burnham, father and son; George Bunker; Edward Furness; and Stephen Garland.

April, 1984 — Two struggling artists living in Dover -- Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird -- release a self-published, black-and-white comic book created in their living room. After a United Press International story about the comic book, interest in the comic book skyrockets. The comic book, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," would go on to spawn a lucrative franchise that includes comic books, toys, and television series and feature films.

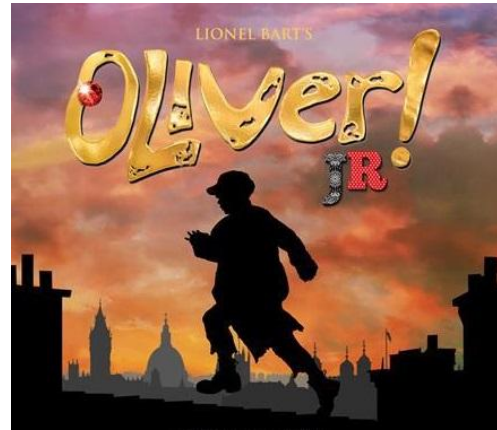
April 9, 1999 — After receiving a letter from the New Hampshire Treasury's Abandoned Property Division, the Dover School Department discovers it owns 1,672 shares of stock in the Bank of New York. The School Department requests the sale of the stocks, which were then valued at \$37 a share, with a market value of about \$62,000. The School Department anticipated receiving the full value of the stocks, plus another \$12,630 in interest and dividends. The stocks had originally been purchased as a scholarship fund investment in 1992. The scholarship fund was set up in 1986 at the request of the late Assistant Superintendent Hildred Berwick. The scholarship had been established in her name and was to be given to a graduate majoring in teacher education. Records of the scholarship had been lost until 1999. The

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The Dover Middle School Drama Club's production of 'Oliver!' continues this weekend.

The remaining show dates are Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.

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



Strange Terrain poetry program to be held at the Dover Public Library

Join the Library virtually on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. for a New Hampshire Humanities program led by Alice Fogel called "Strange Terrain: How Not To Get Poetry and Let It Get You Instead." Celebrate National Poetry month by learning how to better appreciate poetry.

Fogel takes you through seven simple steps, and one hard one, toward understanding and appreciating more elements of poetry than you ever thought you could. In the end you'll see that you already knew them all along. This workshop is your quick, self-help program for "getting" poems. Fogel helps you develop your own confident relationship with poetry's shapes, words, images, sounds, emotions, mysteries, and more.

Fogel was the New Hampshire poet laureate from 2014-2019. Her poetry collections include "A Doubtful House, Interval: Poems Based on Bach's 'Goldberg Variations'," which won the Schaffner Award for Music in Literature and the 2016 NH Literary Award, and "Be That Empty," a national bestseller. Strange Terrain is her guide to appreciating poetry without necessarily "getting" it. Nominated twelve times for the Pushcart, she has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, among other awards, and her poems appear regularly in journals and anthologies. In addition to leading writing workshops, she works one-on-one with students with learning differences at Landmark College in Putney, Vermont, and hikes mountains whenever possible.

Registration is required to view this virtual program. Please register on the library's website

under the events tab or use this link:

https://webinar.ringcentral.com/webinar/register/WN_bh3EIKRd-DdJAJt0UmyA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

April VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

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

Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, 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.

Sunday, April 10, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Poetry Empowered: Performance and Workshop with Rapper Adam Arnone

Join local rapper and producer Adam Arnone for a workshop on and display of modern poetry. This workshop will be a mixture of performance and audience participation; Adam will be performing poems and songs from his various albums,

elements of poetry than you ever thought you could. In the end you'll see that you already knew them all along. This workshop is your quick, self-help program for "getting" poems. Fogel helps you develop your own confident relationship with poetry's shapes, words, images, sounds, emotions, mysteries, and more. Registration required.

Tuesday, April 12, 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 13, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Age of Empathy* by Frans de Waal. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla

Wednesday, April 13, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, April 13, 6 to 7 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

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

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Creativity Corner

as well as doing writing prompts based around song writing.

Monday, April 11, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Beyond Books: Program STEM

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

Monday, April 11, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Big Kids Storytime

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

Monday, April 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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What are you making? Come share your creations with others. Talk about why you create. Talk about your process. Share ideas. Get help with challenges you are facing. Be inspired and inspiring.

Thursday, April 14, 10 to 10:45 am

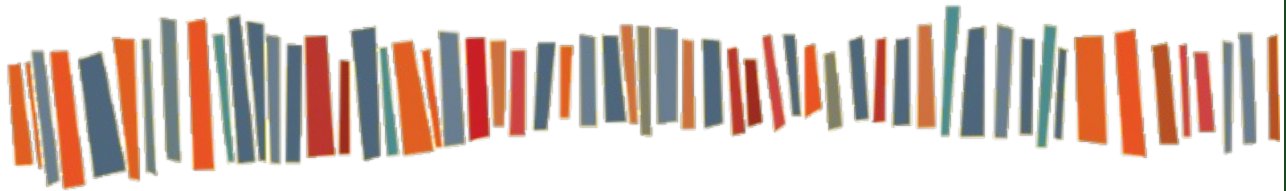
Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts

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

Friday, April 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

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



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.

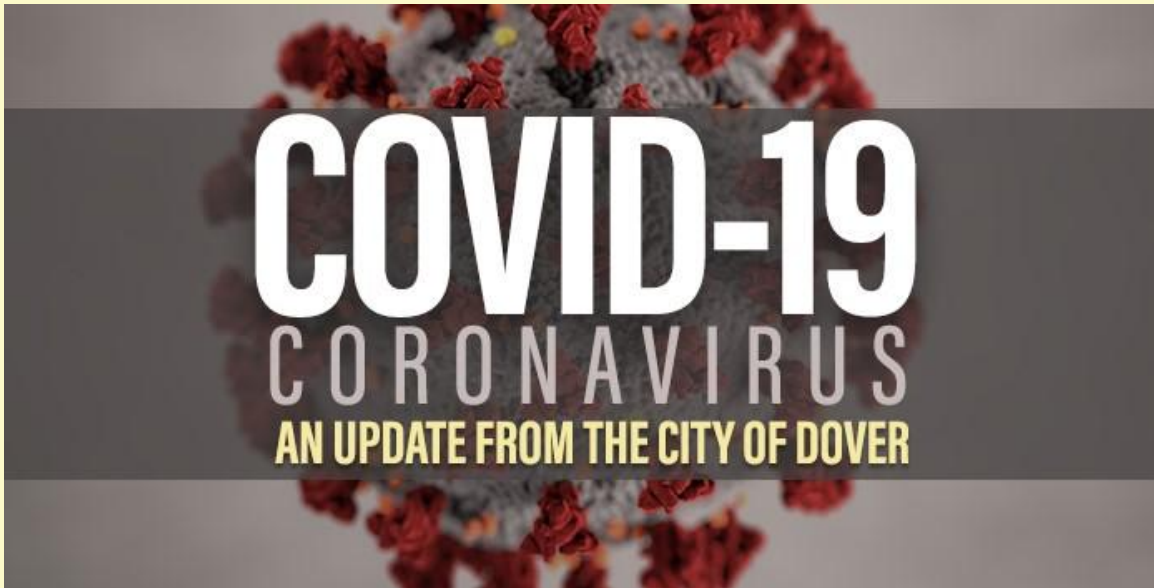
Registration instructions

- 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.

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

CDC recommends additional boosters for certain individuals

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

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

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

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

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

