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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### City Council to hold special meeting, public hearing for Tax Anticipation Note authorization

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, for a public hearing and likely vote for the Council to authorize the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note.

If authorized as written, the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) would allow the City of Dover to borrow \$17 million to meet cash flow needs in December. The City has two significant payments to make in December. One is \$9,562,961 to the Strafford County government for its portion of the property taxes collected by the City, due Dec. 17. The other is \$4,060,576 for debt service payments that are due on Dec. 15.

Finance Director Daniel Lynch said the request is needed because of the Department of Revenue Administration has yet

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to certify the City of Dover's property tax rate, which delays the issuance of the first half of fiscal year 2021 tax bills.

Tax Anticipation Notes are authorized by the Municipal Finance Act of New Hampshire Statutes. It requires a public hearing and City Council to pass TAN authorization by a two-thirds vote.

Lynch does not expect the DRA to certify the City's tax rate until Nov. 30 at the earliest, and he believes it could be even later. If the DRA were to certify the City's tax rate on Nov. 30, the first-half tax bills wouldn't be issued until Dec. 9 to account for printing the bills and preparing them for mailing.

If the bills were issued on Dec. 9, they wouldn't be due until Jan. 11, 2021. "Provided property tax collections are consistent with prior years, there will be insufficient tax collections to make timely payment of operation expenses," it states in the City Council's [background material](#).

Lynch said that, historically, most tax bill payments occur two weeks after bills are issued. If bills were issued on Dec. 9, two weeks later would be Dec. 23, after the due date of both the County and Debt Service payments. Last year, the tax rate was certified on Nov. 18, and the first half tax bills were issued on Nov. 27 with a Dec. 27 due date. By Dec. 17, 68.4 percent of tax payments were received, which allowed for regular operation expenses, mid-year debt service payments and payment to Strafford County. However, only three days earlier, on Dec. 14, only 22.2 percent of tax payments had been received.

Lynch said that there would not be enough time for the City to solicit bids for the TAN because of the impending deadline for the Strafford County and debt-service payments – if the City Council authorized the TAN. Instead, Lynch said the City would work with its bank of record for the short-term loan. Based on Lynch's best estimate, the City would receive the \$17 million note at a three-percent interest rate, which would be paid back by the end of January 2021. Lynch estimates the note would cost the City between \$56,000 to \$60,000 in interest. Because the loan would be short term, Lynch said the note would not affect the City's bond rating. Lynch said the City is also tapping its unassigned fund balances to limit how much would be needed to borrow to continue regular operations.

The City and School District must submit annual financial reports to the DRA. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these reports were submitted in late October and early November. All reports and forms must be submitted to the DRA before setting a tax rate appointment when it reviews and certifies the tax rate.

Lynch said he had remained hopeful the tax rate would have been set to allow this year's tax bills to be sent out by Nov. 27, which would have negated the need for the TAN.

The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Council Conference Room of Dover City Hall. The meeting is open to the public, provided those attending wear a face covering. The meeting will also be televised on Channel 22 and broadcast online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>.

See agenda information here:

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**Police Chief William Breault, left, and volunteer Patrick Duffy, pack a van with Thanksgiving meals made at Blue Latitudes Restaurant that were delivered Wednesday to Dover residents who might not otherwise have one. Volunteers made and delivered 600 meals as part of the 12th annual Dover Thanksgiving Dinner.**

## **Dover Thanksgiving celebration continues to bring hope even during COVID-19**

COVID-19 could not stop the 12th annual Dover Thanksgiving Dinner, which served 250 more meals this year than they did last year.

With the help of many volunteers, 600 multi-course meals were delivered Wednesday for free to individuals in Dover who might not otherwise have a traditional holiday meal.

In the 11 previous years of the annual event, diners ate their festive meal at Blue Latitudes Restaurant on Central Avenue, serenaded by the sounds of Kathy Fink & Friends and a visit by Santa Claus. While that option wasn't available this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Dover Thanksgiving Celebration Committee was determined to provide meals to Dover residents.

"Thanksgiving is such a meaningful holiday to many of us because it represents a gathering of friends and family in which we together celebrate our 'thanks' with a special meal," said Jeff Roemer, president of Blue Latitudes Restaurant. "This dinner is special to so many as we say thank you to this great community."

Mike Steinberg, CEO and owner of RELYCO Sales, Inc., agreed. "Although this event is only one day a year, it's our mission to bring the meaning of Thanksgiving to those who may not otherwise be able to have the experience of a traditional Thanksgiving meal with family and friends," Steinberg said.

Twelve years ago, Blue Latitudes Restaurant and RELYCO Sales, Inc. started the Thanksgiving Dinner tradition. They wanted to create a way to help those in the Dover community who find themselves in times of need around the holidays.

This event is made possible - and grows year after year - due to the generosity of the Dover business community and the many volunteers.

Members of the Dover Thanksgiving Celebration Committee are Carol Boc, Bill Breault, Mary Jo Gauthier, Sheila Kageleiry, Kara Lapierre, Mark Leno, Shelley MacGregor, Betsey Andrews Parker, Dave Richard, Jeff Roemer, Amy Steinberg and Mike Steinberg.



**Dover Police Officers, from left, Molly Martuscello, Juel Cooper and David Collis along with Dover Housing Authority employee Cyndi Miller prepare to deliver 125 traditional Thanksgiving meals to Whittier Falls residents on Wednesday.**



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

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 <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

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

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## **Plaid Friday, Small Business Saturday are ways to support local businesses and services**

### **Parking is free today and Saturday**

The Dover City Council recently proclaimed today, 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. [Click here for more details.](#)

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.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding Study Committee, Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m.

The Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding Study Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### City Council, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a special meeting, followed by a workshop, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#). To view the workshop agenda, [click here](#).

## Racial Equity and Inclusion panel to hold first meeting Dec. 3

The Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion will hold its inaugural meeting Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

The City Council [formed the ad-hoc committee](#) at its Oct. 28 meeting. The City Council charged the committee to "review data, holding listening sessions, and recommend to the City Council an action plan outlining existing and new steps to be taken to work to eliminate any potential relics of past systemic racism in municipal operations, including board and commissions."

According to the [posted agenda](#), the Dec. 3 meeting will include: member introductions; reviewing scope of the committee; ethics, the Right to Know law, and other committee member requirements; review and adoption of committee rules; nomination/appointment of a chair, vice chair and recording secretary; and a schedule of upcoming meetings.

The City Council appointed Luz Bay, Mark Brave, Lauren Conley, Maggie Fogarty, Timothy Mainella, Daniel Pontoh, Cora Quisumbing-King, Oscany Rodriguez DeJesus and Lina Shayo to the committee with Tess Beem and Jill Braceland as alternate members. Ward 5 Councilor Dennis Shanahan will represent the City Council, and Ward 5 School Board member Jessica Rozzo will represent the School Board at the meetings.

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**A contractor provides the final touches to the newly paved Community Trail extension from Fisher Street to Central Avenue at Rutland Street. The trail is now open for public use.**

## **Community Trail expansion opens for public use**

After years of planning and effort, Phase III of the City of Dover's Community Trail is now open for public use.

The upgrade connects 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.

Both the Fourth Street's entrance and the Fisher Street extension were paved Tuesday, Nov. 24, and the trail is now open for public use. Both sections are scheduled to have a final layer of paving in the spring.

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](mailto:d.benton@dover.nh.gov).

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## **Recent water and sewer bills reflect new rates**

Bills for third-quarter water and sewer usage mailed out last week include increased water and sewer rates that began on July 1.

There was a delay in sending water and sewer bills this quarter due to a meter reading equipment issue. To resolve the problem, the City had to locate and purchase a replacement meter reading device for older meters, which delayed bills being mailed out to customers.

The fiscal year 2021 budget approved by the City Council on May 14 included an increase to both sewer and water rates. The water rate increased to \$5.54 per unit, a 2.6 percent increase. The sewer rate increased to \$9.47 per unit, a 4.6 percent increase. One unit is equal to 748 gallons, or one cubic foot.

While the billing period is from July 1 to Sept. 30, the utility reading dates for customers will vary. The water and sewer billing department's goal is to take the first reading in early June and have the next reading by the end of September. Depending on the date of the readings, the billing window may be longer than previous billing cycles. Read dates for each billing cycle is located on the utility bill.

For instance, if the reading for water and sewer customers was between June 2 to Sept. 13, that's a total of 103 days, 13 days longer than a typical 90-day billing cycle. The Community Services Department has made it a priority to switch out older water meters with new ones, which is expected to expedite meter readings.

While the City of Dover instituted an emergency outdoor water ban, it went into effect on Aug. 21. If the last meter reading was June 2, then 80 days of the 113-day billing cycle, or 71 percent, occurred before the water ban. Customers may have used more outdoor water than usual on gardens and lawns to make up for the lack of rainfall this summer before the water ban was enacted.

The water and sewer billing department encourage anyone who questions their water and sewer bill to call the department. Office staff can review each account, look at usage and compare it to historical use. Contact the water and sewer billing office at 516-6028.

Director of Community Services John Storer noted an increase of about \$125,000 to the sewer budget due to increased costs to dispose of biosolids generated from the sewer system. The water budget increased by about \$95,000 in FY 2021. Part of the increase is due to more water testing. The City of Dover has always tested its water to ensure it meets federal and state standards. In addition, the City of Dover has begun regular testing of its 11 production wells for unregulated, emerging contaminants, such as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). That cost is about \$100,000 annually, Storer said.

### **Water leaks lead to higher bills**

Historically, the number one cause of a high bill is a leaking toilet. You do not have to see or hear a leak to have one. One way to check for leaks is to check the little blue dial on the face of



your meter. If that dial is slowly turning while no water is being used, then there is a high likelihood of a leak somewhere inside the home.

More ways to check for leaks:

- Check the overflow tube in the back of the toilet tank, and if there is water flowing over into it, you have an issue.
- Put food coloring into the back of the toilet tank. If that color shows up in the toilet bowl after 30 minutes, you have an issue.

The water and sewer department recommends homeowners spot check the reading on their meters to help alleviate the possibility of a high bill due to a leaking toilet or some other issue they are not aware of. They also recommend landlords check the meter readings on their rental properties at least once a month to keep an eye on a possible issue within the rental unit.

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## Holiday hours for City offices

City administrative offices, including City Hall, are closed today, Friday Nov. 27, 2020, for Thanksgiving.

The Public Library is also closed today, Friday, Nov. 27.

The Dover Community Senior Center is closed today, Friday, Nov. 27.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, is closed today, Friday, Nov. 27.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only.

Downtown parking is free today and Saturday, part of the the Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday initiatives to encourage shopping local.

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# Are you ready for winter?

## Sign-up for alerts to know when parking bans are declared

Parking Manager William Simons reminds City drivers to sign-up for parking ban alerts ahead of the looming winter season.

Users can receive text and/or email alerts if a winter parking ban is declared, which requires the removal of all vehicles from public ways to allow street and sidewalk plowing. To receive text alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/dovercodered>, or text "DoverNH" to 99411 from your phone. To receive email alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/doverdownload>.

Simons also reminds drivers that seasonal winter parking restrictions begin Tuesday, Dec. 1 and last until Thursday, April 1, 2021.

### **'As-needed' winter parking bans**

During snow or ice events or storm cleanups, the Community Services Director may declare a winter parking ban. When a ban is declared, all vehicles must be off public ways by the time the ban goes into effect. If vehicles are not removed, they may be ticketed and/or towed. There is usually no challenge on storm nights getting vehicles off the roads. "People get it," said Parking Manager Bill Simons.

But it can be a struggle to clear the roadways during a parking ban for storm cleanups, which occur when it is not snowing. Ninety-five percent of parking tickets for winter parking ban violations come on cleanup nights, Simons said.

"That's the challenge we have every year," he said. "The goal is not to give out any tickets or have any cars towed, and let Community Services do their job." A parking ticket is \$50. A tow is likely to be above \$100.

Storm cleanups occur so Community Services crews can remove high snow banks or push snow back so that City streets and sidewalks are passable and prepared for when the next storm arrives.

Unless a parking ban is declared, vehicles may be parked on the street except for areas covered by the seasonal winter parking restrictions.

### **When a winter parking is declared**

A parking ban will be declared by 3 p.m. to begin at a designated time later that evening. When a ban is declared, parking is prohibited on City streets, sidewalks and adjacent parking areas, such as the angled spaces on School or First streets, and the parking bay on Dover Street. Vehicles found in violation of the parking ban may be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

An easy way to determine if you are in the right spot is to ask, "Am I parked on private property and not on any portion of the public right-of-way?" If the answer is 'no,' you need to move your vehicle onto private property or an authorized public parking lot or to the public parking garage.

A map of the downtown parking ban area that begins at 1 a.m. can be viewed here: [Downtown Parking Ban map](#).

Apartment building owners are encouraged to alert all tenants about the parking ban. The new storm-based parking ban ordinance replaces the former winter parking ban, which was in effect overnight from Dec. 1 to April 1 on all public roadways.

### **How to receive winter parking ban notifications**

Notifications of parking bans are [posted here](#), on Channel 22, the City's website, social media, and distributed to local news media. People can also call 516-PARK (7275) to check if there is a storm-related parking ban.

To sign up for email notifications, [click here](#), and select the "Parking Ban Alerts" option. Sign up for text alerts via the City of Dover's emergency notification system, CodeRED, by texting "DoverNH" to 99411. Please note that cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Text alerts are also available by creating an account and logging into the City's emergency notification system, [CodeRED](#). Once you've created a managed account, you can select the option for Parking Ban Notifications under additional notifications. Please note you'll need to provide a phone number capable of receiving text alerts. Depending on your cellular phone carrier and plan, fees may apply.

### **Where to park during a parking ban?**

Most of the public parking lots have areas available for overnight parking. [Click here](#) to view a map of municipal parking lot locations in the downtown area. The Orchard Street Parking Garage has limited short term spaces available and is for "Permit Parking Only" above the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (look for signs). Overnight parking is available in spaces 101-278. From 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., the fee is \$1/hr and can be paid at the meter after 9 p.m. or from your phone with the "[FLOWBIRD](#)" app.

### **Seasonal winter parking restrictions for 2020-2021 Season**

In addition to winter parking bans that can be called at any time, there are several streets where seasonal winter parking restrictions are in place from Dec. 1 to April 1. These streets, listed below, do not allow parking at any time, day or night, between Dec. 1 and April 1. These additional restrictions were needed due to the limited width of the roads and concerns about plows and emergency vehicles being able to pass. An updated list of no parking restrictions can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/winter-parking-restrictions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/winter-parking-restrictions/), or in [Chapter 141-48](#) of the City's codes. Since last year, there have been streets added to the seasonal parking ban, including prohibitions on parking on specific sides of streets. In a few cases, the ban has changed from one side of the street to the other.

The following streets are included in the seasonal winter parking restrictions:

- Baker Street, no parking on northerly side (odd numbered)
- Belknap Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered), from Washington Street to Silver Street
- Belknap Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered), from Silver Street to Fisher Street
- Cushing Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered)
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Elm Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Essex Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Fifth Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Fifth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), between Grove Street and Tammany Park
- Folsom Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered)
- Forest Street, no parking on the northwesterly side (even numbered)
- Fourth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Hamilton Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered)
- Hancock Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- High Ridge Drive, no parking on southerly side
- Lexington Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered)
- Lincoln Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Nelson Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Locust Street to Atkinson Street
- Plaza Drive, no parking on easterly side (even numbered), from Norway Circle northerly to end of street

- Richmond Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Rogers Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- Saint Thomas Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Atkinson Street to Belknap Street, and two spaces in front of 33/35 Saint Thomas Street
- Summer Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered)
- Third Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- West Concord Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered)
- Young Street, no parking on the southerly side.

When a parking ban is declared, both sides of the listed streets are restricted, as are all other city streets.

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## Statewide mask mandate in effect

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

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

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

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

The mandate does not apply to the following:

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

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

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

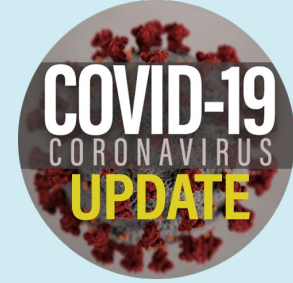
## Are you receiving the city's COVID-19 updates?

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 <https://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>.



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## Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting goes virtual

The 35th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held virtually on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 at 6 p.m.

To watch the tree-lighting festivities, tune in to Channel 22, view live online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, or watch live on Facebook.



For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.

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## 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 City-owned 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.

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## **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.

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## **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).

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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. 28, 1692** — The Provincial Council, to prevent the drawing off of the soldiers from Cochecho and Oyster river, ordered the Treasurer to disburse twenty or thirty pounds to supply said soldiers with provisions, and to enable them to continue at their posts for the better defence of the Province.

**Dec. 3, 1701** — Commissioners were appointed by the Council to run the lines between the several towns of the Province and to "make good and sufficient bound trees or bound marks". The Dover commissioners were Capt. John Tuttle, Lt. James Davis and Lt. William Furber.

**November, 1826** — A person sailing upon the Cochecho, in a small boat, saw a mink swimming rapidly towards the shore, having seized a large eel which he succeeded in bearing to the shore, in spite of its efforts to free itself by entangling the mink in its folds. The mink had nearly secured the eel in its den when the spectator landed and seized it himself. It weighed more than two pounds.

**Dec. 2, 1860** — Dedication of First Congregational Chapel on Central Street, which was built this year.

**Nov. 30, 1862** — The amount of taxes paid by Dover under the United States excise law for 3 months ending Nov. 30 was \$10,223.83.

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## Learn how to create photo-worthy pies in time for the holidays

Wow your friends and family this holiday season by learning the secrets behind creating the perfect pie.

A delicious holiday pie is one crust and one filling away in Liz Barbour's Holiday Pies live virtual presentation on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Dover Public Library and their Friends group.

In the class Barbour, chef and owner of the Creative Feast, will share her favorite pie dough recipe so students can recreate the perfect, flaky crust every time they bake a pie. Barbour will also share information about her favorite pie baking tools, ingredients, and preparation methods. Following the discussion, Barbour will demonstrate how to prepare two delicious, photo-worthy holiday pies that anyone can cook at home.

Barbour has been cooking professionally in the Boston area throughout her career. Her cooking demonstrations and recipes have been featured on New Hampshire Chronicle, Channel 9's "Cooks Corner" and in various publications including New Hampshire Magazine and New Hampshire Home. In 2017, Liz published her first cookbook "Beautifully Delicious: Cooking with Herbs & Edible Flowers".

Holiday Pies with Liz Barbour will be held live online through Zoom and registration is required to access the login information.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

## 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

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.

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**



at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

**Monday, Nov. 30, 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.

**Through Thursday, Dec. 31, All Day  
VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Pie Squared* by Cathy Barrow. Throughout the month of December, 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](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Tuesday, December 1, 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

**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>

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Holiday Pies with Liz Barbour**

A delicious holiday pie is one pie crust and one filling away. In this class Liz Barbour of The Creative Feast will share her favorite pie dough recipe so students can recreate the perfect, flaky crust every time they bake a pie. Liz will share information about her favorite pie baking tools, ingredients, and preparation methods. She will then teach the class how to prepare 2 delicious, photo worthy holiday pies. Presentation is held online through Zoom. Registration is required to access the login information: <https://bit.ly/3nYoWrb>

**Thursday, December 3, 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 *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

**Friday, December 4, 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.

**Saturday, December 5, 12 to 4 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. The group will meet every Saturday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are 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.

**Saturday, December 5, 3 to 4 p.m.  
Virtual 3D Paper Snowflake Workshop**  
Learn how to make a 3D paper snowflake at this free workshop. You may pick up a packet of paper for the craft ahead of time at the library, or through curbside pickup if you prefer. The packet will consist of 2 sets

attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

**Tuesday, December 1, 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

of 6 pieces of white copier paper cut into 8 x 8 squares. You may use your own paper if you prefer. Other supplies necessary are scissors, scotch tape and the smallest stapler you own. This program is for ages 10+. Younger attendees should have a parent or other adult to help them for the best result. Registration is required:  
<https://ringcentr.al/2J34Oox>



## Dover Turkey Trot is virtual this year

Registration is open for the virtual Dover Turkey Trot 5k.

How it works: Registration will remain open until the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Participants can submit 5k race times via the Race Roster registration website through Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020.

This event will benefit the Garrison School PTA.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot](https://www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot) and [www.doverturkeytrot.com](https://www.doverturkeytrot.com) to register.



## Dover Rotary to hold Holiday Decorating Contest

Dover Rotary is launching a Holiday Decorating Contest this year, which will be held Dec. 6-12. Submit your Dover address and contact info via Facebook or send an email to [jfmunro1954@gmail.com](mailto:jfmunro1954@gmail.com), decorate the outside of your home for the holidays, and you'll be entered to win a prize in four different categories: Kid Friendly; Colorful; Original; Traditional.

The team of Dover Rotarian elves will tour homes between 5-7 p.m., Dec. 6-12, and winners will be notified on Dec. 12.

The winner will receive a basket of holiday goodies and a 'winner' sign for the front lawn.

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**Dover Professional Firefighters Local 1312**  
PO Box 1004, Dover, NH 03820



## 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](http://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 [events@dovernh.org](mailto:events@dovernh.org) 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-Douglas Hospital.



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## **Blood Drive Dover Moose**

Moose Hall  
45 Chestnut Street  
Dover, NH 03820

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: DoverMoose to schedule an appointment.

**Come to give Nov 15-Dec 15 for a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience, powered by Propane! Prize includes a propane powered pizza oven, fire pit, outdoor heater and stipend towards propane. See terms: [rcblood.org/comfort](http://rcblood.org/comfort).**

### **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,

### **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**
- **Heavy equipment mechanic/Automotive technician**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**

it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

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

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

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

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](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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