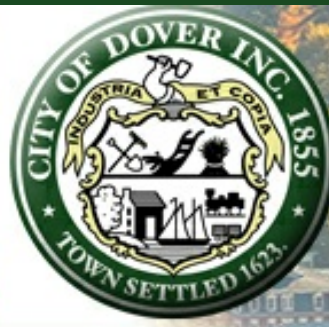


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April 29, 2022



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BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE
FY2023 BUDGET

Council continues FY2023 budget discussions, may adopt budget on May 4

The City Council will continue its general budget review at a 6 p.m. workshop on Wednesday, May 4. If it's ready to adopt a budget by the end of the workshop, the Council will adjourn the workshop and hold a budget adoption special meeting. If it doesn't adopt a budget on May 4, the Council will take up the budget again at its May 11 regular meeting.

There will be opportunities for public input on the budget at the workshop and the special budget adoption meeting, if it occurs.

The City Council began its review of the proposed FY2023

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

budget at its April 27 workshop, which can be [viewed here](#). The discussion included City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. reviewing two budget documents with the Council.

One document provides options for general fund budget adjustments the City Manager has collected from Councilors through the budget process. The document also includes estimated property tax impacts from those potential adjustments. The second document is a 10-year history of the amount Dover has received through the statewide education property tax (SWEPT) and state adequacy aid grant.

Both documents and a link to the budget workshop are available on the [FY2023 Budget Revealed webpage](#).

The May 4 workshop and special meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at dovernh.viebit.com, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

Remaining FY2023 City Council budget schedule

All meetings/workshops below occur on Wednesdays.

- **May 4** at 6 p.m. - Budget workshop - General budget review
- **May 4** - Immediately following budget workshop - Special meeting - Budget adoption
- **May 11** at 7 p.m. - Regular meeting - Fallback budget adoption date

Stay up to date on the budget process by signing up for weekly "Budget Revealed" newsletter

Want to stay up to date on the fiscal year 2023 budget process? Sign up for the city manager's weekly newsletter, Budget Revealed, for a host of information about the budget deliberations. Each newsletter features an in-depth look at the proposed budget, budget meetings with the City Council, and helpful information about the budget process.

See this week's edition online at <https://conta.cc/37R3SjT>.

Sign up today at bit.ly/dovernewsletters, and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of city newsletters.

BUDGET Revealed
YOUR GUIDE TO THE FY2023 BUDGET

Thursday, March 24, 2022

City of Dover
New Hampshire

Proposed Budget
"Your Year 2023"

UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 30
7 p.m.
City Council Workshop
Budget review:
School, Executive, Finance,
Planning and Information
Technology departmental
budgets

Wednesday, April 6
7 p.m.
City Council Workshop
Budget review:
Welfare, Library, Recreation
and Community Services,
departmental budgets

The Budget is Revealed

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, I presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget to the City Council.

The budget can be viewed [online here](#), and copies are available for review at the Public Library and City Hall. The video of my presentation is available [guide here](#).

In my letter to the City Council, included as part of the budget, I explain that the budget proposal continues to prioritize and support efficient delivery of core municipal services in the areas of public safety, education and infrastructure maintenance along with other basic yet essential local government activities. It does so cognizant of the challenges we face in securing the supply and delivery of certain commodities, recruiting and retaining qualified employees in a scarce labor market and other increasing inflationary pressures that are developing from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing war in Ukraine perpetrated by Russia.

Budget Considerations and Development

Consistent with efforts undertaken in years past, the



At a City Council workshop on Wednesday, April 2, Dover City Attorney Joshua Wyatt discussed how the state Legislature's new redistricting law will affect Dover, particularly voters in Ward 4.

City Council directs manager to pursue legal challenge to state Legislature's new redistricting law

This week, the City Council voted to direct City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., to pursue legal action regarding the constitutionality of the New Hampshire House redistricting legislation signed into law earlier this year.

The Council discussed the legislative redistricting legislation at an April 27 workshop with City Attorney Joshua Wyatt. [Click here](#) to view the workshop. At its regular meeting that followed the workshop, the Council voted to recess into a non-public executive session to discuss the topic. When it returned to its public session, the Council voted 7 to 1 to pursue legal action. [Click here](#) to watch the meeting.

House Bill 50 groups Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts, both combined with other towns. At the workshop, Wyatt discussed whether the state constitution requires the representation of Dover's Ward 4 in the House of Representatives to have at least one district that is not grouped with other towns.

As of this time, the City of Dover has not filed a lawsuit regarding the redistricting legislation.

Tax bills in the mail

The City Clerk and Tax Collector's Office have mailed tax bills to all property owners. Tax bills are expected to arrive in the mail starting April 29, 2022.

The current bill, the second half of the annual tax bill, is due by Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

The City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2022, as calculated and certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, is \$21.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

For more information, contact the City Clerk and Tax Collector's Office at 603-516-6018.

The City Clerk and Tax Collector's Office, located at City Hall at 288 Central Ave., is open 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.

Property tax payments can also be paid online by clicking the "Pay My Bill" button on the home page of the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov. Payment of property tax bills is only available for current year tax bills and is not available for properties with a prior year's tax lien. There are fees associated with online payments collected by the payment processing company.



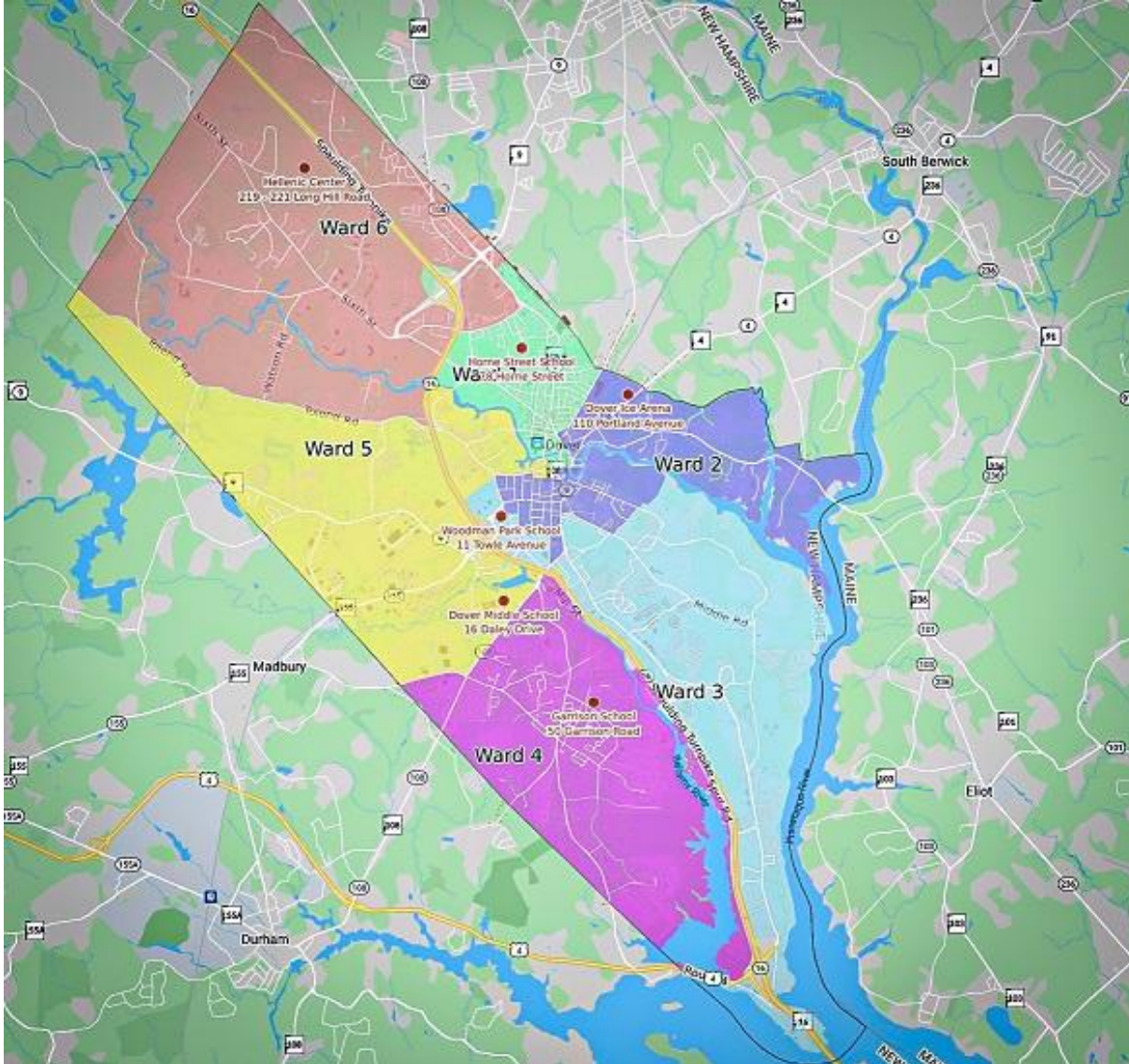
City Clerk mailing notices of ward changes to 1,500 residents

This week, the City Clerk mailed notices to about 1,500 "voting households" to inform them they are now a part of a different ward than they were before.

On Feb. 9, 2022, the City Council adopted new ward boundaries through an ordinance change to ensure near equal representation in Dover's six political wards based on 2020 Census Data. This ward redistricting affected about 1,500 voting households in Dover. Voters in new wards will also vote at different polling locations than their previous ward.

Residents may check which ward they live in through an interactive Ward Map located on the City of Dover's [Election Information webpage](#).

Residents may also contact the City Clerk's office with questions at 603-516-6018.



Upcoming election deadlines:

Deadline to change political party affiliation before the September state primary is May 31

The last day a registered voter can change their party affiliation before Sept. 13, 2022, state primary is May 31, 2022. Per state law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

Voters domiciled in Dover may change their party affiliation at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave., or at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the City Clerk's office.

Candidate filing period for county, state or federal office is June 1-10

The filing period for candidates seeking elected county, state or federal office in New Hampshire this year is from June 1 to 10, 2022. Find information about running for office on the Secretary of State's [Running for Office webpage](#).

City of Dover offers new round of grants for

small businesses affected by coronavirus

The City of Dover announces a new round of “Dover CARES” grant funding targeted at microenterprise and small businesses. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$5,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

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

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

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

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

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

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

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

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at 32 to 40 hours a week or two part-time positions that total 32 to 40 hours a week.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted to:

Office of Business Development
Attn: Reid Amy
288 Central Ave.
Dover, NH 03820

For more information, contact the Office of Business Development at 516-1560 or email Business Development Specialist Reid Amy at r.amy@dover.nh.gov.

Upper Central Avenue roadwork continues

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements project contractor will continue trench restoration on Central Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive next week. The work will include lane shifts, alternating traffic and detours, depending on where the contractor is working. Motorists should anticipate delays.

Planned traffic control schedule for the week of May 2

Monday, May 2 through Tuesday, May 3

- Work is planned from Glenwood Avenue to Merry Street;
- Lane shifts will be necessary and may include one-way traffic alternated by flaggers.

Wednesday, May 4 through Friday, May 6

- Work is planned from Merry Street to Lowell Avenue;
- One-way traffic alternated by flaggers will be required.

Friday, May 6

- If ahead of schedule, work will occur from Lowell Avenue towards Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive;
- Southbound Central Avenue traffic will be detoured around the work area via Lowell Avenue and Mount Vernon Street;
- Northbound traffic will proceed through the work area; lane shifts are expected.

The schedule may change depending on weather and work conditions.

The trench restoration will improve the travel conditions along that section of Central Avenue. Later this fall, after the soil has had more time to settle, a full pavement overlay of Central Avenue will occur in the project area. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



Drug Take Back Day is Saturday

On Saturday, April 30, 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.

Dover, like communities across the state, continues to see the impacts of the opioid crisis. 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.

According to Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department, "The annual Drug Take Back events play a critical role in the Dover Police Department's substance abuse prevention strategy. These events provide an opportunity for members of the public to safely and anonymously dispose of their medications and vape devices. This is a key strategy to accomplish the goal of minimizing unauthorized access and potential abuse of these substances".

According to the 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 throughout the year.

For more information about the take back event and disposal tips visit the DEA website at www.DEA.gov . If you want to learn more about how you can get involved, contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at 603.516.3279 or online at www.DoverCoalition.org.



EPA seeks public comment on proposed update to Dover landfill

On April 27, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed an update to the agency's plan to clean up the Dover Municipal Landfill Superfund Site located on Tolend Road. The proposed update is formally called an "[Explanation of Significant Differences](#)" (ESD) and ensures the cleanup will continue to be protective of human health and the environment, according to the EPA.

The EPA is accepting public comments on its proposed ESD update for two weeks, beginning April 27, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

EPA selected a comprehensive remedy through the site's [Record of Decision](#) in 1991 and subsequent [decision documents](#) to address risks to human health with two components: source control and management of migration. The source control component consists of a multi-level groundwater extraction system. The management of migration (MOM) component addresses two groundwater contaminant plumes migrating from the landfill. The MOM component pumps and treats contaminated groundwater from the southern plume while allowing the eastern plume to degrade naturally.

Proposed changes to the remedy in the ESD include:

- Addition of 1,4-dioxane as a contaminant of concern using the current state groundwater standard as the cleanup level;
- Modifying the cleanup level for tetrahydrofuran in groundwater to reflect the current state groundwater standard, following EPA's risk standards;
- Switching the terminology used for groundwater Cleanup Levels from "Interim Cleanup Levels" to "Cleanup Levels," based on the EPA's revised cleanup terminology.
- Clarifying the site-specific approach to determine when groundwater cleanup levels have been attained. This updated approach supports determinations when groundwater at the site has been restored for its permissible, beneficial use and no longer presents an unacceptable risk to human health due to site-related contaminants, according to the EPA.

The complete Explanation of Significant Differences document is available at the EPA's dedicated website for the Dover landfill, www.epa.gov/superfund/dover, which also includes other documents and information related to the site.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has reviewed the ESD and supports the proposed changes. EPA and the NHDES will evaluate public comments on the proposed changes before making the final decision to approve the ESD. The ESD will not fundamentally change the terms, scope, performance, or cost of the EPA's plan to clean up the Dover Municipal Landfill site established in 1991 and updated in 2004 and 2009.

Comment on the proposed update by mail or email through May 11

The public can comment on the proposed update through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, by email or mail. Direct comments to Gerardo Millan-Ramos.

By email: Millan-Ramos.Gerardo@epa.gov.

By mail:

**Gerardo Millan-Ramos
U.S. EPA Region 1 Mail Code: 07-1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912**

Comments by mail must be postmarked by May 11, 2022, to be accepted.

For more information or questions, contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Charlotte Gray at gray.charlotte@epa.gov or 617-918-1243.

Background

The City of Dover owns the 50-acre inactive landfill on Tolend Road and operated the landfill from 1960 to 1980. The landfill accepted domestic and industrial waste, including leather-

tanning wastes, organic solvents, municipal trash and sludge from the Dover wastewater plant. Facility operations contaminated groundwater with volatile organic compounds and arsenic. In 1977, the state installed monitoring wells around the area and found that organic solvents were entering the groundwater, posing a potential threat to nearby residential wells and public water supplies for Dover and Portsmouth. The site was added to EPA's National Priorities List in 1983.



COAST Bus celebrates 40 years of connecting people and places: 15.6 million rides and counting

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, more commonly known as COAST, is celebrating its 40th year of providing service. Since delivering its first passenger in 1982, COAST has given 15.6 million rides to people in the Greater Seacoast region, affordably linking them with work, school, doctor appointments, shopping, and social events.

Public transit services in the Greater Seacoast region date back as far back as the late 19th century. But as streetcars gave way to buses in the 1930's, the region headed into the next half century with an ever-dwindling and disconnected system of privately operated transportation options. Formed by a group of citizens, planners, government representatives and business owners committed to developing a coordinated system of regional transportation as a public service, COAST began financially supporting public transit services in the region in 1982.

Today, COAST connects people and places in two primary ways: with fixed route buses that connect 10 communities across the Greater Seacoast area; and by providing demand response services for older adults and individuals with disabilities in 13 communities in New Hampshire and Maine. COAST also supports demand response services operated by other nonprofit agencies throughout Strafford and Rockingham Counties, providing a critical link between communities and the support services their residents need.

As COAST has grown and expanded over the years, so too has its contributions to the region both as a critical transportation resource but also a driver of the economy. A 2021 economic impact study conducted by the Stafford Regional and Rockingham Planning Commissions found that COAST's direct, indirect, and induced effect on spending on the local economy, as well as the economic impact of access provided by their services, is estimated at \$25.9 million annually. Every dollar invested in COAST, whether by riders at the fare box or by the towns that COAST serves, generates approximately \$4.08 of activity in the local economy.

"For the most part, COAST has been rolling buses and vans out onto the streets for the last four decades without much fanfare," said Rad Nichols, Executive Director of COAST. "We've been quietly and very successfully going about the important business of providing an essential

service for families in the Greater Seacoast all the while solidifying our role as a critically important part of the region's economic vitality.”

But COAST is more than ridership numbers and a vehicle for economic activity. COAST is also a respected employer whose staff has grown from one to just over 70. As a medium sized organization, COAST strives to provide high quality, rewarding careers coupled with competitive pay and benefits.

“We're proud of the significant number of our team members that been with COAST for 10, 15, 20 and even 25 years. Many employees stay at COAST because they are committed to the important service they perform for their community and neighbors,” said Nichols. “But they also stay because they enjoy being part of a team that respects their contributions and supports them as professionals.”

In addition to serving the transportation needs of the region, COAST has a long history of giving back to the communities where it operates by providing shuttle services, collecting food, raising funds, and offering discounted or free tickets to individuals in need, including area schools and organizations that are teaching young adults valuable life skills.

In the last 15 years in particular, COAST has experienced its most significant growth. As it marks its 40th anniversary, COAST is keeping its eyes firmly fixed on the road ahead. In order to better meet its current operational needs, be responsive to future demand and reduce its environmental impact, COAST is developing plans to build a new facility on its current property in Dover. The project, which will be funded through a combination of federal, state, local and private dollars, is an investment in both the regional economy and in climate action.

“As the region, and the world, moves into a future that will be defined increasingly by climate change, COAST represents an important part of our local climate resiliency plan,” said Nichols. “The average trip taken on COAST instead of in a personal vehicle represents 7.5 pounds of fewer emissions being released. Our new facility will ensure that COAST will be a reliable and environmentally responsible resource for the people of the Greater Seacoast for the next 40 years and beyond.”

More information about COAST's history, routes, schedules and fares can be found at www.coastbus.org.



Dover Pride Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 14

Dover Main Street will hold its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The event takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a "thank you" pizza lunch.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get out of the house and do something for your community. Volunteers are needed for raking, weeding, edging, sweeping, mulching and picking up litter at sites throughout the downtown. Volunteers are urged to bring work gloves, rakes, brooms, gardening tools, wheelbarrows and shovels.

Registration opens at the Cocheco Mill Courtyard beginning at 7:30 a.m., with work beginning at the downtown sites at 8 a.m. The "thank-you" pizza lunch, courtesy of Kendall Pond Pizza, begins at 11:30 a.m.

This is a rain or shine event.

For more information or to register in advance, email info@dovermainstreet.org or visit: <https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=48>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Arts Commission, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Business and Industrial Development Authority, May 3, 4:30 p.m.

The Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 4, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop, followed by special meeting, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.



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.

Need to contact your elected representative?

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, [Find My Representative](#), for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out [more](#)

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

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, May 5, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

[information about the City Council here](#).

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the [City of Dover's interactive ward map](#). The map also includes polling locations.

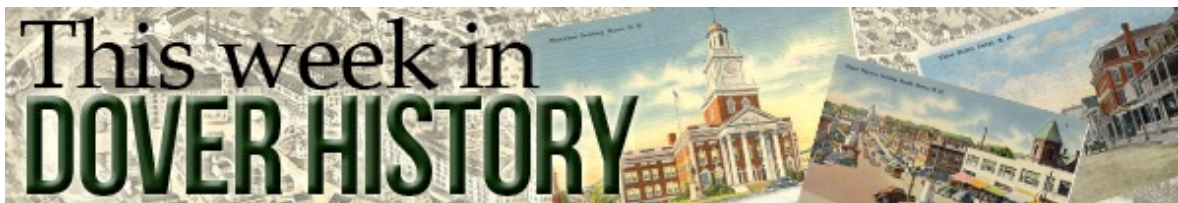
A list of School Board members and contact information [can be found here](#).



Pay bills online

Did you know property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online? Simply use the "Pay My Bill" button on the homepage of the City's website to pay property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills via credit card or by electronic check.

To learn more or pay a bill, visit: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/payment/>



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources and texts about the history of Dover.

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 on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

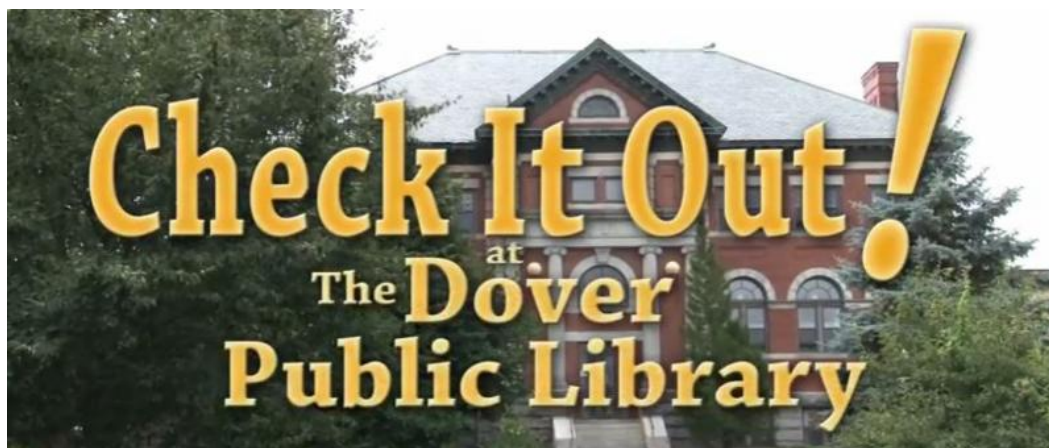
April 30, 1731 — By a vote of the town, one and a half acres of land at Pine Hill, near the meeting house, were set apart as a public burying ground.

May 2, 1854 — The "Dover Hotel," one of the oldest public houses in the State, was closed and converted into tenements.

May 4, 1863 — William H. Hackett, a member of the 35th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment who was killed at the Battle of Antietam during the Civil War, was buried this day in Dover, where he was born and raised.

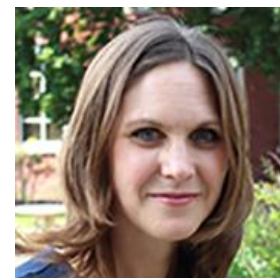
May 1, 1971 — Dover police arrested a 24-year-old Farmington man, David Woodman, and charged him with the murder of Robert Dodge, a watchman at Kidder Press, who was shot to death earlier that year, in January. Dodge was shot after he discovered burglars in the building. Police would also charge David Woodman's brother, Walter, with murder. During the investigation, it was revealed that David Woodman, an employee at Kidder Press at the time, had access to the building and was known to Dodge.

May 1, 2001 — Dover and regional officials broke ground on this day for a passenger rail station off Chestnut Street, the site of a former police substation. Although it wasn't known when passenger rail service was expected to begin, the station was being constructed in anticipation of the future service. Dover was a planned stop on what would be an Amtrak Boston-to-Portland passenger rail service. The cost of the new station was \$1,039,326, with Dover contributing \$207,865. Grants under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Act accounted for the remaining \$831,461. Dover's Transportation Center is now served by the Amtrak Downeaster, which makes several stops in Dover each day between Boston and Portland.



NH Humanities Program at the Dover Public Library

All are welcome to attend the upcoming NH Humanities program at the Dover Public Library, either in-person or virtually on Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm. The program is entitled “Hooked: Narratives of Addiction, Recovery and Redemption” to be presented by Kate Gaudet. No registration for this free program is required unless you'd like to attend virtually. To register for virtual attendance, see the library's event calendar at <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/events/>.



During National Mental Health Awareness Month and in the midst of New Hampshire's opioid crisis, we are far from the time when addiction was an unfamiliar and even taboo subject. Narratives of addiction and recovery have become their own genre, with familiar shapes and forms that reflect deep cultural ideas about morality, free will, and social responsibility. The popularity of such narratives has created opportunities for empathy and understanding; they have also fostered particular beliefs about how addiction and recovery work. This talk will explore some of the most common stories about addiction, providing tools for understanding on a narrative and structural level. From this foundation, we will explore whether the familiarity of some stories might create barriers to recognizing different experiences of addiction or approaches to recovery, and think about where we might find more diverse accounts to inform our understanding of and response to addiction.

Katherine Gaudet is a scholar of the history of reading. She is Associate Director of the University Honors Program at the University of New Hampshire, where she is also a member of the Humanities faculty. She has published on topics including suicide, bankruptcy, and education in early America, and teaches courses on the narrative structures of topics like addiction, epidemics, and criminality. In 2015 she received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a course called “What Is a Criminal?” and is currently editing an essay collection of the same title, forthcoming in 2022. (See more here: whatisacriminal.org.) She is also a freelance writer and editor. She lives in Saco, Maine with her husband, daughter, and son.

For more information about NH Humanities see their website at <https://www.nhhumanities.org>.

The Week at the Library

May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Lost Kitchen* by Erin French. Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages.

Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, May 1, 2 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teens

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Andrew, following the world-shaking Princes of the Apocalypse story-line! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions.

Registration required.

Monday, May 2, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Beyond Books: Program STEM

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

Monday, May 2, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Big Kids Storytime

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

Tuesday, May 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adults

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.

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

Wednesday, May 4, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 to 4:30 a.m.

Teen Crafternoon: Star Wars Magnets

Celebrate Star Wars Day with us as we make Star Wars characters out of perler beads! This program is open to teens in grades 6-12.

Thursday, May 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. May's selection is *Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

Thursday, May 5, 10 to 10:45 am

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, May 6, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years (older siblings always welcome). We will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.



Dover Arts Commission presents "Keep Dover Wild," seeks artists

On Saturday, May 14, the Dover Arts Commission will present "Keep Dover Wild," during which wildflowers will pop up all over downtown. Businesses may sign up to have their windows decorated for free with spring flowers by talented local artists. Artists may sign up to paint native New Hampshire blooms, such as the Pink Lady Slipper and lilacs, on storefronts creating a corridor of flowers down Central Avenue. All chosen artists will receive a small stipend and materials.

Keep Dover Wild takes place during Dover Pride Clean Up Day. The public may participate by volunteering to help distribute supplies, set up, clean up and cheer.

Businesses, artists and volunteers may sign up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbBzZ8R6ZEOHeQfUINyrmgwYGoIC8DcvbMNFvAC7tqA7Ulw/viewform>

The Dover Arts Commission promotes the arts in Dover, advocates for artists, highlights local talent, and engages the Dover community. Learn more about the Arts Commission at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission/>.

Second neighborhood meeting for Whittier Street Sidewalk project on May 11

Community Services will hold a second neighborhood meeting about the upcoming Whittier Street Sidewalk Construction project on Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Public Works facility at 271 Mast Road.

Representatives for the project contractor, GW Brooks & Son, Inc., of Freedom, will be at the meeting to discuss the project schedule. The meeting will also include a review of the project goals and anticipated temporary impacts. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this public meeting.

Sign up for project email updates at <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project updates: Whittier Street Sidewalk Improvements" to your current email subscription list. There is also a [dedicated project page](#).

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



Calling All Makers!

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire has put out a call for Makers of all kinds who would like to share their creations with area families at the museum's 10th annual NH Maker Fest on Saturday, June 4, 2022. A "Maker" can be anything from an engineer, scientist, baker, tinkerer, homesteader, artisan, performer, and more! "The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's mission is to actively engage families in hands-on discovery, and that is exactly what happens at the NH Maker Fest," shared Neva Cole, CMNH Communications Director.

A wide array of Makers have already signed up to participate in the tenth year of this popular local festival including Makers from Port City Makerspace, a young jewelry maker named Catherine who founded Jewelry Four Change which gives back to non-profits, and educators with the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains with their STEM Van. These are just a few examples of participants, and each one brings something unique to the Fest.

The museum is also excited to welcome Plastic Recycled with their plastic waste recycling machines to their first Fest. "We'll be collaborating with them to do a plastic bottle cap drive leading up to the Fest, and they will use that plastic to demonstrate how their machines break down the plastic, heat it up and then mold it into sea turtle ornaments!" shared Cole. The ornaments will be used as giveaways during the Fest.

Other creative festivals will even be represented at the NH Maker Fest. The organizers of the Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race will be on hand showing off some of their participant's crazy kinetic sculptures from their human-powered, all-terrain races.

The deadline to apply to be a Maker at the 2022 NH Maker Fest is Friday, May 13. Information and an application can be found on the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's website, www.childrens-museum.org. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to apply, young or old, amateur or professional. Makers of all levels and abilities are welcome to participate, and if you aren't able to participate as a Maker, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, 10am-3pm to join in as a festival visitor. Admission into the NH Maker Fest is by a suggested \$5 per person donation.

Coming soon:

Sign up Soon!

Adult/Child Workshop
Fairy House & Gnome Home Building

Saturday, May 7, 10-10:45am

Design and build a fairy house or gnome home to bring home! Sponsored by Great Island Realty. Cost per adult/child pair: \$15 for CMNH Members, \$20 for non-Members. \$5 per additional child. Cost of workshop doesn't include museum admission. Reservations required:

<https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/camps-classes>



Coming Soon!

Fairy House & Gnome Home Spring Celebration

Friday, May 13 -Sunday May 15

Regular museum admission will include tons of fairy and gnome fun this weekend! Fairy & Gnome houses will be on display in the park, and at local businesses, and families can build their own to take home or add to the display! Visitors can dress up in their favorite fairy, gnome,

prince, princess, knight in shining armor, or even unicorn and dragon attire! Special performances will include a visit by Lindsay and her Puppet Pals on Saturday, May 14, and a special fairy-themed Mini Ballet Performance by Musical Arts of Dover on Sunday, May 15. Online reservations are required: <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/fairy-house-gnome-home-spring-celebration>

Calling All Makers!

Join us at the 10th annual NH Maker Fest, Saturday, June 4, 10am-3pm. The deadline to apply to participate in the Fest as a Maker is **Friday, May 13th**. We're looking for Makers of all kinds, experience levels, and ages. Engineers, scientists, bakers, tinkerers, artisans, homesteader, performers, musicians are all welcome to apply! Learn more here and apply today: <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/nh-maker-food-fest>

Support CMNH!

Car or Cash Raffle

Ends Thursday, June 16, 2022

Only 775 tickets will be sold for this annual museum fundraiser. Tickets are \$100 each and one winner will get to choose between \$25,000 towards a new Nissan from Port City Nissan, or \$20,000 cash! Get your tickets here: <https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/car-raffle>



Quarantine and Isolation Calculator FAQ

CDC Quarantine and Isolation Calculator is a tool to help people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 or have COVID-19 to determine if they need to isolate, quarantine, or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19.

To use the tool:

- People with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms need to know the date they were tested for COVID-19
- People with COVID-19 who have symptoms need to know the date their symptoms began
- Close contacts need to know the date they last came into close contact with someone with COVID-19



Answers to frequently asked questions about the Quarantine and Isolation Calculator are available for those who want to learn more about the tool.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [online resource here](#).

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit vaccines.nh.gov and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

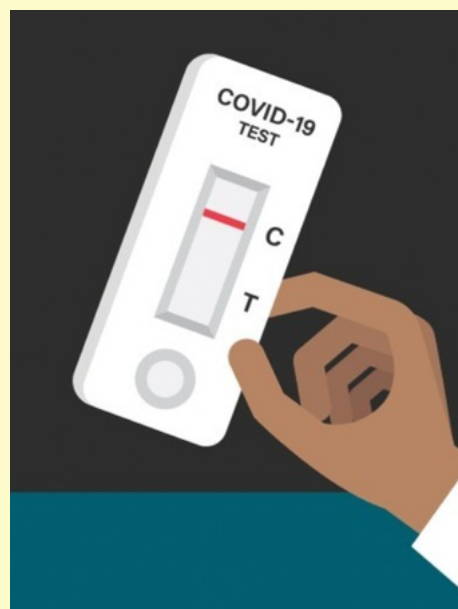
Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific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

For more information about COVID-19 testing, including where to get tested, visit the State of New Hampshire's online resource at <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance>.

When to get tested for COVID-19

Get tested for COVID-19:

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms
- At least 5 days after known or suspected close contact to COVID-19
- For screening (schools, workplaces, congregate settings, etc.)
- Before and after travel
- When asked by a healthcare professional or public health official
- Attending an upcoming event or gathering? Reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by getting tested as close to the event date as possible.



Self-tests are one of several options for testing for the virus that causes COVID-19 and may be more convenient than laboratory-based tests and point-of-care tests.

If you have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days and recovered, you do not need to be tested unless you develop new symptoms.

The [Coronavirus Self-Checker](#) is an interactive clinical assessment tool that can help you decide when to seek testing or medical care if you think you have COVID-19 or have come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [online resource here](#).

Your COVID-19 vaccination card

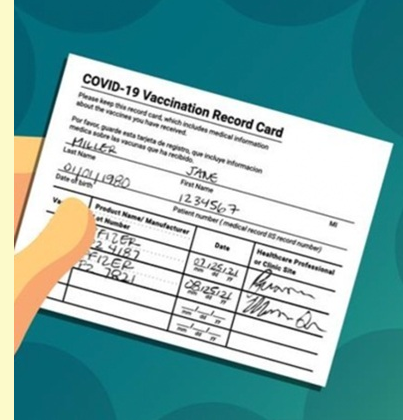
At your first vaccination appointment, you should get a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it, and where you received it.

Keep your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card for future use. Consider taking a picture of your card after your vaccination appointment as a backup copy.

Bring your card to your appointment whenever you get an additional dose or booster so that your provider can fill in information about your shot.

If you have lost your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination card or don't have a copy, contact your vaccination provider directly to request a vaccination card or to get a copy of your vaccination record.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [online resource here](#).



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 for the following positions:

- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Camera operator**
- **Truck driver: Utilities**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**

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

