

DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 1, 2021



CITY OF
DOVER, NH

288 Central
Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

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:

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold workshop on EPA nitrogen permit implications

Council to also discuss possible expansion of Redevelopment District

The City Council will hold its first workshop of the year Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, to discuss potential implications of the final nitrogen discharge permit for Great Bay issued last month by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit would apply to the 13 wastewater treatment plants that discharge into the Great Bay estuary, including the City of Dover's Wastewater Treatment Plant on Middle Road.

The EPA issued the final permit Tuesday, Nov. 24, and it becomes effective Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. The wastewater treatment plants covered by the general nitrogen discharge permit have until Thursday, April 1, 2021, to submit a "Notice of Intent" to the EPA that it will be covered by it. Part of the permit regulations requires treatment plants to meet seasonal average load limits for total nitrogen.

City of Dover staff have been working to understand the permit and its implications since the EPA issued the permit, and they

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

will present their findings to the City Council during the Jan. 6, 2021 workshop.

"We are tentatively encouraged and are in the process of reaching out to other communities to see what their take is," said City of Dover Environmental Projects Manager Gretchen Young. "I think a key part of the success of the permit as currently written, is to have buy-in from most if not all of the Great Bay communities, particularly with the measurement and monitoring initiatives."

The 13 wastewater treatment plants that would be covered by the permit include Dover, Rochester, Portsmouth, Pease Tradeport (Portsmouth), Exeter, Durham, Somersworth, Newmarket, Epping, Newington, Rollinsford, Newfields, and Milton.

The discharge of all non-nitrogen pollutants continues to be authorized by each wastewater treatment plant's individual EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The issuance of the general nitrogen discharge permit comes after years of EPA draft permits, beginning in 2011. The last draft permit issued by the EPA was on Jan. 7, 2020. The City of Dover submitted extensive comments to the EPA related to the draft permit on May 6, 2020, which can be [viewed here](#). Officials from Dover and throughout the Great Bay region also attended a public hearing in February to voice concerns to the EPA about the draft permit.

Before the first draft permit was issued in 2011, the City of Dover has reduced nitrogen discharges into the estuary, investing significantly in science-based wastewater technology and infrastructure. That investment includes regular upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, stormwater management, and locating and correcting non-wastewater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

Following the EPA nitrogen permit discussion, the City Council will discuss the possibility of expanding the City of Dover's Redevelopment District, as authorized by state law RSA 79-E entitled, "Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive."

Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker said a Central Business District developer recently approached the city and said a potential project would be more likely if the City Council agreed to expand the Community Revitalization District to other downtown areas. Currently, the Community Revitalization District is located near City Hall. Under RSA 79-E, a municipality has the authority to grant tax relief for a specified duration in a Community Revitalization District to encourage downtown development, such as an underutilized commercial parcel.

Parker said the workshop is to present the idea to the City Council to see if there is any interest to bring it forward in a future resolution.

In 2017, the City Council approved an RSA 79-E application from the developer Cathartes to revitalize 104 Washington Street, where Robbins Auto headquarters once stood and where the new Orpheum Apartments now stands. Under that agreement, the property tax assessment before construction —

about \$2.1 million — would remain the same for five years after the building received its Certificate of Occupancy. According to the agreement, after five years, the guaranteed property tax assessment would be at least \$11 million.

The City Council workshop will begin right after the City Council holds a special meeting at 7 p.m. It will be broadcast on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at dovernh.viebit.com/index.php. [Click here](#) for the agenda.

City Council to hold special meeting to accept resignation of Ward 4 councilor

The City Council will hold a special meeting this Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. to accept Ward 4 Councilor Joshua Manley's resignation and set the process of filling the vacant seat.

Manley wrote to Mayor Robert Carrier on Dec. 15 to announce his resignation from the City Council, where he noted his residence has changed and he no longer lived in Ward 4 or the City of Dover.

According to [C3-5](#) of the City of Dover [Charter](#), City Council vacancies are to be filled a special election unless the vacancy occurs less than a year before the term's expiration. If it's less than a year, then the City Council has the authority to appoint a qualified resident of the ward to fill out the remaining Council term, which ends once the new Council is sworn in on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

In this case, the Ward 4 City Council vacancy will be less than a year before the Council term expires. According to the charter, the City Council by majority vote appoints a replacement member by the second regular meeting of the month, which would be Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021.

This Wednesday's meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and be available for on demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>.



Community Services crews at the site of a significant water leak on Christmas Day.

Community Services mobilizes to find, fix massive Christmas Day water leak

The City of Dover experienced a significant water leak on Christmas, Dec. 25, losing about 1 million gallons of water before it was located and fixed.

The leak was found in a matter of hours through a combination of institutional knowledge, technology, available workers and some luck.

The City of Dover Community Services Department maintains 135 miles of buried water pipe, with some infrastructure more than 100 years old. Finding a leak in the system is sometimes easy. Water users nearby a leak may call about low water pressure, or residents or city workers may call after seeing water bubbling up in the roadway. But with so much buried infrastructure, finding a leak fast is not a guarantee. A few years ago, Community Services crews and contracted help took multiple weeks to find a leak. That one was located underneath the Cocheco Mills on Main Street after construction workers found it during renovation work.

The Christmas Day leak went undetected until about 5:30 p.m. when a low tank alarm sounded after the Garrison Hill Water Tank fell below 22 feet. The Garrison Hill Water Tank can hold 30 feet of water, each foot equaling 125,000 gallons. The water tower is designed for both water customers and fire suppression needs, and Community Services works to ensure at least 16 feet of water for a large fire event, such as a mill fire.

The tank is equipped with SCADA monitoring equipment. SCADA stands for supervisory control and data acquisition, which allows for remote monitoring and adjustment to equipment, such as the water tower and well pumps. The low tank alarm alerted the on-call Community Services supervisor, who alerted Community Services Director John Storer to the issue. Storer logged into SCADA system and understood the severity of the problem: more water was leaking out of the system than was pumped in from city wells. Storer then called Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger Christmas night for assistance and other employees to find the leak.

“The last thing you want to do is dewater your city,” Storer said. “Public health, sanitation and fire suppression all require an adequate supply of water.”

Boulanger has worked for the department for more than 30 years, coming up through the ranks. “He’s had about every job you could have here,” Storer said. He’s the go-to expert for diagnosing underground infrastructure problems.

Storer worked to quantify as best he could how much water was leaking per minute to try to figure out what size pipe could be making the leak and then to focus on parts of the city that had pipes of that size. Using factors known to him and reviewing SCADA data, such as water well pump rate, and estimating others, such as how much water users would be using typically at that time of day, Storer estimated the leak was about 1,000 to 1,500 gallons per minute.

Boulanger and Storer worked out of the Community Services operations center with a computerized map that illustrates the miles of water lines and the thousands of water valves in detail. Boulanger began utilizing the water system itself to help locate the area of the leak.

The City’s water system is broken into two zones: a high-pressure and a low-pressure zone. Boulanger briefly turned off the high-pressure zone that services the north end, which also has an auxiliary water tank. When that tank didn’t lose pressure, Boulanger knew the leak was somewhere in Dover’s southern half.

“We needed to start shutting off parts of the city to see if that kept the tank from dropping,” Boulanger said.

Complicating the efforts to find the leak was nightfall and the heavy rains on Christmas Day. There was active water runoff into the night, which could easily camouflage a water main break, making it difficult for city workers to see any water bubbling while driving on city roads.

“It was like trying to find a specific needle in a stack of needles,” Storer said.

After determining the leak was on the southern half of Dover, Boulanger would radio crew members on the road and direct them to specific gate valves to close. With a few potential spots in mind — a neighborhood with older infrastructure where they've had issues in the past and two new sites with recent construction — Boulanger directed a crew to close the gate near Central Avenue and Stark Avenue, shutting off pressure to all points south.

After the gate valve was closed, Boulanger watched the Garrison Hill Water Tank level on the SCADA system, which by then had dropped to 21 feet, to see if the water level stabilized. Within 20 minutes after closing the Stark Avenue gate valve, the tank had risen to 21.2 feet. They kept the gate closed a bit longer to be sure, and the water tank continued to fill. Boulanger then knew at least the area where the loss was originating.

Boulanger then ordered the gate reopened, but not before 63 calls to police dispatch from water users concerned about low water pressure.

One of the spots Boulanger directed an employee to inspect was near the Spaulding Turnpike, where a water pipe was recently installed to increase redundancy in the system. Soon after the worker arrived, the hidden water leak was revealed: water was gushing out of a casing pipe about 60 feet from the turnpike. Crews then turned off water to it and were allowed to return home for the weekend, as shutting it off did not affect other water users.

"It was a little stressful in the operation center for a bit. Once we found the leak, I was pretty happy," Boulanger said. "I really appreciate the guys that came in on Christmas Day to get this taken care of."

Storer was also thankful that Boulanger came in as well. "It was impressive to see Bill's response during this crisis," Storer said. "His knowledge of our water distribution system is unmatched."

Storer said the City is still investigating why the leak occurred. The failed pipe, which was installed by a contractor, is under warranty.

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



Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger, right, reviews geographic information system data about a significant water leak discovered on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, with Community Services Director John Storer.



Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries opens new administrative offices

The administrative offices of the Facilities, Grounds and Cemetery Division of Community Services are now located at its new headquarters at 145 Court Street.

Those seeking to schedule funeral services or have other cemetery related questions should either visit 145 Court Street or call Facilities, Grounds and Cemetery (FC&G) administrative offices at 516-6480. Other FC&G administrative inquires, such as tree complaints, should also be directed to the new administrative offices.

FG&C is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of four city cemeteries, the interior and exterior of 21 city buildings and facilities, 20 public parks, traffic signage, and maintenance of traffic signals at 31 intersections. Since the 1990s, FC&G has used Ricker Memorial Chapel and a nearby building for operations. It has also utilized the 1888 receiving tomb for dry storage.

The new, 12,000-square-foot FG&C building is built at the eastern edge of Pine Hill Cemetery, accessed at 145 Court Street. The entrance is located near the Back Road, Court Street and Middle Road intersection. Construction of the \$2 million building began in February. The project was added to the six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) in fiscal year 2019. The project went out to bid in the spring of 2019, and the City Council selected Careno Construction as the winning bidder in July of 2019.

The need for new FG&C office space dates to at least the 2000 update to the Master Plan's Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter, where it stated the FG&C buildings had "far exceeded their useful life cycles." The 2009 Chapter reported the buildings as "substandard" and that "a new or replacement facility should be considered a priority." The 2018 Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries Master Plan found the buildings "in poor condition and both spatially and functionally" but "architecturally interesting and worthy of renovation."

Through the CIP planning process, there are plans to rehabilitate and return the Ricker Memorial Chapel to its original use: funeral services. Design work began this fall with anticipation of bidding and construction to start next summer. There are also plans to renovate the 1888 receiving tomb so it can be a cremation mausoleum.

The Ricker Memorial Chapel was a gift to the City from Mary Abby (Ham) Ricker, who died in 1906 and left money in her will to construct the chapel in memory of her daughter, Mary Edith "Mamie" (Ricker) Gallagher, who died in 1895. It fell out of use as area funeral homes began offering similar services, according to city history, and fell in disrepair. The City made repairs in 1967, including the addition of a heating source. After many years of being vacant, FG&C began using it as an administrative office in the 1990s. The brick tomb mausoleum was built in 1888 to store the bodies of those who died during the winter months when the ground was too frozen for burials.

For more information about the new building, contact Community Services' Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries Division at 516-6480.

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 4, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a special meeting, followed by a workshop session, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the special meeting agenda, [click here](#). To view the workshop agenda, [click here](#).

Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2020,

Holiday hours for City offices

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, for New Year's Day. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4, 2020.

The **Public Library** will be closed on New Year's Day.

The **Dover Arena** will be open on New Year's Day.

The **Indoor Pool** will be closed on New Year's Day.

The **McConnell Center Recreation facilities** will be closed on New Year's Day.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed on New Year's Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021. Friday's scheduled pick-ups will occur on Saturday, Jan. 2.

Participate in public meetings from home

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

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.

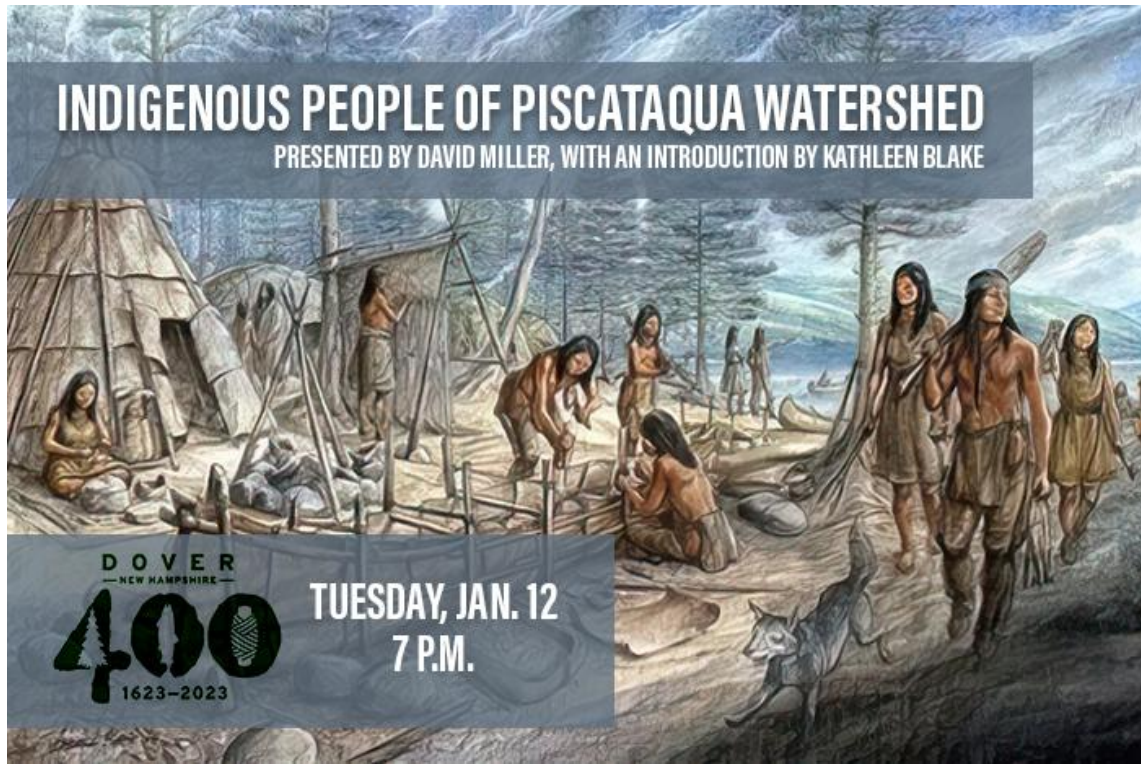
As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

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 www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Other boards and commissions have audio recordings of their meetings that are usually available the next day. You may download these audio recordings from the meeting minutes page of the public body.

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



Dover's 400th committee to host historical lecture series

Series begins Jan. 12 with "Indigenous People of the Piscataqua Watershed"

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, recently announced it will host a historical lecture series chronicling Dover's significant past, starting in January 2021 and continuing every month throughout 2021. Each presentation will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month starting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Initially, the series will be virtual lectures.

The first session will pay tribute to the Native people who occupied our region prior to colonization by white settlers. Dover resident and Native American Kathleen Blake will introduce the series with a Land Acknowledgement: a formal statement that recognizes Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and respects the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

Blake is an alumna of UNH and Plymouth State University. She is an indigenous mother and grandmother, as well as a retired environmental and biological sciences teacher and school administrator. She is the current chair of the NH Commission on Native American Affairs, an affiliate member of the UNH Indigenous Studies Minor Program, and a member of the Indigenous New Hampshire Collective Collaborative.

Immediately following Blake's introduction, David Miller will present "Indigenous People of the Piscataqua Watershed" and share his extensive research which has uncovered many of the Wabanaki/Abenaki lifeways. Miller will explore what he calls the "Great Bay Paradise" that existed in up to 20 Native villages bordering the rivers of our region. Attendees will learn about both the proven data, garnered through maps and early documents, and also hear some intriguing speculation regarding the many still-unknown facts about early Native people.

Miller is a former Social Studies teacher specializing in American Intellectual History, a curriculum developer, and K-12 school principal. After retirement, he was President of the Rochester Historical Society for 10 years. Miller is currently finalizing a Social Studies curriculum component: a 50-page “Chronology of the History of Indigenous People of New Hampshire from the Paleoindian period to Today” with accompanying research materials.

Use this link to register for the presentation: <https://ringcentr.al/34VxkAx>.

Upcoming lectures include:

- Relationships between the early white settlers and the Natives
- Tales from the Dirt: archaeology of the early colonial landscape at Dover Point
- Dover’s Rev. Jeremy Belknap and the American Revolution
- History of the Cocheco Cotton Mills
- Dover railroad history
- Dover regiments in the Civil War
- Dover Booms as a 19th Century Shipping Port
- Treasures of the Woodman Museum
- Downtown Dover During the early 20th Century
- Dover’s service in the two World Wars

The series will also feature a lesson on how to trace the history of your Dover house. Each presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the January 12, 2021 lecture, please visit <https://ringcentr.al/34VxkAx> or click on the RSVP link at <https://www.Dover400.org>.

Dover400 is currently underway with its first fundraising campaign, “\$400 for 400” an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover’s 400th Anniversary. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. For more information, please visit www.Dover400.org.

About Dover400

Established in 1623, Dover was the first European permanent settlement in New Hampshire. Dover400 is a group of appointed volunteers gathered to plan and organize the City’s 400th birthday celebration which will include historical re-enactments, fireworks and parades, school involvement, souvenirs and more.

Dover400 is comprised of fourteen enthusiastic citizens from diverse backgrounds who are all committed to one purpose: ensuring a Dover is recognized and celebrated for this momentous event. Members include: Kevin McEneaney, Chair; Sam Allen, Vice-Chair; Nicole Desjarlais-Paulick, Secretary; Kathleen Morrison, Treasurer; Deborah Ballok; Cathy Beaudoin; Bob Carrier; Angela Carter; Guy Eaton; J. Andrew Galt; Zachary Koehler; Tom Massingham; and Karen Weston.

Recycling Center now accepting Christmas trees

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is now accepting Christmas trees, during regular hours.

Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree bags and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be disposed of in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

BE INFORMED

Sign up for
parking ban
alerts today

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered

Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

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



 CodeRED™

Tickets on sale for Dover Chamber's 19th annual Sweepstakes and Auction

Feeling lucky? "Sweeps" is an annual fundraiser for the Chamber that will culminate with a \$10,000 grand prize winner. This year's drawing will be done virtually on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. The Chamber was unable to hold last year's event due to the coronavirus pandemic.



luck of the irish
sweepstakes
VIRTUAL  MARCH 17TH

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at dovernh.org/sweeps. Each ticket is just \$50. No more than 300 tickets will be sold. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, this event will also feature other exciting virtual elements, including raffles and a silent auction.

The Annual Sweepstakes and Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser of the year and supports community events such as Apple Harvest Day, the Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens' Leadership Academy and more.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

This week in DOVER HISTORY

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

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

Jan. 2, 1643 — At a town meeting it was ordered that if any turbulent person shall molest any of the Townsmen appointed, or quarrel with them, or contest against any of their lawful actions, done according to town order, he shall be first admonished, and the second time fined 5 shillings, and the third time 1 pound, for every such offense.

Jan. 4, 1835 — The coldest morning observed for many years, the thermometer indicating 28 degrees below zero.

Jan. 3, 1844 — Moses W. Ham of Farmington, left Dover in the evening for his home during a severe storm, and was found dead the next morning near Gage's Hill, with his horse and sleigh near by.

Jan. 7, 1845 — The Hon. John P. Hale's letter to his constituents against the annexation of Texas is published. Hale refused to obey a resolution of the state legislature directing him and the New Hampshire delegation in Congress to support the annexation of Texas. Hale argued the measure was only presented to promote slavery. The Democratic State convention was quickly reassembled and Hale's nomination was withdrawn.

Jan. 6, 1850 — Died in Concord, Jeremiah Stickney, aged 85. He was the first person to introduce the manufacturing of cotton and woolen hand cards in Dover, having established the business here as early as 1798, in a building which stood where the No. 2 Factory was built. For many years he employed a large number of persons, principally children, in the manufacture of cards, the teeth of which were then set by hand. The manufacture of cards by machinery, which invention was introduced about 1820, superseded the old process, and he gave up the business.

Dover Realtor dedicates portion of 2020 sales to education

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, recently received a \$1,200 donation from Mindy Marcouillier, realtor at Great Island Realty. Earlier this year, Marcouillier pledged to make quarterly donations based on a percentage of her 2020 sales. This donation brings her total contributed to date to \$3,900.

Marcouillier lives in Dover with her husband Wayne and their children Austin and Emma.

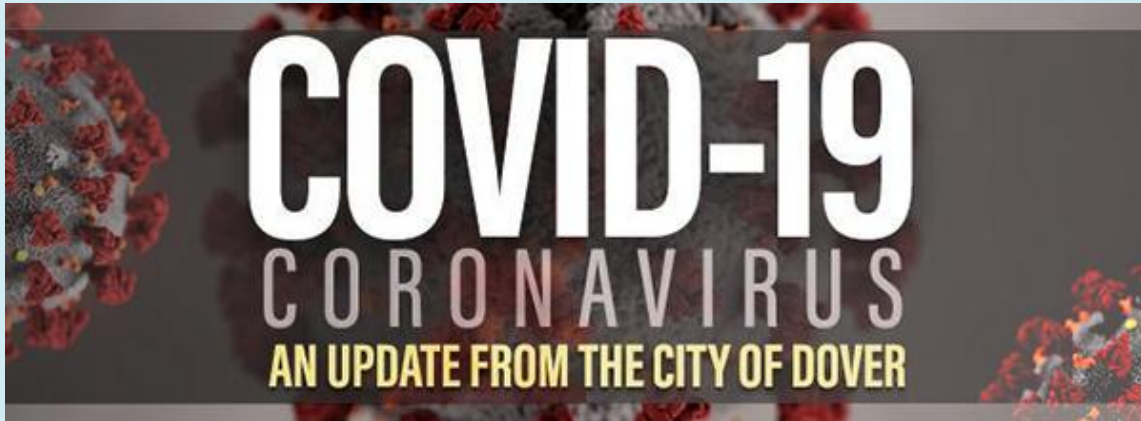
"We applaud and so appreciate Mindy's commitment to her community" said Natalie Koellmer, Chair of SEED's Board of Directors.



Funded strictly by community giving, twice annually SEED awards grants for projects to be

implemented across Dover public schools. This past fall, SEED underwrote \$30,000 in curriculum, tools, and professional development for faculty and administrators throughout the district.

In December, SEED launched its annual campaign with a goal to raise \$10,000 in individual donations. All proceeds will fund future grants to help students gain 21st century skills needed for post-secondary readiness to prepare for the transition from high school to multiple pathways after graduation. To learn more about SEED or make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.DoverSEED.org.



Celebrate the new year at home

The safest way to celebrate the new year is to celebrate at home with the people who live with you or virtually with friends and family. If you're celebrating New Year's with people outside your household, make sure you take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) apart.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands.
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Get a flu shot as soon as possible.

Consider other activities to celebrate New Year's, such as:

- Have virtual celebrations with loved ones.
- Plan a New Year's party for the people who live with you.
- Plan a neighborhood countdown to midnight.
- Watch a livestreamed firework display, concert, First Night event, or other New Year's programming from your home.



[To learn more about safe new year activities, click here.](#)

Statewide mask mandate in effect

On Nov. 19, Gov. Chris Sununu issued an emergency order instituting a statewide mask mandate.

The mask mandate will remain in effect through Jan. 15, 2021.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

According to the emergency order, “public spaces” include any part of private or public property that is generally open or accessible to members of the general public. Public spaces include, but are not limited to, lobbies, waiting areas, outside plazas or patios, restaurants, retail businesses, streets, sidewalks, parks, beaches, elevators, restrooms, stairways, parking garages, etc.

The mandate does not apply to the following:

- Educators, students, and staff within K-12 schools;
- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask or other face covering;
- Any person consuming food or drink or sitting at a restaurant or table to eat or drink;
- Any person engaged in physical strenuous physical activity;
- Any person giving a religious, political, media, educational, cultural, musical, or theatrical presentation or performance for an audience;
- Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and any person while communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing or who has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a mask or face covering difficult;
- Any person obtaining or providing a service that requires the temporary removal of a mask or face covering;
- Any person asked to remove a mask or face covering to verify an identity for lawful purposes; or
- Any public safety worker actively engaged in a public safety role and when a mask or face covering would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities.

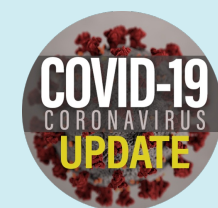
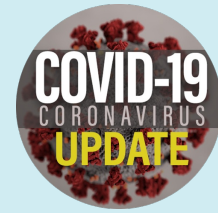
The mandate also does not apply to individuals who decline to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue or difficulty breathing.

The entire order [can be viewed here](#).

What you should know about COVID-19

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Guidance for self-quarantine is available at: www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf.

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options



can be found here: www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

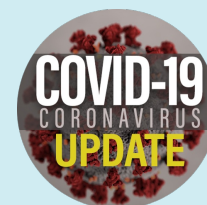
- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Stay informed with the city's COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before traveling, and much more.



To start receiving the email updates, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 online resource at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/covid19.html>.



The Week at the Library

Through Thursday, Jan. 31, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Soup Swap* by Kathy Gunst. Throughout the month of January, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will

Wednesday, January 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall
Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules.

share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram [@doverpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibrary).

**Wednesday, January 6, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Read WITH a Librarian**

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

**Thursday, January 7, 10 to 11 a.m.
Morning Book Group in Lecture Hall**

Join us for a monthly book group the first Thursday of each month. This month, discussion will be on the book *So you Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

**Friday, January 8, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose**
Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.



City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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**
- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Deputy Director of Economic Development**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**

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

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

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

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

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

CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE | www.dover.nh.gov

