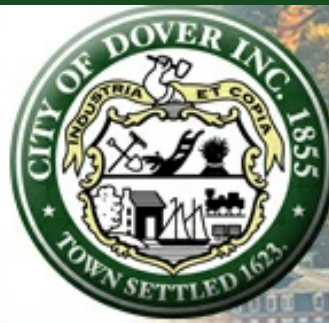


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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Proposed FY2023 budget before Council March 23

Outdoor dining also on agenda

The City Manager will present his proposed fiscal year 2023 budget to the City Council at its Wednesday, March 23 meeting.

The presentation by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., will provide an overview of the proposed budget. At subsequent budget workshops on Wednesday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 6, the City Council will receive in-depth budget presentations for each city department. These workshops are open to the public and televised.

Once presented, the proposed budget will be added to the dedicated FY 2023 Budget Revealed page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2023-budget/>. All budget workshops and department budget presentations will also be added to the page.

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

Budget public hearings to be scheduled

Following Joyal's budget overview, the City Council is expected to schedule two public hearings related to the budget. The first would be on the School Department portion of the budget on Wednesday, April 13. The second would be on the city portion of the budget on Wednesday, April 20. Public input is also welcome during the public forum portion of all budget meetings and workshops.

Outdoor dining on public parking spaces to be considered

Also on the agenda is a proposed ordinance that would create a permit program to allow outdoor dining on public parking spaces, following a recommendation by the Parking Commission on March 15.

Recommendations from the Parking Commission include:

- The initial application for the number of spaces and location shall be made to and approved by the Parking Commission.
- The program would run from April 15 to Oct. 15, allowing minor adjustments to accommodate holidays or weather.
- The fee per space per season is \$1,100 and paid to the Parking Activity Fund.

The complete draft ordinance is included with the City Council [agenda materials](#).

For the past two years, the city utilized the governor's executive order to allow the use of city-owned parking spaces for outdoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution, if adopted, creates a process for extending that option now that the executive order is no longer in effect.

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



Warming Center in Somersworth to close April 1

Services remain available for those in need

The Warming Center of Strafford County will close Friday, April 1, after providing emergency shelter for unhoused residents daily since Nov. 29, 2021. The Warming Center is a partnership of the cities of Rochester, Dover and Somersworth and the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, which oversaw operations.

The Warming Center, located on Willand Drive in Somersworth, has provided services to more than 315 people this year. As of March 14, the Warming Center has served 218 men and 101 women, with an average age of 40. It has also provided emergency shelter for 71 disabled persons and 11 veterans.

Each client of the Warming Center is provided an opportunity to connect with partner agencies to help them receive services such as medical care, mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, veteran support services, public welfare, and social security benefits. CAPSC has helped clients obtain birth certificates and state identification and help complete applications for disability benefits and Medicaid/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). CAPSC has also helped more than 20 clients find permanent and transitional housing options.

Following the Warming Center closure, those in need of services are encouraged to connect with their local welfare office or with the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County. Anyone experiencing a life-threatening emergency, including exposure to extreme weather elements, should immediately contact local police, fire or emergency medical services by phone or visiting the emergency service buildings present in each community.

The mayors of the tri-cities of Rochester, Dover and Somersworth continue to work with Strafford County and CAPSC to implement recommendations of the Tri-City Mayors' Joint Task Force on Homelessness Master Plan adopted in 2019. Current efforts include identifying and offering support to faith-based organizations, treatment providers, and other nonprofit groups delivering services and providing safe respite for the unhoused. Also ongoing is securing state and federal funding for additional transitional housing for the unhoused and efforts to incentivize the development of more affordable and diverse housing options in each community throughout the region.

Available resources

Tri-city welfare departments

- **Rochester:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at City Hall, 31 Wakefield St., 603-332-3505; website: <https://www.rochesternh.net/municipal-welfare-department>.
- **Dover:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., 603-516-6500; website: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/>.
- **Somersworth:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1 Government Way, 603-692-9509; website: <https://www.somersworth.com/welfare-human-services>.

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County Drop-In Center

- Open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 577 Central Ave., 603-534-0731; website: <https://straftordcap.org/>.
- Connect to supportive services, such as obtaining essential documents like a birth certificate, signing up for benefits, applying for jobs and housing, and more.

New Hampshire 211

- Those experiencing homelessness anywhere in the state can call 211 to get connected with available resources.

Waterfront project moves closer to Planning Board review stage

The project to develop the city-owned waterfront land on River Street could seek Planning Board approval in May.

Steve Bird, the city's project manager for the waterfront project, provided an update on the planning review process to the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) at its March 15 meeting.

The developer for the project, Cathartes, had its second Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting on March 10. A third review is scheduled for April. The TRC is comprised of Planning Board and city department representatives who review the technical aspects of a site plan.

If no substantial issues arise from the TRC meeting, the project would be eligible to be heard by the Planning Board on May 24. The Planning Department also intends to bring forward the public improvements portion of the project at that meeting. Public improvements would include streets, utilities and the public parks planned for the development. It would also include a subdivision plan to subdivide the property.

Before the May 24 Planning Board meeting, CWDAC would hold its review of the project on May 17 to ensure the project meets goals set out by CWDAC for the redevelopment of the project.

The city is still waiting on two environmental permits for the project to move ahead. Last week, it received its Alteration of Terrain permit from the Department of Environmental Services, one of the three permits needed.

[Click here](#) to watch the March 15 CWDAC meeting in its entirety.



Dover's Marilla Ricker was outspoken pioneer for women's rights

While growing up on a New Durham farm, Marilla Marks Ricker was raised a "free thinker," a suffragist and a Whig. After a course at Colby Academy in New London, Ricker taught school until her marriage to John Ricker of Dover, a well-to-do farmer, who died in 1868, leaving her a wealthy widow.

But her wealth did not make her idle. Instead, she would leave her mark on society as a woman on many firsts.

In 1870, at age 30, she became the first woman to attempt to vote in New Hampshire, asking for a ballot from the Dover City Clerk. The clerk denied her request. She would continue to pay her taxes under protest as a result.

"No honest man doing a legitimate business need fear a woman's vote," Ricker said. "But some men scare easily."

She went abroad in 1872, spending some years in study in Germany, and thoroughly mastering the German language.

She began the study of law, in Washington, D.C., with Albert G. Riddle and Arthur B. Williams, in 1876, and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in 1882,

taking the examination with 18 men, all of whom she outranked. She practiced in Washington for many years and was known as the "prisoners' friend," from her constant habit of visiting jails and prisons, and applying for releases and pardons, and supplying prisoners with reading matter, writing material and other comforts. Quite early in her legal career she made the test of the "poor convict's act," under which she believed great injustice was done in the fines usually imposed supplementary to confinement, and she succeeded in receiving judgement that the fine was illegal. She was one of the assistant counsellors associated with Col. Robt. G. Ingersoll in the famous "Star Route" cases, during the prolonged hours of the six-month trial.

Her legal work was almost invariably on the side of criminals, for whom she had the broadest charity, and for all the oppressed, spending her means for them freely, and employing counsel when not able to attend the cases herself.

In 1884 she was appointed examiner in chancery by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and also U.S commissioner, in which capacity she heard many cases.

She opened the New Hampshire bar to women in July 1890, when she was admitted to the bar of the state.

In 1891 she was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

She was the first woman to apply for an ambassador post.

In 1910 she announced herself as a candidate for governor of New Hampshire, and by many of her friends it was believed that her candidacy would help the cause of woman suffrage, to which Mrs. Ricker's life had been devoted for over 50 years.

She served as vice-president-at-large of the National Legislative League, as president of the New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association and is a life member of The Woman Suffrage Association. She was an ardent "free thinker," a disciple of Paine and Ingersoll, and she traveled widely and spoke forcefully in advocacy of her principles. She is the author of several "free thought" books, including "The Four Gospels" (1911), "I Don't Know, Do You?" (1915), and "I Am Not Afraid, Are You?" (1917).

Marilla Marks Ricker died in 1920, shortly after the 19th amendment was ratified, which finally granted women the right to vote, something she had been fighting for her entire life.

In 2016, following a fundraising campaign spearheaded by The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association, and thanks to a bill sponsored by Rep. Renny Cushing, a portrait of Marilla Ricker was unveiled at the New Hampshire Statehouse.

Adapted from various sources, including a profile by James T. White & Company, published in 1920

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Aid available for COVID-19 impacted homeowners

Grants available to Dover, state residents for mortgage payments, property taxes and utility bills

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided \$50 million to New Hampshire, funding the New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). The HAF offers aid to eligible residents struggling to pay their mortgage, property taxes, utility bills, and other housing costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The state contracted with the New Hampshire Finance Authority to administer the program.

Eligible homeowners can receive up to \$20,000 assistance for mortgage loan reinstatement for delinquent mortgage payments, and property charges, such as delinquent property taxes, homeowner insurance, and homeowner/condominium association fees/dues. They can also receive up to \$3,000 for utility bills, such as electricity, gas, heating fuel, water, sewer and internet bills.

Cumulative HAF assistance of less than \$5,000 will be given as a grant. For \$5,000 and above, funds will be provided through a two-year non-interest-bearing forgivable grant. The grant is due in full upon sale, cash-out refinance or transfer of ownership within two years of HAF assistance. If these events do not occur, the grant will be forgiven.

Eligibility requirements include New Hampshire property ownership that is the owner's primary residence, coronavirus pandemic-related income reduction or expense increase since Jan. 21, 2020, and income equal to or less than 125% of area median income.

To apply and view a complete list of available assistance and eligibility requirements, go to homehelpnh.org. For application assistance, financial counseling, and other resources, call 800-974-1377 ext. 1014, or visit homesahead.org. For assistance due to immediate threat of foreclosure, tax deed, or sheriff's sale, contact New Hampshire Legal Aid at 603-224-3333 or NHLegalAid.org.

For those seeking emergency rental assistance, visit homehelpnh.org.

More information about this program and many other assistance programs can be found at DoverCares.

2022 State of the City to address business

development in Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual State of the City on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. The event will be held at the McConnell Center cafeteria, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

This year's speakers are Christopher G. Parker, Deputy City Manager: Development and Strategic Initiatives; and Donna Benton, Director of Planning and Community Development.

Topics for this year's program will include:

- General development updates for the City of Dover
- An update on the waterfront development
- How the city's restructuring of city staff will help overall business outreach
- Community Facilities and Utilities Master Plan chapter update

The cost of the event is \$5 for Chamber members and \$15 for all others.

For more information, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/events/details/2022-state-of-the-city-business-development-in-dover-36409>, or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

Upcoming Meetings:

Utilities Commission, March 21, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Pool Advisory Committee, March 21, 7 p.m.


The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave., Dover.

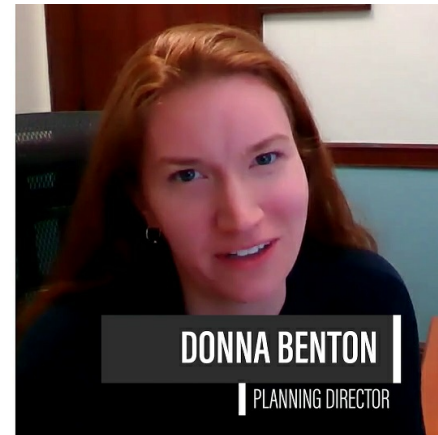
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Housing Authority, March 22, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda,

DOVER PLANNING BOARD - AGENDA	
	Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Meeting Time: 7:00 pm
1. CITIZEN/STAFF PRESENTATION	
2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES	
3. CDD BUSINESS	
a. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 170 (Zoning). The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department & is available online . Second order meeting materials and the Planning Department page.	
4. NEW BUSINESS	
a. Consideration and acceptance of a Minor Lot Line Adjustment for Unit 6, (Owner) Housing Redevelopable, Tract of 2000 and Northern Valley Inc., Assessor's Map 8, Lots 17-19 and 18-21, owned by 12, located at 19 Applebush Drive & 31 Kent Avenue. (022-13)	
b. Consideration and acceptance of a Site Review for Unit 6, (Owner) Housing Redevelopable, Tract of 2000, Assessor's Map 8, Lot 17-19, owned by 12, located at 19 Applebush Drive. Proposed to be built as a new central gas engine station off of Hawthorne Rd. (022-14)	
c. Consideration and acceptance of a Conditional Use Permit for Todd Engers and Kristina Ward, (Owner) Todd Engers and Kristina Ward and the Weymouth Towne Condominiums Association, Assessor's Map 8, Lot 24, owned by 12, located at 19 Applebush Drive. Proposed to be constructed a 750 square foot addition to include an accessory dwelling unit, creating 5,000 square feet of disturbance to the Condominium District. (022-15)	
d. Consideration and vote to schedule the Historic Forum Planning Committee.	
5. STAFF COMMENT	
6. MEMBER COMMENTS	
7. ADJOURNMENT	
<small>*Notice: If the application is accepted for decision, the public hearing will be held the same evening. Note that some hearings will be conducted from a meeting room and some may be postponed. If you are unable to attend the hearing, please contact the Planning Office. Hearings through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Hearings on other days are by appointment only. For more information, please contact the Planning Office at 603-742-2218. The public is encouraged to have comments addressed by meeting. Comments should be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. the day of the meeting and should identify the name and direct address of the person making the comment regarding the comment.</small>	



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 3/22/2022

In a video released this week, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=RpL1Z2MbKZcw>

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

[click here.](#)

Planning Board, March 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, March 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, March 24, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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



Dover Planning Review offers deeper dive into community development

The Dover Planning Review is a publication of the City's Office of Planning and Community Development that offers regular updates on current projects and initiatives throughout the city, as well as updates about the work of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and other land-use boards and commissions. To sign up to receive the newsletter in your inbox, add Dover Planning Review to your current email subscription list here: <http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.



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.

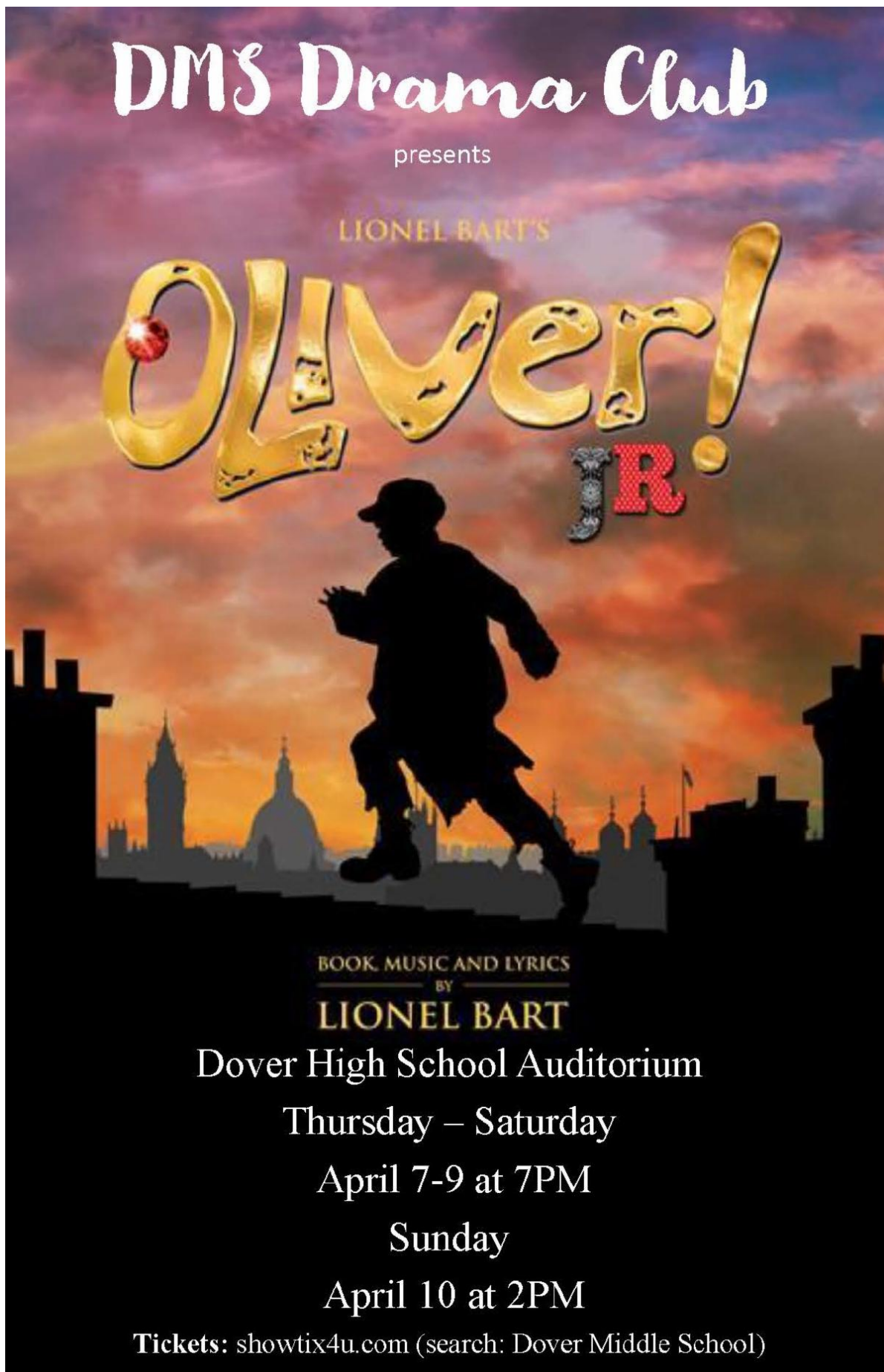
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DMS Drama Club presents 'Oliver' beginning April 7

The Dover Middle School Drama Club will stage a production of 'Oliver' next month.

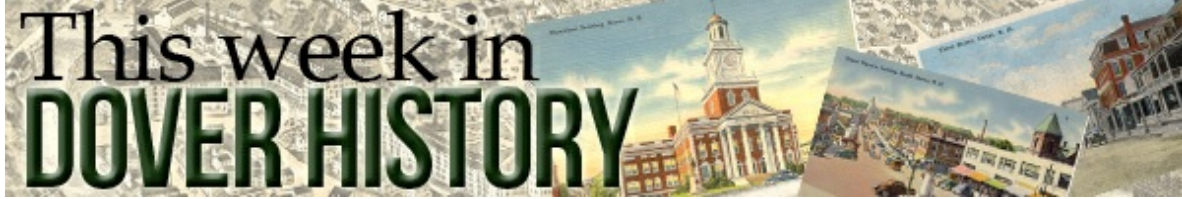
Show dates are Thursday, April 7; Friday, April 8; and Saturday, April 9; at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per child and \$8 per adult, and can be purchased online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/61635>.



The poster features a dramatic sky with orange, yellow, and purple clouds. In the center, a silhouette of a man in a top hat and coat is running towards the right. Below him is a silhouette of a city skyline with various domes and spires. The title "Oliver!" is written in large, golden, stylized letters, with a red gem on the 'O'. Below "Oliver!" is "JR!" in smaller, red, blocky letters. Above the title, it says "LIONEL BART'S" in small, golden letters. Below the title, it says "BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY LIONEL BART" in small, golden letters. At the bottom, the venue and dates are listed in white text.

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Dover High School Auditorium
Thursday – Saturday
April 7-9 at 7PM
Sunday
April 10 at 2PM
Tickets: [showtix4u.com](https://www.showtix4u.com) (search: Dover Middle School)



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, settled in 1623 and the oldest European permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

March 22, 1684 — A prodigious tide, rising some feet higher than the observation of the oldest settlers in this place, did great damage to wharves and warehouses in Boston and along the Piscataqua.

March 18, 1779 — The committee on estates of absentees (tories who adhered to the royal cause) having advertised for sale in Dover sundry articles as part of the estate of Gov. John Wentworth, among which were named a large and valuable collection of books, and two fine weather glasses, the Assembly, "considering that they would be more likely to sell at much greater advantage in the town of Exeter, where there was a constant resort of people from other towns, especially when the General Court is sitting there, than in Dover," ordered the committee to adjourn the sale to that town on the 25th instead. These articles were the "spoils" of the Governor's seat at Wolfeboro, and so far as appears from the records of the time he was the only loyalist who was so dealt with in the county of Strafford, with the exception of the servant of James McMarster.

March 23, 1793 — "Died in this town Mr. Benjamin Deane in the 31st year of his age — a useful and active citizen. During the late revolution, he was captured, while in the service of his country, and was confined in Forton prison for the space of eighteen months: during which he four times with others effected his escape from the prison, by digging beneath the walls, but unfortunately was retaken before he could get without the realms of despotism. He has left a wife and two small children to bemoan his loss.

March, 1912 — Col. Daniel Hall is awarded a contract to erect a Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, which he proposed be presented to the City of Dover and placed on the lawn between the Public Library and high school at the time (now the McConnell Center). The eventual completion of the monument in October 1912, followed several years of community efforts to memorialize those who had served during the Civil War. Col. Hall, a veteran and resident of Summer Street, donated the funds for the statue. The monument was designed by Lewis J. White of Quincy, Mass., and made with 60 tons of granite from Barre, Vermont. According to some reports, a small, copper time capsule of various artifacts was placed behind the second and third stones behind the letter "V" in Dover. The monument was dedicated in October, 1912, to great fanfare. In 2012, a wreath ceremony was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the monument. The ceremony can be [viewed here](#).

March 19, 1998 — Then City Councilor Bill Wilson attended a Solid Waste Advisory Commission meeting on this day to advocate for changing the color of Dover's trash bags from orange to green. "I find having a fluorescent orange trash bag to be strange," Wilson said at the meeting. "There's just no need for it. I'm sure the trash men could find the bags if they're green." Wilson said green bags were less intrusive, and would also be representative of Dover's historical colors. The bag color would officially change from orange to green later that year. They have remained green ever since. More recently, Dover's bulky item tags changed from orange to green, just a few weeks ago.

March 23, 2004 — After a successful first year, organizers on this day announced the Seacoast Irish Festival would expand in 2004 to a two-day event. The event raised more than \$20,000 for Dover Police Charities in 2003 and welcomed more than 3,500 festival-goers to Dover. Then Dover Police Chief William Fenniman announced the 2004 festival at a press conference also attended by Irish music legend Tommy Makem, who lived in Dover; Shane Makem of the Makem Brothers; and Eugene Byrne. Festival organizers anticipated the festival would double

in attendance in 2004. The festival would continue off and on in subsequent years, and was later revived and organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Main Street. It was last held in 2015.

Great Bay Masters and Dover Indoor Pool host adult swim sessions

One-third of adults can't swim the length of the pool. Are you part of that statistic and ready to make a change?

Great Bay Masters and Dover Indoor Pool are teaming up to offer a four-session adult learn-to-swim program in April for \$25.



The lessons will be held on Tuesdays, from April 5 to April 26, at 7:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sign-up for this and other Recreation Department programs at getactive.dover.nh.gov. For more information, contact the Dover Indoor Pool at 603-516-6441.

Dover Community Gardens registration now open

Love to garden? Member registration for Dover Community Gardens is now open. There are two locations available: Garrison Hill Park and County Farm Road.

To sign up, or for more information, visit dovergarden.com.

Dover Community Gardens is a grassroots, all-volunteer group that launched last year after receiving support from the Dover City Council, Dover's Conservation Commission and the Strafford County Commissioners.



Ukraine: How We Got to Where We Are

Every day we are flooded with the images of the atrocities happening in Ukraine. Do you find yourself often wondering how things escalated to this point? Join Dover Public Library in a virtual presentation on Ukraine, exploring from the past to the present.

The virtual program will take place on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. and be presented by Rebecca McGory, a program officer at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.

Registration is required to receive a link to the online lecture and can be found by visiting library.dover.nh.gov/events.

The presentation will unfold the history of Russia and Ukraine, including focusing on events since the early 1900s that have led to the conflict today. McGory will also explain which countries are involved, how they came to play a part in current events, the impact of humanitarian efforts, and her work with a small non-profit in Ukraine. Attendees will be given time to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

McGory holds three master's degrees in Russian Politics and Society from King's College London, Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, and Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security from University of Malta. She has worked with BUR, a non-profit in Ukraine that rebuilds homes for families and partnered with schools in Konotop and Cherkasy to teach English at summer camps. Prior to, she lived in St. Petersburg, Russia while working on her Master's degree. She is currently a Program Officer at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), one of the nine resettlement agencies for refugees in the United States.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov/events or call the Library at (603) 516-6050.

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Local author Noreen Biehl to speak at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is pleased to welcome local author Noreen Biehl to the library on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. She will be reading from her recent novel, "Guilty News," published last fall. She will have copies of the book available for purchase and signing.

"Guilty News" is a fictional mystery based near Biehl's hometown of

Niagara Falls, New York. The fictional story is inspired by her career at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and "A Place of Healing: A History of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital," a piece Biehl published in 2016.



"In many ways, it's autobiographical and based on my 30 years working as a hospital spokesperson," Biehl said. "When I wrote the history, I added a prologue and epilogue – both fictionalized by bringing the original hospital administrator, Grace Stetson, to life in 1906 and 2016. The idea to bring some fiction into the history came from my writing friends. After I retired from my role at the hospital in 2015, I joined the Jewitt Writers Group, and their suggestions have been invaluable as I finished the history and began a novel."

Biehl says the parts to the novel began to fall into place in her head while she was on her daily walk in 2018.

"I needed a plot and characters, and since I am a huge fan of mysteries and thrillers, I needed to solve a murder," she said. "The main character was easy – someone I knew very well – a hospital spokesperson. I did not want to make this about Wentworth-Douglass, so I created a unique hospital, set it in Grand Island, New York – just outside my hometown of Niagara Falls. The rest fell into place. Each chapter led to another and another."

Although the ideas came to Biehl quickly, the process of creating the novel took four years in total. It took about a year to write the 100,000 words, another year to edit and cut unnecessary sections, and then she had several friends review the manuscript and provide feedback. The beginning of the story, the ending, and the title were changed several times throughout the process.

"Some days I could write two thousand words, and other days I'd spend hours just rewriting one paragraph," she said. "I had to cut out some sections even though they were some of my favorites, and got it down to 87,000 words."

Because the novel includes an advanced orthopedic medicine hospital and has characters like a professional hockey player, Biehl had to put a lot of research into the novel. She researched things like advances in the medical field, bio lab procedures, NHL hockey seasons and player salaries, and so much more.

Biehl began her love for seeking information and writing in high school, as she wrote for the school newspaper. She went on to major in English/journalism before taking a job as a reporter for Foster's Daily Democrat. She then moved on to become assistant public relations director at Wentworth-Douglass before ending her career as the vice president of community relations.

You can purchase the brand new novel, "Guilty News," on amazon at www.amazon.com/author/noreen.biehl.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050.

20th annual Dover Public Library Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 20th annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for grades K-12 and adults ages 18 and up.

Prizes will be awarded in seven categories: Grades K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 11 and 12, and adults. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. The deadline for entry is April 20, 2022. Students and adults may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or our website at library.dover.nh.gov starting on March 14.

All participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Participants are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary.

The Week at the Library

March VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Moosewood Restaurant Table* by The Moosewood Collective. Throughout the month of March, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a short 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. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, March 14 - Wednesday, April 20 20th Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 20th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and adults ages 18 and older. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 20. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library or on the website at library.dover.nh.gov.

Sunday, March 20, 2 to 4 p.m.

Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen

Play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan, following the world-shaking Princes of the Apocalypse story-line! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Monday, March 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Beyond Books: Program STEM

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

Monday, March 21, 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join us in-person or virtually to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

Democrat reporter and as an executive and spokesperson for Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. It's a fictional whodunit with shades of her real life growing up in Niagara Falls, NY and a sampling of characters who may, or may not, resemble people in the Dover area. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Crafternoon for Kids

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make and take a chick in a nest.

Tuesday, March 22, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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

Wednesday, March 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Virtual Georgia O'Keeffe: Beyond the Blossoms

Georgia O'Keeffe is best known for her revolutionary floral still lifes however in her eight-decade-long career, O'Keeffe has explored a variety of subjects. This program will shine a light on other subjects and examine the ways O'Keeffe employed abstraction to become known as the "Mother of American modernism." Registration required.

Thursday, March 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts

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

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Monday, March 21, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Big Kids Storytime

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

Monday, March 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Chocolate Making Demonstration

Get a behind the scenes look at how some of the amazing treats are made at Lickee's and Chewy's. Chris Guerrette will give this virtual presentation from Dover's favorite candy store. Registration required.

Monday, March 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

Join us in-person or virtually to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare.

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Monday, March 21, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Local Author Noreen Biehl

Noreen Biehl will discuss her new mystery, *Guilty News*. The novel is based on her experiences as a former Foster's Daily

Virtual Ukraine: How We Got to

Where We Are

Ukraine is heavy on all of our minds these days. Many are asking "How did this happen?" Rebecca McGory, a program officer at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, explains the history of events that led to the current conflict, the role of other nations in this escalating crisis, and the growing impact on humanitarian efforts. Registration required.

Friday, March 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

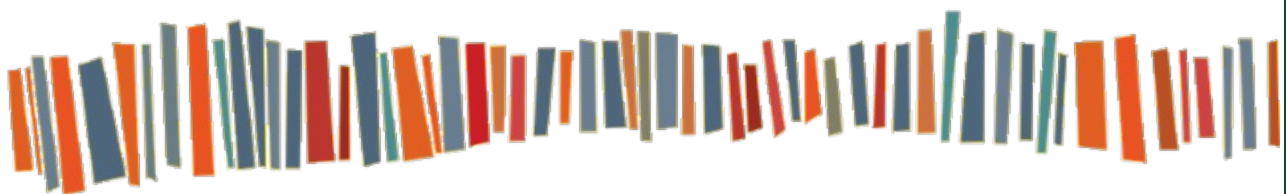
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

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

Saturday, March 26, 2 to 4 p.m.

STEM Saturday: Build a Kaleidoscope

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to design and build a kaleidoscope with household materials. We will provide the supplies, and kids will bring their creativity!



D.F. Richard renews sponsorship with SEED

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovation grants to Dover educators, is happy to announce D.F. Richard has renewed its \$2,500 sponsorship. The donation will be used to promote the teaching and learning of 21st century skills to prepare Dover students for post-secondary education and career challenges.

A multi-year sponsor, D.F. Richard is committed to year-over-year contributions. A family owned company, D.F. Richard has been serving seacoast communities since 1932.

"We are so grateful to D.F. Richard for achieving this incredibly generous milestone," said Pat Duffy, SEED Fundraising Committee Chair. "Business support is a key component to providing money for programs not covered in strained school budgets."

SEED is celebrating its 10th year underwriting academic requests for tools, curriculum and teacher development. During that time, SEED has contributed more than \$240,000 in funding. To learn more about SEED, volunteer, or become a sponsor, please visit www.DoverSEED.org or email info@DoverSEED.org

Department of Education seeks feedback from families, community through online survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education seeks feedback from schooling families and the

community through the 603 Bright Futures Survey.

The 603 Bright Futures Survey will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family, community engagement, and other topics to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. The survey will also gather special education family data supporting the department's federal reporting requirements for Indicator 8.

The online survey, available in English and Spanish, is open through Friday, April 29. Panorama Education hosts the online 603 Bright Futures Survey, and it welcomes any questions about the survey program. Panorama support can be reached at support+nhdoe@panoramaed.com.

For the family survey, visit <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nhdoe/family/surveys>.

For the community survey, visit <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nhdoe/community/surveys>.



Use extreme caution on the ice as spring approaches

With fluctuating and unpredictable temperatures commonplace throughout the month of March in the Granite State, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to exercise extreme caution when enjoying late-winter activities on or near the ice. Ice anglers are advised to plan ahead for bobhouse removal; all bobhouses must be removed from waterbodies and private property by April 1, 2022.

With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. Everyone is urged to check the ice thickness before going out onto any frozen waterbody.

Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out onto the ice because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform over the entire waterbody. Snow-covered ice can be deceiving and should always be inspected carefully.

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover offers this advice on ice thickness: There should be a

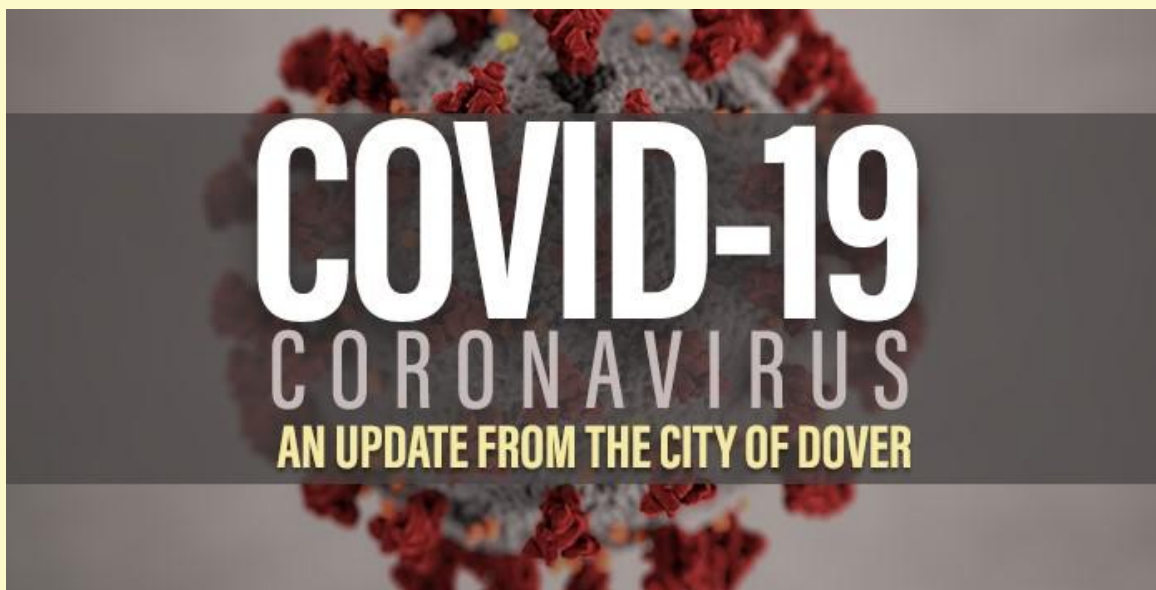
minimum of 6 inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and 8–10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle travel.

Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice forms when warming trends break down the ice, then the surface re-freezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

Tips for staying safe on the ice include:

- It is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.
- Don't venture onto any ice during thaws.
- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Docks, rocks, and downed trees absorb the sun's heat and can cause the ice around them to be thin.
- Watch out for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.
- Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.
- Never gather in large groups on less than 8–10 inches of hard ice.
- Always bring along a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a float coat or life preserver.
- If you do break through the ice, stay calm. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.
- If someone you are with breaks through the ice, don't rush over to the hole—keep yourself safe. Look for something to throw or to use to reach out to the person such as a rope, tree branch, or ice spud. Lie down flat and reach out with your tool. After securing the person, do not stand—wiggle backwards on the solid ice pulling the person with you.
- Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; check out trail conditions before you go at <http://www.nhstateparks.org/activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx>.

To watch a short video on how to correctly check ice thickness visit www.wildnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html.



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:

- **Superintendent of Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Camera operator**
- **Welfare assistant/technician**
- **Truck driver: Utilities**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Maintenance Mechanic: Utilities**

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

