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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

November 26, 2021



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DOVER, NH**

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Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

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

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

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



City Christmas Tree in place at Henry Law Park

Community Services crews this week cut, trimmed and installed this year's Christmas Tree at Henry Law Park, in preparation for the holiday season and the City of Dover's 36th annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 3.

This year's tree was donated by Herb and Brenda Gingras of Dover. This is the fourth year the Gingras family has provided a tree for Henry Law Park.

Early on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, Community Services crews assembled at the Gingras' Piscataqua Road property to cut down the tree, a 50-foot balsam fir. Once cut and moved with the help of a crane and service donated by Moore's Crane of Dover, the tree was measured, cut to 35 feet, and trimmed before being loaded onto a flatbed truck provided by MacKinnon and Sons Excavating of Somersworth. Once at the park, and again with the help of a crane, the tree was lowered into place and secured in a tree sleeve by Community Services.

In the coming days, the tree will be strung with lights and readied for the annual tree lighting, when the lights will be turned on for the first time.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree, and will be joined by Seacoast Men of Harmony. Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.



Mike Wilson of Community Services' Facilities and Grounds Division helps guide a 35-foot balsam fir being lowered into place by crane at Henry Law Park on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The tree was donated by the Gingras family of Dover.



Dean Truax of Community Services helps guide a 50-foot balsam fir on Piscataqua Road after it was cut and moved by a crane.



Ryan Neenan of Community Services prepares to attach a winch to a 50-foot balsam fir on Piscataqua Road before the tree is cut down and moved by crane.



Morris Hicks of Community Services helps remove trimmed branches from a 50-foot balsam fir on Piscataqua Road.

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold workshop on homeless task force plan

The City Council will hold a workshop this Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. to review the master plan put together by the Tri-City Mayors' Joint Task Force on Homelessness. The mayors of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester formed the Tri-City Joint Task Force on Homelessness in 2018 as part of a regional initiative to address homelessness.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. and Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker will

provide a history of the plan's development, plan recommendations, and steps the City of Dover have taken and continue to pursue in achieving the plan's goals. There will also be a presentation by the non-profit organization Red's Good Vibe.

The workshop will be held in City Hall's Council Conference Room and broadcast live on Channel 22. It will also stream live and be available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

For the complete agenda and materials, [click here](#).

Warming Center opens for winter operations Monday, Nov. 29

The Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center (Warming Center) at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth will open for winter operations at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. The Warming Center will be open daily through April 1, 2022.

The hours of operations are Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., and all day and night on the weekends, holidays and winter storm days.

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

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

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

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

Tax rate not yet set by state, delaying the mailing of property tax bills

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has not yet certified the City of Dover's tax rate, delaying the mailing of property tax bills for fiscal year 2022 (tax year 2021).

Finance Director Daniel Lynch said he is waiting for the DRA to schedule an appointment to review financial information provided by the City of Dover so the DRA can certify the tax rate. But the DRA is backlogged due to filing delays from a significant number of other municipalities. DRA officials have told Lynch that these filing delays are from addressing how to report the receipt and use of federal and state COVID-19 grant funding. Although this is not the situation for Dover, it has created a backlog of communities ahead of Dover in the tax-rate setting queue.

Once the DRA certifies the tax rate, tax bills will be printed and mailed to property owners. The due date for the first half of the tax bill will be one month from when the tax bills are mailed; the second half will be due on June 1, 2022.

Last year, the DRA did not set the tax rate until Dec. 3, 2020, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the late tax-rate setting, the City Council authorized a tax anticipation note (TAN). The TAN allowed short-term borrowing by the City of Dover to make two significant

annual payments due in mid-December while waiting to receive property tax payments: One to the Strafford County government and the other for debt service. Lynch does not anticipate the need for the City Council to authorize a TAN for this year.

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



Waterfront project under review by Technical Review Committee

Park Subcommittee contemplating paddle sport facility options

Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) Chair Dana Lynch provided the City Council a status update of the long-planned redevelopment of city-owned River Street land at a recent meeting.

The update provided the public with new renderings of the project under review by the Technical Review Committee (TRC). Lynch's presentation also included renderings of the entrance to the public Cochecho River Waterfront Park, part of the City of Dover's responsibility as part of the overall land disposition agreement between developer Cathartes and the city. Lynch provided the update during the City Manager's Report portion of the Nov. 10 City Council meeting, which can be viewed in its entirety here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=9xEs3Bpw93YC>. (Click on the City Manager's Report video index point to jump to the presentation.)

CWDAC provided conditional approval to Cathartes' site plan at its Aug. 31 meeting, allowing Cathartes to submit plans to be TRC. Once it clears the TRC, the project will move to the Planning Board for final approval. Cathartes' development plans for Dover's former wastewater treatment plant and public works garage include building 413 residential units, including apartments and townhouses, and 30,000 feet of commercial space.

Part of CWDAC's approval included the condition for Cathartes, the City of Dover's planning and recreation staff, and the CWDAC's Park Planning Subcommittee to "work diligently and closely with the paddlesports community to ensure cooperation in any future plans for the design, permitting and construction for a paddle sports facility."

The Park Subcommittee has been meeting with stakeholders to finalize plans for the waterfront

park and come to a consensus on what's needed for a paddle sports facility. The subcommittee last met on Nov. 3, 2021, where it reviewed options for crew boat storage at the waterfront park. Currently, the metal "Butler Building" at the Cochecho River's edge is utilized by Great Bay Rowing, Berwick Academy, University of New Hampshire and Northeast Passage. However, the building is set to be removed as part of the waterfront development.

The crew boat building options that the subcommittee are considering includes a first-floor space in one of the Cathartes buildings, utilizing the planned pavilion building at the waterfront park, or potentially expanding the pavilion building and constructing a freestanding boat building elsewhere in the park. The latter options would require additional permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The subcommittee has not made any recommendations for crew boat storage and is still seeking information on the number of people and boats used and when they are used. The subcommittee meets next on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Any recommendations made by the subcommittee would be brought to CWDAC for a final decision.



Catch a daylong Dover Holiday Parade on Channel 22 on Sunday

The annual Dover Holiday Parade that typically occurs on the Sunday following Thanksgiving will not happen this year. The organizations that most recently produced the parade were not able to organize it this year. The Dover Holiday Parade is not a City of Dover or Greater Chamber of Commerce event. Each year, a civic organization has undertaken the production of the parade. Last year, the Dover Holiday Parade was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

But no Holiday Parade doesn't mean you can't enjoy some holiday cheer. On Sunday, Nov. 28, tune in to Channel 22 for a daylong kick-off to the holidays. Beginning at 6 a.m. on Nov. 28, Channel 22 will begin airing holiday parades from years past, which will continue until 10 p.m. that evening. Over the course of the day, more than 10 years of parades will air for this special broadcast.

Not able to watch on Channel 22? Catch the Channel 22 live stream at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

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

Holiday delay for curbside trash and recycling pickup continues today

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is delayed one day on Thursday and Friday this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Curbside pickup regularly scheduled on Thursday will be picked up today, Friday, Nov. 26 and curbside pickup regularly scheduled today will be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

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

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

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

Dover's fall leaf collection continues

The City of Dover 2021 fall leaf collection continues through next week, ending on Friday, Dec. 3.

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at local hardware or home improvement stores.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

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

Be on the lookout for
Santa and his escort of
elves throughout Dover!
A full parade route will
be posted soon!



Festival of Trees returns Dec. 3

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

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the host of the event, is pleased to announce that Kennebunk Savings will once again serve as the underwriting sponsor.

The holiday festival features more than 35 elaborate trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auction or raffle drawing. The event also includes live choir performances, refreshments, free goodie bags for kids (sponsored by Mr. Electric of Southeast NH), and even a visit from Santa (sponsored by J.T. Travis Blacktop Services). The main attraction will be the Raffle Tree, which will be fully decorated with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Tickets for the raffle tree will be \$5 each, or five for \$20.

Trees are still available for sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Sponsorship is \$55 for Chamber members and \$75 for non-members. Sponsorship includes the tree and tree stand. The sponsor is responsible for providing all decorations and promotional items for the tree. Organizations interested in sponsorship should reach out to Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at events@dovernh.org or call (603) 742-2218.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, a volunteer group of residents and Chamber members dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season and hanging American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

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

Shopping local for holiday gifts is a 'win-win' for

retailers and shoppers

Win gift baskets filled with goods from local shops

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

From Sunday, Nov. 28 through Monday, Dec. 20, shoppers who spend at least \$10 at five participating downtown retail shops may enter to win locally filled gift baskets brimming with home goods, apparel, local treats, and gift cards to area shops. To enter the gift basket raffle, customers can pick up a raffle ticket at any of the 27 participating businesses and attach their receipts to it. Completed tickets may be dropped off at Noggin Factory, My Country Story, or Ryder Street Co. located downtown. Mayor Robert Carrier will choose the winners at a drawing held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Ryder Street Co. It will be broadcast live on the store's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Ryderstreetco>.



“There are so many shops in Dover that many shoppers don’t realize exist,” said My Country Story owner Roni Watkins. “You can walk downtown and get a gift for anyone on your list: your Mom or Dad, a cousin who is having a baby, grandparents, teens and tweens, even for your pups.”

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

“We are very excited to announce this new way to find all of our downtown retailers,” said City of Dover Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy of PocketSights. “Shoppers can simply download the free app and search ‘Dover Holiday Shop Small Spectacular.’ They can follow the tour downtown and seek out any of our 27 retail shops. It’s that easy.

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

Support local merchants on Plaid Friday and Shop Small Saturday

Show your support for the local merchants who help Dover thrive by shopping local this holiday season.

Many Dover businesses are participating in Plaid Friday, Nov. 26, and Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday and encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Check out plenty of special offers from local merchants on these special dates, and throughout the holiday season.

Dover Police begin accepting names for Christmas Basket Program on Monday, Nov. 29

The Dover Police Department will begin accepting names, addresses and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the Annual Christmas Basket Program on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021. Each December, the Police Department employees conduct this program through Dover Police Charities to provide a Christmas dinner to families in Dover.

Last year, 125 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community. In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place.

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

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

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



Contractor continues individual connections to new Central Avenue water main

Next week, the Central Avenue North Water Improvements project contractor will continue connecting individual water users to the newly installed water main. The contractor will be working at different spots along Central Avenue, requiring detours at some locations and one-lane traffic alternated by flaggers in others.

On Monday, Nov. 29 and Tuesday, Nov. 30, the contractor plans to work on Central Avenue between Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive and Lowell Avenue. Southbound Central Avenue traffic will be detoured around the project area via Lowell Avenue, Mount Vernon Street and Ash Street. Northbound traffic will proceed through the project area. Motorists should anticipate lane shifts.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 and Thursday, Dec. 2, the contractor will be working on Central Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Glenwood Avenue. Traffic will be restricted to one lane through the project area, alternated by flaggers.

Friday, Dec. 3, the contractor will pave the week's work area. Motorists should anticipate traffic being restricted to one lane, alternated by flaggers, or the southbound detour via Lowell Avenue, Mount Vernon Street and Ash Street.

Community Services Director Bill Boulanger is reaching out to residents and businesses to schedule water connections. The connections will require the water to be shut off for brief periods to individual water users when the service is connected. Contact Boulanger at 603-516-6450 or b.boulanger@dover.nh.gov.

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

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

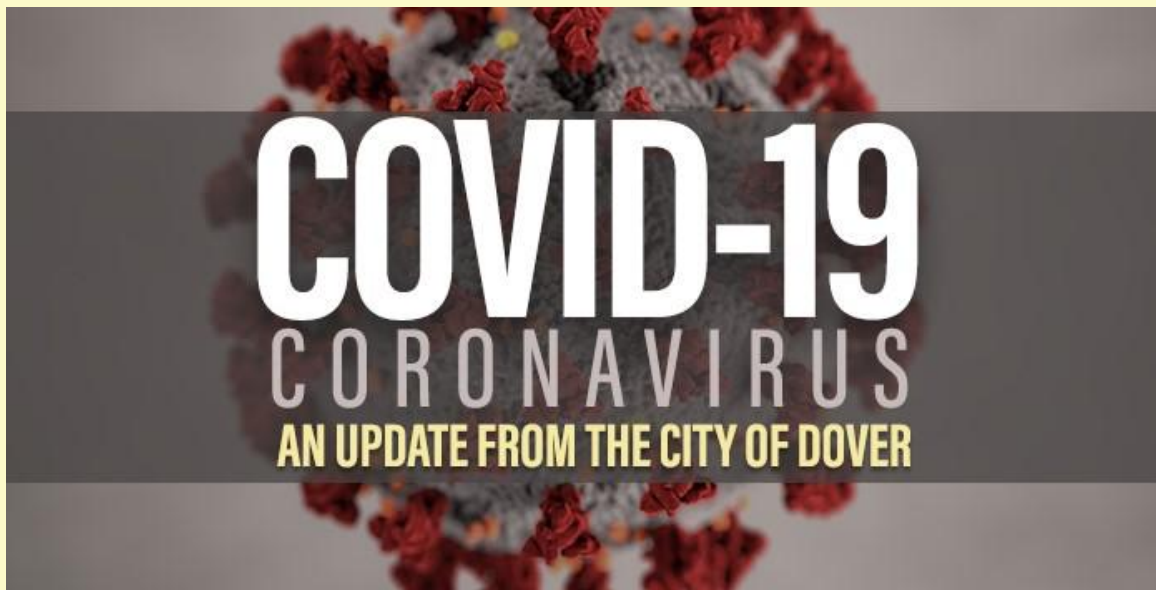
For information about the project, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Rollins Road at Broadway now open to outbound traffic

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has repaired a collapsed culvert on Rollins Road in Rollinsford, and the road is now reopened to Broadway outbound traffic.

NHDOT closed the section of Rollins Road in Rollinsford on Thursday, Nov. 4, because of the collapsed culvert. It remained closed through the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 23, to allow NHDOT to make repairs.

For more information, contact the state Department of Transportation at 603-271-3734.





Woodman Elementary School Principal Patrick Boodey, top left, looks on as Dover Fire & Rescue personnel prepare to vaccinate an elementary school student at a vaccine clinic last week.

Dover Fire & Rescue vaccinate nearly 500 children at school clinics

Last week, Dover Fire & Rescue teamed up with middle and elementary school administrators and staff to administer COVID-19 vaccines to eligible students ages 5 to 11, with parent or guardian permission.

“This is part of our continuing effort to vaccinate our community as efficiently as possible and help return people’s lives back to normal,” said Fire Chief Paul Haas. “As soon as the approval for the 5 to 11 age group was imminent, we immediately met with Dover School District administrators to begin planning this effort.”

In late October, the Dover School District began to survey parents and guardians to gauge interest in a vaccination clinic. Parents and guardians who were interested then signed permission slips to authorize Fire & Rescue paramedics and emergency medical technicians to provide vaccine shots to their children at school-based clinics. From Tuesday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Nov. 19, Fire & Rescue personnel administered vaccines to nearly 500 students across the district’s middle and elementary schools.

“The widespread participation by parents and kids who chose to take advantage of the opportunity to get vaccinated clearly shows the eagerness people have to protect themselves and their families from Covid-19 and to return our community to a greater sense of normalcy,” Haas said. “The only way we will get there is through vaccinating against this virus.

“As with any other vaccination that children regularly receive from their doctors, we had kids who were eager, kids who were nervous, and kids who were indifferent to the prospect of getting a shot,” Haas said. “At the end of the day, there were no surprises. About 95% of the vaccinated kids were in school the next day, ready to go. Some chose to stay home in case they didn’t feel well, but we are not aware of anyone who had any significant symptoms related to the vaccine.”

Haas urges community members who have not yet been vaccinated to do so. Vaccines are

currently available at many pharmacies locally, either by appointment or walk-in.

All students will receive their second vaccination in three weeks through a similar effort.

CDC expands adult eligibility for booster shots

People age 18 years and older who received Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may get a booster six months after completion of their primary vaccination series.

Contact the location that set up your previous appointment. If you need to find a different location, there are several ways you can [find a vaccine provider](#).

You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may prefer the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

For more information, including a complete guide to booster shots, visit the CDC's online resource here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

Still need the vaccine? Plenty of options locally

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

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

ConvenientMD (walk-in)

14 Webb Place, Dover

603-742-7900

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vaccines offered: Pfizer

Walgreens (schedule online)

1 Glenwood Ave, Dover

603-749-4136

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

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

Hannaford (walk-in or schedule online)

833 Central Ave, Dover

603-749-9363

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

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

CVS (schedule online)

50 Sterling Way, Dover

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

603-742-3995

Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

For additional locations and options, visit vaccines.gov.

Holiday celebrations

There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible.



Safer holiday tips include:

- Wear a mask in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated, have a weakened immune system, or if you are in an area with substantial to high transmission.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend gatherings.
- Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated. If you are considering traveling for a holiday or event, visit CDC's [Travel](#) page to help you decide what is best for you and your family.
- Get [tested](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

To learn more, visit the CDC here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/celebrations.html>

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

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

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

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

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

Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:

CVS (Ages 3 and up)

50 Sterling Way, Dover

Type of test: PCR

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

Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)

679 Central Avenue only, Dover

Type of test: PCR

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

ConvientMD

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:

City Council, December 1, 7 p.m.

The City Council will meet for a workshop session on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall.

The topic of the workshop is an update from the Tri-City Homelessness Task Force.

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/>.



**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.



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](#).

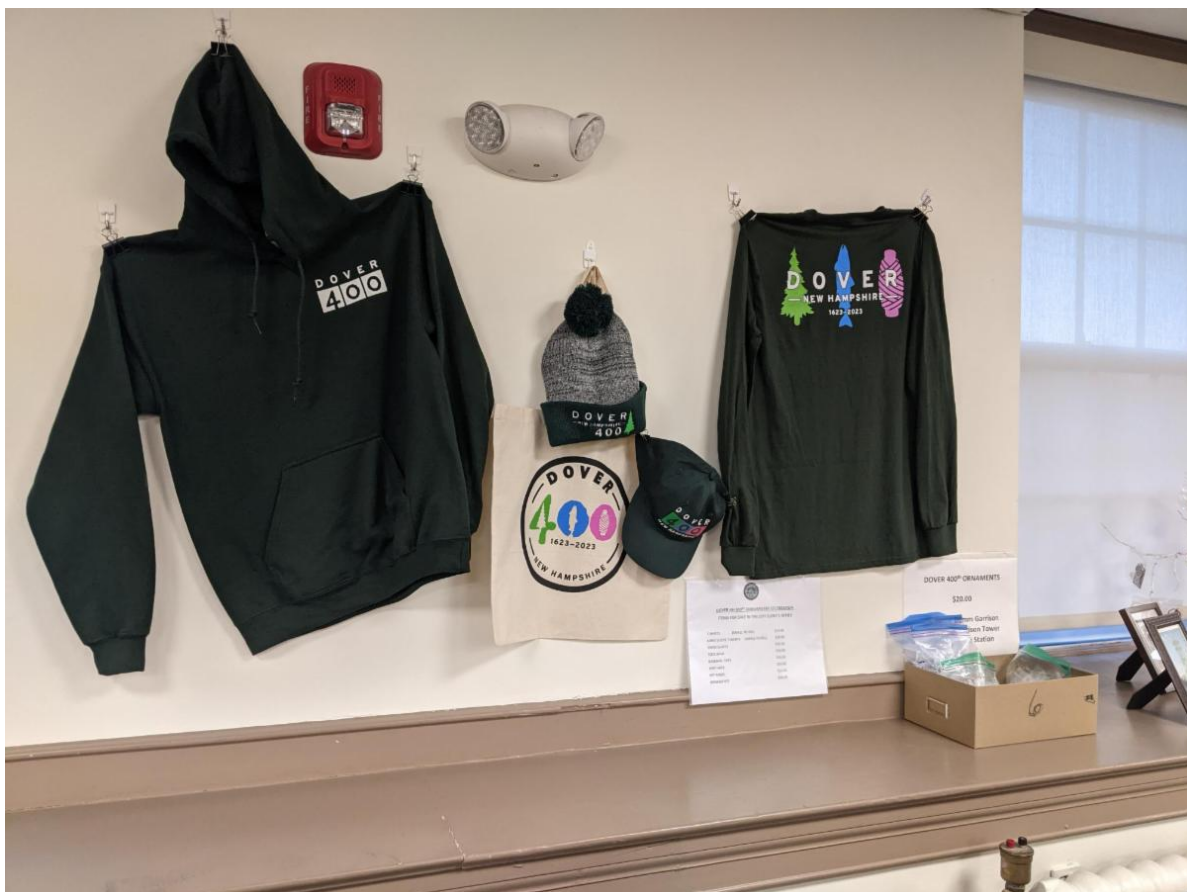
Nov. 27, 1758 — The selectmen were directed to take care of the old meeting house "so that it may not be exposed to be torn to pieces this winter."

Nov. 30, 1847 — The Strafford Bank moved from its old location near the Dover Hotel to Central Square.

Nov. 27, 1852 — The shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt, resembling the rattling of carriage wheels on frozen ground.

Nov. 26, 1855 — Elections for Ward Officers under the new city charter were held on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Dec. 1, 1999 — At a ceremony on this day, the Dover Housing Authority dedicated its community center as the Seymour Osman Community Center, naming it after the longtime supporter of a variety of social programs at DHA. Osman spoke at the ceremony, which was attended by more than 100 people. Osman, who moved to Dover in 1945, was president of United Tanners from 1963 until his retirement in 1978. He was involved with numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, including the United Way, Heart Fund, Little League and Temple Israel. Osman's received Rotary's Paul Harris medal for his work with the underprivileged, and the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 1991 Citizen of the Year. Osman also helped form the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority and was a member of the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Board of Trustees. Osman died in 2006.



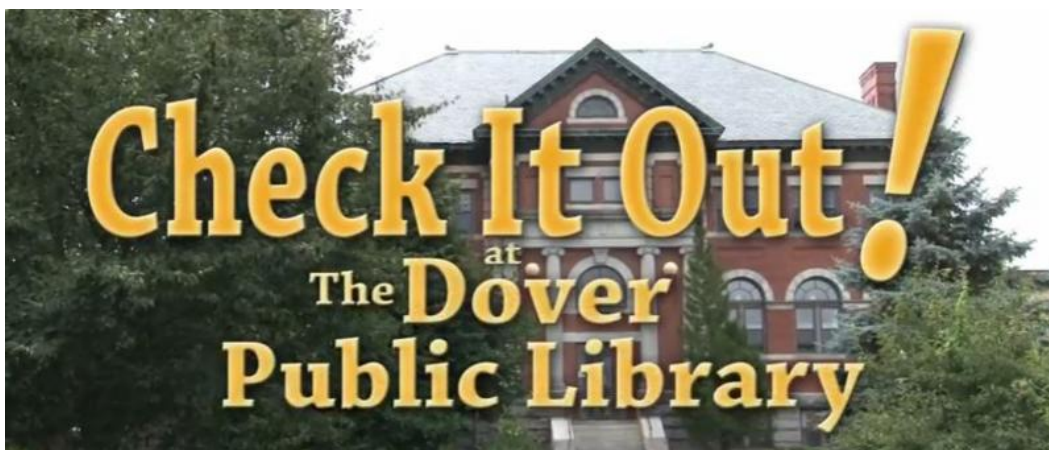
Dover400 merchandise makes great holiday gifts

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

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

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

For more information about Dover400, visit dover400.org.



The Week at the Library

November VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Everyone Can Bake* by Dominique Ansel. Throughout the month of November, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your

cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. 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

cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Monday, November 29, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Beyond Books: Program Science**

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

**Monday, November 29, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Big Kids Storytime**

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

**Tuesday, November 30, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: 18+**

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.

December VIRTUAL Cookbook Club
Join us for a virtual exploration of 5 *Ingredients* by Jamie Oliver. Throughout the month of December, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your

e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Family Storytime**

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

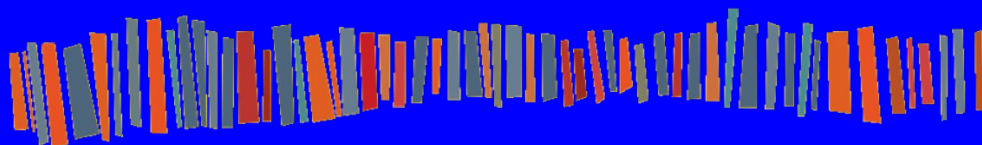
**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Get Lit! Adult Book Club**
Join for a discussion of *The Temple House Vanishing* by Rachel Donohue. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital and on the Library's Kindles.

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 to 11 a.m.
Cover 2 Cover Book Group**
Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. December's selection is *Where You'll Find Me* by Ty Gagne. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk.

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 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.

**Friday, Dec. 3, Library Closed
Staff Development Day**

**Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Holiday Craft Workshop**
Adults, teens, and kids are invited to drop in and get in the holiday spirit. We will have crafts for everyone to make and take. All supplies will be provided. Bring your imagination and good cheer!



State now offering free radon test kits

The New Hampshire Radon Program is offering free test kits for the first time ever. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that you can't see, taste or smell but it can be harmful to your respiratory health. It can seep into homes through cracks in foundations, openings around sump pumps and drains, construction joints, crawl spaces and in some cases, from well water. Any house can have a radon problem. It doesn't matter if it's old or new, or where it's located. The only way to know if

it's present in your home is to test.

Order your free radon test kit: <http://aelabs.com/nh>.

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Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK



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Be prepared, sign-up for parking ban alerts

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

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

'As-needed' winter parking bans

During winter storm events or post-storm cleanups, the Community Services Director may

declare a winter parking ban to allow roads to clear roads efficiently. When a parking ban is declared, all vehicles must be off public ways by the time the ban goes into effect. If vehicles are not removed, they may be ticketed and/or towed.

Most residents know not to park on the roads when there is an active storm. "People get it," said Parking Manager Bill Simons.

However, Community Services struggles with compliance with parking bans for post-storm cleanups when crews remove high snow banks or push snow back, so streets and sidewalks are passable and ready for the next storm.

"Ninety-five percent of parking tickets for winter parking ban violations come on cleanup nights," Simons said. "The goal is not to give out any tickets or have any cars towed and let Community Services do their job."

A parking ticket is \$50. A tow is likely to be above \$150.

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

When a winter parking is declared

A parking ban will be declared by 3 p.m. to begin at a designated time later that evening. When a ban is declared, parking is prohibited on city streets, sidewalks and adjacent parking areas, such as the angled spaces on School or First streets. Vehicles must be parked on private property, at an authorized public parking lot, or the parking garage. Vehicles that violate the parking ban may be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

Apartment building owners are encouraged to alert all tenants about announced parking bans.

The parking ban for the downtown area typically starts later than all other parts of the city. [Click here](#) for the downtown parking ban map.

Many options to receive parking ban notifications

The City of Dover utilizes its website, social media accounts, Channel 22, text and email alerts, and press releases to local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The current ban status is always posted at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html>. People can also call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status.

For email notifications, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and select the "Parking Ban Alerts" option. For text-based notifications via the City of Dover's emergency notification system, CodeRED, sign-up by texting "DoverNH" to 99411. Please note that cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Text alerts are also available by creating an account and logging into the city's emergency notification system, [CodeRED](#). After creating an account, select the option for Parking Ban Notifications under "Additional Notifications." Users must provide a phone number capable of receiving text alerts. Cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Users should receive a confirmation email or text after a successful sign-up. If not, call the City of Dover's Media Services at 603-516-1641 for assistance.

Where to park during a parking ban?

Some public parking lots have areas available for overnight parking. [Click here](#) to view a map of municipal parking lot locations in the downtown area. The Orchard Street Parking Garage has limited short-term spaces and is for "Permit Parking Only" above the second floor (look for signs). Overnight parking is available in spaces 101-278 for \$1/hr. Paid parking in the garage is 24/7, including holidays. Users may pay for parking or extend parking time through the smartphone "[Flowbird parking](#)" application. Users must know the number of the space where the vehicle is parked.

Seasonal winter parking restrictions

In addition to winter parking bans that can be called at any time, there are several streets where seasonal winter parking restrictions are in place from Dec. 1 to April 1, regardless of the current weather conditions. These streets, listed below, do not allow parking at any time, day or night, between Dec. 1 and April 1.

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

- Baker Street, no parking on northerly side (odd numbered)
- Belknap Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered), from Washington Street to Silver Street
- Belknap Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered), from Silver Street to Fisher Street
- Cushing Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered)
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Elm Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Essex Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Fifth Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Fifth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), between Grove Street and Tammany Park
- Folsom Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered)
- Forest Street, no parking on the northwesterly side (even numbered)
- Fourth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Hamilton Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered)
- Hancock Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- High Ridge Drive, no parking on southerly side
- Lexington Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered)
- Lincoln Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- Nelson Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Locust Street to Atkinson Street
- Plaza Drive, no parking on easterly side (even numbered), from Norway Circle northerly to end of street
- Richmond Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered)
- Rogers Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered)
- Saint Thomas Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Atkinson Street to Belknap Street, and two spaces in front of 33/35 Saint Thomas Street
- Summer Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered)
- Third Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street
- West Concord Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered)
- Young Street, no parking on the southerly side.

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



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Nov. 27, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Woodman Park Elementary School. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, visit <https://fb.me/e/4K0BV1YyY>.

THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



Pictured, from the left, are Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty), Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, Co-Founder and COO Matthew Paul (Picture This Wedding), Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Margaret Joyce (GDCC President), Customer Experience Coordinator Grace Smith (Picture This Wedding), Kerstyn Flack (Bank of NH), and Brian Jacobsen (Immanuel Insurance Agency).

Picture This Wedding joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome Picture This Wedding as a chamber member.

Located at 1 Washington St. Suite 4129 in Dover, Picture This Wedding is a national award-winning company that carefully curates and provides professional wedding media and entertainment specialists in local markets across the United States, and matches them with couples through a superior detail-oriented customer service process.

Services offered includes engagement photos, wedding photography/videography, family photography, photo booth rentals, up-lighting services, wedding DJ services, and other services for corporate clients/events.

With a robust suite of package options at great prices, customers trust Picture This Wedding to provide a luxurious and stress-free experience for their big day.

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To learn more about their services or to schedule a free consultation, visit www.picturethiswedding.com or call 1-(833)PIC-THIS [742-8447].



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

Wee Ones Wednesdays for ages 2-4

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, or 15
9:15-10 a.m.

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

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

Jingle Bell Extravaganza at the Children's Museum of NH

Explore the exhibits, enjoy holiday crafts and activities, and meet Santa!

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Price includes museum admission: \$15 for Members or \$20 for Non-members per person and children under 12 months of age are free.

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

Family New Year's Eve Celebration

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

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

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

CMNH Membership Black Friday - Cyber Monday special

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

Membership: <https://childrens-museum.org/membership/families>
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Help prevent bear-human conflict as bears prepare for winter hibernation

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is asking residents not to rush the arrival of bird-feeding season this fall. The Granite State's bear population is actively preparing for their denning period and on the move in search of high-fat, protein-rich food sources to sustain them through the winter. As a result, bears in some areas are turning to residential areas for food, and Officials are asking the public to be both proactive and responsible by holding off on putting out bird feeders until December. Increasingly mild autumns and the often-late arrival of winter conditions warrant adjustments to prevent human-bear conflicts.

"Reports of conflicts between bears and people were lower during the summer this year, but there has been an uptick in bear activity and sightings, most of which occurred at bird feeders, during late October and early November," said Andy Timmins, Fish and Game's Bear Project Leader. "By taking action now, you can prevent attracting a hungry bear to your home this fall.

Do not wait for a bear to raid the bird feeder or feed from a dumpster and then respond. Doing so encourages foraging behavior by bears near residences. A single food reward will cause the bear to return and continue to search the area for food, no matter the season. Averting conflicts with bears requires increased responsibility and proactive behavior by the public. Bears have an excellent sense of smell and good memories."

Despite continued pleas asking homeowners not to feed birds during the non-winter months, bird feeders typically are the direct cause of 25% of annual bear-human conflicts. In addition to bird feeders, other attractants that contribute significantly to conflicts include unprotected chickens and other poultry (23%) and unsecured garbage cans/dumpsters (38%).

"If the public would be willing to address these three common attractants, we could quickly reduce annual bear-human conflicts by 70-80%, which would be a tremendous benefit to New Hampshire's bear population," said Timmins.

Avoid encounters with bears by taking a few simple precautions:

- Birdfeeders should not be put out until December 1 or once bear activity slows, whichever comes later. Bringing birdfeeders in at night is not sufficient.
- Stop all bird feeding by April 1 or at the onset of extended spring-like weather conditions, whichever comes first.
- Clean up any spilled birdseed and dispose of it in a secured trash container.
- Store all garbage in airtight containers inside a garage or adequate storage area, and put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before. If using a dumpster, inform your dumpster company that you need a dumpster with metal locking tops and doors that are inaccessible to bears and other wildlife.
- Avoid putting meat or other food scraps in your compost pile.
- Do not leave pet food dishes outside overnight.
- Clean and store outdoor grills after each use.
- Never deliberately feed bears.

These steps will help to ensure that your backyard does not become attractive to bears and other wildlife, which is important because it prevents property damage by bears and keeps bears from becoming nuisance animals.

If you have questions about bear-related problems, you can get advice by calling a toll-free number coordinated jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department: 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR).

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Deputy Information Technology Director**
- **Assistant City Engineer**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **Assistant City Planner/Zoning Administrator**
- **Outreach and Strategic Planner**
- **Police Social Worker**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Arena Attendant**

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

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