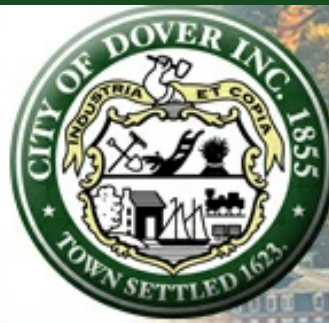


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 4, 2022



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Monday-Thursday:
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School Board budget deliberations continue

Next budget workshop is February 7

The School Board will hold its fourth budget workshop session this Monday, Feb. 7, in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

The School Board is expected to continue its budget deliberations, focusing on what additional positions, if any, the board believes should be included in the School Department's fiscal year 2023 budget. Among the positions the School Board is considering are career technical education positions, a special education teacher and information technology support staff.

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni have presented 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, as currently proposed, is \$72,249,311, with \$47,027,507 to be raised by property tax. As currently proposed, the amount over the estimated tax cap for the school portion of the budget would be \$1,278,153.

Harbron and Limanni have discussed the challenges of creating the budget for the 2023 fiscal year at previous budget meetings

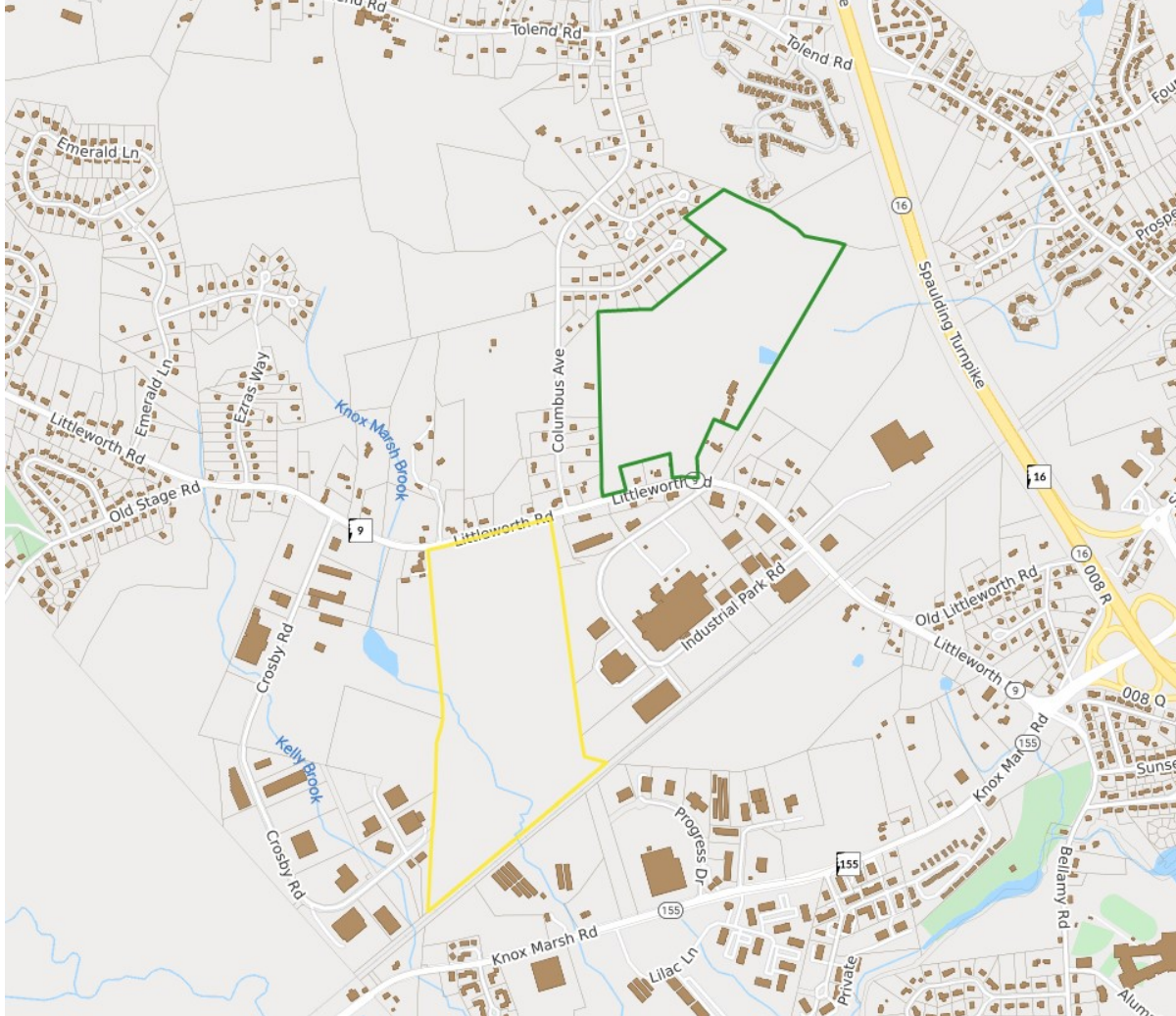
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and workshops, all of which are available on the [Fiscal 2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#). The challenges include a \$2,017,611 reduction in the statewide education tax revenue, partially offset by an estimated increase of \$1,116,071 in state adequate education aid.

The School Department also sees significant increases in its obligations. Currently, Limanni and Harbron estimate an increase of \$3,614,000 in commitments, including increases in health insurance, facilities contract, transportation costs, legally required special education services, utility costs and anticipated increases in contract wages. The current Dover Teachers Union contract expires on Aug. 31, 2022. Before Monday's workshop, the School Board will hold a [non-public executive session](#) to discuss labor negotiations at 6 p.m.

Harbron and Limanni estimate that 21 department positions would need to be eliminated for the School Board to present a tax cap compliant budget, including nine elementary school teachers and five middle school teachers. The Meeting Obligations budget would maintain current staffing levels but not fully support the Dover School District's Strategic Plan. The School Board must present its budget to City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., by Feb. 17, so Joyal can incorporate the budget into the city-wide budget that he will deliver to the City Council this spring.

The workshop is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. When available, the complete agenda will be [available here](#).



The City Council will consider entering into a development agreement to reimburse public improvement costs to develop two parcels adjacent to Littleworth Road. Terra Nova, LLC owns the property outlined in green, and the property outlined in yellow is owned by Westfield, LLC. Both entities are registered to Dover-based developer Chad Kageleiry.

City Council to consider public-private partnership for new development project

The City Council will consider a resolution to enter into a public-private partnership in the development of two lots of land adjacent to Littleworth Road. The resolution has a first reading at the Council's Wednesday, Feb. 8, where the Council is expected to refer it to a public hearing and potential vote at its Feb. 23 meeting.



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 located at [Tax Map, Lot 29](#), owned by Terra Nova, LLC, and an 85-acre land 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 contributing property taxes to the city. The term-sheet agreement allows for 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](#).

Council to hold second public hearing on ward redistricting and other resolutions

The City Council will hold a second public hearing on a resolution that would alter ward boundaries to ensure a near-equal population in each ward. The Council voted to have a second public hearing on the resolution because of a delay in printing the public hearing's legal notice.

The resolution to change Dover's ward boundaries was the subject of the Jan. 19 City Council and School Board workshop, which can be [viewed here](#). Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan and Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker discussed why the ward boundary changes are needed and how the City Council's Ordinance Committee came to its recommendation after contemplating five options at its [Dec. 20, 2021 meeting](#). The ward boundaries are reviewed every 10 years after the release of the decennial census data to ensure the wards are of a near-equal population. In years past, the voters would vote on amending ward boundaries through a charter amendment. However, due to the delay in receiving 2020 Census results, voters at the November municipal election amended the charter to allow boundary changes to be made by ordinance.

Other public hearings at the Feb. 8 meeting include:

- Reprogramming unexpended bond proceeds from the Fire and Rescue emergency generator project to fire station building improvements.
- A fiscal year 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) appropriation for a secondary clarifier for the wastewater treatment facility, which includes an authorization for a New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan and acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.
- To accept and expend an APRA grant for sewer pump station evaluations.
- A fiscal year 2023 CIP appropriation and authorization for a CWSRF loan to investigate stormwater best management practices for Henry Law Park, including the acceptance of ARPA grant funding.
- Accepting a grant to fund the Dover Public Library website improvements.
- A resolution to update and amend sewer use restrictions in city codes.

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

Today's curbside trash and recycling pick-up postponed until Saturday

Due to the weather, Waste Management will not collect curbside trash and recycling today, Friday, Feb. 4. Friday's pick-up routes will be completed on Saturday, Feb. 5.

A Winter Storm Warning for Dover is in effect through 7 p.m. tonight. The National Weather Center forecast calls for mixed precipitation this morning, changing to snow. Total snow accumulations may reach 3 inches.

Citywide parking ban in effect tonight

To facilitate the removal of today's accumulated snow and ice, a citywide parking ban will be in effect tonight, Friday, Feb. 4, beginning at 8 p.m. and concluding Saturday, Feb. 5 at 6 a.m., except for the downtown, which is in effect Saturday, Feb. 5 from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. only.

While in effect, no parking is permitted on city streets, sidewalks or adjacent public parking areas. While the ban is in effect, parking is also prohibited in the Third Street and Belknap parking lots, as well as the public parking spaces in the Orchard Street lot. Vehicles in the Fourth Street lot must be parked in the outside spaces only. Parking in the Library lot will be limited to the outermost row facing the Greek Orthodox Church and the outermost row facing Atkinson Street. No parking will be permitted at any other location in the Library lot. The first two floors of the Orchard Street Parking Garage are available for public, metered parking. Paid parking in the Parking Garage at \$1 per hour is required 24/7, including Sunday and holidays. The top three floors of the Parking Garage are reserved for permit parking only. Motorists are encouraged to use the FLOWBIRD pay-by-phone app to extend parking time remotely.

The parking ban this evening is necessary to allow Community Services crews to clear snow and ice from the roadways, parking areas and sidewalks.

A Winter Storm Warning remains in effect for Dover through 7 p.m. tonight. The current forecast anticipates Dover will receive up to 3 inches of snow in addition to accumulations of sleet and ice.

The complete forecast for Dover from the National Weather Service can be viewed here: <https://go.usa.gov/xPGSn>.

For more information about the parking ban, visit the city's winter parking ban page at bit.ly/doverban.



Dover Fire and Rescue seeks community's help clearing hydrants after snowstorms

Interim Fire Chief Michael McShane seeks the public to clear hydrants to help ensure they are

available during an emergency where seconds count. Crews from Dover Fire and Rescue and Community Services shovel out fire hydrants after each snowstorm to prepare them for an emergency. But with more than 1,250 fire hydrants in the city, this process takes considerable time.

During an emergency, time spent by firefighters searching for and clearing hydrants buried in deep snow, drifts, plowed snow, or covered in ice is precious time lost that could be spent saving a victim's life or extinguishing a spreading fire. A fire can double in size every 30 seconds, and it can take firefighters minutes to fully clear hydrants for use when every second is vital to a positive outcome.

Consider adopting a nearby fire hydrant to clear when it snows. Here are some hydrant clearing essentials:

- Always wear highly visible clothing, such as a safety vest, to be seen by motorists.
- Clear at least 3 feet in all directions around the hydrant and shovel a path to the street.
- Clear any accumulated snow or ice from the hydrant by hand; hand tools could damage the hydrant.
- Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. If you experience shortness of breath or chest pain, stop immediately; call 911 or seek medical attention.
- If you observe any hydrant damage, or water or ice coming from any opening, notify police dispatch at 603-742-4646.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6018.



Olympian Jenny Thompson is seen here at a swim clinic at the the City of Dover's outdoor pool, which is named after her. Thompson lived in Dover for many years. The Recreation Advisory Board is looking to recognize other Olympians from Dover who have not yet been formally honored in Dover.

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.

- 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.



The City of Dover's service request portal can be accessed from the home page of the city's website by hovering over the "Contact Us" button and selecting "Service Request Portal."

Report city-related public works issues through the online Service Request Portal

Did a plow truck accidentally take out your mailbox? Is there a street light out? How do you report the pothole on the road? Or a leaking hydrant?

These and many other city-related public works or infrastructure issues can be reported any time, day or night, through the City of Dover's Service Request Portal, available from the city's home page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov>. Click the "Contact Us" button on the upper-right hand

of the page, just below the "Dover Download" button. The direct link to the Service Request Portal is <https://service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal>.

If it's a life-safety issue, please call 911.

The Service Request Portal allows the person entering the information to put a precise location, upload an image (although not required), and describe the problem. Each service request generates a digital work order that allows it to be tracked by the department. That work order and subsequent updates to the work order, such as work performed, can be emailed to the service requester, provided that option is selected.

City crews often find service issues through the ordinary course of a workday, but the public's help is critical.

"Please don't assume that we know there is an issue," said Community Services Director John Storer. "Often, we'll know about an issue much faster if the public reports it. We encourage the public to utilize the portal, as it will help identify, track and respond to issues across the city "

For more information, or to submit a service request the old-fashioned way, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



Property tax credit/exemptions available for veterans, elderly, blind, deaf, and permanently disabled

The City of Dover offers property tax exemptions for qualified property owners, including veterans, elderly, blind, deaf, and permanently disabled.

To qualify for the tax exemptions, a person must file an application 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.

Veterans Tax Credit

- Provides tax credit up to \$750 per year for all veterans or veterans spouses who meet residency requirements

Elderly Tax Credit

- Provides at least \$115,000 off the assessed value of the property for those who meet age, income, asset and residency requirements

- For ages 65 to 74, the exemption is \$115,000
- For ages 75 to 79, the exemption is \$162,000
- For ages 80 and older, the exemption is \$207,000

Blind Exemption

- Provides \$115,000 off the assessed value of the property for those who are legally blind
- Must meet residency requirements

Deaf Exemption

- Provides \$115,000 off the assessed value of the property for those who are deaf or have a severe hearing impairment
- Must meet residency, income and asset requirements

Disability Exemption

- Provides \$115,000 off the assessed value of the property for those who are 100% and permanently disabled
- Must meet residency, income and asset requirements

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

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.

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.

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. 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.

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, or visit www.dovernh.org.



Mobile Vaccine Van in Dover on Sunday

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Mobile Vaccine Van will be in Dover on Sunday, Feb. 6, from 12 to 4 p.m., at First Parish Church, 218 Central Ave. All three vaccines types will be available (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson). Whether you need your first, second or booster dose, no appointment is necessary. Walk-ins only.

This clinic was originally scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 31, but was rescheduled due to the

weather.

Vaccines administered at the van are free and available to anyone 5 and older. Boosters available for anyone 12 and older. Parental consent is required for children ages 5-17.

**COME GET YOUR COVID-19
VACCINE OR BOOSTER AT:**

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday, February 6
12pm-4pm
218 Central Street
Dover, NH**



Walk-ins only! Free vaccines for anyone 5 and up. All three vaccine types available (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J). Boosters available for anyone 12 and older!



NH DIVISION OF
Public Health Services
Department of Health and Human Services



**Free weekly vaccination and booster clinics open
every Wednesday at the Dover Public Library**

Registration encouraged; walk-ins welcome

Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Public Library are partnering to host free weekly vaccination and booster clinics on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. at the library beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12. 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.

Key things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

- Everyone 5 years and older is eligible to [get a free COVID-19 vaccination](#).
- Everyone 12 years old and older who is fully vaccinated can get a [booster shot](#).
- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The [benefits of COVID-19 vaccination](#) outweigh the known and potential risks, which are rare.
- People who are fully vaccinated can resume many activities they did before the pandemic. However, people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

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 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-sitemedservices.com/vaccinationlocator>

For additional locations and options, visit vaccines.gov.

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](#).



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

Type of test: PCR

<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

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>



Steps everyone can take to make gatherings safer

If you are attending a gathering, think about the steps you need to take to [protect yourself and your loved ones](#) from COVID-19.

Make sure you are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines.

If you are not up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines and are ages 2 or older, you should wear a mask indoors in public.

In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. In areas of [substantial or high transmission](#), people might choose to wear a mask outdoors when in sustained [close contact](#) with other people, particularly if they or someone they live with has a [weakened immune system](#) or is at [increased risk for severe disease](#).

Consider using a [self-test](#) before joining indoor gatherings with others who do not live in your

household. Good [ventilation](#) can help prevent you from getting and spreading COVID-19.

Stay home if you test positive or are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, February 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, February 9, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

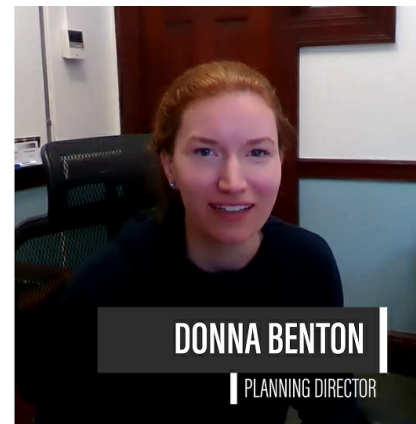
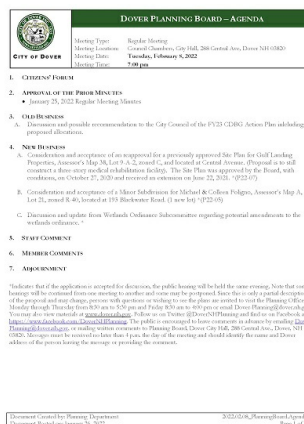
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 2/8/2022

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. 8, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=gts9NKAbtmLF>.

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 and select Dover Planning Review.



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](#).

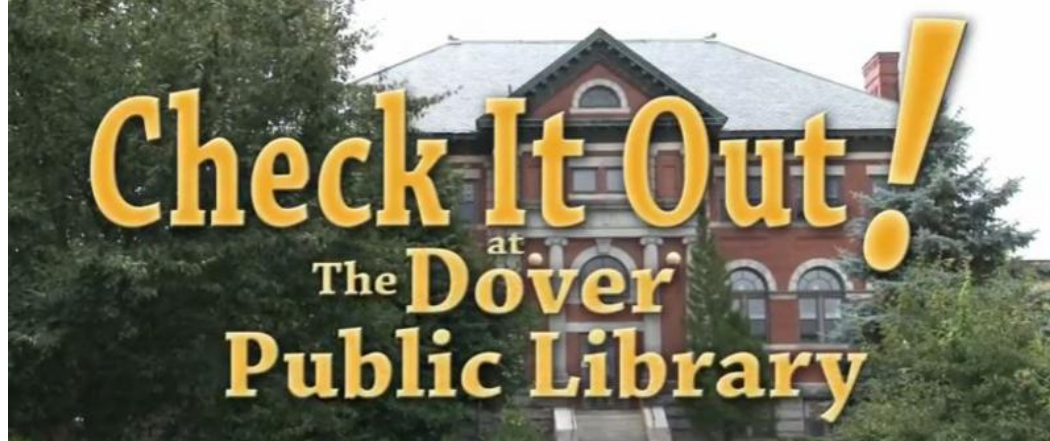
Feb. 5, 1845 — At the court in Dover, Andrew Howard was found guilty of the murder of Phebe Hanson. Howard had murdered Hanson in September, 1844, in Rochester. He was arrested and committed to the jail in Dover. On Oct. 20, 1844, he made an attempt to hang himself in his cell with his handkerchief, but was cut down, saving his life. He was eventually hanged in the jail yard in Dover on July 8, 1846.

Feb. 10, 1897 — (Dover Enquirer) "Two Durhamites had a narrow escape while in this city last evening from a serious accident on Central Street. A gentleman accompanied by a young lady from that quaint old town of learning, drove to this city. They were returning home when the sleigh caught in the electric track in front of St. Mary's convent in such a manner that the occupants were thrown out, the young lady landing in a watery spot which made her decidedly uncomfortable. Her brave companion clung to the ribbons and was dragged some distance before the animal was stopped by a Mr. Austin. The young couple fortunately received but slight bruises and after things were righted they continued on their homeward journey, perhaps consoling and congratulating each other that the mishap was no worse."

Feb. 7, 1924 — About 3,000 people attend the opening of the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m. Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights. Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.

Feb. 8, 1925 — Dover Fire Chief James Smith is instantly killed after striking a match while searching for a gas leak in the cellar of the Strafford Bank building. A janitor in the building at the time was injured.

Feb. 6, 2001 — City staff gather in Council Chambers to say goodbye to Martha Brown, who retired as the first secretary for the City of Dover's Inspection Services. Inspection Services was a staff of two people when she arrived in 1986. "I'll take a little break," Brown said. "I'll do more volunteer work. I'm going to continue to be active. I'm not ready for the rocking chair yet." She would go on volunteer by reading to residents at Wadleigh House and to Dover elementary school students, and would serve as a volunteer counselor for 12 years at Options for Women in Dover. Martha Brown passed away in 2015.



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@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, February 6, 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 7, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

Join this book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, and biography. This month's book is *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt. Available at the front desk or listen to the audiobook on Hoopla. Registration required.

Monday, February 7, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Beyond Books: Program STEM

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

Monday, February 7, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8, 10 to 11 a.m.

Come and Play!

Families are invited to an open playtime. Come have fun with your kids and make new friends!

Tuesday, February 8, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Wednesday, February 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, February 9, 6 to 7 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board

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

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Creativity Corner

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

Thursday, February 10, 10 to 10:45 am Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts

Big Kids Storytime

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

Monday, February 7, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. This Land of Snow

Register to attend this virtual webinar and hear New Hampshire author Anders Morely talk about his book "This Land of Snow: A Journey Across the North in Winter". Hear about his journey cross-country skiing across Canada in the winter alone.

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

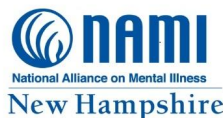
Friday, February 11, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

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



Dover Mental 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 February 3, 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, or email Suzanne Weete at suzanneweete@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.

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:

- **City Planner**
- **Outreach Coordinator**
- **City Engineer**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Laborer I**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**

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

