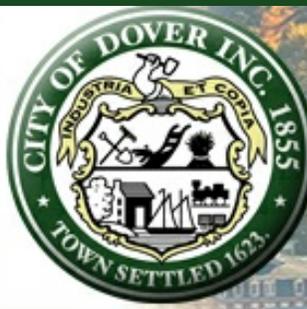
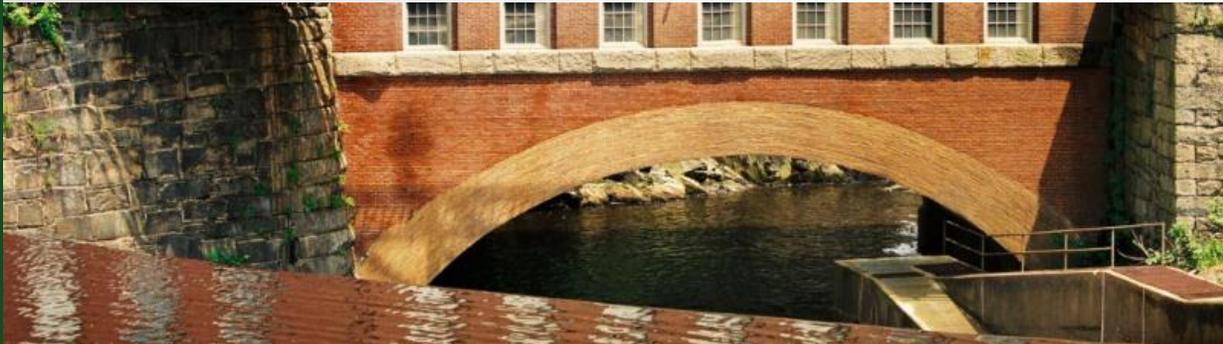


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City Council to hold public hearing July 22 on proposed rezoning

The City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed rezoning amendments on

Wednesday, July 22, at

7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The public hearing is open to all City of Dover residents, property owners and business owners.



The July 22 public hearing follows five public hearings held by the Planning Board this spring. The Planning Board unanimously adopted the amendments in June.

There are two sets of amendments, all of which are intended to promote economic development and improve quality of life in Dover. The first is a collection of syntax and terminology changes. These amendments focus on updating city code to ensure that current terms and titles are used, as well as maintaining references to state statutes and regulations. In addition to these terminology amendments, General Code, the City's vendor managing the online representation of the City Code, has recommended renumbering some sections of the code to enhance readability.

The second set of amendments contains substantive

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

School Board, July 13, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).

changes, such as rezoning specific areas of the city, updating the Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance and creating and Alternative Energy Code.

The rezoning recommendations stem from a report presented by a committee tasked with reviewing nonresidential opportunities in Dover. In 2019, after reviewing transportation corridors and existing infrastructure, the committee developed its recommendation, which were then presented to the Planning Board. These items were adopted by the Planning Board in June 2020. The report can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2BLan80>.

According to Dan Barufaldi, Dover's Economic Development Director, evaluating Dover's zoning is important to its future viability.

"Dover needs to continue to preserve the continued job growth viability of Dover for the next several decades," Barufaldi said. "We want to be vibrant and accessible to all age brackets and demographics, and work to maintain our diversity. We stand out in New Hampshire and the region and want to maintain that position."

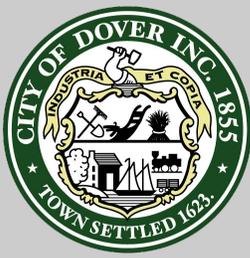
Christopher Parker, Dover's Assistant City Manager, who oversees planning activities, notes the proposed changes are also guided by the City's Master Plan.

"Dover operates strategically," Parker said. "Zoning changes are among the most important strategies we have for long-term growth and vibrancy. At the same time, they are some of the toughest decisions staff and policy makers make. These decisions are not made lightly, and are not made without a consistent review of Dover's Master Plan."

In addition to rezoning, many of the amendments focus on streamlining the existing zones and cleaning up inconsistencies. If all of the amendments are adopted, Dover's three commercial districts will be merged into one, two high tech and assembly zones will be merged into one, and a new commercial manufacturing zone -- a hybrid zone -- will be created. In addition, the recommendations include establishing a gateway zone. Parker explains that this zone is a rethinking of an existing zone.

"Dover has had a Downtown Gateway District as part of the Central Business District," Parker said. "The goal of that zone was to have a transition zone as people traveled into downtown. As the committee reflected, it became clear that idea would be better if citywide. So, the Gateway District would be on the major entry points to the community."

Two other areas of the code being updated include expanding the City's Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance to include solar and geothermal elements. This section, a recommendation of multiple chapters of the Master Plan and developed with the Energy Commission, creates guidelines



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for promoting solar power generation systems.

Finally, some of the proposed changes to Zoning Code promote more diverse housing options, primarily as part of the existing Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance. Dover's ordinance allows property owners to purchase development rights above what they have in the underlying zoning. The funds raised from these purchases are placed into the Conservation Fund and used to preserve and protect land in the community.

In 2018 the City developed a program to sell development rights for size-restricted homes. In its review, a Planning Board subcommittee recommended changes to the program to expand its use. Under the amendments before the City Council, there are four areas that look to incentivize the development of housing at sub-market rents:

- In manufacturing and commercial zones, for any assembly/manufacturing structure approved, and constructed, above 40,000 square feet, the property owner receives one dwelling unit per 2,000 square feet approved (for example, a 50,000-square-foot building nets five units). These can be used onsite as employee housing, sold to other developers to be used citywide, or may be used by the property owner anywhere else in the City.
- In the Gateway zone, if a developer/property owner agrees to limit the rent to HUD fair market guidelines, the density changes from one unit per 4,000 square feet of lot size to one unit per 2,000 square feet.
- Through the Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance, if a developer/property owner agrees to limit the rent to HUD fair market guidelines, and creates a 600-square-foot or smaller detached unit or (no size limit) multifamily units, they pay no TDR fee.
- In the Residential/Commercial Mixed-Use District, if a single-family dwelling is limited to 1,000 square feet of total living area, density is one unit per 10,000 square feet of lot size; otherwise, it is one unit per 40,000 square feet of lot size.

To learn more about the rezoning amendments, including copies of the amendments, a presentation to the Planning Board and City Council, a summary of the amendments, and the rezoning committee report, visit the Planning Department web page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning>.

For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 516-6043, or the Planning Office at 516-6008.

City Council to form Committee for the

Elimination of Racism and Bias, seeks applicants

The City Council will soon form an ad-hoc Committee for the Elimination of Racism and is seeking community members interested in sitting on the advisory panel. The committee will hold listening sessions, review data and develop an action plan intended to help identify and eliminate systemic racism in municipal operations, including public boards and commissions.

The advisory committee will report its recommendations to the City Council.

The City Council discussed the composition of the committee at its meeting on July 8. Members of the committee will likely include a City Councilor; a School Board member; a representative of Dover High School's Project DREAM; a member of the public representing the NAACP, ACLU, or similar organization with a mission that seeks to eliminate racism and promote racial justice and equality; a member of a field of academia with a focus on identifying and eliminating systemic racism/bias; and members of the community with knowledge, interest, and experience in addressing systemic racism and bias. The number of community members is yet to be determined, pending interviews of applicants by the City Council's Appointments Committee.

Members of the community interested in serving on the Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or [download the application here](#). Applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail or by email. Applications will be reviewed in the coming weeks by the Appointments Committee.

The pending formation of a Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias follows the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the City Council in June that condemns systemic racism and acknowledges the effects of racial inequity on education and economic opportunities. The resolution states that Dover will continue to "strive to become increasingly welcoming, inclusive, representative, and responsive to historically underrepresented and underserved communities."

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

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and

commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

Current vacancies are as follows:

- **Cemetery Board** - one alternate member
- **Conservation Commission** - one alternate member
- **Ethics Commission** - four regular members
- **McConnell Center Advisory Committee** - one regular member
- **Open Lands Committee** - two regular members
- **Pool Advisory Committee** - one regular member and one alternate member
- **Recreation Advisory Board** -one alternate member
- **Dover Utility Commission** -one alternate member

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

Cochecho Arts Festival to be held as drive-in event this summer

The Cochecho Arts Festival, which has been bringing music and art to downtown Dover for 33 years, will be held this



summer as a drive-in event. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will continue to bring the arts downtown, but in a safe and enjoyable format.

The drive-in festival will be held Aug 14 to 16.

The weekend will kick off with a Friday movie night showing a local short film as well as a commercial movie. On Saturday, there will be performances for children in the morning, followed by headlining performers at night. The festival will

wrap up on Sunday with a showcase of the visual arts.

For more information, visit <https://cochechoartsfestival.org/>.

City to auction bicycles on Saturday, July 18

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The auction will start at 9 a.m. and will take place at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 37 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

A list of items [can be viewed here](#). The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior to the auction.

City Clerk seeks election workers

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election officers to help staff Dover's polling places during upcoming elections, including the State Primary in September and the General Election in November.



The City Clerk's office provides training to all election workers. These are paid positions. Election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident.

Election officers assist with a variety of duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts. Election workers are needed in all of the City's six wards.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or email City Clerk Susan Mistretta at s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov.

Spaulding Turnpike road work continues between Exit 3 and the

Dover Toll Plaza

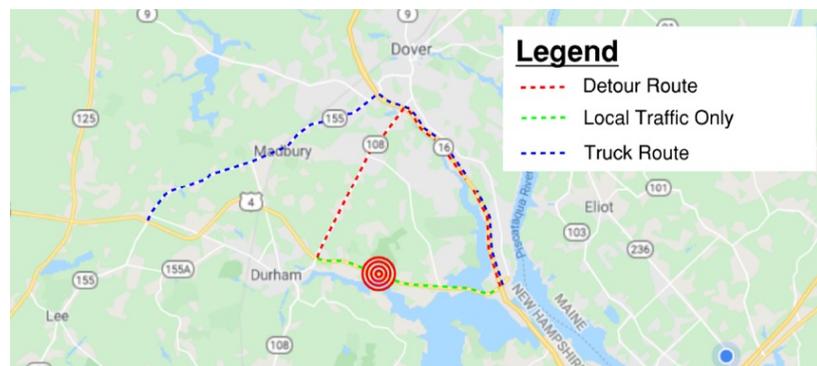
The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces upcoming day and night work on the Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16) to facilitate the construction of the final wearing course pavement.

Construction on the Spaulding Turnpike between Exit 3 and the Dover Toll Plaza began on Monday, July 6 and will last approximately 10 days. Work will include milling and paving the roadway to construct the final wearing course pavement between Exit 3 and the Dover Toll Plaza on both north and southbound Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16). The scope of work will also include paving the exit ramps at Exits 3, 4, and 6.

Single and double lane closures will be utilized on both the north and south bound lanes of the Spaulding Turnpike in order to complete this work. Short-term exit ramp closures will be required at Exits 3, 4, and 6 to allow sufficient space for paving operations. Ramp closures will occur during the nighttime hours, as well as times of low traffic volume during the day to minimize the impact to motorists.

The project schedule is weather dependent. Motorists should exercise caution when driving through construction zones.

This work is part of the Newington-Dover 11238Q project. Severino Trucking Company, Inc. of Candia New Hampshire is the prime contractor for the \$67 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October, 2020.



Bridge work in Durham will require temporarily closing Route 4 for five days and detouring all traffic

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces an upcoming five-day closure of US Route 4 in Durham to facilitate the replacement of the Bunker Creek Bridge.

Beginning Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11 p.m. and lasting approximately five days, US Route 4 will be closed to all through traffic. This phase of work will include demolition of

the existing bridge; installation of new precast bridge elements, including the bridge abutments and superstructure; final placement of lightweight fill and roadway materials; and paving.

During the closure, traffic will be detoured from US Route 4 and the Spaulding Turnpike via NH 108 or NH 155 with the use of detour signs and message boards. Trucks are encouraged to use the NH 155 detour. All motorists are encouraged to remain alert and obey all posted signs.

The existing bridge was built in 1933 and repaired in 1970. The new bridge will correct two geometric deficiencies, will be higher to accommodate 100-year flooding concerns, and will be constructed to meet today's standards for design, safety and resilience.

US Route 4 is a critical east-west route in NH which carries 16,000 vehicles per day and crosses several environmentally sensitive areas. The new Bunker Creek bridge is designed to last longer and protect this tributary of the tidal Oyster River. The new bridge will be wider to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, and will be higher for continued access to safe waterway recreation opportunities in the area.

This work is part of the Durham 16236 Design-Build Bunker Creek Bridge Replacement Project. SPS New England, Inc. of Salisbury, Massachusetts is the Design-Builder for the \$7.1 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October 2020.

For project history or background information, visit the NHDOT's [webpage here](#).

Volunteers sought for tree inventory of city's Central Business District

The City of Dover is initiating a street tree inventory in the Central Business District (CBD) this summer. The data collected during this inventory will be used to develop community goals, prioritize future tree plantings, address the effects of climate change, and reinforce the importance of street trees and canopy cover in supplementing ongoing stormwater management efforts. The inventory is part of a Coastal Resilience Project funded by the NH Department of Environmental Services that the City and Strafford Regional Planning Commission are implementing. Planning consultant Liz Durfee is assisting with the street tree inventory and development of a street tree plan for the CBD.

Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to join this effort. Experience with identifying trees is helpful, but not required.

The inventory will take place this month and in August. It can

be completed at your convenience on your own or with a partner. Volunteers can sign up to survey the street trees on one or more streets in the CBD.

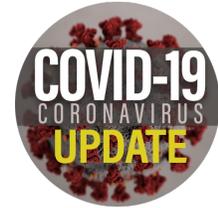
The survey can easily be completed on a mobile phone or device. A paper copy can be provided to those who prefer to complete a hard copy. Each tree will require approximately 15 minutes to answer the survey questions.

No in-person training or face-to-face contact with staff or other volunteers is required.

Contact Liz Durfee at 603-969-4594 or efd.planning@gmail.com to learn more and sign up for a street or streets.

Status of City facilities and services

The City of Dover continues to reopen facilities and services. City services and staff at all facilities have been accessible online, by phone and email during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.



As of today, the status of city services and facilities is as follows:

City Hall

City Hall is open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



When open, additional safety precautions and guidelines will be followed at City Hall, including:

- The building will be open with limited capacity.
- All staff will wear masks. Customers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks will be available to the public, if needed.
- Clear partitions have been installed in all offices at City Hall to limit in-person contact.
- While in the building, please remain 6 feet apart from others.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout City Hall.
- All common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

Payment for a variety of bills and services can still be made

via a drop box at City Hall. The drop box is conveniently located inside the Locust Street Customer Service Center entrance at City Hall and is accessible during regular business hours. Payments for water and utility bills, property taxes and parking violations can be made via the drop box. The drop box can also be used for motor vehicle registrations.

Parks and Recreation

McConnell Center

The Fitness Center, located at the McConnell Center, is open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Precautions will be in place for those using the facility, including:

- The Fitness Center will operate at half capacity
- Staff will be wearing masks and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all common areas
- Cardio rooms will be limited to 4 people at a time
- Time restrictions may be placed on cardio equipment, if needed
- The weight room, Cybex room and dance studio will be limited to 7 people at a time
- It is recommended that patrons call about room availability in advance to working out
- Additional hand sanitizers will be available
- Anyone who is sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is asked to stay home

Butterfield Gym

The Butterfield Gym is now open during regular hours.

Dover Community Senior Center

The Dover Community Senior Center, also located at the McConnell Center, remains closed.

Parks and playgrounds

Some recreation areas are open again to the public, including the Longhill Park Dog Park, pickleball and tennis courts, and the Bellamy Park Disc Golf Course. Several restrictions are and remain in place at these locations until further notice, including prohibited use by those who exhibit and symptoms of the coronavirus, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are at risk due to known

factors including underlying health conditions.

Pickleball and tennis courts are now available first come, first served. Additional pickleball programs, drop-in and recreational play are also now available.

Parks and playgrounds are no longer closed, but an advisory is in effect. Please remember:

- Playground equipment is not sanitized
- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash hands before and after use
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Use of parks and playgrounds is at your own risk

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

Dover Indoor Pool

The Indoor Pool is now open to Dover and non-Dover residents for lap swim only. Lap swimming will be broken down into one-hour swim blocks, followed by a 30-minute block for staff to clean the facility. Patrons will exit the facility no more than 15 minutes after their swim block has ended.



All swimming is arranged by reservation only. To make a reservation, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/index.html> and follow the instructions to sign up.

For additional information, including new guidelines and restrictions, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwQuy>.

Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool

The Jenny Thompson Pool reopened on Monday, July 6, by reservation only. To reserve a time or to see the pool schedule, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xfxGd>. Patrons must exit the facility no more than 15 minutes after their reserved block has ended.



The pool is not heated at this time. Those using the pool are asked to arrive showered and ready to swim.

Locker rooms are available for restroom use only.

The Outdoor Pool will adhere to state reopening guidelines from the state, including physical distance from others of 6

feet and cloth face coverings except when swimming.

For additional information and guidelines, see <https://go.usa.gov/xfxGd>.

Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is open with limited hours and new restrictions. For patrons who choose not to visit in person, the Library will continue to offer its Pickup Service on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m.



to 12 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. See library.dover.nh.gov for more information about the Pickup Service.

The Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the following restrictions:

- The hours of 9 to 10 a.m. will be reserved for elderly or medically vulnerable patrons.
- Patrons with any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever or cough, should not enter the building.
- The Library is requesting that all patrons wear masks. Masks will be provided to those who need one.
- A maximum of 22 patrons will be allowed in the building at a time and of those 22, eight will be allowed in the Children's Room.
- The parking lot door, near the Children's Room, is the designated entrance, and the front door will be the exit. This does not apply to patrons in need of the elevator, or families exiting the Children's Room.
- Patrons will be allotted one hour to be in the building to give computer users enough time to get their work completed. However, patrons are asked to keep their visits as short as possible.
- Please follow all social distancing protocols. Decals on the floor denote 6-foot spacing at service desks.
- Please no food and drink in the building due to the fact that patrons would need to remove their masks to consume.
- Please return all materials in our outside book drops. All books will be quarantined for three days and will be checked in on the fourth day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all service desks.
- The DVD collection has been relocated to the Lecture Hall to allow for more spacious browsing.

Beginning on Monday, July 13, the Public Library will be open on Mondays until 8:30 p.m.

Beginning on Saturday, July 18, the Public Library will be

open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Library at 516-6050 or email libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov.

Community Services

The Community Services facility on Mast Road is open to the public during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The Recycling Center on Mast Road has remained open during its regular schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on Middle Road is open to septic, RV and sludge deliveries.

The chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery is open but appointments are encouraged. To contact the chapel for an appointment, call (603) 516-6480.

Public Welfare

Public Welfare, located at the McConnell Center, is open. Please use Door 3 at the McConnell Center. Public Welfare can also be accessed by appointment. Contact the office by phone at 516-6500 to set up an appointment. Interviews may also be conducted over the phone, instead of in person. Necessary paperwork can be mailed to the office at Dover Public Welfare, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820, faxed to the office or placed under the office door.

Some forms are available online at the [Public Welfare website](#).

Those eligible for welfare benefits must still qualify financially and apply to other programs for which they are eligible.

Public Meetings

Most public boards, commissions and committees are now meeting in person. Provisions are in place to accommodate physical distancing by public body members and the public, including additional audio and visual equipment and overflow space.

See the City of Dover's [website for a calendar of upcoming meetings](#).

Elections

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Secretary of State's office has made provisions for all voters to register to vote by mail and to request absentee ballots for any reason.

Under new guidance, voters can now register by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic and can request an absentee voter packet from the City Clerk's Office or from the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Voters need to fill out a registration form and provide election officials with a copy of a current photo ID, as well as a copy of a bill, bank statement or other document with a name and address.

Voters also need a witness, who will be allowed to stand 6 feet away or behind a window, to watch the voter sign their form and to attest by affidavit to the voter's identity.

Forms must be returned by mail or in person to the City Clerk's office.

The state's complete guidelines [can be viewed here](#).

Absentee ballot requests [can be downloaded here](#) from the City of Dover's website. Absentee ballot requests must be returned by mail to the City Clerk's Office at City of Dover, NH, City Clerk, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820. The completed form can also be returned via the public drop box, located inside the Customer Service Center vestibule at City Hall.

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

Utility service calls and interior assessing inspections

City staff have resumed interior water and sewer utility service calls. These services calls will be made by appointment. During these service calls, city staff will wear masks, as well as eye protection and gloves. Staff will maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others.

The Assessing Office has also resumed interior inspections. Inspections will be made by appointment. Inspectors will wear masks and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others. They can be identified by a city issued identification card.

Exterior property inspections resumed in June.

For more information, or to verify an inspector's identification, call the Assessor's Office at 516-6014.

Inspection Services

Inspection Services, located at the Liberty North End Fire Station at 262 Sixth St. is now open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The number of people permitted into the facility will be limited. For more information, contact Inspection Services at 516-6038.

All services and facilities

For more information, including a list of available services and city facility access, see [our online resource here](#).



Assistance for housing available through city's Welfare office, CAP

A state emergency order prohibiting evictions ended July 1.

The state has authorized \$35 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to support those in need of housing assistance as a result of COVID-19. Of the allocated \$35 million, \$20 million will be initially expended, with \$15 million being held in reserve, for rent stabilization and housing support. All initial disbursement of funds will be available through New Hampshire's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies.



The program has two components: one-time assistance grants and a short-term rental assistance program.

- The one-time assistance grants cannot exceed \$5,000 and can be used to assist households with:
- Past-due rent from April 2020 forward for households that fell behind on rent due to either increased household expenses or lost household revenue as a result to COVID-19;
- Past-due housing/household related expenses that may impact an individual's/families' ability to remain housed; and/or

- Other housing related one-time expenses that if not paid impact the ability to maintain housing.
- The short-term rental assistance to maintain or secure permanent housing includes assistance for:
- Past-due rent that was not paid due to a COVID-19 related inability to pay and ongoing rental assistance on a short term basis. The rental assistance will decrease over time as households regain stability; or
- First month's rent and ongoing short-term rental assistance to assist with initial costs to facilitate the transition of working households from shelters into permanent housing.
- Program payments will be made directly to the landlord or provider, and this program will end by Dec. 30, 2020.

The Housing Stabilization Fund application is now available through Community Action Partnership of Strafford County. For more information on the Housing Relief Program, including the application, visit <https://straffordcap.org/housing-relief-program/>.

Residential tenants unable to make rent payments, or who are falling behind, can reach out for assistance to:

- **Dover Public Welfare**; 603-516-6500; s.gaston@dover.nh.gov; bit.ly/doverwelfare
- **Community Action Partnership of Strafford County**, 577 Central Ave., Suite 10, Dover, NH 03820; 603-435-2500; cap@cap.org; straffordcap.org.
- **DHHS Bureau of Housing Support**, 271-9196, or dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov
- **Dial 2-1-1**

Business tenants and landlords may be eligible for financial relief through federal and state resources. For more information about assistance available to landlords and commercial tenants, contact the **Office of Economic Development** 603-516-6043.

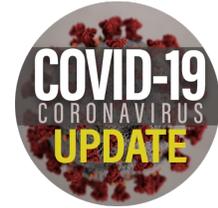
Visit www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares for additional resources.



New assistance program available

for self-employed businesses

Gov. Chris Sununu has authorized the allocation and expenditure of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to support New Hampshire self-employed, for-profit businesses due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.



The Self Employed Livelihood Fund is only available to businesses that apply by July 17, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All businesses who feel as though they are eligible should submit an application; however, only businesses that meet all of the Self Employed Livelihood Fund grant criteria are eligible to receive an award.

The Self Employed Livelihood Fund grant award amounts will be calculated similarly to the Main Street Relief Fund, with the maximum award amount a business can receive is \$50,000.

The State of New Hampshire is not directing businesses on how to spend the money. Businesses must demonstrate they have experienced or anticipate they will experience a financial loss due to COVID-19 in order to qualify for a Self Employed Livelihood Fund Grant. It is expected that businesses will use the funds to assist in covering their operational costs and legal obligations.

The Application must be completed and submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020, using only the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) web portal. No hand-delivered or mailed paper copies will be accepted. It is recommended that applications be finalized as early as possible before the deadline. Businesses that require assistance from the DRA may contact the Call Center at (603) 230-5000, Option 0, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwJwR>.

Grab and Go program provides food throughout the summer

Summer has arrived, and for many Dover children, that means a decrease in available food, including food distributed over the last three months by the Dover School District. Grab and Go, a nonprofit program that provides food to the children, will offer healthy food to Dover children every week throughout the summer.

Now in its sixth year, Grab and Go has distributed over 10,000 weekend food bags.

Those in need of food this summer can pick up food bags at

one of several locations throughout the city. Food bags are generally available at each site for approximately 45 minutes.

The program will continue through Friday, Sept. 4.

Pick-up locations and times are as follows:

Thursdays

- Dover Teen Center, afternoon
- Dover Public Library, afternoon
- Dover Public Welfare, afternoon
- Garrison Elementary School, 1:15 p.m.
- Whittier Falls, 1:30 p.m.
- Park Street Park, 1:45 p.m.
- Henry Law Park, 1:45 p.m.

Fridays

- Westgate Apartments, 9:30 a.m.
- Woodman Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Strafford Farms, 10 a.m.
- Belknap Street, 10 a.m.
- Dover High School, 10 a.m.
- White Cliffs, 10:30 a.m.
- Rutland Manor, 10:30 a.m.
- Lilac Gardens, 11:45 a.m.
- Redden Gardens, 11:45 a.m.

Grab and Go is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

For more information, email dovertgrabandgo@gmail.com.

Dover Fire and Rescue to offer free COVID-19 testing to Dover Housing Authority seniors and residents with disabilities

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas today announces the availability of COVID-19 testing for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities who reside at the Dover Housing Authority. Testing is voluntary and free of charge. Testing sites will include Waldron and Central Towers, St. John's, Niles, Union Court and Edgar Bois Terrace residential communities. Testing will occur by appointment on July 20 and 21. Appointments can be made by calling Cathryn Conway-Dorr at 742-5804 ext.144.



"We care about our residents and we want them to be safe

during these challenging times," said Allan Krans, Executive Director of the DHA.

The Dover Housing Authority serves 877 households per month with a federal rent subsidy. Rent paid by residents is based on 30 percent of household income. The mission of the DHA is "Opening Doors to Opportunities".

"Access to testing is one of the most powerful tools we can utilize in our efforts to remain safe against the COVID-19 virus," adds Chief Haas. "With a high level of support from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover Fire & Rescue's testing team is committed to protecting our most vulnerable populations. We are proud to partner with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and the Dover Housing Authority to provide access to testing for this high-risk population."



Local restaurants offer outdoor dining, limited indoor dining

Under reopening guidance from the state, restaurants are allowed to offer outdoor dining if an area can be set up safely and with the coordination and approval from the City. After seeking permits to open and working with city officials, including the Office of Economic Development and Inspection Services, many local restaurants have been approved for outdoor dining. Some locations are using existing decks or outdoor dining space, while others have been authorized to



use adjacent parking areas. The city has provided temporary traffic barriers where needed.

All applications for a temporary outdoor dining permit are reviewed by Inspections Services, Dover Police, Dover Fire and Rescue and Community Services. The permits are provided at no cost to the restaurants.

Restaurants approved for outdoor dining are:

- **The Nook**
- **Strafford Farms**
- **Newick's Lobster House**
- **Thompson's Tavern**
- **The Farm**
- **Patty B's**
- **Weathervane**
- **Sonny's Tavern**
- **Chapel & Main**
- **Silver Fountain Inn**
- **2 Home Cooks**
- **Stalk**
- **Adelle's Coffeehouse**
- **Flight Coffee**
- **Harvey's Coffee Shop**
- **Castaways Boathouse**
- **Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443**
- **Garrison City Beerworks**
- **Blue Latitudes**
- **Panera Bread**
- **Earth's Harvest**
- **Lickee's and Chewy's**
- **Roost**
- **Five Guys**
- **Margarita's**
- **Roger's Pizza**
- **Cara's Irish Pub**
- **Dover Brickhouse**
- **Ember**
- **99 Restaurant**
- **Slow Burn Lounge**
- **Far Out Diner**
- **Empty Pint**
- **Dover Natural Foods**
- **Cochecho Country Club**
- **La Festa Brick and Brew**
- **Wing-Itz**
- **Thirsty Moose Taphouse**

City staff will continue to process applications and work with restaurants seeking a temporary permit for outdoor dining.

State requirements for outdoor dining require that these areas be cleaned and disinfected, as appropriate, and that outdoor space be clearly delineated and distanced from

people walking by. The complete guidelines can be viewed here: <https://go.usa.gov/xvsQE>.

Restaurants seeking to offer outdoor dining must complete an application for temporary outdoor seating. The application can be downloaded on the City's Inspection Services web page, or directly here: <https://go.usa.gov/xvsQU>.

Restaurants in Dover are able to open for indoor dining at 50 percent capacity, according to revised guidelines released by the state. Under the guidelines, restaurants are able to open at 50 percent capacity as long as dining parties can be seated 6 feet apart. Staff must continue to wear masks for both indoor and outdoor dining.

Dover health officials will conduct spot inspections to help ensure the new guidelines are implemented.

The revised guidelines for the food service industry can be viewed here.

Many restaurants in Dover continue to offer take-out, delivery and curbside pick-up. For an updated list of Dover restaurants open for take-out, curbside pick-up and delivery, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce here: <https://www.dovernh.org/takeout-restaurants>.



Use cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop



symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.



Celebrate the ADA as we countdown to the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26.
www.adaanniversary.org



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 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](#).



July 15, 1675 - William Furber, Anthony Nutter and John Woodman were chosen "to treat and discourse with the selectmen of Portsmouth and of the Isle of Shoals or other meet persons," about "raising money for the relief of those who have suffered either by their estates or services in the present war with the Indians."



July 13, 1776 - It was voted that forty two shillings be given by the town to each of the soldiers enlisted and that shall enlist since the 11th inst. and proceed in the present expedition to Canada not exceeding fifteen or sixteen men, and that the Selectmen hire the money (and pay the same) in the best manner they can immediately on the town's account.



July 16, 1781 - On the petition of Capt. Thomas Young and Capt. James Calef, stating that they had been "ordered by Col. Stephen Evans without loss of time to enlist or draft fourteen able bodied effective men to serve three months if not sooner discharged, wherever the Commander in Chief shall order as soldiers," it was voted "Capt. Young and Capt. Calef be a committee to raise the fourteen men required, and that they give thirty shillings silver money to each man that enlists, which they shall have whether called on to go into service or not, and when they march each man shall receive thirty shillings more like money."



July 12, 1792 - The first newspaper published in Dover, entitled "The Political and Sentimental Repository or Strafford Register," appeared this day.



July 14, 1835 - Plato Waldron, aged about 56, drowned in the Cochecho, near the Landing. Plato was born a slave of Thomas Westbrook Waldron and was probably about the last member of the "peculiar institution" who lived and died in Dover. For many years previous to his death he was janitor of the Courts when in session in the old Court House.

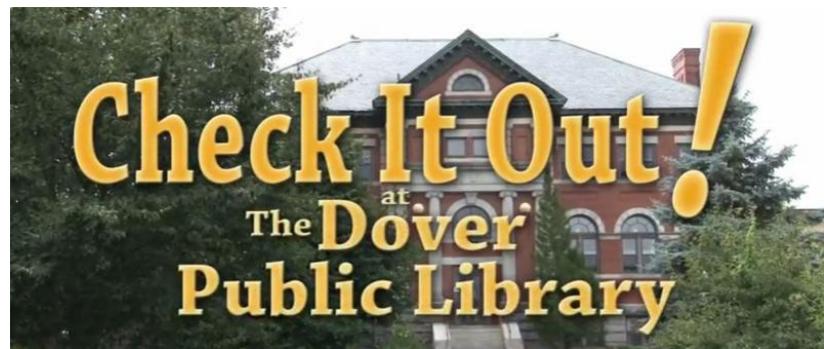
Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its Historic Walking Tours on a limited basis throughout the summer of 2020. There will not be a set schedule; rather, tours will be conducted by request depending on the availability of our volunteer tour guides. The three tours offered include Downtown Walking Tour, Pine Hill Cemetery Tour, and Historic Homes Architectural Tour.

Group size will be limited to no more than 10 and participants will be required to wear masks. Participants will also be encouraged to bring their own water, wear comfortable shoes, and wear a head covering. Tours run about 90 minutes long.

To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email info@dovernh.org. The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or info@dovernh.org.



Summer reading at the Dover Public Library

Green and White, Reading Unites! is under way and will continue through Friday, July 31. In an effort to bring the community together during this challenging time, we will set one goal for readers of all ages. Can kids, teens, and adults altogether read 3,000 books during the eight-week summer reading program? Watch the progress on the book tracker on the front lawn of the library. At the end of the program when the goal is met (we know you can do it!) everyone who participated will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win one of many gift cards. All prizes will be from Dover businesses in order to support our city.

Our summer reading program for 2020 will look different from past years, but will still include books, crafts, activities, and prizes. Each week during the program, families can take home a "Summer Fun Bag" which will include a craft, a STEM activity, and some small toys. The first bag will also include a "Writing Box" for families to use throughout the program. Each week a new "Write About It" challenge will be offered.

There will be virtual storytimes, book groups, and other online activities to engage patrons of all ages.

To join in the challenge, go to our website library.dover.nh.gov and register for the program.

For more information, email p.falconer@dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6052.

This Week at the Library

Tuesday, July 7 through Tuesday, July 13, All Day **Weekly Teen Tiktok Challenge**

Are you a teen Tiktok wizard? Show us your skills in our fifth weekly Teen Tiktok Challenge of the summer! This week's pick is #albumcoverchallenge - show us how you recreated a favorite album cover and what it reminds you of, then tag us on Tiktok using @doverpubliclibrary or #doverpubliclibraryteens, or send your videos to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov

Sunday, July 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan Bolduc! The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. **Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the log-in information.**

Monday, July 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Read to a Librarian

You can choose what works best for your child, phone or computer and schedule reading time for your child to keep practicing their reading skills this summer! You can pick from any title we have on Hoopla so a librarian can read along with them easily. **Please register for this program and you will get a specific time slot.**

Monday, July 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Jackbox Game Night for Teens

Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join us for a fun virtual game night featuring Jackbox Games! Participants will need to have simultaneous access to a computer and a smart phone or tablet in order to participate. We'll try out games such as Lie Swatter, Push the Button, and Trivia Murder Party. Jackbox Games are rated T for Teen. **Registrants will receive an e-mail with a link to the RingCentral meeting 30 minutes before the program starts.**

Monday, July 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting VIRTUAL Meetup

Join up with fellow knitters and crocheters this summer to keep you motivated to finish your projects! We will be using Ring Central for this virtual meetup. Have your Works-In-

Progress and Finished Objects handy for a Fiber-y Fun Virtual Show-n-Tell! **After you register you will receive a link 1 hour prior to the meeting.**

Thursday, July 16, 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Zoom VIRTUAL Class

Zoom is a very popular way to connect with people online. Try out Zoom with us and learn about some of its features. You can ask any questions that you have. Get comfortable with Zoom - don't miss out on the virtual connections that are so popular today. You will need a computer, tablet, or phone to practice Zooming. [Download these instructions](#) on how to join a Zoom meeting. Before the time of the meeting, please try to join the meeting. This will let you try the installation process. When you complete the installation, it will just tell you that the meeting hasn't started yet and you will know that you have succeeded. If you have trouble with the installation process, please email Peggy at p.thrasher@dover.nh.gov or call her at 603-516-6050. **Please register for this program to receive the Zoom meeting link.**



Host families needed to help students attend Dover High School

Dover High School has one opening for an exchange student this coming school year. The following exchange students are seeking host families:

Ryosuke, from Japan, will be in grade 11 this coming year. Some of his interests are handball, reading, baseball, and playing the bass guitar.

Serna, from Italy, is a Christian who likes skiing, choir, gym, volleyball, and playing the guitar.

Students stay with their host families for the school year, have their own spending money and insurance, follow family rules, do chores, and participate in school and family activities.

Either one of these students would be happy to attend Dover High School this coming school year. Please email Ginger Smith at grandmaginger15@gmail.com if interested.

CITY OF DOVER  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, development and construction project updates, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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:

- **Director of Public Welfare**
- **Environmental Projects Manager**
- **Parking maintenance specialist**
- **Police officer**
- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Deputy City Attorney**
- **Librarian I**
- **Media Services Technician**
- **Seasonal maintenance worker**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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