

### News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 20, 2020



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Governor issues statewide mask mandate, effective today

Gov. Chris Sununu announced Thursday, Nov. 19, he has issued an emergency order instituting a statewide mask mandate. The order follows the state's highest single-day total number of positive cases, which rose to 529 on Thursday.

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

Beginning today, Nov. 20, 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.

Per the order, "public spaces" includes 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.

According to the order, 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

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.

- 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.



# City Council urges community to shop local, proclaims Nov. 27 and 28 as Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday

#### Parking will be free on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving

At its <u>meeting Wednesday</u>, the Dover City Council proclaimed the Friday after Thanksgiving as "Plaid Friday" and the following day as "Small Business Saturday," which aims to give small, local businesses a boost during the holiday season.

The proclamation states the City of Dover "celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community." The proclamation urged

"residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Plaid Friday, Small Business Saturday, and throughout the year."

Mayor Robert Carrier said that because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, small, local businesses "need all the help they can get. We don't want to lose any one of them."

The proclamation states that 62 percent of U.S. small businesses have reported needing consumer spending to return to pre-COVID levels by the end of 2020 to stay in business.

In addition to the proclamation, the Dover Parking Commission voted 5-2 at their Tuesday, Nov. 17 meeting to allow free parking on Small Business Saturday. There is already free parking in place for Thanksgiving and the day after.

In a statement, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce said that shopping local is critical.

"Our local retailers are an essential part of our community," Joyce said. "They are neighbors and friends. Supporting local businesses on Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday is always a great thing to do, but more so during the pandemic."

Dover's Economic Development Director, Dan Barufaldi, agrees.

"I think it was extremely important for the City Council to make the City Council Plaid Friday Proclamation because it signifies the City of Dover's commitment to the survival and prosperity of our local businesses and recognizes the role they have played and continue to play in being the financial base for the success of Dover over the last decade," Barufaldi said. "Our local businesses support the vibrancy of our community, its arts and culture and all the amenities and services the City provides. The City Council Plaid Friday Proclamation formally recognizes that contribution at the highest level of City government and makes a clear statement of appreciation and a message to all our citizens to help these hardworking local business owners suffering through the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Joyce said many local stores and businesses have also taken the Seacoast Safety Pledge and put precautions into place to ensure their establishments are safe to visit.

"If you are not comfortable shopping in person, support our local businesses by purchasing gift cards this holiday season," Joyce said. "Most retailers, restaurants, and service providers offer gift cards, and they make great presents for friends, family, co-workers and teachers."

Joyce also noted that Dover Main Street's Dover Dollars can be purchased at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and are redeemable at more than 50 Dover merchants. <u>Click here for more details</u>.

Many area businesses, like Red's Shoe Barn on Broadway, were forced to close temporarily in the spring because of the governor's emergency orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Red's Shoe Barn closed for seven weeks this spring, and store manager Tim Winters said the company has been trying to play catch-up ever since.

"It's so important for people to shop local instead of letting their fingers do the shopping online," Winters said, noting that knowledgeable staff and the ability to try on shoes and clothing ensures that customers get the right size and product they seek.

Roni Reino Watkins, owner of My Country Story on Central Avenue, said that she and many other local businesses have struggled because of the pandemic. "This year is so incredibly unpredictable. We don't know what to expect," she said, noting fears of being again forced to close the store. Watkins said that businesses like hers also support local artisans that make unique, one-of-a-kind gifts.

Doug Glennon, who co-owns Jewelry Creation with his wife Kelly, had urged the Parking Commission for a parking holiday for Small Business Saturday. "The fact we can advertise and tell people [parking is] free – that's going to help," he told the Commissioners. "We're trying to make it about these small businesses that are having a hard time."

Watkins also voiced the need for a parking holiday. "We are already struggling in the

pandemic. To have free parking, even for a weekend, is huge," she said.

#### **City Council approves Capital Improvements Program**

The Dover City Council adopted the Capital Improvements Program plan for fiscal years 2022-2027 at their meeting on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Nov. 18</u>. The Council also approved debt-financing and non-debt, non-general fund financing for specific CIP projects slated for the first year of the CIP in fiscal year 2022.

The CIP has \$18,269,036 projects planned for fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1, 2021. That includes \$8,003,036 funded through the operating budget, \$6,696,000 funded through debt-financing, and \$3,545,000 funded from reserve accounts. After an amendment proposed by Ward 2 Councilor and Deputy Mayor Dennis Ciotti, the Council also approved adding \$25,000 to the CIP to fund Garrison Elementary School cafeteria in FY 2022. The Council is expected to vote on a funding authorization related to that project at a future meeting.

Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen had sought to move up \$2 million in funding to build a new turf field and track replacement at Dover High School from FY 2026 to 2022; however, his amendment failed. After adopting the CIP, the Council approved a motion by Ward 5 Councilor Dennis Shanahan that requested the City Manager to investigate the feasibility to incorporate moving up the turf field and track replacement project. The approved motion also included exploring Ward 1 Councilor Michelle Muffet-Lipinski's request to ensure adequate mental health funding is available to the School District when students return to the classroom.

The CIP is a city-wide planning effort that begins the fiscal year's budget cycle. 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. 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.

The vote on adopting the plan "is a statement of intent, but it does not bind you to anything," Joyal told the Council 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 also only for year-one CIP projects funded by capital reserves accounts and grant funds. These two votes required a two-thirds majority to pass.

To view the updated CIP projects, visit the City of Dover's <u>CIP webpage</u>. The page also contains a <u>video overview</u> of the plan. A physical copy of the CIP can also be reviewed at City Hall and the Dover Public Library.



# Community Trail expansion nears completion Paving of new sections begins Monday

After years of planning and effort, construction of Phase III of the City of Dover's Community Trail is nearly complete.

The upgrade will connect more than four miles of multi-purpose pedestrian pathways from Route 108/Central Avenue at Rutland Street through the Dover Transportation Center and north to Watson Road via the downtown connection on Chestnut and Fourth streets.

City Planner Donna Benton, who serves as the staff liaison for the trail, said the trail improvements will encourage more use and link the middle and high schools to downtown and northern parts of Dover.

"The community has been looking forward to the Community Trail expansion for years and is excited to see its completion," Benton said. "It is a Dover gem to both residents and visitors alike."

Phase III is broken into two parts: Creating a trailhead with a paved, graded ramp from Fourth Street by the Cochecho River that connects to the Community Trail's rural section, and extending the urban area from Fisher Street to Route 108/Central Avenue at Rutland Street. Work began on Sept. 8 and included extensive site and drainage work to both locations.

Construction to the Fourth Street's entrance is in its final stages, and the ramp is scheduled to be paved starting Monday, Nov. 23. Site and drainage work to Fisher Street expansion is complete except for a small section towards the new trailhead at Central Avenue. The 2,000 feet of completed new trail is also scheduled to be paved Monday. Depending on weather conditions when drainage work to the final part is complete, paving may be postponed until spring. If that occurs, the unpaved trail will have a crushed stone base and be open for pedestrian use.

The City of Dover received a Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) grant in 2015 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to fund Phase III expansion. After creating design engineering plans and obtaining multiple easements for new sections of the trail, the City Council in August awarded the construction bid for the expansion to Rochester's S.U.R. Construction, Inc. Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker and Community Services

Environmental Projects Manager Gretchen Young oversee this construction project for the City with the assistance of consultant Fuss & O'Neill.

"The DOT's grant funding has been critical in the creation and extension of the Community Trail, and we thank them for their continued support," Parker said. "This trail is recreational and a clear alternative mode of transportation for users, providing access to mass transit options, such as Amtrak's Downeaster, COAST Bus and Wildcat Transit."

Studying the feasibility of the planned Phase IV expansion of the Community Trail is currently underway. That project would connect Bellamy Road to Knox Marsh Road/Route 155 and be linked to the Central Avenue trailhead by pathways nearby the middle and high schools and Route 108/Durham Road. Other Community Trail expansion opportunities are also under consideration.

The ad-hoc Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee (CTAC) assists the Planning Department and the City of Dover in creating and maintaining the Community Trail. The CTAC welcomes new members, and Benton encourages anyone interested in participating to contact her at (603) 516-6008, or d.benton@dover.nh.gov.



Crews begin final site work at the new Dover Community Trail trailhead on Fourth Street next to the Cochecho River. The sloped entrance ramp that connects to the Community Trail's rural section is scheduled to be paved on Monday. The work is part of Phase III of the Community Trail expansion.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Master Plan -Community Facilities and Utilities Steering Committee, Nov. 23, 5 p.m.

The Planning Board's Master Plan - Community Facilities and Utilities Steering Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov.

### City lifts mandatory water restrictions

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. this week rescinded the mandatory, citywide ban on outdoor water use, first implemented on Aug. 21, 2020.

Joyal cited "more favorable precipitation, reduced seasonal demands, and improving conditions and outlook for the City's public water supply" to support rescinding the "Declaration of Water Emergency" and the "Water Emergency Restrictions".

23, 2020, beginning at 5 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, click here.

McConnell Center Advisory Board, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 236 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Dover Housing Authority, Nov. 24, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, beginning at 12 p.m. The meeting is being held remotely. To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Joyal urged residents and businesses to continue their water conservation efforts as drought conditions remain in Dover and the region. There are several ways users can help conserve water, including:

- Cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STAR certified machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For guidance on selecting ENERGY STAR and WaterSense certified products and more water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water efficiency fact sheets at https://go.usa.gov/xfSz4.
- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

The City Manager declared the water emergency when local drought conditions had worsened, and water usage had increased to historic levels. On Aug. 21, Joyal said the mandatory restrictions were necessary "to meet essential commercial, domestic and residential drinking water needs over the course of at least the next 60 days." The restrictions had banned lawn watering or irrigation, washing of vehicles, and filling swimming pools greater than 100 gallons.

The City's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance at http://bit.ly/NHDROUGHT.

The order rescinding the emergency declaration and emergency water restrictions can be accessed below:

 Order and Public Notice Terminating Declaration of Water Emergency (2020 Drought) and Water Emergency Restrictions (2020 Drought)

#### 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 <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

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





Crews from Severino Trucking Co. Inc. continue site work on River Street to prepare the area for the Watefront Development Project. Beginning on Monday, Dec. 7, Maine Drilling & Blasting workers will conduct blasting on the site in work expected to last less than two weeks.

#### Blasting at waterfront bluff on River Street resumes Dec. 7

Maine Drilling & Blasting will resume drilling and blasting the bluff on River Street starting Monday, Dec. 7.

The blasting is expected to last less than two weeks and is part of site work related to the Waterfront Development Project on River Street. The project will remove approximately 3,500 cubic yards of the bluff and is the continuation of blasting from February until mid-March 2020. It stopped then to not interfere with the spring fish run.

As before, drilling and blasting operations will occur between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. No explosives will be stored at the site overnight. The blasting area will be well marked with highly visible signs detailing the warning sequence whistle sounded before each blast. The sequence is:

- 3 whistles 5 minutes before blasting
- 2 whistles 1 minute before blasting
- 1 whistle all clear; blasting complete

If you happen to be in a nearby home or building during a blast, you may experience low levels of ground vibration. These ground vibrations from the blasting will not exceed established limits that could potentially cause damage. Maine Drilling & Blasting strives to minimize the blast's amplitude and uses the latest blasting industry technology to measure seismic effects to

ensure vibrations remain below the established limits.

The blasting is part of a \$1,515,337 contract the City of Dover has with Severino Trucking Co. Inc. for bluff removal to prepare the site for future construction; Severino Trucking subcontracted the blasting to Maine Drilling & Blasting. The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) selected the firm Cathartes in 2018 to develop the 23-acre Cityowned property that borders the Cochecho River. The CWDAC unanimously approved the development agreement with Cathartes in September of 2019. CWDAC's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Currently, Cathartes is revising its Phase 1 design plans. Once revised, Cathartes will bring the plans to the Technical Review Committee for review before seeking Planning Board approval. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (603) 516-6008. For questions or concerns about blasting, contact Christopher Scott of Maine Blasting & Drilling's Safety Department at (603) 232-8538.



Community Services' Matt Rabideau hangs festive tree lights on Central Avenue ahead of the holiday season. The annual hanging of lights is spearheaded by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's City Lights Committee.

### Chamber's City Lights Committee, local businesses and City of Dover install festive holiday lights

With the help of many volunteers, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee spent several hours on Monday, Nov. 16, installing festive lights downtown ahead of the holiday season.

The City of Dover, Leavitt Electrical Contractors, Martineau Electric, and Reliable Equipment donated time and resources to help with the project. The Home Depot donated the hundreds of holiday lights that were hung.

"We have to make our town shine," said Harvey's Bakery & Coffee Shop's Pam Simpson, who, with other business leaders, began organizing the annual event 12 years ago. Simpson said

the festive lights are even more critical this year because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "It brings joy to so many people," she said.

Community Services workers Matt Rabideau and Ryan Neenan utilized a department bucket hang lights on downtown trees and lamp posts. "It makes Dover look festive," Rabideau said of the lights. "And that's what's needed right now."

Jim Gowen and Connor Griffin from Leavitt Electrical also assisted in hanging lights with the bucket truck donated by Martineau Electric. Chamber volunteers Brian Jacobsen, Stephanie Lund, Stephanie Bolduc and Phil Rinaldi also helped install lights. Urban Tree Service, which has volunteered in years past, was unable to assist this year.

The Dover City Lights Committee is funded by the Dover Chamber of Commerce's annual Festival of Trees, which features over 30 trees elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations. The trees are then sold via auction and raffle. The 2020 Festival of Trees is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing, located at 2 Washington St., Dover. This year's event has been modified to adhere to current COVID-19 guidelines. Visit dovernh.org/fot for more information.

In addition to hanging lights during the holiday season, the Dover City Lights Committee also installs U.S. flags on Central Avenue during the summer months. For more information on the Dover City Lights Committee or Festival of Trees, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 742-2218 or visit dovernh.org.



Phil Rinaldi strings lights on a light pole by the intersection of Locust Street and Silver Street. The annual hanging of lights is spearheaded by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's City Lights Committee.



# Dover Police to begin accepting names for Christmas Basket Program Nov. 30

The Dover Police Department will begin accepting names, addresses and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the Annual Christmas Basket Program on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020. The Police Department conducts this program through Dover Police Charities each December to provide a Christmas dinner to families in Dover.

Last year, 125 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community. In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities). If you cannot arrange for delivery of your donated food to the police station, call 742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Employees of the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, there will be changes in the delivery procedure from previous years. The delivery will be contact-free. Employees making the deliveries will leave the baskets outside the recipient's home and contact them by phone. In addition, no volunteers are requested this year.

For more information, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.



#### **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).



### Enjoy Dover's holiday parades of years past from the comfort of home

The annual Holiday Parade in Dover, typically held each year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. But that doesn't mean you can't enjoy some holiday cheer that Sunday.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, tune in to Channel 22 for a daylong celebration of the city's traditional kick-off to the holidays. Beginning at 9 a.m. on Nov. 19, Channel 22 will begin airing holiday parades from years past, which will continue until 9 p.m. that evening. Over the course of the day, more than 10 years of parades will air for this special broadcast.

Not able to watch on Channel 22? Catch the Channel 22 live stream at <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com">https://dovernh.viebit.com</a>.

No need to bundle up this year while waiting for Santa. Kick back and enjoy a daylong holiday parade.



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, <u>located here</u>.

**Nov. 25, 1816** — The town voted to sell the public land on the south side of the road leading over Pine Hill and apply the proceeds towards the expense of fencing the burying ground.

**Nov. 22, 1824** — The town voted to give \$5,000 towards the building of a new stone jail provided it be built in Dover.

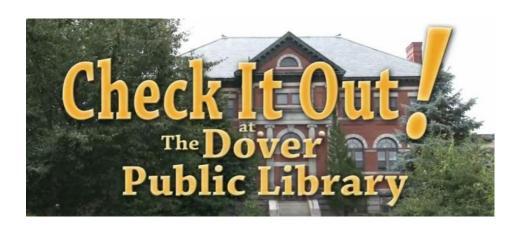
Nov. 21, 1826 — Proposals were issued by a committee of the citizens of Dover, on behalf of

the town and county, for the building of a new jail on Silver Street.

**Nov. 23, 1859** — Mrs. J. Stone of Tuftonboro is killed at the train depot in Dover attempting to get on the cars — she was on her way to Boston to spend Thanksgiving with her son.

**Nov. 20, 1920** - The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups and sides.

**Nov. 20, 1930** - The keys to the new National Guard Armory in Dover are turned over to Battery B. It would formally open to the public on Nov. 25.



#### 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 <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, 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

schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

Monday, November 23, 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 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. VIRTUAL Jackbox Game Night for Teens

Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join us for a fun virtual game night featuring Jackbox Games! Participants will need to have simultaneous access to a computer and a smart phone or tablet in order to participate. We'll try out games such as Lie Swatter, Push the Button, and Trivia Murder Party. Jackbox Games are rated T for Teen. Registration required and registrants will receive an e-mail with a link to the RingCentral meeting 30 minutes before the program starts.

Tuesday, November 24, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall Families are invited to join us for storytime

send a picture to <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u> by November 30 to be entered into the raffle for a gift card prize. For questions, please e-mail <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u> or call (603) 516-6050.

### Monday, November 23, 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

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, November 24, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Teen Movie Tuesday in the Lecture Hall Join us for a free after-school showing of Five Feet Apart. Spaces limited to the first 20 attendees to allow for social distancing. Rated PG-13.

Thursday, Nov. 26 to Friday, Nov. 27 Library Closed for Thanksgiving





Kennebunk Savings presents the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce with a check for its sponsorship of the  $11^{\mbox{th}}$  Annual Festival of Trees.

#### Festival of Trees is Dec. 4

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the 11th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place in person on Friday, Dec. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. Kennebunk Savings will once again serve as the Underwriting Sponsor for the event.

Kennebunk Savings President and Chief Executive Officer Bradford C. Paige said, "We're proud to be a



part this holiday tradition in Dover and continue our support for an event that creates holiday magic through all of the beautifully decorated trees."

Festival of Trees will feature over 25 trees and wreaths elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations to be auctioned and raffled off. The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce takes the health and safety of the community seriously, and is making modifications to ensure the event is safe and enjoyable:

- Pre-registration (dovernh.org/fot) is required to limit the number of attendees in the facility at any given time. This will help 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 Dover area sees a significant increase in Covid-19 cases, this event will be shifted to a virtual format.

Tickets are \$5 for those 13 years and older. Children 12 and under will be admitted free (registration still required). All children under 12 will receive a goodie bag sponsored by The Closet Connection. For each \$5 ticket, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will donate \$1 to the Dover Food Pantry run by First Parish Church. The \$5 admission fee also earns each person an entry into the Raffle Tree Drawing.

Those unable to attend can still participate by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win the Raffle Tree. Tickets for the Raffle Tree are just \$5, and the winner will take home a fully decorated tree and tree stand along with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers.

Trees are still available for sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Sponsorship is \$55 for Chamber members and \$75 for non-members. Sponsorship includes the tree and tree stand. The sponsor is responsible for providing all decorations and promotional items for the tree. Organizations interested in sponsorship should reach out to Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at <a href="mailto:events@dovernh.org">events@dovernh.org</a> or call (603) 742-2218.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, a volunteer group of residents and Chamber members dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season and hanging American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

Kennebunk Savings will be sponsoring a tree again this year that will feature "The Best of Dover" with over \$500 in gift cards from local businesses. Dover Branch Manager Erica Place and her team will be creating the tree. "We're excited to decorate a festive tree that will represent our wonderful business community, while raising funds for the Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee at the same time," said Place.

Lowe's Home Improvement donated tree stands and Wentworth Greenhouses donated wreaths for the event. The trees are being provided by the Knights of Columbus, and the tree delivery will be provided by Calling All Cargo Moving & Storage. Complimentary hand sanitizer will be provided courtesy of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

# 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.

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### City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, <u>click here</u>.

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.

- Police Officer
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Heavy equipment mechanic/Automotive technician
- Maintenance mechanics

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