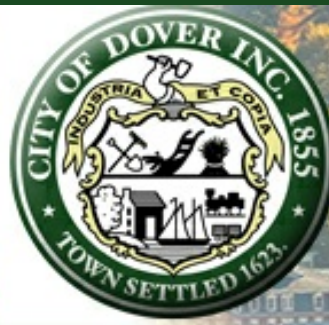


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 18, 2021



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

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Recycling



## Graduation ceremony at Dover High School honors Class of 2021

Dover High School held its commencement ceremony for the graduating class of 2021 on Wednesday, June 16. For the first time in more than a decade and a half, the ceremony was held on Dunaway Field, at the High School.

In addition to families and friends who were at Dunaway Field to honor the nearly 300 graduates, the ceremony was broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online. The ceremony

Center hours:

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

continues to air on Channel 22 and can be viewed online here:  
<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=s8M9HqSMhdGR>.

The graduating Class of 2021 is as follows:

Giovanna Acioli; Aiko Angela Aguilon; Adel Ahadimajdabadi; Shyanne Alibrandi; Theodore Allen; Lucy Anderson; Grace Arakelian; Jeremy Arroyo; Ryan Atwood; Karl Baertl; Laurel Belcher; Max Berube; Isabella Bezanson; Liam Bilodeau; Connor Blais; Aiden Blaisdell; Justin Bonny; Ella Booker; Jacob Boufford; Vaughn Bouthdara; Nathan Brand; Katrina Breen; Delaney Brewer; Austin Britton; Isabella Britton; Winter Brooks; Zoey Brooks; Devon Brown; Sawyer Brunzell; Audrey Cahoon; Genevieve Cannon; Sophia Carroll; Amara Cartier; Daniel Caverly; Dario Ceppetelli; Alexandria Chalifour; Elijah Chamberlain; Cooper Chapin; Angelina Chapman; Cayda Chevalier; Dominic Ciccotelli; Evan Ciereszynski; Adam Cilley; Lillianna Ciriello; Avery Clark; Katie Clayton; Benjamin Clickman; Cameron Cole; Simon Cole; Graham Collinworth; Jacob Constas; Cassandra Corman; Jessica Couture; Kenwyn Cudmore; Christian Cullamar; Devon Cutrone; Amber Dalbec; Courtney Dalbec; Joseph Darko-Mensah; Brett Davis; Grace Dearborn; James Decker; Katrina DeLeon; Zachary Demers; Nicholas DeMille; Donovan DiMaria; Anna DiNardo; Griffin DiNardo; Lance Dion; Grace Dodge; Aliyah Dodier; Megan Donahue; Michael Downing; Zachary Downs; Kevin Drew; Lillian Dube; Annikah DuBois; Joseph Dulac; Sara Dumais; Ella Dunker-Bendigo; Alexander Dureau; Michael Ecker; Bailey Economos; Elizabeth Edmonds; Sean Euefueno; Justin Evanza; Ethan Everngam; Erin Fairbairn; Stephen Fallon; Molly Faro; Ashlie Farrell; Jacob Favolise; Emma Flynn; Peter Fogg; Asa Forbes; Benjamin Fortier; Noah Fraser; Casey Fritter; Shantell Fultz; Shayla Fultz; Alex Galarneau; Caleb Galloway; Mackenzie Gauthier; Searra Geanoulis; Kira George; Luke Geppert; Madison Gilbert; Zachary Giles; Douglas Gnull; Alisha Golodner; Tessa Goodell; Ella Gray; Dikshyant Gyawali; Kaleb Hanson; Elle Harris; Alexis Hawkes; Kenneth Healy; Graham Hemphill; Olivia Hilburn; Kolten Hilton; Jaylene Ho; Joseph Hoeing; Alyssa Holderbaum; Alexa Hopkins; Reece Hubbard; James Humphrey; Emma Hyde; Alicia Irons; Elizabeth Jackson; Madigan Jennison-Henderson; Katherine Jewell; Madeleine Johnston; Sara Joly; Andrew Jones; Rylee Jones; Serenity Joy; Thea Kageleiry; Charlie Karwowski; Nicholas Kaunang; Mia Keazer; Angelina Keokominh; Taylor Kinsman; Saroya Kinville; Kody Kitching; Bryson Kozler; Liliana Kozlowski; Kaile Krenzer; Jolyn LaFlesh; Devontae LaFleur; Kenneth Lampel; Kendra Landry; Simon Landry; Elliott Lane; Tucker Lane; Devon Lapierre; Miraqle LaPierre; Hannah Launchbury; Khuong Le; Brianna LeBlond; Anna LeBrun; Tiffany Legault; John Leggett; Alexander Leighton; Kennedy Leighton; Brady Lessard; Michelle Lo; Christopher Longval-Knudson; Giana Lopez; Liam Lovering; Nathaniel Maas; Lily Mace; William MacGregor; Wyatt Macklin; Liam MacVittie; Molly Mahoney; Olivia Malone; Jolanda Mambo; Sophia Marchesi; Jenna Marcheterre; Emily Marshall; Jacob Martel; Breleigh McCarthy; Shaun McCellon; Clayton McCloud; Jackson McCoy; Erin McManus; MacKenzie McNutt; Noah Meader; Aidan Mellencamp; Kyle Melville; Evan Mendonca; Kaia Meredith; Keya Merrick; Jaelyn Merrill; Samuel Miller; Anya Mojica; Samantha Moore; Charlotte Morin; Brady Mourgenos; Tahlia Nagy; Taleisha Nagy; Samuel Napitupulu; Emily Nelson; Emma Nelson; Bao Nguyen; Yen Vy Nguyen; Tyler Nicholson; Alexander Noel; Beau Normandeau; Sierra Nowe; Devin O'Donal; Ryan O'Malley; Tatiyana Onyango; Mia Orluk; Raoul Pandeiro; Isabel Partridge; Dev Patel; Div Patel; William Garrett

Finn Paulsen; Ian Pearlman; Makayla Peperissa; Samantha Perry; Isabel Poirot; Samuel Poirot; Prastabana Pokhrel; Sharon Ponto; Jack Porter; Hannah Proulx; Kelsey Purnomo; Preston Quimby; Morgan Raineri; Charlotte Ramsay; Nicole Raymond; Jonathan Redfield; Jonathan Rodrigues; Logan Rondinone; Colby Roy; Jackson Rutland; Sadie Ryan; Isaiah Samuel; Abigail Saul; Grayce Savage; Katie Saylor; Abram Schwartz; Kezia Seran; Collin Shaw; Everett Shaw IV; Nathan Shea; Rinje Sherpa; Abbey Skipper; LC Small; Ashlyn Smith; Ryan Smith; Mason Soares; Genesis Soebagyo; Peter Solbo; Daniel Spargo; Nikko Spruce; Avery Spurr; Maryah St. Jean; Ryan Stanley; Corina Stegman; Oliver Stevens; Addison Stewart; Samantha Stone; Halle Studley; Joshua Styles; Mia Sukeforth; Kylie Taylor; Olivia Telles; Kenrick Tendi; Mia Thomas; Molly Thomas; Tanishia Thompson; Aidan Tompkins; Emma Tower; Julianne Trovato; Jackson Trowbridge; Enrico Tulung; Jeannine Turgeon; Morgan Twombly; Stella Utgard; Christian Valentine; Anya Van Aken; Erin Van Hise; Dominique Vernon; Grace Vigent; Rachel Vitko; Robert Walsh; Jinjer Walters; Emma Watson; Alyssa Will; Palmira Wilson; Makayla Wolfe; Meredith Wood; Drake Woodard.



## **Apple Harvest Day returns to downtown this fall**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Apple Harvest Day will return to downtown Dover this fall.

After being held in an online format last year due to the pandemic, the 37th Annual Apple Harvest Day will be in person on Saturday, October 2. First Seacoast Bank has renewed its support of the Seacoast's premier festival and will once again serve as the Apple Harvest Day underwriting sponsor.

"First Seacoast Bank has been headquartered in Dover for over 130 years and we are incredibly proud to sponsor an event that brings the community together, supports local business and has a positive impact on our great City," said Tiffany Melanson, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations at First Seacoast Bank. "The Seacoast region is amazingly

resilient and all of us at First Seacoast Bank are looking forward to rejoining our community for an in-person Apple Harvest Day event.”

Apple Harvest Day draws more than 60,000 people to the City of Dover’s downtown, making it one of the most popular regional festivals. It 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.

“We’re happy that we will be able to bring Apple Harvest Day to its regular format again this summer,” says Morgan Faustino, Community Events Manager at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. “Seeing people enjoying the festival downtown was something that we certainly missed last year. It will be great to be back outside and interacting as a community.”

The Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race will also be returning to its normal format, as the race will begin at 8:30 a.m. on St Thomas Street in front of the courthouse.

For up-to-date information on Apple Harvest Day and the 5K Road Race visit [www.dovernh.org/AHD](http://www.dovernh.org/AHD) or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218. First Seacoast Bank is committed to meeting the financial service expectations of individuals, families and locally owned businesses in its market area by focusing on Providing high-quality, personalized, convenient service; offering a challenging and rewarding work environment to the FSB team of employees; maintaining public trust as an independent mutual community bank by operating in an ethical and sound financial manner; and empowering its employees to make a difference by actively and positively contributing to the quality of life in their communities. For more information visit [firstseacoastbank.com](http://firstseacoastbank.com) or call (603) 742-4680.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).



First Seacoast Bank presents a check to the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce to sponsor Apple Harvest Day. The Festival is returning to downtown Dover this fall on Saturday, Oct. 2. Pictured are, from left, Amanda Gagne, assistant branch manager at FSB; Morgan Faustino of the Chamber; and Ian Oneail, branch manager at FSB.

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The Arts Commission hopes to install a unique historical marker on the maintenance hole cover in front of where Mirage Studios was founded and where the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were first created at 28 Union Street. The house was demolished earlier this decade.

## **Arts Commission seeks to install historical marker where Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were created**

The City Council last week endorsed to an Arts Commission concept plan to install a unique historical marker commemorating the former site of Mirage Studios, the comic book studio that created the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (TMNT) in Dover in November 1983.

The Arts Commission endorsed the concept plan at its June 7 meeting.

The concept plan calls for the historical marker to be incorporated into a custom-designed maintenance hole cover in front of the lot where Mirage Studios was founded on Union Street. The idea to create art and a historical marker on a maintenance hole cover was envisioned by resident James Lane who proposed it to the Arts Commission. “Most storylines in TMNT comics take place in the sewer, making this unusual location relevant,” Lane wrote his Arts Commission proposal.

Mirage Studios was founded in 1983 by Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird at 28 Union Street where they lived together and created the popular ninja turtles. The home was demolished earlier this decade, and the property is now owned by the Dover Housing Authority.

“We called it Mirage Studios because it wasn’t actually a studio, it was our living room,” Kevin Eastman said in a CBC interview commemorating the 30th anniversary of the comic characters.

Lane's hope is to get Eastman and Laird on board with the idea and donate original art work for the cover. All necessary trademark permission would have to be obtained as well for the project to be completed as envisioned. "In a worst-case, most restrictive scenario, a text-only marker can be used," Lane wrote.

Lane estimated the cost to have a custom-made and locking maintenance hole cover would be about \$5,000, a cost to be covered by TMNT fans and supportive locals.

**This archive Google Street View image taken in 2008 shows the home that was the birthplace of Mirage Studios and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in 1983. The Arts Commission is working to create a unique historical marker out of a maintenance hole cover in front of where the home once stood to honor Mirage Studios and the iconic Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.**



Users have deposited plastic bags into the food composting totes at the Recycling Center leading to contamination issues. Continued contamination may either lead to an increase cost for the City of Dover or elimination of the composting program.

## **Compost contamination threatens Recycling Center program**

The 64-gallon Mr. Fox Composting totes at the Mast Road Recycling Center are diverting tons of food waste from the landfill. However, user contamination is threatening the viability of the

program. There have been multiple occasions where a user or users have deposited plastic bags containing food waste into the Mr. Fox totes. Plastic bags are not compostable. Continued contamination may either lead to an increase cost for the City of Dover or elimination of the composting program.

While plastic bags are not acceptable, compostable trash bags and brown paper bags are. Compostable trash bags or brown paper bags can aid in keeping a home compost container cleaner.

Mr. Fox Composting offers the following suggestions for home compost bin maintenance:

- Keep the bin in a cool, dry location
- Keep the bin lid tightly shut when not in use
- After emptying compost bin, give it a quick water rinse
- Compost can be stored in the freezer to eliminate smells, especially on warmer days.

Since February, the City of Dover has partnered with Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost, composting option to divert waste and tonnage from the solid waste stream that gets landfilled.

The 64-gallon totes are located at the Recycling Center between the corrugated cardboard bin and the used book building. It is available for resident drop-off anytime the Recycling Center is open, which is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Recycling Center is located at 265 Mast Road in Dover.

The food composting bins accept all food scraps, including:

- Meat
- Meat bones
- Eggshells
- Bread
- Seafood (including shells)
- Fruits and vegetables (pits and nuts too)
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Wooden stirrers
- Sugar packets
- Brown paper napkins and towels
- Teabags (with staples removed)
- Ground tea
- Muffin wrappers
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Corks

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



## **City Council to approve Dover's share of American Rescue Plan funds**

The City Council meets for their second regular meeting of the month this Wednesday, June 23.

It will be their first meeting in Council Chambers since March 13, 2020, two days before the Governor declared the recently expired state of emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. At its March 25, 2020, meeting, the Council met in the adjacent Council Conference Room and then met remotely from April to its first June meeting. From June 24, 2020, to June 9, 2021, the Council has held a physical quorum in the Council Conference Room, often with some Council members participating remotely.

Wednesday's agenda includes two public hearings on two resolutions the Council is expected to vote on later in the meeting. One resolution would transfer unassigned fund balances to account to address deficits for special revenue funds and capital improvement project funds. The other is authorizing the City Manager to apply, accept and expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 grant funds allocated for use by the City to help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the resolution background materials, the ARPA has authorized a total of \$7,535,686 to be distributed to the City of Dover in two allocations over 12 months for eligible costs incurred from March 3, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2024. The initial \$3,767,843 allocation requires authorization by the City Council to be accepted and utilized for eligible uses.

Eligible uses include:

- COVID-19 mitigation efforts related to medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and public health and safety staffing;
- Countering negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector;
- Replacing lost public sector revenue to maintain government services to the extent there is a reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors;
- Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expanding access to broadband internet.

The recently adopted the fiscal year 2022 budget anticipates utilizing these grant funds to develop a community mental health crisis response plan and fund public safety-related expenses incurred in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining funds will be used to replace revenues that could not be realized in the current and forthcoming fiscal years due to COVID-19 impacts.

The City Council will also consider ratifying numerous bargaining agreements between the City of Dover and many of its unions, including the Dover Police Association, Dover Police Administrators, Dover Firefighters, Dover Professional Employees Association, Dover Municipal Employees Association and Dover Public Works Association.

The full agenda is available at:

[https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19701/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public\\_Meetings](https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19701/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public_Meetings)

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. It airs live on Channel 22 and will be available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>.

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***A blast at the splash pad***



Children play at the splash pad located at the Henry Law Park Adventure Playground on Thursday, the first day it was turned on for the 2021 season. The splash pad can be activated daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. However, the hours may be reduced or eliminated if additional water conservation measures are required.

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**Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool opens to the**

# public Monday

## Indoor Pool reservations no longer required starting June 21

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool opens to the public this Monday, June 21. Other than specific times the pool is closed for swim meets, the outdoor pool will be open daily through Friday, Aug. 20.

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is a six-lane, 50-meter competition pool located at 140 Portland Ave. next to the Dover Ice Arena. This pool is mainly used for competitive and recreational swimming as well as occasional lessons during the summer.

The daily schedule, which includes dates when the pool will be closed for swim meets, is available here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/recreation/indoor-pool/JTPSummerSchedule2021.pdf>

Reservations are not required for lap or recreational swims. However, there are capacity limits. Lap swim: four swimmers per lane. Recreational swim: 75 people on the weekends and 30 people on weekdays to share space with summer camp participants. First come, first serve for both lap and recreational swims.

### Cost:

- **Per session:** \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents; \$3 for resident seniors and youths; \$4 for non-resident seniors and youths.
- **Punch ticket for 12 sessions:** \$50 for residents; \$70 for non-residents; \$30 for resident seniors and youths; \$40 for non-resident seniors and youths.
- **Season passes:** \$70 for residents; \$140 for non-residents; \$40 for resident seniors and youths; \$80 for non-resident seniors and youths. Season passes may be used at the Indoor Pool only when the outdoor pool is closed for swim meets.

Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is named in honor of 12-time Olympic medalist Jenny Thompson who trained at the pool that now bears her name. A 1991 Dover High School graduate, Thompson competed in the Olympic Games and World Swimming Championships between 1992 to 2004, winning eight gold medals and setting 13 world records.

## Dover Indoor Pool

The Dover Indoor Pool is a 25-yard (22.86 meter) 6-lane pool located at 9 Henry Law Ave. next to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. With an average water temperature of 81 degrees, the Indoor Pool is used for a wide range of activities, including lap swim, therapy swim, lessons, competitive swimming, scuba classes, birthday parties and aqua-aerobics. Beginning Monday, June 21, reservations are no longer required for lap or recreational swim, but there are capacity limits. Lap swim: three swimmers per lane. Recreational swim: 30 people. First come, first served for lap and recreational swims.

See June 21-27 schedule here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/recreation/indoor-pool/DIPSchedule06212021thru06272021.pdf>

See June 28-Aug. 22 schedule here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/recreation/indoor-pool/DIPSchedule06282021thru08202021.pdf>

From Monday, June 28 to Sunday, Aug. 22, the Indoor Pool is closed on weekends.

### Cost:

- **Per session:** \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents; \$3 for resident seniors and youths; \$4 for non-resident seniors and youths.
- **Punch ticket for 12 sessions:** \$50 for residents; \$70 for non-residents; \$30 for resident seniors and youths; \$40 for non-resident seniors and youths.
- **Six-month passes:** \$100 for residents; \$190 for non-residents; \$45 for resident seniors and youths; \$90 for non-resident seniors and youths.
- **Yearly passes:** \$170 for residents; \$330 for non-residents; \$80 for resident seniors and youths; \$160 for non-resident seniors and youths.

Yearly or six-month Indoor Pool passes may be used at the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool on weekends during the summer when Indoor Pool is closed.

### Swim lessons

There are a few youth swimming lesson slots available for the Dover Indoor Pool. For availability, see: <https://getactive.dover.nh.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsearch.html?xxmod=AR&xxtype=POOL&wbsi=e543bbb1-8308-799b-8114-48b2b0e6ec23>

For more information, contact Recreation Department's Aquatic division at 603-516-6428.

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Courtesy photo/Lydia Williams

## **Cochecho Arts Festival returns to Henry Law Park this summer**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Cochecho Arts Festival is returning to Henry Law Park for a summer full of music and arts in July and August. Orpheum Cowork & Apartments will serve as the festival's underwriting sponsor for the first time.

"Orpheum Cowork & Apartments is located at the heart of downtown Dover and we're proud to sponsor a community-based festival right around the corner from us at Henry Law Park," said Jackie Huber, Senior Asset Manager at Orpheum. "It is important to us to give back to our community and to celebrate local arts. It's going to be great having the community get back outside this summer to have some fun and enjoy live performances by seacoast talent." The 35th Annual Cochecho Arts Festival will feature a Children's Series, Headliner Series, Community Band, Shark in the Park, Family Movie Night, a Visual Arts Showcase, and more.

The Headliner Series, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dover, will run on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 9 to August 13 and it will feature The Rockingham Groove, Amanda Dane Band, New Legacy Swing Band, Acoustic Radio, Soggy Po' Boys, and Moon Boot Lover as live musical performances.

Back this year will be a lineup of the Seacoast's best classic rock bands as part of 'Shark in the Park' put on by 102.1 & 105.3 The Shark. Shark in the Park will run on Wednesdays, July 7 to

August 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The bands performing are Rosie, Grenon, Tapedeck Heroez, Dancing Madly Backwards, Aunt Peg, and Wellfleet.

The Children's Series will run on Tuesdays, July 6 to August 10 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The performers include Juggler Bryson Lang, Magician BJ Hickman, Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate, Aaron Risi, Wildlife Encounters, and Wayne from Maine. At each Children's Series, a local artist will be on site to work with children on an arts project that may include sculpting, painting, mono-printing, and more.

Family Movie Night, sponsored by Newburyport Bank, will be on Saturday, August 14. The featured movie will be 'Onward', a Disney Pixar film.

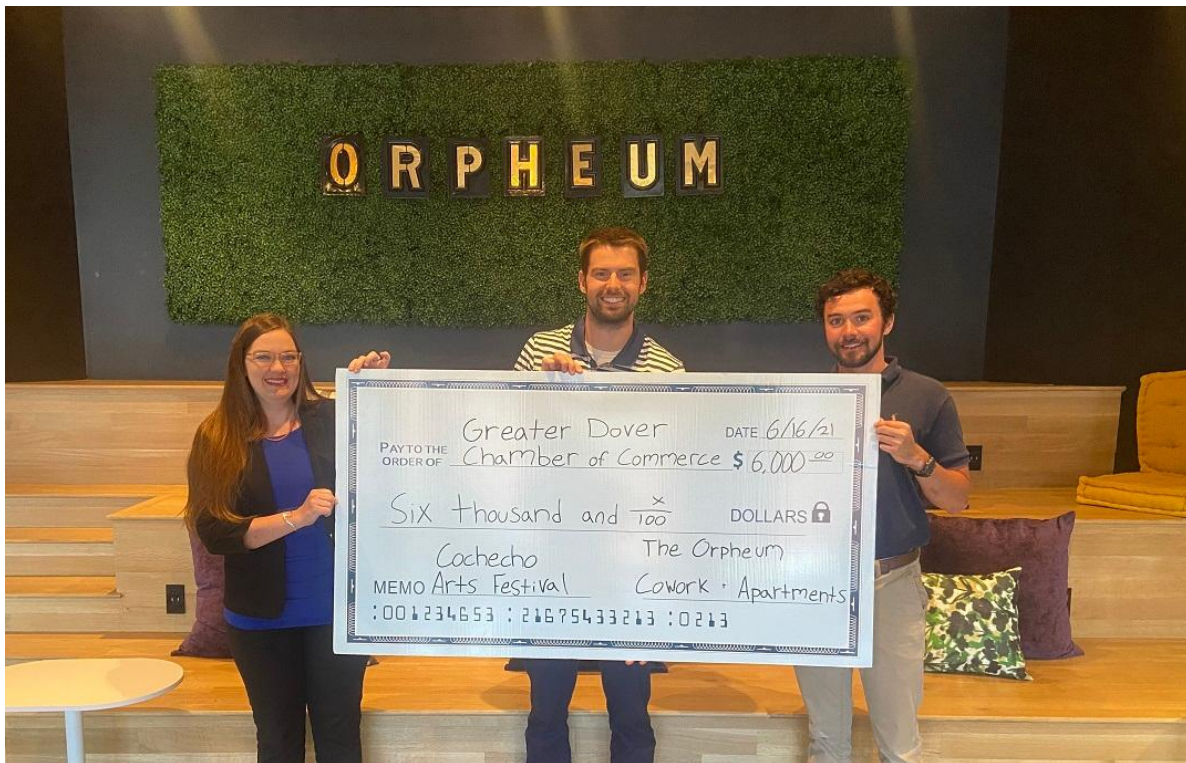
The Dover Community Band, a New England community band made up of volunteer musicians from around the Dover area, will have Thursday night performances July 1, 15, 29 and August 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Returning this year will be the Acoustic Series, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank, at the Seacoast Growers Farmers Markets on Wednesday afternoons at the Chamber. Come check out all of the great vendors offering fresh and local foods while enjoying a live acoustic music performance.

Local artists will showcase their work in the park during The Visual Arts Showcase, sponsored by UnitedHealthcare on Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Cochecho Arts Festival is collaborating with the Maker & Food Fest this year. The NH Maker & Food Fest is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. Go check out some great local performances by Magic Fred as well as the Kenny Brothers Band while enjoying all that the "makers" have to offer.

Visit [dovernh.org/CAF](http://dovernh.org/CAF) for more information.



Orpheum Cowork & Apartments presents a check to the Dover Chamber to sponsor the 2021 Cochecho Arts Festival. Pictured are, from left, Christy Pirkl of Orpheum, Morgan Faustino of the Dover Chamber, and Ben Marshall of Orpheum.

## City to conduct 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 Christopher 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 begin the week of July 15. 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 [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/).

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 Amanda Nolan, Assistant City Planner and Zoning Administrator, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at [a.nolan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:a.nolan@dover.nh.gov).



# Reading of Declaration of Independence returns to City Hall steps this Fourth of July

The Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of City Hall is scheduled to return this year, continuing a two-decade-old tradition.

Actors from the Garrison Players Arts Center will transform themselves into Founding Father characters who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence, celebrating the anniversary the Second Continental Congress declared secession from England.

Last year the event was canceled due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its place, a prior year's reading of the Declaration of Independence was aired on Channel 22 and streamed online, which can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=0JmdHm4dfMkX>. It also included Dover's Don Briand reading of the essay, "The Signers: Who and How," written by Glenn Grasso.

The reading is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

## Fourth of July fireworks to launch from Garrison Hill

The Fourth of July fireworks are also scheduled to return this year with a show from atop Garrison Hill Park instead of Henry Law Park.

As it has been in the past, the fireworks display will be on the night of July 4. The City is again working with Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment of Jaffrey to create the fireworks show.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon said the decision to shoot the fireworks from Garrison Hill Park this year was to allow people to disperse throughout the city to view the fireworks instead of gathering en masse at Henry Law Park.

For best fireworks viewing, Bannon said to find a location where you can clearly see Garrison Hill and the Garrison Hill Tower. There are some places, such as Henry Law Park, where the site line to the hill and tower is blocked. Garrison Hill Park will be closed to the public during the fireworks display.

There will not be any concerts or activities at Henry Law Park for the Fourth of July this year. The New Hampshire's Army National Guard "39th Army Band," a staple of local Fourth of July festivities, is not available this year, as its members have been deployed to aid in COVID-19 vaccinations around the state, Bannon reported at a Recreational Advisory Board meeting earlier this spring.

The annual fireworks display was canceled last year due to concerns of spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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**ON THE AGENDA**

# **PLANNING BOARD**

**JUNE 22, 2021 MEETING**  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 7 P.M.



## **On the Agenda: Planning Board, 6/22/2021**

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker offers a look at the agenda items before the Planning Board at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The video can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=kft6h9GRZx0i>

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### **Planning Board, June 22, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

#### **City Council, June 23, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/go>

## **City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard**

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

In addition to attending public meetings in person, Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

To see all of the City's boards, commissions and committees, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018.

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

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## Operator shortage forces temporary suspension of some COAST services

Like many local, regional, and national employers who rely on commercial vehicle operators, COAST is suffering from a lack of qualified CDL Bus Drivers. "We have been operating with an ongoing driver shortage for most of the last six years," stated Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. Unfortunately, over the past few months the shortage has grown, and the region's public transit provider is now unable to meet all its published service schedules.

"The pinch we're feeling most recently is because we have lost a number of employees who moved out of the area, retired, or due to health related issues," confirmed Nichols.

In May, COAST raised the starting wages for its CDL Bus Drivers by 9.3 percent to \$21.25 per hour. After a CDL Bus Driver completes their first year, the wage rate increases by an average of 8.3 percent per year through their fourth anniversary. COAST's wage scale is also increased annually to account for inflation. COAST regularly has overtime opportunities which result in time and a half for all hours worked over 40 in a week.

Nichols added, "We're very proud of the benefits package we offer to our employees too. Our benefits include medical, dental, disability, life, generous paid time off, SIMPLE IRA with employer match, and many others. Our employees regularly comment that our benefits are some of the best they've ever had."

Since announcing the new wage rates in May, COAST has hired 3 new full and part time CDL Bus Drivers, which will fill one third of COAST's CDL job openings once they successfully complete their training.

COAST provides a comprehensive paid training program that allows operators to be fully prepared prior to driving routes on their own. Unfortunately, COAST cannot train drivers to get their commercial driver's license, due to liability insurance restrictions, however COAST can help CDL drivers earn their passenger endorsement, if needed.

Until COAST reaches adequate staffing levels, the following services will be temporarily suspended:

### **Monday – Saturday**

- every other run of Routes 40 and 43 during the PM shift (after 1:30pm). On Route 40 this will mean that the following runs will not operate: 2-3pm and 6-7pm. On Route 43 this will mean that the following runs will not operate: 1:30-2:00pm (outbound), 3-4pm, 5-6pm, and 7-8pm. The last normal runs (inbound and outbound) for both routes will be preserved. When a bus from one route continues service on a different route, no additional fare will be charged. This saves one full shift Monday-Saturday in the PM.

### **Saturdays Only**

- every other run of Routes 1 and 33 during the PM shift (after 3:30pm). On Route 1 this

will mean that the following runs will not operate: 3:30-4:30pm and 5:30-6:30pm. On Route 33 this will mean that the following runs will not operate: 4:30-5:30pm and 6:30-7:30pm. Except for the last inbound departure on Rte. 33 from the Dover Arena and Outdoor Pool, the last normal runs for both routes will be preserved. The last run inbound from the Dover Arena and Outdoor Pool stop will be at 5:57pm. When a bus from one route continues service on a different route, no additional fare will be charged. This saves one full shift on Saturdays in the PM.

This suspension of service will begin on Saturday, June 19 and will last until COAST is able to return to adequate staffing levels. Nichols confirmed, "the sole reason COAST is suspending these services is due to the shortage of CDL drivers to operate our schedules. This represents a very small overall reduction in the services we offer." For more details on specific runs that will not be operated, please see COAST's website at [www.coastbus.org](http://www.coastbus.org).

Being a public transit bus driver can be an incredibly rewarding career, where every day you help your many passengers safely get to work or school and back, go to doctor appointments, make trips to the grocery store or local retailers, meet up with friends for a day or an evening out, or otherwise go about their daily lives. COAST buses are "rolling neighborhoods" that represent each of the 13 communities in which they operate. Friendships are formed, life stories and struggles are shared, and successes are celebrated. COAST bus drivers get to experience all of that first-hand.

If you have a commercial driver's license and are looking for a change and a great work environment, please visit [www.coastbus.org/careers](http://www.coastbus.org/careers).

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a public, non-profit 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 is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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# HELP CONSERVE WATER AS DRY CONDITIONS PERSIST IN DOVER

**As rainfall remains low and water usage rises, City of Dover officials continue to urge voluntary water restrictions to ensure an adequate and sustainable supply of drinking water throughout the summer.**

**The U.S. Drought Monitor continues to classify Dover and the region as "abnormally dry."**

Below are some ways you can help conserve water.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Limit outdoor water use to hand watering of gardens and plantings.



Shut off automatic irrigation systems.



Cut out non-essential uses such as outdoor water use for lawn watering, car washing and pressure washing.



Conserve water by cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.



Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water.

# DID YOU KNOW



## Parking holidays

Did you know the City offers several parking holidays throughout the year? On parking holidays, parking at metered locations is free. A complete list of parking holidays can be found at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/>.

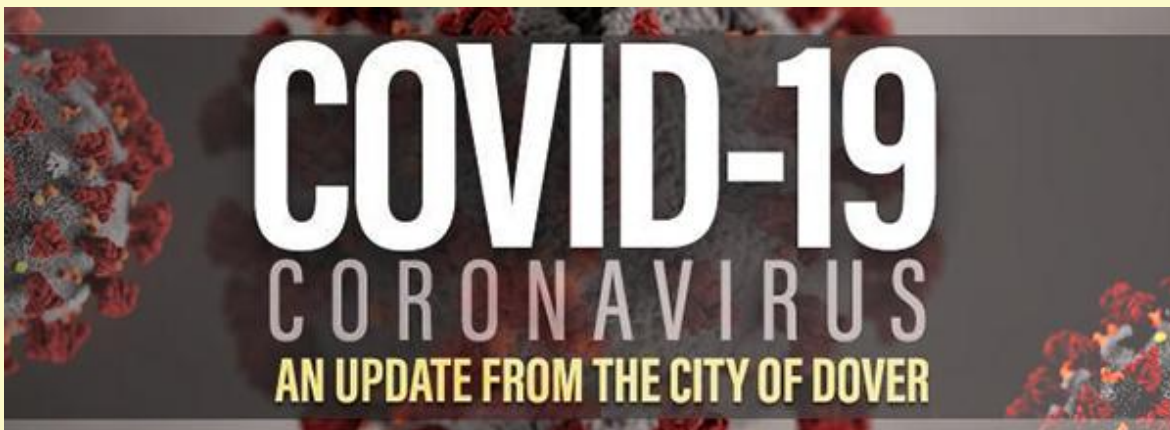
Parking holidays are approved by the Parking Commission and City Council, and included in the City's ordinances. A new parking holiday requires approval by both public bodies and an amendment to the ordinance. (Please note the new federal holiday of June 19, in recognition of Juneteenth, is not a parking holiday. Paid parking in Dover is still required on Saturday, June 19, 2021.)

## Dover schools seek teachers for summer program

The Dover School District is hiring certified teachers for its Summer Learning Program. Work full days or half days, Monday through Thursday, from July 6 to August 12. Commitment to the full six weeks is preferred.

Morning will consist of academic instruction in literacy and math. Teach your favorite classes for afternoon enrichment in one-week blocks. Pay commensurate with experience.

Interested teachers should email Lucinda Shattuck at [L.Shattuck@Dover.k12.nh.us](mailto:L.Shattuck@Dover.k12.nh.us).



## State issues new guidance on face coverings

This morning, Friday, June 17, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services issued new guidance on face coverings.

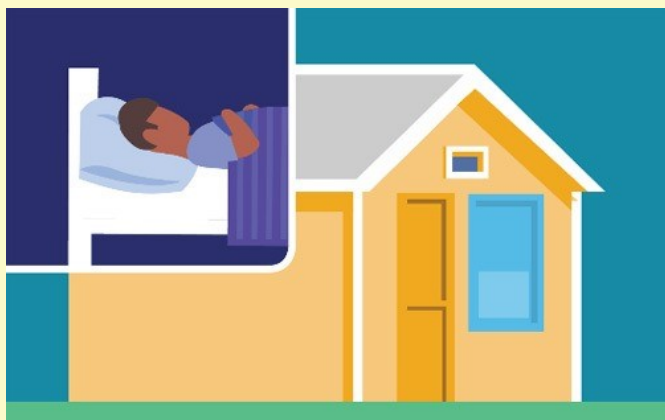
COVID-19 transmission has significantly decreased in New Hampshire over the last two months, likely related to the increasing numbers of people choosing COVID-19 vaccination. As community risk from COVID-19 decreases, mitigation measures can similarly be de-escalated, especially during the summer where many activities will be outdoors and risk of transmission is even lower. Therefore, the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) now recommends that asymptomatic persons (i.e., those who do not have symptoms of COVID-19) can choose to go without face masks in most indoor and outdoor locations, regardless of vaccination status.

However, face masks are still generally recommended for people in the following circumstances when in public locations:

- Anyone who desires maximal protection for themselves (or household contacts who are medically vulnerable or unvaccinated)
- Persons who are immunocompromised and may not be able to develop a full protective immune response after COVID-19 vaccination
- Persons who have increased risk for getting infected and spreading COVID-19 when they are in high-risk locations, especially ones that are indoors and crowded, and where people are unable to maintain physical distance from others. (Note: K-12 or child care settings are not considered “high-risk” locations.)
- When a business/organization requires facemasks in order to protect their employees and customers/attendees (please note: face masks are still required by CDC in certain settings, including on public transportation and when entering healthcare facilities)

Businesses and organizations can choose whether or not to require face masks. Decisions on face mask use and other COVID-19 mitigation measures should take into account the concerns from employees and customers, local contextual factors (e.g., indoor vs. outdoor setting, climate control, crowding, etc.), and the level of COVID-19 within the respective community.

Everyone who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine should do so to protect themselves, their family, and their communities from COVID-19 and associated health complications.



## Post-COVID conditions

Although most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, some people experience post-COVID conditions.

Post-COVID conditions are a wide range of new, returning, or ongoing health problems people can experience more than four weeks after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. One type of post-COVID condition is Long COVID. Long COVID is a range of symptoms that can last weeks or months after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 or can appear weeks after infection.



## Myths and facts about COVID-19 vaccines

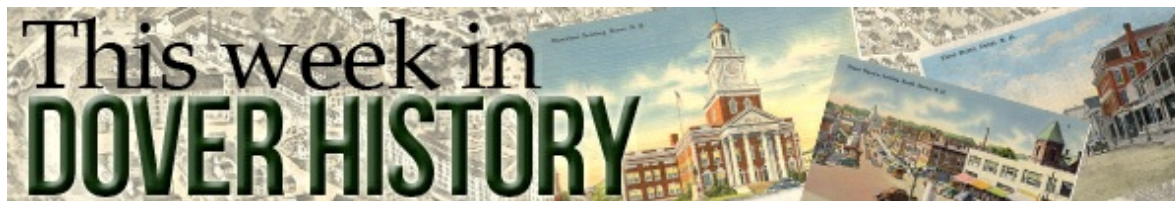
COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Accurate vaccine information is critical and can help stop common myths and rumors. It can be difficult to know which sources of information you can trust. Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a

Long COVID can happen to anyone who has had COVID-19, even if the illness was mild, or they had no symptoms. People with long COVID report experiencing different combinations of symptoms, such as fatigue, headache and chest pain.

For more information, [visit the CDC here](#).

credible source and is updated on a regular basis.

For more information, [visit the CDC](#) or view the City of Dover's [guide to vaccines](#).



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 European 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](#).

**June 23, 1825** — The long expected visit of the Nation's guest, General Lafayette, was made to Dover at this time. Having come from Concord where he had been received by the Legislature, he was met near the Durham line by the Dover committee of arrangements and a large number of citizens in carriages and on horseback, among whom were about thirty young gentlemen, from 15 to 20 years of age, in uniform dress, and mounted, who added much interest to the scene. The General was introduced to the chief marshal, Hon. D. M. Durell, by Major Walker, marshal of the escort of Durham, who addressed him as follows:

General — The citizens of Dover, apprised of your approach to the neighborhood of their village, and of your kind intentions to afford them an opportunity of paying you their respects therein, have deputed their committee to congratulate you upon your safe arrival in this part of the State of New Hampshire, and to proffer to you the attentions of a select number of gentlemen to escort you to town. They have all requested me to solicit the favor that you will honor them with your company at dinner this day, at such hour as may best suit your convenience. To which the General replied, that he was greatly indebted to the good citizens of Dover, for the kind solicitude they manifested for his personal safety. That he accepted their proffered attentions to accompany him to town, and also their very polite invitation to dine with them. And said, he embraced the present occasion to tender to them and to their committee his best respects.

The procession was then formed and the General escorted into town. When on the hill near Capt. Dunn's a salute of 13 guns was fired by the Dover Artillery, stationed on Pine Hill. Two fine military companies, the Strafford Guards, commanded by Capt. Paul, and the Rockingham Guards of Portsmouth, commanded by Capt. Lafavour, performed escort duty. Amidst the joyous acclamations of a vast concourse of people who lined the streets, and filled the adjacent houses and house-tops on either side, the procession proceeded down Pleasant street to the Corner, where it passed beneath a grand arch, twined with evergreens and banners, and from thence onward to the new upper bridge, over which another arch was thrown, and so on to Franklin square, returning by way of the Landing to the Dover Hotel. Here the General was introduced to the committee of arrangements, the chairman of which, the Hon. William Hale, addressed him as follows:

General Lafayette: The Freemen of Dover, participating; in the blessings extended to the United States, in the establishment of their independence and republican government, will ever retain deep sentiments of gratitude for the distinguished and enlightened Patriots who in our revolutionary struggle voluntarily contributed their mighty efforts. To you, sir, who so eminently

served us in the time of our utmost need, we mingle with the nation, the homage of our gratitude, and rejoice that amid the convulsions which have agitated the country of your nativity, your virtue has dignified and preserved you. We rejoice, sir, in beholding you as one of the most early, distinguished and effective advocates of that revolution that gave us liberty. We more rejoice in now seeing you a matured monument of republican glory, whose firm integrity has been alike impervious to the allurements of power, or to the frowns of adversity. We most cordially welcome you to our village.

To which the General made an appropriate reply, which was received with loud and repeated cheers from the surrounding multitude.

**June 18, 1833** — A public meeting was held for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of President Jackson, then on a visit to Concord, and who was expected to pass through town on his way to Portland. But the President, in consequence of feeble health, returned direct to Boston and Washington.

**June 24, 1853** — Died, Miss Elisabeth Coffin, aged 68. She was a lineal descendant of Peter Coffin and the last retaining the family name in Dover. She lived and died on lands originally owned by her ancestor, and which had remained in the family for 200 years.

**June 22, 1863** — Amaziah Goodwin of Lyman, Maine, a revolutionary soldier, aged 100 years and 4 months, arrived in town, on his way to Boston, to be present at the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. Stopping at a relative's home to recruit, he was taken sick and died this day.

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## Dover400 offers merchandise for sale

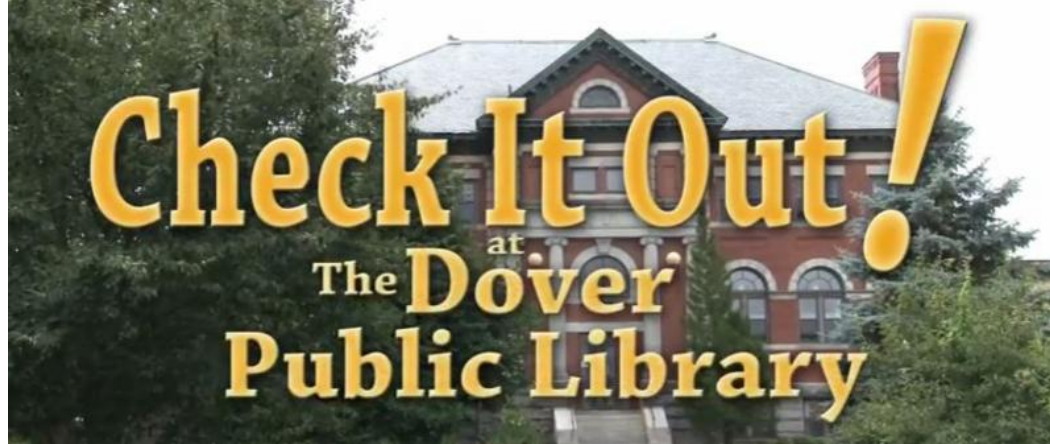
Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, recently partnered with ForwardMerch, North America's premier entertainment merchandiser, to launch an online store featuring Dover400 promotional items such as T-shirts, pint glasses, hoodies, and tote bags. All proceeds raised from gear and apparel sales will be used to cover costs associated with events planned for Dover's 400<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023.

Dover400 is a group of appointed volunteers from diverse backgrounds who are committed to ensuring Dover is celebrated in the years leading up to its 400th year of existence. The group started with its community events in January 2021, by organizing monthly lectures featuring Dover's rich history. Free and open to the public, seminars have included talks about Abenaki Life, Indigenous People of the Piscataqua Watershed, Dover's Railroads, Archeological Discoveries of Dover Point, Reverend Jeremey Belknap, and The Cotton Mills of Dover.

The next presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 and will discuss Dover's participation in the Civil War. To support these activities leading up to 2023, Dover400 initiated its first fundraising campaign, \$400 for 400, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To join this group of community-minded businesses and citizens send your tax-deductible donation to: Dover400, 24 Chestnut Street, Dover, NH 03820.

For more information about Dover400, visit [dover400.org](https://dover400.org).

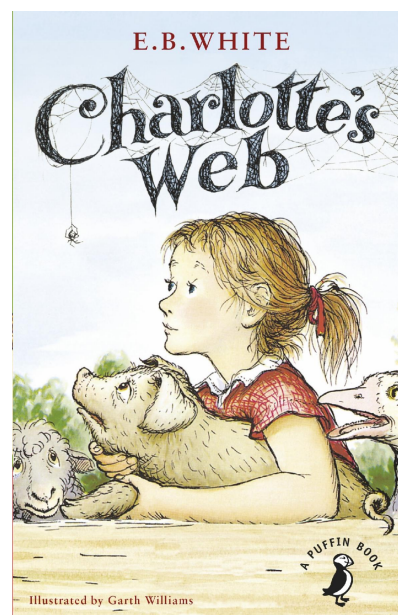
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## Summer Reading 2021 at the Dover Public Library

Summer reading is back in full swing for 2021. The theme this year is "Tails and Tales" and the library will have programs, both in-person and virtual, for patrons of all ages. Register for the program beginning on Monday, June 28 at 11 a.m. Keep track of your reading for a chance to win prizes.

In honor of the animal theme, the library will sponsor a Community Read of the beloved children's classic *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Many downtown locations – Metrospa, Adelle's Coffeehouse, Chapel & Main, and more (check the [Library website](#) for updates) will distribute free copies to encourage everyone to read, or re-read, the book. The library will also have several copies to check out and offer many programs throughout the summer based on the story. Melissa Sweet, author of "Some Writer!", a children's biography of E.B. White, will do a virtual presentation on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. Come to a farm-themed family story time at Tendercrop Farm on Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m. and meet the animals. Martha White, granddaughter of E.B. White, will do a virtual chat on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m., and the final event will be a free showing of the 1973 animated version of "Charlotte's Web" at the Strand Theater in Dover on Sunday, Aug. 8 at 3 p.m.



Teens and adults are invited to forage for wild plants on the Dover Community Trail on Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m. High Flying Dogs, a high-energy, interactive show for all ages, will take place at Henry Law Park on Wednesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. Want to play laser tag in the Library after hours? Teens can register for a spot on Friday, July 9 and kids in grades one through five can sign-up for Saturday, July 10. Meet Officer Benvenuti and K9 Cora of New Hampshire Fish and Game on Monday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Squam Lake Natural Science Center will present "No Two Tails Alike" a live animal show on Friday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. This is a small sampling of the many events taking place at the library this summer. Outdoor movies, story times, book groups, and crafts will all be part of the fun.

To see a full listing of all the events or to register for any of the programs please visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call 516-6052. All programs are free and open to the public.

## The Week at the Library

### June VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Dinner Illustrated* by America's Test Kitchen.

Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about

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. Sessions

the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Monday, June 21, 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *The Saint for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan.

Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

**Monday, June 21, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B**

The group will meet every other Monday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.

**Monday, June 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Evening Book Group**

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *The Saint for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan.

Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

**Tuesday, June 22, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Lecture Hall**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers

will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

**Tuesday, June 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL Discovery of a Masterpiece**

Mallory Mortillaro serves as the Curator of Collections for the Heartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NH. While she was cataloging the artwork housed inside of the Hartley Dodge Memorial she uncovered a masterpiece that had been lost to the art world since the 1930's. After a year of research the piece was authenticated as an official work by Auguste Rodin. Mallory will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for amysterious piece's provenance, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history.

**Wednesday, June 23, 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**STEM Event: Build a Hydraulic Elevator**

Kids in grades 3-8 are invited to design, build, and test a hydraulic elevator! Kids will have plenty of time to build, tinker with and perfect their elevators before the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the elevator that has the best overall design and lifts the most weight. All supplies will be provided

**Thursday, June 24, 3 to 5 p.m.**  
**Teen Writers Workshop: Finding your Story in Lecture Hall**

DPL is hosting 5 afternoons of creative writing activities, each week focusing on a different pillar of great storytelling. Come play writing games to jog your creativity, work on your projects, and join other storytellers as we improve our skills together. Topics will include how to weave a plot, create mold-breaking worlds and characters, explore all of the ways to bring conflict into your stories, and more. All genres and mediums of writing welcome!



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## City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

The City of Dover announces a new round of "Dover CARES" grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small

businesses. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

Funds from Dover CARES may either be used in two ways:

- To reimburse incurred business expenses to plan, prepare and respond to the coronavirus; or
- Offset a business disruption that occurred because of the coronavirus.

There are two types of Dover CARES available: **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** and **Small Business Assistance Grant**.

The **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** is available to sole proprietorships and small for-profit-businesses with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s) of the company. To be eligible, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

The **Small Business Assistance Grant** is open to small for-profit businesses with 2-15 employees, including any owner(s) of the company. To be eligible for this grant, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at least 40 hours a week or two part-time positions of at least 20 hours a week each.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Grants are open on a first-come, first-serve basis for completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor be used as a placeholder for a completed application. Once an application is determined to be complete, the Dover CARES Loan Committee will review the application. The Loan Committee is comprised of City of Dover officials, including City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker, and Finance Director Daniel Lynch.

The review consists of:

- Analysis of application and supporting material.
- Verification that the proposal meets all eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at [r.amy@dover.nh.gov](mailto:r.amy@dover.nh.gov). The Office of Economic Development is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

For more information, contact Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at 516-1560 or [r.amy@dover.nh.gov](mailto:r.amy@dover.nh.gov).



## A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

### Don't let your recycling be rejected

Is your trash or recycling not getting picked up? It may be because it does not conform to the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste rules.

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines and that bulky items are correctly tagged.



### What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

- **Plastic:** #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- **Glass:** only bottles and jars. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons and paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten all boxes, then place them into recycling bins, paper bags, or bundle and

tie. When flattened, cardboard dimensions must not exceed two feet by two feet. Pizza boxes with grease must be thrown away as the oil contaminates the other recyclables.

- **No styrofoam is accepted**, even with a recycling symbol on the packing.
- **No plastic bags** are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

“Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables,” says Waste Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. “Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash.”

### **Bulky trash items**

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a “Bulky Item Tag” for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services’ [Bag and Tag webpage](#) for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City’s health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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

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## **City of Dover employment opportunities**

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Assistant City Engineer**
- **Resilience Coordinator**
- **Clerk Typist I**
- **Summer day camp counselor**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Senior Center desk attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**
- **Utility laborer**

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



