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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 10, 2021



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Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

City Hall  
hours:

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

## City Council authorizes settlement and funding agreement with New England Metals Recycling, LLC

**Agreement provides funding, engineering,  
operations and maintenance costs for Pudding  
Hill aquifer water treatment plant**

The Dover City Council, at its Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 meeting, authorized City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. to execute a settlement and funding agreement with New England Metals Recycling, LLC (NEMR) relating to groundwater pollutants found in the Pudding Hill aquifer. The agreement provides funding for construction, engineering, and operational maintenance of a state-of-the-art water treatment plant designed to remove contaminants from the drinking water, allowing the City of Dover to utilize the Pudding Hill aquifer again. The Council also approved an agreement with NEMR's parent company, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., as the third-party guarantor of the settlement and funding agreement.

The agreement provides \$11 million to build the water treatment facility now under construction. The design, funded by NEMR,

## Recycling Center hours:

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

has been peer-reviewed by University of New Hampshire faculty, who validated the recommended treatment processes of filtration, advanced oxidation and carbon adsorption to remove contaminants. The agreement also stipulates funding for construction engineering and facility operation and maintenance costs for three years after the facility is operational. If groundwater quality does not improve, additional operations reimbursement will be required annually until the contamination levels meet ambient groundwater quality standards. Earlier this fall, the City Council selected a contractor to build the water treatment plant off Stonewall Drive and authorized bonding to fund construction. The water treatment plant is anticipated to be operational within two years.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) identified NEMR as a responsible party for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 1,4 dioxane and methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) contaminants found in Pudding Hill aquifer water samples. To not further draw contaminants towards the drinking wells, the City of Dover elected to take Pudding Hill aquifer drinking water wells offline, including the Griffin Well in 2015, the Ireland Well in 2018, and the DPH-1 Well in 2020. When online, the Pudding Hill aquifer wells can provide more than 40% of the City of Dover's drinking water needs. NEMR's DES-approved remedial action plan includes providing wellhead treatment to the City of Dover to ensure the impacted public supply wells can continue to produce safe drinking water complying with all regulatory standards, among other obligations.

The City of Dover alleges NEMR is liable for the pollutants found in the aquifer from one or a combination of automobile shredding residue and metal and automotive recycling operations from NEMR's facility on Knox Marsh Road in Madbury, formerly known as Madbury Metals. NEMR denies the city's allegations. The agreement provides no admission of liability for the identified groundwater pollutants.

NEMR has previously cooperated with the City of Dover and has provided funding to support Dover's investigation of the source or sources of pollutants, including funding City of Dover consultant Emery & Garrett Groundwater Investigations, a division of GZA, to assess the groundwater pollutants. In addition to the new water treatment plant, NEMR has also funded the creation of an artificial Pudding Hill aquifer recharge area that utilizes water from the Bellamy River to recharge the aquifer.

The settlement and funding agreement approved by the City Council on Dec. 8 stipulates for NEMR to provide:

- \$11,053,213 for water treatment facility construction
- 80% of construction change orders up to \$450,000
- 100% of construction phase engineering cost up to \$1,050,00
- Operation and maintenance costs for the first three years of operation, up to \$885,000, with obligation for future contributions depending on actual contamination levels
- \$25,000 for administrative oversight and legal fees

The resolution and agreement can be viewed here:

[https://online2.dover.nh.gov/Files/Index/6766/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/City\\_of\\_Dover\\_Resolutions/Main](https://online2.dover.nh.gov/Files/Index/6766/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/City_of_Dover_Resolutions/Main).



## Initial skatepark site preparations complete; construction to begin in the spring

Basic site preparation at Guppy Park for the new Dover Skatepark has been completed this fall. The completed site work will allow construction of the skatepark to begin during the 2022 construction season.

The site work has included leveling the area and trimming trees on Oak Street. Eversource conducted additional tree trimming in the area for its utility poles.

At its [Nov. 8 meeting](#), Recreation Director Gary Bannon told the Recreation Advisory Board that people can now get a better perspective of the overall shape and size of the new park with the site and tree work complete. The skate park needs to move from its River Street location to allow the redevelopment of the 29-acre city-owned waterfront property, which is anticipated to begin next year.

At its Aug. 11, 2021 meeting, the City Council [authorized](#) up to \$500,000 for the construction of the first phase of the new skatepark. As currently envisioned, the skatepark would include three elements, including the main skate park, a skate bowl and a BMX pump track. The plan is to build the skate park first, with the bowl and pump track in future phases as funding allows. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

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## Property tax bills mailed out, due January 10

The City of Dover property tax bills are now in the mail, with the first half of the tax bill due Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. The second half of the tax bill will be due Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration certified the City of Dover's property tax rate Dec. 1 for fiscal year 2022 (Tax Year 2021), at \$21.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. To calculate property tax for a specific parcel, multiply the tax rate by the assessed value and divide by 1,000.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., at City Council's [Dec. 8 meeting](#), encouraged property owners to review their property assessment mailed in October and ensure the information is correct. If there is incorrect information, such as listing two bathrooms when a home only has one, correcting it may reduce the property assessment and the overall tax bill. Property cards can also be accessed through the Tax Assessment Office webpage,

<https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/maps-prcs/>. Applications for property tax abatements must be received by March 1, 2022, for the current tax year.

Joyal also encouraged those who may have a hardship in paying the tax bill to contact the Tax Assessment Office, reached at 603-516-6014, for potential property credits and exemptions. The city also offers Dover Cares grant funds from federal and state COVID-19 relief programs.

"If folks are having difficulty, I would encourage them to contact the tax assessor's office," Joyal said. "They will likely put you in touch with the Welfare Office and the tax collector to see what assistance can be provided, if not through the City of Dover, then through state programs that are available and administered here locally by Strafford Community Action."

There are four components of the tax rate: the city portion, local education portion, state education, and Strafford County. The tax rate of \$21.70 is broken down as follows:

- City: \$8.02, a decrease of \$1.17 over the previous year;
- Local education: \$9.93, a decrease of \$1.29 over the previous year;
- State education: \$1.62, a decrease of 31 cents
- County: \$2.13, a decrease of 38 cents over the previous year.

## **Department of Revenue explains tax-rate setting process**

In a Nov. 30 press release, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue (DRA) detailed the tax-rate setting process for municipalities. Below is an excerpt of the release, which can be found at <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/>.

Property value is assessed at the property's market value on April 1 each year. Real estate values in New Hampshire have been on the rise since 2012, with the most dramatic increase happening between 2019 and 2021. Due to that increase, many New Hampshire property owners are seeing dramatic increases in their assessed valuations.

James Gerry, director of the Municipal and Property Division at DRA, answers the central question many homeowners are asking, "what does an increase in assessed value mean for my property taxes?"

"In short, just because a homeowners' assessed value goes up does not mean the amount of property taxes they pay will also go up," said Gerry. "Assessed value (AV) determines who will be paying the property taxes. While an individual's AV is important, the driving force behind how much any property taxpayer will pay is the relationship between their AV and every other property owner's AV in the city or town in which they reside."

For example, if a taxpayer's AV in a town increases by 10%, but the town's overall AV increases by 15%, given that everything else is equal, the taxpayer should see a decline in their property tax bill.

"One way to think about a town's total AV is to think of it as a pie," said Gerry. "Your AV is just one slice of that pie. If your slice goes up by 10%, but the overall pie grows by 15%, your share of the overall pie will decrease."

Assessed value is not the only factor to dramatically influence property taxes. One of the main drivers of property taxes is appropriations. Appropriations are the amount of money a municipal entity is approved to spend each year due to each municipality's budgeting process. Another factor is the amount of non-property tax revenue the municipality collects. Increases in non-property tax revenue, such as grants, fees, and other taxes, could help lower property taxes. Of course, a decrease in these revenues could have the opposite effect.

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## Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations

The 2021 Dover Fire Toy Bank will continue to collect toys through Friday, Dec. 17.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue for more than 42 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to helping over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the community.

Here's how to help:

- Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message and we will get you one for your business.
- Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.
- Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.
- Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) by Friday, Dec. 17. Toy collection boxes are also located at the following locations and local businesses:

- Kennebunk Savings, 701 Central Ave.
- Wentworth Home, 795 Central Ave.
- Herbal Path, 835 Central Ave.
- Hannoush Jewelers, 863 Central Ave.
- Statix, 827 Central Ave.
- Timeless Salon, 1 Webb Place
- Wentworth Health Partners, 10 Members Way, fifth floor
- Watson Fields, 201 Watson Road
- Holy Rosary Credit Union, 490 Central Ave.
- Harvey's Bakery, 376 Central Ave.
- Brick House, 2 Orchard St.
- City Hall, City Manager's Office, 288 Central Ave.
- St. Mary Academy, 222 Central Ave.
- TD Bank, 353 Central Ave.
- Noggin Factory, 53 Washington St.
- Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- Philbrick's Sports, 161 Portland Ave.
- Tasker's Funeral Home, 621 Central Ave.
- Greater Dover Chamber Of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.
- Peoples United Bank, 537 Central Ave.

- Moose Lodge #443, 45 Chestnut St.
- Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St.
- Everproven Crossfit, 50 Crosby Road
- Dr. Peterson Dentistry, 240 Locust St.
- Sawyer Mills Apartments, 1 Mill St.
- Dover Honda, 1 Dover Point Road
- Patty B's Restaurant, 34 Dover Point Road
- Bellamy Fields, 150 Garrison Road
- Maple Suites, 30 Holiday Drive

The final collection day for toys at the locations above is Friday, Dec. 17.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location 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.

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

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## **Dover Welfare Toy Bank accepting applications through December 14**

If you need help providing a gift for your child or children for the holidays, the City of Dover Welfare Department Toy Bank is accepting applications until Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

Children must be 12 years old or younger and a Dover resident. Proof of residency is required by showing a current utility bill and picture ID. Please provide the child's name and date of birth only. No specific gift requests will be taken.

Apply at the City of Dover's Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334, Dover.

Pick up date and time to be announced.

For more information, contact Dover Welfare at (603) 516-6500.

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## **Main Street brings Santa Claus to town on Sunday**

Catch Santa and his elves as they drive through Dover on Sunday, Dec. 12, beginning at 1 p.m. To see where he will be, view the route map here: <https://bit.ly/DMSSantaDrive>.

This event is hosted by Dover Main Street and sponsored by First Seacoast Bank.

According to Dover Main Street, Santa will depart from the Central Fire Station at 1 p.m. His route will last about three hours, with each segment of the map lasting 20 to 30 minutes. Because of the distance to cover, Santa is not able to stop and visit with his fans.

For more information, visit Dover Main Street at [dovermainstreet.org](http://dovermainstreet.org).



# *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*

**Sunday, December 12  
1pm - 4pm**

Be on the lookout for Santa  
and his escort of elves  
throughout Dover!

View the parade route here:  
[bit.ly/SantaDriveMap](http://bit.ly/SantaDriveMap)



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## **Dover Main Street collecting donations for annual food drive**

Dover Main Street is hosting their annual food drive through Saturday, Dec. 11. You can help others enjoy a festive holiday season by donating non-perishable food at the following participating downtown Dover businesses:

- 2 Home Cooks
- Bending Bodhi
- Chapel & Main
- Diverge
- Dover Chamber of Commerce
- Fat Dog Kitchen
- Horizon Travel
- Janetos
- Katz's Deli
- Keller Williams Real Estate
- Olde Craft Bakery
- Photosmith
- Pin Up Hair Salon
- SEH Studios
- The Sassy Biscuit
- The Suite Studio

Donations will be collected the morning of Saturday, Dec. 11 and delivered to a local food pantry.

For more information, visit [www.dovermainstreet.org](http://www.dovermainstreet.org).

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## **Santa's Castle returns December 17**

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its 14th annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover for three days during the Christmas season. Each night children and their families will be able to tour several rooms in Santa's Castle and meet Santa and many of his elves.

During the first weekend, the event will be held on Friday, Dec. 17 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 18 between the hours of 2 and 6:30 p.m. The Castle will conclude on Thursday, Dec. 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

During the tour, students from Youth to Youth, acting as elves will guide visitors through Rudolph's stable, Santa's toy room, Mrs. Claus's Kitchen and other parts of the Castle. The tour culminates with a visit with Santa. Along the tour, children will be entertained by the elves and will collect small gifts in each room. Families are welcome to bring a camera and take pictures or video during the tour and with Santa.

This year Santa's Castle will be a little different. In order to attend, pre-registration is required. Groups making a reservation must be no larger than seven people and include family members only. To insure the safety of all guests and performers, all visitors over the age of 3 are expected to wear a mask, social distancing of guests and performers will be observed, and the groups going through the tour will be spaced out more than in the past.

To make a reservation visit [www.DoverY2Y.org/SantasCastle2021](http://www.DoverY2Y.org/SantasCastle2021).

Santa's Castle is designed for children ages 8 and under, but the whole family is invited. The cost is a flat fee of \$20 per reservation.

Entrance to Santa's Castle will be from the Saint Thomas Street side of the McConnell Center (Door #7). Parking is available in the parking lot located behind the Dover Public Library and on the street by the Dover District Court.

For additional information, go to the Dover Santa's Castle Facebook page, Youth to Youth's web site at [www.DoverY2Y.org](http://www.DoverY2Y.org) or call the Dover Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau at 603-516-3274.

Proceeds support the anti-drug activities of Dover Youth to Youth. Santa's Castle is sponsored



by radio station WTSN and The BAY. Dover Youth to Youth is an organization made up of middle and high school students who meet after school to conduct activities and events that promote a drug-free life style. Youth to Youth is coordinated by the Dover Police Department with support from the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

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## Dover Holiday Shop Small Spectacular continues

### Win gift baskets filled with goods from local shops

With the growing fear that holiday gifts could be stuck on cargo ships, many are looking toward locally-owned shops to fill their Christmas and holiday season wish lists. Those who shop downtown Dover will find shelves stocked with unique one-of-a-kind gifts and can even be entered to win gift baskets as a bonus for shopping local.



Through Monday, Dec. 20, shoppers who spend at least \$10 at five participating downtown retail shops may enter to win locally filled gift baskets brimming with home goods, apparel, local treats, and gift cards to area shops. To enter the gift basket raffle, customers can pick up a raffle ticket at any of the 27 participating businesses and attach their receipts to it. Completed tickets may be dropped off at Noggin Factory, My Country Story, or Ryder Street Co. located downtown. Mayor Robert Carrier will choose the winners at a drawing held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Ryder Street Co. It will be broadcast live on the store's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Ryderstreetco>.

A complete list of participating retail shops, including a map of each location, is available via the PocketSights website: <https://pocketsights.com/tours/tour/Dover-Dover-Holiday-Shop-Small-Spectacular%21-6403>. PocketSights also offers a smartphone app that provides a walking tour of the participating locations.

Download the free app available for iPhone and Android at <https://pocketsights.com/>.

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## Dover Police accepting names for Christmas Basket Program

The Dover Police Department is accepting names, addresses and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the Annual Christmas Basket Program. Each December, the Police Department employees conduct this program through Dover Police Charities 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.

The Police Department employees seek community donations to make this program a success. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. (Please make checks payable to Dover Police Charities.) If you cannot arrange delivery of donated food to the police station, call 603-742-4646 to arrange pickup.

Employees of the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. The delivery will once again be contact-free. Employees making the deliveries will leave the baskets outside the recipient's home and contact them by phone. At this time, no volunteers are requested.

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

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# Individual water connections to new Central Avenue water main continue

Work on the Central Avenue North Water Improvements project will be focused next week in the area of the Wentworth Retirement Home at 795 Central Ave., near the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Emergency Room entrance.

The work is anticipated to occur from Monday, Dec. 13, through Thursday, Dec. 16. It will not affect inbound traffic to the emergency room; however, non-emergency outbound traffic will exit the hospital via Old Rollinsford Road. Central Avenue traffic will be reduced to a single lane through the work area, alternated by flaggers.

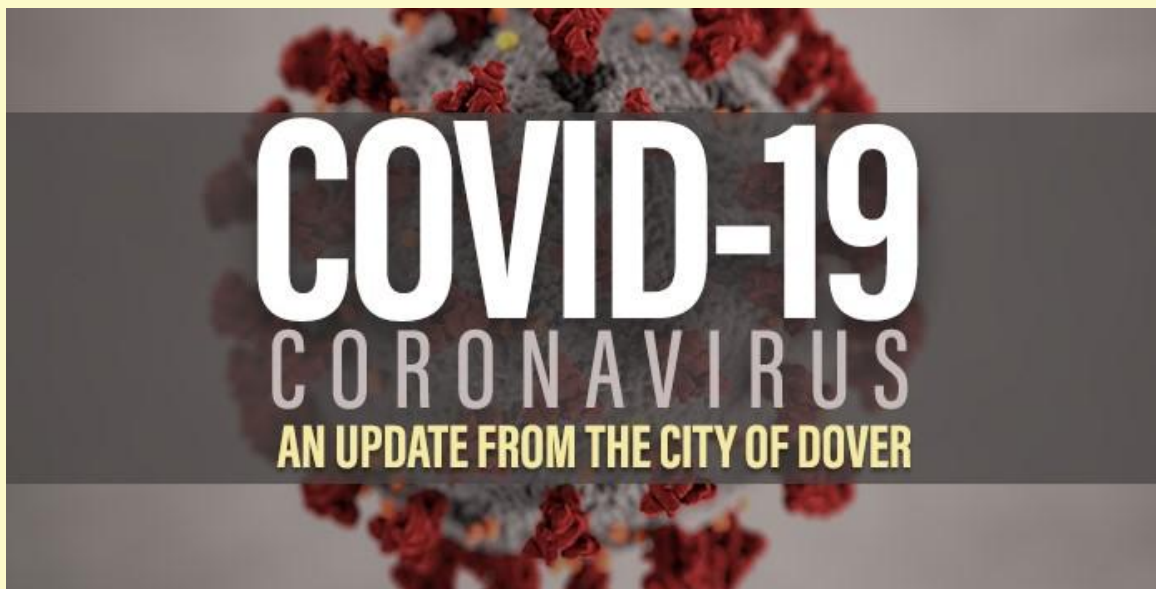
Thursday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 16, the contractor anticipates working on Lowell Avenue to complete the last major water main tie-in, requiring a water shutoff to those on Lowell Avenue. The work will also disrupt Lowell Avenue traffic. Advanced notice will be provided before the water shutoff occurs.

The City of Dover provides frequent email updates about the project to help residents and businesses plan for disruption along Central Avenue. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list.

There is also a dedicated project page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/central-avenue-north-water-improvements/>.

For information about the project, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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## Key things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

Everyone 5 years and older is eligible to [get a free COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Everyone 16 years old and older who is fully vaccinated should get a [booster shot](#).

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the virus that causes COVID-19.

The [benefits of COVID-19 vaccination](#) outweigh the known and potential risks, which are rare.

People who are fully vaccinated can resume many activities they did before the pandemic. However, people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.



Keep your family and community safer this holiday season by getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

 [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)

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## What is the Omicron variant?

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization classified a new COVID-19 variant as a variant of concern and named it Omicron. As of December 4, 2021, Omicron has been identified in the United States and is reported now in more than 20 countries.

Health officials and the CDC have been actively monitoring and preparing for this variant and continues to work diligently with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is constantly changing, and new variants of the virus are expected to occur. Sometimes new variants emerge and disappear. Other times, new variants persist.

The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and [general prevention strategies](#) needed to protect against COVID-19. Everyone 5 and older should get vaccinated and boosters are recommended for everyone 18 years and older.

For more information about COVID-19 variants, visit the CDC's [online resource here](#).

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# Where to get the vaccine locally

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov) and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

Currently, in Dover, vaccines are offered at the following locations:

## **ConvenientMD (walk-in)**

14 Webb Place, Dover

603-742-7900

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vaccines offered: Pfizer

## **Walgreens (schedule online)**

1 Glenwood Ave, Dover

603-749-4136

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2 to 8 p.m.

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

## **Hannaford (walk-in or schedule online)**

833 Central Ave, Dover

603-749-9363

Weekends: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

## **CVS (schedule online)**

50 Sterling Way, Dover

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

603-742-3995

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

For additional locations and options, visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).

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## **COVID symptoms or need to confirm you aren't infected? Get tested**

Many health insurance plans cover COVID-19 tests without a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for persons with symptoms of COVID-19. Locations throughout the state offer COVID-19 tests, including hospitals, pharmacies, primary care offices, urgent care centers.

Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific timeframe after onset of symptoms.

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at <https://nheasy.nh.gov> and click on "COVID-19 Testing". Additional information about other DHHS programs and benefits, including different Medicaid plans that cover more than COVID-19 testing services, are on the NH EASY website.

## Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:

### **CVS (Ages 3 and up)**

50 Sterling Way, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

### **Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)**

679 Central Avenue only, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

### **ConvenientMD**

14 Webb Place, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/>

### **Walgreens (ages 3 and up)**

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR and Rapid

[https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid\\_vanity\\_testing](https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing)

### **Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up)**

311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center)

5 Clark Way, Somersworth

Type of test: Rapid

[https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm\\_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm\\_medium=Vanity&utm\\_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm\\_term=Paid-Owned](https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm_medium=Vanity&utm_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm_term=Paid-Owned)

### **Wentworth-Douglass Hospital**

789 Central Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR

Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

### **ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care**

Fox Run Mall, 50 Fox Run Road, Newington

Type of test: PCR

<https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019>

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## School Board meets Monday, Dec. 13

The School Board will meet this Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in McConnell's Center Room 306 for its regular meeting of the month.

The agenda items include second readings and the potential adoption of numerous revisions to current policies, ranging from administration of grant funds to audio and video surveillance on school buses to high school credits and graduation requirements.

Agenda items also include updates on Dover School District initiatives, such as the implementation of the new math curriculum and K-4 literacy initiative, approval of tuition rates for Barrington and Nottingham school districts, and a review of current COVID-19 conditions and associated level of restrictions, among other items.

The full agenda and materials will be [posted here](#) when available.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board,  
December 13, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Planning Board,  
December 14, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**City Council, December  
15, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold an organizational meeting for Councilors-elect on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

**ON THE AGENDA**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**On the Agenda: Planning Board,  
12/14/2021**

In a video released this week, City Planner Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=T5ffqLEiQyLC>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.



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Catch it again online**

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Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

**Tri-City warming center open daily**

The Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center (Warming Center) at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth is open daily through April 1, 2022. The hours of operations are Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., and all day and night on the weekends, holidays and winter storm days.

The Warming Center is a partnership of the cities of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester and the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC). CAPSC provide staffing and oversight at the Warming Center through the winter season. CAPSC also seeks community help, including meal donations and volunteering at the Warming Center. CAPSC has created sign-up links for interested community members.

To donate meals, sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5a728a2fec70-meals1>.

To volunteer at the Warming Center, sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5a728a2fec70-novdec>. CAPSC will provide training opportunities in December. Email Dan Clark at [dclark@straffordcap.org](mailto:dclark@straffordcap.org) for more information.

For donated staple items for the Warming Center, sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5a728a2fec70-warming>.

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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 European 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](#).

**Dec. 15, 1712** — The town voted that a sufficient boom should be erected over Cochecho river, (above the lower falls, probably,) and that bridges should be built over Bellamy and Oyster rivers, and also voted 20 pounds towards the building of a boom over the Lamprey "for passage of man and horse till further order."

**Dec. 13, 1790** — A committee was appointed to protest the division of Strafford County by setting off Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to the County of Rockingham, a plan which agitated many residents and officials.

**Dec. 17, 1803** — Notice is given of the organization of the Strafford Bank, the first established in town. Subscribers to the stock are notified by William King Atkinson, President, that one hundred dollars on each share will become due on the fourth Tuesday of January, and that "one fourth part at least, and as much more as may be convenient, will be expected in gold and silver, and the residue in bills of the banks of Massachusetts."

**Dec. 12, 1923** — Mayor Waldron flatly refuses to allow the KKK to use the Opera House for a meeting.

**Dec. 12, 1999** — The Dover Planning Board hears a proposal for a 120,000-square-foot shopping plaza to be called Dover Commons, located on 13.5 acres adjacent to Weeks Crossing in both Dover and Somersworth. Plans include three restaurants, two retail stores, and an automobile service center of about 7,000 square feet.

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## **Dover400 concludes lecture series with screening of “Voices From the Cemetery”**

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover’s 400th Anniversary, concludes its monthly virtual lecture series on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. with an online showing of the film “Voices From the Cemetery”, an historical and entertaining montage which visits with two dozen prominent and provocative citizens from Dover’s past. Each is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery, but each comes back to life in this production, which was filmed in September 2020 for the Woodman Museum.

Several Pine Hill Cemetery re-enactment events have taken place over the past decade with in-person tours, but this version was created solely on film, without crowds, due to the pandemic. The Dover400 Committee is grateful to the Woodman Museum and to filmmaker Mike Gillis for allowing us to show the film online on the 14th.

“Voices From the Cemetery” features some familiar characters that have appeared in re-enactments before, but also some new and interesting faces and stories which will guarantee new historical knowledge about our city, and also perhaps a laugh or two. Watch the movie to enjoy, among the cast, sea captains, governors and senators, a Civil War nurse, an eccentric curmudgeon, Dover’s first mayor and his wife, two hilarious librarians, a renowned painter, a couple of impressive female entrepreneurs, Dover’s first hanging victim, a prominent druggist, the secret fiancé of John Wilkes Booth, and of course, the Weeping Bride will make an appearance too.

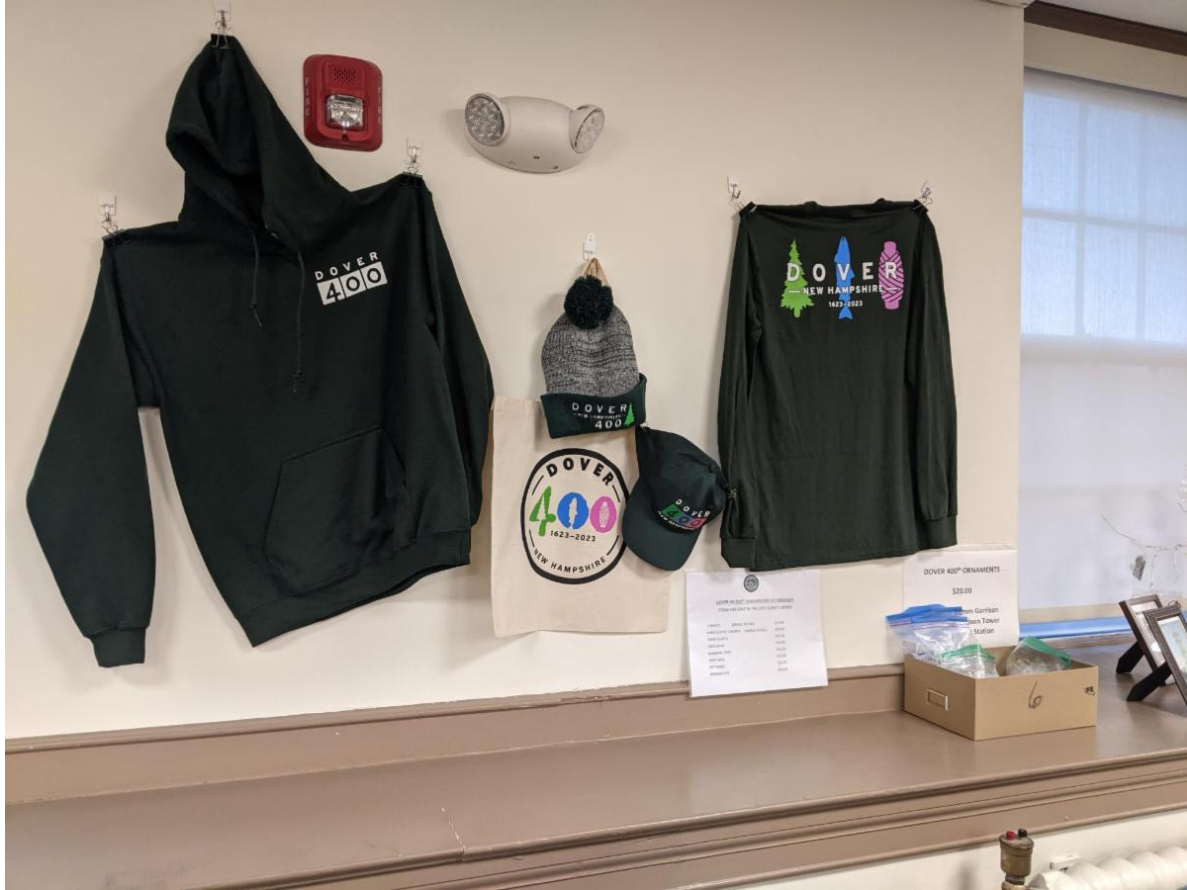
Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the December 14, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on [www.Dover400.org](http://www.Dover400.org) or register directly at <https://ringcentr.al/3I2jrCJ>.

The earlier eleven lectures in the series (presented January through November) can be viewed online if you missed them. They consecutively cover Dover history from the early 17th to the mid-20th centuries and can be found here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400> or on the Dover400.org website.

Dover400 is currently underway with two fundraising campaigns, “\$400 for 400”, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover’s 400th Anniversary; and also “The 1623 Society” with membership available for a donation of \$1623. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. Donations may be sent to Dover400, 24 Chestnut St., Dover, NH 03820. For more information, please visit [www.Dover400.org](http://www.Dover400.org).

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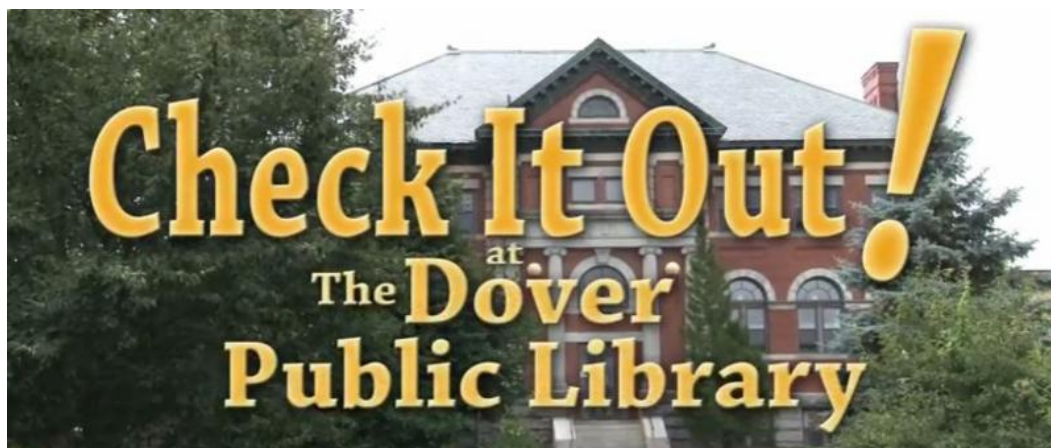
## Dover400 merchandise makes great holiday gifts

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th anniversary, is selling a variety of items that will make great holiday gifts, including T-shirts (both short and long-sleeve), hoodies, knit hats, baseball caps, key rings, and tote bags. Also on sale are limited-edition holiday ornaments produced by Hampshire Pewter in Somersworth. Each ornament in the series showcases one of Dover's notable landmarks. The 2021 ornament honors the Central Fire Station built in 1899. Previous ornaments in the collection include the 2019 Damm Garrison House and 2020 Garrison Hill Tower.

All proceeds raised from gear and apparel sales will be used to cover costs associated with events planned for Dover's 400th Anniversary celebration in 2023.

Items may be purchased at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about Dover400, visit [dover400.org](http://dover400.org).



# The Week at the Library

## **December VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of 5 *Ingredients* by Jamie Oliver. 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. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

## **Sunday, December 12, 2 to 4 p.m.**

### **Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan, following the world-shaking Princes of the Apocalypse story-line! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

## **Monday, December 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

### **Beyond Books: Program Science**

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Monday series to learn about science. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

## **Monday, December 13, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**

### **Big Kids Storytime**

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books.

## **Tuesday, December 14, 10 to 11 a.m.**

### **Come and Play!**

Families are invited to come for an open playtime. Have fun with your kids and make new friends!

## **Tuesday, December 14, 6 to 8 p.m.**

### **Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

## **Tuesday, December 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

### **Dover400 Series: Voices from the Cemetery**

An online showing of the film "Voices From the Cemetery", a historical and entertaining montage which visits with two dozen prominent and provocative citizens from Dover's past. Each is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery, but each comes back to life in this production, which was filmed in Sept. 2020 for the Woodman Museum. Registration required.

## **Wednesday, Dec. 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

### **Adult Knitting Group**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

## **Wednesday, Dec. 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

### **Family Storytime**

Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Registration required.

## **Thursday, Dec. 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

### **Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts**

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Thursday series to explore arts and crafts. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

## **Thursday, Dec. 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Crafternoon for Kids: Sock Snowman**

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make a sock snowman.

## **Friday, December 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

### **Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

Join Miss JoJo on the front lawn for a super fun music filled program! This program is for babies-3 years (older siblings always welcome). We will rock out to some of our favorite music and nursery rhymes! Please dress for the weather and you are welcome to bring blankets, strollers, chairs etc. We have some yoga mats for use. Each week there will be a featured artist or genre to dance/sing/jam to!

## **Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m.**

### **Christmas Music in the Library**

Tony McManus will be entertaining library patrons by playing a selection of Christmas carols on the library's grand piano. Feel free to come and listen while you browse or get comfortable in the Lecture Hall to listen.

## THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



Attending a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for Sheila Hatch Bowenwork and Coaching LLC were, from left, Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Realty), Sheila Hatch (Sheila Hatch Bowenwork and Coaching LLC), Margaret Joyce (GDCC President), Dover City Councilor Dennis Shanahan, Melissa Launder (GDCC).

## Sheila Hatch Bowenwork and Coaching LLC joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome Sheila Hatch Bowenwork and Coaching LLC as a valued member of the chamber.

Located at 2 Washington St. Suite 210 in the Picker Mill Building, Sheila partners with her clients to transition from functional to optimal with the use of both Bowenwork and transition coaching. Whatever is happening on the inside, be it our thoughts or physical sensations, drives what occurs on the outside.

Bowenwork is a light touch, neurofascial therapy that resets tension patterns through the neurofascial system, establishing a rest, repair and healing response throughout the body. It is both gentle and effective, making it appropriate for the acutely ill, to newborns, to elite athletes.

Also offered at the studio is transition coaching, where clients identify what areas of their life they wish to enhance. Together, Sheila and the client explore what needs to be addressed in order to attain a desired outcome. By delving into, and releasing, the core emotions and beliefs that have been preventing clients from taking action, clients are able to create sustainable results.

While both modalities are highly effective individually, they act as a catalyst when used

together. The physical body heals faster when the mind feels at ease. It's a natural synergistic cycle.

The purchase of almost all services at the studio are now 50% off through December 31. Book now and take control of the holiday season by easing the stress or book later and know that the new year and new you are just around the corner.

For further information, or to schedule a free 30-minute complimentary session, visit [www.sheilahatchbowenworkandcoaching.com](http://www.sheilahatchbowenworkandcoaching.com).

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### **CMNH admission passes make GREAT stocking stuffers!**

Now through the end of December 2021, purchase five CMNH admission passes, and we'll gift you the fifth one for FREE. Just use the code PLAYFIVE when purchasing online. Admission passes never expire, but online reservations are still required when planning your visit.

Purchase CMNH admission passes here for \$11/each: <https://tinyurl.com/tye2e6zn>

### **Jingle Bell Extravaganza at the Children's Museum of NH**

Instead of waiting in long lines to meet Santa, play in the Museum while you wait! Purchase tickets for this Sunday's event until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m.

Price includes everything, including museum admission, visit/photo with Santa, and fun holiday activities and crafts: \$15 for Members or \$20 for Non-members per person and children under 12 months of age are free.

Tickets: <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/jingle-bell-express>

### **Family New Year's Eve Celebration**

Friday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to noon

Friday, Dec. 31, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Included with Museum admission. Online reservations required: <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/family-new-years-eve-celebration>

### **Gift someone you love free admission to the Children's Museum of NH for one year!**

A Children's Museum of NH Membership gives families free access to all the museum offers for one year! Gifting a Membership to someone you love is easy. Choose the Membership level, and purchase it online "as a gift". You will have the choice of having the Membership certificate mailed to you, or mailed directly to the family you are gifting to. The Membership certificate details what level of membership, a place for you to add a custom message, and a portion that the family will need to fill out with their information and bring with them the first time they visit CMNH. Gift Memberships are not activated until that certificate is presented at the museum for the first time. Memberships can be purchased online anytime, but if you want the certificate to arrive before Christmas please purchase before noon on December 15:

<https://childrens-museum.org/membership/families>

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## **Annual Holiday Artisan Faire at the Woodman Museum**

The Annual Artisan Faire at the Woodman Museum will feature the work of local fine artists and craftsmen with a focus on New Hampshire based artists and artisans. Each piece is handcrafted with styles ranging from traditional to contemporary. The show incorporates a diverse range of creative mediums.

The show will take place in the Thom Hindle Gallery, in the 1825 Keefe House on the campus of the Woodman Museum. The house provides an intimate and one-of-a-kind shopping experience, and the gorgeous architecture highlights the beauty of the artwork.

The show is produced by the Woodman Museum and is open Wednesday through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning December 8 and continuing through December 23.

For more information, visit [www.woodmanmuseum.org](http://www.woodmanmuseum.org).

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*Join us for Dover BeFree Church's*  
**Christmas  
Carol Sing  
Concert**  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 4:30-5:30 PM  
**ROTARY ARTS PAVILION**  
*Admission is free!*

## **Christmas carols for all at the Rotary Arts Pavilion**

BeFree Church in Dover invites everyone to a free, festive Christmas carol sing-along at the Rotary Arts Pavilion outside the Dover Children's Museum on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be carol singing, special music, and a brief seasonal reflection.

This is a family friendly Christmas event.

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## Fish and Game offers snowmobile and OHRV safety classes

Winter is on its way, and free in-person snowmobile safety education classes are now being scheduled in the Granite State. To operate a snowmobile or off-highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) in New Hampshire, any person age 12 or older must have either a valid motor vehicle driver's license or have successfully completed an approved OHRV/Snowmobile Safety Education class, which are taught by instructors and staff trained of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Those interested in attending a class should register soon by visiting [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ohrv/education.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ohrv/education.html).

OHRV/Snowmobile Safety Education classes can also be conveniently taken online. With recent changes to the state laws, all online classes will include a combination of practical OHRV and snowmobile safety information and the rules that apply to all trail riders. The cost for the virtual class is \$34.50. Learn more by visiting [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ohrv/education-online.html](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/ohrv/education-online.html).

“The online safety courses provide a convenient option for students to obtain their New Hampshire Rider Certificate, at their own pace, while learning key safety information important for riding both OHRVs and snowmobiles,” said Captain Michael Eastman, OHRV/Snowmobile Education and Law Enforcement Coordinator for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. “The entire course can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer and offers a fun approach to learning by using live-action video and interactive learning modules.”

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult over the age of 18 when operating a snowmobile or OHRV, including on property belonging to their parents, grandparents, or guardians.

To register for an online safety class visit [www.wildnh.com/ohrv/education.html](http://www.wildnh.com/ohrv/education.html).

Many of the trained volunteer instructors who lead in-person classes are affiliated with one of the more than 100 snowmobile and 26 OHRV clubs in New Hampshire. “Joining a club is a great way to learn about safe riding, support local landowners, and help maintain trails for your own and others’ enjoyment,” Eastman said. For more information on how to become involved with a snowmobile club, visit [www.nhsa.com](http://www.nhsa.com). For OHRV club information, visit [www.nhohva.org](http://www.nhohva.org).

In addition to safety education, NH Fish and Game Conservation Officers will be out on the trails this winter conducting patrols to detect and apprehend impaired snowmobile operators,

enforce speed limits, deter unlawful off-trail riding, and detect machines with modified exhaust. These ongoing initiatives will help to keep the state's snowmobile trails open and safe for all outdoor enthusiasts during the upcoming seasons.

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## 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:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Engineering Technician**
- **Deputy Director of Information Technology**
- **Library Assistant, Adult Circulation**
- **Assistant City Engineer**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **Police Social Worker**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Custodian**

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

