

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 25, 2022



CITY OF  
DOVER, NH

288 Central  
Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

City Hall  
hours:

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

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Council to hold workshop on sports complex initiative, homelessness, affordable housing and master plan

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Agenda items include an introduction to the private organization called the Dover Sports Complex Committee, an update on homelessness and the warming center, a review of the city's Master Plan, and a discussion about ongoing affordable housing strategies.

According to agenda materials, the Dover Sports Complex

8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

### Recycling Center hours:

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

Committee is a private committee that seeks to work with the City of Dover to entice a developer to create a multisport athletic complex and an aquatics facility with onsite parking. The committee eyes Maglaras Park as a potential location for the project and plans to solicit interested parties through a proposal that is included in the agenda materials.

Agenda materials also include recommendations from the chapters of Dover's Master Plan. The City Council receives an annual update on the Master Plan ahead of the introduction of the City Manager's proposed city-wide budget this spring.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. It will broadcast live on Channel 22 and online at [dovernh.viebit.com](http://dovernh.viebit.com), where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

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## Storm update: closures and cancellations

A Winter Storm Warning for Dover is in effect through 1 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. According to the most recent National Weather Center forecast, heavy snow is expected to continue throughout the day, with total snow accumulations of 6 to 9 inches.

Due to the weather, the following closures and cancellations are in effect for Friday, Feb. 25, 2022:

- City administrative offices, including City Hall, are closed today.
- The Public Library is closed today.
- The Dover Recreation Fitness Center at the McConnell Center is closed today.
- The Dover Community Senior Center is closed today.
- The Dover Indoor Pool is closed today.
- COAST Bus has curtailed all operations today.

Visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) for a continually updated list of closures and cancellations.

### **No curbside trash and recycling pickup today**

Due to the weather, Waste Management will not collect curbside trash and recycling pick-up today, Friday, Feb. 25. All scheduled trash and recycling pick-up for today will be collected on Saturday, Feb. 26.

### **Parking ban in effect tonight**

Due to the storm, a citywide parking ban will be in effect tonight, Friday, Feb. 25, beginning at 8 p.m. and concluding Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6 a.m. The ban will be in effect downtown from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday only.

For more information about the parking ban, visit the city's winter parking ban page at [bit.ly/doverban](http://bit.ly/doverban).

Want to receive storm and other updates as they happen? Be sure to subscribe to the City of Dover's email alerts at [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload).

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## School Board to hold budget workshop Monday

The School Board will continue its budget discussions at a workshop this Monday, Feb. 28.

The workshop's focus will be for the School Board to identify its budget priorities if the City Council reduces the amount of the School Board's fiscal year 2023 budget the School Board adopted Feb. 14.

The adopted budget is \$74,955,953. It maintains current staffing levels in the school district and funds 11 new full-time and part-time positions the School Board identified as priorities during its budget workshops. The 11 positions and associated costs are included in the meeting's agenda materials. 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.

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. in the McConnell Center's School Board Chambers and will be televised live on Channel 22 and online at [dovernh.viebit.com](https://dovernh.viebit.com), where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda and agenda materials.

More information about the School Board's adopted budget, as well as the citywide budget process for the next fiscal year, can be found on the city's Budget Revealed [online resource here](#).

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## Masks at Dover's public schools now optional but recommended

Face masks at Dover public schools are now optional but recommended in most instances following new guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on Feb. 23. However, masks are still required on school buses per federal Centers for Disease Control guidance. They are also required for a limited duration following a return to school after a positive COVID-19 test.

Dr. Benjamin Chan, DHHS state epidemiologist, provided the updated guidance at Gov. Chris Sununu's Feb. 23 COVID-19 press conference. Chan [said](#) that "at this point in the pandemic, we are no longer recommending universal facemasks for people in indoor, public locations unless a person's required to wear a facemask for their specific situation."

Following the press conference, Department of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut issued a [technical advisory](#) stating that "mask requirements in school policies are inconsistent with Ed 306 rules" and that "schools should transition to adopt these new public health recommendations as quickly as possible."

On Thursday, Dover School Superintendent William Harbron [issued an update](#) on new guidelines in the city's public schools. The update includes when masks would be required, such as on school buses and individuals without symptoms returning to school for days 6 through 10 following a positive COVID-19 test.

Harbron had planned to review DHHS data on Feb. 28 to determine whether to relax masking at schools based on the School Board's COVID-19 Decision Matrix adopted for the 2021-2022 school year. The matrix was based on DHHS's previous guidance regarding masking.

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

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## Dover Police Department hires grant-funded social worker

With funding from a Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) grant through the US Department of Justice, the Dover Police Department announced this week the hiring of Dover native Kaitlin Jones as the department's police social worker. Her focus will be to work as a

liaison with various social service agencies and clinical providers with the goal of providing more direct follow-up referrals for individuals and families, not responding directly to police calls.

Jones has been assigned to the department's Community Response and Engagement Unit. She comes to the Dover Police Department from the Rochester School District where she had been a guidance counselor. She has a master's degree in social work from Bridgewater State University.

Dover, like many communities across the state, continues to see the impacts of the opioid crisis, people experiencing homelessness, and the lack of access to mental health services. The police social worker will work closely with police officers, firefighters, community mental health agencies, recovery centers, anti-poverty agencies, the school department, other city departments, and other agencies that can help those in need. She will then refer individuals and families to the resource(s) most equipped to assist.

One of Jones' responsibilities will be to follow up with individuals and families after police interactions to provide them with clear direction on how to obtain appropriate services and help them through that process. Examples of police interactions that may involve follow-up and referrals include; domestic disturbances, drug overdoses, suicide attempts, death investigations, and mental health related calls. The goal is to provide referral assistance to individuals and families when they are no longer experiencing a crisis in order to reduce the number and frequency of those crises. This will also reduce need for public safety intervention.

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## **City Council increases property tax exemptions for elderly, blind, deaf and permanently disabled**

The City Council increased property tax exemptions for qualifying property owners who are elderly, blind, deaf or permanently disabled at its Feb. 23 meeting. The Council also increased qualifying income levels and asset limits for the elderly, disabled, and deaf exemptions.

The increased exemption and qualifying income and asset levels are effective for fiscal year 2023. The deadline to apply for these exemptions and veterans' tax credit is April 15, 2022.

### **Elderly Tax Credit:**

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

### **Blind Exemption:**

- The tax exemption increased from \$115,000 to \$166,000

### **Deaf Exemption:**

- The tax exemption increased from \$115,000 to \$166,000

### **Disability Exemption:**

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

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

- Single: Increased annual income from \$42,000 to \$47,000
- Married: Increased 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 increased 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.

In addition to the above tax exemptions, there is also the veterans' tax credit. It provides up to \$750 tax credit for all veterans or veteran spouses who meet residency requirements.

Applications for tax exemptions and veterans' tax credit are available at the Tax Assessment Office on City Hall first floor. The applications are also available online at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/>.

For more information, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014.

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## Color of Bulky Item Tag changing from orange to green

The color of the City of Dover's bulky item trash tags is changing from orange to green in the coming weeks, though orange tags will always be accepted for bulky trash pickup after the change is made.

Community Services changed color with a recent order of new tags; the color now matches the color of Dover's pay-as-you-throw trash bags. The rollout of the new green tags may take a few weeks or longer, depending on how many orange bulky tags a vendor may still have on hand.

Any previously purchased orange bulky tags will be always be accepted for bulky trash pickup.

Bulky tags are used to dispose of all non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, etc. Bulky items are picked up on regular trash pickup days. The tags cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall and the Public Works Facility and Recycling Center on Mast Road. Bulky tags can also be purchased at most locations where City of Dover trash bags are sold.

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

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THE CITY OF DOVER CELEBRATES

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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## Black Lives Matter Seacoast to air second annual awards ceremony on Sunday

Black Lives Matter Seacoast invites the public to attend its second annual BLM Seacoast Excellence Awards ceremony, when the five winners for 2022 will be honored in an online event set to debut at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. In addition to the online stream, the ceremony will air on local access channels throughout the Seacoast, including Dover's DNTV, Channel 22.

The mission of BLM Seacoast includes uplifting people of color in the Seacoast areas of New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. The organization announced it created this event to honor the "many wonderful people of color whose hard work has benefited the Seacoast."

The hosts for the event will be the co-founder and current board chair for BLM Seacoast, Tanisha Johnson, and Saniyah Bolton, the current co-director of the BLM Seacoast Youth Division.

Samrawit Silva will be the keynote speaker for the Black Lives Matter Seacoast 2022 awards.

The event will feature keynote speaker Samrawit Silva, a 2021 BLM Seacoast Excellence Award winner who graduated from Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. She became heavily involved in social justice at UNH, helping form the 8PercentSpeaks movement. It is her passion for justice that brought her to 350NH, where she currently works as an electoral climate organizer. She helps organize peaceful protests and volunteers as a peacekeeper in protests in Concord. Her focus for the past year

has been raising awareness for the Tigray genocide affecting her family. Having lost a handful of people already and not knowing the status of her mother or youngest siblings, Samrawit continues to advocate non-stop, traveling to Sudan to help refugees.

The event has been pre-recorded at the Career Technical Center at Somersworth High School.

For more information, visit [blmseacoast.com/events/blmsawards2022](https://blmseacoast.com/events/blmsawards2022).

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## Councilor Thibodeaux hosts 'Coffee with the Councilor' on Saturday

Ward 3 City Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux will host her twice-monthly "Coffee with the Councilor" session this Saturday, Feb. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Sunrise Pointe Café, 50 Pointe Place, PI #33.

The session is open to anyone who wishes to discuss topics of interest with the Dover councilor.

Councilor Thibodeaux holds "Coffee with the Councilor" sessions the second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Councilor Thibodeaux at [d.thibodeaux@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.thibodeaux@dover.nh.gov).





## Still time to buy a ticket for Chamber's annual Sweepstakes and Auction

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 20th annual Sweepstakes and Auction is coming up on Tuesday, March 1. It's not too late to buy a ticket. Don't miss out on a chance to win \$10,000. The price is just \$50 per ticket. Visit [dovernh.org/sweeps](http://dovernh.org/sweeps) to purchase tickets.

Participants have the option of attending the in-person event at The Loft at Strafford Farms from 5-7 p.m. or tuning in on the Chamber's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/greaterdoverchamber](https://www.facebook.com/greaterdoverchamber)) for the virtual event. You don't have to be there in person or virtually in order to win the grand prize. The Chamber will make sure the winner receives their grand prize.

Be sure to check out the online auction, as well, at [www.32auctions.com/sweeps](http://www.32auctions.com/sweeps). The auction ends on February 28 at 1 p.m. The annual Sweepstakes and Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from this fundraiser help support the Chamber's large-scale community events such as Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens Leadership Academy, and Apple Harvest Day. The Sweepstakes & Auction event underwriter is First Seacoast Bank. Additional sponsors include: Holy Rosary Credit Union, Waste Management, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts PA, and Wright-Pierce.

For more information, visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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



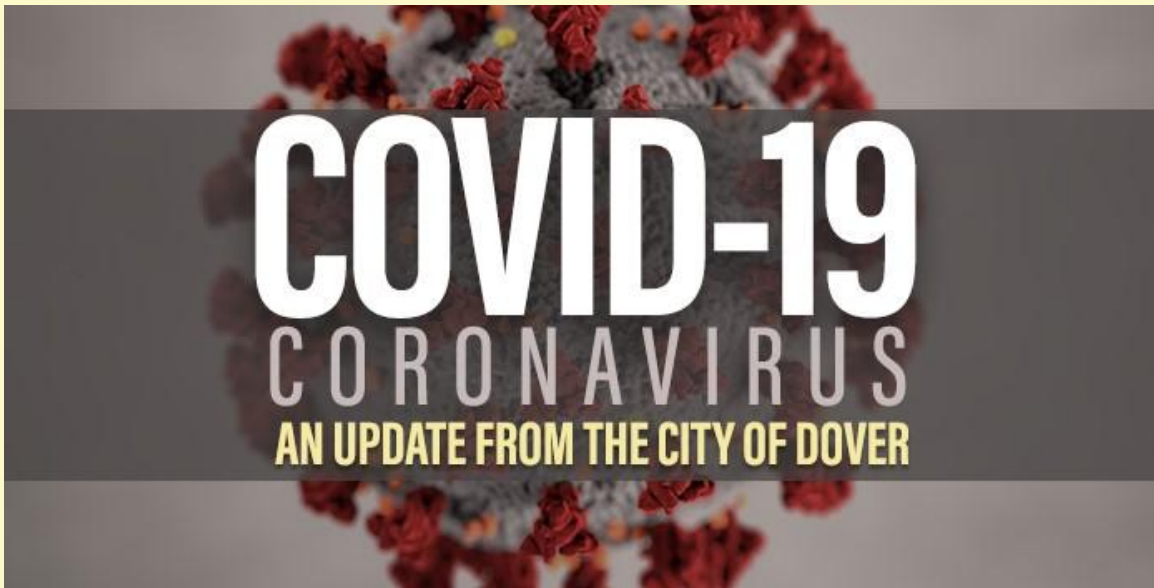
## Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Feb. 26, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Hannaford in Dover's southern location at 30 Grapevine Drive. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

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

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://fb.me/e/1gMy2BTrw>.



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

### Registration encouraged; walk-ins welcome

Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Public Library continue to hold 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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## Vaccines widely available

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some, as well as fixed sites throughout the state. To schedule an appointment, visit [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov) and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

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## COVID testing

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.

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

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board,  
February 28, 6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

**City Council, March 2, 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.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, March 2, 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/>.

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](#).

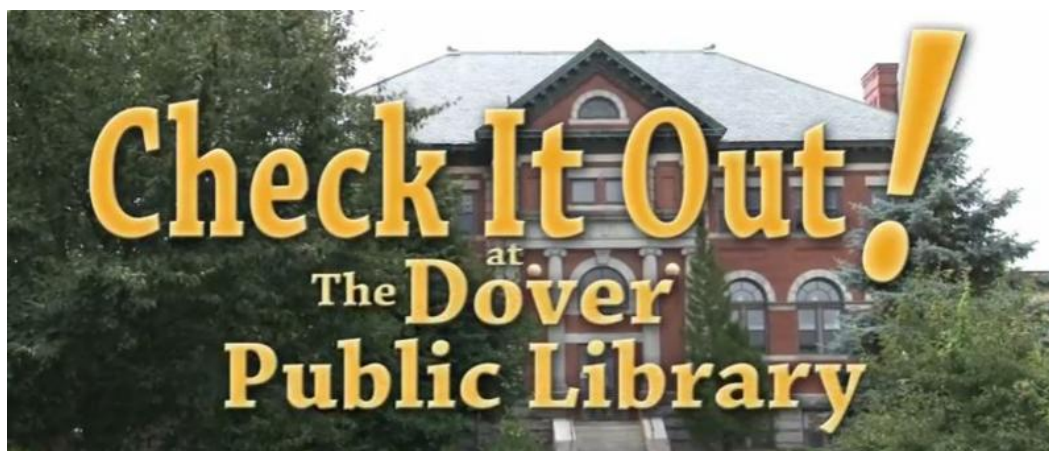
**Feb. 28, 1664** — Philip Chesley and Patrick Jemison were chosen to lay out the highways from Oyster River to the Cochecho, make them fit for horse and foot, and bring an account of their charges to the Townsmen.

**March 1, 1858** — Gen. Sam Houston and Horace Greeley attended a public meeting at Dover City Hall to discuss the war with Mexico and "the Texas question," which was the annexation of Texas 13 years earlier.

**March 2, 1860** — Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, then a little known Republican candidate for president, addressed the Republicans of Dover on the politics of the day during a speech at City Hall that lasted nearly two hours.

**Feb. 26, 1997** — U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, then governor of New Hampshire, visited Horne Street School as part of a push to support public kindergarten. She talked about her plan for the state to fund construction costs to provide space for new kindergartens. Her plan included a 25-cent increase on cigarettes to help pay for the \$30 million proposal. During the visit to Horne Street School, then School Board Chair Sam Allen said he was "very excited" with the idea of Dover providing public kindergarten. The Board that year would endorse an alternative public and private kindergarten program to begin in 1998, but that plan was reversed by a new School Board in 1998, which voted to fully fund public kindergarten, including the use of state construction, kindergarten and foundation aid, which would cover 75% of the initial cost and \$750 per student. New Hampshire was the last state in the nation to mandate public kindergarten, passing a law in 2007 that required all communities to offer public kindergarten by 2009.

**Feb. 28, 2001** — The Dover City Council approves a resolution to form an Arts Commission. The resolution was sponsored by then City Councilors Matt Mayberry, Betsey Andrews Parker and Tom Dunnington. The newly formed panel would hold its first meeting nearly a year later,



## 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.

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### Tuesday, March 1, 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.

**Monday, February 28, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join us to discuss *Becoming Nicole* by Amy Ellis Nutt. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. All are welcome.

**Monday, February 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday Evening Book Group**

Join us to discuss *Becoming Nicole* by Amy Ellis Nutt. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. All are welcome.

**March VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Moosewood Restaurant Table* by The Moosewood Collective. Throughout the month of March, 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.

**Wednesday, March 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Adult Knitting Group**

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

**Wednesday, March 2, 11 to 11:30 a.m.**

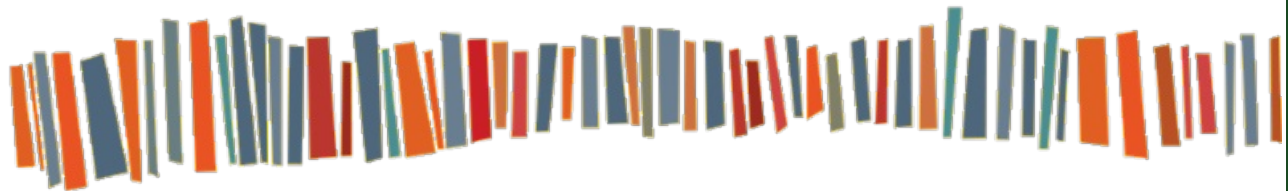
**Creative Movement: Dover Musical Arts**

Come explore movement styles through imaginative music and games in a safe, fun and positive environment! This class is best fit for ages 2-3 years old and taught by Musical Arts of Dover's Dance Program Coordinator and Instructor, Savannah Lee.

**Thursday, March 3, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Cover 2 Cover Book Group**

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. March's selection is *Witch Elm* by Tana French. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

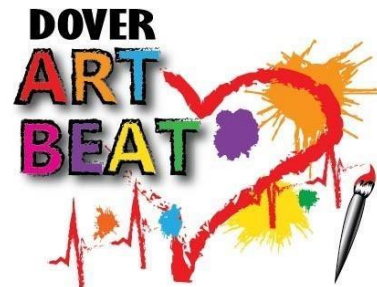


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## Dover Arts Commission seeks artists and businesses for new round of 'Art Beat' exhibits

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.

For more information, contact the Dover Arts Commission via email at [ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov).

## 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).

## 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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## THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



Staff and ambassadors of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce welcome TheNetWorks LLC to the



chamber during a recently-held ribbon cutting ceremony.

## TheNetWorks LLC joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome The Networks LLC as a valued member of the chamber.

After 30 years in the IT industry, TheNetWorks founder, Mike Shevenell, has decided to focus on helping businesses and residential owners. The process is designed to empower people, outfitting them with the tools they need to succeed.

TheNetWorks specializes in small and medium business, high-end residential networks, Wi-Fi coverage and performance optimization, 24-7 network monitoring services, innovations in network management, and wide area networks.

The service starts with a comprehensive network audit. This initial consultation identifies key problem areas and concludes with a report that includes a plan, cost estimates, and a schedule. TheNetWorks also offers a suite of products and services that will help you get back up to speed quickly.

Mike Shevenell has over 35 years working in various fields of computer networks, over 25 years as a software architect and developer, over 25 years building and terminating ethernet networks, and over 5 years in IT operations.

To learn more about the services offered by TheNetworks LLC, visit [www.thenetworks.us](http://www.thenetworks.us) or call 603-781-9119.

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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-being of its members and the community. For information on programs, please 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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## 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](#).

