

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 1, 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



Dover to celebrate Fourth of July with

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

music and fireworks

The City of Dover's annual Fourth of July fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 4, 2022. Fireworks begin at dusk, around 9:15 p.m.

Henry Law Park and the surrounding downtown areas are the best locations to view the fireworks.

The fireworks display will be preceded by a performance of the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion, from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Food and novelty vendors will be available at Henry Law Park.

The rain date for the fireworks display only is Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.



Founding Fathers return to Dover to read the Declaration of Independence

Dover kicks off Independence Day with its annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on Monday, July 4, 2022. Garrison Players Arts Center performers will portray John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, who will read the Declaration at 9 a.m. on the steps of Dover City Hall (288 Central Ave). Mayor Robert Carrier will also speak.

The Garrison Players Arts Center has organized the reading for 20 years.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group

dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows or GPAC, visit the website at www.garrisonplayers.org.

Celebrate Fourth of July safely

Fireworks illegal in Dover

Police Chief William Breault and Fire Chief Michael McShane are reminding residents that consumer fireworks are not only dangerous, but also illegal to possess and discharge in the City of Dover.

According to city ordinances, "no person, firm, partnership or corporation shall offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, possess, transport, use or explode any fireworks without a permit."

Permits in Dover are only granted for programs and displays approved by the Fire and Rescue Chief and the Police Chief using Class C fireworks. All displays must be conducted by a trained operator who holds a current license or State of New Hampshire certificate of competency.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks are responsible for nearly 20,000 fires each year, as well as several injuries and deaths. The property damage from these fires is over \$100 million.

In 2018, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks-related injuries; half of those injuries were to the extremities and 34% were to the eye or other parts of the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for more than one-third (36%) of the estimated 2018 injuries.

In addition to the threat of fire and injury, fireworks can also trigger episodes of post-traumatic stress disorder in some of our veterans and cause extreme distress for pets.

There are many safe alternatives to fireworks, including:

- Glow sticks
- · Red and blue bubbles
- Silly string
- Confetti
- Party crackers
- Pinwheels

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6148.

Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

Trash and Recycling pickup will be delayed by one day all week

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5.

The Public Library will be closed on Monday, July 4.

The Fitness Center, located at the McConnell Center, will be closed on Monday, July 4.

The Dover Indoor Pool will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Inspection Services, located at the Liberty North End Fire Station, will be closed on Monday, July 4. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5.

Independence Day, Monday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays in most locations. The Parking Garage requires metered parking at all times.

Trash and recycling pick-up schedules will be delayed by one day all week. There is no curbside pick-up on Monday, July 4. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

City not adding fluoride to public water due to nationwide shortage

The City of Dover is running out of sodium fluoride, and it will temporarily stop adding it to the public drinking water as it cannot obtain more because of a nationwide shortage.

According to Community Services, which oversees Dover's public drinking water supply, the city's sodium fluoride supply will soon be exhausted, and optimal levels of 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) will no longer be achieved. Community Services anticipates not adding fluoride into the water supply for several months until it can replenish its supply.

Community Services will provide an update when the city obtains sodium fluoride again and can bring it to its optimal target concentration level of 0.7 mg/L in the water system, as state and federal guidelines recommend. The City of Dover public water system also includes some Madbury, Rollinsford and Somersworth customers.

Fluoride is not required for safe drinking water but instead used as a health benefit. Dover has added sodium fluoride into the water system since 1990, following its approval by voters through a ballot referendum question in the 1987 municipal election. Per state law, adding or removing fluoride from a public water system is allowed following the written petition of 10% of registered voters of all municipalities served by the water system and a majority vote by those voters at a city election or town meeting.

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

2022 Cochecho Arts Festival buttons now available

The 2022 Cochecho Arts Festival buttons are now available. They cost \$10 and come with a lot of benefits. Purchase them at the Chamber office (550 Central Ave.) or at a Friday headliner show.

With each Wentworth-Douglass Hospital CAF button purchased, you gain entry into the season-long raffle where one lucky winner will receive a Weber SPIRIT E-330 Gas Grill sponsored by 97.5 WOKQ.



Show your button at the Blue Dolphin Screenprint and Embroidery Box Office at each Friday headliner series concert and receive a free bottle of water from Kennebunk Savings.

You can also show your button to receive local discounts. At The Sassy Biscuit Co., receive a \$1 house mimosa with purchase of an entrée (must be 21 to redeem), and at The Strand, you'll

receive a free large popcorn with any paid event ticket. (Both discounts are valid July 8 - August 12).

100% of your button purchase will go towards keeping the Cochecho Arts Festival free of charge and open to the public. This year's Cochecho Arts Festival underwriter is Orpheum Apartments & Cowork.

Visit dovernh.org/caf for the summer schedule.

Electricity rates to increase in August

Average monthly bills could rise by \$77; some assistance programs available now or in the works

Eversource Energy's electricity rates will increase significantly for at least six months, beginning Aug. 1, 2022, after the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) granted the increase due to rising electricity production costs.

The rate increase, approved by the PUC on June 23, affects residential and business customers.

Beginning Aug. 1, 2022, the electricity for residential customers will increase 111.5%, from 10.669 cents per kilowatt-hour to 22.556 cents per kWh. Eversource seeks bids every six months from electricity generators and adjusts electricity rates accordingly after receiving PUC approval.

"For a residential customer using 650 kWh per month, when transmission and distribution costs are included, the result will be an increase in the monthly bill from \$145.11 to \$222.44, or about \$77.33 more (an increase of 53.3%), compared to current rates," the <u>PUC stated</u> in its June 23 order approving the rate increase. "The residential energy service rate is 13.74 cents per kWh higher than the same six-month period (August to January) a year ago."

According to Eversource, which only transmits but does not generate electricity, the increase is due to record-high natural gas prices and the global economy.

"Natural gas is the primary fuel for generating electricity in the region," an Eversource email about the rates increase states. "Given world events, we could see continued volatility in energy supply prices for the foreseeable future."

Eversource encourages customers to manage their energy use this summer carefully and offers suggestions on how to do so at https://www.eversource.com/content/nh/residential/save-money-energy.

Eversource also encourages customers to shop and compare energy supply prices with energy suppliers. Registered energy suppliers can be found on the New Hampshire Department of Energy website. For more information, visit https://www.energy.nh.gov/consumers/choosing-energy-supplier.

Payment assistance programs

Eversource also offers payment programs, including:

- Extended payment plans to help customers pay off a balance over a period of time and prevent service interruption;
- Budget billing, to help avoid seasonal bill spikes with a fixed payment amount each month based on average annual usage;
- Discount rate for customers with a household income that meets eligibility requirements;
- New start program, which may eliminate portions of an overdue balance in as little as 12 months with on-time payments.

For more information, visit https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance.

Electricity assistance program

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County also offers electrical assistance, giving eligible customers a discount on their monthly electric bill, from 8% to 76%, depending on gross household income and household size. For more information, visit https://straffordcap.org/electrical-assistance/, or call 603-435-2500.

Potential legislative relief

Gov. Chris Sununu and legislative leaders proposed energy relief programs on June 22. The proposals include a \$100 credit for most residential electric bills in the state, \$7 million from state surplus funds to shore up the Electric Assistance Program, and an allocation of \$7.5 million to provide low-income families financial assistance to keep cool during the summer.

The proposed energy relief programs still need to go through the legislative process before becoming a reality.

City schedules neighborhood meetings in advance of road reconstruction projects

Community Services will hold two neighborhood meetings about upcoming road reconstruction projects this month. One meeting will be for the Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction Project, and the other will be for the Fifth Street and Grover Street Reconstruction Project. Both projects are in the preliminary design phase.

The meetings will allow city staff to discuss project objectives with residents and the findings of the recently completed base surveys. The meetings will also allow city staff to solicit residents for feedback and gather ideas as work begins on final design plans.

The reconstruction for both projects includes upgrading underground utilities and addressing the conditions of the drainage, roadway and sidewalks. Work to date has included geotechnical borings to investigate subsurface conditions within the project area, video inspection of the existing stormwater drain, sewer main and sewer services and creating base surveys. The goal is to have final design plans ready for both projects by year's end to allow the projects to go for bid and for construction work to begin in 2023.

The City of Dover is committed to a multi-modal approach to roadway design, particularly in urban residential areas. The City of Dover has tasked each project's contracted engineer consultant to design the reconstruction project so that streets and sidewalks are safe and accessible for all users regardless of age, physical ability or mode of transport.

Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction Project

Community Services will host a neighborhood meeting for this project on Wednesday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at Community Services' public works facility at 271 Mast Road.

The city has contracted with Wright-Peirce of Portsmouth to design the project, which began work last summer. As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and businesses prepare for construction disruptions. 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/

Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction Project

Community Services will host a neighborhood meeting for this project on Tuesday, July 19, at 6

p.m. at Community Services' public works facility at 271 Mast Road.

The firm Woodward & Curran of Andover, Massachusetts, is the contracted design consultant for the project, which began work earlier this year. As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and businesses prepare for construction disruptions. To sign-up for these updates, visit https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters, and add "Project update: Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a project webpage located at https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/fifth-street-grove-street-reconstruction-project/.

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

Strafford Regional Planning Commission launches Arts and Culture Inventory

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) recently launched its <u>Arts and Culture Inventory</u> map of art and culture sites. The map is intended to introduce residents and visitors to new destinations, groups, and events that are within the following categories: historic, community, retail, events, clubs/groups, art/music education, public art and memorials, and museums/venues/galleries.

SRPC utilized funding through its EDA Partnership Grant and via its EDA CARES funding to begin the Arts and Culture Inventory. SRPC EDA CARES funding is a one-time award intended to support activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, or respond to economic injury as a result of coronavirus. In this case, some of the grant funding was used to support local arts and cultural entities via the Arts and Culture Inventory.

Since the Art and Culture Inventory project did not have a programmatic funding source, it will be ongoing and built out over time. To assist with this, users are encouraged to submit missing sites using the integrated form.

The <u>Arts and Culture Inventory</u> map comes on the heels of the successful <u>Promoting Outdoor Play! (POP!)</u> map of 350 recreation sites, categorized as trails, playgrounds, parks and others. To learn more about SRPC, visit <u>www.strafford.org</u>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at City Hall, Council Conference Room.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Zoning Board, July 7, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

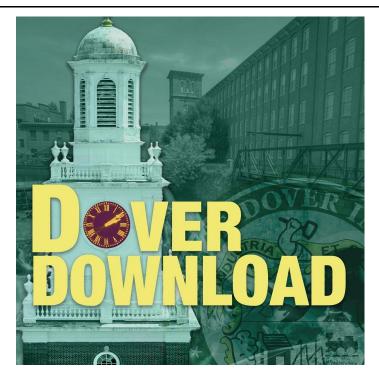
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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

Adjustment will hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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



Dover Download podcast your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.

The podcast is now available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh.



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

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located here.

July 5, 1792 — From the Dover Phoenix: "We are informed from good authority that a canal is to be dug from Winnipesaukee pond to unite the waters with the Cochecho river — and that a subscription is filling for that purpose — and we hear that a gentleman of property in Portsmouth has offered 500 pounds towards the undertaking — and considering the rage for Canal cutting — it will be accomplished with ease — as 'tis said, that the water in the pond at the time of the great freshet, a few years since, overflowed, and found their way into Cochecho river." A correspondent of the Phoenix, in the issue of July 19, offers to "communicate" the waters of the pond and the Cochecho for one hundred dollars, though he says "to make it navigable for rafts of lumber, etc., from Merrymeeting river to Norway Plain in Rochester, it will

undoubtedly cost several thousands."

July 4, 1806 — The day was noticed with "uncommon festivity." Its early dawn was liberally saluted by Capt. Henderson's company of Artillerists, which performed the occasional evolutions with great spirit and precision. At 11 o'clock the company collected at Mr. Ela's tavern "where the parched throat was agreeably slacked with cooling punch." An elegant dinner was prepared in "Union Hall upon the hill opposite the Great Falls."

July 2, 1847 — President James K. Polk and suite passed through Dover this day, in a special train, on his way to Portland.

July 3, 1849 — The town of Rollinsford, formerly part of Dover, and afterwards of Somersworth, was set off and incorporated.

July 3, 1998 — A new 40-foot flagpole was dedicated this day at Dunaway Field, at Dover High School. The baseball field had been without a flagpole for years, meaning someone had to hold the flag during the National Anthem. Carey Ann Cyr of Dover High School's Class of 1995, had previously sung the National Anthem at the field, while someone held up a flag, and used a \$1,000 donation to her and a charity of her choice to help the Dover High School athletic program purchase and install a flagpole. Cyr also organized a concert fundraiser to help cover the remaining difference of the cost of the flagpole, \$1,484. Then head of the DHS maintenance department, Thom Forbes, donated the installation of the flagpole. The High Flying Flag company of Greenland donated an 8-foot by 12-foot American flag to the cause. Cyr sang the National Anthem during the July 3, 1998 dedication ceremony, and left the school a recorded version of her rendition of the National Anthem for future sports events.



Great Bay Yacht Club holds Ned McIntosh Memorial Merry Mac Regatta July 16

Dig out from the barn, garage or where ever you have it stored your Merry Mac, Nutshell Pram, Sunfish, Oyster River Cat, or other small sailing vessel and join the Great Bay Yacht Club for the Ned McIntosh Memorial Merry Mac Regatta on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Hilton Park in Dover. The rain date is Sunday, July 17.

Registration begins at 10 a.m.

It was in the spring of 1954, when a group of sailors gathered with a simple purpose, "to organize and provide rules for racing this summer on Great Bay, or other places designated." Races were held each Sunday afternoon at the State Pier and included class racing for 12-foot catboats — Merry Macs designed by club member Ned McIntosh, who passed away in 2021

— and other boats by handicap.

Visit https://www.greatbayyachtclub.org for more details.



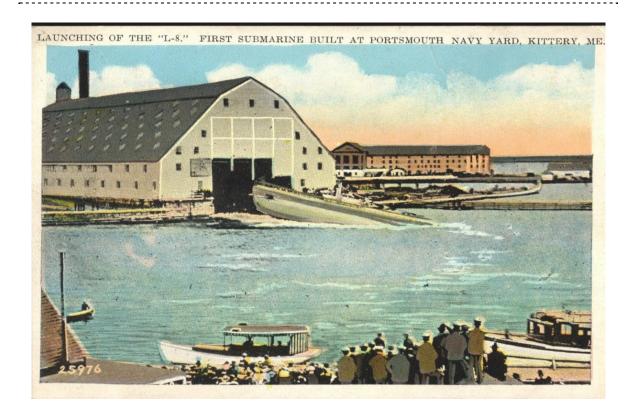
Dover Public Library goes fine free

The Dover Public Library is excited to announce that starting July 1, we will no longer charge late fees for overdue materials.

The Dover Public Library joins a growing nationwide trend of eliminating fines which supports our library's commitment to equity of access. Although the library will no longer charge late fees, patrons will still be responsible for the replacement cost of items that are lost, damaged, or not returned within 60 days.

With the start of our fine-free status, the library staff looks forward to providing access to all the library has to offer to every member of our community.

To learn more about the Library's fine-free initiative, stay tuned for the next episode of the Dover Download podcast on July 5, when Library Director Denise Lafrance will discuss the elimination of fees. The Dover Download podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, or at https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh.



From Sails to Atoms: A History of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has a venerable heritage and rich tradition. For more than 200 years, Yankee ingenuity and craftsmanship have been the keys to success for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Join Dover Public Library on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall for "From Sails to Atoms: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard." In this popular lecture, learn about the role and achievements of the Yard in times of war and peace from a military historian's perspective.

This lecture is presented by Joseph Gluckert, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Historian & Museum Director. A graduate of the University of New Mexico, Mr. Gluckert was selected as the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Historian and Museum Director in 2014. Prior to his rewarding career as a US Navy Museum Specialist, Mr. Gluckert has served in both the US Army's and US Air Force's Field History Programs documenting US military operations on the home front and overseas.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call (603) 516-6050.

Slate roof shingles still available for purchase

Proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is in the process of replacing the slate roof that was original to the building built in 1904-1905. The Friends are selling the old slate for \$15 each, or two or more slates for \$10 each, up to 10 slate shingles per person. They are being sold as is and will come with a certificate of authenticity with some history of the library. They all have holes drilled in them so they could make a nice wall hanging, garden decoration, or other repurposed use. The Friends will be selling only 1,500 of these pieces, so purchase one while you can. All proceeds from the sale of the slate go into the Friends funds which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

You can also purchase a Library roof slate, circa 1904. Slates are \$15 or 2 slates for \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

The Week at the Library

July VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of New England Farmgirl by Jessica Robinson. Throughout the month of July, 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.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

Wednesday, July 6, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summer Lego Club

Join us every Wednesday for an hour of LEGO building. Each week will be a new challenge to try, or you can build your own creation. For children in grades K-5.

Wednesday, July 6, 2 to 3 p.m. Rocky Shores Sea Trek UNH

Learn about the rocky shores of New Hampshire from a UNH docent.

Monday, July 4, Closed Library Closed for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5, 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, July 5, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Genealogy Group

Anyone looking up their family tree knows how much of a rabbit hole genealogy research can be. It can be both exhilarating and frustrating at the same time—and not everyone is as interested in hearing about it as you are! Find a group of like-minded individuals where you can share your triumphs and get help with your roadblocks.

Wednesday, July 6, 9 to 11 a.m. Piano Lessons with James Li

James Li is offering free piano lessons to kids ages 6-14. The session will be four weeks long. If you are interested, please fill out the registration form.

Wednesday, July 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join

Recommended for grades K-3.

Thursday, July 7, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. July's selection is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Asi Dare. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

Friday, July 8, 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.

Friday, July 8, 3 to 4 p.m. Crafternoon: Thumbprint Ocean Art

Families are invited to join us in the lecture hall to make and take Ocean Thumbprint Art.

Friday, July 8, 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Laser Tag After Hours

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for after-hours laser tag! Registration is required.

Saturday, July 9, 1 to 2 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

Teen Laser Tag After Hours

Teens entering grades 1-5 are invited to join us for after-hours laser tag! Registration required.





July 2022 Programs at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is making a few minor changes this July to its schedule and admissions. Mask-required play sessions (for everyone over the age of 24 months) will continue on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. All other museum play sessions are now mask optional.

Before visiting, the Museum is still asking guests to reserve and pre-pay online to help stick to their capacity limit, which is currently at 50% of its actual capacity, or 250 individuals. Special thanks to museum lead sponsor, Kennebunk Savings Bank. Learn more at www.childrens-museum.org.

FEATURED JULY PROGRAM

Science Fun Mini Camp
Tuesday, July 19 – Thursday, July 21, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This summer at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, mini campers ages 4 and 5 will have a blast exploring science. Campers will explore science and art through messy experiments, creative crafts, incredible art projects, and more. These Mini Camp half-day programs start with play time in the museum, and includes science experiments, building activities, art projects and more. Enjoy bubbles and chalk art outdoor play time (weather permitting) and take home fun creations each day. Children must be able to use the bathroom independently to participate in this camp. Campers should pack a water bottle and snack for this half-day camp. Masks are optional. Cost is \$110 for CMNH Members, \$125 for non-Members. Online registration and pre-payment required. Registration closes two weeks before each camp. All camps are limited to 12 children per camp. Register online at www.childrens-museum.org.

OTHER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Gallery 6 Art Exhibition: Sandy's Year of Toys - An Art Journal
On view through October 16, 2022

Sandy Steen Bartholomew has a lot of toys. Like, a LOT of toys. The New Hampshire artist and illustrator decided to create a challenge for herself to draw one of her toys every day for a year. Twelve drawings and two toys were chosen for every month of her "Year of Toys" to be

displayed in the Gallery 6 art exhibition, and feature toys like Hasbro's "Weebles" from 1973, a 13-inch-tall Michelangelo Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle figure from 1989, and a 3 ¼ inch tall Polly Pocket dressed as Wonder Woman from 2010. A full-color magazine that Sandy has created to celebrate her "Year of Toys" will be available for sale in the Museum Gift Shop. Gallery 6 is open anytime the museum is open and is sponsored by The Fuller Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, Abbie F. Moseley Charitable Trust, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Visit https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info to learn more.

Military Appreciation Summer Through September 4, 2022

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is once again inviting active and retired military personnel and their immediate family members to play at the museum at no cost, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Service Credit Union. Guests can simply reserve their spots online for free, and then show a military ID at the front desk of the museum to receive free admission for the military member, dependent children, and spouse. To learn more visit www.childrens-museum.org.

<u>Learning Garden: Edible Education</u> Every Tuesday and Saturday in July at 11 a.m. during Morning Play Sessions (9 a.m. to noon)

The Museum's Learning Gardens provide "edible education" for kids about healthy food choices and the environment. When you visit the museum during the growing season, you can join in one of these drop-in activities, included with museum admission, which usually ends with families in the garden picking what they want to take home! The Learning Garden is sponsored by Whole Foods. Online reservations and pre-payment is required for each play session, but nothing additional needs to be reserved to participate in the Learning Garden activities. Visit www.childrens-museum.org to learn more.

- Saturday, July 2 at 11 a.m.: Make a Butterfly Feeder
- Tuesday, July 5 at 11 a.m.: Make a Window Greenhouse
- Saturday, July 9 at 11 a.m.: Bug Hunt & Make a Critter Keeper
- Tuesday, July 12 at 11 a.m.: Bug Hunt and Make a Critter Keeper
- Saturday, July 16 at 11 a.m.: Explore Natural Dyes
- Tuesday, July 19 at 11 a.m.: Explore Natural Dyes
- Saturday, July 23 at 11 a.m.: Clay Nature Prints
- Tuesday, July 26 at 11 a.m.: Clay Nature Prints

Museum CLOSED on Monday, July 4

Wacky Art Wednesdays
Every Wednesday in July
10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m. to noon)
2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.)

Join us at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. every Wednesday to do a wacky and wonderful art project. The projects are included with museum admission and are free for members. Online reservations and pre-payment is required for each play session, but nothing additional needs to be reserved to participate in Wacky Art Wednesdays. Masks are optional when visiting the Museum on Wednesdays. Visit https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making to learn more.

- Wednesday, July 6 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Decorate Wooden Shapes
- Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Clay Play
- Wednesday, July 20 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Pool Noodle Sculptures
- Wednesday, July 27 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Finger Painting

Every Thursday in July 10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m. to noon) 2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1 to 4 p.m.)

Join us at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire during our Thursday play sessions at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. to do a fun craft, play a game, or make some art celebrating a different culture from around the world. These activities are included with Museum admission and are free for museum members. Online reservations and pre-payment is required for each play session, but nothing special needs to be reserved to participate in World Culture Thursdays. Masks are now optional when visiting on Thursdays. Visit https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/world-cultures to learn more.

- Thursday, July 7 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Japanese Firework Craft
- Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Swedish Midsummer Crowns
- Thursday, July 21 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Chinese Dragon Boat Festival (Pool Noodle Boats)
- Thursday, July 28 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: India-Diwali Sand Art

Science Fridays Every Friday in July 10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m. to noon) 2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.)

Join us for Science Fridays in 2022. New each week and included with regular Museum admission, Science Friday drop-in programs engage children in experiments and activities that focus on fun and act as a jumping-off point for learning about science concepts. Sponsored by the State of NH on behalf of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan. Reservations and prepayment are required for each play session, but nothing additional needs to be reserved to participate in Science Fridays. Masks are optional when visiting the Museum on Fridays. Visit https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/s-t-e-a-m to learn more.

- Friday, July 1 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Dinosaur Clay Fossils
- Friday, July 8 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Make and Test Paper Flyers
- Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Melt a Creature Out of Ice
- Friday, July 22 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Make a Sun Print
- Friday, July 29 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Shrink Art

About the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Children's Museum of New Hampshire is located at 6 Washington Street in Dover and offers two levels of hands-on, interactive exhibits for children from newborn to middle school. Children can explore a wide range of subjects, from dinosaurs, music and aeronautics to world cultures, art, natural history, and S.T.E.A.M. Open year-round, the Silver LEED-certified museum specializes in creating memorable family learning experiences and works closely with schools, social service agencies, and educators. A central part of the museum's mission is ensuring accessibility, and the "Reach All Initiative" works towards this goal by welcoming over 28% of yearly visitors for free or reduced admission. The museum also hosts a variety of live performances, workshops, classes and special events for families. For more information, please call the museum at (603) 742-2002 or visit www.childrens-museum.org

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

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

Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across

New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific timeframe after onset of symptoms.

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



CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for young children

CDC endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This expands eligibility for vaccination to nearly 20 million additional children and means that all Americans ages 6 months and older are eligible for vaccination.

Parents and caregivers can get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19. All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone—and will continue to undergo—the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Parents and caregivers can play an active role in monitoring the safety of these vaccines by signing their children up for V-safe – personalized and confidential health check-ins via text messages and web surveys where they can easily share with CDC how a child feels after getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

Parents can reach out to their doctor, nurse, local pharmacy, or health department, or visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> to see where vaccines for children are available.

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- Police Officer
- Police Secretary I
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Administrative Manager
- Account Clerk II
- Recreation Program Supervisor Aquatics
- Camera Operator
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Lifequard
- Swim Instructor I
- Laborer Public Works Streets and Stormwater
- Engineering Technician
- Maintenance Mechanic Streets
- Office Manager Facilities, Grounds and Cemetery

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

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