

## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 30, 2021



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

> Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:



## **Budget deliberations continue**

#### Upcoming workshop includes proposed police and fire budgets

The City Council continued its review of the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget during a workshop this past Wednesday, April 28.

At the workshop, the Council heard budget presentations from the Recreation, Library and Welfare departments.

The workshop can be viewed in full at <u>dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=GiKvi96si9vx</u>. Copies of individual department PowerPoint budget presentations are located along with the agenda and workshop minutes, <u>available here</u>.

Earlier this month, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. presented the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget and provided a brief overview. The budget in its entirety can be viewed at the <u>City of</u>





# State to hold virtual public hearing, informational session on General Sullivan Bridge May 13

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, for the proposed rehabilitation or replacement of the General Sullivan Bridge over Little Bay in the Town of Newington and City of Dover. The DSEIS can be accessed and downloaded from the project website, <u>http://www.newington-dover.com/gsb\_subsite/index.html</u> or can be viewed as a hard copy document at the Dover Public Library and Dover City Hall.

There will be a public hearing to present the project's impact on environmental resources and accept comments on the DSEIS document. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held virtually, via Zoom Webinar, on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6 p.m. Written comments will be accepted through June 7, 2021. Comments may be submitted in writing or by email to Ms. Jennifer Reczek at NH Department of Transportation, 7 Hazen Drive, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 or Jennifer.E.Reczek@dot.nh.gov.

To attend the Zoom Webinar meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or an Android device please go to <u>https://vhb.zoom.us/j/98070244560?</u> <u>pwd=SzBmWGpDdGhuUFZITzlhSzFSNHB5QT09</u>. When prompted type in the passcode: 739543

To join the Zoom Meeting by telephone, dial 1-301-715-8592. When prompted enter on your keypad the Meeting ID followed by #: 980 7024 4560. Next, you will be prompted to enter your Participant ID followed by #: 739543. Participants that call in on the telephone must press \*6 to mute or unmute and \*9 to raise and lower your hand. International numbers are available at <a href="https://zoom.us/u/aJsTC21g">https://zoom.us/u/aJsTC21g</a>.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 – TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be made at the earliest convenience.

If an individual wishing to participate in the public hearing does not have access to internet or telephone service, please contact Ms. Jennifer Reczek by 4:30 p.m., May 10, 2021.

## Volunteers needed for Main Street's Dover Pride Clean Up Day on May 15

Dover Main Street will hold its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day on this year on Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 8 a.m. to noon. Last year's clean-up day was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get of the house and do something for your community.

Individuals, organizations or groups wishing to volunteer for this year's event may register on the Dover Main Street website at https://dovermainstreet.org/doverPride.php or



visit to the registration table at the Cocheco Mill courtyard on morning of the event.

Bring your home gardening tools if you can -- gloves, brooms, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. Make sure to put your name on your tools. This is a rain-or-shine event, so please come prepared.

Due to the continued uncertainty of the pandemic, Dover Main Street will not hold the traditional breakfast or lunch this year. Dover Main Street also recommends wearing a mask and maintaining a six-foot physical distance from others.

## City planning for Fourth of July fireworks at Garrison Hill Park

After a year hiatus, the City of Dover is planning the return of the annual Fourth of July fireworks this year with a show from atop Garrison Hill Park.

For many years, Garrison Hill Park was a regular fireworks site, including for Dover's 375th anniversary in 1998. As in years past, the City is working with Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment of Jaffrey to create the fireworks show.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon said the decision to shoot the fireworks from Garrison Hill Park this year was to allow people to disperse throughout the city to view the fireworks instead of gathering en masse at Henry Law Park.

"It's not the time to have thousands of people in one place," Bannon said at a recent Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

There will not be any concerts or activities at Henry Law Park for the Fourth of July this year. The New Hampshire's Army National Guard "39th Army Band," a staple of local Fourth of July festivities, is not available this year, as its members have been deployed to aid in COVID-19 vaccinations around the state, Bannon reported at the meeting.

City of Dover Fourth of July in-person activities, including the annual fireworks display, was canceled last year due to concerns of the COVID-19 disease.

### Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management holds organizational meeting

#### Group is made up of communities working to improve Great Bay water quality

The Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management held its organizational meeting on Thursday, April 29 at Dover City Hall.

The Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management was formed earlier this month when the cities of Rochester, Dover and Portsmouth signed an intermunicipal agreement, creating a framework to collaborate with each other, regulators and stakeholders to improve water quality and reduce total nitrogen in the Great Bay estuary. The towns of Newington and Milton have also signed onto the agreement, and officials from Exeter are expected to at Thursday's organizational meeting. The Municipal Alliance is open to all communities in the Great Bay watershed.

The Municipal Alliance members have opted into the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Bay Total Nitrogen (GBTN) Permit to establish and implement an adaptive management framework set forth by the permit. The partnering communities opted into the GBTN Permit because it provides greater, long-term flexibility for meeting regulatory compliance and a more collaborative framework for protecting and promoting water quality throughout the Great Bay Estuary watershed.

The organizational meeting included the election of the Executive Board, board officers and the appointment of the City of Rochester as the fiscal agent. The members also accepted funding for adaptive management and monitoring this year, authorized expenditures to support four projects, and received a status update on GBTN permit compliance.

## 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 <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Ordinance Committee, May 3, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

## City Council, May 5, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a budget workshop session on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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

## 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, <u>click here</u>.

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

### Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand. Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

### Local groups to hold community food drive

Help the Dover Rotary Club, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, and Gather to keep local food pantries stocked by dropping off non-perishable food items. A Community Food Drive will be held at 238 Indian Brook Drive (the parking lot next to Tucker's) on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



## Dover400 historical lecture series continues May 11 with 'The Cotton Mills of Dover'

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on May 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the history of the Cocheco Mills in downtown Dover.

These huge brick structures at the center of our community, perched over the Cochecho River and its Falls, began as the nascent Dover Cotton Factory, matured into the flourishing Dover Manufacturing Company, grew to prosperity as the highly renowned Cocheco Manufacturing Company and Print Works, and finally sputtered to an inglorious end as the Pacific Mills.

Along the way, from their beginnings in 1812 to their demise in 1937, the mills shaped not only the generations of people who worked there, but also the civic direction and economic development of the City of Dover. The webinar's audience will learn about both astounding feats and abysmal events which occurred in these mills including: the first strike by women in the United States, a calico manufactory that annually printed and shipped 65 million yards of fabric worldwide during the 1880s, plus tales of industrial spying, dung baths, waves of immigrants, and some disastrous fires and floods.

These former factories still physically dominate our downtown, influence our business community, our traffic patterns, and our commercial and residential development. They still affect our urban vibrancy and livability, and still proudly stand as a symbol of Dover's industrial heritage, even more than eight decades after they closed.

Our lecturer for this event is Cathy Beaudoin. Cathy was Library Director at the Dover Public Library from 1999—2020 and has been a Dover history researcher since 1975. She is the coauthor, with Robert Whitehouse, of "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" and has developed and written many historical reenactment events and neighborhood walking tour brochures. Now retired, she is a member of the Dover 400th Committee, the Cemetery Board, and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Woodman Museum.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the May 11, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on <u>www.Dover400.org</u> or register directly at <u>https://ringcentr.al/3sI0496/</u>.

The earlier four lectures in the series (presented January through April) can be viewed online if you missed them. They cover Dover history in the 17th and 18th centuries and can be found here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400</u>

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- Dover railroad history
- Dover regiments in the Civil War
- Dover Booms as a 19th Century Shipping Port

- Treasures of the Woodman Museum
- Downtown Dover During the early 20th Century
- Dover's service in the two World Wars

Dover400 is currently underway with its first fundraising campaign, \$400 for 400, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover's 400th Anniversary. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. Donations may be sent to Dover400, 24 Chestnut St., Dover, NH 03820. For more information, please visit www.Dover400.org.

### SEED raises more than \$21k at virtual fundraiser

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, recently raised \$21,334 from its annual fundraiser, Bid for a Brighter Future. All proceeds will be used to fund the spring grant cycle which is underway.

SEED's ability to underwrite new proposals is entirely dependent on the success of its annual fundraiser. By the end of 2021 school year, SEED will have donated more than \$200,000 in education initiatives, cutting edge technology, software, equipment, and educator training on new teaching methods.

"We know the pandemic has forced educators to creatively think about different ways to engage and serve students," said Natalie Koellmer, SEED Board Chair. "The proceeds will fund programs developed by teachers and administrators to deliver impact in this new environment."

Dozens of companies stepped up to help through direct donations and donated auction items. "We are so grateful to the many business and individual sponsors, and the many more who bid on auction items, to achieve this accomplishment," continued Koellmer.

Major sponsors include Red's Shoe Barn, Preti Flaherty, BBC&R, Jewelry Creations, DF Richard, Flynn Insurance, RW Health & Employee Benefits, Bellamy & Watson Fields, and Cinco de Mayo.

Event Sponsors include Leddy Group, Air Vacuum Corp, New England Tutors, Mourgenous Lawn Care, Great Island Realty, Deborah & David Bamford, Lynda Robidas, Sentinel Title Service, and Dover School Administrators.

Donations include James T Duffy, Peter Bixby, American Legion Post 8, Larry and Sarah Gardner, Marie and Barry Knox, Emil and Dawn Uliano, Jeremiah and Carol Ann Mastro, Rachael Burdin, Shelly MacGregor, Paula DePlanche, and Ahn Murphy.

SEED just closed its spring grant cycle. All proposals are currently being reviewed for funding consideration and award in May 2021. For more information about SEED, please visit <a href="http://www.DoverSEED.org">www.DoverSEED.org</a>.

### **SEED elects new board members**

Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover, New Hampshire public schools, recently elected four new board members, each to serve an initial two-year term.

The board welcomed seasoned sales and project management professional, Lori Nollet, a PMP Certified Project Manager and SAFe 5 certified Scrum Master for Lincoln Financial Group. Nollet has lived in Dover for more than 20 years and has volunteered for many non-profit and educational organizations including Woodman Park School Parent Teacher Organization, Seacoast Titans, Dover Baseball, Dover Little Green, Dover High School Football and Ski Boosters. Lifelong Dover resident, Maureen Staples brings rich nonprofit experience having served in board roles for several local organizations. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire with an Occupational Therapy degree, she enjoys volunteering for community projects.

Andrea Kersha has worked her entire career for nonprofit organizations across the healthcare industry, including acute care, long-term care, and community health care. Originally from Massachusetts, Kersha moved to Dover in 2020 and has great interest in giving back to the community she loves.

Jason Gaskell comes to SEED with extensive experience in nonprofit operations and compliance across virtually every field and vertical. Gaskell currently serves as a manager at Leone, McDonnell, and Roberts Professional Association and uses his expertise to conduct and supervise audit fieldwork for nonprofits clients.

In addition to these new members, the SEED Board of Directors includes Natalie Koellmer (chair); Kelly Glennon (vice-chair); Pat Duffy (treasurer); Julie Black (secretary); Toby Arkwell; Markus Brave; Matt Cox; George Dailey; Deb Fennessey; Erin Tellez; and Cynthia Theodoras.

Entirely funded by community giving, SEED promotes the teaching and learning of 21st century skills by providing Dover educators access to tools, training, and curriculum not otherwise available through traditional school budgets. To learn more about SEED, please visit <u>http://www.DoverSEED.org</u>.



JASON GASKELL



LORI NOLLET



ANDREA KERSHA



MAUREEN STAPLES

## Kindergarten, first-grade registration now open at Dover's public elementary schools

Dover elementary schools are now accepting appointments for kindergarten and first-grade registrations for the 2021-2021 school year. To be eligible, children entering kindergarten must be five years old by Sept. 30, 2021; and children entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten), must be six years old by Sept. 30, 2021. In addition, to complete the registration process, parents and guardians must provide a copy of a birth certificate, proof of residency, proof of immunization and physical exam, and, if necessary, court documents stating custodial rights.

This year, Dover's elementary schools conduct all new kindergarten and first-grade registration online. Online registration can be completed in approximately 30 minutes. Please note, the online registration system is not supported to work with smartphones at this time. Please use a computer-based browser. The link to begin registering is <u>https://bit.ly/3ngiaOj</u>.

Contact information for each school is listed below, as well as a link to sign up for kindergarten screening in June. If you need assistance registering your child, please contact the school. Please note in-person registration is by appointment and only if you cannot complete the

registration online.

#### Horne Street School

Please email Ms. Morton at <u>p.morton@dover.k12.nh.us</u> with any questions and <u>click HERE</u> to sign up for screening.

#### Woodman Park Elementary School

Please email Ms. Rouillard at <u>m.rouillard@dover.k12.nh.us</u> with any questions and <u>click HERE</u> to sign up for screening.

#### **Garrison Elementary School**

Please email Ms. Lilakos at <u>k.lilakos@dover.k12.nh.us</u> with any questions and <u>click HERE</u> to sign up for screening.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten (not first grade) will be asked to make an additional appointment for their child to partake in an early-screening skills check. This appointment will take one hour and will assist teachers in meeting the individual needs of each student. Screening and registration must both be completed.



## Recycling Center offers food composting

Did you know food composting is available for Dover residents at the Recycling Center? The City of Dover has partnered with Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost, composting option to divert waste and tonnage from the solid waste stream that gets landfilled. Learn more: http://ow.ly/zvih50DrKhk



## City urges voluntary water conservation

#### Aquifers at 'concerningly low levels'

Community Services Director John Storer requests City of Dover water users to be mindful and conserve water whenever possible as a year-long precipitation deficit nears 20 inches, leaving aquifers at "concerningly low levels."

The aquifers the City of Dover relies on for drinking water have been about two feet below average in early spring, when levels typically peak from snowmelt and spring precipitation.

Storer estimates the two-foot aquifer deficit "represents multiple millions of gallons of water," with levels similar to the extended 2015 drought.

"Where we would normally expect to see some recovery in our aquifers as winter transitions to spring, the expected recovery just hasn't occurred," Storer said. "We will likely need months of normal to above-normal precipitation to pull out of the current conditions."

According to the National Weather Service precipitation measurements taken at Skyhaven Hill Airport in Rochester, the 2021 precipitation deficit is already more than six inches, adding to the deficit that began in May 2020. Since May 1, 2020, the precipitation deficit has grown to 19 inches compared to the average year. The U.S. Drought Monitor classifies the area as being "abnormally dry," one step above a "moderate drought" designation. The City of Dover and much of the region have oscillated between "abnormally dry" and "extreme drought" since June 23, 2020.

There are no mandatory water restrictions in place as there was last year, and Storer is hopeful that water users recognize the critical need to conserve water voluntarily.

City water users are now drawing on average about 1.8 million gallons of water per day, slightly up from 1.7 million gallons per day in January, but well below last summer's peak.

"What will be critical for us is to avoid high monthly averages like we saw last June, where the average daily water draw went over 2.6 million gallons per day," Storer said. "The next three to four weeks will be very critical as if there is no significant rain, we would likely need to institute mandatory water use restrictions."

The City of Dover elected to take one of its four aquifers offline in 2019 to not further draw contaminants into the aquifer from the former Madbury Metals site nearby, which is also challenging the water supply. The City is working with the property owner to remediate the site and build a state-of-the-art water treatment plant, which is expected to be under construction later this year.



# State opens sites to provide J&J appointments this Sunday

Gov. Chris Sununu announced this week that the State of New Hampshire will open three of the state's fixed sites to provide additional Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 appointments. These appointments are available in VINI for this Sunday, May 2 at the Concord, Nashua and Newington vaccination clinics. These clinics are not open to walk-in appointments. Everyone must schedule an appointment in VINI.

The sites will be open from 8 a.m. to 4: p.m. this Sunday,

## Vaccine registration now open to all

COVID-19 vaccine registration is open to everyone in New Hampshire ages 16 and older. Parental consent is required for anyone 16 and 17 years of age. To register and schedule your vaccine appointment, go and a total of 4,500 Johnson & Johnson vaccine appointments were opened.

Appointments remain available for individuals to schedule by registering at <u>https://vaccines.nh.gov</u> or scheduling through their VINI account. Individuals with later appointments can also reschedule for an appointment at this clinics on Sunday in their VINI account. To find the locations, individuals should search:

- Concord, NH or 03301
- Nashua, NH or 03060
- Newington, NH or 03801

The Johnson and Johnson Janssen vaccine is only available to individuals 18 years of age and older. 16 and 17 years olds are not eligible to be vaccinated at these Johnson & Johnson clinics.

> Concord Vaccination Clinic: Steeplegate Mall (former Sears entrance) 270 Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301

#### **Nashua Vaccination Clinic:**

Pheasant Lane Mall (former Sears entrance) 310 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, NH 03060

#### Mall at Fox Run:

50 Fox Run Road (former Sears entrance) Newington, NH 03801

Only individuals who have a confirmed appointment with the State of New Hampshire will be able to receive the vaccine.

Individuals who do not have a confirmed appointment time should not show up to the vaccine clinics.

#### **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 <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

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

## How you can help slow the spread of COVID-19

• Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to

to vaccines.nh.gov and create an account in NH's Vaccine and 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 <u>NH</u> <u>Resident Resources</u> page.

## V-safe can offer some peace of mind after vaccinations

V-safe is a smartphonebased tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Through v-safe, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers to the web surveys, someone from CDC may call to check on you and get more information. V-safe will also remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one.

Go to <u>vsafe.cdc.gov</u> to get started. You will need your smartphone and information about the COVID-19 vaccine you received. help protect yourself and others.

- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

### 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. <u>Guidance for self-quarantine is available here</u>.

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 <u>business.nh.gov/DOS\_COVID19Testing</u>. Other options can be found here: <u>www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm</u>.

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

- <u>Stay at least 6 feet away from others</u>, whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- <u>Cover your mouth and nose with a mask</u> when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- <u>Wash your hands</u> often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- <u>Avoid crowded indoor spaces</u> and <u>ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated</u> 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 <u>www.nh.gov/covid19/</u>.

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, <u>located here</u>.

**May 5, 1777** — Voted that Col. Otis Baker, Capt. Thomas Young, and Capt. John Hayes be empowered to enlist what men are wanting to make this town's quota of men for completing the Battalions to be raised in this State, on the best terms they can. It was also voted that the selectmen furnish the committee with money to hire said men and raise the same in the next

tax bill.

**May 3, 1825** — This being the day of the annual military parade and inspection, the Strafford Guards paraded in front of the house of Hon. William Hale, when a beautiful standard was presented to them, in behalf of the ladies of Dover, by John W. Mellen, accompanied by an eloquent address, to which Ensign Sperling, on receiving the standard, made an appropriate reply.

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

**May 6, 1854** — The thermometer sank below the freezing point and ice nearly half an inch thick was formed. It also snowed quite fast for about half an hour.

**May 4, 1863** — William H. Hackett of the 35th Mass. Regt. killed at the battle of Antietam, was buried in Dover.



### The Week at the Library

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

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Registration required

#### Tuesday, May 4, 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, May 4, 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 is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The 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, May 5, 4 to 4:45 o.m. Celebrate Children's Book Week on the Front Lawn

Help honor the beauty, diversity, and magic of the picture book. Community members of all ages are invited to participate. Library staff members will read some of their favorite picture books. A take home craft will also be available. This event is weather dependent.

Thursday, May 6, 10 to 11 a.m. Morning Book Group in the Lecture Hall Join us for a monthly book group the first Thursday of each month. This month, discussion will be on the book *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi.

Thursday, May 6, 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. group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

#### Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Virtual The Many Faces of Our Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness month and the Dover Public Library is opening up a conversation about mental health stigma and how communities can help. Join Lynda Cutrell from the 99 Faces Project and Suzanne Weete from the Dover Mental Health Alliance for a presentation on The Many Faces of Our Mental Health. Registration required.

Wednesday, May 5, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

Friday, May 7, 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, May 7, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

Children can practice their reading skills with or be read to by a librarian. New readers will gain confidence and all children will experience the joy of sharing books. Drop-in to the Children's Room anytime between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.





# A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

#### Don't let your recycling be rejected

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

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



#### What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

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

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

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

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

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' <u>Bag and Tag webpage</u> 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
- Working foreman, Utilities
- Superintendent of Public Works
- Heavy equipment mechanic / automotive technician
- Summer day camp counselor
- Lifeguard
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Truck drivers
- Parking Enforcement Officer

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

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