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January 7, 2022



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Newly elected City Council to hold first meeting next week

**City Council and School Board sworn into
office during inaugural ceremony this week**

The new City Council holds its first regular meeting this Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m.

Agenda items include resolutions that would authorize the city manager to enter into contracts to replace the Dover Public Library roof; design services for the downtown pedestrian and vehicular access improvements project; and the purchase of Arch Street land for conservation. The Council is also expected to refer a ward boundary redistricting proposal to a public hearing on Jan. 26.

The library roof contract would, if approved, authorize spending up to \$886,998 for the complete replacement of the library's slate roof, flashings and other roof appurtenances. The existing slate roof is original to the 1905 building, except for areas repaired over the years. Due to the age and deteriorating condition of the roof, the city solicited a request for proposals for the full replacement of the library's slate roof, flashings and other

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related roof appurtenances.

The resolution regarding consulting design services would authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with an engineering firm to take the [Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Study](#) concept plans, approved by the City Council in 2015, and create bid documents. The bid documents would allow the city to get cost estimates for the proposed phased project and add those cost estimates to the six-year Capital Improvements Program budget.

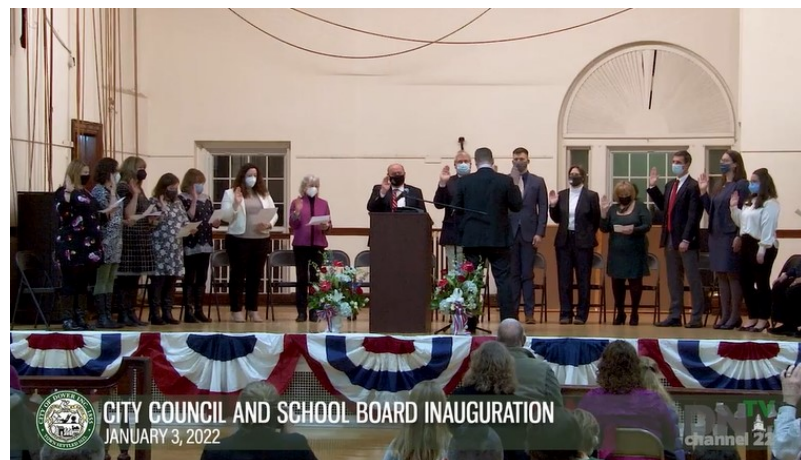
The Council will also consider authorizing the purchase and sale agreement for a 10-acre parcel of undeveloped land on Arch Street. The parcel would be purchased by expending \$380,000 from the Conservation Fund, having no impact on taxpayers. The Dover Conservation Commission authorized the expenditure of the funds at its Dec. 13, 2021, meeting.

Ward boundary restricting proposal

The City Council is expected to refer the Ordinance Committee's redistricting proposal to a public hearing at the Council's Jan. 26 meeting. The Ordinance Committee selected the "epsilon" redistricting proposal, one of five reviewed, at its Dec. 20, 2021 meeting. The boundary description of each ward and population is included in the Jan. 12 agenda materials.

The ward boundaries are reviewed every 10 years after the release of the decennial census data to ensure the wards are of a near-equal population. The U.S. Census put the City of Dover's population as 32,741 as of April 1, 2020; that breaks down to 5,457 residents per ward. When creating the five ward boundary proposals, city staff ensured that each ward populating would be a one-percent deviation or less from 5,457. That puts the population range of each ward from 5,403 to 5,511 residents. The five proposals the Ordinance Committee considered are included in its Dec. 20 meeting [agenda materials](#).

The City Council will meet in City Hall's Council Chambers. The meeting will be televised on Channel 22, streamed live and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.vietbit.com>. For the complete agenda and agenda materials, [click here](#).



City Council and School Board sworn in at January 3 ceremony

An inaugural ceremony for the newly elected City Council and School Board was held in the auditorium at City Hall on Monday,

Jan. 3, 2022.

The ceremony was broadcast and streamed live on Channel 22 and online. It can be viewed online by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=gw30xxQX7W7G>.

School Board to begin budget process at January 10 meeting

The new Dover School Board will hold its first regular meeting Monday, Jan. 10, where it will begin its process of creating the school district's budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

More in-depth workshops on the budget will be held later this month, including Tuesday, Jan. 18 and Monday, Jan. 24. Both workshops are scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. in Room 306 of the McConnell Center.

The meetings and workshops will be broadcast live on Channel 22, streamed live and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>. The agendas and background materials will be [available here](#) when posted.

Waste Management suspends all curbside recycling and trash pickup for today

Due to the weather, Waste Management has suspended all curbside recycling and trash pickup for the remainder of the day today, Friday, Jan. 7, 2022. Curbside trash and recycling not collected today will be picked up tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 8.

Waste Management announced it would suspend collection today due to current road conditions and for the safety of its drivers.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Stormwater Committee to finalize recommendations to City Council

The ad-hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding is anticipated to finalize its report and recommendations to the City Council at the committee's Monday, Jan. 10 meeting.

The draft report and summary of findings are included in the committee's agenda materials, available online at https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19900/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public_Meetings.

The Council created the committee through an October 2020 resolution to "investigate, study, and identify and make recommendations to the City Council concerning various funding opportunities that may exist with respect to existing needs and future stormwater and flood resilience management planning." The committee's charge allowed it to review all potential funding solutions through an exploratory, fact-finding process to identify equitable funding solutions capable of providing adequate, reliable and sustainable funding for increasing stormwater and flood resilience costs. Once the report is final, the committee will hold a workshop with the City Council to discuss its findings.

The 17-member committee has met monthly since Nov. 30, 2020. Membership includes residents, business owners, engineers, land developers, residential and commercial property owners, and environmental group representatives. The group assessed current and future

funding needs related to stormwater and flood resilience; it also considered and evaluated numerous funding options and established criteria for choosing a preferred funding option to recommend to the City Council.

“The draft report is truly a reflection of the hard work and participation the committee members have dedicated to this effort,” said Gretchen Young, the city’s environmental projects manager.

Any recommendations made by the committee would need to be first accepted by the City Council. If accepted, the committee recommends a robust public outreach and input process on any proposed changes before going through the City Council’s approval process.

The Council explored the idea of creating an ad-hoc committee to explore stormwater and flood resilience funding at an Aug. 5, 2020 workshop, after which the city manager recommended the Council do so. The complete workshop can be seen here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=Oq08047Y3Ptx>.

A previous City Council convened an ad-hoc committee to study stormwater funding in 2010, which issued its final report with its recommendations later that year; however, the City Council declined to take action on the recommendations. A brief history of the previous committee, which includes current committee members, is included in the draft report.

In the past decade, there has been an increase in stormwater management and flood resilience costs in Dover and regulatory changes. Commercial and residential development continues in Dover, with new buildings and parking lots that increase the amount of stormwater the city infrastructure needs to manage. On the regulatory front, the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) 2017 amendment to Dover’s General Permit for Stormwater Discharge for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, better known as the MS4 permit, requires the city to detect and eliminate illicit stormwater system discharges. Additionally, the EPA’s 2020 Great Bay Total Nitrogen Permit requires the city to reduce nitrogen and other pollutants entering Great Bay. A significant amount of nitrogen that enters Great Bay occurs during rain through stormwater discharge. Increased stormwater management costs are also anticipated for upgrading and improving existing infrastructure.

Dover has been working for more than a decade to reduce its nitrogen discharge through innovative solutions, such as the Berry Brook restoration. In 2021, Dover partnered with the cities of Portsmouth and Rochester, and other neighboring towns to create a collaborative approach to improving the health of the Great Bay through the creation of the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management as part of its compliance with the total nitrogen permit. The Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding will meet at 5:30, Monday, Jan. 10, in Room 305 of the McConnell Center. Find the complete agenda and a draft of the final report and summary of findings

here: https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19900/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public_Meetings.

New video showcases Dover's innovative work with stormwater management



The City of Dover released a new video, “Tree Boxes and Stormwater Management in the Urban Core,” detailing an innovative approach to treating stormwater and providing water to trees in an urban, downtown environment. The video also discusses the need and the importance of the recent tree inventory of Dover’s Central Business District undertaken by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

The video includes interviews with Community Services Deputy Director Bill Boulanger and Planning Resilience Coordinator Jackson Kaspari. The video airs regularly on Channel 22 and is available for on-demand viewing by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UpAI1YIGMXff>.

Dover Chamber to host annual Economic Forecast

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Economic Forecast on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 8:30 a.m., via Zoom.



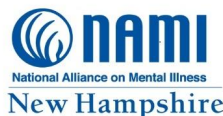
COVID-19 still remains a public health threat and its economic impact has been widespread. From supply chain disruption to labor shortages, the pandemic is having a significant impact on the regional, national, and global economies. Hear from Brian Gottlob, Director of the N.H. Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and principal at PolEcon Research, about what we can expect in the next 12 months and beyond. Will we see economic growth? And will there be any lasting effects from the pandemic? Register for this forum and find out.

The economic forecast, underwritten by Eversource and sponsored by Stratus Telecom, is open to the public with pre-registration. The fee to attend is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for others. To register visit www.dovernh.org/economy or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

Dover Mental Alliance hosting free monthly suicide prevention classes

The Dover Mental Health Alliance, in partnership with the Dover School District, is offering monthly evening suicide prevention classes to community members through June 2. Participants are welcome to register for any of the free training courses.



Trainers will utilize the NAMI-New Hampshire Connect Suicide Prevention program, designed as a public health approach to suicide prevention. NAMI New Hampshire is the state chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Participants will learn how to recognize the signs of someone in emotional distress, suicide risk factors, and ways to help.

"It is our community's responsibility to play a part in suicide prevention," said Suzanne Weete of the Dover Mental Health Alliance. "You don't need to be a therapist to help someone if you can recognize the signs of distress and know how to respond appropriately."

This training is appropriate for parents and community members or anyone in contact with individuals at risk, whether in a professional, personal, or informal capacity as a gatekeeper. A gatekeeper's role is to be aware of persons in their community, recognize any risk factors or warning signs, connect with that individual, and get the necessary help to provide safety and support for the person at risk.

The training is free, but registration is required. A minimum of 10 people must register/attend for the class to be held. Participants must be 18 or older; the course is not suitable for students. The three-hour classes are held on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dover High School library at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover. The remaining training date options are February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2. Participants only need to attend one training.

To register, complete the Google Doc form at <https://bit.ly/3JE96NX>.

Region 6 Integrated Delivery Network provided a grant to the Dover Mental Health Alliance to help cover training costs with additional funding from the Dover School District. The Dover Mental Health Alliance is the community engagement arm of Community Partners, Strafford County's local, non-profit community mental health center. For more information about the Dover Mental Health Alliance and upcoming classes, visit www.facebook.com/DoverMHA, or email Suzanne Weete at suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call National Suicide Prevention Lifeline anytime at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Crisis Text Line at 741741. These lines are staffed 24/7 by trained mental health professionals.

Dover Chamber now accepting 2022 annual Award nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.



New this year is the Community Arts Champion Award, which honors a business or individual

in Dover who focuses on creativity to integral to civic engagement, community vitality, and access for everyone, everywhere in the city.

These awards provide an opportunity for GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination visit www.dovernh.org/awards. All nominations are due by March 11 at 4 p.m.

"Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The GDCC Annual Awards Dinner serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at margaret@dovernh.org.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

Central Avenue water project work wraps up for the season

Contractor to return in the spring for trench restoration

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements project contractor has completed utility work this week, and no further work is expected until the spring. The contractor will conduct trench restoration in the spring and then do a complete street pavement overlay.

The project replaced two sections of water mains: A 133-year-old 14-inch water main from Lowell Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, a critical piece of infrastructure of the City of Dover's water system, and a six-inch water main from Glenwood Avenue to Lowell Avenue installed in 1927. Both were replaced with 16-inch ductile iron pipes expected to last the next 100-150 years. The project significantly improves water system reliability and fire flow capacity.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2022 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2022 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3, per household. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2022.

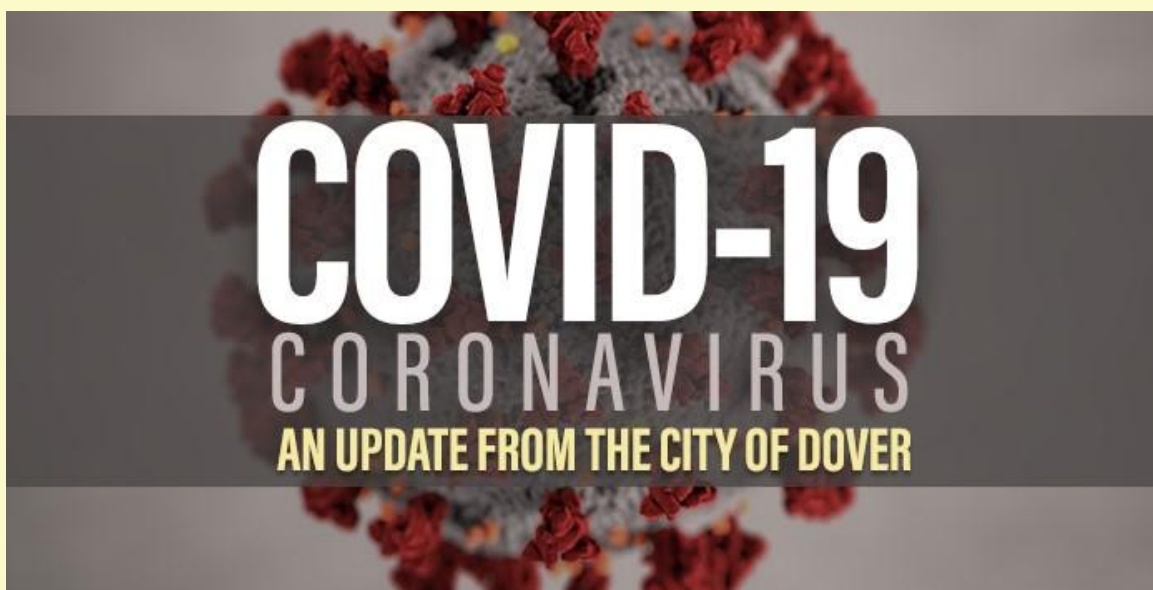
Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

As a reminder, it's the law in Dover to clean up after your dog. Please do your part and "scoop the poop," which helps keep the city clean and our water supply safe. For more information, visit the City's website here: <https://go.usa.gov/xtrEr>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.



Free weekly vaccination, booster clinics at Dover Library begin January 12

Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Public Library are partnering to host free weekly vaccination and booster clinics on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. at the library beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure all paperwork is completed before the appointment. The Pfizer-BioNTech will be the only vaccine and booster available at the clinics.

Vaccinations are available for the following age groups:

- 5 to 11 years old: first and second vaccine doses
- 12 to 15 years old: first and second vaccine doses (Booster doses are not yet available)
- 16 years and older: first and second vaccine doses and vaccine booster doses (Pfizer-BioNTech only)

To register for an appointment, visit the State of New Hampshire's online vaccine scheduling system at <https://vini.nh.gov/providers/s/>. You do not need to be a Dover resident or a New Hampshire resident to register.

Follow the instructions to set up an account; it requires a name, street address, email address and phone number. Once the account is verified, the user can create an appointment. To schedule an appointment at Dover Public Library:

- Select the “Create/Manage Appointment” icon
- Click on the green “Schedule Appointment” button
- Select either initial vaccine series or booster
- Under “Search Location,” enter 03820 in the address/zip code field
- Select: “Dover Fire-Standing Clinic,” then click “See availability”
- Choose an appointment time slot

Please arrive on time for the appointment scheduled. The vaccine clinic will be in the second-floor meeting room of the Dover Public Library at 73 Locust St.

For more information, contact Fire and Rescue Division Chief Keith Irwin at k.irwin@dover.nh.gov.

New Hampshire adopts revised CDC guidance on shorter quarantine and isolation periods

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services announced Thursday New Hampshire will adopt recently revised quarantine and isolation guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The new guidance shortens the amount of time people who are exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine from 10 days to five. In New Hampshire, this change only applies to household contacts who are unvaccinated or who have not received a booster vaccination shot, according to NHDHHS. NHDHHS recommends that a person exposed to COVID-19 quarantine at home for at least five days, wear a well-fitting face mask for 10 days after exposure and avoid travel and contact with people who are at high risk.



According to NHDHHS, anyone with known exposure to COVID-19 should continue to take additional precautions, including wearing a mask in public and monitoring for symptoms, even if they're not required to quarantine.

People who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for COVID-19 five days after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

People with COVID-19 should isolate for five days if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others, according to the updated guidance.

The complete, updated guidance can be viewed here: [Updated quarantine and isolation guidelines for New Hampshire](#).

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 can 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.

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://www.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.

In addition to local pharmacies and providers, the State of New Hampshire is providing vaccines at several fixed sites. The closest fixed site to Dover is:

On-Site Medical Services

306 North Main Street, Rochester
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Walk in only, no appointment necessary
Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J
<https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccinationlocator>

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

COVID-19 booster shots

The emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19.

If you need help scheduling your booster shot, contact the location that set up your previous appointment. If you need to get your booster shot in a location different from where you received your previous shot, there are several ways you can [find a vaccine provider](#).

Bring your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card to your booster shot appointment so your provider can fill in the information about your booster dose. If you did not receive a card at your first appointment, contact the vaccination site where you got your first shot or your state health department to find out how you can get a card.

You may experience side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

CDC expands booster shot eligibility

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation to expand eligibility of booster doses to those 12 to 15 years old. CDC now recommends that adolescents age 12 to 17 years old should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

Data show that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against Omicron and other SARS-CoV-2 variants. ACIP reviewed the available safety data following the administration of over 25 million vaccine doses in adolescents; COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-17.

"It is critical that we protect our children and teens from COVID-19 infection and the complications of severe disease," said CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky. "We now recommend that all adolescents aged 12-17 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their primary series. This booster dose will provide optimized protection against COVID-19 and the Omicron variant. I encourage all parents to keep their children up to date with CDC's COVID-19 vaccine recommendations."

Improve how your mask protects you

Everyone should continue to wear a mask in indoor public places in areas of high or substantial community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.



Correct and consistent mask use is a critical step everyone can take to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19. Masks work best when everyone wears them, but not all masks provide the same protection. When choosing a mask, look at how well it fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has.

For more information, [visit the CDC here](#).

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. The State of New Hampshire is also offering free at-home saliva test kits through a partner agency, Vault Medical Services, which can be ordered online at <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/>.

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

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
<https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019>

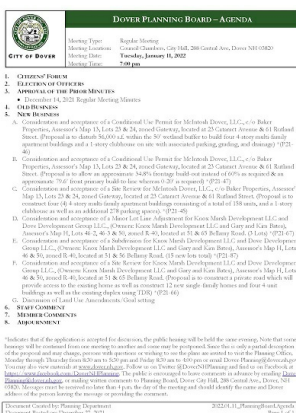
Upcoming Meetings:

Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding Study Committee, January 10, 5:30 p.m.

The Stormwater and Floor Resilience Funding Study Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

Conservation



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 1/11/2022

In a video released this week, City Planner Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. The video can be

Commission, January 10, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, January 10, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

Arts Commission, January 10, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, January 10, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, January 11, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=Nu8FbP5x4QRM>.

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 and select Dover Planning Review.



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



**City assessors perform inspections
year round**

In addition to performing citywide assessments of property during revaluation, assessment inspections of properties occur for a number of additional reasons, including:

- Cycle inspections are conducted on a rotating basis, ensuring the property database is current and accurate. Notices for cycle inspections are sent out prior to the inspections;
- Properties with active building permits, or to follow-

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

City Council, January 12, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 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/>.

- up ongoing construction;
- Properties that have sold, and;
- Properties with appointments arranged by the property owner.

When doing general field work, assessing inspectors wear a bright yellow vest and carry City of Dover identification. Assessing vehicles are marked with a magnetic sticker stating Assessor's Office.

For more information, including to verify the identity of an inspector at your property or in your neighborhood, contact the Assessing Office at 603-516-6014.



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](#).

Jan. 10, 1800 — Died, Colonel Theophilus Dame, aged 73. He was a Canadian by birth, and had been an officer in the British service, but became a citizen of Dover about 1768. He was Sheriff of the County from its formation in 1773 until the time of his death, and as such had charge of the Jail, and was at all times a leading citizen.

Jan. 7, 1819 — Whittier's Mills, at Tolend, (Whittier's Falls) consisting of a fulling and grist mill, and a building used for cloth dressing, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Jan. 6, 1850 — Died in Concord, Jeremiah Stickney, aged 85. He was the first person to introduce the manufacture of cotton and woolen hand cards in Dover, having established the business here as early as 1798, in a building which stood where the No. 2 Factory was built. For many years he employed a large number of persons, principally children, in the manufacture of cards, the teeth of which were then set by hand. The manufacture of cards by machinery, which invention was introduced about 1820, superseded the old process, and he gave up the business.

Jan. 6, 1862 — Fire broke out in the wooden stores on Central Street, near Orchard Street, known as Marston's block. The fire originated in the D.N. Wendell Trunk and Harness shop, most likely from a stove. The weather was extremely cold, near zero, and several of the hand engines froze after a short time in operation. Tenants in the building had to be evacuated. They included Levi Brown's shoe store, a dentist, Dr. P.A. Stackpole, tailor and merchant Alexander Frazier, R. Palmers shoe shop, D. Lothrop & Co. druggists, Miss E.A. Horne, dressmaker, Mrs. Shepard's Boarding house, and Dr. Lindsey, amongst others. Frank Freeman's oyster house was the only one left in a condition to be occupied. (Dover Public Library)

Jan. 7, 1881 — One of the most terrible fires in the history of Dover occurred this day at the County Farm. The almshouse took fire from an overheated furnace and burned to the ground. The money loss was \$75,000 which was of no account compared to the loss of life. The fire was discovered in the kitchen at half past four in the morning. Dr. Fairbanks, physician at the County Farm passed the night there. He was awakened by the smell of smoke and repairing to the kitchen discovered that fire was just burning through the floor. He gave the alarm and with William T. Wentworth and Lucien B. Legg set about the removal of those who, by reason of age or other infirmity of mind or body were unable to help themselves. The main entrance was cut off by fire leaving but one exit. The able-bodied men and women escaped through windows not having time to snatch a garment to cover them from the biting cold and deep snow. Some ran long distances till they were overcome and fell by the roadside to be picked up later. Thirteen of the 164 inmates perished in the flames. Four old people and two children were in the attic and could not be rescued. One man returning for some clothing perished. A woman who went back for her easy chair was consumed. Mr. Cornelius Caswell Superintendent at the County Farm was very ill at the time and great fears were entertained that the shock and the exposure to cold might have fatal results. Mrs. Caswell saved two wallets, a tin box containing papers and bonds, and a photograph of her son. The insane asylum containing 30 inmates was in great danger. The overseer of this department stepped outside to cut away the partitions connecting the asylum with the main building leaving his wife to guard the excited inmate. They pushed her aside and escaped into the darkness, moaning and chattering, rushing wildly about in every direction, bewildered and frantic with fright but never with the exception of two getting out of sight of the fierce conflagration. With the exception of these two they were secured and placed in a neighboring house. One of the women thinly clad tramped to Gonic to the house of Nabum Yeaton. The other walked to the home of relatives in Barrington. Both were returned the next day. Before any assistance could be rendered, or any effective efforts put forth to stay the progress of the rapidly spreading flames, the whole interior of the immense three story structure with the entire household contents was a mass of smoking, smoldering ruins. Not one article of furniture, bedding or wearing apparel was saved. Lack of water rather than lack of appliances was the cause. A steamer started from this city but turned back after reaching the hill near William Bakers seeing they would be too late for service. The reservoir and wells were either dry or very low. A frozen hydraulic ram was the only power by which to force water from the spring to that immense institution. Among the first of the citizens to respond to the alarm were Ralph Hough, Harry Hough and Dr. Chamberlain. They found there at work William T. Wentworth, Jacob Twombly, Jason M. Hayes, J.A. Clough and others doing all in their power to save life and property. Col. Bracewell and Harry Hough brought up clothing, E.J. Brewster boots, shoes, and many others contributed to the loads that went from the city that day. Friday night every person was provided with clothing to which Great Falls, Rochester, Barrington and other towns contributed. One hundred new beds, bedding and covering were ordered from Boston. Beds were placed in the old lockup for the men and the women were sheltered in the Snell and Trickey houses connected with the farm. From the files of the Northam Colonists, edited by Iris Valley, 1881. Among those who perished in the fire were: Frank Jones, age 70, of Great Falls; Asa Hall, age 40, of Barrington; Porter Sargent, age 50, of Great Falls; Burnham Nute, age 75, of Farmington; Jeff Holland, age 35, of New Durham; Joseph Cook, age 40, of Dover; Tommy McDermott, age 75, of Dover; Martha Jewell, age 65, of Great Falls; Lizzie Wilson, age 40, of Lee Clara Soates, age 40, of Milton; Kate Tobey, age 25, of Dover; Charlie Riley, age 4, of Gonic; and Sadie Abbott, age 7, of Rollinsford. (Dover Public Library)

Dover400 to host public input session January 24

Dover400, a committee organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, will host a public input session on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dover Public Library. Dover400 is seeking feedback from residents on activities and programs they'd like see leading up to the City's milestone birthday in 2023.



As the first permanent, European settlement in New Hampshire, Dover has the honor to lead the way for many regional anniversary celebrations. The all-volunteer team, led by Executive Director Jeannette Poulin, has been diligently working to deliver meaningful community events. During 2021, the Committee

produced free monthly historical lecture series, which featured Dover history from the early 17th to the mid-20th centuries, hosted a free family fun day at Tendercrop Farm, and launched a merchandise portal including its third commemorative ornament in a five-part set from Hampshire Pewter.

“We are so excited to deliver more occasions for residents to celebrate Dover’s rich history,” said Kevin McEneaney, Chair of the Dover400 Committee. “We value public input to shape future City festivities.”

Events planned for 2022 include Winter Festival (February), Summer Concert Series (June), International Food Festival (September) and First Night 400 (December). To pay for these endeavors, the group is amid its 400 for 400 fundraising campaign, seeking donations of \$400 from community-minded residents and businesses. To date, the effort has yielded nearly 80 donations.

For more information, please visit www.Dover400.org.

Dover Chamber Sweepstakes tickets on sale

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for its 20th Annual Sweepstakes and Auction. Each \$50 ticket buys one entry for a chance to win the cash prize of \$10,000. Only 350 tickets are available for purchase and the drawing will take place on March 1, 2022. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.dovernh.org/sweeps.

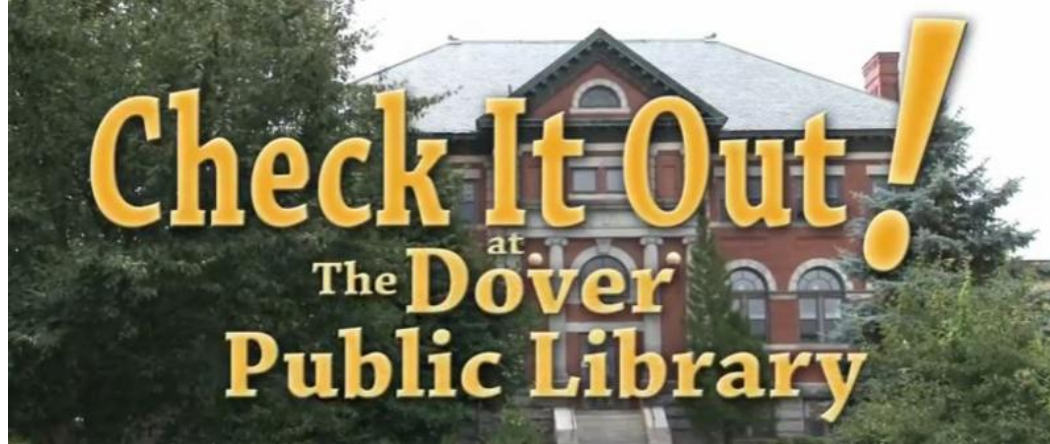
Participants have the option of attending the drawing in person or tuning into the chamber’s Facebook Live to see the drawing at 6:45 p.m. on March 1. The in-person event will take place at the Loft at Strafford Farms from 5 to 7 p.m. and will feature refreshments, a cash bar, and entertainment.

“Our annual Sweeps event brings together both Chamber and community members for a fun-filled and exciting evening,” says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. “At the end of the night someone will walk away \$10,000 richer and the Chamber will secure much-needed funding for our popular community-based programs.”

The Annual Sweepstakes & Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce’s largest fundraiser of the year and supports community events such as Apple Harvest Day, the Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens Leadership Academy, and more.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community.

For information on other programs, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.



The Week at the Library

January VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Martha Stewart's Slow Cooker*. Throughout the month of January, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. 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, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, January 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Teen Group

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, January 10, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Beyond Books: Program STEM

"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 STEM. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

Monday, January 10, 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. Registration required.

Tuesday, January 11, 10 to 11 a.m. Come and Play!

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

Wednesday, January 12, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Eight Flavors* by Sarah Lohman. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla

Wednesday, January 12, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, January 12, 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, January 12, 6:30 to 8 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, Jan. 13, 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.

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Tuesday, January 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

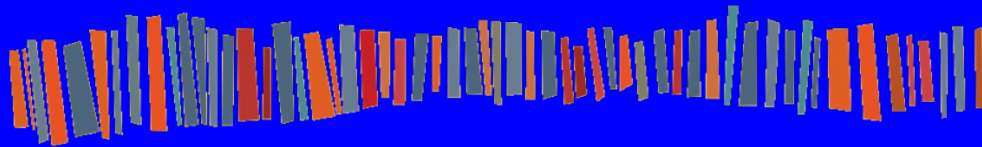
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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.

Friday, January 14, 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!



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Recycling Center accepting Christmas trees

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is now accepting Christmas trees, during

regular hours.

Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree bags and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be placed in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

New Hampshire Art Association partners with The Art Center in Dover

Artist William Turner to be featured January and February

The New Hampshire Art Association, headquartered in Portsmouth, has created a partnership with The Art Center, owned by artist Rebecca Proctor, located in the Washington Mill in Dover.

Painter William Turner will be the first NHAA artist to exhibit in January and February 2022 at The Art Center.

The Art Center is a creative community that has over 6,000 square feet of space which includes 13 artists' studios, a rotating residency artist's studio, a workshop space, a stage for music, theatrical performances and poetry readings, and a large exhibition space for a variety of art shows and displays.

The Art Center has a new, additional space dedicated to the art of printmaking. Their newly acquired printing press and its space will offer art students in the community, as well as established artists, workshops for learning opportunities and residency programs.

"Besides being a beautiful space with high ceilings and a chic industrial vibe, the owner, Rebecca Proctor is one of the hardest working artist allies I know," said NHAA Gallery Manager Amanda Kidd Schall. "She has created a vibrant community in Dover and we are seeing the fruits of her labor as new galleries pop up left and right in this growing city."

Proctor said she's had her eye on a partnership with the NHAA for some time.

"Now it seems that the timing is right for the relationship with them and their artists to collaborate with The Art Center as we have so many opportunities for artists to take advantage of," she said. "Our exhibits, printmaking studio, our artist in residence programs, are all garnering attention and have even won an award from the state of New Hampshire for Microenterprise Business of the Year."

The gentrification of Dover had brought the arts to the forefront, Proctor added.

"Even the city of Dover won an award this year for the arts from the NH Art Council," she said. "So, Dover is a destination for the arts now. New galleries are opening here in Dover which is a direct reflection of the demographics that are moving into the city."

Turner's inaugural partnership between the two organizations is an exhibit titled, "Vehicular Narratives."

Turner is a professional artist in the genre of narrative realism using oils.

After retiring from a 30- year career in automotive restoration he decided to pursue a lifelong dream and devote himself to drawing and painting, earning a BFA and MFA in Visual Arts- Painting.

For nine years Turner taught drawing and art history at Manchester Community College and currently volunteers at the VA Center in Manchester, NH, teaching drawing and painting to

veterans. He is best known for painting distressed vintage vehicles.

Turner's works has received awards in juried national competitions such as Allied Artists of America, National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic and the Copley Society of Art, Boston. He is also a juried member of the International Guild of Realism.

His exhibit, with all works for sale, can also be seen on the NHAA's website, www.nhartassociation.org.

"I am excited to work with the NH Art Association because it opens up The Art Center to show the work of even more wonderfully talented seacoast artists," Proctor said. "Also, The Art Center's Art Exhibits are now attracting artists world-wide."

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:

- **Director of Planning and Community Development**
- **City Planner**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Engineering Technician**
- **Deputy Director of Information Technology**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Gym attendant**

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

