

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 28, 2021



CITY OF DOVER, NH

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City Hall hours:

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

Council to hold workshop, possible vote on proposed FY2022 budget

The City Council will deliberate the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget at a workshop this Wednesday, June 2, at 7 p.m., with the possible adoption of the budget immediately following the workshop at a special meeting.

If the City Council does not adopt the budget this Wednesday, the adoption will occur the following week at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9.

At the June 2 workshop, City Councilors can discuss any potential budget changes, such as cuts or additions to the budget proposed by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. The budget was first presented to the City Council on April 14.

The Council held a public hearing on the city portion of the proposed FY 2022 budget this past Wednesday, May 26. The public hearing came after all City of Dover departments provided individual budget presentations to the City Council.

The FY 2022 budget, encompassing all city departments and the

p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dover School District, provides proposed appropriations of \$166,173,251 across all funds. This includes proposed appropriations of \$133,834,473 from the general fund, \$13,807,584 from special revenue funds, such as grants, and \$18,531,194 spending from proprietary funds, such as the sewer and water accounts funded by user fees.

The city portion of the general fund is \$50,913,298, an increase of \$1,809,621 over the previous year, or 3.7 percent. The proposed city portion of the local property tax levy is \$58,826 below the tax cap. The estimated local school portion of the property tax levy is \$5,243,303 above the tax cap. With these amounts combined, the proposed budget as presented exceeds the City of Dover Charter's tax cap requirements by \$5,184,477. For the City Council to adopt the budget as presented, it would require a two-thirds affirmative vote instead of a majority vote.

A public hearing on the school portion of the proposed budget was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The proposed school budget includes the 'default budget' the School Board passed at its March 8 meeting for School District operations. The default school budget is \$73,075,963, a \$6,264,907 increase over the current 2021 fiscal year budget and \$5,168,041 above the tax cap.

The City Council passed a resolution April 14 stating the default budget was not "viable" and urged the School Department and School Board to reduce the budget to within the tax cap.

The budget, budget presentation, workshops and public hearings can be viewed at the City's FY2022 Budget Revealed resource here.



Memorial Day ceremony to be held at Pine Hill Cemetery on May 31

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 31, beginning at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Cemetery and hosted by Dover's Woodman Museum.

The event will begin with a ceremony to honor Dover's fallen soldiers. It will include remarks by

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, a wreath laying, the playing of Taps by the New Hampshire National Guard, a massing of colors by Dover High School's Naval Junior ROTC, and a Civil War cannon salute. The ceremony's keynote speaker is Cmdr. Robert D. Lane, commanding officer of the USS Greeneville. The City of Dover is serving as host city to the USS Greeneville while it is undergoing maintenance at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

The ceremony will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) monument and lawn (pictured above), located behind the Ricker Memorial Chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Following the ceremony, an information packet will be distributed detailing six of the many Civil War soldiers from Dover who were killed in action and buried at Pine Hill Cemetery. Visitors are encouraged to visit their gravesites and pay their respects. At noon, trained artillery experts will conduct a Civil War cannon firing demonstration at the lower Pine Hill Cemetery fields (south of South Watson Road).

The Woodman Museum, a local history museum currently in its 105th season, is proud to organize this year's event. The Woodman Museum has recently restored its Civil War-era 'Napoleon' cannon. Originally donated to the Museum by the Dover GAR Charles Sawyer Post 17, the cannon, carriage, limber and ammunition box including sabots are original Civil War era and a rarity in museum collections. In addition, the Woodman has added a Korean war and Vietnam war era room to its extensive military history collection.

The Woodman, founded in 1916, is a traditional early 20th-century style natural science, history, and art museum with exhibits for all ages. The campus is home to four buildings, which include the Woodman House (1818), the Hale House (1813), the William Damm Garrison (1675) and the Keefe House (1825). The museum's collection includes hundreds of colonial artifacts, a comprehensive mineral and fossil collection, mounted animal specimens, fine art and furniture, an extensive collection of militaria, local history objects, and much more. The Woodman is open seasonally to the public (from mid-March to mid-December), Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more about the museum, visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

City Hall closed Memorial Day; Trash pickup delayed by one day all week

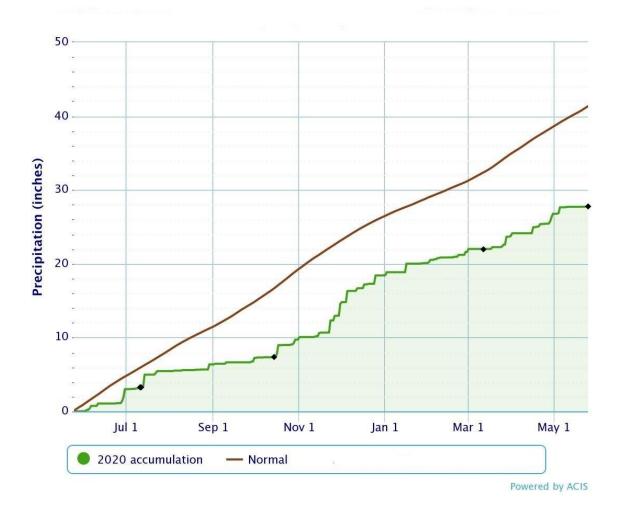
City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, June 1, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Dover Public Library will also be closed on Monday, May 31.

In addition, there is no trash pickup and curbside recycling on Monday, May 31, 2021. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day the week of May 31.

Memorial Day is also one of several parking holidays each year, during which motorists are not required to pay for parking.

Accumulated Precipitation - ROCHESTER SKYHAVEN AP, NH



The lack of precipitation in the past year has led to a nearly 14-inch deficit in the region, as shown in the National Weather Service graph above. City officials encourage voluntary water conservation measures to ensure an adequate and sustainable supply of drinking water throughout the summer.

City officials urge water conservation as precipitation deficit continues

City officials urge water users to conserve water, such as fixing leaks and only watering outdoors when necessary, to ensure an adequate and sustainable supply of drinking water throughout the summer.

The region remains classified as "abnormally dry" by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Precipitation this month is below average, which continues to increase the ongoing precipitation deficit that began a year ago.

At this time, there are no mandatory water restrictions. However, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. and Community Services Director John Storer are evaluating options if the lack of precipitation continues with current water use.

"We continue to experience dry conditions," Joyal said at a recent <u>City Council workshop</u>. "We are concerned about the water supply and our ability to continue to provide drinking water throughout the entire summer."

Average water use levels have already risen to summer levels, Storer said this week. Storer, who is responsible for ensuring a safe, adequate drinking water supply, said water customers are now using on average 2.5 million gallons of water per day, up nearly 700,000 gallons of water per day since last month. He attributes the rise to people tending to lawns and gardens as the days have become warmer.

Until conditions improve, the City of Dover has elected not to irrigate its lawns and fields to conserve water.

The Drought Monitor's "abnormally dry" classification is one step above a "moderate drought" designation. The City of Dover and much of the region have oscillated between "abnormally dry" and "extreme drought" since June 23, 2020.

According to National Weather Service measurements at Sky Haven Airport in Rochester, the year-over-year precipitation deficit stands at 13.96 inches. So far this month, with no significant rain in the forecast, the region has received 1.84 inches less than the average. Since January 1, there have been 9.28 inches of precipitation, 5.53 inches less than the 14.81-inch average. The three aquifers the City of Dover currently relies on for drinking water were about two feet below average in early spring, when levels typically peak from snowmelt and spring precipitation. Storer estimates the two-foot aquifer deficit "represents multiple millions of gallons of water," with levels similar to the extended 2015 drought.

"Where we would normally expect to see some recovery in our aquifers as winter transitions to spring, the expected recovery just hasn't occurred," Storer said earlier this spring. "We will likely need months of normal to above-normal precipitation to pull out of the current conditions." The City of Dover typically utilizes four aquifers to manage its water supply; however, Storer and Joyal elected to stop withdrawing water from the Pudding Hill Aquifer in 2019 to reserve it for emergency use. Ongoing use of the aquifer could draw known contaminants into the aquifer before the planned water treatment facility could be built.

The contaminants are plumes of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) that seeped into the ground from the former auto recycling plant, Madbury Metals, also known as New England Metals Recycling, that Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. now owns.

The City is working with Schnitzer Steel to remediate the contaminants and build a state-of-theart water treatment plant behind the Community Services building on Mast Road. The Planning Board approved the site plan for the new facility on Tuesday, and construction is anticipated to begin later this year, though completion is estimated to be in 18-24 months.

At the City Council's May 12 workshop, Storer and City of Dover hydrologist consultant Jamie Emery of Emery & Garrett Ground Water Investigations, a division of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., discussed the option of utilizing water from the Pudding Hill Aquifer before the treatment facility is complete. They laid out this scenario to the City Manager and City Council as contingency planning if drought conditions continue throughout the summer and additional drinking water is needed.

Emery said the water in the aquifer is continually tested in the area from the numerous monitoring wells in the area. Emery said if the water were utilized, it would meet all state and federal drinking water guidelines and be well under any PFAS thresholds and other contaminant thresholds.

There are several ways users can help conserve water, including:

- Taking showers instead of baths, cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing
 machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest
 water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great
 deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STAR certified
 machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an
 easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For
 guidance on selecting ENERGY STAR and WaterSense certified products and more
 water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water efficiency fact sheets at
 https://www4.des.state.nh.us/NHisForWater/.
- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day.
 Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye

shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

The City of Dover announces a new round of "Dover CARES" grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small businesses. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,



and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

Funds from Dover CARES may either be used in two ways:

- To reimburse incurred business expenses to plan, prepare and respond to the coronavirus; or
- Offset a business disruption that occurred because of the coronavirus.

There are two types of Dover CARES available: **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** and **Small Business Assistance Grant**.

The **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** is available to sole proprietorships and small for-profit-businesses with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s) of the company. To be eligible, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

The **Small Business Assistance Grant** is open to small for-profit businesses with 2-15 employees, including any owner(s) of the company. To be eligible for this grant, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at least 40 hours a week or two part-time positions of at least 20 hours a week each.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Grants are open on a first-come, first-serve basis for completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor be used as a placeholder for a completed application. Once an application is determined to be complete, the Dover CARES Loan Committee will review the application. The Loan Committee is comprised of City of Dover officials, including City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker, and Finance Director Daniel Lynch.

The review consists of:

- Analysis of application and supporting material.
- Verification that the proposal meets all eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at r.amy@dover.nh.gov. The Office of Economic Development is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

For more information, contact Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at 516-1560 or r.amy@dover.nh.gov.



Broadway is now open without traffic restrictions with the Broadway culvert project substantially complete.

Broadway culvert work substantially complete

The Broadway culvert project is now substantially complete after the final area of the worksite was paved on Monday. Broadway, and the intersection of New York Street at Broadway, is now fully open 24 hours a day.

There remains some outlying work on Essex Street and other clean-up work for this phase of the project, but none that will have any substantial impact on traffic flow.

The City of Dover undertook the project to improve long-standing drainage issues in the area prone to significant flooding during heavy rain events. Stormwater drains to the low point by Red's Shoe Barn on Broadway from upstream neighborhoods that stretch up to Oak Street and Garrison Hill and traverses through a culvert underneath the railbed. The Broadway culvert project replaced a stone box culvert that was undersized, partially blocked and could not provide adequate drainage. The stone box culvert was installed when the rail line was built more than 120 years ago.

The contractor, George Cairns and Sons, Inc., completed the installation of the new culvert last fall, which is now operational. The new culvert is seven feet in diameter and 220 feet in length that had to be bored underneath the rail line 25 feet underground. Over the winter and into the

spring, the contractor installed new drainage pipes along Broadway.

More drainage work is planned in future years to fix drainage issues in the upstream neighborhoods. These projects could not be addressed until the new culvert was installed. For this reason, only a structural binder pavement layer was installed on the work areas on Broadway, as parts will be dug up in future years to complete future drainage projects. Community Services Director John Storer explained the Broadway culvert project and why future phases are needed in an October 2020 video.

The construction cost is \$7.4 million, which has increased from the original project cost of \$4.7 million. There have been numerous challenges throughout the project. One significant challenge was finding ledge while boring underneath the rail line. Removing ledge increased the project cost significantly and also delayed it. There have also been challenges with underground utilities not being in their expected place, which slowed the work pace increased its cost.

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

City Council tables resolution for Land Acknowledgement Statement; Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion votes to send new resolution

Following the 6-3 City Council vote at its Wednesday, May 28 meeting to table the resolution, "Promulgation of a Land Acknowledgement for Dover," brought forth by the Council's Ad-hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion, CREI voted Thursday night to send the Council a new resolution for the Council to consider at its June 9 meeting.

The Council's vote to table the resolution came after a discussion of when and where the statement should be read. Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen moved to table the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councilor Dennis Ciotti. Fergus and Ciotti voted to table along with Mayor Robert Carrier, At-Large Councilor John O'Connor, Ward 1 Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski and Ward 4 Councilor Marcia Gasses. At-Large Councilor Lindsey Williams, Ward 3 Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux and Ward 5 Councilor Dennis Shanahan, CREI's council liaison, voted against the motion. The meeting can be viewed here.

In the new resolution, CREI removed any direction of when and where the proposed land acknowledgment could be read or be posted. Instead, it requests the Council only to accept the statement as Dover's Land Acknowledgment statement as a first step. Carrier, who along with Shanahan and Williams attended CREI's Thursday meeting, said he would help ensure the statement's acceptance at the next Council meeting. An audio recording of the CREI meeting will be posted here, which also where the agenda is posted.

In the whereas of the resolution, it states, "[CREI] acknowledges that the path to racial equity and inclusion begins with ensuring that the indigenous peoples that inhabited the land now known as Dover, NH thousands of years before the arrival of European settlers are recognized."

CREI "consulted with representatives of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki peoples to prepare a statement that acknowledges and honors the people, past and present, who have stewarded the land we now call Dover, New Hampshire," it states in the resolution.

The proposed land acknowledgment statement reads:

"This (event/meeting) takes place at Cocheco (CO-chi-co) on N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia."



Public works facility reception area under construction

Construction began this week in the reception area of the Pierre B. Bouchard Public Works Facility and is expected to continue for about four weeks.

The facility will remain open to the public. Visitors will enter the building the same way they always have but will be directed to a temporary reception area directly to the left upon entering. A bell will also sound in the back office to alert staff of customers entering the building.

The construction is part of a front office reconfiguration of the facility located at 271 Mast Road. For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Upcoming Meetings:

City Council, June 2, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, click here.

Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, June 3, 4 p.m.

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority (DBIDA) will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021, beginning at 4 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at

City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at https://dovernh.viebit.com/.

To see all of the City's boards, commissions and

City Hall.

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

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

committees, click here.

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

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.

Dover High School graduation scheduled for June 15

Dover High School is scheduled to hold DHS' Class of 2021 graduation ceremony at Dunaway Field on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m., with a rain date of Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Gates to Dunaway Field open at 6 p.m. Those who attend graduation must have a ticket and wear a mask. Each graduating student will be provided four tickets. Dunaway Field is located adjacent to DHS at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 516-6900.



Stay up to date on projects to improve city infrastructure

The City of Dover's Community Services Department is responsible for many of the day-to-day services residents depend on, including streets and sidewalks, recycling and trash pick-up, the drinking water system and wells, wastewater treatment, project engineering, environmental management, and much more.

The department has more than a dozen projects in the works this year that will improve roads, sidewalks, water drainage and the water supply.

Residents can learn more about these projects, as well as find updates, on the Dover Community Services website here: https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/index.html.

For questions about current projects, please contact Community Services at 516-6450.

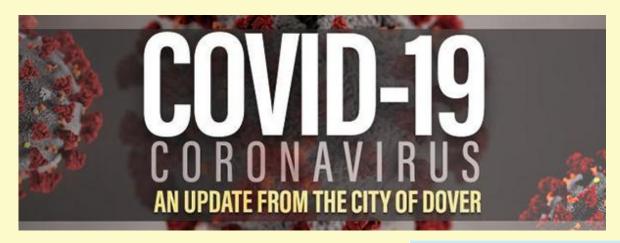
Sidewalk work on Rutland Street begins Tuesday

Community Services is scheduled to begin upgrading sidewalks on Rutland Street on Tuesday, June 1. This part of the City of Dover's ongoing effort to support all modes of transportation in Dover, including providing safe sidewalks for pedestrians.

Sidewalk work is planned on the east side of Rutland from Parker Street to Silver Street and on the west side of Rutland from Fisher Street to Silver Street. Construction is anticipated to last two to three weeks.

Residents should anticipate construction activities that may result in increased noise, dust and traffic impacts. Please use caution when traveling along Rutland Street and pay close attention to construction signage.

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





Everything you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccines

In a video released recently, local and regional health officials and community leaders discuss the vaccinations available for the COVID-19 coronavirus.

In addition to explaining how the vaccines work, the vaccination effort so far, and how vaccines help everyone, many common myths are also addressed.

The video can be viewed here: bit.ly/dovervaccine.

When you've been fully vaccinated

If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did before the pandemic without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations. That includes local business and workplace guidance. You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

The video includes an index of topics for easy access.

Walk-In Covid19 Vaccines for 12+

NO APPOINTMENT OR PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED





Monday-Saturday 3PM-6PM

C&J Bus Stop, Dover, NH Sears - Fox Run Mall, Newington, NH

COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before traveling, and much more.

To start receiving the email updates, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 <u>online</u> <u>resource here</u>.

You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.

For more information, visit the <u>Centers for Disease</u>
Control and Prevention here.

Guidance for unvaccinated people

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect vourself and others. Masks should be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially around people who don't live with you. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Being in crowds makes you more likely to get or spread COVID-19, so avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces. And wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.



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.

June 2, 1766 — The town voted to erect a dwelling house, stable, ferryways, etc. at Hilton's

Point for the convenience of travelers and a committee was appointed to obtain subscriptions to defray the expense.

May 31, 1775 — Madbury set off from Dover, and incorporated as a town, Population 677.

June 3, 1788 — Elisha Thomas was executed in Dover for the murder of Capt. Peter Drown at New Durham, in the preceding February. This being the first execution in the county of Strafford, a large concourse of people were present from Dover and all the neighboring towns to witness it.

More on the execution of Elisha Thomas can be found here: https://youtu.be/keUxmLPBO-w.

May 30, 1798 — The following address from the President of the United States appears in the Sun newspaper :

To the Inhabitants of Dover in the State of New Hampshire:

Gentlemen: — I thank you for your Address to the President and Congress, which has been presented to me by your Senator in Congress, Mr.Livermore.*

The present alarms do indeed presage events of the highest importance, not only to the wealth, dignity, and glory, of the nation, but to the existence of the American name — the machinations of force and fraud have been so long practiced upon the United States, that they must be dead, to every sense of honor, and feeling of resentment, against insult or injury, and every prudent precaution of self preservation, if they are not, at length aroused, to unanimous and manly resistance.

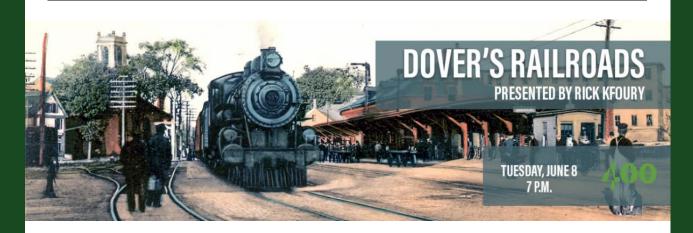
The indignation of the inhabitants of Dover, at the conduct of the French Republic towards these States, is as natural, as their approbation of the measures taken to appease its unjust and implacable outrages — and their exultation in the enjoyment of the rights of Freemen, are honorable to the government they have instituted and chosen.

Your resolution that while patriotism shall be esteemed a virtue, and the love of freedom continue to warm the human heart, no nation under heaven shall rob you of your rights, is in the genuine style of freemen, and determined Republicans.

JOHN ADAMS

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1798

* No copy of this address has been preserved.



Dover400 lecture series continues June 8 with a look at Dover's railroads

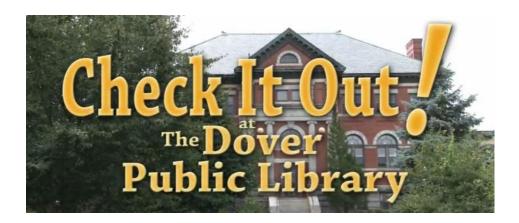
Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the history of railroads in Dover.

This educational and entertaining webinar will include a general analysis of the railroad's history in the Dover area, including a look at the lines and facilities which helped accelerate Dover's importance as a manufacturing and residential center on the seacoast. A look at the people, machines, and processes will help outline the historical role the railroads played in this area and the ongoing vitality of the railroad to this region. Rare photos from private collections, as well as the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society's archives will help illustrate this exceptional history.

The lecturer for this event is Rick Kfoury, an author, railroad historian, and director for the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society. A recent graduate of the Keene State College history program, he has authored three books on New Hampshire's railroad history, with a fourth in pre-publication.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the June 8, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on www.bover400.org or register directly by clicking here.

All earlier lectures in the series can be viewed online if you missed them. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400.



"I Choose Life: A Trans Woman's Journey" at Dover Public Library on June 7

The library is honored to have guest Erica Allen, president of PFLAG New Hampshire and a transgender woman, speak virtually on Monday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Allen's presentation will focus on her experience transitioning as well as providing education on key terms and resources for those in the LGBTQ+ community or supporting a loved one. The presentation is geared towards all ages and attendees are encouraged to ask questions.

Throughout her life, Ms. Allen had buried her identity due to the fear of sacrificing connections with family, friends and community, and of losing power in the workplace. She became involved with PFLAG-NH in March of 2018 when she began participating in monthly support sessions.

She had started her transition a few years earlier and was encouraged to find a supportive and caring organization. She joined the PFLAG-NH State board in October of that year and currently serves as the president. She uses her life experiences to lead, educate, advocate, and give voice to those in the LGBTQ+ community who are struggling to find their own. She travels throughout the state sharing the PFLAG message and her personal story of life as a trans woman.

PFLAG was founded in 1973 and is the nation's largest family and ally organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, their parents and families, and allies. They currently have over 400 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across America. PFLAG-NH is New Hampshire's local chapter which educates and advocates for full equality

for the LGBTQ+ community and their families, while also providing support to parents, children, and friends who are coming to terms with their gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning loved ones.

Ms. Allen was born and raised in New Jersey before moving to Concord with her wife in 1997. They have two children and a grandson. She currently works as an Information Technology Manager at the State of New Hampshire. After her transition, she remains married, is welcomed by family and friends and continues to be successful in her position at the State.

This program will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information. This program is free and open to the public.

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

The Week at the Library

June VIRTUAL Cookbook Club
Join us for a virtual exploration of Dinner
Illustrated by America's Test Kitchen.
Throughout the month of May, send in
pictures of your dishes created with recipes
from the books and a small description of
your cooking process, how you felt about
the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the
books. We will share your creations on our
social media pages throughout the month.
Photos can be sent to Emily
at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on

Monday, May 31, Closed Memorial Day

Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Tuesday, June 1, 6 to 8 p.m. **Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Lecture Hall** 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. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Wednesday, June 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group on Front Lawn
Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us on the Library's front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle.
Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. All levels are welcome.

Wednesday, June 2, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Big Kid Storytime on Front Lawn Kids in grades K-3 are invited to join us for a special new storytime! We will be exploring longer picture books with richer content. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Lecture Hall.

Thursday, June 3, 10 to 11 a.m.
Morning Book Group in Lecture Hall
Join us for a monthly book group the first
Thursday of each month. This month,
discussion will be on the book A Gentleman
in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Thursday, June 3, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime on Front Lawn
Families are invited to join us for storytime on the front lawn. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home. Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.





THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



Dover Mental Health Alliance has goal of a mental health friendly city

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome the Dover Mental Health Alliance as a valued Chamber member.

The Dover Mental Health Alliance envisions a culture that embraces and addresses the complexities of mental health in Dover, New Hampshire. Their mission is to build a resilient community that is educated, responsive and conscious of the impact of mental illness. The Dover Mental Health Alliance, or DMHA, began in 2019 after a community summit of city stakeholders across all business and service sectors discussed the need to bring mental health

awareness, education and suicide prevention to a deeper level of understanding within the community.

"This is not a school issue, nor a hospital or community mental health issue to solve. This is a community issue to own," says Suzanne Weete of the DMHA.

The DMHA was formed with a collective goal to educate all community members to understand what mental illness is, what it isn't, and to eliminate stigma so that people will speak up and ask for the help they need without feeling shame or discrimination.

"We need to recognize that mental health is just as important as physical health," Weete said. "Each and every one of us lives with mental health. We all have ups and downs in life. Becoming a member of the Dover Chamber of Commerce is a huge step for us so that we can connect more directly with other chamber members to help them achieve a greater sense of mental well-being within the workplace."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), depression causes an estimated 200 million lost workdays each year at the cost of \$17 billion to \$44 billion to employers.

Through the collective work of the groups' members, the DMHA has built a strategic model to work with large and small businesses, non-profit organizations, civic leadership, faith organizations, first responders and law enforcement to begin to create a culture shift recognizing that it is OK to not be OK, and that help and hope is available.

"When we open our hearts with compassion and understand a little more about mental health and its challenges, we start to normalize the conversation about our mental health, just like we do already our physical health," Weete said. "We begin to understand that we can actually make a difference in our own or someone else's life. This empowers us to know that we are not alone, that help is available and recovery is not only possible, but probable."

Through a grant from Connections for Health, the DMHA is offering free Mental Health First Aid, a first-aid-type course that teaches people how to recognize and respond to someone in emotional distress. DMHA is also affiliated with several Master Ace Trainers, who are fanned out in the seacoast region delivering adverse childhood experience (ACE) training. Partnerships with the Recovery Friendly Workplace initiative, SOS, NAMI NH, the Dover School District and the Dover Rotary to name a few have furthered the DMHA's impact, bringing about community mental health education and suicide prevention programs with the eventual goal of recognizing Dover as a mental health friendly city, a first of its kind in New Hampshire.

The Dover Mental Health Alliance (DMHA) is part of the local, Strafford County non-profit community mental health center, Community Partners. For more information about Community Partners go to www.communitypartnersnh.org. For more information about the Dover Mental Health Alliance and upcoming trainings, visit www.facebook.com/DoverMHA/, or email Suzanne Weete at suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org.



Greg West Photography opens studio on Broadway

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Greg West Photography to celebrate the relocation of the business, now located at 6 Broadway in Dover.

For over 30 years, West has specialized in quality photography of architecture, interiors, and products. Clients include architects, interior designers, building owners, general contractors, product manufacturers, and various editorial publications.

Greg is joined by his wife, Delise, in the photography business. Delise oversees the marketing and sales for Greg West Photography. The two are both natives of California but after 20 years here, New Hampshire is home.

Recently, Greg West Photography has excelled in photography for 3D Virtual Tours for commercial use such as event/wedding venues, retail showrooms, and more. For more information, visit gregwestphotography.com.

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 dovernh.org.

A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

Don't let your recycling be rejected

Is your trash or recycling not getting picked up? It may be because it does not conform to the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste rules.

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines and that bulky items are correctly



tagged.

What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

- **Plastic**: #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- Glass: only bottles and jars. Rinse and dry.
- Cardboard, cartons and paper: Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten all boxes, then place them into recycling bins, paper bags, or bundle and tie. When flattened, cardboard dimensions must not exceed two feet by two feet. Pizza boxes with grease must be thrown away as the oil contaminates the other recyclables.
- No styrofoam is accepted, even with a recycling symbol on the packing.
- No plastic bags are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of <u>Waste Management's curbside pickup here</u>.

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste Management in their Recycling 101 webpage.

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. "Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash."

Bulky trash items

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a "Bulky Item Tag" for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services' Bag and Tag webpage for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City's health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Clerk Typist I
- Summer day camp counselor
- Truck drivers
- Children's Room Circulation Desk Assistant
- Adult/Children Circulation Desk Assistant
- Senior Center desk attendant
- Arena maintenance / resurfacer

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

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