

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 18, 2022



**CITY OF  
DOVER, NH**

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Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

**City Hall  
hours:**

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

## School Board adopts FY2023 budget

The School Board adopted its fiscal year 2023 budget at its February 14 meeting, sending it to the City Manager to be incorporated into the city-wide budget presented this spring. However, the School Board will continue budget discussions in the coming weeks to rank its budget priorities if the City Council reduces the School Board's adopted budget.

The School Board's adopted budget is \$74,955,953. It maintains current staffing levels and funds 11 new full-time and part-time positions the School Board identified as priorities during its budget workshops. The adopted budget also provides an estimated amount for a new teacher contract, as the current one expires this August. The School Department's fiscal year 2023 budget would require \$50,033,789 to be raised by local property tax and is \$4,155,311 above the estimated tax cap for the school side of the budget.

School Board members, Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni have discussed the

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p.m.

### Recycling Center hours:

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

challenges of creating the budget this year, noting the \$2 million loss of revenue from the state and increasing costs for transportation, special education, insurance and utilities, including a 46% increase in electricity costs.

Harbron and Limanni began budget discussions in early January with two budget models for the School Department: a tax cap compliant budget and a "meeting obligations" budget. The tax cap compliant budget is \$70,971,158, with \$45,749,354 raised by property tax. The "meeting obligations" budget started at \$72,249,311, which would maintain current staffing levels without any additional programs, services, or new staff. Both of these budget models are based on the detailed line-item budget document, "Admin Department Budget Request," available on the School Department's [Business Office page](#) and the City of Dover's [Budget Revealed page](#). Harbron and Limanni estimate that 21 positions, including 14 teaching positions, would need to be cut to make the budget tax cap compliant.

The School Board took the "meeting obligations" budget and made adjustments after evaluating new position requests from district administrators. The board then factored in an estimate for the new teacher contract. Negotiations for the new contract began recently.

View School Board budget workshops, meetings, and budget documents at the FY 2023 Budget Revealed page <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2023-budget/>.

The School Board will meet on Monday, Feb. 28 for a workshop to prioritize pieces of the budget should the City Council make bottom line adjustments to the School Department's adopted budget.



## Public hearing on public-private partnership development, increasing property tax exemptions on Council's agenda

### Council also to consider intent to create a stormwater utility

The City Council will hold a public hearing at its Wednesday, Feb. 23, meeting on whether to enter into a public-private partnership to develop two lots of land adjacent to Littleworth Road.

According to the resolution and accompanying term-sheet agreement, the two parcels of land "will bring significant tax revenues and jobs" to the city through a "planned mixed-use development with residential, commercial and industrial/manufacturing components."

If approved, it will allow City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., to negotiate a detailed development agreement with the developer based on the term-sheet agreement accompanying the resolution.

The parcels include a 75-acre lot, located at [Tax Map. Lot 29](#), owned by Terra Nova, LLC, and an 85-acre parcel situated at [Tax Map G, Lot 2](#), owned by Westfield, LLC. Both entities are registered to Dover resident and developer Chad Kageleiry.

According to the term-sheet agreement, the City of Dover would reimburse the developer for public improvements to the project sites, such as the cost of building a road and needed public utilities, such as water and sewer. Part of the project would be to build a road that connects Crosby Road and Industrial Park Drive.

The agreement stipulates the city would not make payments for the public improvements until developments are complete and contribute property taxes to the city. The term-sheet agreement allows the city to make payments in phases as parts of the project are completed. The city plans to finance the reimbursement costs through bonding, with bonding costs paid from the property taxes generated by the new development.

If approved, the planned developments would still be required to go through the normal planning process and obtain all necessary permits and approvals.

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority (DBIDA) unanimously endorsed the development agreement at its [Jan. 27 meeting](#).

### **Setting property tax exemptions for elderly, blind, deaf and permanently disabled for fiscal year 2023**

The City Council will also hold a public hearing on a resolution that would increase property tax exemptions for qualifying property owners who are elderly, blind, deaf or permanently disabled. The resolution would also increase qualifying income levels and asset limits for the elderly, disabled, and deaf exemptions.

If approved, it would update property exemptions and qualifying income levels for fiscal year 2023; the figures were last revised by the Council for fiscal year 2019.

The proposed increases are as follows:

#### **Elderly Tax Credit:**

- For ages 65 to 74, the exemption would increase from \$115,000 to \$166,000
- For ages 75 to 79, the exemption would increase from \$162,000 to \$234,000
- For ages 80 and older, the exemption would increase from \$207,000 to \$300,000

#### **Blind Exemption:**

- Would increase tax exemption from \$115,000 to \$166,000

#### **Deaf Exemption:**

- Would increase tax exemption from \$115,000 to \$166,000

#### **Disability Exemption:**

- Would increase tax exemption from \$115,000 to \$166,000

#### **Maximum income levels (elderly, deaf and disabled):**

- Single: Increase annual income from \$42,000 to \$47,000
- Married: Increase from annual income levels from \$57,000 to \$64,000

#### **Maximum asset level (elderly, deaf and disabled):**



- The maximum asset level for all applicants for elderly, disabled and deaf applicants would increase from \$169,800 to \$186,100

To qualify for the tax exemptions, a person must apply and demonstrate they meet requirements set out by state law, such as residency, asset and income limits. Applications for tax exemptions are available at the Tax Assessment Office in City Hall. The applications are also available online at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/>.

The deadline to apply for exemptions is April 15, 2022, for the December 2022 tax bill.

### **Council to accept stormwater committee recommendation for creation of stormwater utility**

The City Council will consider a resolution that would accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience to create a stormwater utility and state the council's intent to create the utility through an ordinance to be effective by fiscal year 2024.

If approved as currently drafted, the resolution would empower city staff to begin developing a stormwater utility ordinance in consultation with the Dover Utilities Commission and the Ordinance Committee that would be brought forward for City Council consideration when ready. The resolution would also direct the City Manager or designee to create a plan to implement a stormwater utility that includes public outreach efforts to inform and receive feedback from the public.

The City Council held a workshop on Feb. 3 with the Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience on the committee's findings and recommendations. Watch the full workshop at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=azlZS4lMK1lP>.

The City Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will broadcast live on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda and materials.

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THE CITY OF DOVER CELEBRATES

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**Headstone for prominent 19th-century African American soprano singer Nellie Brown Mitchell engraved last fall, nearly 100**

# years after her death

## Project the work of Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire had the headstone of prominent 19th-century African American soprano singer Nellie Brown Mitchell engraved with her name nearly 100 years after her death in 1924.

Brown Mitchell, a Dover native, is buried with her Civil War veteran and Massachusetts legislator husband, Capt. Charles L. Mitchell, and her parents and siblings.

While Mitchell's headstone was engraved when he died in 1912, Brown Mitchell's monument remained blank until last fall.

That's when Chip Tasker of Tasker Monument Company of Dover engraved it after being cleaned at the behest of Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. Tasker said the challenge of engraving the headstone was ensuring that Brown Mitchell's engraving closely matched her husband. He noted that it took about a year to get the font right before starting the work.



The headstone is engraved with "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a hymn written in 1900 that became known as the Black national anthem.

The process of engraving the headstone began with the approval of Dover's Cemetery Board in October 2020, as no descendants could be found to grant the permission to engrave the headstone. The Cemetery Board oversees Pine Hill Cemetery.

Brown Mitchell grew up in Dover and lived there into the 1870s. Some reports show she was born in 1845; online census records appear to have her birth in 1850. Records indicate they lived on Cedar Street, near Broadway and the train tracks. Cedar Street was later renamed Winter Street. Her father, Charles J. Brown, owned a hairstyling business in downtown Dover.

Brown Mitchell was the lead soloist at the Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church, the same location as today's Dover Baptist Church. She remained the lead soloist until 1872, when the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts, hired her to be the lead soloist there. Brown Mitchell returned to the Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church from 1876-1878 before becoming the musical director and principal soloist of Boston-area churches. In Maud Cuney Hare's 1936 book, "Negro Musicians and Their Music," she writes, "During her career, Nellie Brown had the distinction of being the leading soprano of four leading white churches in Boston, among which were the Winthrop Street Church of Roxbury and the Bromfield Street Church."

Brown Mitchell studied at the New England Conservatory and the New England School of Vocal Arts in Boston, where she obtained a music degree. She also toured the country singing and launched the Nellie Brown Mitchell Concert Company in 1886 that included her younger sister, Edna, also buried at Pine Hill Cemetery. Mitchell Brown toured around the eastern half of the country, including local performances. Her concerts brought her back to Dover, where her shows received rave reviews.

Sen. David Watters, a member of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's board of directors, said last year that Brown Mitchell "rivalled the best singers of the day." But he believes if she were not judged by the color of her skin, "she would have been performing with the top opera performing companies in the world."

Her musical touring seems to have ended around 1890. She continued to make a living as a vocal teacher and invented a device she called the "phoneterion" to help train the proper tongue position for her students and other singers. She also sang and organized events locally.



She sang at William Lloyd Garrison's funeral, where her husband was a pallbearer, and she also sang at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Watters said the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire is planning to add a plaque about Brown Mitchell at the cemetery. He said there is an ongoing discussion of creating a dedicated Dover trail to be a part of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire.

For more information about Brown Mitchell and her family, see [the earlier article in Dover Download published last year](#).

The Dover Public Library will host a talk about the life of Brown Mitchell with Dennis Britton, president of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's board of directors. The virtual talk is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Register for the free virtual talk by [clicking here](#).

Dr. Britton is an associate professor at the University of British Columbia and former professor at the University of New Hampshire. He researches and teaches early modern English literature, with a focus on the history of race, critical race theory, Protestant theology, and the history of emotion. He has served as a board member for the New Hampshire Humanities Council and as a past board president of the Black Heritage Trail.


**GRAND \* \* CONCERT !**  
— AT THE —  
**OPERA HOUSE, - DOVER, N. H.,**  
— ON —  
**Thursday \* Evening,**  
*SEPT. 9, 1886.*

**\* \* \* ARTISTS \* \* \***  
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Mrs. Nellie Brown-Mitchell, Soprano.  
Miss Annie A. Park, Cornet & Zither.  
Miss EDNA E. BROWN, - - - Soprano.  
Mr. JOHN THOMAS, - Humorist, Vocalist and Reader.  
Mrs. LOTTIE P. HAYNES, - Pianist and Accompanist.

**\* \* \* PROGRAMME. \* \* \***  
PART FIRST.

1. PIANO SOLO—La Scaramella.	Leysach.
Mrs. LOTTIE P. HAYNES.	
2. HUMOROUS SONG—Arthur and Martha.	Lloyd.
Mr. JOHN THOMAS.	
3. SOPRANO SOLO—Waltz Song.	Pattison.
Miss EDNA E. BROWN.	







Superintendent of Schools William Harbron, center, discusses the school district's mask policy at the Monday, Feb. 14, 2022 School Board meeting. Harbron said the district's mask policy will be reevaluated beginning February 28, after the winter break next week.

## Superintendent to determine school masking requirements after winter break

School Department Superintendent William Harbron plans to reevaluate COVID-19 data when students return from winter recess to determine if coronavirus community spread has fallen from “substantial” to “moderate.” If community spread falls to moderate, mask-wearing will become recommended but optional for students and staff, as directed by the COVID-19 Decision Matrix approved by the School Board on Aug. 23, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.

At its February 14 meeting, the School Board directed Harbron to determine masking restrictions after reviewing the latest COVID-19 data for Strafford County and adopting the school district's updated Protocols Applied to Academic Education (PAPE) document.

The COVID-19 Decision Matrix is based on the Department of Health and Human Services rubric regarding masking; it has three levels of community transmission: minimal, moderate, and substantial. It allows for masking to become recommended but optional once Strafford County reaches the status of moderate as reported by the DHHS COVID-19 Interactive Map, found [here](#). Transmission has been classified as substantial since the beginning of the school year.

A region is defined as having moderate levels of community transmission if the following conditions are met:

- Test positivity rate over the past 7 days is 7.5%
- New cases over the past 14 days per 100,000 population is under 100

The test positivity rate is now 8.1% over the past seven days, down from 10.4% on Monday, meeting one threshold. The 14-day average of new cases per 100,000 remains above 100 but is dropping. As of today, it is 773.9, down from 1,095.4 on Monday.



If the community transmission level drops to minimal or moderate, masking would still be required on school buses, following the Centers for Disease Control's federal mandate for buses and other modes of public transportation.

Harbron told the School Board that he would begin reevaluating the school district's level of restrictions starting on February 28. If and when the levels of community transmission change, the school district will communicate the decision to faculty, staff, students and parents.

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

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## **Dover Fire and Rescue warns of phone scam**

Dover Fire and Rescue is warning residents of a phone scam where callers raise money on Dover Fire and Rescue's behalf.

Neither Dover Fire and Rescue nor Dover Police have authorized fundraisers on its behalf and urges residents to use caution. They remind residents and businesses that their affiliated unions and charities never solicit donations by phone.

"If you receive any phone calls requesting donations to Dover Fire and Rescue, it is a scam," said Interim Fire Chief Michael McShane. "Please do not contribute to any charity that you are not 100% aware of its legitimacy and its intent."

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) urges caution when receiving calls for donations for first responders, active-duty military, veterans and their families.

"Many legitimate charities support local firefighters and police, active duty military, and veterans, or their families," says the FTC. "But other charities lie about what they do with donations or how much they spend on programs. And some are outright scams."

Follow these FTC tips before making any donation:

### **Ask questions**

- What's the charity's website, address, and mission?
- How much of my donation will go directly to programs that help police or firefighters rather than fundraising?
- How many police officers or firefighters do the charity help, and in what ways?
- If supporting the police or firefighters in your community is important to you, ask how the charity spends money in your area.

### **Be careful how you pay**

- If someone asks you to send them cash, wire money, donate by gift card, or leave money under your front door mat for pick up, don't do it. That's how scammers often ask you to pay. It's safer to pay by credit card or check.
- If you're donating online, check that the webpage where you enter your payment information has "https" in the web address. That means your information is transmitted securely.
- Legitimate charities will give you a receipt that shows the amount of your donation. Keep that record and check your credit card statements to ensure you're only charged for the donation you wanted to make.

### **Watch out for scammers' tricks**

- They spoof caller ID to make their fundraising calls look like they're from your local area code or an organization you know.
- They pressure you into donating before you have time to do any research. A legitimate charity will welcome your donation at any time.
- They claim that you'll win a sweepstakes or get a prize if you donate, which is against the law.
- They thank you for a donation you don't remember making. Scammers do that to trick

- you into thinking you actually made a pledge and guilt you into sending them money.
- They suggest you'll receive special treatment for donating. For example, no legitimate fundraiser would guarantee that you won't be stopped for speeding if you have a police organization's decal in your car window.

Find more information about these types of scams from the FTC at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/giving-organizations-help-police-and-firefighters>.

If you receive a phone call asking for a donation, please call Dover Police at 603-742-4646 or Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6148 to verify the fundraisers claim to be collecting on its behalf.

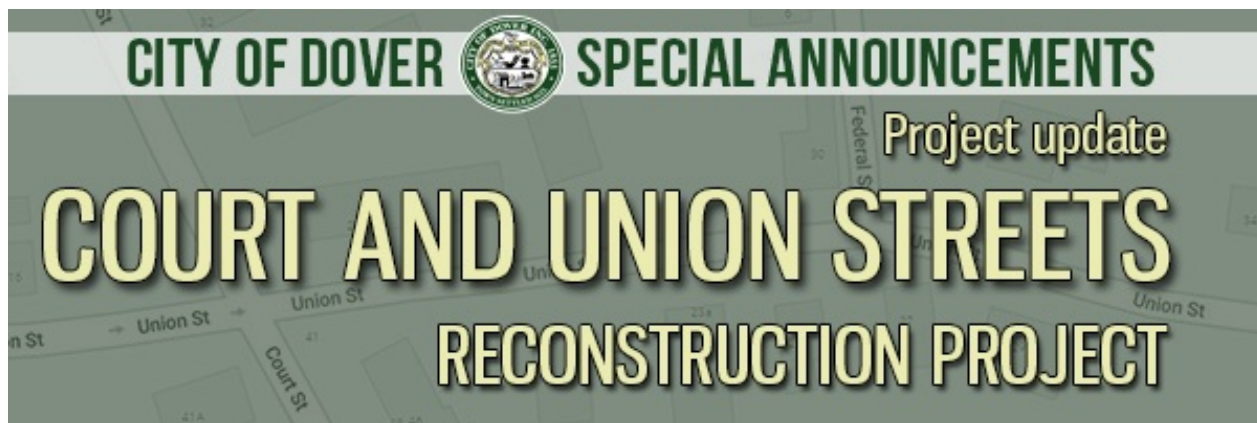
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## City offices closed Monday for Presidents Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, for Presidents' Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The Public Library will also be closed on Presidents Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is not affected by the holiday.



## Court and Union reconstruction project preliminary design work continues; neighborhood meeting to be scheduled soon

Community Services and its engineering design consultants continue their evaluations of underground utilities and work on preliminary roadway design as part of an upcoming road reconstruction project for Court Street and Union Street.

A neighborhood meeting to discuss the findings of the base survey and design, review project objectives and solicit feedback will be scheduled in the coming weeks once the underground evaluations are complete.

The reconstruction project includes replacing underground utilities and extending Court Street's sidewalk from South Pine Street to Hubbard Road. Engineers are also evaluating the

intersection of Back Road/Court Street/Middle Road to identify opportunities to increase motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians' safety. The project also includes a complete pavement overlay of Court and Union streets.

The project's surveying and underground utility investigation work began last summer, including a physical feature and topographic survey of the area and smoke testing of the storm and drain lines to find any leaks or illicit connections. This winter, the city and consultant, Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth, have worked on geotechnical borings to investigate subsurface conditions within the project area. Inspection of the existing stormwater drain, sewer main and sewer services with closed-circuit television video (CCTV) will begin next week; it will take about two weeks to CCTV sewer and stormwater drains.

Last summer, the City Council awarded the design services contract for the project to Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth. Community Services' The goal is to complete design specifications early this year to allow the project to go out to bid with construction beginning later this year.

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: Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a project webpage located at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/court-street-union-street-reconstruction-project/>.

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

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## Registration open for Dover Main Street's Run Before you Crawl 5K



Registration is now open for Dover Main Street's annual Run Before You Crawl 5K Road Race, to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Dover Main Street's eighth annual Run Before You Crawl 5k is the kick-off race to the 2022 Dover Race Series and features the classic loop course which goes out Chestnut Street, to Washington Street, up the infamous Whittier Street hill, down Sixth Street, and back to Chestnut Street. New this year will be a large, heated registration tent in the transportation center parking lot to help stave off the cold before race time. Water and snacks will be provided by Janetos Market and Hannaford's.

With the uncertainty of COVID-19, Dover Main Street decided not to hold the annual pub crawl, which traditionally takes place after the race. Runners are encouraged to take a break after their run at one or many of Dover's downtown restaurants and bars. Establishments may offer runners discounts or specials, so be sure to bring your running bibs, just in case.


An official USA Track and Field certified course, registration for the 5k is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The first 150 registrations will receive a free 2022 performance race shirt, which will be available for purchase for \$15 thereafter.

Register online at: <https://www.runreg.com/run-before-you-crawl-5k>

For additional information please reach out to [info@dovermainstreet.org](mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org).

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# COVID-19

## CORONAVIRUS

### AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DOVER

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## Don't delay. Test soon and treat early

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have [one or more health conditions](#) that increase your risk of becoming very sick, treatment may be available.

Contact a health professional right away after a positive test to determine if you may be eligible, even if your symptoms are mild right now. Don't delay: Treatment must be started within the first few days to be effective.

Treatments used for COVID-19 should be prescribed by your healthcare provider. People have been seriously harmed and even died after taking products not approved for use to treat or prevent COVID-19, even products approved or prescribed for other uses. Talk to your healthcare provider about what option may be best for you.

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

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## Free weekly vaccination and booster clinics at the Dover Public Library

### Registration encouraged; walk-ins welcome

Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Public Library are hosting free weekly vaccination and booster clinics on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. at the library. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure all paperwork is completed before the appointment; however, walk-ins are welcome. The Pfizer-BioNTech will be the only vaccine and booster available at the clinics.

Vaccinations are available for the following age groups:

- 5 to 11 years old: first and second vaccine doses
- 12 years and older: first and second vaccine doses and vaccine booster doses (Pfizer-BioNTech only)

To register for an appointment, visit the State of New Hampshire's online vaccine scheduling system at <https://vini.nh.gov/providers/s/>. **(Please note you must register via this link and not vaccinations.gov.)** You do not need to be a Dover resident or a New Hampshire resident to register.

Follow the instructions to set up an account; it requires a name, street address, email address

and phone number. Once the account is verified, the user can create an appointment. To schedule an appointment at Dover Public Library:

- Select the "Create/Manage Appointment" icon
- Click on the green "Schedule Appointment" button
- Select either initial vaccine series or booster
- Under "Search Location," enter 03820 in the address/zip code field
- Select: "Dover Fire-Standing Clinic," then click "See availability"
- Choose an appointment time slot

Please arrive on time for the appointment scheduled. The vaccine clinic will be in the second-floor meeting room of the Dover Public Library at 73 Locust St.

For more information, contact Fire and Rescue Division Chief Keith Irwin at [k.irwin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:k.irwin@dover.nh.gov).

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## Where to get the vaccine locally

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov) and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

In addition to local pharmacies and providers, the State of New Hampshire is providing vaccines at several fixed sites. The closest fixed site to Dover is:

### On-Site Medical Services

306 North Main Street, Rochester  
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Walk in only, no appointment necessary  
Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J  
<https://www.on-sitemedicalservices.com/vaccinationlocator>

For additional locations and options, visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).

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## Choosing your COVID-19 booster shot

If you're 18 years and older, you can choose which COVID-19 booster you get. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19) vaccines are preferred, although Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations.

At this time, people ages 12–17 years only can only get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, so they may only get the Pfizer booster.

Bring your [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card](#) to your booster shot appointment so your provider can fill in the information about your booster dose.

If you need help scheduling your booster shot, contact the location that set up your previous appointment. If you need to get your booster shot in a location different from where you received your previous shot, there are several ways you can [find a vaccine provider](#).

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [online resource](#)



[here](#).

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## Free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the United States is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. These tests give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required).

COVID-19 self-tests (also referred to as home tests or over-the-counter tests) are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with [vaccination](#), [masking](#), and physical distancing, [that protect you and others](#) by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

Self-tests can be taken at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results. You can use self-tests, regardless of vaccination status, or whether or not you have symptoms.

Follow all the manufacturer's instructions for performing the test.

Tests can be ordered online here: [Free COVID-19 test kits](#).

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## COVID symptoms or need to confirm you aren't infected? Get tested

Many health insurance plans cover COVID-19 tests without a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for persons with symptoms of COVID-19. Locations throughout the state offer COVID-19 tests, including hospitals, pharmacies, primary care offices, urgent care centers. The State of New Hampshire is also offering free at-home saliva test kits through a partner agency, Vault Medical Services, which can be ordered online at <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/>.

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.

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at <https://nheasy.nh.gov> and click on "COVID-19 Testing". Additional information about other DHHS programs and benefits, including different Medicaid plans that cover more than COVID-19 testing services, are on the NH EASY website.

### Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:

#### CVS (Ages 3 and up)

50 Sterling Way, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

#### Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)

679 Central Avenue only, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

#### ConvenientMD

14 Webb Place, Dover



<https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/>

### Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR and Rapid

[https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid\\_vanity\\_testing](https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing)

## Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up)

311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center)

5 Clark Way, Somersworth

Type of test: Rapid

<https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test>

## Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

789 Central Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR

Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

## ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care

Fox Run Mall, 50 Fox Run Road, Newington

Type of test: PCR

<https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019>

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Planning Board,  
February 22, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**City Council, February  
23, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

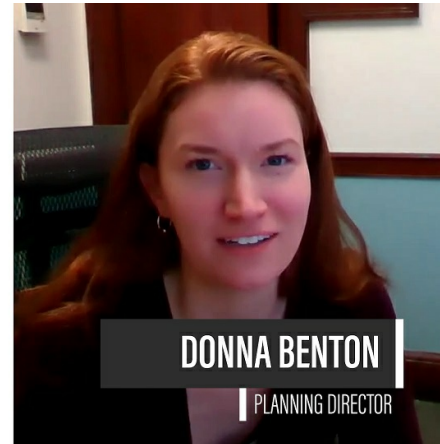
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Technical Review  
Committee, February  
24, 10:30 a.m.**

## The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review


**DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA**  
 Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
 Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 208 Court Ave., Dover NH 03820  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
 Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

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## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 2/22/2022

In a video released this week, City Planner Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UbnwTtKEmhTR>.

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 [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.

Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### **Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, February 24, 7 p.m.**

The Ad-hoc Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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



### **Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

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

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

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

**Feb. 22, 1754** — Petitions for a new parish in Dover, by the name of Somersworth, were presented again this year, and the Assembly appointed a committee "to take a view of such part of Dover as may be necessary in order to judge whether the prayer of the petition ought to be granted or not, and make report thereof as soon as may be, the petitioners to be at the cost and charge thereof."

**Feb. 21, 1843** — Died, Nathaniel W. Ela, aged 77, for nearly half a century the keeper of a well-known hotel (Ela's Tavern) on the Landing.

**Feb. 22, 1855** — The Piscataqua Bridge became impassable and its use was discontinued. About 500 feet of it was carried away by the ice.

**Feb. 22, 1865** — The bells of the city were rung and a grand salute fired in commemoration of

the fall of Charleston, S. C. and the rehoisting of the flag of the Union upon Fort Sumter.

**Feb. 18, 1974** — The Ramada Inn on Silver Street in Dover was damaged by a tricky midnight fire that rekindled again, hours after it had first been put out, forcing the evacuation of about 20 people. Part of the building's roof collapsed, and the whole building suffered smoke and water damage. Then Fire Chief Walter Oates said it was hard for firefighters to find the source because flames had traveled between a false ceiling and the roof.

**Feb. 18, 1999** — President Bill Clinton leads an invitation-only roundtable discussion on health care and Social Security in the auditorium at Dover City Hall. Among the event organizers was former Mayor George Maglaras, who was with Clinton at a campaign stop at the Dover Elks in 1992, during the presidential primary. It was at the Dover Elks that Clinton, who was then expected to drop out of the race, delivered his "last dog dies" speech that turned the tide of his ailing bid for the Democratic nomination. During that speech he said, "I will tell you something. I'm going to give you this election back, and if you'll give it to me, I won't be like George Bush. I'll never forget who gave me a second chance, and I'll be there for you till the last dog dies — I want you to remember that." Clinton went on to place second in the New Hampshire primary, and eventually, won the presidential election. He made several return trips to Dover.

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## Free tax help at the Dover Public Library

The AARP Foundation is offering free tax preparation assistance by appointment only at the Dover Public Library. AARP volunteers will be at the library Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 2-1-1 or go online to [Nhtaxhelp.org](http://Nhtaxhelp.org).

Only one return can be completed per appointment. If you have additional returns to prepare, please schedule an additional appointment for each return.

When you go to your appointment, you must bring the following:

- If possible, please print and fill out the first two pages of the [Intake Form](#).
- If married, it is preferable for both spouses be present
- Original or photocopy of social security cards for taxpayer, spouse, if married, and any dependents being claimed
- Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse (must be a Driver's License, or state issued ID Card, or other official document)
- All W-2's for all places worked in previous year
- Prior year tax return if applicable
- Routing number and bank account number for direct deposit

Free tax preparation is available to all ages and occupations.

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# The Week at the Library

## **February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Milk Street Cookish: Throw It Together* by Christopher Kimball. Throughout the month of February, 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@doover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@doover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

## **Teen Take & Make Kits**

### **Fidget Bracelets, While Supplies Last**

Teens entering grades 6-12 are welcome to bring home a Take & Make Kit filled with supplies needed to make a small craft. Kits available beginning February 17, and can be picked up in the Teen Loft (one per teen, please) while supplies last!

## **Sunday, February 20, 2 to 4 p.m.**

### **Dungeons & Dragons: Teen Group**

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

## **Monday, February 21, Library Closed President's Day**

## **Tuesday, February 22, 3 to 4 p.m. Winter Slime**

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to drop-in the Storytime Room for a winter slime making session.

## **Tuesday, February 22, 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.

## **Tuesday, February 22, 6 to 7 p.m.**

### **Drop In and Draw Spider-Man!**

Come in to the library for a fun and no

## **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 4 to 5 p.m.**

### **Snap Circuits**

Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to drop in and experiment with snap circuits.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.**

### **Celtic music with Kyle Carey**

Kyle Carey's unique trans-Atlantic fusion includes influences of the American Folk Anthology, the traditional music of Cape Breton, Ireland and Scotland, and the Appalachian poetry of Louise McNeill.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

### **Get Lit! Adult Book Club**

Join this adult book group as we discuss *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. All are welcome!

## **Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 to 4 p.m.**

### **Bad Art for Families**

Families are invited to come and let their imaginations run wild. All the art and craft supplies you need to create your "disasterpiece" will be provided. At the end of the program, participants will display their worst work.

## **Thursday, Feb. 24, 6 to 7 p.m.**

### **Tiny Paint Night for Teens**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an evening of tiny painting! Each participant will receive a tiny canvas that they will use to design a painted masterpiece. The finished paintings will then be displayed in the Teen Loft for a tiny art gallery. Registration required.

## **Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

### **VIRTUAL Nellie Brown Mitchell: Dover's**

### **Renowned African American Soprano**

Nellie Brown Mitchell, born in Dover, NH in 1845, was known as "one of Boston's favorite cantatrices." Having studied at the New England Conservatory, she is one of the first African American classically trained musicians. This presentation by Dennis Britton, Trustee of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail Board, will cover her early days in Dover, concerts throughout New England, touring of southern states, and entrepreneurship as a teacher and inventor. Registration required.

## **Friday, Feb. 25, 10 to 11 a.m.**

### **Finger Knitting**

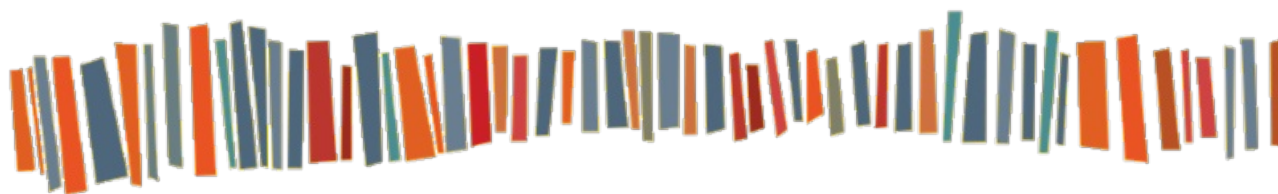
Want to learn a new easy and fun craft this winter break? Kids in grades 3-8 are invited to join this intro to Finger Knitting

pressure lesson on how to draw Spider-Man. Local artist, Ryan L. Higgins will be demonstrating some easy tricks and basic drawing techniques for young artists. Paper and pencils provided. For grades 3 and up.

Class. Yarn will be provided!

**Friday, Feb. 25, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Drop-In Game Afternoon**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to drop in and play some games on the Switch, or play some of our board and card game.



## Dover Arts Commission seeks artists and businesses for new round of 'Art Beat' exhibits

The Dover Arts Commission seeks local artists and businesses for the next round of Dover Art Beat exhibits and urges the public to visit the current Art Beat installations.

The Dover Arts Commission's Art Beat program encourages local businesses to display local art, provides area artists with alternative venues to display work, and gives the public more opportunities to experience art. The program collaborates with local businesses, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Main Street to connect business and visual artists.



Participating Art Beat businesses have found the exhibits to be a positive experience. Dupont's Service Center is currently exhibiting its second Art Beat installation with artist Alicia Milewski.

"Alicia's work has brightened our waiting room and given the place a new look," said Dave Dupont. "Thank you for allowing my business to participate in the Art Beat program."

How the Dover Art Beat program works:

- Artists join the Dover Art Beat roster by uploading their information to the link below.
- Businesses select an artist to partner with from the Art Beat artist roster. No space is too small for an exhibit!
- Arts Commission connects artists and businesses.
- Both parties sign contracts stipulating terms of the exhibit.
- Exhibits run for a minimum of four months.
- Any sales generated by the exhibit require a 20% commission to the business.
- Artists will receive a \$100 stipend from the business for exhibiting their work.

Current exhibits include:

- Alicia Milewski's work displayed at Dupont's Service Center, 28 Sumner Dr.
- Amy Issa's work at Armour 24 Hair Salon & Spa, 33 Main St.

Exhibit going up this month:

- Heather Bartle at The Leddy Group, 114 Locust St.

**Artists:** To be considered for the next round of Art Beat exhibits, submit your information by March 31, 2022, to <https://form.jotform.com/220248205365147>.

**Businesses:** To participate in the next round of Art Beat exhibits, email your business name and contact information to [ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov) by March 1, 2022.

## Recreation panel seeks names of all Dover-connected Olympians

The Dover Recreation Advisory Board, with Dover 400, Dover Main Street, and Faces of Dover, seek public help in identifying all Olympic athletes with a Dover connection to create a Dover Olympian recognition program.

The athletes must have participated in the Olympic Games, World Games, Paralympic Games, or Special Olympics World Games to be eligible.

"Dover has played a part in the development of some fine Olympic athletes, such as Jenny Thompson, Cathy O'Brien and Jessica Parratto," said Recreation Director Gary Bannon. "As we plan for Dover's 400th anniversary, we are undertaking an effort to identify and recognize all Dover-connected Olympians since the revival of the modern Olympic games in 1896. And we want the public's help to ensure we have accounted for all of these great athletes."

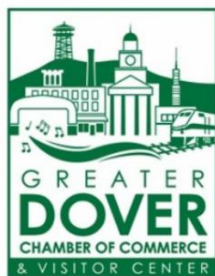
The deadline to submit a name is March 15. The committee will then review submissions and decide how best to honor them, such as signs, banners, a Faces of Dover historical marker, a plaque in a prominent location in the city, or even participate in Dover 400 activities scheduled for 2022-23.

To submit a name, please provide as much of the below information as possible, and email it to [olympianproject@dover.nh.gov](mailto:olympianproject@dover.nh.gov).

- Olympian's name
- Connection to Dover
- Year(s) the athlete took part in the Olympics
- Cities of competition
- Sport(s)
- Medals (if any)
- Photos
- Any other pertinent information
- Your name and contact info, including email and phone number

For more information, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 603-516-6410 or Beth Fischer at 603-817-1843.

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Annual  
Sweepstakes



*ONLINE AUCTION: FEBRUARY 15—MARCH 1*

## Dover Chamber's Online Auction now live

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's online auction portion of the 20th Annual Sweepstakes & Auction event is now open for bidding. Bidding closes and winners will be



announced on February 28.

Visit [www.32auctions.com/sweeps](http://www.32auctions.com/sweeps) to browse through over 30 auction items donated from local businesses and organizations. Auction items include passes to local golf courses, local works of art and photography, furniture, home goods, gift certificates, jewelry, and more. There's something on the online auction for everybody.

In addition to the online auction, the Chamber is also selling tickets for its Annual \$10,000 Sweepstakes. Only 350 tickets are being sold, at a cost of \$50 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn on March 1 at a live event being held at the Loft at Strafford Farms from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit [dovernh.org/sweeps](http://dovernh.org/sweeps) to purchase your ticket.

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

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on other programs, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Dover Chamber seeks award nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.



New this year is the Community Arts Champion Award, which honors a business or individual in Dover who focuses on creativity as integral to civic engagement, community vitality, and access for everyone, everywhere in the city.

These awards provide an opportunity for GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards). All nominations are due by March 11 at 4 p.m.

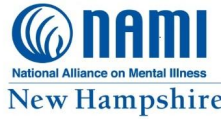
"Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The GDCC Annual Awards Dinner serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at [margaret@dovernh.org](mailto:margaret@dovernh.org).

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-

## Dover Mental Health Alliance hosting free monthly suicide prevention classes

The Dover Mental Health Alliance, in partnership with the Dover School District, is offering monthly evening suicide prevention classes to community members through June 2. Participants are welcome to register for any of the free training courses.



Trainers will utilize the NAMI-New Hampshire Connect Suicide Prevention program, designed as a public health approach to suicide prevention. NAMI New Hampshire is the state chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Participants will learn how to recognize the signs of someone in emotional distress, suicide risk factors, and ways to help.

"It is our community's responsibility to play a part in suicide prevention," said Suzanne Weete of the Dover Mental Health Alliance. "You don't need to be a therapist to help someone if you can recognize the signs of distress and know how to respond appropriately."

This training is appropriate for parents and community members or anyone in contact with individuals at risk, whether in a professional, personal, or informal capacity as a gatekeeper. A gatekeeper's role is to be aware of persons in their community, recognize any risk factors or warning signs, connect with that individual, and get the necessary help to provide safety and support for the person at risk.

The training is free, but registration is required. A minimum of 10 people must register/attend for the class to be held. Participants must be 18 or older; the course is not suitable for students. The three-hour classes are held on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dover High School library at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover. The remaining training date options are March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2. Participants only need to attend one training.

To register, complete the Google Doc form at <https://bit.ly/3JE96NX>.

Region 6 Integrated Delivery Network provided a grant to the Dover Mental Health Alliance to help cover training costs with additional funding from the Dover School District. The Dover Mental Health Alliance is the community engagement arm of Community Partners, Strafford County's local, non-profit community mental health center. For more information about the Dover Mental Health Alliance and upcoming classes, visit [www.facebook.com/DoverMHA](https://www.facebook.com/DoverMHA), or email Suzanne Weete at [suzanneeweete@communitypartnersnh.org](mailto:suzanneeweete@communitypartnersnh.org).

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call National Suicide Prevention Lifeline anytime at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Crisis Text Line at 741741. These lines are staffed 24/7 by trained mental health professionals.

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

- **Fire and Rescue Chief**
- **City Planner**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**

- Laborer I
- Camera operator
- Welfare assistant/technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator I: Utilities

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

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