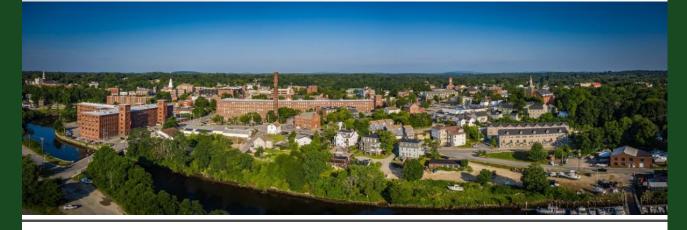


News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 19, 2023



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City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Council to consider administrative code changes, Community Power, and housing needs study

The City Council will hold a public hearing followed by a second reading and possible vote on an ordinance that would update multiple sections of the city's administrative code. It will also hold two other public hearings on pending resolutions to accept and expend grants. One is the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Cybersecurity Implementation grant; the second is a Mass General Brigham Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Community Benefit grant.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance change to the administrative code is to update various sections of the city's purchasing code to provide city staff increased flexibility as operational needs dictate; clarify the purchasing code and ensure consistency; reorganize and relocate certain provisions;

Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and ensure the public interest and the city's governmental interests are protected, and that city procurements obtain the best possible terms of purchase. The list of changes is included in the meeting's agenda materials.

Also on the agenda:

- The Council will again take up a resolution to authorize a Dover Community Power program with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. It would allow the city to prepare for the program's launch and begin public outreach. The same resolution was brought forward to the Council's May 10 meeting, where it was amended to launch the program this year; however, the resolution failed after not receiving a majority vote. The resolution on the May 24 agenda is the original one brought forward on May 10.
- Authorize emergency sewer replacement for Court Street.
 A section of sewer pipe on Court Street was found to have areas of collapse and is beyond repair. The city went out to bid for the project and recommends the City Council contract with D&C Construction to complete the work for a cost not to exceed \$202,100.
- Create an ad hoc committee to address community housing needs. This committee's charge would be to investigate, study, identify, and make commendations to the City Council to better meet the housing needs of the city and its residents.

Click here for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers and is open to the public. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at https://dovernh.viebit.com, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

Woodman Park's Caitlin Duffy among nominees for Teacher of the Year award

Caitlin Duffy, a fourth-grade teacher at Woodman Park Elementary School, has been nominated for New Hampshire's 2024 Teacher of the Year award. She joins a group of 92 teachers from across the state nominated for the honor.

The New Hampshire Department of Education celebrated the nominees on Tuesday, where they had the opportunity to share their teaching experiences, network with each other, and meet with members of the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee.

"Caitlin's dedication to her students and her passion for teaching greatly enhance our school community," said Patrick Boodey, Principal of Woodman Park School. "Caitlin summed up a core belief of hers best when she recently wrote, 'Students should never be afraid to make mistakes and should embrace them —

their brains are growing! She is a prime example of the kind of educator that makes Woodman Park School a positive place for our students. This nomination is well-deserved, and may she do well with the selection process."

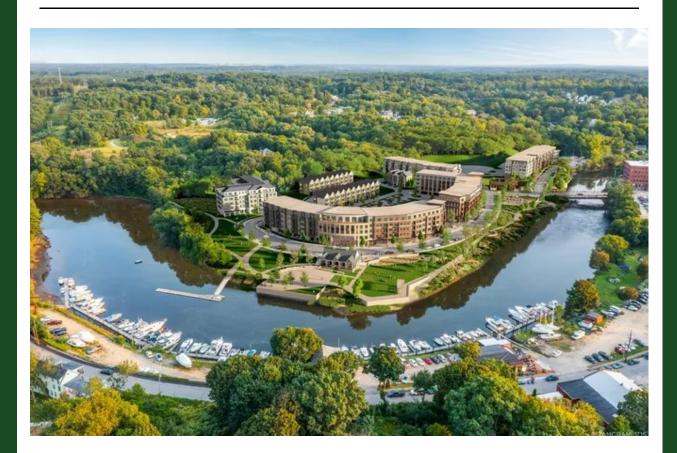
The NHDOE received a record 322 nominations this year, reflecting the high caliber of education and the outstanding commitment of educators in New Hampshire. The 92 nominees, including Duffy, advanced in the selection process by successfully completing a rigorous application.

"Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated educators within New Hampshire schools," said Frank Edelblut, Education Commissioner. "The record number of nominees reflects well on the state of education and our great educators working here in New Hampshire," he added.



The selection committee will continue its work in the coming weeks, reviewing each application and identifying a group of semi-finalists. The semi-finalists will make a formal presentation and respond to questions as part of an interview process with the committee. Following this, the committee will choose a group of finalists and conduct school visits to observe the teachers in their classrooms and interview other individuals. The selection process will conclude with the announcement of New Hampshire's 2024 Teacher of the Year this fall.

For more information and the full list of nominees, visit the NHDOE website here.



A rendering of the planned development of the city-owned waterfront land off River Street.

What's next for the waterfront development project?

Numerous actions have been taken in the last month regarding the development of the cityowned riverfront parcel on River Street. Here's a summary of some of the recent actions.

- The firm the City Council awarded the public improvements bid, Northeast Earth Mechanics, Inc., had its first logistics meeting with city staff last week to discuss the project, the timeline, restrictions, and potential schedule. A subsequent meeting will be held in the coming weeks where Northeast Earth Mechanics is expected to provide its preliminary schedule of how it plans to complete the various phases of the public improvements associated with the project.
- Public improvements include constructing a new street system to provide site access
 and the utilities necessary to serve the building to be built by the private developer.
 Other improvements include the construction of a new 3.4-acre public riverfront park,
 stabilizing the Cochecho River shoreline, grading the elevation to account for projected
 sea level rise, and installing a stormwater management system with green infrastructure.
 The City Council also authorized additional bonding for the project, as the bids came in
 higher than anticipated.
- The city plans to upgrade the River Street pump station next to the waterfront site. The
 pump station, nearing its 30th year, coveys about 80% of the city's wastewater and
 needs upgrades. The City Council recently approved amending its contract with WrightPierce to complete design work for the upgrades.
- The City Council also amended its agreement with developer Cathartes, through its business entity CPI Management, LLC, regarding the project. The amended agreement includes increasing the guaranteed minimum assessed property values for the project. It was also updated to reflect the amount the city is providing for public improvements, including the work to the pump station. The timeline for the private developments was also updated and details how the developer may withdraw from later phases of the project.

The city plans regular updates as the project develops. To sign-up for these updates, visit https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters, and add "Project update: Waterfront Development" to your current email subscription list. More information about the project can be found here on the City of Dover's website.



Dover celebrates National Public Works

Week May 21-27

National Public Works Week is observed annually during the third full week of May, which this year is May 21 through 27. It's a time to reflect and recognize the importance of public works in an organized society and shed light on the essential role that public works employees play in society.

Public works help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make communities great places to live and work.

"Our public works crews are the silent, unsung heroes of the community," said Dover's Community Services Director John Storer. "They are called into action at any time of day, any day of the year, to maintain and fix critical infrastructure that provides safe drinking water, a sanitary sewer system, and clear and safe roads – the lifeblood of our community. Please join me in thanking our dedicated crews."

The American Public Works Association has celebrated National Public Works Week since 1960. The theme for this year's celebration is, Connecting the World Through Public Works. Public works is the thread that connects the community throughout the world. Public works professionals strive to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, happier communities.

Also as part of Public Works Week, Storer and Deputy Director of Community Services David Fredrickson will be guests on next Tuesday's episode of the <u>Dover Download podcast</u> to discuss public works in Dover.

Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Sunday for Spirit of Recovery 5K

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures for the Spirit of Recovery 5K run/walk event on Sunday, May 21, which starts at 9 a.m. The event, part of the Dover Race Series, begins and ends at the Triangle Club at 120 Broadway.

The event will require the following closures and parking restrictions:

- Broadway will be closed in both directions from Saint John Street to Oak Street from 9 to 9:45 a.m.
- Parking will be restricted on the entire length of the northerly side of Portland Avenue on Sunday morning until after the event concludes.

Motorists should also expect brief but additional delays on Oak Street, between Broadway and Portland Avenue, and on Portland Avenue, between Oak and Chapel streets. A portion of the course includes Hill, East Concord, Baker, Everett, Ham, Dover, Park, Pearl, and Florence streets, so residents in those areas may experience brief delays. Dover Police and event volunteers will be on hand at key intersections to help manage traffic flow. Event parking will be available in the parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Oak Street.

All roads will reopen to traffic by 10 a.m.

The 13th annual Spirit of Recovery event is a fundraiser to benefit the Triangle Club of Dover, which offers 12-step treatment programs for people battling drug, alcohol, nicotine, and heroin addiction. The Triangle Club has been hosting peer-driven recovery support groups since 1984. More information is available at https://www.triangleclubdovernh.org.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

Section of Whittier Street to be one-way next week for road work

Whittier Street between Glenwood Avenue to Sixth Street will be restricted to one-way traffic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23. The traffic flow is from Glenwood Avenue to Sixth Street. The restriction is to allow a city contractor to prepare the road for paving, which will occur at a late date.

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

COAST Bus to resume additional services

The region's public transit system will resume nearly all Saturday services on its bus routes beginning on Saturday, May 20. Last summer COAST was forced to eliminate all Saturday services, before resuming a reduced Saturday service schedule in September. The addition of several new bus operators to the COAST team has made the return of these services possible.

"We are very happy to be back to near full staffing levels," said Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. "We know how important our Saturday service schedule is to all our riders, but particularly to employers and employees as we enter the busy summer tourist season. Just yesterday I was emailing back and forth with an area hotel that has 34 employees who will rely on our public transit system this summer to get to and from work," he added. Specifics on the changes going into effect on Saturday, May 20 include:

- Routes 1, 12, 13, 14, 33, 34, and 41 will maintain the same Saturday schedule as on weekdays.
- The Saturday version of Route 33 services the Dover Pool instead of the County Courthouse.
- Routes 40 and 43 in Portsmouth and Newington will run approximately every two hours on Saturdays.
- On weekdays Route 43 will also add a new inbound run at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. and a new outbound run at 3 p.m.

When the COAST board of directors approved the FY23 operating budget, increases in operator pay and other potential enhancements to retain current and attract new staff were considered.

"One of our primary goals was to address the issues we are having with attracting new bus operators to our staff," stated Michael Williams, Director of Operations. Williams continued, "in mid-November, we were able to announce exciting improvements in both pay and the costs of benefits that took effect in January. The results – we are closer to fully staffed than we have been in years."

For information on COAST career opportunities, please visit www.coastbus.org/careers.

Dover Art Beat opening event is May 25 at McConnell Center

Join the Dover Arts Commission in celebrating our 2023 Art Beat artists on Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the McConnell Center cafeteria with the artists and participating businesses.

The Dover Art Beat Program, a Dover Arts Commission program, encourages local businesses to display local art and gives artists an alternate display venue other than

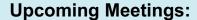
specific galleries or themed gallery shows. This also gives the public more opportunities and locations to view artwork.

You can also find Art Beat displays this May-June at participating Dover businesses:

Caffe Kilim, 3 Hale St.; Chemistry Hair Studio, 278 Central Ave.; Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.; Dover Eye Care, 65 Belknap St.; Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.; Erin Claire, 93 Washington

St.; The Fermanent, 45 Pointe Place Unit 8; The Flower Room, 474 Central Ave.; McConnell

Center cafeteria, 61 Locust St.



Forest Management Subcommittee, May 22, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission's Forest Management Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall,

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Transportation Advisory Commission, May 22, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

McConnell Center **Advisory Board**, May 22, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda,





On the Agenda: Planning Board, 5/23/2023

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, May 23, 2023. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or

https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php? hash=fivbUX5dekbgeIno

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 bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

Informational workshop on stormwater and flood resiliency utility slated for Tuesday

The City of Dover will host a public workshop on Tuesday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the creation of a stormwater and flood resiliency utility for the city. The workshop, to be held in Room 305 of the McConnell Center, will include a presentation about the benefits

click here.

School Board, May 22, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board, May 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, May 24, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, May 25, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, May 25, 7 p.m.

The Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023,

followed by a breakout session to solicit public feedback on how best to implement it.

At the direction of the City Council, city staff, working with the Ordinance Committee, Utility Commission, and a consultant, are drafting an ordinance that authorizes a stormwater and flood resiliency utility that will be brought to City Council in the future for adoption. On Feb. 2, 2022, the City Council accepted the recommendation of the ad hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding and declared its intent to form a stormwater and flood resiliency utility by ordinance. The stormwater committee, created by City Council 2020, was to investigate, study, identify, and make recommendations to the Council concerning potential funding opportunities for current and future stormwater and flood resiliency management planning. Its membership included a diverse group of stakeholders that met for over a year before making their recommendation to the City Council.

Stormwater runoff flows across impervious surfaces and does not soak into the ground, collecting surface pollutants such as oil, bacteria, and sediment as it flows, often deposited into our local waterways untreated. During heavy rain events, the city's stormwater drainage system is overwhelmed, causing flooding and significant financial damage to roads and property. Therefore, reducing stormwater runoff makes financial and environmental sense but requires ongoing investments. The City has accumulated at least \$5 million in deferred stormwater and flood resiliency projects due to insufficient funding, with rising costs projected from increasing federal and state regulatory requirements.

Currently, stormwater funding is primarily through the City's General Fund, much of which is generated through property taxes. The City Council's ad hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding found that its neither sustainable nor a fair way to fund stormwater runoff infrastructure, as 55% of the stormwater infrastructure is funded by residential property owners, even though they account for only 25% of the city's impervious area. Stormwater affects all City parcels, but not all parcels pay into the General Fund, such as tax-exempt properties.

The city will provide regular updates about the ongoing development of the utility. To sign-up for project-specific emails, visit https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters and add "Project Updates: Stormwater and Flood Resiliency Utility" to your current email subscription list.

beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> 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, 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.

May 22, 1669 — The town voted to build a minister's house on Dover Neck to these specifications: "44 feet in length, 20 feet wide, 14 feet between joist and joist, with a stack of brick chimnies and a cellar 16 feet square." The house was to be built "at the charge of the whole town in general."

May 25, 1713 — The inhabitants of Bloody Point, with a portion of those adjoining them in Portsmouth, petitioned the General Assembly to be made a separate and distinct parish from Dover and Portsmouth. The parties were heard on the July 16, and it was "ordered that the petition be granted, and the place made a parish by themselves, and that they forthwith establish an able, orthodox, and learned minister among them, and be henceforth acquitted from the support of the ministry of Dover and Portsmouth." New Hampshire Gov. Joseph Dudley named the parish Newington.

May 20, 1723 — It was ordered that two schoolmasters be procured for Dover for the ensuing year and that their salary not exceed 30 pounds apiece. At the same time, Mr. Sullivan accepted the job of schoolmaster for three months, beginning the next day, on May 21. He promised the town selectmen that if he planned to leave his post sooner than three months, he would give them a month's notice. The selectmen were also required to give him a month's notice if they disliked him.

May 20, 1926 — Former Dover Fire Capt. John J. McCarty died on this day at age 75. McCarty

was the former commander of Hose Company 3. McCarty was also a spinner for many years at Sawyer Woolen Mills. He would later be known as the landlord of the old New Hampshire House, a hotel in Dover. After returning from World War I, McCarty also opened an ice business on the Bellamy River.

May 24, 1999 — Three candidates for school superintendent visited Dover on this day. The candidates were selected during a search for a new superintendent to replace retiring Superintendent Gerald Daley. All the candidates spent the day visiting Dover's public schools and community members. The City Council and School Board held community events the following day to gather community feedback. Later that week, following final interviews, the School Board selected Armand LaSelva of Beverly, Mass., as Daley's replacement. LaSelva resigned as superintendent on March 19, 2004, but remained with the district as a consultant through June of that year. LaSelva was replaced by John O'Connor.



This Week at the Library

May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

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

Monday, May 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. An Evening of Poetry

All poets who participated in the library's 21st Annual Poetry Contest are invited to read their poetry at this event. The general public is encouraged to come and enjoy the readings. This event will take place on the library lawn.

Tuesday, May 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose on the Loose For babies through 2 years and home, the best time to sell, and how value is determined. It is recommended for anyone who is thinking of selling their home or condo and wants to get the best price for their property. Questions are encouraged. Register if you would like to attend remotely.

Thursday, May 25, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun.

Registration required.

Thursday, May 25, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Crafternoon for Kids: No Sew T-shirt Tote

Get ready for summer by making a no sew beach tote (or stuffed animal tote) out of an outgrown t-shirt. Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to to join us in the storytime room, and preschoolers, with an adult care-giver to assist them, are welcome as well. Please bring a gently used t-shirt with you to use to make your tote bag.

Thursday, May 25, 6 to 7 p.m.

parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, May 23, 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 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, May 24, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, May 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Abilities Club: Video Gaming

Adults with disabilities are invited for an hour of Wii gaming action! Just Dance, Wii Sports, Mario Kart, and more. Everyone will get a chance to play, and activities will be provided for the down time between turns.

Wednesday, May 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Medicare Basics with Tim Harrigan

Take the mystery out of Medicare and get all your questions answered. This informative class will help you understand the basics of Medicare in relatable, easy-to-understand language and provide you with the tools you will need to determine the best plan for you. Tim Harrigan is a Senior Benefits Specialist for Harrigan Insurance Services, Inc.

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Home Sellers Seminar

This seminar-styled course covers topics such as how to increase the value of your

Make your own Pokeball Terrariums

Adults are invited to build a Pokeball Terrarium. The library will provide all the supplies. If you want a specific pokemon for your terrarium you may wish to bring it, but there will be an assortment to choose from as well as various plastic plants and terrarium contents.

Registration required.

Thursday, May 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Thursday, May 25, 7 to 8 p.m. Author Talk: Charlotte McConaghy

Join Dover Public Library in partnership with Chelmsford Public Library and One Book Chelmsford for a virtual visit from author Charlotte McConaghy, author of Migrations.

Registration required.

Friday, May 26, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Friday, May 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sensory Storytime

This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.

Registration required.

Saturday through Monday, May 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend, Library Closed





PINE HILL CEMETERY 131 CENTRAL AVE, DOVER, NH

Memorial Day ceremony to be held at Pine Hill **Cemetery on May 29**

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, beginning at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Cemetery and hosted by Dover's Woodman Museum.

The event will begin with a ceremony to honor Dover's fallen soldiers. It will include opening remarks by Woodman Museum Executive Director Jonathan Nichols, a Memorial Day address by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, a wreath laying, the playing of Taps, a massing of colors by Dover High School's Naval Junior ROTC, a Civil War cannon salute, and a keynote speaker.

The ceremony will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) monument and lawn. located behind the Ricker Memorial Chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Following the ceremony, trained artillery experts from the 1st NH Light Artillery will conduct a Civil War cannon firing demonstration at the lower Pine Hill Cemetery fields (south of South Watson Road).

The Woodman Museum, a local history museum currently in its 107th season, is proud to organize this year's event. The Woodman, founded in 1916, is a traditional early 20th-century style natural science, history, and art museum with exhibits for all ages. To learn more about the museum, visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

City of Dover reminds residents of Pine Hill Cemetery guidelines

As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, the City of Dover would like to remind residents and visitors of the guidelines in place at Pine Hill Cemetery to preserve its beauty, serenity, and safety. By following these guidelines, the community can ensure that the cemetery remains a respectful and peaceful space for all who come to remember and honor their loved ones.

The City of Dover asks residents to adhere to the following guidelines for floral displays and personal items at Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Flowers may be placed on lots starting seven days before May 30 and must be removed no later than seven days after May 30;
- Planting flowers directly into the ground is not permitted:
- To ensure safety, glass or breakable containers is prohibited;
- Flat, ground-level foot markers should be kept free of any items;
- Lots featuring monuments with extended bases on the sides are allowed to hold flowers longer than seven days after May 30;
- Items not in accordance with these guidelines (e.g., solar lights, remembrance lights, wooden signs, shepherd hooks, personal items, etc.) will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery Department.

The City of Dover appreciates the community's understanding and cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. If residents have any questions or concerns, they are encouraged to contact the Pine Hill Cemetery office at 603-516-6480.

Dover High School graduation set for Thursday, June 8 at Dunaway Field

Dover High School will host its graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 on Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at Dunaway Field at DHS. The rain date is Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will be streamed live on Channel 22, <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u> and YouTube at <u>youtube.com/@CityofDoverNH</u>.

Parking is limited, and carpooling is strongly encouraged. Attendees may park in the main lot, the Bellamy Academy lot, the tennis court lot, along Daley Drive, and at Dover Middle School. Handicap parking is available, but handicap parking passes must be requested in advance through the DHS' Main Office.

For more information, including seating and parking maps, <u>click here</u> for the Graduation Guide, or contact Dover High School at 603-516-6900.



Military families play for free all summer at the Children's Museum

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, is the start of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's Military Appreciation Summer, during which all current and retired military personnel and their immediate family members are invited to play at no cost, thanks to generous sponsorship from Service Credit Union. From now through Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023, guests can reserve their spots online for free and then simply show a military ID at the front desk of the museum to receive free admission for the military member, dependent children, and spouse.

"We are excited to once again to sponsor the Military Appreciation Program at the museum," said Jaime Yates, Community Relations Manager at Service CU. "Giving back to the communities we serve is ingrained in our mission, especially when it comes to providing low-cost or free activities for our military and their families."

The museum's summer Military Appreciation Program is exclusively sponsored by Service Credit Union and is part of the larger nationwide Blue Star Museum program. The Blue Star Museum program is a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. Children's Museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day. Find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

"We thank the 2023 Blue Star Museums who invite military personnel and their families to experience the many wonders they have to offer, whether it's a glimpse into the past, an encounter with awe-inspiring art, or a moment of discovery," said Maria Rosario Jackson, Ph.D., chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. "The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is helping to enrich the lives of military families and build meaningful connections between our nation's military and their local community."

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire has expanded what is offered through the Blue Star Museum program to also include free admission to retired military personnel and their family members. "We are so grateful that Service Credit Union has agreed to help us sponsor this vital addition to our Military Appreciation summer program in 2023," said Jane Bard, Museum President.

The summer free admission program at the Children's Museum of NH is available to active duty and retired U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as

members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and up to five family members.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire extends a 50-percent-off discount to military personnel and their families during the rest of the year thanks to additional sponsorship support, including from M&T Bank.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's hours are Wednesdays – Saturdays, 9 a.m. to non or 1-4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon. Summer hours begin Tuesday, June 20, and add a Tuesday afternoon (1-4 p.m.) play session to the existing hours. The museum is closed on Mondays. Online reservations before visiting are required. To learn more, visit www.childrens-museum.org.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including the:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- · Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

To apply, complete an application, <u>available here</u> and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

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:

- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Police Officer
- Lifequard
- Swim Instructor I
- City Planner
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician
- Parking Maintenance Specialist
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Police Systems IT Technician
- Truck Driver -- Streets
- Heavy Equipment Operator -- Utilities

- Laborer -- Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Summer intern
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Facilities and Grounds
- Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Speech and Language Pathologist Long Term Substitute
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- DALC Teacher-Spanish Literacy and HiSET Prep in corrections facility
- Auditorium House Manager and Technician
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager Custodian
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor
- Substitute Teacher
- Substitute Nurse

For more information about these positions, <u>click here</u>.

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