

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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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:



City Council to vote on teacher contract

Public hearings on parking meters, DOT grants also on Sept. 28 agenda

The City Council is expected to vote on a resolution to ratify a new one-year contract with the Dover Teachers Union at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The School Board voted to ratify the contract at its Sept. 19 meeting, which followed the ratification of the agreement by the DTU. If approved by the City Council, it would increase total wages for DTU teachers by \$1,812,531, or 5.09%. More information about the contract and its proposed changes are available in the School Board's Sept. 19 agenda materials, available here.

The City Council also has a slate of public hearings at its

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

One public hearing is on a proposed ordinance change that would, if approved by the Council, make changes to the parking meter system. It would convert the current pay and display meter system to a pay-by-plate system. Instead of placing a parking receipt on a vehicle's dashboard for the authorized paid parking time, the user would instead enter the vehicle's license plate. The user would not be required to display a receipt on the dashboard, as it would already be in the system. The proposed ordinance change would also create a new penalty for displaying an alternated or falsified permit. The Parking Commission has endorsed the proposed changes.

Another public hearing would be on the resolution to reprogram \$34,300 of unexpended bond proceeds from the Sixth Street and Venture Drive Intersection Improvements project to Phase C of the city's downtown inflow and infiltration removal Capital Improvements Program project. The money, if approved, would be targeted to address the stormwater components of the project, which is focused in the Stark Avenue and Elliot Circle area, which has an additional need for funding, according to the resolution. The resolution does not authorize an increase in the indebtedness of the city.

The Council will also hold a public hearing on receiving and expending \$1,380,385 in grants from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. There is \$518,954 from the NHDOT's Highway Block Grant Aid and \$861,431 from its Municipal Bridge Aid.

There will also be a public hearing on a resolution to receive a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Community Project Grant. Information about that grant can be found in the story below.

The Council is also slated to authorize funding for emergency repairs to the Willand Pond well water pump and the City Hall elevator.

<u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda. The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



NH Humanities grant to help Dover honor indigenous peoples

Public hearing on grant before City Council next week

The City Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a resolution to accept and expand a \$10,000 for the city's indigenous peoples initiative from the New Hampshire Humanities

Communities Project Grants.

The grant would honor the history of indigenous peoples and their stewardship of the land now known as Dover, who had lived here for thousands of years before the first European settlers arrived. Specifically, the city intends to use the grant to plan, promote and hold a series of public presentations, develop online accessible resources, and create prominent placements of land acknowledgment dedications at public facilities throughout Dover, according to the city's grant application.

The City of Dover recently published a new webpage, Indigenous Dover, dedicated to the indigenous peoples and their history in the region, available at <u>bit.ly/nativedover</u>. The webpage is a work in progress, and more information will be added in the coming weeks and months.

Last year, the Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion recommended, and the City Council approved, adopting a land acknowledgment statement for the City of Dover that honors the Abenaki, Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples. It reads:

This (event/meeting) takes place at Cocheco (CO-chi-co) on N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia.

The City Council's meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in City Hall's Council Chambers.



Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews the proposed FY2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program with the City Council and Planning Board during a joint workshop on Sept. 21.

City presents proposed Capital Improvements Program during joint session of the City Council and Planning Board

Additional meetings and public hearings to follow

The proposed <u>FY2024-2029 Capital Improvements</u> <u>Program</u> (CIP) was presented to the City Council and Planning Board at a <u>joint workshop</u> on Sept. 21.

The CIP presentation was earlier than in past years following the City Council's ordinance change last month that moves the citywide budget adoption date to April 15 from June 15.



The proposed CIP can be viewed on a special section of the city's website devoted to the program, accessible at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/special-projects/cip/</u>. The online resource includes the proposed CIP, which can be viewed or downloaded, and additional information about the projects, by category, in the first year of the CIP.

In the coming weeks, there will be several public hearings and meetings before the Planning Board and City Council, beginning with a Planning Board public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 27. The <u>Planning Board meeting</u> begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. Based on City Council financing policy, funding for these items includes bonding, the annual operating budget or other types of financing. This six-year program links infrastructure spending to the goals and values outlined in the city's Master Plan. Through this process, projects are identified within the six-year timeline based on the priorities established in our Master Plan.

Once adopted, the first year of the adopted CIP is built into the proposed citywide operating budget, which is presented to the City Council in March.

Many of the items included in the CIP are annual, ongoing capital projects, such as improvements to streets and sidewalks, wastewater and water system maintenance and improvements, police cruisers, facility maintenance and more.



Dover Chamber unveils Apple Harvest Day schedule and entertainment lineup

The 38th annual Apple Harvest Day returns to downtown Dover on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. The event, which draws more than 60,000 people to the City of Dover's downtown, features great food, live entertainment, a wide variety of vendors, and more. The festival covers eight city blocks from Third Street to River Street and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the annual event, recently released the schedule of events and entertainment lineup for this year's festival. The festival is underwritten by First Seacoast Bank.

The entertainment schedule for Apple Harvest Day is as follows:

Rotary Art Pavilion Stage (30 Henry Law Avenue)

9 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies, Dover High Marching Band
9:30 a.m. – Northeastern Ballet Theatre
10 a.m. – McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance
10:30 a.m. – UNH Theater Department
11 a.m. – WOKQ Pie Contest
12 p.m. – Garrison Players Youth Troupe
12:30 p.m. – Seacoast Men of Harmony
1 p.m. – Indonesian Community Connect
1:30 p.m. – Millworks Theatre Troupe
2 p.m. – Musical Arts of Dover
2:30 p.m. – Sole City Dance
3 p.m. – Extreme Air Jump Rope

Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller, & Durkin, P.A. is the Rotary stage sponsor

Waldron Courtyard Stage (388 Central Avenue)

10 a.m. – Chris George 11 a.m.– Jonathan Booth 12 p.m. – Joel Glenn Wixson 1 p.m. – Bob Moore 2 p.m. – Carol Coronis 3 p.m. – Chris George

Urban Tree Service is the Waldron Court stage sponsor

For more information about Apple Harvest Day, visit www.dovernh.org/AHD.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Sept. 24, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the main entrance of the Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street (formerly known as Horne Street School). The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

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

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <u>https://fb.me/e/5ITCfICZ2</u>.

City to auction bicycles on Saturday

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022.

The auction will begin at 9 a.m. and will take place at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 60 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8:30 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid against other children 18 and under on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

A list of items can be viewed here.

The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior to the auction.

Road work next week

Adjustment of roadway structures

The contractor for the Washington and Main and Central Avenue North water improvements projects will be on site starting next week to adjust roadway structures, such as maintenance holes. The work may involve intermittent lane reductions and/or lane shifts throughout the project area.

The work area includes:

- Washington Street, from Central Avenue to Main Street;
- Main Street;
- Central Avenue, from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue.

Overnight paving operations

Weather pending, the city's paving contractor, Brox Industries, Inc., will complete the paving of Central Avenue between Glenwood Avenue to Weeks Lane. Work is anticipated to begin Sunday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. Motorists should anticipate lane shifts and temporary traffic delays.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

McConnell Center Advisory Board, September 26, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Housing Authority, September 27, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will

DONNA BENTON PLANNING DIRECTO

On the Agenda: Planning Board, 9/27/2022

In a video released this week, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

Planning Board, September 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, September 28, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/go</u> <u>vernment/open-</u> <u>government/public-</u> <u>meetings/</u>. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022.

The video can be viewed here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=cij7cVyWLLTT</u>.

Click here for the meeting agenda.



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.

Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past



with a look back at the week in Dover's history.

The podcast is now available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <u>https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh</u>.



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, <u>located here</u>.

Sept. 27, 1648 — It was ordered that anyone absent from town meeting without lawful cause shall pay a fine of six shillings.

Sept. 28, 1703 — The season's first snow falls, accompanied by very cold temperatures.

Sept. 29, 1820 — The Hon. William King Atkinson died this day at age 56. He was born in Portsmouth, and was a nephew of George King, who inherited the property of Theodore Atkinson who died in 1779. George King was a relative of Atkinson and changed his name to George Atkinson when he became his heir. He died without issue, and the large entailed Atkinson estate became the property of his nephew, William King, who also assumed the name of Atkinson. William King Atkinson graduated at Harvard College in 1783, commenced the practice of law in Dover about 1786, was Register of Probate from 1787 to 1819, Attorney General of the State, and Judge of the Superior Court, and from his large wealth and official position was for many years one of Dover's most eminent citizens.

Sept. 29, 1922 — A Brentwood man is arrested, tried and fined \$30 for driving his automobile faster than 25 miles per hour on Central Avenue.

Sept. 29, 1996 — More than a hundred people attend a black-tie event at Cochecho Country Club to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. The ball concluded a weeklong celebration with a variety of special events, including a birthday bash with some of the community's 90-year-olds.



Native American Stories from the Northeast Woodlands with Anne Jennison

Celebrate the rich and diverse cultural traditions of Native Americans with Anne Jennison's storytelling performance, featuring stories from the Abenaki and about Northeast Woodlands Indigenous traditions.



On Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m., listeners will be taken on a virtual spell-binding and entertaining journey through a series of traditional stories from "How Turtle Flew South for Winter" to "The Great Battle Between Chipmunk and Bear." Prepare for an interactive storytelling experience filled with humor, drama, and moments of wonder! The program is virtual and suited to all ages. Sign-up is needed to receive a link to the program.

Anne Jennison is a traditional Native American storyteller with both European and Abenaki heritage. Jennison has been sharing Indigenous lesson stories for over 30 years with audiences of all kinds. With master's degrees in both storytelling and history, she brings a wealth of cultural and historical knowledge to enrich her retellings.

When she is not giving storytelling performances, Jennison is the chair of the state's Commission on Native American Affairs and a member of the Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective. She is also an affiliate faculty member for the University of New Hampshire's Native American and Indigenous Studies and co-creator of the "People of Dawnland," an Abenaki/Wabanaki interpretive exhibit at Strawbery Banke Museum.

This program is free and open to the public. It was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at <u>www.nhhumanities.org</u>.

For more information about this storytelling event or to sign up, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club Join us for a virtual exploration of *The New England Orchard Cookbook* by Linda Beaulieu. Throughout the month of September, 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 <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u> or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, September 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Multilingual Book Group

Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center will lead this group which will feature a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. The program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3. Caregivers are not required to attend but are always welcome. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose on the Loose For babies through 2 years and 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, September 27, 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 porters who saw to it that black newspapers espousing integration in professional sports reached the homes of blacks throughout the country. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club Join this adult book group to discuss Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital and NH Overdrive. All are welcome!

Thursday, September 29, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

For children ages 3-6, each session focuses on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and art activities will all be part of the fun. Registration required.

Thursday, September 29, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Crafternoon: Scarecrow Craft Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make and take a scarecrow craft.

Friday, September 30, 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. 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, September 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m. VIRTUAL Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier

Chronicle reporter Ted Reinstein tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball, from communist newspaper reporters to the Pullman car Friday, September 30, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sensory Storytime Sensory 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, October 1, All Day Library Closed

The library will be closed for Apple Harvest Day in Downtown Dover. Come and find us at our booth!

Citizens Leadership Academy: A firsthand look at local government

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Dover, will once again produce the Eastern Bank Citizens Leadership Academy this October. The free program offers Garrison City residents a firsthand look at local government and municipal operations and provides attendees an opportunity to help shape the future of the city.

"Eastern Bank is proud to sponsor Citizens Leadership Academy again this year," says Eastern Bank Branch Manager Brian Main. "We feel it is important for people to be a part of their community, and this program is a great way to experience the different parts of our local government."

The 2022 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on October 6, 13, 20, 22, 27, and November 3. Each year this program brings together people from diverse segments of the community interested in meeting and working with others to address key issues critical to maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life. It will increase citizens' knowledge of the community and introduce them to opportunities to become more involved as active community members.

"Citizens Leadership Academy graduates are encouraged to initiate discussions with other residents as well as business and government leaders, and contribute their knowledge, imagination and energy towards the betterment of the community," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce.

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will include presentations from: City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Deputy City Manager/Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Fire Chief Michael McShane, Police Chief Bill Breault, Community Services Director John Storer and Recreation Director Gary Bannon.

"Citizens Leadership Academy is a great opportunity to learn more about local governance in Dover and discover how to become a better informed and involved citizen," says Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "The program provides participants with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the various city departments and a behind-the-scenes look at how these departments each support and contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in our community." Participants are not required to make every meeting, but regular attendance is strongly encouraged. This program is free-of-charge and open to Dover residents. You can register online at <u>www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy</u>. For more information, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or email <u>events@dovernh.org</u>.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic wellbeing of its members and the community. For information on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.

Energy Commission, Chamber to host electric vehicle show at Apple Harvest Day

The Dover Energy Commission is partnering with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce to host an electric vehicle (EV) show on Saint Thomas Street, by the McConnell Center, during Apple Harvest Day, Saturday, Oct. 1, from 12 to 3 p.m. The show is free.

Auto dealers, private owners, and the City of Dover will display EV and plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles (HEV) at the car show. Saint Thomas Street from Locust Street to Atkinson Street (between the McConnell Center and the district court) will be turned into a walking mall for the event. The goal is to help inform the community of the available EV and HEV options and whether they should consider owning one.

EV charging installers will be on hand to provide information about installing residential and/or commercial charging stations, including options powered by solar energy. Local and state officials from the state Department of Environmental Services, Clean Energy New Hampshire, and the City of Dover, will be available to discuss EV infrastructure.

EV owners who would like to display a vehicle and share their experience can connect with the event organizers at <u>bit.ly/3Rci6gz</u> or by clicking the image below.

Dover Middle School 5K race serves as annual fundraiser

The Dover Middle School Parent Teacher Association is pleased to announce the return of its annual fundraiser, the DMS Pumpkin Dash 5K will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive, in Dover.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. and winds through an official USA Track and Field certified course. Part of the Dover Race Series, the DMS Pumpkin Dash 5K will award prizes to the overall top male and female, as well as the first and second place male and female finishers in the nine age categories.

Registration is \$20 for adults; \$10 for ages 14 and under; and a special \$5 registration fee is available for all Dover Middle School Students. The first 200 registered participants will receive a complimentary event T-shirt. Visit <u>https://raceroster.com/events/2022/63990/dover-middle-school-pumpkin-dash-5k</u> to register.

Sponsor and volunteer opportunities are available.

For more information, please contact the race director, Kimberly Alexander, at <u>kimberlyp.alexander13@gmail.com</u> or 603-320-0332.

Dover Holiday Parade seeks volunteers, sponsors and participants

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, is organizing the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade, the theme of which will be, "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future."

The parade will be held on Nov. 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The parade organizing committee, which has been meeting since spring, seeks volunteers to help prepare for this year's event, including in the days leading up to the parade. Volunteers are needed to assist with safety, fundraising/sponsorship, and logistics, and to fill other committee positions. Parade organizers are also seeking marching bands, along with commercial and non-profit groups, youth organizations, and other parade participants.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Lori Nollet at <u>CochechoFriends@gmail.com</u> or Dennis Shanahan at <u>d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Additional information about the parade, including participant, sponsor and volunteer information, can be found at <u>https://cochechofriends.com/</u>.

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:

- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Librarian I
- Account Clerk II
- Camera Operator
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Deputy Director Operations and Construction
- Arena Attendant

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

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