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City now accepting Community Development Block Grant applications

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development is now accepting applications from public service agencies, qualified individuals and eligible organizations for grants from the fiscal year 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The fiscal year spans July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Applications are [available online here](#) and at the Planning Department. The application submission deadline is 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, 2019, at the Department of Planning and Community Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820-4169.

CDBG workshops to provide an overview of the CDBG Program and specific application requirements will be held in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Applicants are encouraged but not required to attend.

The City of Dover may reject incomplete or late applications.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to acquisition of property, development or improvement of public facilities, clearance or demolition, public services, and special

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economic development activities.

To be eligible for funding, certain requirements must be met, including but not limited to:

- Submission of a complete and timely application.
- Consistent with the FY2021-25 Consolidated Plan.
- Meet one of the following HUD national objectives:
 - Benefit low and moderate income people;
 - Eliminate of slums and blight;
 - Meet a particularly urgent community development need.

For more information about project eligibility or to learn more about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/index.html.

The City of Dover has been a CDBG entitlement community for over 25 years. The HUD program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income people. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. The entitlement grant is expected to be available in the summer or fall of 2020. The amount to be received by the City of Dover has yet to be determined by Congress.

For more information, contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-6008.

Upcoming meetings:

Ordinance Committee, Nov. 25, 9 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

To view televised meetings online, on

State DRA sets Dover tax rate

First half of tax bill due Dec. 27

The City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2020 (tax year 2019) has been calculated by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and certified on Nov. 18, 2019, at \$25.19 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

According to City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., the late adoption of the state budget delayed the certification of the tax rate by the DRA.

Tax bills have been mailed to all property owners and are expected to arrive by Wednesday, Nov. 27, according to the City's Finance Department. The first half of the tax bill is due Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, and the second half is due by Monday, June 1, 2020.

demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.


For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).




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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.

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

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The tax rate set by the DRA represents an increase of 27 cents, or a 1.1 percent increase over the prior year.

"It should be noted the overall tax rate increase would have been significantly higher but was minimized primarily due to an overall increase in assessed value of approximately 5 percent or \$176 million realized from the combination of new construction and increased market value throughout the entire community," Joyal said.

There are four components of the tax rate: the city portion, local education portion, state education, and Strafford County. The tax rate of \$25.19 is broken down as follows:

- **City:** \$9.28, a decrease of 9 cents over the previous year;
- **Local education:** \$11.37, an increase of 49 cents over the previous year;
- **State education:** \$1.98, a decrease of 8 cents;
- **County:** \$2.56, a decrease of 5 cents over the previous year.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Finance Department at 6013-516-6030.



A home heating safety reminder from Dover Fire and Rescue

With winter and colder weather approaching, Dover Fire and Rescue urges residents to think about safety when keeping warm.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes, including one- and two-family homes and apartments.

Heating equipment fires account for 16 percent of all reported home fires and 19 percent of home fire deaths, second only behind smoking materials.

"When colder weather arrives, we turn to home heating to take the chill out of the air," said Fire Chief Paul Haas. "But before you do, remember that home heating equipment can be dangerous, and even fatal, if not used and cleaned properly."

Space heaters are most often involved in home heating fires, figuring in two of every five of these fires and accounting for 84 percent of associated deaths, 75 percent of injuries, and 52 percent of direct property damage.

The leading factor contributing to ignition for home heating fire deaths -- 56 percent -- was heating equipment too close to items easily burned, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding.

The leading factor contributing to home heating fires -- 30 percent -- is failure to clean heating equipment, primarily chimneys.

"Many of the fires caused by heating equipment are directly related to the change in seasons," Haas said. "Half of these fires occur in December, January and February."

Haas added it is not too early to think about home heating safety as colder fall weather will arrive soon.

Here are some home heating safety tips from Dover Fire and Rescue:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Haas said now is also a good time to make sure an escape plan is in place. If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

"You put your seat belt on every time you drive your car, in case an accident happens," Haas said. "In similar fashion, you should prepare ahead of time in case of a fire. If one breaks out, it will be too late to take those preparatory steps."

Here are some additional tips about creating an evacuation plan:

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.
- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.
- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, install house numbers that are plainly legible and visible from the street to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.
- If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.
- Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one. This is especially important when children are permitted to attend "sleepovers" at friends' homes.
- Once you're out, stay out. Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the emergency dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.

Upcoming holiday hours for City offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday Nov. 29, 2019, for Thanksgiving.

In addition, city administrative offices will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The Public Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The Public Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29. The Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, Dec. 1, for the annual Holiday Parade.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The Dover Community Senior Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 29.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only.

Downtown parking is free on Friday, Nov. 29, part of the the Plaid Friday initiative to encourage shopping local.

City to conduct fall sign clean-up

The City of Dover's Department of Planning and Community Development announces it will conduct a clean-up of off-premise signs, including those placed on trees and utility poles or within the right-of-way without permission.

In Dover, temporary signs are permitted only in selected commercial zoning districts and must meet dimensional and liability requirements. With a few exceptions, temporary signs that are not located on the owner's property (also known as "off-premise" signs) are prohibited throughout Dover. Sign clean-ups are conducted in order to remove signs placed without permission, such as those often found attached to roadside trees and utility poles, or on the ground along roadsides. These signs can cause a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors.

Assistant City Manager Chris Parker explains that another goal of the clean-up is to support those organizations with legal signage.

"Dover's sign regulations were created to balance the need for identification, advertising, and communication with the need to protect safety and welfare and maintain an attractive appearance throughout the City," Parker said. "Removing illegal signs helps to ensure that those who've followed these regulations know that their efforts to obtain permits are meaningful."

Owners are advised to remove any unpermitted signs prior to the clean-up, which will occur prior to Thanksgiving. Any sign that is confiscated will be held at City Hall for 30 days prior to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation fee based on the actual cost of man-hours and equipment use. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

The City's focus on enforcement of the ban on off-premise signage began in 2010. To review the application forms and regulations for the placement of temporary signage in Dover, please see the Planning and Community Development Department page on the City website, at

The Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 170 of the Dover City Code, addresses sign review and regulations in Section 170-32. For guidance on the placement of political advertising, refer to New Hampshire state law, RSA 664:17 "Placement and Removal of Political Advertising."

For additional information please contact Elena Piekut, Assistant City Planner and Zoning Administrator, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at e.piekut@dover.nh.gov.

Road closures and traffic restrictions in place for Thanksgiving Day race

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Dover Turkey Trot 5K run/walk event, organized by and benefiting the Garrison Elementary School PTA. This is the final race of the 2019 Dover Race Series.



On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., Shaws Lane will be closed in both directions between Garrison Road and Tideview Drive, for a period of approximately 15 minutes to accommodate the start of the race (8:20 to 8:35 a.m.). Garrison Road will be closed in the westerly direction at Morningside Drive from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with traffic diverted through the Morningside neighborhood.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., motorists should expect additional delays in the following locations:

- Back River Road and Garrison Road
- Garrison Road and Shaws Lane
- Back River Road and Spruce Lane
- Mast Road and Spruce Lane
- Linda Avenue, Riverdale Avenue and Morningside Drive

Parking restrictions will be posted on Shaws Lane to be effective on the day of the event. Event parking will be available in the lots adjacent to the Shaws Lane parking lot, the upper field parking near Garrison and Back River roads, and in the Morningside Drive, Meridian Drive and Shadow Drive neighborhoods.

For more information about the Dover Turkey Trot, visit www.doverturkeytrot.com.

For more information about traffic, contact the Traffic Bureau at 742-4646.

Shop local this holiday season, including Plaid Friday and Shop Small Saturday

Show your support for the local merchants who help Dover thrive by shopping local this holiday season.

Many Dover businesses are participating in Plaid Friday, Nov. 29, and Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday and encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Check out plenty of special offers from local merchants this weekend and throughout the holiday season.

Ice Arena to hold Skate with Santa Dec. 8

The Dover Arena will host its annual Skate with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 from 1:30-3 p.m. with a story time and holiday songs following the skate.

This is always a fun event for all ages and is during the arena's regular Recreation Department public skating time on Sundays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to meet the children and their families and pass out some holiday treats.



After the skating, Santa and Mrs. Claus will have a story time and holiday songs for all of the children and some favorite holiday stories will be shared for all to enjoy.

Stop by the arena Sunday, Dec. 8, to visit with Santa, skate to fun holiday music and visit with Santa during story time.

Donate to the arena food drive at this event and skate for free. If you bring three cans or boxes of non-perishable food, you will skate for free (three per person). With a donation, skate rentals are only \$2.

For more information, contact the arena at 603-516-6060 or go online at www.doverarena.com.



COAST to hold final round of public information meetings and hearings

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) is announcing its final round of opportunities to provide public input on COAST's redesign of the region's public transit system during the first week of December. Over the past 15-plus months COAST has undertaken a comprehensive review of its entire public transit system, asked for and received tremendous input from riders, partners and stakeholders, and based on that input, developed a proposal to redesign its services to better meet the needs of the region today and into the foreseeable future.

"There has been a remarkable amount of work undertaken over the past year-plus," said Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. "We have held 16 public forums over three distinct public input periods, collected and analyzed over 330 responses to onboard and online surveys, and attended numerous partner and stakeholder meetings, all of which were necessary to get us to the point where we are today. The proposed conceptual plan has really come together, and we were very pleased with the positive response we received when the plan was released earlier this year."

These meetings will represent the final public input opportunities on the proposed system changes coming to COAST in mid-2020. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, Dec. 3 (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.), Dover Public Library
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.), Somersworth City Hall
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.), Portsmouth Public Library
- Thursday, Dec. 5 (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.), Friends of Farmington Meeting Space
- Thursday, Dec. 5 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) Rochester Public Library

The following items will be presented for final input:

- Final conceptualized plan, including routes and schedules
- Fare and fare media changes
- New recognized holidays
- Temporarily extending COAST ADA service to affected ADA clients no longer residing within COAST's service area

Public input on the final conceptualized plan will be accepted at the public information meetings and hearings.

Additionally, comments can also be submitted via email to info@coastbus.org, or by mail to COAST, 42 Sumner Drive, Dover, NH 03820. Comments will be accepted until Monday, Dec. 16.

The new system has numerous benefits for riders; including dramatic reductions in travel times for the longest trips, more timely connections between routes, clockface scheduling, expansion of Saturday services and extensions of service coverage to a small number of highly sought areas. As required due to coming funding reductions, the service is designed to have a lower overall operating cost, make better use of vehicle downtime to maximize revenue service, eliminate service to some of the lowest ridership areas and reduce peak vehicle needs and associated costs.

"We owe an enormous amount of gratitude to the NHDOT for helping COAST assemble the funding necessary for implementation. A \$4.95M award of FTA funds, passed through the NHDOT over the next three years, will help COAST transition to the new service designed for better cost efficiencies, while also improving customer service," explained Nichols.

A landing page for the Project can be viewed at www.coastbus.org/OurFuture. Visitors to the online landing page can read a project overview, review the project progress to date, see the latest version of the proposed system and timetables, obtain details on upcoming meetings and provide public comment and input through available forms.

Nichols added, "We are very proud of the comprehensive public input and planning process we have undertaken and feel that the result is a system design that best reflects the changing needs of the region. We are excited to see the proposed system move to the next stage after the upcoming final public input round."

Nichols closed by saying, "Throughout this process, COAST has been committed to achieving the organization's stated goals of actively engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to be responsive to the region's changing needs, promoting fiscal stewardship of public transportation, and conducting ourselves with fiscal integrity and transparency that respects the taxpayers and municipalities we serve."

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a non-profit agency, operating a regional public transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies. COAST's vision is to be an innovative leader in providing a broad range of public transportation services, connecting and coordinating a robust network of transportation options for everyone.

To learn more about COAST, or to find out if taking the bus is right for you, visit www.coastbus.org.



Dover Fire Toy Bank seeks donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is much colder, the days are getting shorter and that means the 2019 Dover Fire Toy Bank has started planning for their annual toy bank.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue for more than 40 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to helping over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

Games and toys are fun; but this year as in the recent past, the Dover Toy Bank is also anticipating an increased need for the fundamentals for many Dover families.

The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the community.

Here's how to help: Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message and we will get you one for your business.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives

these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) anytime until Christmas evening.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

For more information, or to help wrap presents, call 603-516-TOYS (8697).



Dover Holiday Parade is Dec. 1

The Dover Children's Center will present the 2019 Dover Holiday Parade Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. The theme this year is the "Magical Isle of Misfit and Antique Toys." The parade route will begin at the Dunkin Donuts on Central Avenue and continue to the Pine Hill Cemetery.

The parade is underwritten by Liberty Mutual this year.

The parade grand marshal will be Michael Mengers, who was named this year's Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year award winner. He has been actively involved with the Dover community for many years. He has worked for the Dover Chamber of Commerce as the events manager for five years, founded the Dover Race Series in 2014, is the chairman of the Dover Chamber Festival of Trees committee and served as a member on the Board of Directors for Zebra Crossings in the past. He now serves on the Board of Directors for the Dover Chamber and the Leadership Seacoast Board of Directors. He will be walking the parade this year with his daughter.

There is still time to enter floats in the parade or sponsor the event.

For information, call Melissa or Amanda at (603) 742-7637 or email doverholidayparade@gmail.com.



Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 6

The 34th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and speak with the children.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.

Festival of Trees is Dec. 6

The 10th annual Festival of Trees will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 from 4-8 p.m., at Rivermill at Dover Landing, 2 Washington St.

Festival of Trees will feature over 30 trees, elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off to benefit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.



The event also includes live choir performances, children's activities, holiday carols, refreshments and more.

For more information, including how to sponsor a tree, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at dovernh.org.



Police accepting names for holiday food baskets

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the Police Department is now accepting names of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Holiday Food Basket Program.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide holiday dinners to families in Dover. Last year, more than 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community, which provided meals to more than 500 people.

In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place homeless shelter.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities) will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. If you cannot arrange for delivery to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Volunteers from the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 21.

For more information, visit the Holiday Food Basket Program page here:

<http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/community-outreach/dover-police-charities/holiday-food-basket/index.html>



Dover Main Street's Hometown Holiday Party is Dec. 7

Downtown Dover comes alive with the fourth annual Hometown Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 from 2 to 7 p.m. Celebrate the Christmas season with ice sculptures, hot cocoa, crafts, Santa Stroll, caroling in the streets, and more.

Sponsored by First Seacoast Bank, the Hometown Holiday Party is packed with holiday fun for people of all ages.

For more information, visit Dover Main Street at dovermainstreet.org.



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Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK



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Eversource urges caution to
customers about holiday scams

Whether it's over the phone, online or at the front door, sophisticated scammers are finding unique ways to exploit people and steal their money, and Eversource wants its customers to beware of the seasonal increase in utility scams. These scammers often pose as Eversource employees to get money, demand personal information for identity theft, or use deceptive marketing tactics to convince customers to switch energy suppliers. This week, as part of Utilities United Against Scams, which is a consortium of over 100 energy companies, Eversource is urging its customers to look for the signs of scammers.

"We always want to protect our customers from scams, and that's why it's critical we continue to raise awareness and educate the public about all the different tactics these scammers use," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "If someone shows up at your home or calls you and demands immediate payment, do NOT give it to them. Call us right away at 1-800-662-7764 to verify ANY request for payment or personal information."

A common utility con involves customers getting phone calls warning that their service is about to be shut off because of unpaid bills. The caller claims to be a billing representative from Eversource who tells a customer that to avoid an immediate shutoff, they need to settle an overdue bill by providing a credit card number or a prepaid debit card. In many cases, the caller ID will display "Eversource." Both businesses and homeowners are targeted and, unfortunately, scammers are often successful. According to the Better Business Bureau's 2018 Scam Tracker Risk Report, the median loss for a utility scam victim is \$500.

The energy company wants to remind its customers:

- Eversource representatives never demand instant payment in person or over the phone.
- Eversource representatives do not require the use of prepaid debit cards (such as Green Dot MoneyPak, Vanilla or Reloadit).
- Eversource representatives never request customers meet at a payment center, such as a department or grocery store, to make a payment.
- Eversource does not solicit door-to-door or on the phone on behalf of third-party energy suppliers.
- All Eversource employees carry photo identification; field workers wear company logoed clothing and drive company vehicles.

Eversource urges anyone who believes they are a target of improper solicitation to please alert local law enforcement and contact the company directly at 1-800-662-7764. The energy company tracks these types of customer concerns and reports them to state regulators.

Eversource.com and the Utilities United Against Scams websites provide more information on how to protect personal information and avoid becoming a victim of utility scams.

Concerned customers can also report scams and fraudulent activity by calling the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 603-271-2431.

Surveys on recreation and the arts in Dover close soon

The City of Dover is updating the Recreation Chapter of the Master Plan and wants feedback. Each year a different chapter of the city's guiding document, the Master Plan, is updated. This year it's recreation, which was last updated in 2009. The new chapter will not only focus on recreation but also include a larger arts component.

The public is encouraged to weigh in on recreation and the arts in Dover and what they would like to see in the future by participating in two online surveys, which conclude soon. The first survey focuses on recreation and can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/2l4aJOs>. The second survey focuses on public art and can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/31f3TH>.

Please follow Dover's Planning Department on Facebook, visit the Planning Department's webpage, or call 603-516-6008 for more information.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is now open for additional hours on Sunday.

Through Dec. 1, the Recycling Center will be open on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 516-6450.



GREEN WAVE DISPATCH
News from Dover's public schools



SEED partners with WDH to fund high school CPR program

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovation grants to Dover educators, recently partnered with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital to fund CPR/First Aid training at Dover High School.

The donation, valued at \$1,036, was given to Health and Wellness teacher Mary Jean Hippern and used to purchase mannequins, manuals, and video tutorials. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies, including a heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. CPR keeps oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs until medical personnel arrive.

"CPR and first aid are lifelong skills that every person should know," said Hippern. "One of my former students performed CPR on his father, he later spoke to the school board about the importance for all students to learn CPR, stating it was one of the most valuable things he learned in high school."

In addition to life-saving skills, some vocations require CPR certification for employment. "We are so excited to work with Wentworth-Douglass to bring this critical programming to the high school," said Sue Vitko, Chair, SEED Board of Directors.

To learn more about SEED, please visit www.DoverSEED.org

Substitutes needed for Dover schools

The Dover School Department, SAU 11, is seeking substitute teachers at all schools.

Substitutes enjoy convenient hours and training, if needed.

For more information, call (603) 516-6800, or fill out an

application at the SAU 11 website. Visit the [Human Resources employment page](#) and select "Substitute Teachers."



Coming up in Dover schools

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 4:30 p.m., Dover High School, Career Technical Center Conference Room
Dover High School Joint Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - Friday, November 29, No School
Thanksgiving Recess

Friday, Dec. 6, No School
Teacher Workshop/Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 - Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, No School
Holiday Recess



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

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



Nov. 28, 1692 - The Provincial Council, to prevent the drawing off of the soldiers from the Cochecho and Oyster rivers, ordered the Treasurer to disburse 20 or 30 pounds to supply said soldiers with provisions, and to enable them to continue at their posts for the better defense of the Province.



Nov. 22, 1824 - The town voted to give \$5,000 towards the building of a new stone jail, provided it be built in Dover.



Nov. 27, 1852 - The shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt, resembling the rattling of carriage wheels on frozen ground.



Nov. 23, 1859 - Mrs. J. Stone of Tufonboro is killed at the train depot in Dover attempting to get on the cars - she being on her way to Boston to spend Thanksgiving with her son.



Nov. 20, 1920 - The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups.

Dover400 commemorative ornaments available while supplies last

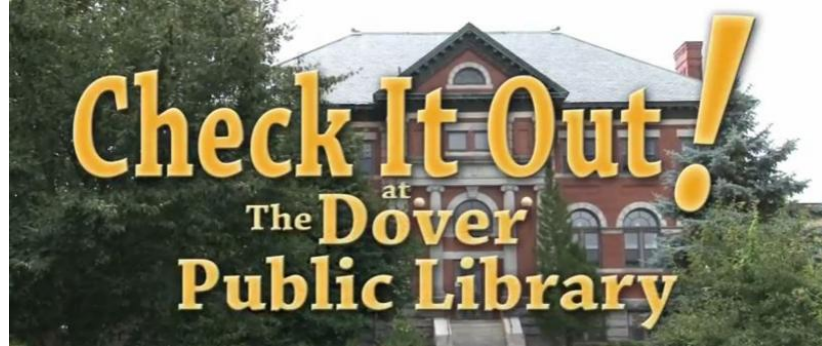
Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, recently debuted its first of five holiday ornaments in celebration of Dover's 400th birthday. Produced by Hampshire Pewter, the series is limited to only 200 pieces.

Unveiled during Apple Harvest Day, the souvenir showcases Dover's beloved landmark, the Damm Garrison House. Each year leading up to 2023, a new ornament will be released featuring a distinguished piece of Dover history and culture.



Ornaments can be purchased for \$20 at the Dover Public Library or the City Clerk's Office. Or simply send \$28 and the ornament will be shipped directly to you. Make checks payable to the City of Dover NH with Dover400 in the memo. Send to Cathy Beaudoin, c/o Dover Public Library 73 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820.

For more information about the campaign, to become a sponsor or to donate, please contact Dover 400th Anniversary Committee Chair, Kevin McEneaney at k.mceneaney@dover.nh.gov or visit www.dover.nh.gov/dover400.html.



A Holiday Evening with Judy Pancoast

New Hampshire's own Grammy nominee, Judy Pancoast, is thrilled to announce the publication of her debut novel, "The House on Christmas Street," based on her popular holiday hit. Pancoast will be at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in support of this new book, just in time for Christmas.



Pancoast will open the program by singing some of her original Christmas songs, and will then read to you from her novel. This is a program that will be enjoyed by everyone from teens to seniors. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Find out more about Pancoast at www.judypancoast.com.



The program is free and open to the public.

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

Give back by finding a local organization to volunteer with at the Volunteer Fair

November and December are called the "giving season." As we get closer to the holidays, more and more people discover a kindness in their hearts that leads them to want to help others. This season the Dover Public Library hopes to make the opportunity to give back a bit easier by setting up a Volunteer Fair in the library's Lecture Hall.

Hosted on the top floor of the Dover Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Volunteer Fair welcomes people to learn about, and chat with representatives of, several local non-profits that are doing wonderful things in the area and who are looking for volunteers to aid their organization.

Participants include Dover Children's Home, American Red Cross, the New Hampshire Tax Aide program, Pope Memorial Humane Society, Hyder House/Riverside Rest Home, SOS Recovery, Dover Adult Learning Center, End 68 Hours of Hunger, First Parish Church, Dover Area Women's Club, and New Hampshire Seacoast Project Linus.

Volunteering is not only important to help run these various organizations, but also teaches valuable skills that can be used later in life and in future jobs.

The Volunteer Fair is free and open to the public. All ages are invited to attend, get information on the various organizations, and hopefully make a match and decide to volunteer in their local community. Note: there is no obligation to sign up for any volunteer position, unless you want to.

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

This Week at the Library

Saturday, November 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

Happy Birthday Sesame Street in the Lecture Hall

Celebrate the 50th birthday of the iconic children's show, Sesame Street! Drop in anytime between 9:00 am and 11:00 am to have pancakes with Elmo. Sesame Street-themed crafts, activities, and games will be available in the children's room anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. **This program is part of the Family Literacy Month celebration during the month of November.**

Saturday, November 23, 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

Aladdin: Aladdin is a lovable street urchin who meets Princess Jasmine, the beautiful daughter of the sultan of Agrabah. While visiting her exotic palace, Aladdin stumbles upon a magic oil lamp that unleashes a powerful, wisecracking, larger-than-life genie. Rated PG.

Sunday, November 24, 2 to 4 p.m.

Classic Cinema Sunday in the Lecture Hall

Babes in Toyland (1960): All roads lead to magical, merry Toyland as Mary Contrary and Tom Piper prepare for their wedding! But villainous Barnaby wants Mary for himself, so he kidnaps Tom, setting off a series of comic chases, searches, and double-crosses starring Annette Funicello, Ray Bolger, and Tommy Sands.

Monday, November 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose in the Lecture Hall

Parents/caregivers are invited to join with their babies for a 1/2 hour early learning program specifically designed for children from birth to 24 months. Mother Goose on the Loose uses books, rhymes, songs, musical instruments, finger plays, flannel board characters, puppets and other props to help parents/caregivers develop the child's early literacy skills in a fun and joyful environment.

Monday, November 25, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room

Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

Monday, November 25, 6 to 7 p.m.

Series of the Month Book Club in the Children's Room

Kids in grades 2-4 are invited to talk about the Magic Bone series. Snacks and crafts are also part of the fun.

Tuesday, November 26, 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room

Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A Holiday Evening with Judy Pancoast in the Lecture Hall

New Hampshire's own Grammy nominee, Judy Pancoast, will debut her novel, "The House on Christmas Street," based on her popular holiday hit. Judy will open the program by singing some of her original Christmas songs, and will then read to you from her novel. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Wednesday, November 27, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join for a family storytime. Books, songs, rhymes, games and activities are all part of the fun.

Wednesday, November 27, 5:30 p.m.

Library closing early for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28 through Friday November 29

Library Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Volunteer Fair in the Lecture Hall

The Volunteer Fair welcomes people to learn about, and chat with representatives of, several local non-profits that are doing wonderful things in the area and who are looking for volunteers to aid their organization. All ages are invited to attend, get information on the various organizations, and hopefully make a match and decide to volunteer in their local community. Note: there is no obligation to sign up for any volunteer position.

Saturday, November 30, 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

Angry Birds 2: Red, Chuck, Bomb and the rest of their feathered friends are surprised when a green pig suggests that they put aside their differences and unite to fight a common threat to Bird and Pig Island. Rated: PG





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BEFORE YOU DOZE

DOZE SAFELY

Closing doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.



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Dover Fire and Rescue reminds people to "Close Before You Doze"

Closing your bedroom door at night can help save your life, but it may not be for the reason you think. The best safety tips often come in the simplest forms. More than a decade of research conclusively shows that simply closing your doors can slow the spread of fire giving you and your family precious time to escape, or to be rescued by the fire department if you cannot get out safely.

Dover Fire and Rescue is reminding people to shut their doors before they go to bed in case there is a fire in their home while they sleep. This important, small change to your nightly routine can help keep your family and pets safe.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.



Did you know the City provides an online, interactive map of public parking locations? Click on the parking lot to view number of spaces, metered hours and rate information.
<https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/public-parking/index.html>



Coming up at the Dover Community Senior Center

Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 3-5, 2019

Mount Washington Hotel & Resort

Join the Dover Senior Center for a trip to the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort. This deluxe tour includes a welcome reception with afternoon tea and entertainment, 4 meals in the Grand Dining Room featuring dancing and music with the orchestra, tour and history of the hotel with a local historian, and transportation. \$569 double occupancy. For more information, contact Linda at 516-6420.

Tuesday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Pontine Theater at the Dover Senior Center

The Dover Senior Center is pleased to present "A Winter Tale", free of charge and open to the public. This 30-minute performance is based on a story by Sarah Orne Jewett, a South Berwick native. You must RSVP to 516-6420 in order to save a seat, as space will be limited.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Sex Please, We're Sixty

Shake those winter blues with a raucous romp that proves that fun and games don't stop at any age. When the local lothario's Viagra gets mixed up with a new ladies' little blue pill, he suddenly has all the symptoms of menopause, complete with hot flashes and mood swings. Hilarity ensues! \$110 members/\$120 not yet members. Includes transportation, buffet lunch, the play, a cabaret show following the play, and all gratuities.

Monday through Thursday, May 11-14, 2020

Visit Ottawa, Canada's Capital City

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to Ottawa. Tour highlights include spectacular blooming tulip displays, Parliament and Embassy Row, Canadian Museum of History, Royal Mounted Police Stables and a cruise on the Rideau River. \$739 per person/double occupancy. For more information, contact Linda at 516-6420.

Monday through Monday, Sept. 14-21, 2020

Pacific Northwest and California Trip

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to the Pacific Northwest featuring Washington, Oregon and California. RSVP to Linda at 516-6420. To learn more, visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/964441>



Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, development and construction project updates, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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:

- **Library page**
- **Camera operator**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim instructor**
- **Gym attendant**

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

Arts Commission still accepting applications for winter grants

The Dover Arts Commission is pleased to announce that applications for its winter 2020 City Arts Grants are now open. City Arts Grants are available to individual artists and arts organizations to create visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and literary projects that benefit the residents of Dover and enrich the cultural life of the city. Winning proposals will be awarded up to \$1,500. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 1, 2020. To download an application, visit the Arts Commission City Arts Grants page at bit.ly/doverartsgrant.

For more information about City Arts Grants or the Dover Arts Commission, email Jane Hamor at j.hamor@dover.nh.gov.

The Dover Arts Commission is an advisory board to the Dover City Council tasked with developing and promoting programs, forums, and exhibits that highlight the artistic talent within the city. The Arts Commission works to enhance awareness of and appreciation for the arts through increased dialogue and citizen participation.

To learn more, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission or follow the Dover Arts Commission on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DoverNHArtsCommission).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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