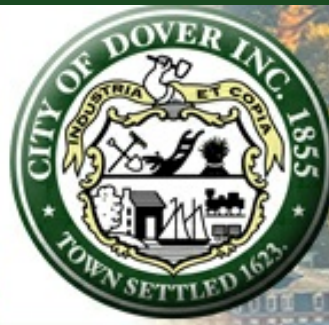


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 4, 2022



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Resolutions condemning Russia, honoring city's 'Mill Girls' on City Council agenda

**Several public hearings also scheduled for  
March 9**

At its Wednesday, March 9 meeting, the City Council will consider resolutions that would condemn Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, declare Dec. 26 as Dover Mill Girls Recognition Day, and numerous resolutions with public hearings.

#### Condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and banning use of Russian products in city purchases

Mayor Robert Carrier sponsored this resolution that would condemn Russia's Feb. 24, 2022, invasion of Ukraine "in the strongest of terms" and support "the growth and spread of democracy worldwide."

The resolution would also direct the City Manager to ensure that future [quote](#) and [competitive bidding](#) purchases for city

Tuesday,  
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departments would be from vendors/suppliers

*“who can, and are willing to, certify that (i) their products do not contain materials or components manufactured by companies, entities, or businesses located in Russia and (ii) that the vendor or supplier is not owned wholly or in part by the Russian government, a Russian agency or political subdivision, a Russian-owned company, a Russian-owned entity, a Russian state enterprise, a Russian-owned business located in Russia, or any other Russian-owned or Russian-controlled interests or subsidiary located in Russia.”*

This directive would remain in place until repealed by the City Council.

### **Honoring Dover’s Mill Girls**

Carrier also sponsored this resolution. If passed, Dec. 26 would be known annually as “Dover Mill Girls Recognition Day,” in honor of the first all-woman labor strike in the United States that occurred in Dover on Dec. 26, 1828. It would also request the state to place a historical marker to commemorate the event.

More information about the Mill Girls and the strike can be found below in this edition of Dover Download.

### **Public hearings on pending resolutions**

Six public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday’s meeting, including:

- Authorization to accept and expend the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2022 Local Sources Water Protection Grant to purchase equipment to monitor sodium and chloride in groundwater in strategic locations. The goal is to track sodium and chloride levels in groundwater over a period of years to limit salt use and avoid groundwater quality impacts.
- Acceptance of the fiscal year 2023 action plan and expenditures for the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds and program income for FY 2022 and FY 2023. The Planning Board [recommended](#) the acceptance of these items on Feb. 8.
- Authorization to accept and expend a New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to pay for design costs for an emergency water interconnection between Dover and Portsmouth. The grant is for \$223,000 split equally between the two cities. [Click here](#) to read more about the project.
- Amending the schedule of fees related to parking. If approved, it would create areas for business permit parking at Third Street, Fourth Street and School Street lots. It would also create paid parking at the Portland Avenue lot and allow free parking in seven spaces of the Transportation Lot nearest the entrance to the Community Trail. The Parking Commission reviewed and recommended these changes at its [Jan. 19 meeting](#).
- Authorization of the annual appraisal of real estate for fiscal year 2023 (tax year 2022). Since 1998, the City of Dover has conducted a yearly analysis to ensure



assessments are between 90 percent and 110 percent of market value. The practice must occur at least every five years per state law; however, Dover does it annually to avoid extraordinary changes in assessments and resulting tax bills. There will be a second public hearing on this resolution on March 23, with a vote on April 13, 2022.

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



## **Mayor asks for show of support for Ukraine at candlelight vigil tonight**

Mayor Robert Carrier will host a candlelight vigil on the steps in front of Dover City Hall tonight, Friday, March 4, at 6 p.m., to show support for the people of Ukraine and a quick, peaceful resolution to the war started by Russia last week.

Carrier invited the public to attend tonight's vigil at Wednesday's City Council workshop, where he called for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

"Our hearts go out to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people," Carrier said. "What's happening there is not anything that should ever, ever occur, and we need to help these people in any way we can. Please bless them."

Carrier encouraged those attending the vigil to bring candles. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

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## McShane named as new Dover fire chief

Michael McShane, who has been serving as interim fire chief following the retirement of Paul Haas in January, was named today as Dover's new Chief of Dover Fire and Rescue by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr.

In conjunction with his appointment as Fire Chief, Chief McShane will also serve as the City of Dover's Emergency Management Director.

Chief McShane has 31 years of fire and emergency medical service experience, including 17 years with Dover Fire and Rescue. Since joining Dover Fire and Rescue as a firefighter/EMT in 2005, he has advanced in rank and responsibility, serving in various roles that have included firefighter/paramedic, engineer, lieutenant/company officer, captain/EMS officer, Assistant Fire Chief, and most recently Deputy Fire Chief.



"Throughout his career, he has been committed to advancing the excellent reputation and level of services provided by the members of our community's Fire and Rescue Department," Joyal said. "Please join me in congratulating Chief McShane upon his selection."

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## Dover's "mill girls" held first strike by women in the United States

The advertisement in the Strafford Register on Aug. 12, 1822 sounded appealing:

***Wanted to Hire: At the Dover Cotton Factory, Upper establishment, 50 smart, capable girls between 12 and 25 years of age to work in the factory to whom constant employment and good encouragement will be given.***

But for the women and girls who took those jobs, they discovered the work was hard and the pay was low. Girls were given 47 cents a day plus room and board. Two cents were deducted for medical insurance. Talking was not permitted, not that it would be heard above the rumble and clatter of the machinery. The 11-hour workday was ruled by a system of bells. From March through October, work began at 6:30 a.m. and ended at 6:30 p.m. except on Saturday when the bell tolled a little earlier. The dinner bell clanged at 12:30, lunch was finished by 1:15 p.m. Workers who were late would be locked out and subjected to a 12 1/2 cent fine. The mill policy was as follows: "Yard gates will be opened when the bell for commencing work begins to ring, and closed when it stops tolling. Ringing in bells will ring 5 minutes, pause 2, and toll 3 minutes, when all hands must be in. Mill gates will be hoisted when the last bell begins to ring."

The work was also dangerous. Newspaper accounts frequently reported accidents such as a woman's hand being mangled in machinery, or a girl losing her scalp when her hair became stuck in the looms.



Unmarried mill girls lived in boarding houses that were built and run by the management of the Cocheco Manufacturing Company. Girls could get permission to live elsewhere but it was discouraged. Widows were hired to run the boarding houses. The widow in charge assumed responsibility for the physical and moral well-being of her charges. The mill company posted strict rules of behavior for the girls to follow.

The factories changed hands in 1828. The new owner was even more strict. Wages were reduced by five cents a day for female workers, but not men, who were already paid at a higher rate. The mill girls were finally driven to rebellion, enacting the first women's strike in the United States. On Dec. 30, 1828, about half of the 800 mill girls walked out. They marched around the mill with signs and banners and even ignited two barrels of gunpowder.

Local newspapers were biased in favor of Dover's major industry, the mills, in their reporting of the incident. The Dover Enquirer on December 30, 1828 wrote:

### Turn Out

***A general turn out of the girls employed in the cotton factories in this town to the number of 6 or 800 took place on Friday last, on account of some imaginary grievance. It has, we believe, turned out to their cost, as well as disgrace; and since that time many of them have returned to work, and all, who are permitted, will without doubt, return in the course of a few days.***

***The girls on leaving the factory yard formed a procession of nearly half a mile in length, and marched through the town, with martial music: accompanied with roar of artillery. The whole presented one of the most disgusting scenes ever witnessed.***

On the weekend following the turn out, over 600 of the mill girls met to formulate a plan. They passed the following resolutions:

- 1st, Resolved, That we will never consent to work for the Cocheco Manufacturing Company at their reduced "Tariff of Wages".
- 2nd, Resolved, That we believe the "unusual pressure of the time", which is so much complained of, to have been caused by artful and designing men to subserve party purposes, or more wickedly still, to promote their own private ends.
- 3rd, Resolved, That we view with feelings of indignation the attempt made to throw upon us, who are least able to bear it, the effect of this "pressure" by reducing our wages, while those of our overseers and Agent are continued to them at their former high rate. That we think of our wage already low enough, when the peculiar circumstances of our situation are considered; that we are many of us far from our homes, parents, and friends, and it is only by strict economy and untiring industry that any of us have been able to lay up anything...
- We view this attempt to reduce our wages as part of a general plan of the proprietors of the different manufacturing establishments to reduce the females in their employ to that state of dependence on them in which they openly, as they do now secretly, abuse and insult them by calling them their "slaves".

In spite of these resolutions the Dover mill girls were forced to give in when the mill owners immediately began advertising for replacement workers. Striking workers returned to work January 1, 1829 at reduced wages.

Although the strike proved unsuccessful for the women, their efforts and initiative became the first in a movement that would build momentum rapidly and eventually benefit women workers everywhere.



Betsey Andrews Parker, CAPSC's chief executive officer, updated the Dover City Council this week on the operation of the Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center.

## City Council receives update on warming center, proposal for permanent shelter

The City Council received an update from the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) on the operations of the Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center and provided the Council with a proposal to operate a permanent shelter year-round shelter.

Betsey Andrews Parker, CAPSC's chief executive officer, provided the update, which can be seen in its entirety [here](#). Her update included how many people utilized the warming center, where they came from and what services were provided. Andrews Parker also discussed a proposal for operating a year-round shelter, including the estimated cost.

The warming center, located at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth, is a partnership of the cities of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester and CAPSC, which provides staffing and oversight. The last day of warming center operations is scheduled for April 1.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., said there are no immediate plans to sell the warming center, and any proposal to sell the building would have to be approved by City Council through a public process, including a public hearing. The City of Dover purchased the property with grant funds in 2020 to provide adequate space for those who need temporary shelter from life-threatening weather conditions.

Joyal said that with COVID-19 restrictions diminishing, the City of Dover would return to its regular practice of utilizing the police department lobby and the three fire stations as year-round, 24-hour emergency locations for residents in need to get out of extreme weather – hot or cold.

Being a workshop, the City Council took no action on any item discussed.

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## Downtown sewer infrastructure work underway

## Properties may receive notice of temporary sewer service disruptions

A city contractor is rehabilitating sectors of downtown sewer infrastructure as part of a multi-phase project to reduce the inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary sewer system.

Through previous studies, Community Services identified key locations where inflow and infiltration occur. During heavy rain events, stormwater can enter the sanitary sewer system in these sections, disrupting the treatment process at the wastewater treatment plant.

Current work includes the trenchless rehabilitation of sewer pipes and maintenance holes in the downtown area. The specific work includes:

- removal of roots, mineral build-up and debris;
- injection of grouting of cracks and leaking joints;
- sealing and lining of various maintenance hole components;
- epoxy coating of various maintenance hole components.

Next week, work will be focused on sewer infrastructure located within the parking lot that borders Washington Street, Central Avenue and the Cochecho Falls downtown, where the TD Bank is located. Daytime and overnight work is scheduled. Work is anticipated to affect parking but not sewer operations.

### **Temporary sewer service disruptions occur after one week notice**

Part of the work to improve sewer infrastructure is installing jointless sewer pipe within sections of the sanitary sewer mains to minimize root and water infiltration problems and improve flow.

Installing jointless sewer pipe requires individual sewer services to be temporarily sealed from the sewer main, which will occur after affected properties receive at least one week's advance notice. The temporary disruption may last for about 10 hours; however, Community Services plans to coordinate overnight work to limit these disruptions as much as possible.

Residents and businesses with specific concerns should contact Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger at [b.boulanger@dover.nh.gov](mailto:b.boulanger@dover.nh.gov) or 603-516-6450.

For more information, [click here](#) for the dedicated project page, or contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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The city plans to build a new water storage tank off Smith Well Road.

## Planning Board approves site review for new water storage tank; project now out to bid

The City of Dover plans to build a water storage tank on city land near Smith Well Road, creating storage redundancy and allowing for the rehabilitation of the Garrison Hill water tank.

The project went out to bid Wednesday, following Planning Board site-review approval on Feb. 22 and Technical Review Committee review on Jan. 27.

The 110-foot water tower would hold one million gallons of water, estimated to cost \$6.1 million, paid through debt financing. The city also seeks alternative funding strategies, such as federal stimulus funds and New Hampshire's Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The project was added to the Capital Improvements Plan adopted last fall; it was previously planned for the next phase of water facilities improvements but was moved up to allow rehabilitation work to the four million-gallon Garrison Hill water tank.

Detailed plans of the new water tank project are included in Planning Board's Feb. 22 agenda materials, [available here](#) and in bid documents, [available here](#). The city and design consultant Underwood Engineers conducted a balloon test as part of the site plans. A balloon was floated to the building height of 110 feet, allowing for renderings of how the tank would be seen from different areas of Dover.

Once the new water tank project is finished, Community Services plans to rehabilitate the Garrison Hill Water Storage Tank, which stores up to four million gallons. Planned work for that project includes interior and exterior cleaning and recoating, replacing exterior hatches, piping and valves, and the installation of an internal electric mixer to avoid stagnation and improve water quality. It is estimated to cost \$1.4 million.

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



A rendering of how the new water storage tank would look Central Avenue by Indian Brook Road.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Ordinance Committee, March 7, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### Arts Commission, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

### Planning Board, March 8, 7 p.m.

DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA	
<b>REVISED</b>	
Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Meeting Time:	7:00 pm
<b>1. CITIZEN'S FORUM</b>	
<b>2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
• February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes	
<b>3. CITIZEN'S FORUM</b>	
<b>4. NEW BUSINESS</b>	
A. Consideration and acceptance of a Subdivision using Transfer of Development Rights for DRTP Development LLC, 10000's Hwy 1A, Lot 10, 10.0 acres, B, L, and Natural or Park's Light Drive, Proposed to convert existing 10 lot subdivision to a 3 lot subdivision with duplex construction and purchasing an additional 2-acre using DRTP.	
B. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 170 (Site Review Regulations). The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department at <a href="#">www.dover-nh.gov/planning</a> located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.	
C. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 171 (Site Review Regulations). The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department at <a href="#">www.dover-nh.gov/planning</a> located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.	
D. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 172 (Zoning). The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department at <a href="#">www.dover-nh.gov/planning</a> located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.	
<b>5. OLD BUSINESS</b>	
<b>6. MINUTES COMMENTS</b>	
<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>	

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## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 3/8/2022

In a video released this week, City Planner Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=t1ErKa7hzha1>.

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.

Want to keep up on other projects and 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



The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

### **City Council, March 9, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 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/>.

[bit.ly/doverdownload](https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/) and select Dover Planning Review.

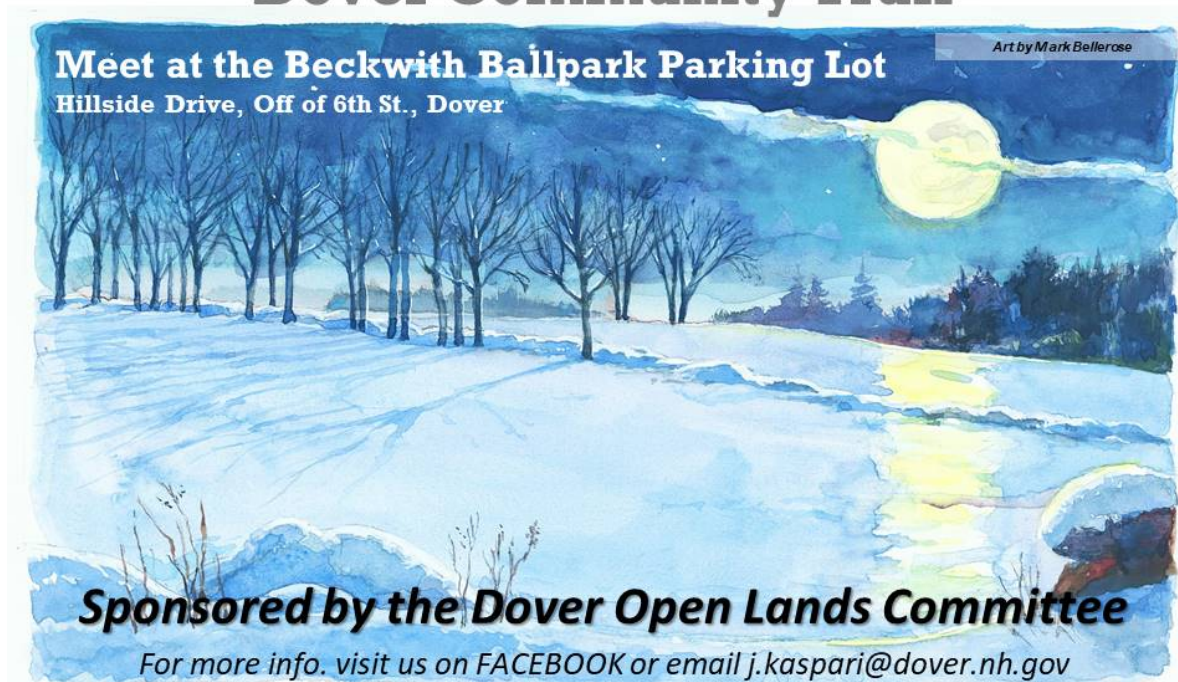


### **Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

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.

## **Full Moon Snowshoe/Hike Friday, March 18th 7:00 PM Dover Community Trail**



## **Dover Open Land Committee to hold**



# snowshoe hike March 18

The Dover Open Lands Committee invites the public to a full moon snowshoe/hike on Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. There is no cost for the event.

The leisurely snowshoe hike will begin at the Beckwith Ballpark parking lot on Hillside Drive, off Sixth Street, and continue through the Cassily Conservation Area. Hot cocoa and snacks provided. Please monitor the weather to determine appropriate footwear/clothing for the conditions.

For more information, contact Jackson Kaspari at [j.kaspari@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.kaspari@dover.nh.gov).

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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 10, 1643** — It appearing to the Court that the Commissioners appointed to lay out the bounds between Dover and Strawberry Banke did not consider Strawberry Banke as a Town, nor so exactly viewed the land on that side of the river as was needful and thereupon laid out certain lands to Dover which is most convenient for Strawberry Banke, and certain lands to Strawberry Banke which is most convenient for Dover, it was ordered that all the marsh and meadow ground lying against the Great Bay on Strawberry Banke side should belong to Dover, together with four hundred acres of upland ground adjoining and lying as may be most convenient for the imprisoning and fencing in of the said meadow, the remainder of the said ground to belong to Strawberry Banke, reserving the due right to every one that has property in the same.

**March 7, 1718** — "We are informed from Dover that the snow lies two feet deep on the ground, and that several parts are bare on the Neck, where last week were seen swarms of grasshoppers, some hopping and some flying, which considering the season of the year and the nature of the creatures seems very strange." *Boston News Letter*

**March 8, 1830** — A portion of Piscataqua Bridge, extending from the arch about 400 feet south, was carried away by the force of the waters and a great pressure of ice, of about three acres in extent.

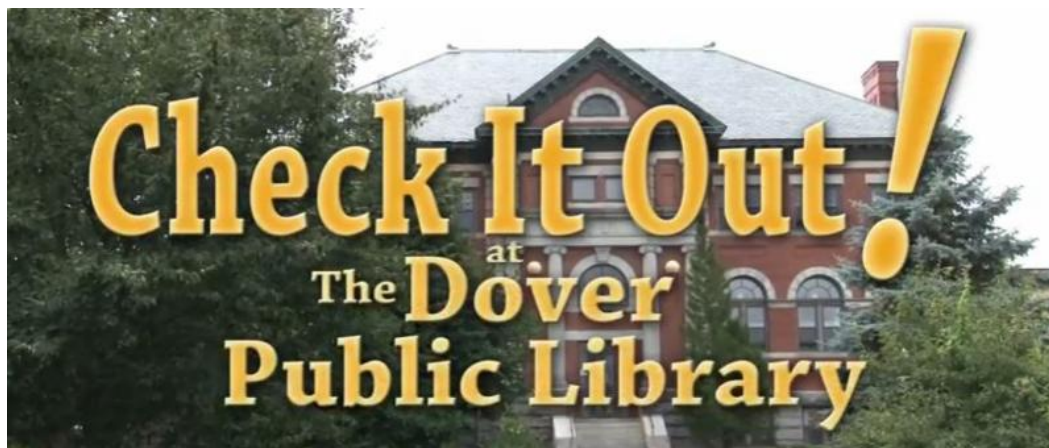
**March 4, 1834** — The mills of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. stopped for three days in consequence of a turn out of the female operatives, occasioned by a reduction of their pay.

**March 5, 1996** — The City of Dover begins to assess three parcels of land for a new Public Works facility, to replace its facility on River Street. The facility on River Street was to be relocated as part of a plan to develop the city-owned waterfront property. The City would eventually decide to construct the new facility on Mast Road, where it remains today.

**March 4, 1999** — Dover City Councilors join with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce to support Dover's designation as a Main Street community, a program launched by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help revitalize downtowns and commercial districts. With a budget drafted by the Dover Chamber that outlined the operation of Main Street in Dover, including funding from the City of Dover, Dover had until March 31 to decide whether to submit its application to participate in the program. Dover was one of five communities competing for

up to three new Main Street designations in New Hampshire. The application was submitted and Dover would be named a Main Street community later that year. Dover Main Street continues to serve the city today.

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## **NH Humanities Council presents Mary Baker Eddy program at Dover Public Library**

The Dover Public Library is pleased to present, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Humanities Council, a program on Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. The program, in celebration of Women's History Month, is entitled "Mary Baker Eddy: New Hampshire's Most Important Religious Thinker" and will be presented by Dr. Nicole Ruane from the University of New Hampshire.



Mary Baker Eddy was New Hampshire's most important and most innovative religious thinker. Mark Twain called Eddy "the most interesting woman that ever lived, and the most extraordinary." The church she founded, The Church of Christ, Scientist, profoundly affected both American ideologies of religion as well as public opinion of the role of women in society. This program discusses the ways in which Eddy's experience as a woman in Victorian-era America influenced her gendered understanding of God as well as the nature of humanity, the body, health, and the place of women in powerful organizations. In Eddy's theology, the divine was not punishing but welcoming and caring; not a domineering father but a loving father-mother -- a perspective that uplifted the feminine in both the divine realm and the human world. Although Eddy's perspectives on healing have always been controversial, her rejection of medicine stemmed from encounters with 19th-century physicians that she felt were demeaning and violating. Eddy instead advocated a patient-centered method of self-empowered healing, a perspective that has much in common with later views of positive psychology and the power of the mind over the body.

Nicole J. Ruane teaches in the Department of Classics, Humanities and Italian at the University of New Hampshire. Her research and teaching focuses on religion, gender, sacred texts, and religious violence. She holds the PhD and MA from Union Theological Seminary in NYC and is the author of "Sacrifice and Gender in Biblical Law" (Cambridge University Press, 2013) as well as articles and book chapters.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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# Anders Morley, New Hampshire author of “This Land of Snow,” to present virtually

Join the Dover Public Library virtually to hear a presentation by New Hampshire author Anders Morley about his book "This Land of Snow : A Journey Across the North in Winter" on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required for this virtual event. Register on the library's event page or using this link: <https://ringcentr.al/3taXxGv>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A passionate skier since he was a child, Morley dreamed of going on a significant adventure, something bold and of his own design. And so one year in his early 30s, he decided to strap on cross-country skis to travel across Canada in the winter alone.

This Land of Snow is about that journey and a man who must come to terms with what he has left behind, as well as how he wants to continue living after his trip is over. It is an honest, thoughtful, and humorous reckoning of an adventure filled with adrenaline and exuberance, as well as mistakes and danger. Along the way readers gain insight, both charming and fascinating, into Northern outdoor culture and modern-day wilderness living, the history of northern exploration and Nordic skiing, the right to roam movement, winter ecology, and more.

Throughout, Morley's clear, subtle, and self-deprecating voice speaks to a backwoods-genteel aesthetic that explores the dichotomy between wildness and refinement, language and personal story, journey and home.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.



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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 different 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. 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 at 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. 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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## Free tax help at the Dover Public Library

The AARP Foundation is offering free tax preparation assistance by appointment only at the Dover Public Library. AARP volunteers will be at the library Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 2-1-1 or go online to [NHTaxhelp.org](http://NHTaxhelp.org).

Only one return can be completed per appointment. If you have additional returns to prepare,



please schedule an additional appointment for each return.

When you go to your appointment, you must bring the following:

- If possible, please print and fill out the first two pages of the [Intake Form](#).
- If married, it is preferable for both spouses be present
- Original or photocopy of social security cards for taxpayer, spouse, if married, and any dependents being claimed
- Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse (must be a Driver's License, or state issued ID Card, or other official document)
- All W-2's for all places worked in previous year
- Prior year tax return if applicable
- Routing number and bank account number for direct deposit

Free tax preparation is available to all ages and occupations.

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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 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.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Sunday, March 6, 2 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Dungeons & Dragons: Teen Group**

Drop in and 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.

### **Sunday, March 6, 2 to 3 p.m.**

#### **Piano Concert by James Li**

A piano concert featuring James Li, a high school student at Oyster River HS, performing pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin and Barber.

### **Monday, March 7, 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 7, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**

welcome to attend to see what the group is all about. The Friends' are still seeking a Program Chair and a Treasurer.

### **Wednesday, March 9, 10 to 11 a.m.**

#### **Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**

Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Children of the Land* by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla

### **Wednesday, March 9, 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 9, 6 to 7 p.m.**

#### **Teen Advisory Board**

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

### **Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

#### **Creativity Corner**

What are you making? Come share your creations with others. Talk about why you create. Talk about your process. Share ideas. Get help with challenges you are facing. Be inspired and inspiring.

### **Thursday, March 10, 10 to 10:45 am**

#### **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.

### **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 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Talking Tech**

Learn ways to harness media for family engagement, set boundaries that help improve your child's health and wellness, and start great conversations at home with Media Power Youth! Media and technology can mean many different things to different people, and strategies will be shared to help you to find a balance that works best for your household. Registration required.

#### **Tuesday, March 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Come and Play!**

Families are invited to open playtime. Come have fun kids and make new friends.

#### **Tuesday, March 8 1, 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, March 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friends of the Dover Public Library**

Regular meeting of the Friends of the Dover Public Library to discuss business, including upcoming fundraisers and requests for funds by the library. Anyone interested in joining the Friends and participating is

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 10, 6:30 to 7:30 pm Mary Baker Eddy: New Hampshire's Most Important Religious Thinker**

Mark Twain called Eddy "the most interesting woman that ever lived, and the most extraordinary." The church she founded, The Church of Christ, Scientist, profoundly affected both American ideologies of religion as well as public opinion of the role of women in society. This program discusses the ways in which Eddy's experience as a woman in Victorian-era America influenced her gendered understanding of God as well as the nature of humanity, the body, health, and the place of women in powerful organizations.

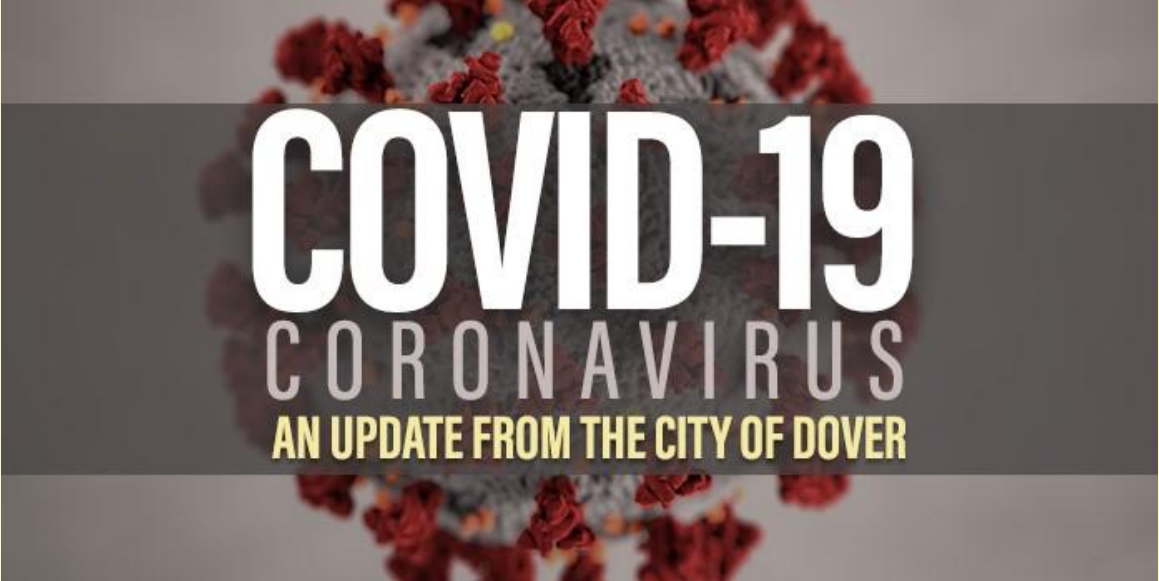
#### **Friday, March 11, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

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 12, 2 to 4 pm Build Like a LEGO Master**

Are you a LEGO Master? Children in grades K-4 can drop in between 2-4pm to test their LEGO building skills at a variety of challenge stations. Build a bridge, a marble maze, an animal or your name out of LEGO. LEGO creations will remain at the library, but will be displayed in the Children's Room for all to enjoy.





# COVID-19

## CORONAVIRUS

### AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DOVER

## COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some, as well as fixed sites throughout the state. To schedule an appointment, 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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## Dover Main Street's Run Before you Crawl 5K is March 12

Registration remains open for Dover Main Street's annual Run Before You Crawl 5K Road Race, to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Dover Main Street's eighth annual Run Before You Crawl 5k is the kick-off race to the 2022 Dover Race Series and features the classic loop course which goes out Chestnut Street, to Washington Street, up the infamous Whittier Street hill, down Sixth Street, and back to Chestnut Street. New this year will be a large, heated registration tent in the transportation center parking lot to help stave off the cold before race time. Water and snacks will be provided by Janetos Market and Hannaford's.

With the uncertainty of COVID-19, Dover Main Street decided not to hold the annual pub crawl, which traditionally takes place after the race. Runners are encouraged to take a break after their run at one or many of Dover's downtown restaurants and bars. Establishments may offer runners discounts or specials, so be sure to bring your running bibs, just in case.

An official USA Track and Field certified course, registration for the 5k is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The first 150 registrations will receive a free 2022 performance race shirt, which will be available for purchase for \$15 thereafter.

Register online at: <https://www.runreg.com/run-before-you-crawl-5k>





## Recreation panel seeks names of all Dover-connected Olympians

The Dover Recreation Advisory Board, with Dover 400, Dover Main Street, and Faces of Dover, seek public help in identifying all Olympic athletes with a Dover connection to create a Dover Olympian recognition program.

The athletes must have participated in the Olympic Games, World Games, Paralympic Games, or Special Olympics World Games to be eligible.

"Dover has played a part in the development of some fine Olympic athletes, such as Jenny Thompson, Cathy O'Brien and Jessica Parratto," said Recreation Director Gary Bannon. "As we plan for Dover's 400th anniversary, we are undertaking an effort to identify and recognize all Dover-connected Olympians since the revival of the modern Olympic games in 1896. And we want the public's help to ensure we have accounted for all of these great athletes."

The deadline to submit a name is March 15. The committee will then review submissions and decide how best to honor them, such as signs, banners, a Faces of Dover historical marker, a plaque in a prominent location in the city, or even participate in Dover 400 activities scheduled for 2022-23.

To submit a name, please provide as much of the below information as possible, and email it to [olympianproject@dover.nh.gov](mailto:olympianproject@dover.nh.gov).

- Olympian's name
- Connection to Dover
- Year(s) the athlete took part in the Olympics
- Cities of competition
- Sport(s)
- Medals (if any)
- Photos
- Any other pertinent information
- Your name and contact info, including email and phone number

For more information, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 603-516-6410 or Beth Fischer at 603-817-1843.

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## Dover Chamber seeks award nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.



New this year is the Community Arts Champion Award, which honors a business or individual in Dover who focuses on creativity as integral to civic engagement, community vitality, and access for everyone, everywhere in the city.

These awards provide an opportunity for GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact

in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards). All nominations are due by March 11 at 4 p.m.

"Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The GDCC Annual Awards Dinner serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at [margaret@dovernh.org](mailto:margaret@dovernh.org).

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 information on programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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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 the following positions:

- **City Planner**
- **Superintendent of Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Camera operator**
- **Welfare assistant/technician**
- **Truck driver: Utilities**

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

