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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 25, 2022



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## Council gets first look at FY2023 budget

**Budget sessions to continue next week**

The City Manager presented the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget to the City Council at its March 23 meeting.



In the following weeks, beginning next Wednesday, March 30, the City Council will hold budget workshops to receive detailed departmental budget requests. On March 30, the City Council will receive presentations from the School, Executive, Finance, Planning, and Information Technology departments. The

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

complete budget workshop schedule is listed below.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 submitted to the Council by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., is \$180,987,528 across all funds, an increase over the previous year of \$18,134,646, or 11.1%. The General Fund portion of the budget, funded primarily through property taxes, is \$141,057,001, an increase over the previous year of \$10,542,897, or 8.1%. As proposed, the city portion of the budget is \$100,000 under the provisions of the tax cap; the school portion of the budget is \$4.3 million over the tax cap. In total, the proposed budget is \$4.2 million above the estimated tax cap. For the Council to adopt the budget as presented would require a two-thirds affirmative vote instead of a simple majority.

### **FY2023 Budget Revealed web resource and email newsletter**

A video of the City Manager's budget presentation and accompanying presentation slides are available on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed page](#). The page also includes links to the proposed budget, budget summary and budget narrative. As the budget season progresses, videos of future budget workshops and meetings will also be added to the page, along with accompanying documents. Videos of School Board budget workshops and meetings are also included on the page as well as School Department budget documents.

The city will also email regular updates on the budget process in its Budget Revealed newsletter. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Budget Revealed" to your current email subscription list.

### **FY2023 City Council budget schedule**

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

- **March 30** at 7 p.m. - Budget workshop - Presentations by School, Executive, Finance, Planning, and Information Technology departments
- **April 6** at 7 p.m. - Budget workshop - Presentations by Welfare, Library, Recreation and Community Services departments
- **April 13** at 7 p.m. - Regular meeting - **School Department budget public hearing**
- **April 20** at 7 p.m. - Special meeting - **Citywide budget public hearing**
- **April 20** - Immediately following special meeting - Presentations by Fire and Police departments
- **May 4** at 6 p.m. - Budget workshop - General budget review
- **May 4** - Immediately following budget workshop - Special meeting - Budget adoption
- **May 11** at 7 p.m. - Regular meeting - Fallback budget adoption date

**Stay up to date on the budget  
process by signing up for weekly  
"Budget Revealed" newsletter**

Want to stay up to date on the fiscal year 2023 budget process? Sign up for the city manager's weekly newsletter,



Budget Revealed, for a host of information about the budget deliberations. Each newsletter features an in-depth look at the proposed budget, budget meetings with the City Council, and helpful information about the budget process.

See the first edition online at <https://conta.cc/37UE3Pr>.

Sign up today at [bit.ly/dovernewsletters](http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters), and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of city newsletters.

# BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE  
FY2023 BUDGET

Thursday, March 24, 2022



City of Dover  
Proposed Budget  
Fiscal Year 2023



MARCH 23, 2022  
BUDGET  
REVEALED

### The Budget is Revealed

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, I presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget to the City Council.

The budget can be viewed [online here](#), and copies are available for review at the Public Library and City Hall. The video of my presentation is available [online here](#).

In my letter to the City Council, included as part of the budget, I explain that the budget proposal continues to prioritize and support efficient delivery of core municipal services in the areas of public safety, education and infrastructure maintenance along with other basic yet essential local government activities. It does so cognizant of the challenges we face in securing the supply and delivery of certain commodities, recruiting and retaining qualified employees in a scarce labor market and other increasing inflationary pressures that are developing from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing war in Ukraine perpetrated by Russia.

#### Budget Considerations and Development

Consistent with efforts undertaken in years past, the

#### UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, March 30  
7 p.m.**  
City Council Workshop  
Budget review:  
School, Executive, Finance,  
Planning and Information  
Technology departmental  
budgets

**Wednesday, April 6  
7 p.m.**  
City Council Workshop  
Budget review:  
Welfare, Library, Recreation  
and Community Services,  
departmental budgets



## Library roof replacement begins early April

### Parking capacity to be temporarily reduced

The Dover Public Library is getting a new slate roof.

The project, scheduled to begin in early April, will replace the existing slate roof – original to the 1905 building – with new slate shingles. The contractor will also replace the upper roof copper cornice and the six copper decorative details. The work is expected to be completed in July.

The library will remain open during its regular operating hours throughout the construction, with continued access through the rear handicap-accessible door; however, its front door may not always be accessible. There will also be a temporary reduction of about 15 parking spaces to facilitate the roof replacement, and there may be a need to change traffic patterns in the parking lot. Updated information about the project and its impacts will be posted to the Dover Public Library's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DoverPLNH>.

The City Council [awarded](#) the contract for the project to Portsmouth-based Careno Construction Co., Inc. in January for a cost not to exceed \$886,998.

For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



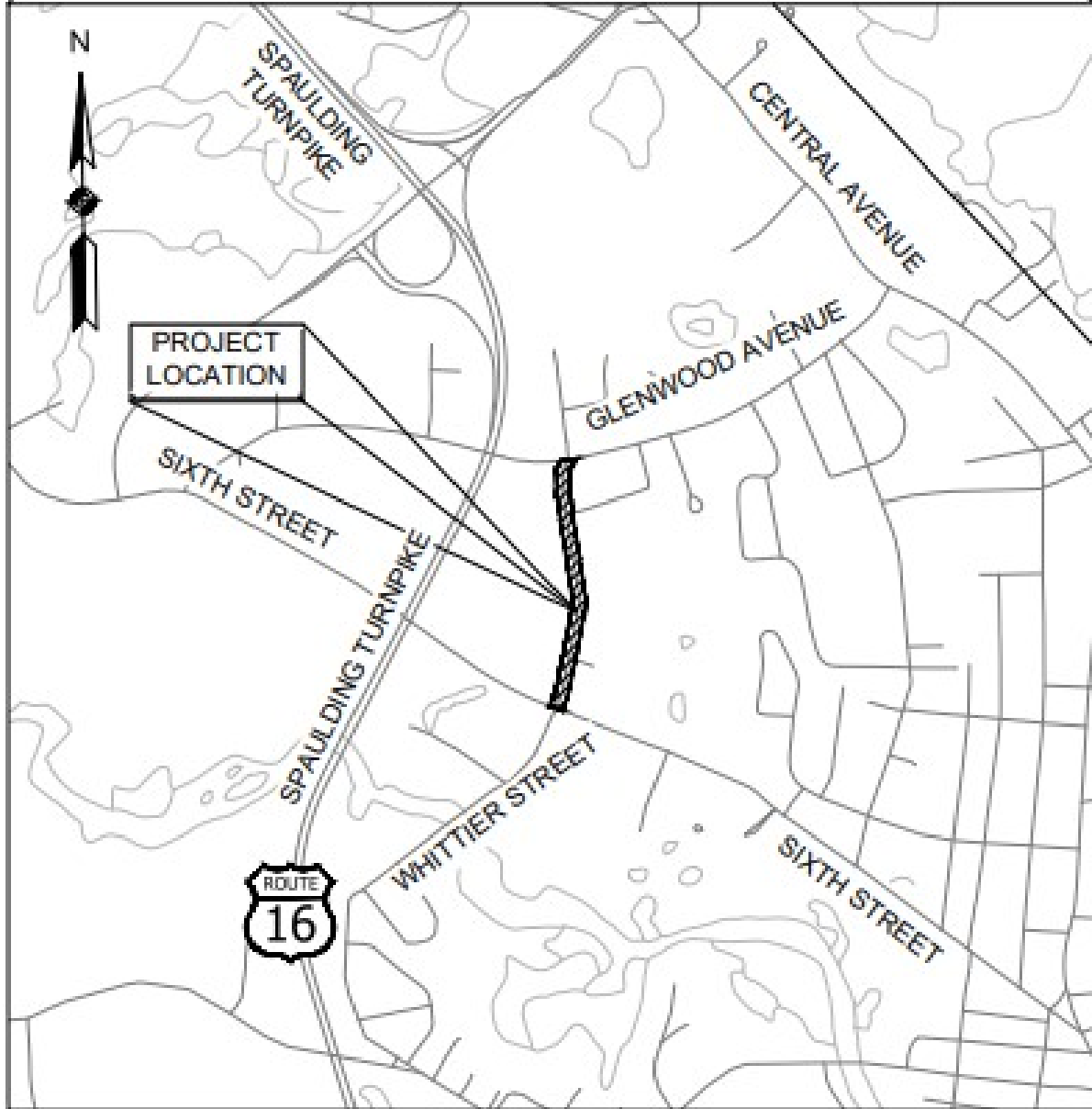
## ***Celebrating Greek independence***



Members of the local Greek community, along with local, state and national officials, attended the annual raising of the Greek flag at Dover City Hall this morning, Friday, March 25, 2022, in recognition of Greek Independence Day. Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, U.S. Congressman Chris Pappas, and State Sen. David Watters all spoke during the ceremony.







## Council awards bid to construct sidewalks on Whittier Street

### Neighborhood project meeting scheduled for April 5

A new section of sidewalk will be built on Whittier Street this year following the City Council's awarding of the construction bid at its March 23 meeting. The new section of sidewalk on Whittier Street would be from Sixth Street to Glenwood Avenue; the project also includes associated minor roadway and drainage improvements.

Community Services will hold a neighborhood meeting about the pending project on Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m., at the Public Works Building, 271 Mast Road in Dover. The meeting will include a review of the project goals and anticipated temporary impacts. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

To be included in email updates about the project, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project updates: Whittier Street Sidewalk Improvements" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/whittier-street-sidewalk-improvements/>.

The Council awarded the bid for the project to GW Brooks & Son, Inc., of Freedom, for a cost not to exceed \$488,163.



## **Spring street sweeping begins April 4**

### **Sidewalk sweeping and cleaning already underway**

Community Services' annual street sweeping operations will begin citywide April 4 and are expected to continue through early June.

In advance of street sweeping, crews are already cleaning sidewalks with blowers and brooms. Crews will begin sweeping the streets Monday, April 4, weather permitting. Downtown streets are scheduled to be cleaned first before moving to the rest of the city.

Sweeping operations will require temporary parking bans to allow crews to clear the street; advanced notice will be provided through signage, email and social media. To sign up for these and other alerts, add "Dover Alert: public safety alerts and special announcements" to your current email subscription list here: <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.

Sweeping occurs Monday through Friday, beginning at 3 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

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

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## **Claire St. Cyr sworn in as Dover's first female police officer in 1945**

In 1942, City Marshal Andrew H. McDaniel replaced his retiring bookkeeper, Sgt. William Lathrop, with Claire St. Cyr, a recent graduate of the McIntosh Business School. Originally hired as a clerk and stenographer, St. Cyr, upon turning 21 years old in 1945, became Dover's first female police officer.

St. Cyr's promotion came as a surprise. On her 21st birthday, St. Cyr came to work and noticed 21 roses on her desk. Standing about were Marshal McDaniel, Sgt. "Ted" McDonough and others. McDaniel spoke up and said that the Police Department had long needed a policewoman and then swore in St. Cyr as a member of the Department.

Although a member of the sworn police force, St. Cyr remained mostly within Police headquarters keeping the books and writing court papers. St. Cyr was not given a uniform, but had a badge (actually two badges – the regular issued police badge and a smaller gold colored one), and was authorized to make arrests. St. Cyr left the Dover Police Department for about a year and a half to start a family with her husband, Charlie Watson. Returning in 1947, then as Mrs. Watson, she remained with the Police Department until 1950.





Claire St. Cyr (Watson) is also the subject of a book, along with her husband, Charlie, "Claire and Charlie: An Unlikely Wartime Love Story," published in 2017 and written by Claire and Charlie's son, Warren Watson, a long-time journalist and graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover. The book focuses on Watson's parents and their experiences as the children of immigrants, with world war, and the erosion of French-Canadian culture in New England.



—Whitehouse Photo  
Dover's new policewoman, Miss Carolyn Foley, is pictured as she was sworn in by City Marshal Andrew H. McDaniel. Miss Claire St. Cyr, her predecessor, looks on at the left.

During the years of 1946 and 1947 Dover's second policewoman, Carolyn Foley, remained the sole sworn female officer in the Department. Foley, like Claire (St. Cyr) Watson, was not given a uniform but was authorized to make arrests and was shown how to operate a police cruiser. The majority of Foley's time with the Department was spent keeping the books, handling abuse cases and monitoring the police base radio at the station. Like Watson, Foley was a graduate of the McIntosh Business School (which became the former McIntosh College in Dover).

It was long before Watson or Foley were sworn in as police officers that a previous City Marshal requested a woman on the force. In 1914, Chief of Police Edward Clarke requested a policewoman to help out. He wrote, "There are many delicate cases in which a man cannot get sufficient information for the Department to work on." Eva M. Arlin of the Probation Office provided female prisoner assistance during this time. In the 1920 annual report, Miss Arlin was listed as receiving \$6.22 for an "expense with prisoner." Until the hiring of Claire St. Cyr (Watson) in 1942 and her eventual promotion in 1945 to a sworn officer, there is no other mention of a policewoman in Dover.

Women have continued to serve the police force in Dover ever since. Currently, seven women serve as sworn officers on the Dover police force. Today, whether male or female, all Dover police officers perform the same job.

*Excerpted and adapted with permission from "Guardians of the Garrison City: A History of the Dover Police Department, 1830-2001," by Mark A. Leno, Jr.*





Pictured above are all of the women currently serving the Dover Police Department, including sworn officers and civilian employees.

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## Dover Day at the Woodman Museum

The Woodman Museum will celebrate Dover Day on Sunday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Dover Day, Dover residents enjoy free admission to all buildings. Dover Day is a great opportunity for Dover residents to tour the museum and see all this "hidden gem" in their own backyard has to offer.

For more information about the museum or Dover Day, visit [woodmanmuseum.org](http://woodmanmuseum.org).

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## Register now for 2022 State of the City

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the 2022 State of the City presentation on Tuesday, April 5, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the McConnell Center Café at 61 Locust Street in Dover. A hot breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required.

Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker and Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton are the featured speakers. They will provide a City of Dover



development update, an update on the waterfront development, and an overview of how staff restructuring will drive overall business outreach. Parker and Benton will also review the master plan updates for Community Facilities and Utilities and outline Dover's priorities for the remainder of the year.

The 2022 State of the City is underwritten by Eversource and sponsored by Newburyport Bank. The cost to attend is \$5 for Dover Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Visit [www.dovernh.org/city](http://www.dovernh.org/city) to register or for more information.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community.

For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Kindergarten registration now open at Dover's public elementary schools

Dover elementary schools are now accepting appointments for kindergarten registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. To be eligible, children entering kindergarten must be five years old by Sept. 30, 2022. In addition, to complete the registration process, parents and guardians must provide a legible copy of a birth certificate, proof of residency, current health and immunization records, and, if necessary, a parenting plan or court custody agreement.

### Registration instructions

- For new families to the Dover School District, visit <https://bit.ly/3ngiaOj> to launch the online registration system. Please note: the online registration system is not currently supported to work with smartphones. Please use a computer-based browser.
- Families with a child currently attending a Dover public school can add a new child to their existing registration account by logging into the *Infinite Campus Parent Portal*.
- Parents will be prompted at various steps in the online registration process to upload several documents that will be attached to the child's registration. These documents can be scanned or photographed with a smartphone camera as long as they are legible. Registration progress can be saved and returned to at a later time if needed. Please note the registration/application number the system assigns you for re-entry.

For questions, please get in touch with your child's school:

- **Garrison Elementary School:** 603-516-6752
- **Horne Street Elementary School:** 603-516-6756
- **Woodman Park School:** 603-516-6881

For further information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.

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## Registration open for Dover Football League 2022 season

Registration is now open for the upcoming Dover Football League 2022 season.

The Dover Football League (DFL) is an organization that comprises three tackle football divisions open to the boys and girls in Dover

and the surrounding towns of Barrington and Nottingham. Youth division is any player in second through fourth grade; the junior division comprises fifth and sixth graders; the senior division is made up of seventh and eighth graders. DFL plays in the 17-town Northeast Junior High School Football League under the National High School Federation rules.



DFL's mission is to develop and grow responsible, upstanding community members through teaching the fundamentals of contact football, including, but are not limited to: proper individual technique, playbook execution, and the value of teamwork. DFL strives to encourage and develop players through the ranks by closely working with the Dover High School football staff to ensure a smooth transition for players when they step up to play at DHS.

Coaches are USA Football certified, and background checked through the National Center for Safety Initiatives. The certification requires DFL coaches to plan for and develop your player with the USA Football - Football Development Model (FDM). The FDM is a new initiative designed to make the game safer by reducing contact and teaching athletes in a manner that meets them in their stage of development. More info can be found on the USA Football website <https://www.usafootball.com/>.

For more information and to register, visit [www.dovernhfootball.org](http://www.dovernhfootball.org). The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. For those unsure, either parents or children, are invited to DFL's first week of practice; the first week is no contact and limited equipment.

Email DFL Youth Division Director/Coach Brian Pettee at [briancpettee@gmail.com](mailto:briancpettee@gmail.com) with the subject 2022 DFL for more information.

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## Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, March 26, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.



The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://fb.me/e/1yEiwdnt7>.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**McConnell Center  
Advisory Board, March  
28, 7 p.m.**



The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

### City Council, March 30, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

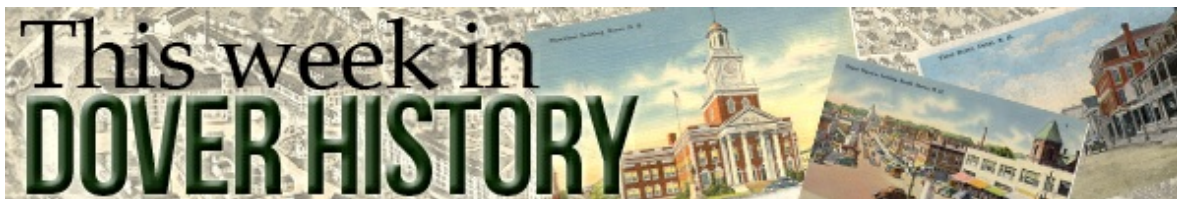
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



## 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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



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 25-29, 1699** — A severe storm bears down on Dover, delivering five days of constant snow, rain, hail, thunder and extreme wind. It began with snow and ended with snow.

**March 26, 1759** — At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, Col. John Gage, Capt. Howard Henderson and Lt. Dudley Watson were chosen a committee to petition the General Assembly for liberty to raise money by a lottery to build a bridge over the Cochecho River. It was also voted to have two schools in town, exclusive of a grammar school

and the school in Madbury. (Madbury was still a part of Dover.)

**March 25, 1856** — First organization of the City Government — Hon. Andrew Peirce, the Mayor elect, taking the oath of office, and Charles Clements, Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, surrendering the official seals and records of the town to his successor.

**March 25, 1968** — Dover High School teachers squared off against Marshwood High School teachers in the first faculty basketball tournament held between the schools. The Marshwood Hawks downed the Green Wave teachers by a pounding 77-63. The high scorer for Marshwood was Rod Wotton, who racked up 27 points. The high scorers for Dover were Jack Barron with 16, and 10 points each for Dale Hanson, Greg Kageleiry and Ron Montalto.

**March 30, 1999** — Then Community Services Director Mike Bobinsky announces he will leave the City of Dover's top public works job in June of that year for a position as assistant city manager in Draper, Utah. Bobinsky had been appointed director of a newly formed Community Services department in 1994, which was created to oversee public works, recreation, facilities and grounds, and cemetery services. Bobinsky later returned to the area and is currently the director of Public Works and Utilities in Somersworth.

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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>.



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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](http://homehelpnh.org). For application assistance, financial counseling, and other resources, call 800-974-1377 ext. 1014, or visit [homesahead.org](http://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](http://NHLegalAid.org).

For those seeking emergency rental assistance, visit [homehelpnh.org](http://homehelpnh.org).

More information about this program and many other assistance programs can be found at [DoverCares.org](http://DoverCares.org).

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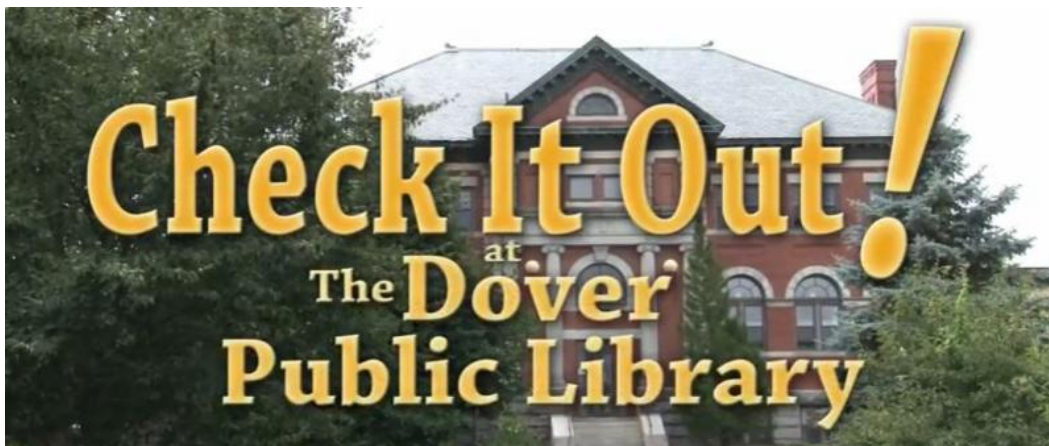
## **Ninth annual Saint Mary Academy 5K Run/Walk is April 9**

Registration remains open for this year's Saint Mary Academy 5K Run/Walk through historic downtown Dover and the Dover Community Trail. The SMA 5K Run/Walk, now in its ninth year, will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

The road race begins at 9 a.m. at St. Mary Academy located at 222 Central Ave. and concludes with a post-race event that includes food, music and prizes for the top runners overall and in eight age categories.

This is the second race in the Dover Race Series and is a fundraiser to help offset the cost of educating students and enhancing programs.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.doverraceseries.org/news/sma-5k-april-9.html>.



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**Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library**



The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library cardholders to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this April.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box. The theme is anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first eight entries will receive a free plush Peep chick.

Those 20 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division, while peeps, er, people 13 to 19 may enter the Teen Division. Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages 9 to 12 may enter in the Youth Division. On the back of a standard size shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, April 4 through Sunday, April 17.

The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 18.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

For more information, call the Reference Desk at the Dover Public Library: 603-516-6082.

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# Your Library Needs Your



Please take a few minutes and take our library survey. It's completely anonymous and will allow us to better serve you.

*Thank you!*

Simply scan the QR code with your phone or visit

**[www.library-survey.com](http://www.library-survey.com)**



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## 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](http://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.

For more information about the contest, please contact Emily Ainaire at 603-516-6082.

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## 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](mailto: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](http://library.dover.nh.gov).

### **Monday, March 28, 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 28, 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 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Jackbox Game Night for Teens**  
Teens ages 13-17 are invited to a fun game night featuring Jackbox Games! Participants

will need to have access to a smart phone or tablet in order to participate. Try out games such as Lie Swatter, Push the Button, and Trivia Murder Party.

**Tuesday, March 29, 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 30, 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 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club**

Join this adult book group to discuss *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. All are welcome!

### **Thursday, March 31, 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.

**Friday, April 1, 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.





## **Travel with the Dover Community Senior Center**

The Dover Community Senior Center has an active travel department located within the center offering day trips, overnight and extended stays at a variety of locations. You do not need to be a member or a senior to join the center on these upcoming trips.

### **Ottawa Tulip Festival**

**Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 19**

Highlights of this tour include Canadian Tulip Festival, Ottawa River Cruise, Canadian Parliament, Embassy Row, Prime Minister's residence, Canadian Museum of History, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Stables, and Canadian War Museum.

### **Painted Canyons of the West**

**Wednesday, August 24 through Tuesday, Sept. 6**

Highlights of this tour include Colorado National Monument, Moab, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Utah's Scenic Byway 24, Capitol Reef National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, and Las Vegas.

### **Spotlight on San Antonio**

**Sunday, Oct. 23 through Thursday, Oct. 27**

Highlights of this tour include Mission San José, The Alamo, Paseo del Rio Cruise, Fredericksburg, National Museum of the Pacific War, Choice on Tour, and El Mercado.

For more information and pricing about these trip, call Linda at 603-516-6420, or visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/community-senior-center/travel/>.



## **Dover's Popzup Popcorn achieves finalist status in FedEx Small Business Grant Contest**

Popzup Popcorn of Dover has made it into the Top 100 finalists in the 2022 FedEx Small Business Grant Contest. There were almost 18,000 entries and a team of FedEx officials narrowed the pool down to just 100 finalists nationwide. The public will now vote to select the winners. The top three grand prize winners will each receive \$50,000 plus a FedEx Office print services credit worth \$4,000, while the other seven first place winners will each receive \$20,000 plus \$1,500 in FedEx print services.

Voting is now open to the public and closes at 11 p.m. on March 31. To cast your vote for Popzup Popcorn, go to [smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com/top-100](https://smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com/top-100). Votes are limited to once per email address per 24-hour period, so you can vote every day until March 31 at 11 p.m.

Popzup owner and co-founder Julie Lapham says, "We are beyond thrilled to have made it to this point, and feel so grateful for this opportunity. In this contest, there will be a total of only 10 winners, and we need your help to get there!"

Each finalist receives a complimentary consultation with a product expert at Klaviyo, the leading customer platform for email, SMS, and more; mentor matching with SCORE, a non-profit with the largest network of free volunteer business mentors in the U.S.; and a complimentary 30-minute session of business coaching (over the phone or virtually) from Accion Opportunity Fund, a national nonprofit organization that connects entrepreneurs with capital and resources to support their success.

Julie Lapham and co-founder Marty Lapham started Popzup Popcorn in 2015 after learning that conventional microwave popcorn contains chemicals and unhealthy oils. Popzup Popcorn is made from locally sourced ingredients including non-GMO popcorn kernels and is packaged at the Lapham's Popzup Factory in Dover, New Hampshire. The product line includes ready-to-eat Popzup Popped and Seasoned Popcorn Bags, Popzup K-Pouches, the Popzup Popper, and eight Popzup Popcorn Seasonings.

For more information about Popzup Popcorn visit [popzup.com](https://popzup.com).

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## **Water safety instruction course offered at Dover Indoor Pool**



Dover Indoor Pool and the American Red Cross are offering a water safety instruction course in May.

The training will occur on May 14, 15, 21 and 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; participants must attend all sessions in their entirety. The cost is \$375, and the deadline to register is May 1.

#### **Prerequisites:**

- Participants must be 16 by the last class
- Tread water for one minute;
- Maintain position on their back for one minute in deep water;
- Swim 25 yards at Level 4 Proficiency for the front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and 15 yards for the butterfly stroke.

#### **What to expect:**

- In water teachings;
- Stroke decomposition and refinement;
- Teaching techniques for each stroke;
- Online coursework.

Register online at [getactive.dover.nh.gov](http://getactive.dover.nh.gov), calling 603-516-6427 or emailing Erika Friedman at [e.friedman@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.friedman@dover.nh.gov).

No refunds for failing of prerequisites or COVID-related illness. Payment can be rolled into next available class.

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## **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](http://getactive.dover.nh.gov). For more information, contact the Dover Indoor Pool at 603-516-6441.



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## **Woodman Museum hosts annual Dover Middle School Art Gala**

The Woodman Museum's annual Dover Middle School Art Gala is now underway.

Show hours are this Friday through Sunday, March 25 to 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The gala is located in the Museum's Keefe House, located at 15 Summer St.

For more information, visit [www.woodmanmuseum.org](http://www.woodmanmuseum.org), or call 603-742-7680.

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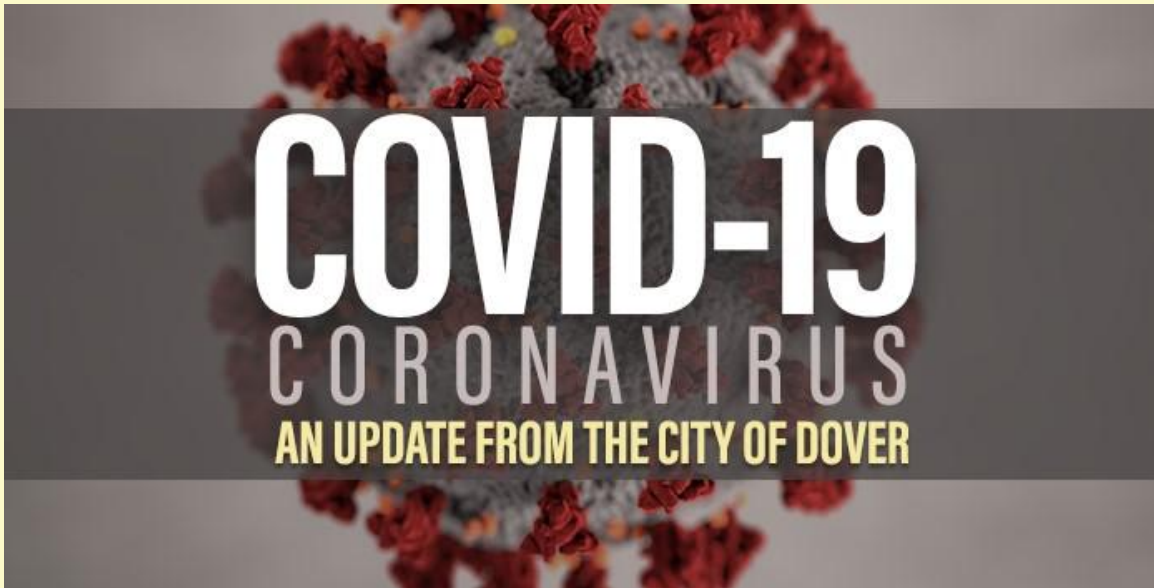
## **Dover Community Gardens registration now open**

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](https://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.

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## 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](https://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>.

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## 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**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Truck driver: Utilities**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Maintenance Mechanic: Utilities**
- **Account Clerk II**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of



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