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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 8, 2022



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Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

City Hall
hours:

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

p.m.

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4



Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series kicks off tonight at Henry Law Park

Events continue throughout the week

The 36th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the

p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

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

festival's signature series, opens tonight, Friday, July 8, with Compaq Big Band, sponsored by Dover Emergency Room. Compaq Big Band features a 20-piece band with a repertoire that honors the classics right up through the hottest bands of today. The Rotary Arts Pavilion will be swinging beginning at 6:30 p.m. For the latest updates, visit www.dovernh.org/CAF.

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Tuesday, July 12, 12 p.m.: Wildlife Encounters**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital/Mass General Brigham;
- **Wednesday, July 13, 3:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series**, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Ave.), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- **Wednesday, July 13, 6 p.m.: Francoix Simard**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments & Cowork.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.dovernh.org/CAF or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.



Council to hold public hearings on City Hall clock tower restoration, wetland permit

At its regular meeting on July 13, the City Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to fund the restoration of the City Hall clock tower, followed by a vote to authorize the expenditure.

The resolution would award the bid for the work to Careno Construction Company of Portsmouth for a cost not to exceed \$576,000. The bid total includes the removal of the former communication tower atop City Hall and new copper sheeting for the clock tower dome.

The City Council is also set to authorize the expenditure of \$158,586.72 to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund, which the NHDES requires for the city to obtain the wetlands permit needed to move forward with the waterfront development on River Street. Per state law, mitigation is required for impacts to wetlands, river banks and tidal buffer zones, according to the resolution. In June, the NHDES notified the city

that it would approve its wetlands permit, subject to the 30-day appeal period, the Governor and Executive Council's approval, and the mitigation fund's payment.

Also on the agenda are resolutions to authorize:

- The expenditure of \$35,940 to paint the Dover 400 logo at 23 crosswalks in the downtown area ahead of the city's 400th anniversary next year;
- An additional scope of work for Geolnsight, Inc., of Londonderry, for \$36,200, related to the dredge cell closure;
- The expenditure of \$299,900 to Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth for engineering services for the wastewater treatment plan's secondary clarifier; and
- The city to apply, accept and expend grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for bulletproof vests for the Police Department. The \$3,375 grant requires a 50% match funded through the police operating budget.

The agenda and materials are [available here](#). The meeting will replay on Channel 22 and be available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

City anticipates delivery of fluoride next week, allowing it to be added again to public drinking water

Supplies had been exhausted due to nationwide shortage

The City of Dover expects to soon resume adding sodium fluoride to its public drinking water system. Community Services received notice today, Friday, July 8, that a pending shipment is anticipated to arrive late next week.

Last week, the City of Dover announced that its supply of sodium fluoride had been exhausted and would temporarily not be adding it to the public drinking water. The City of Dover public water system also includes some Madbury, Rollinsford and Somersworth customers.

Community Services, which oversees Dover's drinking water supply, has been unable to obtain a resupply of sodium fluoride since April due to a nationwide shortage. In recent years, sodium fluoride has only been available through foreign vendors, and the city has been unable to find a domestic supplier.

When available, Community Services will again target its fluoride concentration level to 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in the water system, as state and federal guidelines recommend.

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

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



Dover receives \$5.2 million grant for new water treatment facility

Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 awarded this week will help Dover with the construction of a new, state-of-the-art water treatment facility.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announced Thursday that Gov. Chris Sununu and the Executive Council, at recent meetings, have approved multiple projects, in a combination of grant and loan funds, for needed drinking water and wastewater system improvements, totaling more than \$7.2 million. NHDES provided the funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). NHDES has offered over \$100 million in funding for more than 200 projects, which are in the process of finalizing their proposals to NHDES for submission to the Governor and Executive Council for approval.

Dover will receive a \$5,188,000 ARPA grant, which is administered through the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Remediation Grant and Loan Fund (PFAS RLF), to assist with the construction of a new treatment facility to remediate PFAS, as well as other contaminants, within groundwater at the Pudding Hill well field. The project includes design, bidding, construction and engineering oversight of the construction.

"On behalf of the City of Dover, we are extremely grateful for the funding assistance provided through the ARPA Grant," said Director of Community Services John Storer. "The funds will help us complete a state-of-the-art water treatment plant to provide continued safe and reliable water to our customers, and it will enable the project to be completed at virtually no cost to system ratepayers. The staff at DES have been collaborative partners in helping the City advance this project."

In November 2021, the City Council authorized a \$13,297,910 contract to construct the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility, capable of removing contaminants from the drinking water.

In 2019, the City of Dover voluntarily took three wells at the Pudding Hill aquifer offline when separate monitoring wells detected plumes of PFAS contaminants. No PFAS were found in the drinking water pumped from the wells; however, ongoing use of the aquifer could draw PFAS, known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, into the aquifer before a water treatment facility could be built. PFAS seeped into the ground from the former auto recycling plant off Knox Marsh Road that Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. now owns. The City Council last year approved a settlement and funding agreement between the city and New England Metal Recycling, LLC., which provides \$11 million for the construction, engineering, and operational maintenance of a water treatment plant designed to remove contaminants from the drinking water, allowing the City of Dover to utilize the Pudding Hill aquifer again. The Council also approved an agreement with NEMR parent company Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., as the third-party guarantor of the funding and settlement agreement.

The new water treatment plant, which will be located off Stonewall Drive, is anticipated to be

operational within two years.

The Pudding Hill aquifer, when in operation, provides a significant amount of the city's drinking water.

ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. The Act defines eligible uses of the state and local funding, including responding to public health emergencies, responding to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 emergency, providing revenue relief to states and making investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

How to pitch in during Plastic Pollution Reduction Month

On June 22, 2022 Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council proclaimed July 2022 to be Plastic Pollution Reduction Month. In striving to be a leader in sustainability, the City of Dover encourages all citizens and businesses to reduce their plastic consumption and waste, and to choose more sustainable alternatives. Together, the community can reduce the negative impacts of plastic, as well as join an international effort to reduce pollution and health risks related to plastic.

Want to know how you can help? The Dover Plastic Reduction Group is providing weekly tips for Plastic Pollution Reduction Month:



Action of the Week:

Going out to eat? Bring your own
“Doggie Bag!”

If you often take home extras from a restaurant, bring reusable containers from home. Carry containers in a cloth grocery bag.

This reduces waste from plastic containers and saves you money on city trash bags.

Have trouble remembering?

Keep a bag in the car! **Choose to refuse**

Styrofoam and other single-use plastic containers and kick the plastic habit.



(The Dover Plastic Reduction Group)

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The logo features the word "Dover" in a large, blue, serif font. The letter "D" is stylized to include a blue line drawing of a historic building. Below "Dover" is the word "RESTAURANT WEEK" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. Above "Dover" is the text "July 10th - 24th • 2022" in an orange, sans-serif font. Between the "D" and the "o" in "Dover" is a blue icon of a fork, a plate, and a knife.

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Dover Main Street expands Restaurant Week

Dover Main Street's 2022 Dover Restaurant Weeks is the perfect time to venture out and enjoy what Dover restaurants have to offer. With over 70 restaurants in Dover, Main Street has expanded Restaurant Week to two weeks.

Dover Restaurant Weeks will run from July 10 to 24, during which time Dover Main Street will give out over \$1,000 in gift cards daily, along with a grand prize of \$250 in restaurant gift certificates to be announced on July 24.

Each day, Dover Main Street will hold drawings and award individuals who engage with the event's social media posts by sharing their "dining-out" experiences. Be sure to follow Dover Main Street on Facebook to get instant updates throughout Dover Restaurant Weeks.

Not a follower of social media? Listen to WTSN with Mike Pomp weekdays, between July 8 and 23, for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to one of Dover's fabulous eateries.

To learn more about Dover Main Street's mission, visit www.dovermainstreet.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, July 11, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, July 11, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell

School Board to meet Monday, July 11

The Dover School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 11.

Agenda items include:

- Resignations and retirements;
- Nominations for administrative assistances, paraprofessionals, teachers and coaches for fall sports; and
- Reviewing and approving job descriptions for four positions.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda and materials. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center. The meeting will replay on Channel 22 and be available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

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

Arts Commission, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, July 11, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, July 13, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Municipal Records Committee, July 14, 1 p.m.

The Municipal Records Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m., at City Hall, Council Conference Room.

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

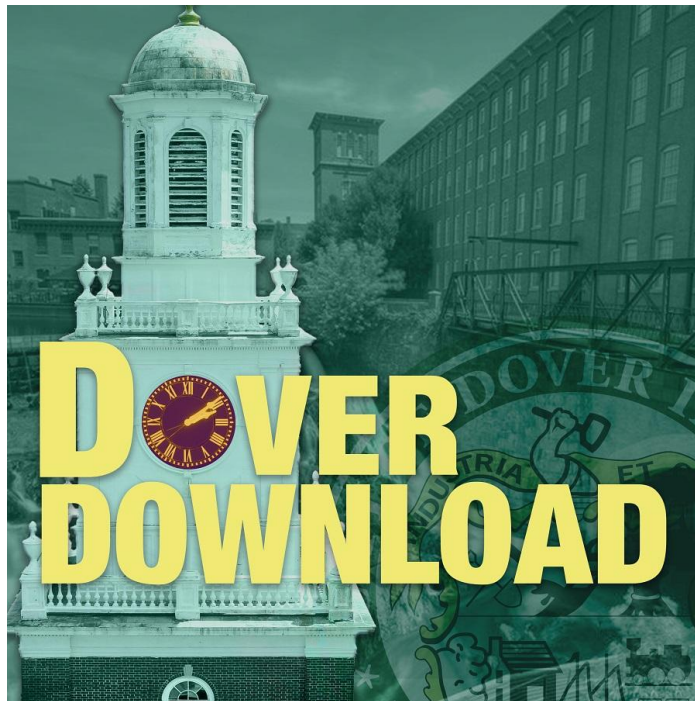
Joint Building Committee-Dover High School, July 14, 4:30 p.m.



**Missed the meeting?
Catch it again online**

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

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



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

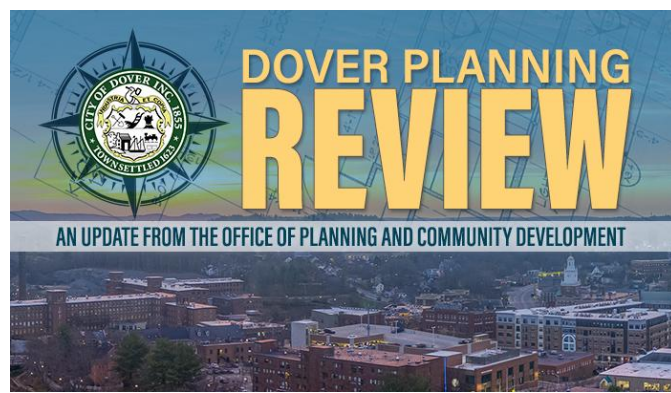
In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past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

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

The Joint Building Committee-Dover High School will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Library at Dover High School.

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

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



Weekly newsletter offers closer look at planning and community development

Want to keep up on upcoming planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover?

Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.



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

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

July 13, 1776 — It was voted that 42 shillings be given by the town to each of the soldiers enlisted and that they shall proceed in the present expedition to Canada, not exceeding 15 or 16 men, and that the Selectmen pay the money in the best manner they can from the town's account.

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

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 to Dover. 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)

July 9, 1910 — On this day, one of Dover's fraternal orders, the St. Paul Commandery of the Knights Templar, marched with a band to Pine Hill Cemetery to perform the decennial

decoration of the graves of dead knights. The ceremony also included a memorial service over the grave of Moses Paul, the first commander of the Dover order, who had died 50 years earlier. About 50 knights and a large crowd of onlookers attended the ceremony, which also included a memorial address by Dr. Lewis Flanders. Flowers were placed on the graves of 138 knights.

July 8, 1998 — The City Council on this day recognized Dover's 375th Anniversary Committee. The committee had spent a year planning the events and festivities that were celebrated the weekend before the Council's July 8, 1998 meeting. The group worked to secure funding and volunteers, staged the festival, and helped increase awareness of the city's heritage and history, then Mayor Wil Boc said as part of a proclamation. Sam Allen, chairman of the committee, accepted the proclamation, and presented the city with a separate proclamation designating July 3-5, 1998 as Dover's 375th Anniversary, signed by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen. He gave a second copy of the proclamation to Thom Hindle, to be preserved by the Woodman Institute Museum. "When you start out in an endeavor like this, you never know how it's going to end up," Allen said, who added the committee's goal was to get people to reflect on what is unique about the city. "We went out trying to plan activities that would cause that to happen. And we accomplished that beyond my wildest expectations." Allen now serves on Dover400, the committee charged with planning for Dover's 400th anniversary in 2023.

Next Dover Historic Walking Tour is July 23

The next Dover Historic Walking Tour will take place on Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m. Former Dover Public Library Director Cathy Beaudoin will serve as the guide, which will explore a variety of historical aspects of downtown Dover and will take roughly 90 minutes to complete. The tour costs \$10 and will begin at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, located at 550 Central Avenue in Dover.

There will also be tours on August 20 and September 17. To register for one of the Historic Walking Tours, visit www.dovernh.org/historic-walking-tours.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic wellbeing of its members and the community. For details on Chamber membership, a schedule of activities, and information on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.



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

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

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

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

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

The Week at the Library

July VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *New England Farmgirl* by Jessica Robinson.

Throughout the month of July, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, July 11, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Summer Family Storytime

Join us on the lawn for a fun-filled Storytime for kids of all ages with an adult. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and activities.

**Monday, July 11, 6 to 8:15 p.m.
Interactive Jaws: Teen Movie Night**
Join us as we shout, sing, and snack along with the classic movie Jaws! This program is for teens entering grades 6-12. For questions about this program, please contact Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov.

**Tuesday, July 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Tuesday, July 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Interactive Moana Movie**
Attention Moana fans! Join us for an

science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *The Ungrateful Refugee* by Dina Nayeri. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla.

Wednesday, July 13, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summer Lego Club

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

**Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
From Sails to Atoms: A History of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**
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Thursday, July 14, 2 to 3 p.m. Mad Science

Young innovators! Mad Science welcomes you to a one-hour whirlwind of experiments inspired by some of the ever-growing fields of STEAM! We'll use Biochemistry to make our gooey, neon green alginate "WORMS" and learn how similar polymers are used to clean up oil spills. We'll launch a rocket with the power of combustion and have a dance party with ALPHA!! Our Robot pal! There is an ocean of possibilities within the wide world of STEAM, and there are no limits to what our curious and creative minds can produce!

**Friday, July 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**
This program is for babies and toddlers-2

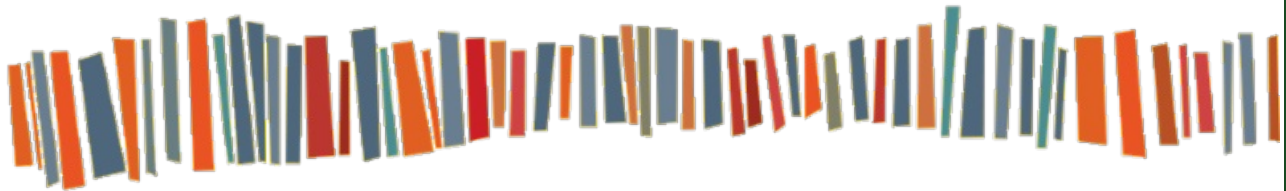
interactive movie experience with scripts, prompts and props! All supplies will be provided to play along. Audience participation needed and encouraged! This family event will be in the lecture hall.

Registration required.

Wednesday, July 13, 10 to 11 a.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
Dover Public Library's new book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history,

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

Friday, July 15, 3 to 4 p.m.
Crafternoon: Pool Noodle Crafts
Families are invited to join us in the lecture hall to make and take ocean creatures made from pool noodles.



Sign-ups for Dover Recreation's additional summer swim lessons begin Monday

The Dover Recreation Department's next series of summer swim sessions will run from July 25 to Aug. 4 and Aug. 8 to Aug. 18. The swim lessons are open to children six months and older.

The two-week sessions are held daily from Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$60 for Dover residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Registration for Dover residents begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 11; for non-residents, registration starts at 8 a.m. Monday, July 18. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations must be completed online at getactive.dover.nh.gov. Dover Recreation advises new users to set up an online account at least 24 hours before registration opens.

More summer swim lessons will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information on swim level descriptions and lesson times, visit the Dover Indoor Pool webpage at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/%20> or call 603-516-6441.

Still time to join Dover Senior Center for trip to 'Casablanca By The Sea'

Join the Dover Community Senior Center on the "Casablanca By The Sea" day trip to Portland, Maine on Tuesday, July 12.

The trip features Portland's Island/Seal Harbor Cruise, visiting the Old Port, and a luncheon at the Bull & Claw.

The tour cost is \$125 for members and \$135 for everyone else. The price includes transportation.

For more information, call Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6437.

Assistance programs available ahead of

electricity rate increase in August

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

The rate increase, [approved by the PUC on June 23](#), affects residential and business customers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Payment assistance programs

Eversource also offers payment programs, including:

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

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

Electricity assistance program

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

Potential legislative relief

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

million to provide low-income families financial assistance to keep cool during the summer.

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

City schedules neighborhood meetings in advance of road reconstruction projects

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

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

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

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

Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction Project

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

The city has contracted with Wright-Peirce of Portsmouth to design the project, which began work last summer. As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and businesses prepare for construction disruptions. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a project webpage located at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/court-street-union-street-reconstruction-project/>

Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction Project

Community Services will host a neighborhood meeting for this project on Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at Community Services' public works facility at 271 Mast Road.

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

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



Woodman Museum hosts The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band

Dover's Woodman Museum will host The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band on Saturday, July 9, 4 to 7 p.m.

The Chickenshack Bluegrass Band is a dynamic bluegrass band with influences from traditional bluegrass, classic rock, country and beyond - with five lead singers and high-octane harmonies.

For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).



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

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

Registration begins at 10 a.m.

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

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

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

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

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



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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets and Stormwater**
- **Maintenance Mechanic - Streets**

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