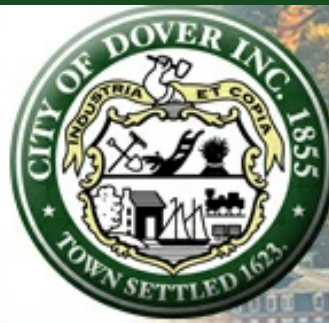


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 16, 2021



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Monday-Thursday:
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City Manager presents proposed FY 2022 budget to City Council

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., presented his proposed fiscal year 2022 budget at the City Council meeting tonight, Wednesday, April 14.

The FY 2022 budget, encompassing all city departments and the 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 proposed budget now before you is directly influenced by identifying and responding to the varied needs and interests of our customers – our community's residents, business and visitors," Joyal said during his budget presentation. "The development of the proposed budget results from a continuous and ongoing review of all municipal function and service priorities."

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

Joyal's presented budget includes proposed spending of all city departments, including the School Board's "default budget" recommendation for Dover School District's operations. As presented, the proposed FY 2022 budget is a 5.7 percent increase over the current fiscal year's budget, compromised of an 8.4 percent increase of school-related expenses and a 3.4 percent increase of all other non-school related costs.

The School Board passed its "default budget" – the current year's budget with added contractual obligations – on March 8 to comply with existing contractual provisions and to meet the City of Dover Charter deadline to submit a budget. However, the School Board continues to work to find cost reductions and is expected to update its budget in the coming weeks with a goal to deliver a budget within the school's portion of the tax cap formula.

In the proposed FY 2022 budget, the estimated city portion of the local property tax levy is \$58,826 below the estimated city portion of the tax cap formula; the estimated local school portion of the property tax levy is \$5,243,303 above the estimated school-side of the tax cap formula. 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.

For the average residential property in Dover – valued at \$314,022 – the estimated property tax would be \$8,356, an increase by \$553 or 7.1 percent of the current property tax levy. This includes an estimated \$53, or 1.9 percent increase on the city property tax portion; an estimated \$487 or 11.8 percent increase to the school property tax portion; and an estimated \$13 or 1.7 percent increase for the county property tax portion.

A significant budget driver for both the school and city sides is considerable contribution increases into the New Hampshire Retirement System as required by state law. Reductions in health insurance premiums partially offset the contribution rate increase.

There has been an increase in non-tax revenues on the city-side from what appears to be an improving economy and the direct result from the stimulus funds and financial assistance provided by the federal and state level.

Other FY 2022 budget highlights include:

- Maintains existing level core city services
- Adds a new police officer position funded by a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant
- Loss of grant funding for the Police Department's Community Outreach Division eliminates a vacant position
- Includes a new position in the Community Services Utilities Division to assist needs and obligations for water quality permits
- Adds a part-time position in the Human Resources Office for separation of duties as recommended by the City of Dover's financial auditors
- Funds the replacement of a 10-year-old ice resurfacer at the Dover Ice Arena
- Provides a \$200,000 increase for street pavement overlays, keeping the City on track to reach the Capital

- Improvement Program's recommended level of funding within the next two years
- Eliminates \$80,000 annual planned reoccurring expense for police officer/patrol vehicle cameras for the next six years by utilizing grants in the current budget cycle.

The budget in its entirety can be viewed under the City of Dover's [Budget Revealed webpage here](#). Budget presentation videos are also posted to the page.

In the coming weeks, the City Council will hold numerous workshops with department managers to understand budget needs from the managers' perspective. The Council will then deliberate and pass a budget in either May or early June. The fiscal year 2022 budget would begin on July 1, 2021.

Ordinance Committee seeks input on proposed Charter amendments

Panel to host informational session April 20

The City's Ordinance Committee will hold a public informational session on Tuesday, April 20 to review and seek input on proposed amendments to the City Charter. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The public may also participate remotely by registering at <https://ringcentr.al/3s8hVpu>.

The City's Charter and Code -- the set of ordinances specific to the City of Dover -- are periodically reviewed for accuracy and completeness. In 2017, the City contracted with a firm specializing in developing and publishing municipal code to perform an in-depth review of the Charter, along with the rest of the City's Code, as part of an overall recodification process. The recodification process is designed to make the City's Charter and Code more accessible to the public with improved online availability, searchability, and formatting. The detailed review of the Charter and Code revealed typographical and formatting issues, improvements in readability, and needed updates to reflect current statutes and practices.

In 2020, the City Council accepted revisions to the Code to implement the improvements; however, changes to the Charter must be approved using ballot questions during a municipal election. The Ordinance Committee was mandated by the City Council to propose ballot questions to address the Charter amendments recommended during the recodification process. These questions will appear on the November 2, 2021 municipal election ballot. The Committee also recognizes that this provides an opportunity for the citizens of Dover to propose other changes to the Charter.

The April 20 meeting is meant to introduce the Charter amendment process, provide an overview of the changes identified during the Charter review, and to solicit preliminary input from citizens on these topics. Additional City Council public hearings will be scheduled as part of the process to develop the ballot questions, these public hearings will take place during the summer, followed by a final City Council vote to approve the ballot questions.

The public can participate in this session remotely by registering at <https://ringcentr.al/3s8hVpu>.

A list of the proposed Charter changes can be viewed here: <https://go.usa.gov/xHDrM>.

For more information, contact City Councilor Dennis Shanahan at d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov.



Dover Fire and Rescue members register Dover High School students for a vaccination clinic held at DHS on Thursday.

Dover High School students receive vaccine shot at DHS clinic

Eligible Dover High School students received their first COVID-19 vaccination shot at a clinic at Dover High School on Thursday, April 15, through a collaboration of Dover Fire and Rescue, Dover High School administrators, Walgreens and the State of New Hampshire.

Another clinic is planned for Tuesday, April 20. Fire Chief Paul Haas estimates that 450 eligible students will have received their first COVID-19 vaccination between the two events.

"This is part of our continuing effort to vaccinate our community as efficiently as possible and help return people's lives back to normal," Haas said. "We met with Dover High School's administration and decided it was well worth the effort to deliver vaccinations to as many age-eligible students as possible while they are in school."

Students received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which the Food and Drug Administration approved for emergency use for individuals 16 years and older in December 2020. The vaccination was provided voluntarily to eligible students who had a signed permission form. Students aged 16 and 17 were required to have parent/guardian permission to receive the vaccination.

All students will receive their second vaccination in three weeks through a similar effort at Dover High School. Last week, Dover Fire and Rescue, with the Strafford County Public Health Network's help, provided Dover teachers with their second vaccination. More than 700 teachers were vaccinated within a few hours.

At the clinic today, Dover Fire and Rescue members screened and registered students while a Walgreens pharmaceutical team provided vaccination shots to the students. Dover Fire and Rescue members also monitored students after receiving the vaccination to ensure there were no complications.



Members of Walgreen's pharmaceutical team vaccinate Dover High School students at a clinic held at DHS on Thursday.

Dover Chamber to host State of the City April 22

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual State of the City Forum on Thursday, April 22 from 9 to 10 a.m. in an online format. This virtual event is free to attend but pre-registration is required. Visit dovernh.org/SOTC to register.

The event, underwritten by Eversource, will take place via Zoom with a simultaneous livestream on the Chamber's Facebook page. The State of the City forum will also be recorded and made available through both the Chamber and the City of Dover's websites. In addition to Eversource, the 2021 State of the City is sponsored by Newburyport Bank.

The forum will feature Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, AICP, who will discuss the City's Master Plan, why master plans are critical for municipalities, and how Dover approaches the master planning process. Additional speakers include Mayor Robert Carrier and Kevin McEneaney, chairman of Dover's 400th Anniversary Committee.

The City of Dover has been recognized multiple times for excellence in master planning. The City of Dover's Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape plan was awarded the 2016 Plan of the Year by the New Hampshire Planners Association; the city's Climate Adaptation Chapter of the Master Plan was the New Hampshire Planning Association's Plan of the Year in 2018; and in 2020 Frank Torr was named 2020 Citizen Planner of the Year by the New Hampshire Planners Association.

"This year's State of the City event presents an excellent opportunity to learn how master planning improves the quality of life today and tomorrow in our community," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. "And we'll be learning from an expert, as Christopher Parker was named 2011 Professional Planner of the Year by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association."

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



Community Services workers Mark Colonna, left, and Hunter Zabkar, install a multi-bicycle rack in Waldron Court. The Rotary Club of Dover donated \$5,000 for the installation of 14 bicycle racks around the city.

Rotary bicycle racks installed in downtown Dover

Community Services workers this week installed numerous bicycle racks around the city donated by the Rotary Club of Dover.

The Rotary Club's \$5,000 donation, made possible in part through a grant from Rotary District 7780, provided 14 bicycle racks to encourage exercise and bicycle use within the City of Dover.

The City Council accepted the Rotary Club of Dover's donation at its Aug. 12, 2020 meeting. President Gregg Dowty told the Council at the meeting the idea for installing bicycle racks was a by-product of the COVID-19 pandemic, as Rotary members saw citizens riding bicycles more as they changed lifestyles to outside to socialize and get exercise.

"We want to do things in Dover that add to the community and enhance the life of the citizens of the community," Dowty said at the meeting.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., said the donation helps to further the City of Dover's goal to make the city more walkable and provide alternative transportation avenues. "The Dover Rotary Club has been very generous in supporting the community," he said.

The bicycle racks include:

- Eight vintage-style racks designed to hold up to two bicycles
- Six multi-bicycle tubular racks designed to hold up to five bicycles.



Dover Police to hold 'Drug Take-Back Day' April 24

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dover Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs, as well as vape pens and e-cigarette devices (with batteries removed). These items can be brought to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut Street for disposal. The service is free, anonymous, and no questions will be asked. Staff will be wearing masks and distancing protocols will be practiced.

Dover, like communities across the state, continues to see the impacts of the opioid crisis and youth vaping rates. In 2020, there were twice as many fatal overdoses than the previous calendar year in Dover making events like this as important as ever. Youth vaping is on the rise and a concern as well. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that one third of all Dover High School students have used an electronic vapor product at least once in the past month.

"The Drug Take Back events play a critical role in the Dover Police Department's prevention strategy because members of the public have a valuable opportunity to safely dispose of the medications and vape devices currently in their homes," said Police Chief William Breault. "This reduces the chances that the medications will fall into the wrong hands. It is equally important for members of the public to safely dispose of these medications throughout the year."

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), unused medications that are flushed down the toilet contaminate the water supply. Unused prescription drugs simply thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. To avoid that, when throwing medications away, be sure to mix the medication with undesirable items such as coffee grounds or cat litter. There are also several anonymous drop boxes around the region including one in the lobby of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

The Dover Police Department has also partnered with RALI NH to provide free drug disposal bags to the public. The bags can be picked up at the event and are also available 24/7 at the police station. The bags are designed to provide individuals with a safe way to dispose of medications at home.

For more information about the take back event and disposal tips visit the DEA website at www.DEA.gov. To learn more about how to get involved, contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at 603-516-3279 or online at www.DoverCoalition.org.

Downtown water main work continues this week

The downtown infrastructure project to replace 125-year-old water pipes along Washington Street and Main Street continues this week. The six-month project is expected to have traffic impacts and limited durations of water shutoff as infrastructure is replaced.

This project will replace 3,000 feet of some of the oldest water distribution pipes in the downtown area with a new ductile iron pipe that will provide reliable water service for the next 100-plus years. This work will include street excavation, lane closures, and evening water shutoffs in the downtown area.

The City encourages pedestrians and motorists to be vigilant while moving throughout the downtown area and look for signs providing information about the project and sections of streets and sidewalks closed for construction. Uneven road conditions and sidewalks are likely to occur, so please use caution driving, riding bikes and walking in the area.

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

To receive email updates about the project, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

Upcoming Meetings:

Waterfront Committee, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Ordinance Committee, April 20, 6 p.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold an informational session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, April 21, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a budget workshop session on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit

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 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 www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching

Arbor Day Foundation names Dover Tree City USA

Dover was named a 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Dover achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Dover are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy to a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, and protection from extreme heat and flooding. The Arbor Day Foundation recently launched the Time for Trees initiative to address these issues, with unprecedented goals of planting 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspiring 5 million tree planters by 2022. With Tree City USA recognition, Dover has demonstrated a commitment to effective urban forest management and doing its part to help address these challenges for Dover residents now and in the future.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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Did you know the Dover Community Trail is a pedestrian and bicycle friendly path that follows a former railroad bed through much of the City? Rural extensions of the trail will provide opportunities for bicycling, hiking, bird watching, and fishing.

More information:

<http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-trail/index.html>





State pauses J&J vaccine, says it won't slow down successful roll out

The State of New Hampshire this week announced a pause on the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine, consistent with the recommendation of the federal government.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday recommended a pause on the use of the single-dose J&J COVID-19 vaccine after reports that six individuals in the U.S. developed a rare disorder involving blood clots within about two weeks after vaccination.

The State of New Hampshire is working with all partners to ensure they are adjusting their operations to accommodate this pause.

"This news will not slow down New Hampshire," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "While the federal government has directed a brief pause in the J&J vaccine, the state is already working with our partners to ensure that they have an alternative supply of Pfizer or Moderna to help continue their efforts today."

Currently, no state managed fixed sites are scheduled to hold Johnson and Johnson clinics.

The announcement is specific to the J&J COVID-19 vaccine and not related to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Everyone is encouraged to continue with their scheduled appointments.

COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority and all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination are taken very seriously. The CDC has indicated that those who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their healthcare provider.

Gov. Sununu announces statewide mask mandate to expire today

Gov. Chris Sununu announced Thursday that the statewide mask mandate will expire at midnight tonight, Friday, April 16. The mandate took effect in November 2020 and was extended in March.

According to Sununu, the announcement follows a reduction in the state's seven-day average of daily deaths to 0.6, the lowest since October of 2020 before the mask mandate had been implemented. Sununu added that hospitalizations remain at a manageable level and that over 70 percent of those ages 65 and older have been vaccinated.

"We have been very careful from the beginning of this pandemic to take items up individually and make informed decisions," Sununu said. "We have never set arbitrary dates unsupported by the data and the science. It is important to note that this mandate going away will not limit or prevent the ability of private businesses and local cities and towns from

Vaccine registration open to all New Hampshire residents

Vaccine registration remains open to New Hampshire residents in all phases. Parental consent is required for anyone 16 and 17 years of age. To register and schedule your vaccine appointment, go to vaccines.nh.gov and create an account in NH's Vaccine & Immunization Network Interface (VINI). Once registered you will receive an email to activate your account and schedule your appointment. You can also call 2-1-1 for help with registering and scheduling. When registering, please be prepared to answer questions about allergies and medications. Information about health insurance is requested, but this information is not required. You will not be charged if you are vaccinated at a state-run site. For tip sheets and videos that help guide you through the process, visit the [NH Resident Resources](#) page.

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 [online resource here](#).

requiring masks. Of course, we continue to encourage folks to wear masks when they are unable to socially distanced."

"New Hampshire public health continues to work towards protecting the health of all NH residents and communities," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, State Epidemiologist. "Throughout the pandemic, we have advised people to wear face masks to protect themselves and prevent COVID-19 from spreading, even when there was no mask mandate. The lifting of the mandate does not diminish the importance of wearing a face mask. The threat to health from COVID-19 is real. Even as restrictions are reduced, we are still in a pandemic and levels of COVID-19 remain high across the State. Therefore, we ask that people continue to take steps to protect their own health, the health of their family and friends, and the health of their community."

What you should know about COVID-19

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. [Guidance for self-quarantine is available here](#).

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options can be found here: www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a

- hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



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](#).

April 18, 1836 — The small pox was prevalent in Dover this year and a number of deaths occurred from it.

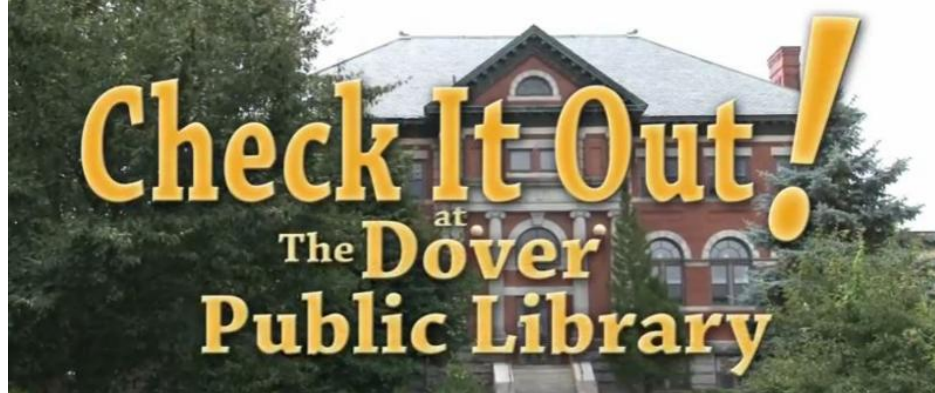
April 19, 1856 — The salaries of City officers were established as follows: Mayor, \$200; City Clerk, \$200 and fees; City Marshal, \$100; Assistant, \$50; Treasurer, \$50. Voted to purchase the lot known as the "sand bank," adjoining Pine Hill, for \$300. Valuation of the city this year \$3,562,978. Rate of taxation is 88 cents on \$100.

April 17, 1862 — The ice went out of the Cochecho last week and the Portsmouth Journal announces the first arrival of the season from up river — "Lalla Rookh, Freeman, Dover." Now that navigation is reopened the two cities will be 50 or 100 miles nearer each other and doubtless better acquainted for a season. (Dover Enquirer)

April 20, 1862 — It is recorded as a matter worthy of remembrance that the farmers at this time were hauling wood on the top of the snow "across lots" without regard to roads and fences. In the same week (April 17 and 18) the thermometer rose to 77, its greatest altitude in April for 15 years.

April 18, 1865 — The City Council held a special meeting and passed a series of appropriate resolutions in relation to the exalted life and character of Abraham Lincoln and the great loss the Nation sustained in his death, and appropriated a sum of money towards observing the funeral obsequies on Wednesday the 19th, conforming to the request of Acting Secretary of State Hunter at Washington, and Governor Gilmore of this State. A resolution was also passed appointing a committee to invite some fit person to deliver an eulogy upon the late President at an early day.

April 19, 1865 — Bells were tolled throughout the day for President Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated on April 15, 1865. Guns fired every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Flags draped in mourning were displayed throughout the city. Services were held at the Unitarian, Congregational, Belknap, Episcopal and Calvin Baptist Churches.



Virtual author program with Ty Gagne

New Hampshire author, Ty Gagne, will be speaking virtually on Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration for the online event is available on the [library's website](#) under the event calendar. Ty is the author of two books. "Where You'll Find Me : Risk, Decisions and the Last Climb of Kate Matrosova" and his latest book from last year is called "The Last Traverse : Tragedy and Resilience in the Winter Whites."

A life-long NH resident and avid winter climber himself, Ty has found fascinating stories of tragedy in the winter mountains. Ty will mainly be talking about his second book. He says "It's the true story of two friends on a winter hike that goes awry, and the search-and-rescue efforts that keep it from becoming a bigger tragedy. What makes it especially relevant for this moment is the insight into how we make high-stakes decisions and manage risk in uncertain situations."



The program is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

April VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Modern Flexitarian* by DK Publishing. Throughout the month of April, 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 Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, April 21 19th Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 19th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and adults ages 18 and older. Poems will be judged on

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, April 21, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This

originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 21. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at our website at library.dover.nh.gov. For more information about the contest please contact Emily Fortin at 516-6082.

**Monday, April 19, 3 to 4 p.m.
VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday
Afternoon Book Group**

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *The Book of Essie* by Meghan Weir. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

**Monday, April 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Evening
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**Monday, April 19, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
VIRTUAL NH Author Ty Gagne of *Where You'll Find Me***

On a mountain somewhere above treeline, in some of the coldest and worst winter conditions imaginable, two men lie unconscious in the snow as explosive winds batter the nearby summits. In *The Last Traverse; Tragedy and Resilience in the Winter Whites*, Ty Gagne lays out the events that led up to an epic and legendary rescue attempt in severe and dangerous winter conditions in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Registration required.

**Tuesday, April 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime on the 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.

**Tuesday, April 20, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and older in the
Lecture Hall**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

**Wednesday, April 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
In-Person Adult Knitting Group in the
Lecture Hall**

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules.

**Wednesday, April 21, 4 to 4:30 p.m.
Online Storytime with Miss Tina**

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime on YouTube. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

**Wednesday, April 21, 6 to 7 p.m.
Pizza and Pages in the Lecture Hall**

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *Love Is a Revolution* by Renee Watson. Copies of the book are available at the main circulation desk. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! You may also participate virtually by registering online.

**Thursday, April 22, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. 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.

**Friday, April 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose**

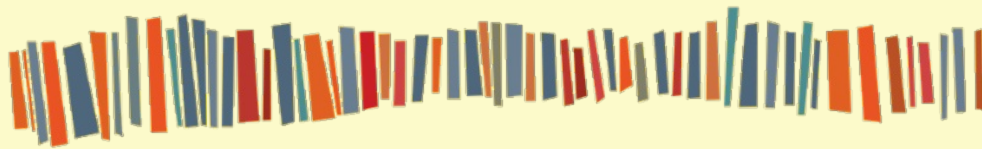
Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.

**Friday, April 23, 4 to 5 p.m.
Global Poetry Society in the Lecture Hall**

The Global Poetry Society is dedicated to exploring poetry from around the world. Run by Shane Morin, his goal is to help our community learn about great poets from Asia, Africa, South America, Native Peoples, and more. Between sessions, registrants will be emailed a reading list of

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

freely accessible poems that will introduce the works to be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings will be held every other Friday morning. Registration is required.



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Joe B. Parks public gardens seeks volunteer tenders

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens depends on volunteers to help maintain and tend to the gardens enjoyed by the public each year. More volunteers are needed to help tend to the gardens in 2021. Tasks include spring and fall clean-up of garden beds and monthly visits to tidy up the gardens. Volunteers can adopt specific areas.

To become a volunteer, email contact@joeparksgarden.org, visit <http://www.joeparksgarden.org/>, or give Elizabeth Fischer a call at 603-817-1843.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located between 400 Central Avenue and Chestnut Street, along the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, daylilies and countless other plants, many relocated from Joe Parks' own gardens. Formerly a neglected area along the river, the Riverwalk Garden was planned by Dover horticulturalist Joe B. Parks, built by more than hundred volunteers, and dedicated in June, 2008. Joe was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner, a meditation and healing garden installed and maintained by Amy's Treat and dedicated in memory of Dover resident Lorraine Goren and several sculptures created and

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant. More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and regular medical treatments. Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), calling 1-



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800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Red Cross requests donors to schedule an appointment instead of dropping in.

All Red Cross blood drives follow the highest safety and infection control standards with additional COVID-19 implemented precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing, and face coverings for donors and staff. The Red Cross tests blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies, provided to the donor when results are available. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Friday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Bill Dube Ford/Toyota, 40 Point Road
- Tuesday, April 20, from 12 to 5 p.m., at the Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St.
- Thursday, April 22, from 12 to 5:30 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 25 Chestnut St.

Dover Chamber accepting nominations for 2021 Annual Awards Gala

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards Gala, in which awards will be given out to the citizen, volunteer, educator, business and non-profit of the year. The Chamber also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

These awards provide an opportunity for member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, held on Friday, June 4, 2021. The format of the event is to be determined.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to think about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit award nominations, visit www.dovernh.org/awards. Nominations for business, volunteer, non-profit, and citizen of the year are due April 9 by 4 p.m. Nominations for educator of the year and student scholarship applications are due May 3 by 4 p.m.

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

The Annual Awards Gala serves as a sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorships in connection with the Annual Awards Gala, email Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at events@dovernh.org.

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

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 [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

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**
- **Summer day camp counselor**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Seasonal maintenance worker**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Custodian, McConnell Center**

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

