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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Founding Fathers return to Dover (virtually) to read the Declaration of Independence

The COVID-19 pandemic has postponed or cancelled many events this summer, including the annual fireworks display in downtown Dover and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the nation's Founding Fathers, as performed by the Garrison Players.

Although the popular reading of the Declaration of Independence won't return live to the steps of City Hall until next year, Mayor Robert Carrier will host a repeat screening

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

City Council, July 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 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](#).

on Channel 22 of a previous reading. The special rebroadcast will air on Saturday, July 4, at 9 a.m. on Channel 22 and will stream live on the [city's website here](#) and on Facebook. Encore presentations can be seen throughout the day on Channel 22.

"Many of us, including myself, look forward to this event each year," Carrier said. "Even though the event was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, I wanted to share a special rebroadcast of the reading of the Declaration of Independence to honor the brave men and women who helped forge our nation and secure its independence."

This year's presentation also includes a reading of the essay, "The Signers: Who and How," written by Glenn Grasso and read by Don Briand.

The Garrison Players Arts Center has organized the reading of the Declaration of the Independence, which was started by former Mayor Wil Boc, for nearly 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.

Celebrate 4th of July safely

Police Chief William Breault and Fire Chief Paul Haas 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.

With professional fireworks displays cancelled due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic in many communities, including Dover, officials are reminding people that consumer fireworks are dangerous.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks started an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused five deaths, 46 civilian



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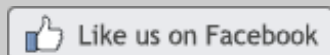
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City Hall hours:

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



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injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage.

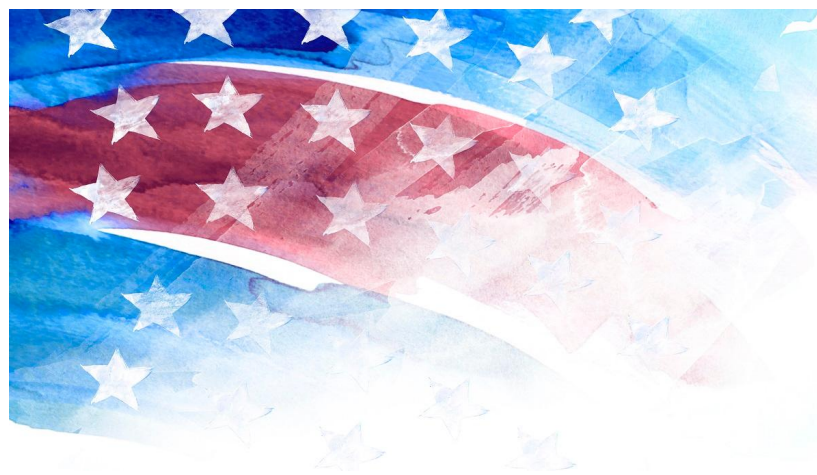
In 2018, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks related injuries; half of those injuries were to the extremities and 34 percent were to the eye or other parts of the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for more than one-third (36 percent) of the 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 516-6148.



Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, are closed today, Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Public Library is closed today, Friday, July 3. The Library is currently operating on limited hours and is closed on weekends.

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

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

Inspection Services, located at the Liberty North End Fire Station, is closed today, Friday, July 3. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road is closed on Saturday, July 4.

Trash and recycling pick-up is not affected this week by the holiday.

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays.

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 Outdoor Pool remains closed at this time.

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.

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

Beginning Monday, July 6, city staff will resume 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.

Also on July 6, the Assessing Office will resume 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 on June 1.

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](#).

Property tax relief? Financial hardship?
Food assistance? Business aid?
Unemployment?

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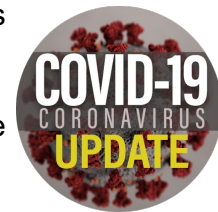


State ends prohibition on evictions

Assistance available through
Dover'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.



Applications for the program will be accepted from July 6 to July 17.

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

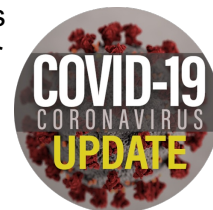
- Westgate Apartments, 9:30 a.m.
- Woodman Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Strafford Farms, 10 a.m.
- Belknap Street, 10 a.m.
- Dover High School, 10 a.m.
- White Cliffs, 10:30 a.m.
- Rutland Manor, 10:30 a.m.
- Lilac Gardens, 11:45 a.m.
- Redden Gardens, 11:45 a.m.

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

For more information, email dovergrabandgo@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 8 and 9, and 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>.



Take a virtual stroll for this month's Dover Art Walk

Dover Art Walk, held the first Friday of each month, remains digital for its next event, tonight, Friday, July 3.

July's virtual Art Walk will feature an interactive, live Zoom session with artists and musicians from 4-5 p.m. Support your local artists by tuning in and inspiring one another during these difficult times.

For more information, visit doverartwalk.com.

Eversource plans maintenance work in Dover beginning next week

Eversource will begin maintenance work next week on a transmission line between Perkins Road in Madbury and McKone Lane in Dover. Eversource's contractor, PAR Electric, will replace structure hardware, including lightning arrestors, on select, existing structures. PAR will access the structures by either bucket truck or poles. Helicopter work may be needed if crews are unable to access the structures.

Work in Dover will occur at the following locations:

- Durham Road
- Meserve Road
- Drew Road
- Linda Avenue
- Garrison Road
- Finch Lane
- Dover Point Road
- Thornwood Lane
- Middle Road
- Back Road
- McKone Lane

Work activities will occur Monday through Friday, and Saturdays as necessary. The schedule may change due to weather and other unexpected circumstances. The work is expected to be completed, including final restoration of disturbed areas, by December 2020.

Crews will be adhering to the current Eversource COVID-19 Precautions Guidelines for the safety of employees and customers.

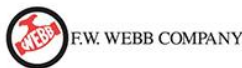
For more information about this project, call 1-888-926-5334 or email NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com.

Thanks for playing Dover Trivia

Congratulations to Tim B. (\$100 gift card to Philbrick's) and Jen B. (\$100 gift card to Sweet Meadows Flower Shop) who were the final winners of Dover Trivia.

Thank you to those who participated and helped to share the word over the last four weeks to make it a fun and interactive economic relief effort.

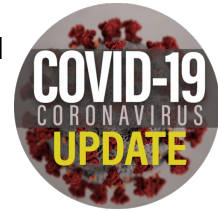
The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce wants to thank their sponsors: Profile Bank, The Rotary Club of Dover, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, and F.W. Webb Company.





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->



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

Dover School District seeks parent input

In a recent letter to parents, Dover Schools Superintendent William Harbron said he is asking parents to provide feedback to the school district via an online survey as officials prepare for the 2020-2021 school year.

"With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District is confronted with a different planning scenario verses the typical summer planning and coordination," Harbron said. "The "new normal" has resulted in different and challenging way of thinking and planning. In order to allow for ample planning time, the District has been involved in the planning process since late April, with planning ongoing. The District is interested in your observations and feedback on the spring emergency remote learning as well as your insights pertaining to the planning for the new school year. Your input is needed."

In addition to work by staff to prepare for the next school year, Harbron said the district is awaiting additional state guidance in July and the results from several focus groups, including New Hampshire Listens and the Greater School Partnership.

Harbron said the survey is another important source of feedback that will help Dover's educators prepare for the coming school year.

The survey closes on Friday, July 10. To access the survey, [click here](#).

For more information, visit <https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/>.



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 6, 1690 - Two companies under the Captains Floyd and Wiswall, who were scouting, discovered an Indian track, which they pursued till they came up with the enemy at Wheelwright's Pond, in Lee (then a part of Dover), where a bloody engagement ensued for some hours; in which Wiswall, his lieutenant, Flagg, and Sergeant Walker, with twelve more, were killed, and several wounded. It was not known how many of the enemy fell, as they always carried off their dead. Floyd maintained the fight after Wiswall's death, till his men, fatigued and wounded, drew off; which obliged him to follow. The enemy retreated at the same time; for when Captain Convers went to look after the wounded, he found seven alive, whom he brought in by sunrise the next morning, and then returned to bury the dead.



July 5, 1792 - "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."

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

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July 9, 1860 - Died, Captain Moses Paul, aged 63. He was Agent of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. for nearly 30 years, and had been connected with the manufacturing business from its first introduction into the place. During this long period, the affairs of the Company were conducted by him with an energy and success which secured the approbation of its stockholders, while the care and attention which he ever bestowed upon the many thousands in its employ won for him their respect and esteem. Few manufacturing establishments in the country have been managed with more success, and in none has a better feeling more uniformly prevailed between the employers and the employed. Liberal and public spirited as a citizen - ever ready with his counsel and his means to advance the welfare of the community - the city of Dover owes much of its prosperity and many of its public improvements to his open hand and generous heart. Few men have enjoyed more deservedly a larger measure of the respect of their fellow citizens, and the death of none will be more deeply and generally regretted. (Dover Enquirer)



Woodman Museum to hold dedication ceremony July 8 for John Parker Hale historic marker

The Woodman Museum will hold a dedication ceremony for a new State of New Hampshire Historic Marker, honoring Dover's Sen. John Parker Hale, on Wednesday, July 8, at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held in front of the John Parker Hale House on the Woodman Museum campus, 182 Central Ave., Dover. The new historic marker is sponsored by the Woodman Museum.

Sen. John Parker Hale served as a lawyer and the a town moderator for Dover, a representative in the state Legislature, and the attorney for the district of NH at various times until his election to the House of Representatives in 1843. It was here

that Hale would begin to make a name for himself as a staunch abolitionist. His views would cost him his seat in the House and his place in the Democratic Party after he was the only Democrat to vote against the annexation of the slave-state of Texas. On March 4, 1847, Hale would be elected into the U.S. Senate as an independent Democrat.

Sen. Hale continued his battle against slavery throughout his appointment with such acts as introducing a resolution in 1848 that would have abolished slavery in Washington D.C. He would return to his former career as a lawyer to represent four men who were caught freeing a fugitive slave by the name of Frederick Wilkins imprisoned in Boston.

Later in 1852, Sen. Hale would lose his seat in the senate, but not before he was nominated as the presidential candidate for the abolitionist Free-Soil Party. He would run as a third-party candidate and lose against our 14th President and only President from New Hampshire, Franklin Peirce. Following this, Hale would move to New York City and again serve as a lawyer.

His best-known case would be in 1854, where he represented four abolitionist who obstructed the execution of fugitive slave Anthony Burns. Hale would return to the Senate, this time as a Republican, in 1855; again, continuing his fight against slavery as he argued against the existence of the institution in Kansas following the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854. Ten years later, Hale would be appointed by President Abraham Lincoln as the minister to Spain; one of the last appointments made by President Lincoln before his assassination.

Hale would serve this appointment for four years until he returned home to Dover, NH in 1870. His health would deteriorate after he returned home. Shortly after returning, he suffered a stroke. For the next three years, Hale's health would fluctuate. In July on 1873, Hale would fall and break and dislocate his right leg at the hip. The injury would lead to his death on Nov. 19, 1873. Hale is buried right down the road at Pine Hill Cemetery.

The Woodman Museum, in historic Dover, is considered one of New England's finest early 20th century style museums featuring natural History, local history, and art exhibits.

For more information on the Woodman Museum please visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

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

Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 6, All Day

Weekly Teen Tikok Challenge

Are you a teen TikTok wizard? Show us your skills in our fourth weekly Teen TikTok Challenge of the summer! This week's pick is #realifeathome - show us what it's really been like while quarantining at home, then tag us on TikTok using @doverpubliclibrary or #doverpubliclibraryteens, or send your videos to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov

Friday, July 3, Closed

Observance of Independence Day

Monday, July 6, 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.**

Thursday, July 9, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Zoom with Dungeon Master Griffin! The group will meet every other Thursday 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 login information.**



State's Indoor Smoking Act amended to restrict vaping in public spaces

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), announces updated administrative rules related to the Indoor Smoking Act. The rules were amended as a result of legislative changes to include the use of e-cigarettes and devices in the Indoor Smoking Act's definition of smoking.

"Tobacco use is a risk factor for many different diseases, including heart disease, stroke, lung disease, and various types of cancers," said Dr. Sai Cherala, DPHS Bureau Chief of Population Health and Community Services. "It also puts people at higher risk for complications of COVID-19 because the disease creates negative outcomes for people with

compromised respiratory symptoms. About 16% of adults in New Hampshire report use of tobacco products and one of the things users of tobacco can do to improve their health is to quit."

The DHHS Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program can help people stop using tobacco and, help workplaces implement changes to be in compliance with the Indoor Smoking Act.

House Bill 511, which became law in 2019, modified the definition for "smoking" in NH Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 155:65;XV, of the Indoor Smoking Act. Under the new law, smoking is defined as having a lit cigarette, pipe, or any device designed to produce the effect of smoking, including devices as defined in RSA 126-K:2, II-a. Devices may include, but are not limited to, hookahs, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, e-hookahs, and vape pens.

The Indoor Smoking Act clarifies that all tobacco products are prohibited in enclosed workplaces and enclosed places accessible to the public. Specific businesses that might be impacted by the change include restaurants, bars, and vape shops.

The updated rules allow communities across the state to strengthen their efforts to regulate e-cigarette/vaping devices in public places. For more information, contact the NH Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program at TPCP@dhhs.nh.gov or (603) 271-6891.

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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:

- **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.

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