

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 3, 2021



CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue 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.

Recycling Center hours:

> Tuesday, Thursday,



A resolution before the City Council on Wednesday, Dec. 8, would allow Red's Good Vibe owners Meghan McGrath-Harriman, above, left, and Caitlin McGrath-Levesque, to expand their nonprofit operation with the use of a food trailer owned by the City of Dover. Red's Good Vibes works to address food insecurity by offering free meals at locations throughout the seacoast, including in Dover.

Council resolution will allow use of Dover trailer by nonprofit food provider

The City Council will meet for its first regular meeting of December this Wednesday, Dec. 8, at City Hall's Council



Chambers. Agenda items include two public hearings and several resolutions, including a proposal to allow Red's Good

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Vibes to utilize the city's food trailer to expand operations, and a settlement and funding agreement between the City of Dover and New England Metal Recycling, LLC.

Red's Good Vibes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide meals to those experiencing food insecurity. The drafted agreement would allow Red's Good Vibes to utilize the food trailer to prepare and serve food to those in need at a lease of \$1 per year. The agreement would be for one year, with an option to renew it for two additional years. The City Council held a workshop on the proposal on Dec. 1, which can be viewed here: https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=q0yXdfgw0uc6

Settlement agreement with New England Metal Recycling

The City Council may also consider a resolution that would approve and authorize a settlement and funding agreement between the City of Dover and New England Metal Recycling, LLC. The settlement and funding agreement is related to the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 1,4 dioxane and methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) substances found from Pudding Hill aquifer water samples. The Pudding Hill aquifer, when in operation, provides a significant amount of the city's drinking water.

Last month, the City Council authorized a \$13,297,910 contract to construct the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility capable of removing contaminants from the drinking water. City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. and Community Services Director John Storer voluntarily elected to take three Pudding Hill aquifer drinking water wells offline when separate monitoring wells detected plumes of PFAS contaminants; however, no PFAS were found in the drinking water pumped from the wells.

Public hearings

The public hearings are on a resolution that would eliminate the City Council's orientation sessions to be video recorded and broadcast on Channel 22 and changes to the Vehicles and Traffic ordinance. The changes to the ordinance include codifying the pay-by-phone option and providing up to three hours a day of free parking to those with special license plates. The license plates include Purple Heart, Gold Star, Prisoner of War, and Pearl Harbor Survivor.

The meeting will broadcast live on Channel 22, streamed live and be available for on-demand viewing at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>. For the complete agenda and materials, <u>click here</u>.

State certifies Dover's tax rate; tax bills to be mailed December 10

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) certified the City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2022 (tax year 2021) Wednesday, Dec. 1, at \$21.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Finance Department is preparing for tax bills to be mailed out Friday, Dec. 10, with the first

half of the tax bill due Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. The second half of the tax bill would be due Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

DRA's certifying of the city's tax rate was again significantly delayed this year. Factors for the delay included the need to amend the City of Dover's budget this fall to account for additional school state aid funding and the delays from other municipalities in addressing how to report the receipt and use of federal and state COVID-19 grant funding. The latter created a backlog of communities ahead of Dover in the tax-rate setting queue.

The tax rate set by the DRA represents a decrease of \$3.15 or a 12.7 percent decrease over the prior year. Based on the average single-family residential property assessment of \$413,518 for fiscal year 2022 (tax year 2021), the total tax levy would be \$8,973.34, a \$245.90 or 2.8 percent increase over last year. To calculate property tax for a specific parcel, multiply the tax rate by the assessed value and divide by 1,000.

In an email to the City Council notifying them of the certified tax rate, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., said the "overall tax rate would have increased by \$0.59 or 2.4% but was instead significantly reduced due to the overall increase in assessed value of 17.6% or nearly \$200 million realized from the combination of increased market value and the new construction value added within the community this past year."

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.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Finance Department at 603-516-6030.



Festival of Trees opens doors today at 4 p.m.

The 12th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place today, Friday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. The event is free and open to the public.

The holiday festival features more than 35 elaborate trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auction or raffle drawing. The event also includes live choir performances, refreshments, free goodie bags for kids (sponsored by Mr. Electric of Southeast NH), and even a visit from Santa (sponsored by J.T.

Travis Blacktop Services). The main attraction will be the Raffle Tree, which will be fully decorated with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Tickets for the raffle tree will be \$5 each, or five for \$20.

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 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 is the underwriting sponsor.

For more information on Festival of Trees, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org/fot</u>.



Warming Center now open daily

The Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center (Warming Center) at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth is now 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 will 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 <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa5a728a2fec70-meals1</u>.

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

Final weekend for Sunday hours at Recycling Center

Concluding on Sunday, Dec. 6, the City of Dover Recycling Center is open additional hours on Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 603-516-6450.



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.dovermainsreet.org.



Santa's Castle returns

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.

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 <u>www.DoverY2Y.org</u> 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.

Orchard Street Parking Garage permits sold out; current permit holder must renew by the end of December to remain active

The Parking Bureau has started a waitlist for those seeking a parking permit for the Orchard Street Parking Garage, as the bureau has sold out of all available parking garage permits.

Parking Manager Bill Simons encourages Orchard Street Parking Garage permit holders to renew their permits by month's end, after which any available permits will be offered to people on the waiting list.

Contact the Parking Bureau at 603-516-6132 for more information or renew a permit.

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, <u>https://www.facebook.com/Ryderstreetco</u>.

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

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.

Central Avenue North water main now in operation; contractor connecting water users to it

After work overnight Thursday, Dec. 2, the new water main along Central Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive is now operational. The focus for the project contractor in the coming weeks is to tie individual properties to the new water main.

For the week of Dec. 6, motorists should anticipate a single lane of traffic alternated by flaggers through the project area. The work area will be on Central Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Lowell Avenue. Drivers should also expect lane shifts as the contractor moves to different parts of Central Avenue to connect water users to the new water main.

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 <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u>, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list.

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

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

CORONAVIRUS AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF DOVER



Officials say COVID-19 winter surge is driving up hospitalizations, deaths in New Hampshire

With COVID-19 coronavirus infections, hospitalizations and deaths continuing to rise as part of an anticipated winter surge, state and local health officials are urging people to continue efforts to mitigate the virus, including COVID-19 vaccinations, the use of masks indoors, washing hands and using hand sanitizer, avoiding high-risk gatherings, and getting tested for COVID-19 if experiencing symptoms or if exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. People who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities that they did prior to the pandemic.

In a video update released this week, state, local and school officials talk about the importance of vaccines and other measures to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The video can be accessed by clicking the image above or by using this link: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=Z8rLsPfOBBnC</u>.

NEW BOOSTER UPDATE

CDC now recommends that everyone ages 18 and older get a COVID-19 booster shot.

When?

At least 2 months after a 1-dose vaccine, Johnson & Johnson / Janssen **or** At least 6 months after a 2-dose vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna

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FIND OUT MORE AT CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

Still need the vaccine? Plenty of options locally

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> 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.

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

ConvienentMD

14 Webb Place, Dover Type of test: PCR <u>https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/</u>

Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR and Rapid <u>https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing</u>

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

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 <u>https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019</u>

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, December 6, 7 p.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Arts Commission, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, December 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

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



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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



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, <u>located here</u>.

Dec. 6, 1773 — The "institution of slavery" existed, (though it could hardly be said to flourish) in Dover, until after the Declaration of Independence. On Dec. 6, 1773, Col. Otis Baker bought of Henry Ward of Newport, Rhode Island, "a negro boy named Cato," which boy the aforesaid Ward, for and in consideration of the sum of "one thousand four hundred pounds, old tenor," promised the said Baker to "defend to him and his assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever." On June 4, 1777, Col. Baker gave Cato his freedom, the certificate of emancipation being signed by Jeremy Belknap as a witness. By the census of 1775 there were "26 negroes and slaves for life" in Dover in that year. These were mostly emancipated by their nominal owners during the revolution, or all became free by general consent and the adoption of the State Constitution soon after. Many of them, however, remained for life in the families which they had served as slaves, preferring the protection of their old masters to the larger liberty which was offered them. (Notable Events in the History of Dover)

Dec. 8, 1811 — Died, Mr. Samuel Bragg, Jr., editor and printer of the Dover Sun. "In the death of Mr. Bragg the town of Dover has experienced a great loss. He was a very industrious and enterprising man of steady habits and attention to his business. He had by his assiduity and great diligence acquired a very handsome property, when about twelve months since, while absent on a journey he was in a moment stripped of almost every dollar by the all-devouring element of fire. This disaster took such hold of his mind, as, after a while, to produce a dejection of spirits, and invite a complication of disorders which has thus early put a period to his mortal existence."

Dec. 8, 1818 — The Dover Franklin Academy was incorporated this year, receiving a liberal endowment for the times from public spirited citizens, the chief of which was in the land on which it stands and several lots on Central street adjoining, the gift of Daniel Waldron. "We are happy to be able to inform the public that the Academy in this place, so much needed and so long expected, was on Saturday last solemnly dedicated to God and to Science; that it is now opened for the reception of students, and that about 25 have already commenced their studies in various departments of literature and science. The dedicatory services were commenced by appropriate sacred music, performed in scientific style by a select choir. This was followed by a very devout and appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Clary. Mr, Andrew G. Thayer, the preceptor elect of the institution, then delivered to a numerous, brilliant and highly gratified audience an Address, in which were portrayed in true glowing colors, the blessings of religious, moral, literary and scientific education, and the several duties of teachers and pupils, in such a manner as to evince his thorough acquaintance with the subject, and to afford a flattering expectation that his election to the office of preceptor will be a lasting blessing to all who may enjoy the benefits of his instruction."

Dec. 9, 1830 — The Dover Relief Society is organized. The Hon. William Hale is named president, and Asa A. Tufts is named treasurer and secretary. The society was formed "to investigate poverty and public health problems, consists of a statement on the potential dangers of manufacturing to community norms and a report on living and working conditions among local manufacturing employees: young workers leaving schools; overcrowded and unhealthful housing; excessive hours of work.

Dec. 8, 1837 — The Universalist Church on Third Street, built this year, was dedicated.



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 inperson 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 reenactments 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 <u>www.Dover400.org</u> or register directly at <u>https://ringcentr.al/3l2jrCJ</u>.

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: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?</u> <u>folder=Dover400</u> or on the Dover400.org website.

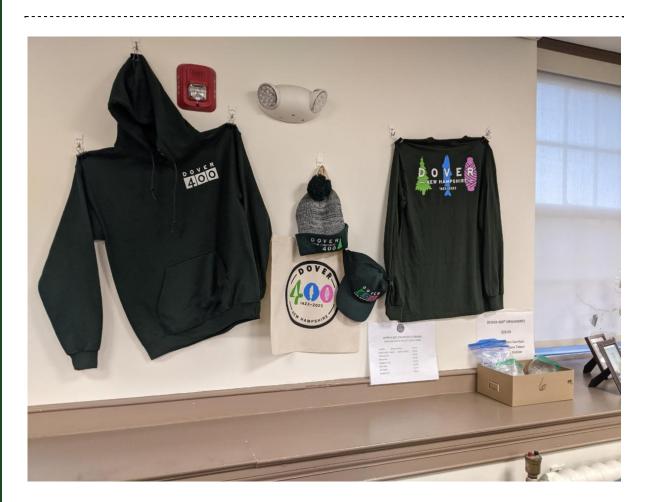
Dover400 is currently underway with two fundraising campaigns, "\$400 for 400", an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover's 400th Anniversary; and also "The 1623 Society" with membership available for a donation of \$1623. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout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

<u>About</u>

Established in 1623, Dover was the first permanent settlement in New Hampshire. Dover400 is a group of appointed volunteers gathered to plan and organize the City's 400th birthday celebration which will include historical reenactments, fireworks and parades, school involvement, souvenirs and more.

Dover400 is comprised of enthusiastic citizens from diverse backgrounds who are all committed to one purpose: ensuring a Dover is recognized and celebrated for this momentous

event. Members include Kevin McEneaney, Chair; Sam Allen, Vice-Chair; Nicole Desjarlais-Paulick, Secretary; Kathleen Morrison, Treasurer; Deborah Ballok; Cathy Beaudoin; Bob Carrier; Angela Carter; Guy Eaton; J. Andrew Galt; Zachary Koehler; Tom Massingham; Karen Weston; Sam Crane; Kerry Berry; and Stephanie Bolduc.



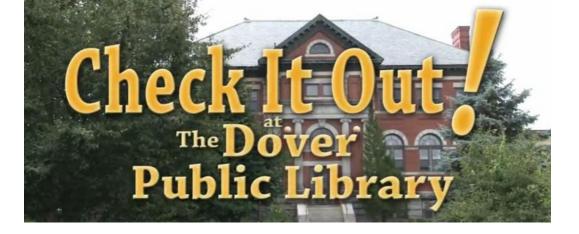
Dover400 merchandise makes great holiday gifts

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.



Creepy Christmas at Dover Public Library with Jeff Belanger

"There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago..."

Do you remember this famous Christmas song? Whatever happened to the scary stories?

Join Jeff Belanger at Dover Public Library on Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. as he brings back the legends, monsters, and ghosts of the Yuletide season with his presentation Creepy Christmas.

From the origins of the holiday to the monsters like Krampus, the Belsnickel, and Gryla, to the ghosts that lurk in



the red and green shadows, Belanger will take you on a multi-media journey of this haunting holiday. Mark your calendars. This will be an evening you won't forget. This program is offered as an in-person program and as a virtual program.

Registration is required to receive the link for the virtual program at the library's website: <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/events/</u>.

One of New England's premiere legend storytellers, Belanger is the award-winning, Emmynominated host, writer, and producer of the New England Legends series on PBS and Amazon Prime, and is the author of over a dozen books on the paranormal. In addition, he hosts the popular New England Legends weekly podcast, and is the series writer and researcher for Ghost Adventures on the Travel Channel.

This program is free and open to the public. It is not suitable for young children.

For more information or to register, visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov/events</u> or call the Library at (603) 516-6050.

Library closed today for training

The Library is closed today, Friday, Dec. 3 for the annual staff development and training day.

The Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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 <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, December 6, 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 6, 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.

Monday, December 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Creepy Christmas Ghost Stories Jeff Belanger brings back the legends, monsters, and ghosts of the Yuletide season with his presentation Creepy Christmas. Attend in-person at the library or register to attend virtually online.

Tuesday, December 7, 4 to 5 p.m. 3D Paper Snowflake Workshop Learn how to make a 3D paper snowflake at this workshop. All supplies will be provided, but if you have a small (the smaller the better) stapler and scotch tape at home, please bring those. This craft is for people aged 12 and up. Children are welcome but must have an adult present to assist them.

Tuesday, December 7, 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.

science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim Defede. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7 -12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Creativity Corner

What are you making? Come share your creations with others. Talk about why you create. Talk about your process. Share ideas. Get help with challenges you are facing. Be inspired and inspiring.

Thursday, Dec. 9, 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. 9, 6 to 7 p.m. Nailed It! Holiday Snack Edition Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a holiday themed snack decorating challenge based on the popular Netflix show "Nailed It". Will you nail it and successfully recreate the Pinterest-worthy holiday snack? Or will your creation turn into a hilarious fail? All supplies will be provided, and teens bring their creativity and enthusiasm!

Friday, December 10, 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 Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club Dover Public Library's new book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, there will be a featured artist or genre to dance/sing/jam to!

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Dover Race Series season passes on sale

The Dover Race Series 2022 season passes are now on sale for \$175 through January 1, 2022, when the price increases to \$200, and again to \$215 on March 1, 2022. Passes can be purchased at <u>dovernh.org/2022seasonpass</u>.

Runners who complete six out of the 10 Dover Race Series races in 2022 will earn a 2022 Dover Race Series jacket. The 2022 Dover Race Series is sponsored by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. The 10 races and their organizers are:

- Run B4 You Crawl 5K (Dover Main Street)
- Reds Race for a Better Community Five-Mile (Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Community Partners, Dover Adult Learning Center, Monarch School of New England, Seymour Osman Community Center, and Woodman Park Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization)
- Saint Mary Academy 5K
- Moms on the Run 5K (Zebra Crossings)
- Spirit of Recovery 5K (Dover Triangle Club)
- Father's Day 5K (Goodwin Community Health)
- Horne Street School 5K
- Apple Harvest Day 5K (Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce)
- Pumpkin Dash 5K (Dover Middle School Parent-Teacher Association)
- Turkey Trot 5K (Garrison School Parent-Teacher Association)

To purchase a Dover Race Series season pass visit <u>dovernh.org/2022seasonpass</u>. For more information about the Dover Race Series and the individual races visit <u>doverraceseries.com</u>.



Jingle Bell Extravaganza Brightens the Holidays At the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

Santa is coming to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover for a special event called Jingle Bell Extravaganza! This special ticketed holiday event happens two Sundays, December 5 and 12, from 1-2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m., and will include play time in the Museum's exhibits, as well as a special book reading of The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg (copyright 1985), before a socially distanced visit with Santa outside on the Museum's Play Patio.

Families will get a chance to meet Santa, pose for pictures, and even receive a special gift to take home. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire will be decked with holiday decorations, and the Museum's educators will be leading special hands-on holiday craft activities and magical science experiments. Families are welcome to come in their pajamas, and at the end of the event will get to grab a special treat to enjoy on their way home.

Jingle Bell Extravaganza is generously sponsored by First Seacoast Bank. The museum would also like to thank in-kind sponsor, Hannaford. Families will have their photos with Santa emailed to them no more than 2 weeks after the event. This event has been modified from past events and does not include a ride on a bus. Jingle Bell Extravaganza takes place solely at the museum. Masks are required for everyone over the age of 24 months when visiting the museum.

CMNH Member tickets to Jingle Bell Extravaganza are \$15 per person, or \$20 for nonmembers. Children under 12 months of age are free. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Visit <u>www.childrens-museum.org</u> to learn more or to purchase tickets.

It's Family Literacy Month (<u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/family-literacy-month</u>) at the Children's Museum of NH and that means lots of book-themed activities, challenges, scavenger hunts, and special guests! Admission is \$11 per person for everyone over 12 months of age; Seniors 65+ are \$9; Members and children 12 months and younger are free. Online reservations and pre-payment are required for visiting the museum. Masks for everyone over the age of 24 months is required, regardless of vaccination status. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m., Sundays 9 a.m. to noon. The museum is closed on Mondays, and for one hour between each morning and afternoon play

session: https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info

Wee Ones Wednesdays for ages 2-4

Wednesdays, December 8 or 15

9:15-10 a.m. Price does not include Museum Admission: Child \$11 (\$8 for Members); Additional Children (if participating in crafts & is a sibling) \$8 (\$5 for Members). Discount cards for multiple classes available for Members only.

Online reservations required: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/early-</u> learning

Jingle Bell Extravaganza at the Children's Museum of NH

Explore the exhibits, enjoy holiday crafts and activities, and meet Santa! Sunday, Dec. 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m. Price includes museum admission: \$15 for Members or \$20 for Non-members per person and children under 12 months of age are free. Tickets on sale now: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/jingle-bell-express</u>

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: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/family-new-years-eve-celebration</u>

CMNH Membership Black Friday - Cyber Monday special

If you purchase a CMNH Membership (of any level) any time from Black Friday (11/26) through Cyber Monday (11/29) we'll automatically gift you a FREE guest option (worth \$20). The guest option can be used to bring along a different friend, parent, or grandparent every time you visit the museum, for FREE. It's a great addition to any level of CMNH Membership: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/membership/families</u> hip/families

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 <u>www.woodmanmuseum.org.</u>



The Art Center holds arts celebration Saturday

Join the artists at the Art Center as they celebrate the holiday season with live music, art demonstrations, book signings, a small-works exhibition and original artwork for sale.

The event includes complimentary wine and cheese.

Click here for more information.

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:

- Deputy Director of Information Technology
- Library Assistant, Adult Circulation
- Assistant City Engineer
- Maintenance Specialist I
- Assistant City Planner/Zoning Administrator
- Police Social Worker
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Custodian

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

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