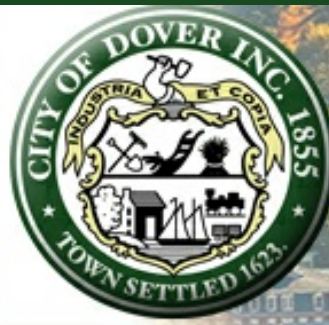


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 29, 2021



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Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
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8:30 a.m. to 4
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Photo/Councilor Fergus Cullen

Marcia Gasses, left, takes the oath of office, administered by City Clerk Susan Mistretta, after being chosen by the City Council at this week's meeting to fill a Ward 4 vacancy.

Council appoints Marcia Gasses to fill Ward 4 vacancy

The City Council voted to appoint Marcia Gasses to fill the Ward 4 seat for the remainder of the term at its meeting this past [Wednesday, Jan. 27](#).

Gasses, who had previously served as the Ward 4 Councilor, sought the vacated Ward 4 seat along with Mark Speidel. The City Council declared a vacancy for the Ward 4 Councilor

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

position at its [Jan. 6 special meeting](#) by accepting Councilor Joshua Manley's resignation and agreeing to the process of filling the vacant seat at its Jan. 27 meeting.

As dictated by the [City of Dover's Charter](#), the vacancy was filled by a City Council appointment because the term's end is less than a year. The filing period for applicants occurred between Jan. 6 to Jan. 13. At the City Council's [meeting on Jan. 13](#), the two candidates who applied to fill the vacancy, Gasses and Speidel, made presentations to the Council.

Councilors expressed thanks to both candidates. In the Council vote, Gasses received seven votes, and Speidel received one.

Council votes to expand downtown Community Revitalization District, enter into development agreement

The City Council voted unanimously at its [Jan. 27 meeting](#) to expand the Community Revitalization District downtown as outlined by state law RSA 79-E.

The new revitalization area created by the Council is surrounded by First Street, Second Street, Chestnut Street and Central Avenue. There is currently a Community Revitalization District near City Hall where Robbins Auto headquarters once stood and where the new Orpheum Apartments now stands.

After approving the Community Revitalization District's expansion, the Council then unanimously approved the City Manager entering into a development agreement with Chinburg Management, LLC., for the redevelopment of the former Strafford County Superior Court, located at 1 First Street, now apart of the expanded Community Revitalization District. In November, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. signed a term-sheet agreement with Eric Chinburg of Chinburg Management, LLC., which lays out a roadmap for a development agreement. The agreement is available in the Council's agenda materials that can be viewed online by [clicking here](#).

According to the term-sheet agreement, the City of Dover would approximately maintain the property's current tax valuation for seven years. Beginning in tax year 2030, there would be a guaranteed tax assessed value of the property of \$7 million. If the actual assessed value were below \$7 million at that time, the developer would owe the difference. If the assessed value was above \$7 million, the developer would owe the higher amount. Currently, the property is assessed at \$789,100. The guarantee is an increase in valuation of more than 780 percent during the tax credit period. The goals of the agreement include retaining the historic building and providing increased options for affordable housing.

Chinburg Management will still need to submit an RSA 79-E application and meet the requirements dictated by RSA 79-E.

The Community Revitalization District's expansion also allows other property owners in the district to apply for property tax relief as specified in RSA 79-E.

The City Council first discussed the potential of expanding the Community Revitalization District at its Jan. 6, 2021 workshop, which can be viewed in its entirety by [clicking here](#).

Independent audit of City of Dover finances

During the City Manager's Report, certified public account Alina Korsak of the firm Melanson gave a presentation of the independent audit that she and others at her firm did of the City of Dover's finances. The presentation, along with the entire City Council meeting, can be viewed online by [clicking here](#).

Tri-City warming center opens, announces online resource for activation information, volunteers

The Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center, located at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth, is open again tonight, Friday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., as extreme cold weather continues. The warming center will remain open until 8 a.m. Saturday, and then open again on Saturday and Sunday, from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. each day.

The Emergency Management Directors of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth activated the warming center due to a forecast of extended, life-threatening cold temperatures that will likely diminish the availability of existing shelter space over the next several days.

While open, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County and SOS Recovery Community Organization will provide staffing. In addition, the warming center is seeking volunteers each day. Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aa9ac22a1fc1-volunteers>.

Partners and municipalities are asked to help transport at-risk or unsheltered clients to the warming center when possible. COAST Bus has agreed to transport anyone on their way to the warming center to the closest bus stops at no cost. On Bus Route 1, the nearest stop is the Holy Trinity Church at 404 High St. in Somersworth. On Bus Route 12, the closest stop is Key Buick GMC of Somersworth, located at 155 Route 108 in Somersworth. Please note: COAST Bus does not operate on Sunday. During this activation, the warming center will be unable to transport clients to or from the center.

Those seeking to warm up may arrive anytime between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. during the activation period. Referrals or reservations are not required. COVID-19 coronavirus precautions are in place, including hand hygiene, social distancing, and required masking. Cots are available at the warming center; however, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, no evening meals will be provided. Donations are not being accepted at this time.

More information about the Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center can be found at a new online resource, <https://www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc>. The Warming Center can also be reached at 1-857-323-0388.

FY22 Budget

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT - SAU 11

SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2021

DN TV Channel 22

School Board begins discussions on proposed budget

Dover School Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni introduced a draft of the fiscal year 2022 school department budget to the School Board on Monday, Jan. 25. The School Board will continue with budget deliberations this Monday, Feb. 1, and subsequent Mondays throughout February before the School Board adopts its budget,

which is anticipated to occur on Feb. 22.

Limanni and Harbron discussed the challenges of putting next year's budget together at the meeting, which can be viewed [here](#). The baseline budget, meaning the current year's budget that factors in contractual obligations, has increased by \$8,655,297. The estimated budget increase allowed by the tax cap calculated on Jan. 20, 2021, is \$1,408,492.

The drivers of the increase stem from required increases the district is to pay to the New Hampshire Retirement System for all eligible employees, health insurance premiums, and wage and benefit increases. There is also a loss of state educational adequacy aid of about \$512,000, Limanni told the board.

In fiscal year 2022, the school district is to contribute 21.02 percent of retirement into the New Hampshire Retirement System for eligible teachers, an increase of 3.22 percent from the current year's 18.80 percent withholding. For all other eligible district employees, the employer contribution is 14.06 percent, a 2.89 percent increase from the current year's 11.17 percent withholding. Additionally, health and dental insurance premiums have an anticipated increase 5.5 percent increase.

There are also \$4,503,840 in contractual increases as specified for the contracts with the Dover Teachers Union (DTU), Dover Paraeducators' Association (DPA), Dover Educational Office Personnel (DEOP) Dover Administrative Association (DAA), Limanni said in his presentation.

With the contractual increases built in, administrators then began looking for ways to reduce the budget by \$7,667,333 to get to a tax-cap compliant budget, Limanni said. The administrators began eliminating any new positions it had hoped to add next year, a savings of \$1,744,846. They also eliminated \$1,197,000 in capital improvements and transfers to reserve accounts, \$476,840 in curriculum and professional development, \$277,348 in special education, \$152,183 in athletics, \$18,000 in technology, and \$48,780 in non-wage related supply and equipment accounts. Limanni and Harbron said they have involved principals from all the schools, program administrators/directors, and the presidents of the District's three unions in these discussions.

They noted potential staffing cuts, including 40 teaching positions, 13 paraeducators, five non-union, and three clerical positions. "This has been a very difficult and emotional experience to go through," Limanni said about the budget process.

The School Board is scheduled to meet on Feb. 1, 8, and 15 for budget workshops, with budget adoption tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22.

The School Board plans to meet in a non-public session for budget discussions this Monday because they plan to discuss personnel and contract negotiations that may have a bearing on fiscal year 2022.

Before entering the non-public session, the School Board will meet in public and receive updates on the planning for students' return to in-school instruction. The public meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be viewed online on Channel 22. It will also be available for on-demand viewing at dovernh.viebit.com/index.php.

Washington and Main water system improvements topic of Feb. 8 informational meeting

Community Services will host an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. to discuss the significant water system infrastructure upgrade to replace 130-year-old water distribution lines in downtown Dover. The work is anticipated to begin this March and continue through October.

The project is part of the ongoing effort to replace the oldest and most at-risk water infrastructure. The project area includes all of Main Street, Washington Street, from Central Avenue to Main Street, and a portion of Henry Law Avenue closest to Washington Street.

Replacement infrastructure includes approximately 3,000 feet of new ductile iron water main that meets today's water system needs and will provide reliable water service for the next 100-plus years.

Due to the high vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the project area, many construction measures have been included in the design and construction contract to limit project disturbance. These measures include temporary water services, night work, and limited construction hours. Although these construction measures are designed to help, the area will undoubtedly experience temporary traffic congestion and service disruptions. The City asks the public for patience and understanding as we work through this critical infrastructure project.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the informational meeting will be held virtually. Depending on the number of meeting participants, it may be challenging to allow open dialogue. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that questions or concerns be submitted in advance to Max Kenney, the City's Assistant City Engineer.

The meeting will use the RingCentral platform. Login information to attend the meeting is as follows:

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1485637423?pwd=OUZXb2dRWThyVzBGOTd4WHNZbmFpZz09>
- Password: 012320
- To call in by phone only, dial 470-869-2200 and enter the meeting ID of 1485637423 when prompted.

Abutters and residents can sign up to receive regular updates via email. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements." There is also a webpage on the City's website dedicated to the project. It can be found by [clicking here](#).

For more information or questions about the project, contact Assistant City Engineer Max Kenney, PE at m.kenney@dover.nh.com or (603) 516-1915.



Dover Chamber to host annual economic forecast

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Economic Forecast on Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in a virtual format. The theme of this year's forecast is "Organizational Survival" and Brian Gottlob, principal of PolEcon Research, will give the keynote presentation. PolEcon is an economic research firm based in Dover that specializes in identifying, understanding, and communicating emerging economic, demographic, fiscal, labor market, real estate, and public policy trends.

Gottlob will discuss the long-term effects of the pandemic, as well as what we can expect in the next 12 months as we move from uncertainty to recovery. We'll also hear from local business owners about their experiences throughout the pandemic and what the future holds for them. The business owners include Roni Watkins of My Country Story, Erin Tellez from Cinco de Mayo Bar & Grill, and Tony Murphy of 9Round Fitness.

The economic forecast, sponsored by Eversource, will be held virtually via Zoom and is open to

the public. The cost is \$5 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-Chamber members. Register in advance by visiting www.dovernh.org/economy or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218.

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 on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.



COVID-19 vaccination registration remains open for New Hampshire residents in Phase 1B

COVID vaccination registration for NH residents in Phase 1B began on Jan. 22. Vaccinations began this week. Phase 1B includes:

- Persons who are 65 years of age or older
- Persons who are under 65 years old with defined medical conditions that put them at significantly higher risk
- A caregiver for a medically vulnerable family member under 16 years of age
- Staff member or resident of an institution for developmental disabilities
- A corrections officer or staff member working in a correctional facility
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

The registration and scheduling process for vaccination will vary depending on the person's prioritization criteria and location of vaccination clinic:

- Persons 65 years of age and older should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting <https://vaccines.nh.gov>. Persons without internet access should call 2-1-1 to get assistance with registration.
- Persons under 65 years of age who are prioritized due to medical conditions need to register through their healthcare provider to confirm eligibility and facilitate vaccination.
- Other Phase 1B individuals should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting

Statewide mask mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through March 26, 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.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here](#).

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,

<https://vaccines.nh.gov> (or call 2-1-1 if no internet access), through their organization (e.g. hospital employee), or through a vaccination clinic organized by a Regional Public Health Network (RPHN).

If you are unsure what Phase you fall under, use the COVID-19 Vaccine Phases Assessment Tool to help you determine your status: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>.

After submitting your online registration form, you will receive an automated email from the CDC Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) to schedule your vaccine appointment. [Guide to the VAMS registration and scheduling process](#).

For general questions on vaccination or to schedule vaccination if the online system cannot be used, call 211 or 1-866-444-4211.

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 here](#).

When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/21/2021

DECEMBER - MARCH*

PHASE 1B NOW OPEN

- People 65 and older
- Medically vulnerable people under 65 who are at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions
- Family caregivers of medically vulnerable persons under 16 years old
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

To register go to www.vaccines.nh.gov

PHASE 2

- K-12 school and childcare staff
- People 50-64 years old

MARCH - MAY*

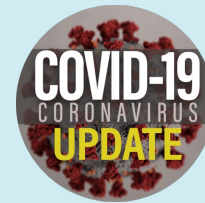
PHASE 3

- Medically vulnerable people under 50 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions
- Everyone else not already vaccinated

MAY and BEYOND*

Visit vaccines.nh.gov or call 2-1-1 for more information.

*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.



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 here](#).

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, Feb. 1, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

School Board, Feb. 1, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Open Lands Committee, Feb. 4, 5 p.m.

The Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard, 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 <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

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.

To see all of the City's boards, commissions and committees, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/.

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



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. 29, 1669 — Peter Coffin, Anthony Nutter, William Follett, Robert Burnum, William Roberts and Richard Otis were appointed to go to the Lamprey River, which was the dividing line between Dover and Exeter, to meet with men from Exeter to perambulate the lines and set bounds between the two towns. The perambulation requirement for towns began in 1651. Once required every year, the law has changed since that time and is now required of all communities every seven years. The state legislature changed the law in 1969 and required communities to file the perambulation report with the Secretary of State. More recently, legislators have discussed amending or even abolishing the requirement, but the mandate remains in effect, and there is no penalty for not fulfilling the requirement.

Feb. 2, 1836 — The coldest day of the year is recorded at 17 degrees below zero.

Feb. 3, 1844 — Mr. B. A. Ford passed with a horse and sleigh on the ice from Dover Neck to Newington, a circumstance which had not before occurred for 30 years.

Feb. 4, 1863 — The Dover Ladies Aid Society gave a Tea Party for the benefit of the Soldiers Aid Society, realizing the sum of \$358.24.

Jan. 31, 1915 — The Jas. F. Parle Ice Company reports it has cut and stored over 6,000 tons of ice from the Bellamy River and is preparing to begin ice cutting on the Cochecho River.

Mezzanine Catering donates to SEED

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover (“SEED”), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, just received a \$592 donation from Mezzanine Catering. The donation will be used to help underwrite the 2021 spring grant period.

Earlier this year, Mezzanine Catering decided to commit to making monthly contributions to local nonprofits based on sales from its Mezz at Home program-- a take home meal program featuring curated selections of chef-prepared meals.

Founded by Sally Cobb in 2012, Mezzanine Catering accommodates events ranging from 25 to 500 guests. More recently, the company opened a production kitchen on Dover Point Road offering take home meals, desserts, and its beloved once-a-month Supper Club. “Every order we get supports local small business, and in return, we want to do our part,” said Zach Cobb, Director of Operations. “Each month, we select an education or food-insecurity centered organization; we are so proud to support SEED’s mission.” To learn more about SEED and its mission to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover public schools visit www.doverseed.org.

About SEED

Formed in 2011, SEED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to promote academic excellence, champion technology and reward educator innovation in Dover’s public schools. SEED support is not intended to replace appropriate municipal funding. SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. SEED’s overarching goals are to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community.

SEED welcomes donations of time, talent, and resources. To get involved, please contact info@DoverSeed.org.



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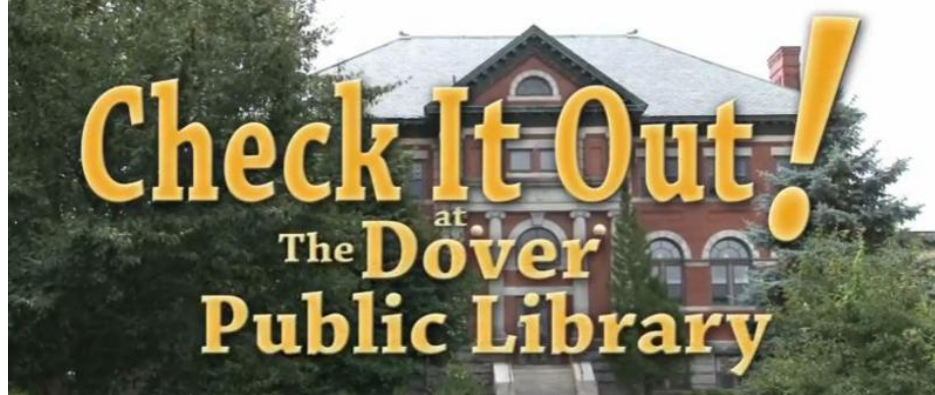
VIRTUAL  MARCH 17TH

19th annual sweepstakes and auction tickets on sale

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.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [dovernh.org/sweeps](https://www.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.

For more information, visit the Chamber's website here: <https://www.dovernh.org/sweepstakes-auction>.



New York pianist plays virtual Valentine's Day concert for Dover Public Library

Bring the concert hall to your living room with a special Valentine's Day concert by New York Pianist Dan Fogel on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The virtual concert, sponsored by the Dover Public Library and their Friends group, will feature love songs from throughout the decades. Participants will be invited to test their knowledge and see if they can name the tune being played. Fogel will also share fun trivia about each of the songs performed.

Fogel is a classically trained pianist who has been playing for over 30 years. He frequently performs throughout Long Island and New York City. His repertoire is large enough to perform for eight hours without repeating a single song or musical work. He enjoys sharing his passion for music with audiences, whether they know the music intimately, or are hearing it for the first time.

The Valentine's Day concert will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information.

This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Sheet Pan Suppers* by Molly Gilbert. Throughout the month of February, 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 share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@doover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Monday, Feb. 1 - Saturday, Feb. 6 Cookbook Sale, Circulation Desk

Support the Friends of the Library and refresh your cookbook collection! Cookbooks will be \$4 each or 3 for \$10 and located next to the main circulation desk upstairs. Cash or checks only, please.

required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 9 am to 12 pm 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.

**Monday, February 1, 6:60-7:30 p.m.
Chopped with Evan Hennessey**

Join Evan Hennessey, winner of the popular Food Network program "Chopped," virtually in the kitchen. Chef/Owner of Stages in Dover, Evan will talk about his experience on Chopped as well as demonstrate a live Chopped challenge from his restaurant. Registration is required to receive a link to this program.

**Tuesday, Feb. 2 - Monday, Feb. 8
Chopped Challenge (Virtual)**

The library is sponsoring a Chopped competition! Compete in one of three categories: Adult, Teen, or Family. What can you create in 60 minutes using the four ingredients we provide you? Prizes will be awarded in each division for Creativity and Presentation. Mystery ingredients will be available while supplies last at the library beginning on Tuesday, February 2. Photos and recipes of all entries must be emailed to p.falconer@dover.nh.gov by Monday, February 8 at 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 2, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home. Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

**Tuesday, February 2, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeon World RPG: 18 and older in the
Lecture Hall**

Drop in and play the Dungeon World role-playing game with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers 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

**Wednesday, Feb. 3, 9:30 to 11:30 am
In-Person 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

**Wednesday, February 3, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Online Storytime**

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

**Thursday, February 4, 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 *There There* by Tommy Orange. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome to the book group and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

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**Friday, February 5, 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.



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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



Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2021 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

A checking account is required for [online dog license registration](#). To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

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

Property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online

The City of Dover has recently added online payment options for the payment of property taxes, utility bills and other miscellaneous bills in addition to other online payment services already available, such as renewing motor vehicle registrations and dog licenses and paying parking tickets.

The payment options for property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills are located on the Billing and Payment page that can be found by [clicking here](#) or by using the "Pay My Bill" button on the home page of the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov. Payment of property tax bills is only available for current year tax bills and is not available for properties with a prior year's tax lien. Utility billing is for water and sewer bills. Miscellaneous billing is for the payment of impact fees, inspection fees, McConnell Center rent, and the City's bag and the tag program, as well as other bills.

Each payment option requires information to locate the bill to be paid. Property tax payment requires either the owner's name, property address or parcel number. For a utility bill payment, a customer would need the owner's name or the Service ID (SID) number. An invoice number is required for miscellaneous billing.

Payments can be made via a credit card or by electronic check, known as ACH (automated clearing house). The bank routing and account numbers are needed to complete an ACH transaction. Credit cards accepted include Mastercard, Visa and Discover. American Express is not accepted.

There are fees associated with online payments collected by the payment processing company. For utility billing, there is a \$6.95 fee for the online transaction. For paying property taxes or miscellaneous billing by credit card, the fee is 2.5 percent of the payment. The fee for an ACH transaction is \$1.

The billing page also provides links to other online bill options, including vehicle registration and dog license renewals and the payment of parking tickets.

"We are always striving to find better ways to serve the City's residents and businesses," said Finance Director Daniel Lynch about the new online payment system. "We hope our customers find value in using this service."

For more information, contact the City Clerk/Tax Collection Office at 516-6018.

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

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**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I, Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Custodian**

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

Missed the meeting?

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.

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

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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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