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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 13, 2020



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hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
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8:30 a.m. to 4
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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to discuss, consider vote on proposed CIP

The City Council will discuss the fiscal year 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at its meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 18, and possibly vote to authorize the three sections of the CIP. The Council is also scheduled to hold a workshop on the CIP in the hour before its regular meeting.

The CIP is a city-wide planning effort that begins the fiscal year's budget cycle, starting on July 1, 2021. Projects included in the plan are capital projects and purchases over \$25,000 that maintain and improve the community infrastructure and have a useful life of at least three years. The CIP six-year program links infrastructure spending to the City's Master Plan's goals and values.

For fiscal year 2022 that begins on July 1, 2021, the CIP has \$18,244,036 in proposed capital projects. That includes

Recycling Center hours:

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

Sunday (through
Nov. 29),
8:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.

Our Mission:

"To provide affordable, high quality municipal services and responsive accessible local governance ensuring all persons the opportunity to enjoy contributing to and being a part of the Dover community."

\$8,003,036 funded through the operating budget, \$6,696,000 funded through debt-financing, and \$3,545,000 funded from reserve accounts.

The CIP is updated annually and involves input sessions with the Planning Board and City Council, including public hearings for both boards. The Planning Board began its CIP discussions at its [Oct. 13 meeting](#) that included a public hearing; it voted to approve the CIP at its [Oct. 27 meeting](#). The Planning Board reviews the CIP to see if it meets the needs expressed in the City's Master Plan. The City Council held public hearings related to the CIP at its [Oct. 28 meeting](#).

As City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. explained at the joint City Council and Planning Board CIP workshop Oct. 7, to approve the CIP entails voting on three resolutions: the plan itself, debt-service projects, and non-debt projects that are not funded by the City's general fund.

The vote on adopting the plan "is a statement of intent, but it does not bind you to anything," Joyal said at the [Oct. 7 workshop](#). "It tells me as your City Manager and anyone else in the City, this is your long-term plan on how things are going to happen in the City for upgrading roads, infrastructure, replacing equipment and so forth. From an operational perspective, it allows us to start making plans or continuing plans for replacing equipment, and perhaps not investing in maintenance in certain things because we know we will replace it in a timely fashion."

The vote on debt-service projects is only for the year-one CIP projects approved by the City Council. The vote on the CIP's non-debt portion is for year-one CIP projects funded by capital reserves accounts and grant funds. These two votes require a two-thirds majority to pass.

To view the updated CIP projects, visit the City of Dover's [CIP webpage](#). The page also contains a [video overview](#) of the plan. A physical copy of the CIP can also be reviewed at City Hall and the Dover Public Library.

Public hearing on establishing a process for review and final proposal of potential charter amendments

The City Council is also scheduled to hold a public hearing on "establishing a schedule and process for review and final proposal of potential charter amendments."

According to the resolution, during the recodification of the City of Dover's codes, "several provisions of the City's charter were identified as potentially in need of amendment." Many of the potential amendments provided in the background are formatting, style and/or typographical errors.

After the public hearing, the Council is expected to direct the Council's Ordinance Committee to "study and review potential amendments" and report back to the council by May 12, 2021. The Council may then decide to begin a formal charter amendment process that could bring charter amendment questions to the municipal election planned for Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021.

The Wednesday, Nov. 18 regular meeting of the Dover City

Council is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The CIP workshop will be held in the same location beginning at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Meetings can be watched live on Channel 22 or online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>.



City holds Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park

Ceremony airing online and on Channel 22

The ceremony included an opening prayer, posting of colors, the laying of the wreath by the American Legion Auxiliary, and the national anthem, performed by the Seacoast Men of Harmony, as well as remarks by City officials, including Mayor Robert Carrier and City Councilor John O'Connor.

"This is a day when we honor our heroes, remember their triumphs and thank (veterans) for their sacrifices," said Mayor Robert Carrier. "This is a day to take a moment from our hectic lives to remember the courage, the dedication and the selflessness of these women and men who chose to serve a cause larger than oneself to protect our way of life."

The guest speaker was Mark Sears, a retired Air Force general who lives in Dover.

The master of ceremonies was Phil Rinaldi of the Dover Veterans Council.

The ceremony is currently airing on Channel 22 and online. To watch the ceremony online, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=OzRSmGnLHs3I>.

Dover Veterans Park adds 15 new bricks ahead of Veterans Day

The latest batch of engraved bricks honoring veterans was installed Monday at Dover Veterans Park in time for Wednesday's Veterans Day ceremony.

The Dover Veterans Park was dedicated three years ago on Veterans Day 2017. The 15 new bricks added Monday brings the total number of bricks honoring veterans to about 800, said Recreation Director Gary Bannon. He said there is still plenty of capacity to add bricks to honor veterans, emphasizing the veterans do not need to be from Dover to be included in the park.

"It's for veterans," said Bannon of the park. "If you served in the military, you've qualified in

being a veteran.”

Many of the bricks honoring veterans have been grouped by family or by service time. A few bricks already installed were moved Monday so they could be grouped with others. “It’s a nice statement of camaraderie and unity,” Bannon said.

Next spring, city workers will install a bench donated by the Class of 1965 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. A new kiosk that lists and maps all veterans-related monuments and plaques in Dover is also planned. “There are more than 1,000 names on all of those plaques,” said Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who has overseen the creation and upkeep of Dover Veterans Park.

Bricks are not added on a rolling basis. Instead, Bannon places two orders a year: one ahead of Memorial Day and the other ahead of Veterans Day. Because the production takes about two months, Bannon placed the Veterans Day order at the end of August, and the new bricks just arrived last week. He’ll make the next order at the end of February 2021 to be ready for Memorial Day in May.

The cost is \$100 for an 8-inch by 8-inch brick and \$50 for a 4-inch by 8-inch brick. All bricks are engraved consistently with a full name, military rank and branch, and years of service and/or conflict.

Orders can be placed online at <https://polarengraving.com/cityofdovernewhampshire>. Contact Recreation Department at 516-6410 with questions or help with ordering.

Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.

The Planning Board will hold a special meeting to conduct a site walk on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m., on Leathers Lane. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Pool Advisory Committee, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 236 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Parking Commission, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Public Meeting Room at the Police Station. To view the meeting agenda, [click](#)

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County opens emergency winter shelter

Dover, Tri-cities, Strafford County and others contribute funding

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) will open an emergency winter shelter to homeless clients at the Garrison Hotel in Dover starting this Monday, Nov. 16. The shelter will remain open until Thursday, April 15, 2021.

The winter shelter will not be an emergency cold weather shelter as initially planned, Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., told the City Council at its Oct. 14 meeting. Instead, the Garrison Hotel will supplement regional homeless shelters that have reduced capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City to contribute up to \$40,000 as its share to help fund the 24-hour CAPSC-staffed shelter at the Garrison Hotel. The cities of Somersworth and Rochester are also contributing funding along with Strafford County, the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, Community Development Finance Authority, and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Bureau of Housing.

Clients must be referred to the shelter from area partners, such as municipal welfare offices, police and fire departments, 211, other area shelters, and/or medical and social service providers.

[here](#).

Arena Commission, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Arena Conference Room at the Arena. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session, followed by a regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the workshop agenda, [click here](#). To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Zoning Board, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

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

“With the challenges of COVID-19, the previous emergency shelter models were not sustainable or safe this winter season, said CAPSC CEO Betsey Andrews Parker. “We learned from previous cold-weather seasons that we needed longer and more consistent shelter operations to help clients stay safe from both COVID and the cold.”

In addition to rooms with COVID-safe protocols, housing insecure individuals and families can access additional support services at CAPSC’s main office at Bradley Commons, 577 Central Avenue in Dover. Clients using the shelter and expanded housing programs will also have access to communication resources, primarily for telehealth appointments with medical and mental healthcare providers, social services, or employment resources. Additional access to medical care and substance misuse support is available through partnerships with Goodwin Community Health, SOS Recovery Community Organization, The Doorway operated by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Tri-City Co-op, Seacoast Mental Health Center, and Community Partners.

“While these services exist in our community already, COVID-19, as well as the other challenges of being homeless, prevent many clients from accessing these services or keeping appointments,” said Lauren Berman, Director of Housing and Economic Support at CAPSC. “When people have a warm place to sleep and feel safe, it allows them to begin the process of planning for future next steps.”

CAPSC is seeking additional community support through volunteers to help with reception, manage donations, and provide clients. Volunteers will need to complete an interview and background check to work with clients. Those interested should contact Berman at lberman@straffordcap.org.

Volunteer support is also needed on weekends to serve dinner to 30-40 individuals. Meals will be prepared off-site and delivered to the Garrison Hotel.

Individuals or groups interested in providing meals on weekends can access the sign-up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ea5aa2fa4fc1-emergency>.

To make a financial donation to CAPSC’s Emergency Winter Shelter, visit <https://www.straffordcap.org/donate>. For more information on the shelter, program, and volunteer inquiries, contact Lauren Berman at lberman@straffordcap.org or call (603) 435-2500 ext. 8115.



Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is colder, and the days are getting shorter. That means the Dover Fire Toy Bank, in its 43rd year, is underway.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank, coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue, began helping a dozen families in the City of Dover. It has now grown to aid more than 350 families. While the holiday season often conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many Dover children.

While Dover Fire Toy Bank welcomes games and toys donations, there is also a real need for essential items for many Dover families. Hats, jackets, boots, scarves, gloves and other clothing are needed to meet demand, along with personal hygiene items. Demand is typically highest for infants and those aged between 9-12 years old. The Dover Fire Toy Bank also appreciates donations of gift cards to area businesses, including grocery and mall stores. Don't have time for shopping? Donate money and let the Toy Bank do the shopping for you.

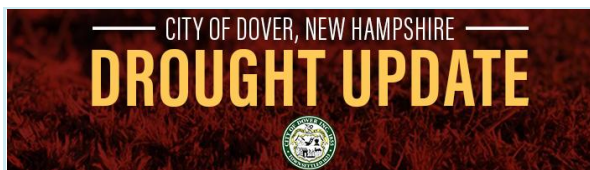
If you would like a collection box for your business or organization to collect donations, call (603) 516-TOYS (8697) and leave a message. We will get you one as soon as possible.

Toy Bank volunteers are available to come to you to pick up donations, including monetary gifts. Or you can drop off new, unwrapped items at the City of Dover's three fire stations: Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (25 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) anytime until Christmas Eve.

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

Because of COVID-19, Dover Toy Bank will not be seeking volunteers to help wrap presents this season.

For more information, call (603) 516-TOYS (8697).



Much of Dover remains in

**Chambers, state to
host seacoast virtual
job fair**

The Seacoast Chamber Alliance and

'extreme' drought

There was no change in New Hampshire's ongoing drought conditions in this week's U.S. Drought Monitor [update](#) released Thursday. Sections of southern Dover are in "severe" drought, while the rest of the City and much of Strafford County remain in "extreme" drought.

The City of Dover's mandatory outdoor water restrictions remain in effect. Those restrictions include

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and no unattended lawn watering
- No washing of vehicles, including automobiles, trailers and trucks
- No filling of swimming pools greater than 100 gallons
- Hand watering of gardens and new plantings is allowed.

City officials still urge residents and businesses to continue to voluntarily conserve water in other ways, such as 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. Fixing leaks, including running toilets, can reduce individual usage by hundreds of gallons a day.

State emergency drought assistance available to low-income residential well owners

The NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission and the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) have created a new initiative to provide short-term relief and financial assistance for low-income homeowners served by residential wells that are experiencing insufficient water or no water due to drought conditions.

The initiative will include temporary relief to ensure households have an adequate supply of drinking water in the near-term. Households on residential wells, whose income is at or below 80 percent of the area median household income and have no water due to the ongoing drought, may be eligible for bottled water deliveries at no cost for drinking and cooking uses. The provision of bottled water is intended to be a temporary measure until the

New Hampshire Employment Security are joining forces to host the Seacoast Region Virtual Job Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The virtual job fair will showcase many different industries with hundreds of positions around the Seacoast area.

What can you do at the virtual job fair:

- Virtually explore and engage with a wide variety of employers from a laptop or computer
- Talk with recruiters via live video or text
- Resumes can be uploaded and sent directly to the company representative while you are talking
- There is no cost to participate in the virtual hiring event

This event is free, but employers and job seekers must register. To register, [click here](#).

For more information, [click here](#) or email question to jobfair@nhes.nh.gov.



The poster features a central image of two hands shaking, with the right hand being a digital, wireframe-style hand. Below this, the text reads: "New Hampshire JOB AND RESOURCE Virtual Fair". The event date and time are "Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:00 am - 1:00 pm". A dark blue banner contains the text "Discover the opportunities in NH's SEACOAST REGION!". Below this, it says "WORK ★ LIVE ★ PLAY" and lists positions in "Healthcare, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Business, Life Sciences and more". It is a "FREE EVENT!" and requires registration at <https://virtualjobfairs.nh.gov>. Logos for SEACOAST Chamber Alliance, NHEC, HAMPTON, BEA, NHEC, ROCHESTER COLLABORATIVE, DOVER, and BIA are shown at the bottom.

Deadline to remove political signs is today

[State law](#) requires that political signs for Tuesday's General Election be removed from public ways no later than the second Friday following the election, which would be today, Friday, Nov. 13.

household receives assistance to permanently mitigate the well that has been impacted by drought.

Permanent drought relief measures

Financial assistance for improving or replacing residential wells with insufficient water due to drought, or connection to an existing community water system, financial assistance may be made available for qualifying low-income homeowners through a grant from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

Information about income eligibility requirements and the amount of financial assistance for permanent drought relief measures are available on the [NHDES Drought Management Webpage](#). Emergency drought assistance is available to eligible households retroactive to costs incurred since June 23, 2020. Homeowners interested in assistance are asked to complete the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wellwaterhelp>

Homeowners who have questions about the survey or eligibility, please email: droughtwellinfo@des.nh.gov or call Paige Relf, NHDES, at (603) 271-1355.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker said if signs aren't removed by the following Monday, Nov. 16, staff contacts the candidates to remind them to remove them. If signs aren't removed within 48 hours, Community Service workers or Police Officers will collect them.

"Our experience has been that we have had maybe a handful of signs that remain on that Monday, as most candidates are interested in gathering their signs," Parker said.



The City's Dover CARES initiative provides a convenient location for information about relief measures available to residents and businesses, including property tax relief, financial assistance, resources for housing and food, extended payment plans for water and sewer utilities, waived fees, and much more.



Dan Demers stands below The Strand Theatre marquee on Third Street in Dover, promoting its upcoming virtual telethon fundraiser.

Strand's upcoming telethon part of fundraising effort to keep venue open in 2021

The non-profit Strand Theatre on Third Street in downtown Dover will host a virtual telethon next Friday, Nov. 20, from 6 p.m. to midnight to fundraise for the 2021 season.

The telethon is pre-recorded, and those who wish can make donations by either purchasing tickets or donating to The Strand's GoFundMe campaign. The telethon will include performances by local artists, film features, vaudeville acts, and more. Terry Traynor, owner of New Hampshire-based Narrow Street Films, is the telethon's producer. The event will be streamed on Facebook and other mediums.

The Strand has fundraising gifts, said Dan Demers, chair of the Strand Ballroom Corporation's board of directors. Those who donate \$50 or more will receive a pair of tickets to a Strand performance in the 2021 season. Those who donate \$100 or more will receive a limited-edition, 11-inch by 14-inch individually signed painting of The Strand by The Art Center's Resident Artist Deborah Janelle.

The Strand Theatre has a goal to raise \$100,000 by Dec. 31, 2020, to continue operations. The theater, which has collaborated with the City of Dover's Office of Economic Development in the past, had an in-person fundraiser planned for this Saturday, Nov. 14. But Demers said the board decided to postpone the event because of the rise in Dover's positive Coronavirus cases.

Demers said theater shows next year are in danger if the non-profit can't raise enough money to cover costs. Demers said he has been funding any operational deficits with his retirement savings, "which is almost gone."

Demers said before COVID hit, the board had high hopes for 2020. "This year was projected to be a positive year," he said. "We broke even last year. (2020) was to be the start of a new era."

The Strand closed in March when Gov. Chris Sununu ordered all nonessential businesses closed. It reopened on July 1 with limited capacity. The Strand, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in Sept. 2019, has put on two theater shows since its July reopening: "Bless Me Father" and "Dracula." It has also hosted comedy nights and open-stage events and rented out the hall for private events. Demers said The Strand hasn't held concerts because people will want to get-up in dance.

Out of its 280 seats, Demers said The Strand could seat a max of 88 people if all were to come in groups of five, with three empty seats on either side of a party. It has eliminated its VIP seating because it's too close to the performers, Demers said.

Demers opened The Strand Theatre on Apple Harvest Day in 2015 as a for-profit company. The entity became a not for profit corporation in 2017.

For more information about The Strand, telethon and fundraising, visit www.thestranddover.com, or its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheStrandDover/. To donate to its GoFundMe campaign, visit charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/savethestrand.



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

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

Nov. 15, 1697 — Thomas Chesley and Will Jackson are captured not far from Johnson's Creek. Chesley is slain but Jackson escapes.

Nov. 17, 1707 — At a public town meeting at the meeting house on Dover Neck, Capt. John Gerrish, moderator, it was voted that Mr. Pike have 15 pound per annum added to his salary of 65 pounds, one third part thereof to be paid in money, the other two thirds in provision as formerly, and that the mill rents as they shall be received be a part of his salary.

Nov. 18, 1755 — "About four o'clock in the morning was an exceeding shock of ye earthquake which shock was near as much as that in ye year 1727, Oct. 29, but ye noise was not so loud." (diary entry) John Winthrop Hollis, Professor of Mathematics and Philosophy at Harvard College, described the "great earthquake which so lately (Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1755) spread terror and threatened desolation throughout New England," in a lecture delivered in the chapel of the college on the week following the earthquake.

Nov. 13, 1833 — A meteoric shower of stars observable between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning attracted much attention in Dover and throughout the country.

Nov. 19, 1856 — Two young men, George S. Clark, aged 26, and John Foss, aged 23, were killed by the premature discharge of a cannon which they were firing on Garrison Hill to celebrate the election of President Buchanan.



This Week at the Library

Through Monday, Nov. 30, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Harvest Baker* by Ken Haedrich. Throughout the month of November, 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@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Through Monday, Nov. 30, All Day Fall Book Bingo Teen Challenge

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to try out our Fall Book Bingo Challenge. Bingo cards will be available in the Teen Loft and at the Circulation Desk. The more you read, the more chances to get a bingo. Bingo rules: Choose a book to read that fits the theme of an open bingo square (must be a different book for each square). Keep track of the books that you've read on a separate piece of paper. Cross off five squares in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) to get a bingo. Each bingo earns a raffle entry, and a full sheet gets an extra five raffle entries (in addition to those earned for bingos). Bring your completed bingo card and your book list to the Reference Desk or send a picture to e.fortin@dover.nh.gov by November 30 to be entered into the raffle for a gift card prize. For questions, please e-mail e.fortin@dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Sunday, November 15, 2 to 4 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan. The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to

Tuesday, November 17, 3 to 4 p.m. Global Poetry Society in the Lecture Hall

The Global Poetry Society is dedicated to exploring poetry from around the world. The first meeting will feature works of Native American poets with journeys to Asia, Africa, South America, and more coming in future weeks. Between sessions, registrants will be emailed a reading list of freely accessible poems posted by The Poetry Foundation, which will introduce the poets and cultures that will be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. VIRTUAL EVENT: John Christie, author of a Dover boyhood memoir

The Friends of the Dover Public Library meet 5 times a year to discuss fundraising and advocacy for the library and library programs. New members are always welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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, November 18, 6 to 7 p.m. Pizza and Pages in the Lecture Hall

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *The Hidden Oracle* by Rick Riordan. Copies of the book are available in the library as well as on NH Overdrive and Hoopla Digital. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks!

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, November 16, 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 Sunday 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, November 16, 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.

**Monday, November 16, 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 Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel. 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.

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**Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL Mindfulness with Laura Klain**

Mindfulness is a great way to alleviate stress, develop more creativity, and cultivate more peace in your life. The practice can be added to any lifestyle and can be done anywhere. No special equipment or skills needed! Come and learn how to use your breath, mind, and body as tools to help you be more present and peaceful even during times of stress. This hour-long mindfulness workshop and guided meditation will be a *LIVE* virtual event. Wear comfy clothes and get ready for a relaxing and enlightening experience! Registration required to access login information.

**Friday, November 20, 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.

**Friday, November 20, 4 to 5 p.m.
Flash Writing Friday: NaNoWriMo in the
Lecture Hall**

Come join the library for Flash Friday! Each Friday in November as we help our local writers hit their National Novel Writing Month word goals, we will host socially distant, quiet writing spaces in the lecture hall. Using the word sprint method, we will ask writers to get down as many words as they can in 20 minutes, then take a 5 minute break, the repeat. It's a time-tested way to put aside our inner editor and just get words on the page!!

**Saturday, November 21, 12 to 4 p.m.
Dungeon World RPG: 18 and older on
Front Lawn**

Drop in and play the Dungeon World role-playing game with Game Master Dave. The group will meet every Saturday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all

in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes.

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skill levels are welcome to play. Please bring your own lawn chair/blankets and whatever you need to be comfortable outside, and wear a mask while within six feet of other players and if you come inside the building.



Dover Varsity Cheer crowned state champions

Dover Varsity Cheerleading (DVC) was crowned Division 1 Fall Spirit New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association ("NHIAA") 2020 State Champions with a score of 102.7. Runner up, Concord Varsity Cheer, earned a score of 97.6.

In a season gripped by the COVID19 pandemic, Dover was fortunate to have any season at all. To mitigate crowd concerns, all competitions were virtually held which meant teams had to film their routines with Athletic Director affidavit and in most cases with no spectators at all.

Dover went undefeated in an abbreviated season which kicked off with the 603 Showdown hosted by Londonderry High School Cheerleading and concluded with the Battle at the Capitol hosted by Concord Varsity Cheer where Dover won their respective division and was named overall Grand Champion with the highest scoring routine of the day.

DVC is led by Head Coach Kelsey Daigle and supported by Assistant Coach Mikaela Leighton. The team did not start practicing until September 8, with mere weeks before its first competition the athletes had a great deal of work to do. The team learned a very advanced routine, packed



with tons of difficulty, only weeks before having to compete it. During a normal season, the team has months to prepare. "I am so incredibly proud of what this team has done and overcome this season," said Daigle. "They amaze me and I am grateful to be their coach!"

Teammates include: Makayla Wolfe (Captain), Kennedy Leighton (Captain), Ashlyn Smith (Captain), Addy Stewart, Mason Soares, Arianna Bowden, Katherine Carter, Andre Schaeffer, Emma Fitzgerald, Ellie Zielfelder, Tylee Barnes, Claire Drouin, Amelia Perkins, Reagan Leary, Ashley Kelley, Nicole Kelley, and Jessica Simmons, Ashley Smith. Alternates: Paris Young, Julia Drake and Maddie Peltier.



2020 King Tide Contest begins this weekend

The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) is excited to announce the return of the New Hampshire King Tide Contest on Nov. 14-17, 2020, and is calling on community members to help document the effects of higher than normal tides



Festival of Trees

Eleventh annual Festival of Trees is Dec. 4

The 11th annual Festival of Trees will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 from 4-8 p.m., at Rivermill at Dover Landing, 2 Washington St.

Festival of Trees will feature over 30 trees, elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off to benefit the

on New Hampshire's coast with photos and videos.

The term "King Tide" refers to the highest high tides that occur multiple times per year when the moon is in alignment with the sun and closest to the earth. These higher than average high tides will likely cause coastal flooding, especially in low-lying areas, and are indications of what will eventually become a "new normal" as sea levels rise due to climate change. Documenting King Tides with photos and videos is an effective way to help communities identify areas prone to coastal flooding, visualize impacts of sea-level rise, and start planning.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nhcaw.org/kingtidenh2020/>.



You can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online. Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.

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

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce takes the health and safety of the community seriously. In order to offer this holiday event in a safe and enjoyable format, several modifications have been made to this year's event, including:

Limiting on the number of attendees in the facility at any given time to ensure social distancing. This limit will be in accordance with the state and local mandates and guidelines for Covid-19. Face masks will be required to be worn by each person in the venue. Complimentary hand sanitizer will be available. If the local area sees a significant increase in cases, this event will be shifted to a virtual format.

Offering select trees in a virtual-only auction to give those less comfortable attending in-person events a way to participate. If interested in sponsoring a virtual-only tree, please contact Morgan at the Chamber to learn more.

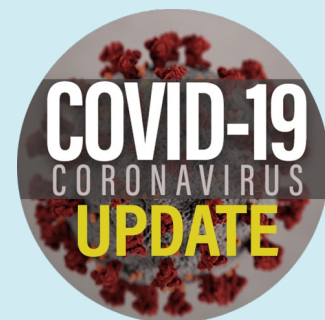
For more information, including how to sponsor a tree, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at dovernh.org.



How cloth face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.



The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the use of face coverings in public to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

Are you receiving 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>.

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

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**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Heavy equipment mechanic/Automotive technician**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**

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.

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

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.

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

